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Decision: Schoolcraft College trustees will decide who will fill the seat vacated by Livonian John Walsh in December. Trustees interviewed five candidates last Saturday and have scheduled four this Saturday. /A5

OPINION

Embarrassing: Cheerleading and athletic coaches need to put the students on their teams first, particularly for safety, instead of their own egos and territories. / A14

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Things we breathe: People breathe to stay alive, but some are mixing are in potentially lethal gases like nitrous oxide, also known as N20 or "laughing gas," for a quick feeling of euphoria. /B1

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Growing in style: Alice McCarthy of Birmingham has developed a variety of plants in her garden over time./D6

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College theater: Kelly Komlen of Livonia talks about "The Jewish Wife," a one-act play she is performing at Wayne State University's Studio Theatre./E1

Books: He could be anywhere, but Elmore "Dutch" Leonard, the author of 34 novels, many of which have been made into films, is content to stay in Michigan./E1

REAL ESTATE

Starting out: What does it take to become a successful real estate agent?/F1

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Attorney for city replaced

■ While some are questioning how it was handled, the bottom line is that City Attorney Don Morgan has been replaced by an attorney with a large Detroit area firm.



BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER

Nobody used the word "railroaded," but it was implied in angry comments from two Plymouth City Commission-

ers Tuesday night about the last-minute request for approval of a new city attor-

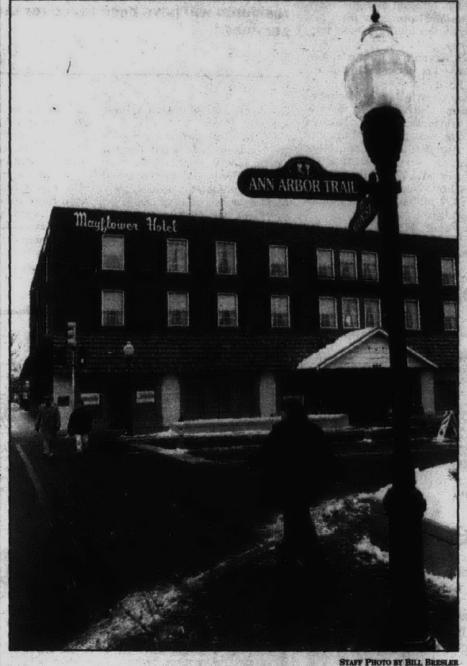
The non-agenda item's insertion by the city attorney review committee - one of whose members is Mayor Don Dismuke near the end of the regular bi-monthly commission meeting resulted in a 5-2 vote approving the committee's selection of a Plymouth resident for the position.

The vote confirmed Sarah Osburn, 27, a member since May 1996 of the major Detroit law firm of Plunkett & Cooney, as the successor to Donald C. Morgan, who has held the post the last three years. His contract expires Feb. 28. Morgan was unavailable for comment.

Voting against approval were commissioners Joe Koch and Dave McDonald, who vociferously objected to how approval was sought and to the lack of information in the committee's report.

"I'm not going to question whether it's

Please see ATTORNEY, A6



New plans: The owners of the Mayflower Hotel are waiting word on financing for a \$20 million project that would include demolishing the existing facility.

Hotel could come down

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

The new owners are just waiting word from their bank. If all goes well, it looks like they will demolish the Mayflower Hotel and replace it with a new \$20 million facility.

"To be frank, we are securing the finances," said Matt Karmo, Mayflower general manager. "If we get a green light from the banks ... right now we have an encouraging letter. But it's not a commitment yet."

MAYFLOWER

Karmo said he expects to hear one way or another on requests for financing within the next two

Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters said there will be plenty of reviews for the Karmos to go through before anyone sees movement on the project. In particular, the city Historic District

Please see HOTEL, A12

Believe it or not

A river runs down under

BY KEVIN BROWN

Did you know that a river runs under downtown Plymouth?

While this may not concern most res-

idents, the city's municipal services department can't forget it. That's because after a severe rainstorm or several rainy days in a row

as the area experienced recently there is a potential for a downtown Actually, it's more than a possibility.

This May will mark the 20th anniversary of a flood that submerged cars and flooded businesses

"We're constantly watching the creek levels as it enters the downtown area," said Paul Sincock, municipal services

One task is to keep debris from clog-ging up the pipe mouth. "There certaintends to be a lot of debris that flows in from the west," Sincock said.
"We've had anything from whole bas-

ketball backboards to lawn furniture to stuff people leave down close to the

banks of the creek and all of a sudden it's ending up downtown," he said. "We need to keep that pipe clear.

In 1939, a pipe several feet in diameter was laid to carry the northern branch of the Tonquish Creek through downtown. It enters town just west of Harvey north of Ann Arbor Trail, and continues southeast past Ann Arbor Trail and Main.

The pipe then carries the river under Wing and Deer streets and past the Meadows condominiums before it exits the pipe at Kellogg Street and enters a creekbed, continuing southeast.

"The city has an alarm at the grate when it reaches high water," said Jim Penn, city building official. The alarm notifies police and municipal services teff. The alarm is triggered by a float just east of the pipe mouth near Har-

After several days of rain a week ago, Sincock said, "We really didn't experience any major problems.

After a major storm July 2 last year Please see CREEK, A6

Arbor Ti A river runs through downtown The red area depicts the pipe that carries Tonquish Creek through downtown (underground). The red dots depicts where the pipe begins and ends. The blue area depicts the old creek bed.

The 16th Annual ends



poto: Plymouth resident Chris Ford, a Catholic Central student, competes in the high school contest. For more photos and stories on the ice festival, please turn to A3 and A4.

Students charged with theft, expelled

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton school board, in a special meeting Tuesday, expelled three students who are charged with stealing computer equipment from Canton High School.

Three Canton teenagers have been charged with stealing more than \$5,500 in computers and computer equipment from counselor offices in two separate incidents.

Canton police say an anonymous tip led authorities to the trio and recovery of the computers, four which were stolen Nov. 27, and a fifth one which was stolen in June.

Authorities say the trio used force to enter the high school, then used a key stolen from a substitute teacher to enter the counseling office where the

computers were kept.

Charged with breaking and entering

SCHOOLS

are Patrick Kanai, 17; Mohammad Aryan, 17; and Matthew Mackie, 18. All three have been released on \$10,000 personal bond, and face a pre-liminary exam on Friday, Jan. 23. If convicted, the trio could face up to 10. years in prison.

Ken Jacobs, assistant principal in charge of major discipline, says the total cost to the district is far more than the computer equipment.

"Our tabulations show this crime has cost the district nearly \$20,000," said Jacobs. "If you consider other costs ... like damage to the building, extra security for the holidays resulting from the break-in, and total investigation man hours ... this was an expensive incident.

Lawsuit may hinder settlement in longstanding Durant school case

BY TONY BRUSCATO

Eighty-four Michigan school districts, including Plymouth-Canton, which are expecting \$210 million in state funding after winning the so-called Durant case, may not be getting paychecks next April as antici-

Michigan Taxpayers United leader Bill McMaster says his group will file a lawsuit next month, seeking an injunction to keep the school districts from receiving their expected pay-

The Plymouth-Canton district is expecting to get \$5.2 million as its share of the Durant settlement. While Superintendent

Charles Little and the school board may ponder on what to do with the infusion of cash, a lawsuit by McMaster may put those thoughts on hold, at least tem-

"We haven't seen the money yet, and I'm not counting on it," said Little.

This past fall, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled in favor of the districts, which claimed Lansing owes them for failing to pay special education and other mandated services over a 17year period. The ruling forced the state to pay less than half the \$492 million in back monies sought by the suit.

However, McMaster and his group believe the money belongs to the taxpayers, not the school

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> Bill McMaster -Michigan Taxpayers United

districts, and plans an all-out

"If the state government sells the bonds it needs to pay the districts, it will be the third time residents will have been taxed for the mandated services," said

"First, we paid a state tax, then the school districts collected taxes to pay for what the state didn't, and the selling of bonds by the state to pay the districts

is a tax increase, too."

McMaster believes his group's

petition to the Michigan Court of Appeals is simple, "to stop state government from cheating the people. We are being overrun and constitutionally ignored.

"What we want to do is give the money back to the people, who have already been taxed twice," said McMaster. "Our group is seeking to make the court-ordered funds available as part of a refund or deduction on the state income tax."



REAL ESTATE UPDATE

by John Goodman Coldwell Banker Preferred

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It is not unusual for first time buyers to be free of debt. They have been saving for their first home for many months or even years. Soon after they moved into their new home, they are deluged with preapproved credit card applications from banks and stores they have never heard of. Before they realize what is happening, some new homeowners can get over their heads in debt.

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The consumer credit agencies know that mortgage companies do thorough checks before approving a loan, and those who have passed through that process are considered good credit risks. They also know that new homeowners often need to make major purchases of turniture and appliances at a time when they have depleted most of their savings accounts. After years of disciplined savings, new owners may be faced with a tremendous temptation to just say "charge it" for the things they need. If you have just purchased a home, be aware--and wary--when those applications start pouring in! applications start pouring in!

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Hoemke, a Miss Michigan ontestant, was on hand to determine the temperature for the "What's the Temperature" Saturday.

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Winners tapped in temperature competition

ongratulations to the three winners in the

in the first annual "What's the Temperature" contest sponsored by the Plymouth Observer and the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular. We asked participants to

guess the temperature at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17 in Kellogg Park during the ice festi-

Mike Watts, ice festival executive director and Jennifer Hoemke, a participant in the upcoming Miss Michigan pageant, took the temperature in the park at 1 p.m. The digital thermometer read 31.4

Jack Lashbrook of Canton was chosen the grand prize winner and will receive a night a the Plymouth Quality Inn, tickets to a Plymouth Whalers game and gift certificates to Parthenon Ginopolis in the Compuware Sports Arena and to John Cleveland's Water Club Seafood Grill, 39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Two other winners were also chosen. Marlene Czarkowski of

Plymouth will receive two gift certificates to Vassel's of Ply-mouth, 9468 S. Main Street, Plymouth. David Johnson of Plymouth also will receive a gift certificate to Station 885 at 885 Starkweather, Ply-

According to the contest rules, if there was more than one contestant who chose the exact temperature, or more than one who chose closest to the temperature, the coupons mailed in by contestants would

be put in a box.

Only three of the 48 contestants chose 31 degrees. Their coupons were put in the box and Jennifer Hoemke pulled them out as the prizes were

Congratulations to the win-

The Observer wishes to thank all participants, as well as the businesses who contributed for the contest. Our thanks also go to Jennifer Hoemke and Mike Watts.

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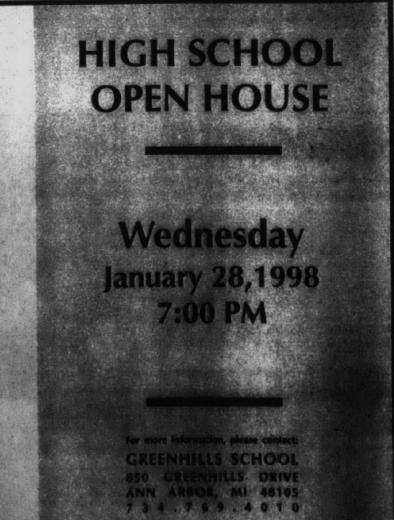
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Minerva's-Dunning's

Friends, employees say goodbye to longtime retailer

By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

By the way, Minerva's last name isn't Dunning or Dunning's. It's Chaiken.

But the name of her store -Minerva's-Dunning's - that stood on Forest Avenue since 1968 probably has confused most people who don't know her. And everyone just calls her Minerva.

She 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. That's where Dunning comes in The building was owned by Margaret Dunning, also of Plymouth fame.

In the wake of her recent retirement and closing her well-known store after 47 years, Minerva was honored Tuesday night by her employees, friends and Plymouth city and township officials.

"I'm breathless," Minerva said, as guests lined up to present her with red roses. "I can't thank them enough."

Despite the dazzling send-off, Minerva said she isn't moving to

Hugs and kisses: Ruth Kreitsch worked

for and traveled with Minerva. Russ

they shared.

Kreitsch told a few tales from the trips

pulled

Florida, or anywhere. "I'll be around. I'll be around to help."

Hosted by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, some 75 community members turned out to pay homage to the retailer who was known throughout the community for her compassion and kindness.

"Minerva clearly has been an icon downtown for the last 47 years," said Plymouth Mayor Don Dismuke.

Her described the store that supplied women and children with clothing and accessories as the place he was always told to buy gifts for his wife, Jennifer, and mother-in-law, Sharon

Pugh.

"That's where Don Dismuke buys his women's clothing," Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter announced as he presented Chaiken with a proclamation from the county.

"As you know we are honoring a special lady," said Steve Guile, DDA executive director. "You've known her generosity, her kind-

More proclamations came Minerva's way Tuesday night, after Dismuke presented his, followed by Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen

sor Kathleen Keen McCarthy and state Rep. Jerry Law of Plymouth,

"She has indeed been a center of the community," McCarthy said, highlighting the "dedication, kindness and devotion" Minerva has given the community.

With tears in their eyes, former employees took their turn lauding Minerva, a Livonia resident.

> "The closing of her store will leave a

noticeable void in Plymouth," said Stella Smith.

The store has been her life, and the women who worked for her, her family, Smith added.

"She's by far the most caring, honest person I have ever worked for," said Ruth Weigard, an employee of

Betty Gladstone reminded Minerva that she bought her daughter's first snowsuit from the store in 1951.

"She automatically gave me a charge account. I was 20 years old," Gladstone said, adding she has had that charge ever since. "There has never been a kinder lady in my family."

Jack Wilcox told Minerva that she rates as an '8' on the Plymouth love scale of 1-4. "She's off the sale."

Annette Horn, owner of Native West on Ann Arbor Trail and the co-chair of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's retail committee, told Minerva that she "is the essence of retail.

"She didn't do it through magic. She did it through a lot of hard work," Horn said, adding Minerva always had a smile for everyone, not to mention that she was Plymouth's "best psychiatrist."

Guile reminded Minerva that while she worked in her store for 47 years, she probably missed a lot of history. Like, how about 11 presidents of the United States, inflation, deflation, two wars, Grace Kelly's wedding, John Kennedy's inauguration, the Vietnam War and a lot of social turmoil.

Because she always came and went through the back door of her store, Guile presented her with a photograph of the front of her store.

her store.

He also presented her with a clock inscribed with thanks from the Plymouth DDA.

"I don't think any of us will really forget her," Dismuke said. Guests said that Minerva will



Old friends: Helen Sorensen (left to right), Minerva Chaiken and Sharon Pugh share a moment at the Tuesday night reception. Sorensen worked for Minerva for 25 years.

be remembered as a retailer who served her customers and whose customers always came first.

Friends Ruth and Russ Kreitsch reminded Minerva of the the trips to China and Russia they took together and of the many vacation stories they have stored in their memories.

"The wonderful think is Minerva can laugh at herself and not many people can do that," said Ruth Kreitsch.



times: Minerva Chaiken talks with friends who came to honor her at the Plymouth Manor Tuesday night. They also showered her with dozens of red roses.

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College student, uses a
propage torch

College student, uses a propane torch to smooth the surface of her entry in one of the collegiate competitions during the ice festival. Education is a big part of the festival, particularly trying to interest young people in the art form.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL

'98 ice festival: Just right



BY KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

Not too warm and not too cold, but just right.

That's what folks were saying about the temperature during the 16th Annual Plymouth International Ice Spectacular.

With temperatures in the 20s and early 30s for the bulk of the festival, carvers had ideal conditions and so did spectators.

"We've been here four or five years in a row now, this is the best weather," said Ted Kozak with wife Sue. The St. Clair Shores couple took time out for lunch Saturday at the Masonic Lodge just off Kellogg Park.

"We always come here for something to eat," Sue Kozak said. They came to see carving Friday evening, got a hotel room and returned Saturday. Both

said they liked to watch sculptures progress from day to day.

"I like the sculptures by the guys going to Japan (Ted Wakar and Jim Bur) and the ones by the Japanese team," she added. That four-man team - Hiroshi

Kubata, Hideo Natsukawa, Yasuo Matsuda and Fumio Saki - carved while perched on a yellow scaffolding in Kellogg Park. "They should appreciate all the man hours and the skill,"

the man hours and the skill,"
Ted Kozak said. 'I like the
uniqueness of the work. And the
town is always decked out, it's a
nice atmosphere."
While finished sculptures such

while finished sculptures such as the Stanley Cup and the blue "M" sculpture drew attention, most onlookers opted to linger over carvings in progress.

Also taking a warmup break Saturday were Ed and Debie White of Ann Arbor, with young daughter Lindsay.

"I like the unicorn," Lindsay said. Her dad added, "I like the little ones out in front of the shops, they're really detailed."

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"We've been to about three ice festivals," Debie

White said. "It's"

With temperatures in the 20s and early 30s for the bulk of the festival, carvers had ideal conditions and so did spectators.

just a good family day," her hus-

band continued.

Lary Smith, a Masonic Lodge officer, said the lodge typically sells 8,000 cups of hot chocolate during the ice festival. "We've had lines go all the way across the street," he said.

Proceeds from the soup, hot beverage and other food sales go to a range of charities.

Nancy Schoenheide, assistant to festival director Mike Watts, viewed the growing crowds in Kellogg Park behind a window inside a warming trailer. Working the ice festival "is a lot of fun," she said. "Actually it's more hectic early in the week, now it's settled down."

From the trailer, carvers and

other ice fest workers are fed.
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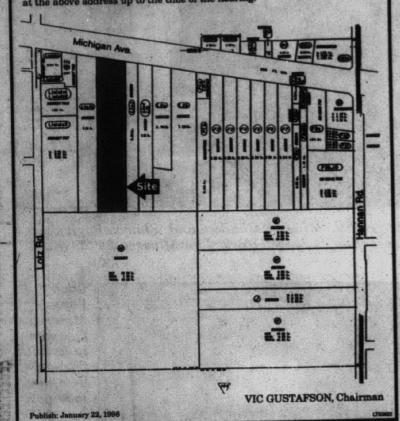
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, February 2, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. in the Lower Level Conference Room #3 of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road to consider a request for the following special land use as provided in Section 27:03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance.

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And the winners are ...

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

Visitors to the 16th Annual Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular may have wondered what the icy sculptures were doing in the new fountain in Kellogg

The new fountain actually served as a stage for some special works of art - all designed by middle school students in Plymouth and Canton

Designs from eighth graders in public and parochial schools in the area submitted their designs for an ice sculpture back in December. Carvers went through all the designs and picked seven they thought would look great as ice sculptures.

The winners, one from each middle school that participated, were awarded \$50 savings bonds offered by the Observer Newspapers, Monday afternoon by their sculptures in the heart of the

The winners and their sculptures are: Diana Zima (Woodstock and Snoopy lick snowflakes) of Central Middle School; Dave Latin (Kenny) of West Middle School; Allison Davis (Marvin the Martian) of Lowell Middle School; Alex



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Winning designs: The winners of the annual design contest for middle school students are (left to right) Dave Latin, Lauren Greer, Mitali Shah, Allison Davis, Diana Zima and Alex Bessinger. Eliza Hutchinson is not pictured.

Bessinger (Abominable Snowman) of Pioneer Middle School; Mitali Shah (Unicorn) of East Middle School; Eliza Hutchinson (Ice Skater) of New Morning School; Lauren Greer (Pooh) of St. Peter's Lütheran Day School.

Students were not limited to a particular theme for the contest, which was organized by Sandra Watts of Watts-Up, which coordinates the annual ice festival, and Diane Sproull, an art teacher at Central Middle School.

Increasingly, the ice festival is designed to involve young people, students, who may become interested in ice carving, not only for culinary purposes, but as a new art form, said Mike Watts, ice festival executive

For the first time, the oldest

and largest free ice carving festival was included in an atlas, published by National Geographic, listing special events by geographic area. The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular is mentioned in "Kids Wall Street News" and has considerable space in an art book, "Art Express" for third graders, published by Harcourt Brace & Company. The 40,000 copies of the book were offered and distributed across the U.S. and tries to draw interest among children in different types of art

The event will also be included in a children's television show in the United Kingdom. They have an ice carver from that area demonstrating the craft. "They wanted footage from a big ice

carving event somewhere in the world and they picked ours," Watts said.

Though downtown was teeming with professional carvers during the festival, there were plenty of students - some just learning, others practicing growing skills - sculpting their way through the week.

Visitors also saw students from three area technical schools: Oakland Tech., Golightly and Breithaupt.

Students from community colleges also participated, including Schoolcraft, Henry Ford, Macomb, Oakland Community College and Monroe Community

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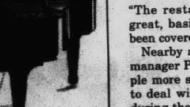
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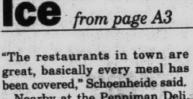


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Nearby at the Penniman Deli, manager Pete Grybas said a couple more staff people are put on deal with the Saturday rush during the ice festival. "We have to get lots of hot chocolate, muffins and soup," he said, to

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We had the biggest crowds we ever had on Friday night.'

Paul Sincock -City municipal services director

Cafe Giverney on Main Street, owner Neb Brankovic was working on orders in the kitchen as the restaurant filled.

"We're going bonkers right here," he said.

Municipal Services Director Paul Sincock said, "We had the biggest crowds we ever had on Friday night. We had to implement some traffic control mea-

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S'craft decision

Board will name new trustee Saturday

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Patricia Watson believes she and five of her colleagues have a tough decision Saturday.

That's when the six Schoolcraft College trustees will decide who will fill the seat vacated by John Walsh in December after his November election to the Livonia City Council.

Trustees began interviews last Saturday with five candidates. They have scheduled interviews with four others for this Satur-

day.
"It's going to be a tough decision," said Watson, the board president. "I was really impressed with the people's knowledge of the college in terms of the college's mission and in terms of what we're

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On Saturday, trustees interviewed Donald Knapp Jr, Susan Kopinski, John Lynch, Michael Novak and Neil Weiner. The field represents varied occupations, from a police officer to a high school counselor, and communities from Plymouth to

Another candidate, Robert Omilian of Plymouth, canceled his appointment. As of early Tuesday, he had not rescheduled his interview. This Saturday's interviews include Ken Harb of Livonia, Harry Greenleaf of Livonia, Greg Stempien of Northville and Bryan Amann of

Candidates answered prepared and followup questions from the six trustees.

Here is a summary of the candidates who appeared Saturday and their comments:

Donald Knapp Jr.

Knapp, a Livonia resident and a research attorney for Wayne County Circuit Court, ran for Wayne County prosecuting attorney in 1996 as the Republican nominee, winning the pri-

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mary but losing in the general election to John O'Hair.

Knapp has a law degree from Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University and a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is a 1988 graduate of Catholic Central High School.

Knapp told trustees he believed Schoolcraft's assets were the OMNIBUS distance learning program and programs offered through the Women's Resource Center for women going through divorce.

"I think Schoolcraft needs to be on the leading edge of changes like that," Knapp said.

The college needs to be financially stable, Knapp said.

"Whether you ask for a millage increase or place an increased burden on students by raising tuition, the college needs new and creative ways to finance itself," Knapp said. Knapp emphasized his legal background to the board.

"I have had a unique opportunity to work in a wide range of

law," Knapp said. "It's a talent I could bring to the board."

Knapp said remedial offerings for students unprepared for uni-versities gives the college a 'role" it can fulfill. Even the University of Michigan-Dearborn offers such programs, Knapp said.

"Some high schools prepare students better than others. There are some students who are better than others."

Knapp is a former president of Student Government at UM-D with a \$30,000 budget, so he is familiar with budgeting. School-craft has an annual \$40 million

Susan Kopinski

Kopinski, a Canton resident, is a deputy chief financial officer at Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports and a former financial services manager in Canton Township. She also chaired a citizens election committee in the Plymouth-Canton School District for a bond election in 1997.

Kopinski has bachelor's and master's degrees in public

administration from University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Kopinski sees the role of trustee to help the college's administration set policy and work closely with administra-

You can't set policy without knowing what's going on on a day-to-day basis," Kopinski said.

Kopinski said at one time, she was "not a big fan" of community colleges, but they, including Schoolcraft, have focused on academics in the last 10 years and students moving onto universities. Schoolcraft was a "good place to go to learn about basics" or for students who did not have strong grade-point averages, Kopinski said.

For students who are unprepared, Kopinski suggested men-

"You have to provide tutoring and mentoring is the big thing right now. You may want to draw on alumni for mentoring."

Kopinski said her area of expertise was budgeting in her

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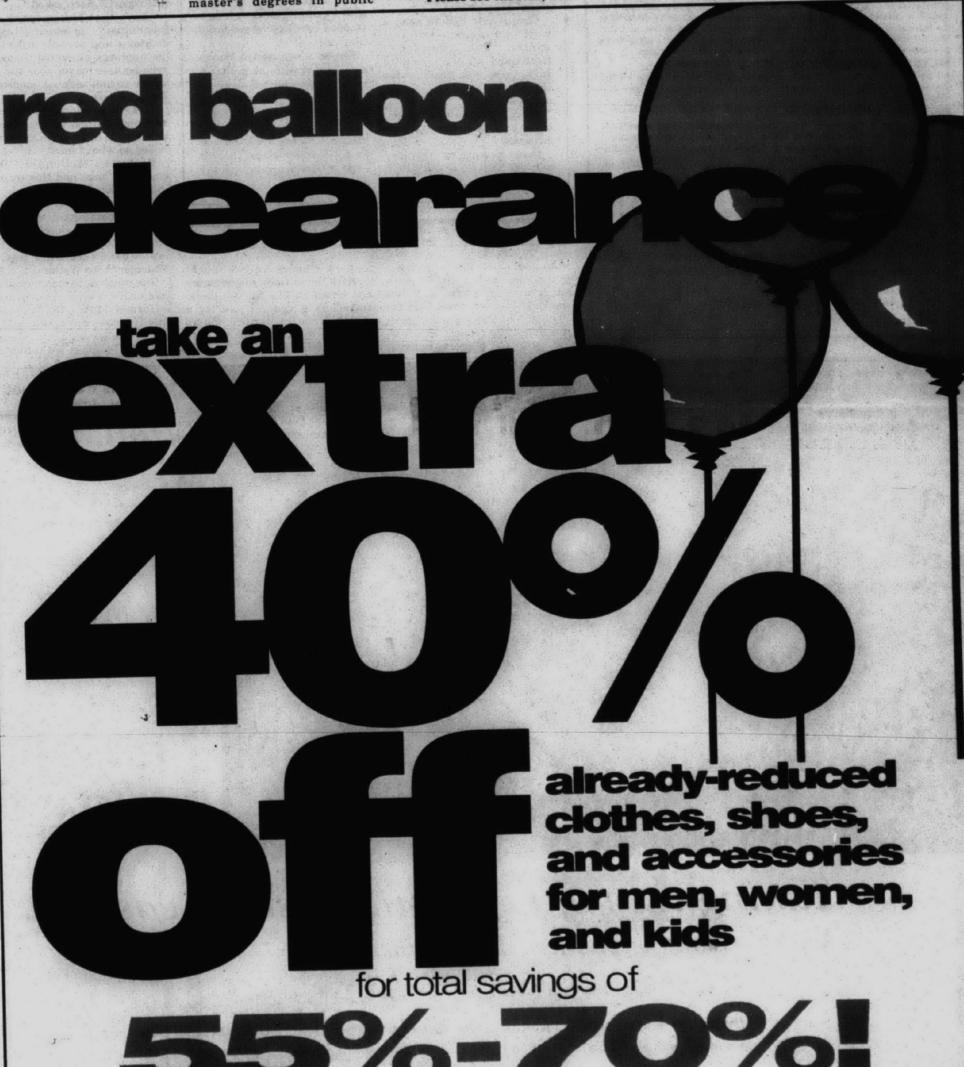
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THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Chapter 21, the Charter Township of Plymouth Electrical Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

21.010. Adoption of Code. The National Electrical Code of 1996, as adopted by the National Fire Protection Association on September 1, 1995, is adopted by reference as the Electrical Code of the Township.

ECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

Any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any of the regulations adopted in pursuance thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalid the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance. SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

SECTION 4. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its publication.

CERTIFICATION

This Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 13 day of January, 1998 and was ordered be given publication in the manner required by law.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY: MARILYN MASSENGIL, Clerk

ed: December 16, 1997 January 13, 1998

The Tonquish Creek enters the tunnel west of Harvey between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail. The steel grate blocks the entrance to keep out debris and kids who might think it's a fun, yet dangerous, place to play

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Creek from page A1

the storm during which the 35th District Court burned down - a lot of branches and debris fell into the creek. "It kept plugging up the tube. Our crews spent most of the night keeping that entryway clear," Sincock said.

Crews also had to keep a watch on the pipe late last winter. "The ground was frozen and we had torrential rain, there was nowhere for the water to soak into," Sin-

Then, water rose to the top of the cement wall at the pipe

Some downtown business owners in the creek flood plain are required to buy

flood insurance, depending on what is required in their mortgage agreement.

Sincock noted that much of the first level of the Arbor Health Center at Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey is built above ground, acknowledgement of the flooding potential that exists.

Street storm drains downtown empty into the pipe carrying the Tonquish Creek.

We welcome your comments e-mail newsroom@oeonline.com. If your comments are intended for publication, please include your name and telephone

CLARIFICATION

An item in the Pipeline column in the Sunday, Jan. 18 Plymouth Observer should have said that the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth at Harvey and Church was denied its request for a special use by city planning commissioners. Church leaders sought to have house they bought across the street at 112 Harvey designated as a special use for a youth drop-in center. Some neighbors objected to the church's request.

Civitans host contest

For the 22nd consecutive year, the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club is hosting its Citizenship Essay Contest for high school

Contest chairman Jerry Thompson, a Canton High School English teacher, announced this year's topic: "Biotechnology, Genetic Engineering & Man-made Life."

"Any high school student is eligible, including the parochials," said Civitan member Joe Henshaw. "It doesn't matter if they are a freshman or a senior.'

Contestants should submit their entries of no less than 500 words and no more than 1,200 words to Jerry Thompson, Room 230, Canton High School, Ext. 57168, no later than Tuesday.

Information about the contest is available in the general offices of both Salem and Canton high schools. Henshaw may be

reached at 453-7569.

A panel of six judges - comprised of English teachers and representatives of the Plymouth Observer and Community Crier will judge the entries over a three-month period.

Judging criteria includes: originality of thought and expression; accuracy in the use of supporting data; organization; sentence structure; spelling; and the use of appropriate grammar.

Winners will receive \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$50 for third place. As an entry incentive, the Civitans will increase the prize amounts on each of the winning levels by \$25 for each additional group of five entries beyond a base of 10. For example, if 15 essayists enter, the prizes will increase \$25. Maximum awards will be capped at \$300 for first place, \$200 for second place and \$100 for third

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the right decision, but that I'm supposed to make a decision two minutes after I've been handed the report?" Koch asked.

"Isn't that the purpose of a committee?" - to review all qualifications and present a decision for approval, answered Dismuke, who became mayor near the end of the committee's six months of deliberations.

"I want to see some figures," responded Koch, who is mayor pro-tem. "I can't make a decision based on what I have.'

Protested McDonald, "Why couldn't I have had this (report) in my packet before?"

Chairman Dennis Shrewsbury said his committee wanted to inform Morgan before the newspapers got it. Morgan was told last week, according to City Manager Steve Walters.

The three-page report from the committee, whose other member is former Mayor Ron Loiselle, briefly listed the seven bidding firms, the key selection factors and why Plunkett & Cooney was

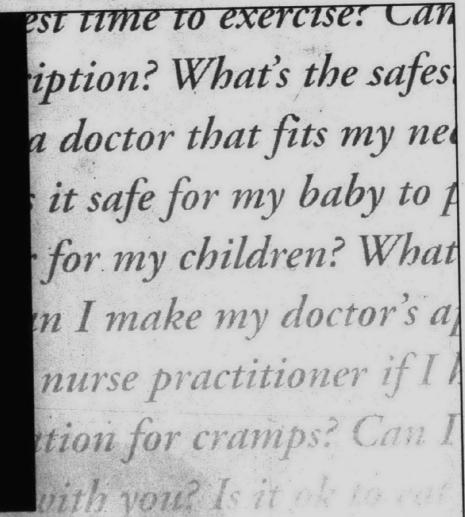
It did not reveal bid amounts, although the new firm's rate will be \$100 per hour. Morgan has been paid between \$50-\$70,000 per year, which is a lower rate, according to Walters.

But committee members and Walters said they were less concerned about the higher rate than about the broader range of services which will be available to the city via the firm's 150 attorneys.

They noted another Plunkett & Cooney attorney, John Martin, city of Northville prosecutor for several years, will now handle those duties for Plymouth. Cameron Miller has served as prosecutor in Plymouth.

Osburn, who has been assistant city attorney for Northville the last six months, earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in 1992 and graduated magna cum laude in 1996 from the University of Toledo College of Law.





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Several ice skating rinks are open throughout the Wayne County Park System. Rinks are open at Lola Val-ley in Redford, Wilcox Lake in Plymouth, Hines Park-Perrin Area and Hines Park Warrendale Area in Dearborn Heights, Hines-Park Nankin Mills Area in Westland and Inkster Park in

All rinks will be open during the day, weather permit-ting. In addition, the rink at Hines Park-Nankin Mills is lighted and will be open for night skating until 10 p.m. For ice skating conditions, call the Wayne County Parks office at (313)261-1990.

If enough of the white stuff falls, cross country ski trails will open at Warren Valley Golf Course on Warren Avenue, east of Inkster Road in Dearborn Heights. There

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In addition, there are groomed cross country ski trails at Crosswinds Marsh Westland Interpretive Preserve in Sumpter Township. There are no trail fees or ski rental available at these locations. For skiing conditions at either location, call (313)261-1990.

Snow conditions are also perfect for a great time at Hines Park-Cass-Benton Area. Wayne County Parks has improved the sledding hill there to provide a safer experience for kids of all

Thanks to the millage approved by voters in 1996,

Commission funds UM-D nature center

The Wayne County Commission enhanced its partnership with the University of Michigan-Dearborn Thursday by spending \$500,000 to support a joint development of an Environmental Interpretative Center.

The matter first came before the commission on Dec. 4, when the legislative body met at the Henry Ford Estate on the UM-D campus to look at the environmental area.

UM-D has offered three decades of environmental education to the community. The

grant will allow UM-D to expand and develop the center, includ-ing the construction of a building that will house classrooms and

nature exhibits. "Protection of the environment is one of the issues we must put in the forefront," said Commis-sioner Susan Hubbard, D-Dearborn. "To help UM-D expand its nature center benefits everyone in the county because it not only is a safe haven for wildlife but also gives our youngsters a chance to visit and study the

"It's this kind of hands-on learning that makes preservation of our environment a possi-

The center will be used during the day by visiting classes of stu-dents but also will be open on weekends to allow adults and entire families to learn about nature and what the local habitat has to offer. The new center will allow UM-D to increase its list of current environmental

Some of those environmental offerings include the Rouge

River clean-up rallies, watershed training for teachers, interpretation of the county's natural features, experimental environmental education for public school students and teachers, water quality monitoring, the Rouge River Bird Observatory, groundwater research, the Rouge Remedial Action Plan and recreational opportunities.

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Ed Bagale, director of government affairs, said UM-D and Wayne County have long had a

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Road salt savings add up for county

For the second straight year, Wayne County has generated a significant savings in the area of its road salt purchases.

This savings — now at more than \$500,000 per year — will not only conserve gas tax dollars, it will pay for more road repairs, according to Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara.

"By ferreting out less expensive prices for our road salt, we have continued Wayne County's trends toward more efficient government and better roads," said McNamara.

Each year Wayne County uses about 100,000 tons of salt to keep 462 miles of state roads and 721 miles of county primary roads safe and clear throughout the winter months. At a cost of about \$30 per ton, that means the county spends \$3 million annually for its salt, which equals approximately one-half of its winter maintenance budget.

Two years ago the county was paying closer to \$33 per ton for its salt. After extensive research into various purchasing agreements the county signed on to the state budget department's extended purchasing plan, which helps keep costs down by buying salt in larger quantities.

"Our initial savings last year was \$330,000, but we knew we could do better," McNamara said. "This year, thanks to a little pressure we put on the state to look at its prices, we have realized another round of savings to the tune of \$180,000, brining our yearly total to more than \$500,000."

McNamara said the savings frees up a considerable amount of money for road improvements, which could be used to resurface an additional 2 1/2 miles of twoland road, or one mile of a major five-lane road each year. The county also could use that money and extend the life of 12 miles of road by sealing cracks or replacing areas of broken concrete.

The money will supplement a \$60 million road improvement bond program outlined last year. Under the plan, the county expects to eliminate all county roads currently rated in "poor" or "very poor" condition over the next three years.



Salt pile: Each year, Wayne County uses about 100,000 tons of salt to keep roads clear throughout the winter.

Federal grant pays for 33 more deputies

Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano applauded the recent announcement by the State Department of Justice of a grant award to the Sheriff's Department that will result in 33 more officers on the streets of Wayne County. The grant totals \$825,000 per year for three years or more than \$2.5 million from the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program.

gram.

"Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. This money will allow us to implement more of the community oriented crime fighting approaches that we pioneered here in Wayne County," said Ficano, who is serving his 14th year as the head law enforcement officer in Michigan's largest county.

gan's largest county.

"This financial assistance will allow us to continue our neigh-

borhood crime fighting focus, particularly in the area of drug trafficking," Ficano said.

The grant will enhance narcotic enforcement, morality surveillance, community services and municipal support ser-

COPS monies provide funding for 75 percent of an officer's total salary and benefits.

"Last year, the state house voted to spend more to fund the COPS program and the legislature passed that funding as part of its 1998-99 budget. I know that commitment is there from local communities to do likewise," Ficano said.

Ficano also praised the efforts of Michigan and Wayne County's Congressional delegation, without whose efforts the grant victory would not have been possible.

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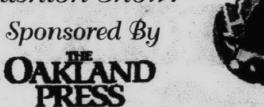
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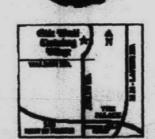
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rails have been installed to make it easier to trudge back up the hill after each exhilarating slide down. And, most importantly, the parking lot has been reoriented away from the bottom of the hill to avoid anyone accidentally sliding into the parking area.

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be built to provide a place to warm up after some fun in the snow. Hines Park-Cass-Benton sledding hill is on Hines Drive between Six and Seven Mile

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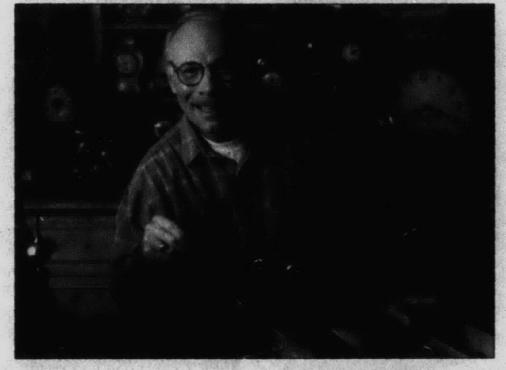
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about the more than 50 careeroriented programs offered during the day, evenings and week-

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Dunleavy leaves mark on Irish community

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

A man who left his mark in the Detroit community with his Irish pubs was remembered by one of his six sons for his hospitality, wisdom and the number of friends he had.

Brendan Dunleavy of Plymouth said his father Tom Dunleavy brought an Irish wisdom, common sense and personality with people into his businesses, namely Dunleavy's Lounge in Detroit and Dunleavy's Irish Inn at Warren and Greenfield in

"He had more friends than you or I could even hope for," Brendan said.

Martin Thomas "Tom" Dunleavy died Monday of a heart attack

Dunleavy, 82, of Allen Park, came to the United States in the 1930s to join his brothers and sisters. He joined the U.S. Army and served on the front lines during World War II.

Dunleavy helped established the famous Dunleavy Pub name in Detroit. Irish pubs are different from bars in that family gatherings occurred at them. Brendan said. Brendan worked

for his father while attending Michigan State University.

"Customers were really an extension of the family," Brendan said.

Brendan remembered one St. Patrick Day incident when on his father' was on his way to the pub and heard radio personality J.P. McCarthy talking with former Detroit city councilman Jack Kelley about the theft of an Irish flag from in front of the Ford Motor Co. World Headquarters.

"Jack Kelley said he heard someone stole the flag and heard reports it was seen going into Dunleavy's," Brendan recalled. Tom Dunleavy relayed that story to clientele as he walked in, but he was in for a big sur-

"He walks in and here he sees this giant flag laying across the bar," Brendan said.

In 1955, Tom opened Dunleavy's Lounge with his sister Masie, which was the first private bar in Detroit to have live Irish entertainment. In 1974, he opened Dunleavy's Irish Inn at

Greenfield and Warren in Detroit with his son Tom. The elder Dunleavy retired in 1993. jobs at Metro Air

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Tom and his family have maintained a strong presence in the Detroit Irish community. He was instrumental in the Detroit Ancient Order of Hibernians and the United Irish Societies. He also was the grand marshal of the 1990 St. Patrick Day Parade in Detroit.

Dennis Hayes, president of the United Irish Societies, remem-

bered Tom as a devout Catholic.
"His singular love for the church and his abiding deep faith were dutifully imparted to his children with the help of his beloved wife," Hayes said. "I will miss him dearly as, no doubt, will the entire community."

Dunleavy is survived by wife of 50 years, Mary Ellen; two daughters, Maureen Lesondak of Livonia and Sheila Mund; six sons, Tom, Patrick of Northville, Kevin of Canton, Brian, Brendan of Plymouth, and Michael.

Services were held today (Thursday) in St. Frances Cabrini, in Allen Park. Burial followed at Holy Sepulchre in Southfield.

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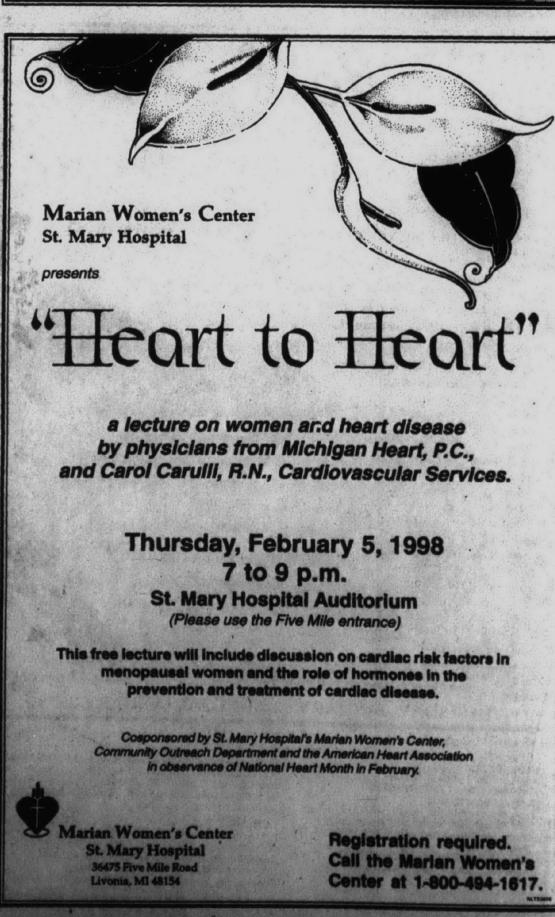
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jobs at Metro Airport and Canton. But she has observed a student's perspective of it in her role as a director of student accounting at UM-D.

On serving as a Canton resident, Kopinski said, "Schoolcraft College is a community in and of itself. I think it would be good to have people from various communities on the board.'

If appointed, Kopinski would look into alternative funding sources for the college, which she did at the airport. "Sometimes it's good to get new people to look at something. I can't say (what sources exist) without information in front of me, but I may be able to help you."

John Lynch

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Lynch, a Plymouth resident, has retired from General Motors as division director of public and government relations. He also has retired as a consultant for the community and business relations division of Washtenaw Community College.

Lynch has a bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit. He has taken courses from Harvard University, University of Michigan and General Motors

Lynch told trustees Schoolcraft's strengths were its Business Development Center and culinary arts program. Lynch said he could not see any weaknesses at Schoolcraft.

"I've always believed in education. It must go forward to change with the times and technology.

Lynch believes in community involvement, and that belief motivated him to apply for the Schooleraft vacancy

"We were brought up to work in the community you live in," Lynch said. "If I didn't get appointed, I'd find other areas to be involved in. This area has been good to my family." Lynch has resided in Plymouth for 31

Financing the college is a "real challenge" with declining state monies, Lynch said. Rising tuition rates can hurt enrollment, he added.

"As I understand it, it's a tough road to hoe. There's a point of no return for students."

Lynch said he's no expert on budgets, but he enjoys "the budget process because it has to be done. It has to be accountable to the public and the taxpayers."

Lynch sees the board's role as a team effort. "We have to paddle the canoe the same way."

Lynch believes the board should look at improving the role of curriculum and test various ideas. Trustees should show a "willingness to listen," he said.

Novak, a Livonia police officer in traffic accident investigations in Livonia and a Westland resident, has a bachelor of science degree from Madonna University and is in a graduate program in public administration at Eastern Michigan University.

Novak told trustees he would resign his position as an instruc-

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relationship in the nature preserve area. While the university owns the 85-acre nature preserve, the approximately 200 acres that lays between the preserve and the Rouge River are a part of the Wayne County Parks system.

"We have a joint stewardship of the natural resources in that area," Bagale said.

The project is costing a total of \$3.5 million. Of that, \$2.6 million is being paid by the State of Michigan. The remaining \$875,000 will be shared, with UM-D paying \$475,000 and Wayne County, \$500,000.

Already supporting the new center are the City of Dearborn, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Friends of the Rouge, Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (GREEN) and Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village. There also have been a number of corporate and individual sponsors for the project.

tor at the Radcliff campus in Garden City. State law requires trustees on college boards to resign instruction positions at police academies to prevent any conflicts of interest.

Talking with students and other instructors at Radcliff motivated Novak to seek the trustee vacancy. Fire and police training at Radcliff are two of the strengths of Schoolcraft College, Novak said.

For the college to improve academic performance of under-prepared students, the college needs input from the students themselves and talk between students and teachers, Novak said.

Student retention at the campus also is important, Novak

"Once we get the student here, were need to keep their interest, so they return the following semester. They need a career day, so they return."

Novak suggested the college offer classes at local satellite schools within each community.

Trustee Steve Ragan pointed out to Novak that he would be the first Schoolcraft trustee from Westland, as the college's district falls into the Livonia school district portion in Westland's north end.

"It would be nice to have someone within the southern portion of the (college) district," Novak said. Residents from the area near Franklin High School could have opinions about the college that he could bring back to the board, Novak said.

"It's important to have a crosssection.'

Neil Weiner

Weiner, a Livonia resident and a counselor at Mackenzie High School in Detroit, has a bachelor's degree in history from Michigan State University and a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Wayne State

Weiner called Schoolcraft an 'excellent" educational institution. Weiner said his 30 years experience in education in Detroit has informed him about what works in education and

"A trustee must be totally unselfish," Weiner said. Trustees must listen to the community, he

Schoolcraft helps prepare students for university work, Wein-

"You can always improve, but you want to keep what's going well. Look at how well people are prepared. I think there's no comparison with what they do

"Oftentimes you have certain needs and proficiencies. I know you have a program for proficiency. You work, you work and you work to correct the prob-

Weiner said he has no budgetary experience. "You have to probably be very aggressive and a lot of PR is involved."

Weiner has volunteered with the American Red Cross, Cranbrook Institute of Science and worked with the city of Livonia on recycling. He hopes to continue his community service by ecoming a Schoolcraft trustee.

"I thought that when I retire, I could still be servicing the community through education."



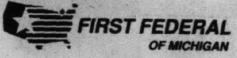
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a.m.- 2 p.m. Children on hand at 10 a.m.

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 2, 1998 in the Lower Level Conference Room 43 of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

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

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

will participate in the great unveiling of the long-awaited sign in front of the building. The action is symbolic of the council's

focus on the next generation.

Following the unveiling, families may sample various art cen-ter classes and activities. The

classroom art volunteers will be on hand to give short presentations of the picture, sculpture and culture units used in the schools. Parents will see why their students enjoy the program so much.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. C-97-07 **CHAPTER 27** PLUMBING CODE (REPEAL)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE C-94-06, CHAPTER 27 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS: SECTION 1. THIS SECTION REPEALS THE PLUMBING CODE. The plumbing Code, Ordinance C-94-06, Chapter 27 of the Township Code, and all sections and subsections thereof are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. Any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any of the regulations adopted in pursuance thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days, or both in the discretion of the Court

both, in the discretion of the Court. SECTION 3. REPEAL. All other Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalid the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance. SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

The repeal provided herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any ending fee, assessment, litigation or prosecution of any right established, occurring prior to the effective date hereof. SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance is to be given immediate effect upon publication as required

CERTIFICATION The foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth at a meeting of the Board duly called and held on the 13 day of January, 1998 to be effective upon publication as provided by law.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY: MARILYN MASSENGIL, Clerk cember 16, 1997

December 21, 1997 First Publication: January 13, 1998 Adopted: January 10, 1998 Effective Upon Publication: January 22, 1998

Hotel from page A1

Commission would review plans because the hotel is in a esignated district.

"The primary concern is what will replace it," Walters said, adding that a project of this size will require a number of reviews and some time. 'And what will it look like? What's the architecture, what's the impact on downtown and is it compatible?"

For example, the drawings of the original hotel are actually nicer than what was built in 1927. "They built only three of the four floors that were planned," Walters said.

Karmo said he believes demolition and rebuilding is a better path to go, particularly considering the condition of the hotel.

The Plymouth Downtown Development Authority in early December asked the owners of the Mayflower to address concerns about the condition and appearance of the hotel. Members were concerned about the appearance of decking around the edge of the Mayflower II roof on the south and west side.

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> Matt Karmo -Mayflower general manager

Height definitely will be a of the reviews."

The city's height limit is 75 squeeze in seven floors," Wal-

"I have kept all the city building. It just didn't make sense," Karmo said. Plans include demolishing

the whole hotel on the southwest corner of Main and Ann Arbor Trail and replacing it with a new 200,000-square-

cept that we had for the hotel (renovation plans). It will look much like it does now," Karmo said. "The Mayflower look will be enhanced and it will not be a modern, contemporary style. It will capture some of the flavor of the older

The new facility would include a new 140-room hotel, plus retail and office space

make sense."

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concern, Walters said. "If they were talking four stories, it would be a lot easier for some

feet. "In terms of typical construction of 10-12 feet per floor, that's about six floors because you can't really

"It's only three stories now. The other aspect of the project is that the new building would be a bigger footprint. A central downtown like ours is a miniature version of a Chicago, with the taller buildings downtown," he added.

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Agreements, such as on the parking lot owned by the city, made previously between city officials and the Karmos, are now irrelevant and will have to be renegotiated for a new project, Walters said.

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Canton driver cited in mishap

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITES

A Canton pickup truck driver was charged with careless driving following a noon accident Jan. 15 in front of a restaurant on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

Police said Scott E. Stern, 30, of Garden City, driving a black 1997 Ford, was turning left into the Arby's Restaurant when he was hit on the driver's side by a

white 1997 Ford pickup driven by Timothy M. Darmofal, 30, of Centen, who was ticketed

Canton, who was ticketed.

Although the impact flipped Stern's car onto its roof, air bags in both vehicles deployed and both Stern and his wife, Stacey, and Darmofal escaped serious injury. Darmofal refused medical attention at the scene.

Stacey Stern, 25, told police her husband had pulled into oncoming traffic when Darmofal,

who was behind them, pulled into the same lane and hit their

Darmofal, who told police he "blacked out" and didn't remember the details, said he was going to make a left turn because he thought he had "missed the main street."

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Both vehicles were heavily damaged, police said.

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BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER

What may have been a case of road rage triggered a streetfight that landed a 45-year-old Plymouth man in jail Saturday night on a charge of felonious assault.

The man was charged by Plymouth Township police after he allegedly pulled a knife on the driver of another vehicle.

Although the exact cause of the incident was not available Tuesday, police said driving too slowly may have been the rea-

The driver, who was released from police custody due to a medical condition, pending receipt of a warrant from the prosecutor's office, had several prescription medications in his possession when arrested.

The driver, a 44-year-old Farmington Hills man, and his female passenger, 52, of Westland, suffered cuts and bruises in the altercation.

The Farmington Hills man told police he was driving his truck westbound on Plymouth Road with his passenger about 7:50 p.m. Saturday when a gold van passed him at a high rate of speed and then cut him off.

The two vehicles then stopped side by side for a red light at Haggerty Road. The Farmington Mills man, a 6-1, 240-pound package-delivery Federal Express service driver, said he looked over at the other driver and saw him screaming at him and giving him the middle fin-

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The Farmington Hills man told police he had the man on the ground when his passenger yelled that he had pulled a knife. She suffered minor cuts to one hand while attempting to grab the man's knife and hand. He got cut across the face before he gained control of the Plymouth man's hand, according to police.

The Farmington Hills man said he convinced the bespectacled driver, who had threatened to cut him "into little pieces," to leave, but not before the driver said "It's not over" and threatened to "get" both of them.

Police, with guns drawn, apprehended the driver about two minutes later as he turned south from Plymouth Road onto Mill Street. They found a woodhandled, lock-blade knife with a 2-1/2-inch blade on the passenger side floor of his van.

Three witnesses gave written statements confirming the Farmington Hills man's account of the incident, according to police.

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Embarrassing

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he continuing dispute between parents, students and coaches in Plymouth Salem's cheerleading program and the school's athletic department is an embarrassment.

It is amazing that adults who run the cheerleading program and adults who run the athletic programs cannot find some common thread of concern – such as the well-being of all students – between them to work out scheduling problems, health problems and complaints of alleged harassment.

A purpose of any school activity for students is to learn, to enjoy their youthfulness and to work as a team. Students and their well-being must be the primary issue and concern for coaches and the school district.

But what kind of a message are the leaders of the cheerleading program and the school athletics program sending to students when these school activities are plagued with bickering and one-upmanship?

Certainly the example these adults are setting is one of pettiness, infighting for the sake of their own egos and generally poor attitudes that hurt only the students.

Coaches and athletics department officials must keep in mind that by the nature of what cheerleaders do, they are involved in athletics and must be strong athletes to remain on the team and to compete against other teams.

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tive Director Colleen McNamara: "When we

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good, local telephone company. What it

who distinguishes students based on outdated and insulting attitudes should be ashamed.

We are concerned about safety problems with the cheerleaders. Surely it must be clear that safety reigns whether a student is on the football team, the wrestling team or the cheerleading squad.

School district officials must ensure that cheerleaders have safe practice conditions, such as full use of mats. If all precautions are taken – responsibility must fall on the cheerleaders and the athletic department – to ensure that the mats are clean and don't create a health hazard, why can't the mats be shared?

On that point, we must also question why mats are purchased by the school for the traditional athletic teams, but not specifically for the cheerleaders.

Forget fund-raising efforts to buy mats of their own for cheerleaders. It is incumbent on the school district to ensure these cheerleaders are practicing safely. Spend the money for new mats if there are not enough to go around for all. Otherwise, the school district will rue the day they didn't when a cheerleader cracks his or her head open on a gym floor.

We encourage the coaches in all athletic endeavors at the high schools to put students first, their own egos last, and to recognize that all activities and the students involved are necessary to create a healthy learning environment.

to leap into the long-distance business, too.

A federal court in Texas on Dec. 31 granted

two regional "baby Bells," SBC and US West.

tance calling market. William Kennard, chair

of the Federal Communications Commission,

immediately announced the FCC will appeal

Ameritech wasn't part of the Texas case.

Without waiting for the appeal to be decided,

Ameritech on Jan. 5 filed a motion to be

included in the Texas lawsuit. Before the

long distance and international calls.

away your other calling cards," it said.

to open its local market to competitors.

copying machine had cooled, Ameritech was

use the Ameritech Calling Card for all local.

"Put this card in your wallet and throw

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Now, the last we heard, long-distance com-

Telephone customers can see tough compe-

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Ameritech is into home phones, business

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What southeastern Michigan needs is a

good, local telephone company that will do its

core business well. It doesn't need the catch-

me-if-you-can tactics of Ameritech's army of

nies angry at paying for Yellow Pages ads

pay phone booths, where most people who

need bail bonds call from.

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of smaller companies. The market neither

requires nor needs Ameritech's presence.

soliciting southeastern Michigan customers to

clearance to enter the \$80 billion long-dis-

The sequence of events:

to the higher courts.

Another year



Sculpting: Glen Motley and Matt Williams traveled from Cincinnati to downtown Plymouth to carve an ice sculpture titled "Butterfly Dance." The 16th Annual Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular ended Monday to perfect winter weather for the ice, rave reviews and record crowds. Mike and Sandy Watts of Watts-Up must be thanked once again for the spectacular event that is fast becoming known across the United States and abroad. During the festival, 41,000 Internet users from around the world tapped into the Web page for the ice festival.

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LETTERS

You've got to be kidding

Maybe it's something in the water or the air at the Plymouth Township Hall. Possibly Santa Claus spent too much time in the building.

What else can explain a potential 8-mill tax proposal (total township tax rate) being considered by township government for a discussed "wish list" as reported in the Plymouth Observer on Jan. 11.

The identified "wish list" in summary included a new two-story township hall, an expanded clubhouse at Hilltop Golf Course and increased manpower in the police and fire department.

Several years ago I stated that with the building of the Taj Mahal fire station at Beck Road, the township was taking the first step in relocating the seat of government from Ann Arbor Road to the Beck Road area. Sure looks like I was a prophet!

Having played both St. John's and Hilltop I do not feel that they compete with the exception that they're both located in the same general area. St. John's is wide open and vast, whereas Hilltop is restricted and small. The mention of banquets and weddings shouldn't be a serious consideration in this venture.

My prior law enforcement experience and training said that for every 1,000 residents there should be a police officer. Any other addition to the force is a plus. To my knowledge, the only area police department with a ratio of 1.6 officers per 1,000 residents is the city of Plymouth; a jurisdiction of 2.2 square miles. In the event of a police crisis I'm certain that Plymouth Township has mutal aid packages with neighboring police departments.

Furthermore, as identified in the newspaper and verified by visits to the 35th District Court, Plymouth Township is a "cite and write" police agency. I'm personally unaware of any major crime concerns of the department. The discussed police increase of 18 additional officers is a potential force increase of 69%. This seems excessive and hopefully is a number someone just "pulled from their hat."

I can't offer any knowledgeable point in reference to the possible addition of six firefighters to the Plymouth community which has already combined services.

In summary, I'd suggest the township scrap any plans to expand Hilltop, put off building a new township hall until the residential building is well underway to the west, and more clearly identify the need for expansion of the police and fire departments.

I'd also recommend Santa Claus's future visits be limited and a check be made of the water and air!

Roger L. Kehrier Plymouth

Clique reaction

'm writing in response to an article published on Dec. 21, 1997, about Ashley Bowsman's Feature Column "Clique into place at PCEP," entitled "Cliques tell their story." First of all, as a student at PCEP and a staff writer on the PCEP Perspective, where Ashley's article was first published, I would like to thank you for reading our publication.

Still, there seems to be a misunderstanding about Ashley's point of view. Ashley wrote "Clique into place at PCEP" not to insult the students at the park, but to find a creative and funny way to provoke students to notice how they interact with the people around them.

Although Ashley did group the students at PCEP into categories, she did not and would never have included Wiggers or White Supremacists. The students at PCEP never would have wanted our school to be known by its racism.

As a member of the PCEP Perspective, I know that people can be easily reached by simply calling them on the telephone. Ironically, the room in which we put together the Perspective is two doors down from the office of Mrs. Lonigro, who was quoted in "Cliques tell their story."

I do not wish to speak for Ashley, but merely to help you to understand how the article written could have misrepresented her and perhaps insulted her as a human being. You should find Ashley to be a friendly, intelligent and understanding person. You owe her the right to have her point of view accurately represented.

Stacey Michelle Kahn Plymouth

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QUESTION:

What is your favorite activity to do in the winter?

We asked this question at the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular in downtown Plymouth.



"Curl up with a good book,"

Karen Miller
Jackson



"Visit the ice festival, Plymouth has a lot of fun activities."



"Go to the Red



"Sledding, because it's something we all can do together."

Allen Park

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POINTS OF VIEW

Question of road jurisdiction hampers 'reform'

egislation adopted last summer increasing the gasoline tax and implementing other infrastructure "reform" left unresolved the issue of changes in the jurisdictional control of roads.

Road funding and jurisdiction are currently governed by Public Act 51, which is set to expire later this year. Under PA 51, the state controls 11 percent of all lane miles, but receives 39 percent of the available funding. Counties control 72 percent of all lane miles, but only receive 39 percent of the available funding. Municipalities control the remaining 17 percent of all lane miles and receive 22 percent of the available funding. The implications of jurisdictional changes in how

roads are constructed, maintained and paid for should be of great concern to all Michigan residents as well.

Unfortunately, this process is not off to a good start. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has proposed criteria by which the state will assume control of routes which serve a high-level economic purpose. By definition, most of these roads have already been improved to an "all-season" standard. MDOT's plan would consequently result in counties and municipalities losing a disproportionate share of their funding and, at the same time, assuming more responsibility for roads that are in greater need of repair.



COMMISSIONER KAY BEARD

Casting a further shadow on this process is the fact that MDOT shared proposed revisions with local elected officials selectively or, in some cases, not at all.

MDOT's actions suggest they are

more interested in gaining a greater share of the financial pie, rather than more closely matching road jurisdiction with appropriate levels of funding.

Major changes in jurisdiction should, instead, be preceded by a comprehensive needs assessment of all Michigan's roads and bridges so that the revision result in a better integrated system.

Legislation enacting jurisdictional transfers should address specific financial formulas for any transfers, repayment of investments and debts incurred for any roads transferred, agreements regarding tort liability indemnification and specific plans for maintenance and improvements of

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any transferred roads.

Without solutions that reconcile jurisdiction of roads with appropriate funding, our infrastructure problems will persist despite all of the "reform."

Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard represents the 12th District, which includes Garden City, Westland and Inkster. A Democrat, Beard is vice chairwoman of the commission and serves as vice chairwoman of the Committee on Ways and Means.

■ Some voted property taxes are up public transit, school construction

and renovation, school technology.

Fuel tax: up 4 cents a gallon.

Fees. Those are a sore point.

for college tuition, vehicle licenses,

occupational licenses, state park

entries, ad nauseum.

of the national economy.

Engler doesn't figure the fee increases

Engler and Republicans argue that

made Michigan more attractive to "job

the reduced cost of government has

providers," as the chamber of com-

merce calls bosses, to the point that

we have an unemployment rate below

4 percent. Democrats argue the credit

goes to President Clinton's handling

Take your pick. But next time,

please ask an easier question.

Answers during tax season aren't easy to supply

reader asks: "You write about these 24 state tax cuts. Where are they?"

Short answer: In your wallet.
Medium-sized answer: Five will
take effect in 1998. You won't see
them until you file your 1998 income
tax return. Some may not apply to
you at all. Those include:

An increase in the exemption on your personal income tax from \$2,500 to \$2,800 per person.

An additional \$600 personal exemption for each child up to age 6 and \$300 for each child age 7-12.

■ An increase in the college tuition tax credit to 8 percent of tuition, to a maximum of \$375 provided the college limits its tuition increase to the rate of consumer price index (CPI) inflation.

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For senior citizens, an increase in the deduction of interest, dividends and capital gains from \$3,500 to \$7,500 on a single return; on a joint return, from \$7,000 to \$15,000.

■ No more intangibles tax. It produced around \$120 million annually

on income from stocks and bonds and was widely considered "double taxation."

Those tax cuts will reduce the Department of Treasury's intake by \$224 million a year.

Gov. John Engler boasts of cutting taxes a total of 24 times. The revenue cost is \$2 billion a year. That's about 12 percent below what revenues would have been. The state still takes in \$17.2 billion (estimated for fiscal 1998).

Here's the list since 1991, the Engler years, as supplied last week by the Treasury Department:

■ Property tax: frozen temporarily; permanent cut from Proposal A, including both rate cuts and assessment caps.

■ Single business tax: filing threshold raised; lower SBT alternative tax passed; filing threshold raised a second time; alternative tax rate cut; overall SBT rate cut; some factors removed from SBT base; apportionment formula changed; SBT small business credit added.



TIM RICHARD

M One can argue that the boom in northern Michigan real estate is due, in some part, to people who don't transfer their permanent residences to the Sun Belt.

- Inheritance tax: repealed.
- Unemployment comp tax: cut. ■ Income tax: rates cut, pension
- Income tax: rates cut, pension exemption increased, personal exemp-

tion increased, college tuition credit passed and then increased.

Many working folks won't see many of the tax cuts if they don't have kids in college, don't own stocks, don't hire others, don't die and bequeath property, and so on.

Most intriguing to me was the inheritance tax cut. Engler talked about that back in 1985, when he was a state senator. The idea was to compete with Florida's zero tax to keep people in Michigan, where they would underpin northern rural economies with their purchases of homes, visits to restaurants, hospital stays, and purchases from local stores.

One can argue that the boom in northern Michigan real estate is due, in some part, to people who don't transfer their permanent residences to the Sun Belt.

Most complex answer: Some revenues have gone up.

■ Sales tax rate up 2 percent to 6 percent.

Cigarette taxes up astronomical-

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

Public transportation victim of competing interests

ublic transportation in Michigan, the home of the automobile, has always had a tough time making (ahem) a go of it.

Back in the 1920s, the City of Detroit ran the DSR (Department of Street Railways) in the city and for a few miles out into the suburbs.

There's strong evidence that General Motors in the 1930s actively connived to squash public mass transit in the Detroit area. The thought, evidently, was that people who could get to work on streetcars wouldn't be good customers for cars.

In the 1950s and 1960s, transit needs of the booming suburbs were served by a patchwork of private bus companies – Bee Lines, Martin, Great Lakes and so forth. But the service routes were unconnected, the equipment shabby and, given the car-buying ambitions of most customers, profits were thin.

But the fact remained. People without cars absolutely need public transit to get to and from work.

So in the mid-1960s, Gov. George Romney and the Legislature created SEMTA (Southeastern Michigan Transit Authority), a seven-county body that was supposed to develop plans for a coordinated public transit system, including rapid rail transit, to serve the entire region.

Hopes of merging Detroit's system, by then called D-DOT, with the suburban system crashed. SEMTA was chronically under-funded, while D-DOT was supported by city general fund revenues.

Finally, in the mid-1980s, the region's Big
Four – Detroit's Mayor Coleman Young, Oakland County Executive Dan Murphy, Wayne
Executive William Lucas and the chair of the
Macomb County board – decided to create a suburban transit system, designated SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority – Rapid Transit). The
idea was to let Detroit operate its own system
and fit it together with inter-suburban routes
served by SMART.

Eventually, under the leadership of Wayne County Deputy Executive Mike Duggan, voters agreed to a one-third mill tax support for SMART. The taxes were collected for the third and last time in December bills. Counties will need to renew them in 1998 to keep

So when D-DOT last week decided it would no longer run buses outside the city and, therefore, shut down 14 suburban bus routes, the decision was just one more in a long, sad and



PHILIP POWER

tangled history. SMART officials say they have no plans to duplicate the canceled routes.

Workers without cars, mostly living in Detroit, are now unable to get to and from their jobs in the suburbs at shopping malls such as Twelve Oaks in Novi and in office corridors such as along Big Beaver in Troy.

At the Montgomery Ward store in Livonia's Wonderland shopping center, manager Phil Hanson said: "The whole mall is feeling this. I have employees with 30 years of service who will now have a very hard time getting to work."

Suburban job recruiters, already facing the tightest labor market in generations, will now find it even tougher to find qualified workers.

"Transportation is the 'to' in 'Welfare to Work,' " says D-DOT director Al Martin. "Our economy is moving away from a manufacturing economy to a service economy. These service positions don't pay as high as some manufacturing jobs. Many of these workers cannot afford an auto."

In the complicated mix of money (remember the SMART millage up for renewal), an election year (politicians love to squeal against taxes), turf (suburban communities versus Detroit) and history, it's hard to pin down just who's at fault.

The only hope I have in this sad and outrageous situation is that people will finally get so fed up with poor public transit as to realize that everybody is better off with one integrated system and sit down to put it together.

If you believe that, I've got a nice big bridge I can sell you. Cheap.

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OBITUARIES

Services for Mary A. Wood-ward, 77, of Canton were held Jan. 21 at St. John Neumann

Church, with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. The burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Mrs. Woodward was born on Dec. 4, 1921, in Detroit. She died Jan. 17 at the Oakwood Healthcare Center in Canton.

She worked as a seamstress for the automotive industry. She was a member of St. John Neumann Church.

Her survivors include her hus-band, Leslie Eugene; four daugh-ters, Madeleine (Bob) Libtow, Joan (Hermann) Lohrer, Mary Margaret Menendez, Gail; four sons, L. Kevin (Sherry) Haeger, Craig (Delphine), Mitchell (Wendy), Kent (Cheryl); 21 grandchildren; and 13 greatgrandchildren.

ALEXANDER ERNEST CARR

Services for Alexander Ernest Carr, 97, of Romulus were held Jan. 20 at Neely-Turowski Funeral Home in Canton, with the Rev. Edward Coley of Newburg United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Carr was born Dec. 8, 1900, in Dovercourt, England. He died Jan. 16 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center.

He worked as a butler. His survivors include his stepson,

Canton; one brother, Joshua Carr of England; and three grandchildren.

Services for Elizabeth A. Simpson, 84, of Plymouth were held Jan. 20 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Simpson was born on Dec. 18, 1913, in Detroit. She

died on Jan. 17 in Livonia. She was a homemaker and came to the Plymouth community in 1930 from Detroit.

She loved her family and she was especially fond of family gatherings. Her hobbies were bird watching, the outdoors and

She was preceded in death by one son, Kenneth. Her survivors include her husband, Charles F. of Plymouth; one son, Charles (Susan) Simpson of Luzerne; three grandchildren, Karen (Ron) Mettal of Canton, LeAnne (Dale) Booth of Plymouth, Marni Chilcoff of Plymouth; three great-grandchildren, Brandy Booth, Shannon Booth, Ashley Chilcoff; three sisters, Freida O'Leary of Northville, Esther Budd of Luzerne, and Dorothy Powell of Luzerne.

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Services for Gary Robert Olds, 41, of Tower, Mich. were held Jan. 13 at the Wolverine Baptist Church, with the Rev. Orville Theaker officiating the service.

Mr. Olds was born on Jan. 22, 1956 in Detroit. He died Jan. 10. He was the son of Robert

and Martha (Rea) Olds. He will be deeply missed by many. He grew up and attended school in Plymouth. On Jan. 16, 1982, Mr. Olds married Linda Scruggs in Salem.

For many years he worked with his father and uncle who owned Plymouth Lawn Company. In 1991, Mr. Olds moved with his family to Tower.

He was employed by Burns Clinic with the maintenance

department. He was one that loved the Lord and served him faithfully and touched many lives.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting and golfing. He was a member of the Wolverine Baptist Church. His survivors include his wife, Linda; three daughters, Elisabeth, Mary Hannah; in-laws,

Richard and Carol Scruggs of Plymouth; parents Bob and Lav-ern Olds of Wolverine; one brother, Steven (Lola) of Belleville; one sister, Lisa (Kenneth) Burns of Alanson; grandparents, Roland Olds and Leona Harper; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the family of Gary Olds, c/o Richard & Carol Scruggs, 9314 Sheldon Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170.

PATRICIA G. REILLY

Services for Patricia G. Reilly, 66, of Westland were held Jan. 19 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne, with the Rev. Jack H. Baker officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Reilly was born on Dec. 1, 1932, in Pittston, Pa. She died on Jan. 15 in Westland. She worked as a tax preparer for H &

R Block for 22 years.

She came to Westland in 1964 from Washington, D.C. She attended one year of college at St. John's Business College. From 1952 to 1964, she was an administrative assistant with

the CIA in Washington, D.C. Her hobbies included cross stitch, her grandchildren and listening to good band music.

Her survivors include her husband, Charles P. Reilly; two daughters, Colleen (Kenneth) MacDonald of Plymouth, Kathleen Reilly of Westland; one son,

Charles P. Reilly Jr. of Westland; three sisters, Constance (Richard) Lunsford of Falls Church, Va., Cecelia (Reyes) Ponce of Alexandria, Va., Mary (Lonnie) Piatt of Hunlock Creek, Pa.; two brothers, William Hoover of Wyoming, Pa., Brian (Priscilla) Hoover of Pittston, Pa.; her father, William T. Hoover of Harveys Lake, Pa.; and two grandchildren,

Stephanie and Megan. Memorials may be made in Mass offerings to St. Mary's or to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia 48154.

DOROTHY E. MOORE

A funeral Mass will be held for Dorothy E. Moore, 63, of Naples, Fla., 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at the First United Methodist Church.

She was born in Ann Arbor, and died on Jan. 14. She was a longtime resident of Plymouth, where she and her husband owned and operated the A & W restaurant for 28 years before moving to Naples, Fla., in 1986. She was preceded in death by

one son, Steven. Her survivors include her husband, Charles; four sons, Charles Jr. (Judy) of Westland, Melvin (Debra) of Plymouth, Richard (Lisa) of

Columbia, Tenn., Daniel of Naples, Fla.; one daughter, Debra (Terry Robinson) of Dex-ter; six brothers, Melcin (Carol) Gilbertson of Dexter, Art (Bert) Gilbertson of Lewiston, Andy (Iielen) Gilbertson of Monroe, David Gilbertson of Ann Arbor, James (Sheila) Gilbertson of Ann Arbor, John (Bernie) Gilbertson of Ann Arbor; one sister, Diane (Bob) McGill of Harri-

et, Ark.; and 10 grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 990 First Ave. South, Suite 200, Naples, Fla. 34102.

IOHN A. SCHMITZ

Private services were held for-John A. Schmitz, 61, of Redford. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral

Mr. Schmitz was born on March 21, 1936, in Detroit. He died on Jan. 19 in Redford.

He was a driver with the Deluxe Cab Company, and he served in the Army for a regular tour of duty.

His survivors include his two brothers, Adelbert G. Schmitz of Northville, and Thomas (Joyce) Schmitz of Plymouth.





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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN DOWNS

Positives, negatives and Charlie

n December, a very close colleague of mine happened to be at the health club one Sunday morning, beginning his regular workout routine which he did three or four days a week. Without warning, he keeled over and suddenly died of a massive heart attack.

The community in which he lived was heartbroken. The ripple of sadness blanketed the town as everyone was touched by it. Orange ribbons went up all over the downtown to commemorate him.

Why would a 48-year-old man's death weigh so heavily on so many? First, all of us were shocked

because he was in such good health. It smacked everyone like a brick as we pondered our mortality. Second, the attitude that Charlie had about life was just short of saint-like. I'm not sure I have ever met a more positive, grateful person.

When he talked about his wife and children, you were drawn in by the immeasurable love he had for them. When he shared stories about his friends and his neighbors, his church and his youth group, you knew he val-ued their friendship. When he spoke of the students he dealt with as the student assistance counselor in the high school, you knew he saw the best in every one of them and desperately wanted them to live up to their poten-

Whenever I personally met with him to write grants, talk about prevention projects or parenting talks we could collaborate on, he always left saying, "Keep up the good work, you're doing a great job."

Always so positive

Several times, we had the opportunity to go to Milan prison and talk with the inmates about substance abuse and the family. He was always so positive and encouraging with the young men. He gave them hope that things could change when they leave prison and their lives could truly turn

around. We always walked out with an entourage of men at our heels, asking Charlie if they could help him when they get out, by speaking to kids. His final line, as we slammed the car door and drove out the gates was always, "They're really great guys." I just cannot imagine too many people driving out of a prison with that kind of atti-

Author Pete McWilliams wrote a book titled, "You Can't Afford the Luxury of a Negative Thought," which he claims is "for everyone afflicted with one of the primary diseases of our time: negative thinking." McWilliams asserts that he is a certified negaholic. "I don't just see a glass that's half full and call it half empty. I see a glass that's completely full and worry that someone's going to tip it over."

Too many of us are negative, catty, critical human beings. I especially see it in a great number of adolescents. Their behaviors are brash and acted out through sex, substances, reckless driving or by being disrespectful. I am saddened by their apparent lack of regard for themselves or others.

They seem neither grateful nor positive about their lives. They abandon tomorrow for the instant gratification of today. I'm referring to those kids who really have little to fuss about except that their parents are "not with it" or they can't have everything in life they want. I distinguish them from young people who come from destructive, chaotic homes where surviving means taking care of No. 1 because nobody else is going to do it.

Hard to understand

Charlie was distraught by the actions of negative people, including some teens. It was so hard for him to understand why the negaholics didn't seem to be grateful for their lives, why they appeared to be self-destruct

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STORIES BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

Deadly inhalants become popular recreational drug

ined with vacant, run-down buildings and vagrants, the outskirts of downtown Detroit is the last place you'd expect to see a slew of Generation X-ers standing in the bitter cold at 2:30 a.m.

Well-groomed "twentysomethings" dressed in black suits or long gowns, baseball hats and T-shirts, or baggy skateboarder clothes all wait in line to enter a brightly lit art gallery which

serves as an after-hours club. All of them are braving-the cold to purchase black balloons filled with nitrous oxide, also known as N20 or "laughing as," one of many frequently

inhalants. As the clock ticks past 3 a.m. and the club is still dark, a dentist from the east side passes out his business cards to those who might need a quick fix of nitrous dur-

ing the week. When the club's cashier/bouncer opens the doors, the crowd makes a beeline for the back of the club where a bespectacled redhaired woman sells the balloons for \$5 each.

The crowd represents various segments of society - body builders who otherwise worship their bodies, college-aged women begging for marijuana, working-class men and women, drug addicts and professional night

They toast each other with the balloons and chide those who are unwilling to try it. Sucking nitrous out of the balloon, much like one would take a hit of helium, leaves them with a quick feeling of euphoria.

Inhalant abuse

Nitrous oxide is a colorless gas containing nitrogen which is used as an anesthetic, most commonly in dentistry, and in aerosols. It was first prepared in the late 1770s by Joseph Priestley, an English clergyman/scientist who also created the first carbonat-

Ironically, it was originally used as a recreational drug. During his research, Humphry Davy (1778-1829) observed that nitrous oxide relieved headaches and toothaches. He didn't study that any further, because he was using it "to entertain the young men of quality who visited the Pneumatic

Institute" where he worked, according to U.S. Food and Drug Administration literature. Davy coined nitrous oxide "laughing gas.

Its anesthetic uses were recognized during a Dec. 10, 1844, lecture by "scientist" Gardner Quincy Colton who prepared nitrous oxide and encouraged members of the audience to inhale the gas. A listener, Horace Wells, noticed that a young man was unaware he had injured his leg while under the influence of nitrous oxide. The following day, Colton gave Wells nitrous oxide before a fellow dentist extracted a tooth. When Wells woke up, he said he didn't feel any pain.

Besides anesthesia, nitrous oxide also is used in the dairy industry as a mixing and foaming agent because it is non-flammable and bacteriostatic (stops bacteria from growing) and leaves no taste or odor; in auto racing to speed engines, and in diving to prepare divers for nitrouslike effects.

comes in a metal cylinder, balloons or a whipped cream aerosol spray can. It is primarily abused by children in the age range of 10-14, according to Virginia Dowson, an adolescent therapist at the Livonia Counsel-

ing Center. "Inhalants are more for the younger set because they're legal," she said. "They can get them from places like a Home Depot. (Besides nitrous oxide) the other one that's really big right now is the Dust Off for com-

Statistics from the year 1991, the most recent figures, show that 14.2 percent of eighth-graders have used inhalants, Dowson said. The percentage goes down as children grow

older. Only 9.1 percent of 12th-graders are users In 1996, she said, she saw a lot of children "in the

14 age range" using nitrous oxide. They were also using marijuana; it coincides really well with marijuana, marijuana being somewhat of a depressant," she said. "The nitrous oxide increases the hype that you get off the high."

Ivy Kupec, a spokeswoman for the FDA, said there are two main side effects of using nitrous oxide. It acts as a bone marrow depressant which could interfere with the immune system after repeated use. (An anesthesiologist on staff at the FDA describes repeated use" as "more than once.") Nitrous oxide also interferes with the absorption of vitamin B-12, causing irreversible brain damage.

It can also suffocate the user. "If people use 100 percent nitrous oxide, like if

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Detecting abuse

According to Virginia Dowson, an adolescent therapist at the Livonia Counseling Center, inhalant abuse can be hard to identify.

"Many people don't bring their kids in; they're afraid we'll identify further problems," she said.

Some of the symptoms as problems in school, memory loss and fatigue. When parents suspect their children may be abusing inhalants, Dowson has them go through a sensory evaluation.

Dowson quizzes parents about suspicious smells around the home – is it sweet, sour, a dry type of odor, is it wet? Does it smell like nail polish, perfume, air freshener, gasoline, rubbing alcohol?

"With inhalants, breath is the biggest giveway

The worst inhalant addictions she has seen are kids using household cements, rubber glues, paint thinner and

"This one adolescent smelled like paint constantly," she said. "He said it was from art class during school. The truth was the kid was huffing all day at school."

Another parent said that her son was suffering from memory problems, nausea and fatigue. She thought he was ill. Dowson responded, "No, he's stoned."

The Partnership for a Drug-Free America lists other signs of inhalant abuse - red, glassy or watery eyes, slow, thick slurred speech, disorientation, general drunken appearance, complaints of headaches, staggering gait and lack of coordination, inflamed nose, nosebleeds and rashes around the nose and mouth, loss of appetite and if cans of aerosol whipped cream won't foam or your air conditioner doesn't

Judging shows: a reflection of her love of cats

Grandmother figure: Canton Township resident Rachel Anger, with her Maine Coon named Perry Ellis, feels like a grandmother who has the grand-children for the weekend when she

judges cats

at cat shows.



BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

In describing her job as a cat show judge, Rachel

Anger compares herself to a grandmother. get them for the weekend. I hug and kiss them and I send them home to mom. If I had the means and the space, I'd have 100 cats. This is my way of

doing this." The Canton Township resident will once again play grandmother this weekend to more than 350 pedigreed cats and kittens as well as household pets at the Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers Inc. show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 24-25, at the Dearborn Civic Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dear-

The cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children with all the proceeds going to the Michigan Humane Society. The two-year alliance between the two organizations has brought in more than \$1,300

in donations to the MHS. The organization is also sponsoring a cat show on Saturday, July 11, at Edgar Ice Arena, 33841 Lyndon, Livonia. Proceeds from that show will go to

another animal welfare group. For more information about the shows, call Judy McDaniels at (248) 681-4863.

Anger, formerly of Farmington Hills, has scrutinized cats since 1993, but her love of cats surpasses

Growing up in Midland, Anger was forbidden to have cats. Like most children, however, she found a loophole.

"We were not allowed cats; we were dog people," she said. "We got around that by giving my mom a kitten for Mother's Day. We told her, 'It's not polite to turn down a gift, so you have to keep this cat.'

Perky, a black random-bred cat with a little white locket on her chest, found her way into the hearts of her family.

Anger began her cat-showing career by attending local shows with her pets. At that time, the events were few and far between.

"Twenty years ago there were far fewer shows than there are now," said Anger, who works during the day as a paralegal. "Now every weekend there a show within a three- or four-hour drive and sometimes there's several to pick from.

"On any given weekend in the country there could be up to 15 CFA shows." The more she learned about cats, the more she

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ecame interested in becoming a udge. Organizations such as the Cat Fanciers Association require their judges to be knowledgeable in all cat breeds. The best way to do that, she decided, was to live with different breeds. Anger has worked with Siamese and Perian cats.

The breed she has worked with the most is the Maine Coon. It's the largest breed of pedigree cat, and males can weigh up to

about 20 pounds. "They're also a very comfort-ble cat to look at," she added. There's no extremes except for

When she applied for a judge position, Anger was required to show her history of exhibiting, show producing and involvement in the CFA. The CFA officers and directors look over all the applicants' materials and vote on

"Actually, by the time you apply to be a judge, even though

the officers and directors are from all over the country, they know who you are," Anger explained. "They want to have judges who have a real strong moral character because it would be so easy to say, 'That's my friend's cat; I want to give her a win.' That's not how it goes, though."

Each cat begins with 100 points, some of which are deducted if the cat doesn't measure up to the standard for his or her breed. The points are allocated to the different features of the cat that are most important to that breed. One breed may give 40 points to the coat. In another cat, it may only be worth five to

10 points. Judges look for "nice healthy animals. A cat that you can tell is well cared for and well-loved." "Once we see a cat that has

those things, we start to apply the standard," Anger said. "We put the cat on the table. We observe it from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail and everything in between. We really give it the once over."

Then there's something special over and above that, the show presence. There are no points for it and it's never really addressed anywhere, according to Anger.

One particular cat will do something; he or she will look at me like 'Aren't I beautiful? Aren't I just the most wonderful cat? You should give me the Best Cat rosette," she added. "Every once in awhile there's a cat that's just so spectacular it just makes you want to give it the Best Cat rosette."

At the Dearborn show, there will be six rings or judges. The club determines how many rings there will be, and each ring will have a judge. Generally there are four, six or eight rings, and each ring is like a separate

"If I were to enter my cat into

a six-ring show, there would be six different judgings," Anger explained. "It's different than dog shows. People who show dogs, they may travel all that way and as soon as they lose they go home. With cats, you can always get another opinion."

Household cats are welcome at the Dearborn show although they cannot be declawed and they have to be spayed or neutered, if they are older than 8

"They can't win a title, but the judge will go through and handle them," Anger said. "The winners get a rosette and a trophy just like a pedigree."

Nationwide organization

The Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers Inc. is one of the hundreds of groups under the Cat Fanciers Association's umbrella. CFA is the oldest pure-bred registry and is "pretty strict" in its beliefs. For a new breed "they

really, really give it a once over."
"There's a lot going on in the

enetic pools," Anger explained. "In 1981, there was a cat that was a curl-eared cat. The ear was flipped right over and the tips of the ear curled backward. It's a natural thing that you couldn't straighten out, if you wanted to. They went through all the necessary channels and now they have championship status."

Cats' gene pools change every year. An example is an ocicat that was developed by a woman from the Detroit area named Virginia Daly who put a Siamese and an Abyssinian together in hopes of getting an Abyssinianpointed cat.

"What she got was a first generation of all these cats who had dramatic spotting patterns," Anger said. "It is a rather attractive cat, a beautiful breed."

However, other organizations like the International Cat Asso-

ciation are more progressive in their thinking. The TICA supports individuality, "so if they wanted to breed a short-legge folded-eared, curly haired cat, they can do that," said Anger who prefers the traditional way of thinking. **Hennes-De**

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"My judging philosophy is this: Here you have this animal that God created. He didn't created it to get bathed and blow-dried, to travel in a car, to handle it and to look at it," she said. "He created it for us to love. They go so far beyond what they were put here for. The least I can do for them is give them an honest, educated judging and respect them for what they've gone through to get

"There are some judges if you go to a show and watch, they really have a natural rapport with the animals. That's how I hope people view me, too. I want to make it a really enjoyable experience for the cats."

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ing when they had so much to live for. He would have given them a magic elixir, if he could have, that would give them a positive outlook. No one could deny he had gratitude to the

A month or two before his leath, the city honored him with

the Citizen of the Year Award, which was a complete surprise to him. He shared with me that he immediately went up to his mother's apartment and shared the award with her, because after all, she was the one who made him who he was.

Later, he said to me, "Ya

know, this award makes everyone look good: the school district. my Kiwanis group, the SADD chapter that I sponsor, the youth group at the church and all of my friends ... everyone wins."

And for sure, all of us were the winners for knowing Charlie Stilec, a truly positive, grateful

human being. As one of my friends said later, "Maybe Char-lie's death will help us think about being a little nicer to each

And to that I would add, and maybe a little more grateful. If you have a question or com-

ment for Jacque Martin Downs, a special projects coordinator for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and private therapist, write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Eating right is key to healthy weight

Like most people, you tend to overindulge in few rich foods. But more important than any binging is your general pattern of nutrition.

Most women need no more than 2,200 calories daily to weight. maintain a healthy and fewer than that after menopause. A well-balanced diet is key. Suggested servings for

each food group include breads, cereals, rice or pasta (6 to 11 servings daily), vegetables (3 to 5 servings), fruits (2 to 4 servings); milk, yogurt or cheese (2 to 3 servings) and meats, poultry, fish, dry beans, peas, eggs or nuts (2 to 3 servings).

"Try to limit your fat intake to fewer than one third of your total calories," said. Dr. Fredric D. Frigoletto, Jr., president of the American College of Obste-Gynecologists. tricians and "Remember that each gram of fat is equivalent to 9 calories. And select foods that are low in saturated fat and cholesterol."

According to Frigoletto, use fats and oils sparingly in cooking and limit your intake of salad dressings, butter, margarine and mayonnaise. Watch your portions - a "serving" of meat is about three ounces, or the size of a deck of cards.

Women do need about 1,000 milligrams of calcium daily (and 1,500 milligrams daily after menopause), as well as 15 milligrams of iron. A 12-ounce glass of milk, a cup of yogurt or a 2ounce portion of cheese each contains about 300 milligrams of calcium. Fortunately, there

are low or non-fat dairy products to choose from.

Each serving of meat, poultry or seafood contains about six milligrams of iron, which can also be found in eggs, beans and peas, dried fruits, fortified breads and cereals and leafy green vegetables, many of which also provide substantial amounts of calcium and folic

"Your digestive system will thank you, if you drink plenty of water and include fiber in your diet (at least 20 milligram daily), to help protect against colon can-cer," said Frigoletto. "Beans and peas, fruits, vegetables and

whole grains are good sources."

Don't overlook the value of basic, simple foods such as the potato, which is high in fiber, low in fat, and rich in vitamin C, Frigoletto added. Beans or peas with starches, such as rice or pasta, can provide complete protein without the fat content of meat, and are delicious with herbs or spices

"Be creative and explore a

"Be creative and explore a variety of healthy foods, to keep your resolution in the coming year," Frigoletto said.

Single, free copies of the pamphlet, "Weight Control: Eating Right and Keeping Fit," are available by sending a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to the American envelope to the American College of Obstetricians and

Gynecologists, Resource Center/AP064, 409 12th St. SW, P.O. Box 96920, Washington, D.C. 20090-6920.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. C-97-06 **CHAPTER 26** ONE AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLING CODE*

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 26 TO ADOPT THE CABO ONE AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLING CODE, 1995 EDITION, AS PUBLISHED BY THE BUILDING OFFICIALS AND CODE ADMINISTRATORS, INTERNATIONAL, INC., THE ADMINISTRATORS, INTERNATIONAL, INC., THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BUILDING OFFICIALS, AND THE SOUTHERN BUILDING CODE CONGRESS INTERNATIONAL, BY REFERENCE, AS THE ONE AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLING BY REFERENCE, AS THE ONE AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLING CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP REGULATING AND CONTROLLING THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, PREFABRICATION, EQUIPMENT OR APPLIANCE INSTALLATION, QUALITY OF MATERIALS, USE AND OCCUPANCY LOCATION AND REPAIR OF DETACHED ONE OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS NOT MORE THAN THREE STORIES IN HEIGHT AND TO PROVIDE FOR PRINTED COPIES OF THE ONE AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLING CODE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC AT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE. FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Chapter 26, the Charter Township of Plymouth CABO One and Two-Family Dwelling Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

26.010. Code Adopted. The CABO One and Two-Family Dwelling Code, 1995 Edition; as published by the Building Officials and Code Administrators, International, Inc., the International Conference of Building Officials, and the Southern Building Code Congress International, is adopted by reference as the One and Two-Family Dwelling Code of the Township regulating and controlling the design, construction, prefabrication, equipment or appliance installation, quality of materials, use and occupancy location and repair of detached one or two-family dwellings not more than three stories in height. Printed copies of the One and Two-Family Dwelling Code are available for inspection by the public at the Building Department during regular business hours.

(State Law Reference: MCLA 42.23)

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

Any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any of the regulations adopted in pursuance thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalid the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

This Section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict nerewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

repeal provided for herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act mitted or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending ation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the ctive date of this Ordinance.

CTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE sended, shall take full force and effect upon

The foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth at a meeting of the Board duly called and held on the 13 day of January, 1998 to be effective upon publication as provided by law.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY: MARILYN MASSENGIL, Clerk

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Robert and Leslie Hennes of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Susanne, to Todd Edward Decker, the son of James and Karen Decker of Grosse Pointe.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1994 graduate of Michigan State University. She is a third-year medical school student at Wayne State University and plans to graduate in

Her fiance is a 1989 graduate of Mattawan High School and a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan. He also is a thirdyear medical school student at Wayne State University and plans to graduate in 1999.



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

Dood-Weller

Pete and Carol Dood of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Louise, to Jason Kenneth Weller, the son of Ken and Fran Weller of Stanton, formerly of Canton.

The bride-to-be, a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, is pursuing a degree in elementary education at Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Phoenix Office Fur-

Her fiance is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is employed as an account executive at Phoenix Office Furnishings.

A June wedding is planned at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.

Gallagher-Woloch

Marcy Lynn Woloch and Colin

Michael Gallagher were married

June 14, 1997, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Livonia,

by the Rev. Thomas P. Egge-

The bride is the daughter of

David and Linda Woloch of Livo-

nia. The groom is the son of

Thomas and Gloria Gallagher of

The bride is 1991 graduate of

Livonia Churchill High School

and a 1996 graduate of Central Michigan University with a

bachelor of science degree in

education. She is employed as a

middle school teacher for the

of Livonia Churchill High School

and a 1995 graduate of Western Michigan University with a

bachelor of business administra-

tion degree. He is employed as a

staff accountant for Price Water-

house, LLP, in Bloomfield Hills.

The bride asked Jennifer Brit-

ton to serve as her matron of

honor with bridesmaids Lisa

Hessler, Julie Feldman and

Kerry Vea.

The groom is a 1991 graduate

South Lyon School District.

Livonia.



Dell-Strauch

married in a garden wedding at the Stafford's Bayview Inn in Petosky on Sept. 27. The Rev. David Behling performed the

Bonnie and Ray Bihary and John and Debbie Strauch, all of Livonia. The groom is the son of Jean and Michael Dell of Petosky.

Grand Valley State University. She is a U.S. Navy corpsman, stationed at Cherry Point, N.C.

The groom is a graduate of Pellston High School. He serves in the U.S. Marine Corps at Camp LeJeune, N.C.

The bride asked Lori Byrd Golembuski.

The groom asked Eric Dell to serve as best man with usher ald Isle, N.C. Rich Johnson.



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A March wedding is planned at Sts: Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in West-

Kazaleh-Gheen

Gheen of Dearborn.

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Westland announce the engage-ment of their daughter, Grace

J., to Christian Michael Gheen,

the son of Donald and Grace

The bride-to-be is a 1994

graduate of the University of

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employed as a technical recruiter for Livernois Engi-

degree and a 1994 graduate of Central Michigan University

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employed as an investment offi-

Wendy Therese Strauch and Christopher Michael Dell were

The bride is the daughter of

The bride is a graduate of

Spring to serve as maid of honor with bridesmaid Heather



The newlyweds received guests at the Bayview Inn. They are making their home in Emer-

Bieganski-Benning

Robert Michael Bieganski and Jamie Lynn Benning were mar-ried on Aug. 30 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville by the Rev. Jim

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Benning of Canton. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bieganski of Livonia.

The bride is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in office automation. She is employed at E.D.S. in Troy as an information

The groom is a graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in marketing and management. He is employed at E.D.S. in Troy as a business analyst.

The bride asked Sheila Benning to serve as her maid of honor with Donna Gill, Debbie Donegan, Kim Lubig and Wendy Marcero as bridesmaids. Rebecca Benning and Shannon Donegan were the flowergirls, and Melissa Walstrom was the vocalist.

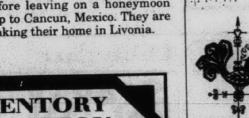
Jeffrey Marcero served as best

man with Robert Benning, William Carroll, James Megyesi and Michael Millar as groomsmen. Tom Boxurud, Scott Reaume and Jon Schultz were the ushers. Ryne Gill was the

ringbearer. The couple received guests at the Burton Manor in Livonia before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls. They are making their home in Novi.



guests at Fox Hills Country Club before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico. They are making their home in Livonia.





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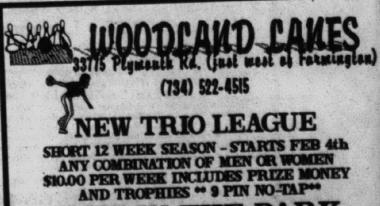






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Virginia Nicoll, Michigan state president of OWL and a volunteer Medicare counselor for the Area Agency on Aging 1-B, will discuss the Medicare options available from fee-for-service to managed care.

Nicoll also will distribute copies of AAA 1-B's comparison of all Medicare HMOs as well as OWL's Mother's Day Report on Managed Care.

The meeting, open to the public, will be at the Farmington Library, 23500 Liberty Street. Refreshments will be served.

Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call
Nicoll at (248) 474-3094.

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they stole a tank from a dentist office, it is very likely to asphyxiate them," Kupec said. "It's not something that we can process in our lungs like oxygen. When dentists use it, they mix it with oxy-

Partnership for a Drug-Free America lists other "negative effects" as headaches, muscle weakness, abdominal pain, severe mood swings, violent behavior, liver, lung and kidney damage, dangerous chemical imbalances in the body, hepat, tis or brain damage from long-term use, weight loss, seizure, coma and death.

Dowson said that memory loss can begin after one or two "huffs" of nitrous oxide.

The high lasts approximately a minute, but some residual effects may last up to several minutes. One user explained that "within seconds, a light tingling can be felt which seems to increase in frequency. The sensation is much as if waves were traveling up your body or as if you were twisting and spinning."

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taken. Open eyes reveal some sort of tunnel vision, with regions of disorientation about the outside. Slowly the throbbing subsides."

The person added that at other times he feels paranoid and disoriented.

Another user at the after-hours club said he hears the same song each time he inhales nitrous oxide and said the use of nitrous oxide "is not as bad as the other drugs."

Dowson disagreed.

"In essence it's a poison. Your body in no way produces this substance," she said. "What they don't realize is the stuff at the dentist office has oxygen in it, so as not to cause damage. Still, some have numbness in their fingers and feet when they leave the dentist office."

The Toxic Chemical Act 119 of 1967 defines a chemical agent as "any substance containing a toxic chemical or organic solvent or

both, having the property of releasing toxic vapors. The term includes, but is not limited to, glue, acetone, toluene, carbon tetrachloride, hydrocarbons and hydrocarbon derivatives."

Given that, Michigan Penal Code 752.272 reads "No person shall, for the purpose of causing a condition of intoxication, euphoria, excitement, exhilaration, stupefaction or dulling of the senses or nervous system, intentionally smell or inhale the fumes of any chemical agent or intentionally drink, eat or otherwise introduce any chemical agent into his respiratory or circulatory system."

Those violating the act are guilty of a misdemeanor; however, enforcement of the law can be tough.

"Because the inhalant is so short-lived in the system, generally speaking an officer has to witness a person using that," said Trooper Jerry King of Western Wayne Criminal Investigations, Western Wayne Narcotics, with the Michigan State Police. "A lot of that stuff (inhalants) - gas, glue - it's not illegal to possess. Having said that, a lot of townships may introduce legislation, like the 'beeper law' where it makes it illegal for kids to possess nitrous oxide or glue."

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He added that inhalants may affect a person's ability to drive so an officer can pull over a person for suspected drunken driving. Although inhalants may not show up in a blood test, a person can be charged.

The Western Wayne Narcotics bureau doesn't deal much with the problem, however, because "we investigate and deal mostly with dealers, mostly focusing on large amounts of marijuana and cocaine."

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Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano said that his agency has arrested no one for using nitrous oxide.

The legality of it doesn't seem to bother those who have come together at the art gallery. Patrons laugh and joke with each other, and drink alcoholic beverages brought into the building.

Others are passed out on the floor, or making out in a corner. Another woman, who looks high and malnourished, dances the night away.

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Applications are being accepted for the spring craft show Saturday, March 7, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. The fee is \$90 for a 12by-12- foot space, \$55 for a 10by-10-foot space and \$40 for a 8by-9-foot space or an 8-by-4-foot hallway space. There is an additional \$15 fee for electricity. To receive an application, call the department of marketing and development at (734) 462-4417.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Crafters are wanted for the Livonia Churchill High School PTSA spring arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at the school, 8900 Newburg Road, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 523-0022 or (734) 523-

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

The Livonia Franklin High School Patriots Club will have a craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at the school, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia. More than 175 crafters will be featured. Admission will be \$1 for those older than 5 years of age. No strollers will be permitted, however, people in wheelchairs will be admitted at 9:30 a.m.

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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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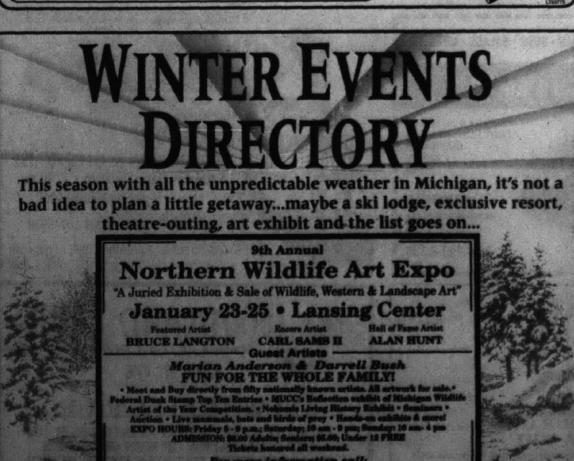
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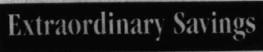
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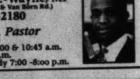
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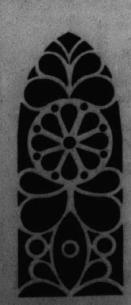
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The Rev. Dr. Mark Jensen. senior pastor at the North Congational Church in Farmington Hills, Msgr. F. Gerald Mar-tin, editor of The Michigan Catholic, and Rabbi Norman Roman of Temple Kol Ami in West Bloomfield will be honored at the 1998 Dove Award Dinner 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield, according to The Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-**Christian Studies**

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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 "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.

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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 top-ics as "Facing Your Anger," "Fac-ing Your Loneliness," "Depres-sion," "New Relationships," and "Forgiveness." Child care is available. Call (734) 459-3333 for more information.

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 "remov-ing the blocks to the awareness of love's presence." For more information, call the church at (734) 421-1760.

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.

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EDFORD CLERGY
The Redford Clergy Association will have its monthly meeting Tuesday, Jan. 27, in the R.C.D. Center of Presbyterian Village of Redford, 17383 Garfield. Lunch will be at 12:30 p.m., followed by the meeting. Reservations can be made by calling Alexandra at (313) 541-

The Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Following the meeting, there will be a guest speaker, Louis Schneider. The topic will be "Jewish Achievements." Guests are invited. Refreshments will be served.

ANNUAL CARD PARTY

St. Richard's Women's Guild will have its annual card party at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, in the church social hall, 35851 Cherry Hill Road, Westland, Sloppy Joes, salad, beverage and dessert will be served. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at the door, from a Guild member, or by calling Jan at (734) 721-

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization for divorced and separated Christians, will have a Together Dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Divine Providence Catholic Church, Nine 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 Sun-

days 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,

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CYO teens collect school kits for Africa

Catholic Youth Organization teens will collect health kits and school kits for elementary youth in Africa during their 16th annual youth conference at the Westin Hotel in Detroit Saturday-Sunday, Jan 24-25.

Participants will bring more than 3,000 canvas bag kits, containing items like towels, combs, toothpaste, paper, scissors and

The bag is designed to also be school bag for the children in

ror of God's Image," will empower teens to make a difference in their church and communities in metropolitan Detroit.

The keynote speaker will be Craig Kielburger, the 14-year-old founder of Free the Children. A national organization, it is empowering youth to become involved in the social implementation of the rights of children, including a right to an education and the elimination of exploitive child labor.

Workshops also are scheduled to discuss major issues such as

relationships and peer pressure. The G.R.A.C.E. Theatre Com-

pany and CYO youth will present an original youth-inspired play, "Jesus in the Hood."

The bilingual modernization of the life of Jesus Christ is a unique blend of inner city life and biblical story.

The conference is completely planned and organized by teenagers from the CYO Youth Council, a leadership development group. In its 16th year, the conference has attracted more

poverty, racism, drug abuse, than 12,000 teenagers since

CYO is a nonprofit human service agency serving the tri-county area of Southeastern Michigan since 1933, providing recreational, social, leadership, neighborhood development and innovative alternative activities for youth, adults and communities.

For more information about the conference, call Barbara Urbiel, director of program and public affairs, at (313) 963-9768.

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prints, videos and memorabilia.

Toy soldier and figure collec-tors will be headed for the Livonia Holiday Inn Sunday, Jan. 25, for the second annual Michigan Toy Soldier and Figure Show.

The show will feature more than 50 dealers from around the world, selling new and antique historical figures and toy soldiers. The show also will feature displays of old toy soldiers and hand-painted historical figures.

The show will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the hotel, Six Mile Road at I-275. Admission will be \$4,

with children under age 12 free.
Interest in toy soldiers has increased this year with Christie's Auction of the Malcolm Forbes collection in December in New York and London.

The collection brought record prices and a gross of more than \$1 million and reports on the auction in the Wall Street Journal and New York Times also served to heighten interest in toy soldier collecting.

There are six major toy soldier

Families sought

of Academic Exchange (PAX) is seeking families interested in hosting a high school foreign exchange student for the 1998-99 school year. 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 Lynne or Gideon Levenbach at (734) 453-8562 or (734) 453-

CLARIFICATION

An article that ran in last Thursday's Observer newspapers mistakenly indicated that Richard Chelekis of the Wayne County Department of Information Processing received a meritorious service award. He did not receive that award.







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Mothers Club holds social reunion

Calling all "CC Moms" ...

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The Catholic Central Mothers Club will have their first annual social reunion Tuesday, Feb. 3, at Catholic Central High School, 14200 Breakfast, Redford.

The get-together will start with a social hour at 5:30 p.m.,

featuring wine, punch and hors d'oeuvres, guest speaker Denise Jenkins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner, "A Light Fare," at 7:30 p.m.

A CBS radio talk show host and comedian, Jenkins is an alumnus mother. Her son was a member of the Class of 1991.

Her topic will be "Soaring from the Empty Nest and/or Defying the Effects of Gravi-

Tickets cost \$15 each. Prepaid reservations are required and can be made through Thursday, Jan. 29.

Send a check, payable to the

Catholic Central Mothers Club, to Vicki Turowski, 17441 Ellen, Livonia 48154. Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number and son's

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Chief gymnasts 6th

It wasn't Plymouth Canton's best performance of the season. The Chiefs trip last Saturday to the Holland Invitational ended with their sixthplace finish in the team standings with a 129.00.

Canton has turned in better scores, certainly. Their leaders at Holland, which annually attracts the state's best teams, were once again Marcie Emerick and Liz Fitzgerald.

Emerick placed ninth in the allaround (33.80), finishing in the top 10 in three events: the vault (sixth, 8.8), the uneven parallel bars (seventh, 8.45) and the balance beam (10th,

Fitzgerald took 11th in the allaround (33.40); she, too, had three top-10 finishes: fifth in the beam (8.65), 10th in the bars (8.15) and 10th in the floor exercise (8.4).

Other top-10 scores for Canton came from Amy Driscoll, who was 10th in the bars (8.05), and Natalie Wood, who took eighth in the floor exercise (8.45).

Canton competes against Tri-Farmington at 7 p.m. Monday at the Farmington Training Center.

Tolstedt honored

In a season that saw Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team always struggling to overcome adversity, one of their own was recognized for the

Lisa Tolstedt, a freshman, was



Lisa Toistedt All-American

named to the National Junior College Athletic Association's All-America team.

Ocelots' leading scorer and most valuable player, the midfielder also served as a team captain.

leadership and assertive play were recognized opposing

teams and coaches in her selection. said Bill Tolstedt, her coach and

The Ocelots overcame a shaky start - Bill Tolstedt wasn't hired to coach them until a month before the season started - to win the NJCAA Region 12 championship and make a run at the District G crown, losing 2-1 in double-overtime in the semifinals to Meramec.

Other SC players honored by their teammates were Lisa DeShano (from Livonia Franklin) as the top offensive player, and Dianna Dean and Anne Hokett as the top defensive players.

Hoop champs

The best teams emerged for the Boys A League and Girls A League in the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association, with one a bit of a surprise and the other living up to its

In the Girls A League, the Lakers got hot when it counted most. A .500 team and a fourth-place finisher during the regular season, the Lakers opened the playoffs with a 35-27 win over the Kings.

That got the Lakers - and the Magic, who beat the Celtics 37-22 in the first round - into the semifinals against the league's top two teams.

But the top teams weren't as sharp during the playoffs. The Lakers upset the Bulls, the regular-season champs, 38-27, and the Magic nipped the Pis-

Which set up the final between the Lakers and Magic, won by the Lakers

The Boys A League followed the attern set during the season. The Bulls were the league's only unbeaten team, going 12-0 during the season and making it through the playoffs

Like their NBA champion counter-parts, the Bulls sliced through their playoff opposition, beating the Celtics 75-67 in the semifinals to set up a championship game against the once-beaten Rockets, who topped the Pac-ers 74-70 in the semis. The Bulls and Pacers had met during the regular season, with the Bulls winning in

With a minute to go in the championship game, the score was tied. The Bulls finally pulled it off, edging the Ruckets 65-62.

Rocks toppled in tournament finals



There is no argument — Plymouth Salem's wrestlers have emerged as a powerhouse. Now the question is: Just how good will the Rocks be by season's end? That's an answer they, too, are searching for.

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

What Plymouth Salem's wrestling team accomplished last Saturday at the Adrian Invitational should not be underestimated.

But at the same time, it can not be ignored that the Rocks fell short of their own expectations.

Competing in a team-format tourna-

ment, Salem got past four difficult opponents, two of them state-ranked, to reach the finals against a legend in the sport: Temperance Bedford. That proved to be another struggle, and this time the Rocks fell short, losing in the tourney final to the Kicking Mules 35-

"Yeah, we were second," said Salem coach Ron Krueger. "We wanted to be first, but it wasn't to be.

"I don't know if they believe they can beat (Temperance Bedford). We'll have to wait and see."

The Rocks came very, very close to pulling it off at Adrian. They trailed 32-29 going into the meet's final match, at 275 pounds; a decision favoring the Rocks would give them a tie, while a win by pin would give them the victory.

It didn't work out that way, however. Salem's Charlie Hamblin was outmanuevered and lost to Art Showberg-

Six Rocks had wins in the match against Bedford. At 103, John Mervyn edged Ryan Wasewski 8-6; at 119, Dan Morgan beat Robbie Swanbeck 15-4; at 140, Dan Hamblin pinned Allen Stark in 1:28; at 152, James Greene outscored Nate Ireland 17-4; at 160, Anwar Crutchfield won on a void; and at 189, Teono Wilson pinned Jim Schmidt in 3:16.

In earlier action, Salem beat Charlotte 36-34; Ottisville 48-24; Monroe 58-13; and Clarkston 44-25. Charlotte and Clarkston were both state-ranked.

Four Rocks were undefeated in their five matches on the day: Mervyn at 103, Morgan at 119 (125 vs. Clarkston), Dan Hamblin at 140 (135 vs. Monroe) and Wilson at 189 (215 vs. Clarkston). Two others went 4-1: Greene was beat-

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Salem steams past Mustangs

A cursory examination of Plymouth Salem's volleyball team would reveal the team's strengths: up the middle, where Amanda Abraham and Angie Sillmon, both all-Western Lakes Activities Association selections last year, take turns dominating.

So why did Northville, a WLAA rival, choose to close off Salem's outside attack, leaving the middle wide open in Monday's encounter?

"I'm not sure what that was all about," admitted Salem co-coach Allie Suffety after the Rocks wrecked Northville, 15-7, 15-5 at Northville. "It seems like Amanda and Angie had free reign in the middle.

"They gave us the middle and we went with it. I was surprised — I was kind of thrown by that. I think they tried to block the outside.

The result was a second-straight WLAA victory for Salem, now 21-4 overall and 2-0 in the league.

Abraham and Sillmon led the Rocks' attack, Abraham collecting nine kills and five digs and Sillmon getting five kills, four digs and two block assists.

Kelly Street added four kills, and Jenny Trott finished with two kills, six digs and two service aces.

The victory added another layer of confidence on a team that is improving every time out. Last Saturday, Salem won its second-straight tournament, winning the 10-team Plymouth Salem Classic without losing a game in six matches.

"We're not giving up anything," said Suffety. "We're really working hard at getting the ball right back when we lose it (on a side-out).

"Our kids have stayed focused. We're not letting anybody rally on

Only once did the Mustangs manage to string together a three-point rally in Monday's match. At last Saturday's tournament, the Rocks surrendered a total of 17 points in its eight pool games.

They beat Chelsea 15-6, 15-0; Garden City 15-1, 15-2; Romulus 15-0, 15-0; and North Farmington 15-1, 15-

Salem advanced to the tournament semifinals against Livonia Franklin, which finished second in the other pool to Novi. The Rocks beat Franklin, 15-9, 15-7, to reach the tourney finals.

Novi emerged from the other semi-



Strong-armed: The big-hit ability of Angie Sillmon (above) and Amanda Abraham in the middle propelled Salem to victory.

final with a 15-13, 15-13 win over Chelsea. The final proved to be no contest, however; Salem won easily over Novi, 15-4, 15-2.

Abraham led the Salem attack once again, totaling 24 kills, 10 digs, nine solo blocks and four block assists in the tournament. Trott contributed 20

kills and 20 digs; Sillmon had 17 kills, 14 digs and seven solo blocks; Kelly Street got 11 kills; and Andrea Pruett and Ellen Stemmer each had 10 kills.

Kari Flynn contributed 43 assists to kills, 14 service aces and 16 digs, while Laine Sterling accumulated 31 assists, 16 aces and eight digs.

"There are a couple of things yet that we have to work on," warned Suffety. "We get those down and we'll be able to up-tempo our offense.'

Adding yet another dimension to a team that's already proven itself a dominant force.

Central drops Canton

A key player for Plymouth Canton was out of action with an injury when the Chiefs opened their WLAA season Monday. And that wasn't a good sign, considering their opponent was defending league champion Walled Lake Central.

At least it wasn't a long, drawn-out affair. The Vikings dominated host Canton, posting a 15-2, 15-7 triumph.
"My girls had," Chiefs' coach Cyn-

thia Montgomery said, hesitating, "a slow day. They didn't really play up to their expectations, or mine. "Central's a tough team, a big

Canton was playing without middle hitter Amy Plagens, a starter who missed the match after injuring her knee. Her status was to be re-evaluated this week.

"She's one of my only two big girls," noted Montgomery, her team 0-1 in the WLAA.

The Canton coach wasn't particularly pleased with her team's performance, but she did think she got some positive play out of Robin Hamilton and Liz Elsner.

Last Saturday at the Salem Classic, the Chiefs lost out in pool play by a single point. Novi finished first in Canton's pool, with Livonia Franklin second.

Agape rolling

Canton Agape Christian ran its Metro Christian Conference record to 5-0 with a lopsided 15-0, 15-6 victory over Cornerstone Christian Monday. Agape got eight serving points from

Kim Ther, including two service aces, to lead the attack. The Wolverines are now 9-0 overall.

On Friday, they host Western Wayne Christian Academy.

Impressive field

Rocks, Chiefs fare well against state's best teams

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

The concept of last Saturday's Rock Swim Invitational is certainly unique. So is the scoring, for that

But what really sets this meet apart are the times recorded, which are very, very fast.

In a meeting featuring four teams ranked in the tate's top 10, and another that rated as a contender, the winner was Ann Arbor Pioneer, which scored 299 points. Host Salem took second with 248.5, with Livonia Stevenson third at 186.

Plymouth Canton finished fourth (143), with Birmingham Groves fifth (139.5) and Birmingham Sea-

Groves and Seaholm were ranked in the state's top 10, but after their lack of depth was exposed, they dropped out of this week's listing. Stevenson filled

"It was fast," noted Salem coach Chuck Olson, "just like we thought it would be. It was awful quick.

"I thought we swam really well, for our third meet of the week. There were probably close to three state qualifiers in every event, so we had to swim well."

Olson's estimation was certainly an accurate one. The meet's format was different than most invitationals; each team could submit three teams in each relay and put in four entries in each individual event. Each entry would be seeded, from your team's fastest

They would then compete against opponents in that event at the same level: second fastest on Salem vs. second fastest from Pioneer, Stevenson, Groves, Seaholm and Canton; third fastest vs. third fastest,

The meet's opening event, the 200-yard medley relay, set the tone — and the pace. Four teams bettered the state cut, with Groves getting first in the fastest heat (1:39.29; state cut 1:43.19), edging Sea-

Three swimmers beat the state cut (1:49.39) in the 200 freestyle, with Pioneer's Ray Cubberly edging Stevenson's Keith Falk (1:44.82 to 1:45.45).

The 200 individual medley and the 100 back were the only events in which just one swimmer bettered the state meet qualifying time. Salem's Brent Mellis just missed in the 200 IM, placing second in the fastest heat in 2:05.34 (state cut: 2:04.19).

How fast did it get? The Rocks' Andrew Locke was well under the state cut in the 50 free, going 22.44 (cut is 22.59) - and he finished fourth.

Salem had two others finish second in the best heat: Brian Mertens in the 500 free (5:07.99) and Chris Cameron in the one-meter diving (323.55

Both Nick Corden and Tim Buchanan collected two thirds for the Rocks in the fastest heat. Corden's came in the 100 free (48.47; state cut is 49.49) and the 100 backstrc's (57.55); Buchanan was third in

Whalers starting to pick up ground on league's top teams



period goals propelled the Plymouth

Whalers Sunday along the road they now

find themselves - heading Those three early goals, two

by Julian Smith, were enough to carry the Whalers to a 4-2 victory over the visiting Windsor Spitfires. Combined with Saturday's 5-0 shutout of Sudbury, the Whalers improved to 24-14-3 in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division, good for 51 points and third place.

That placing could change in a hurry. One thing the Whalers trail the rest of the league in is game's played. London, which leads the West with 57 points, has also played three more games than Plymouth. Secondplace Sarnia (52 points) has played four more games.

In Sunday's win over Windsor. Plymouth scored three times in the first in a fiveminute span. Kevin Holdridge sandwiched a goal between the

Boards

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two by Smith, his second a

Andrew Taylor capped the Whaler scoring with a goal early in the final period. Robert Esche made 27 stops in goal for Plymouth.

Windsor fell to the bottom of the West with a 15-29-1 record. The Whalers didn't start quite as quickly Saturday against Sudbury at Plymouth's Compuware Arena. Paul Mara's power-play goal late in the first period allowed them to

leave the ice leading 1-0. Yuri Babenko made it 2-0 early in the second period; Babenko also had two assists in the game. Smith and Nick Tselios also scored in the second period, increasing the Whaler lead to 4-0.

Eric Gooldy netted a goal in the third period to end the scoring. David Legwand picked up a pair of assists for Detroit.

The Whalers start a threegames-in-three-days stretch tonight at Windsor. They play at London Friday night before

returning to play London again at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Arena. **Pool Tables** Cue Sticks Poker Tables **Air Hockey** Soccer Table Electronic Dart





Close call

Madonna survives scare with late basket

For the first 36 minutes of Saturday's women's basketball game between visiting Madonna University and Concordia Col-

lege, it was a struggle.

But it was nothing compared to the last three minutes, which saw the Lady Crusaders almost blow a nine-point lead before Chris Dietrich's layup at the buzzer saved them, 65-63.

The win pushed Madonna to12-6 overall, 3-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Concordia is 10-8 overall, 0-3 in the WHAC

The Lady Crusaders led 54-52 with seven minutes left, but a 9-2 run over the next four minutes gave them their biggest lead of

Fortunately, the Crusaders still had time, and they still had Dietrich, who was named WHAC player of the week for her two-

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With 3:02 remaining, Katie

Wrong. The ceiling started to

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nailed a three-pointer in the 9-0

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Cardinal run.

game performance. She scored a and four assists. team-best 17 points against Con-cordia, with five rebounds and four steals

On a night when Madonna Cushman's three-pointer put Madonna ahead, 63-54. No probleading scorer Katie Cushman's shooting touch was missing (she was 1-for-10 and was held to five points), other Crusaders had to step up - and, led by Dietrich, left, Concordia's Kristy Bilbie they did.

> Dawn Pelc totaled 13 points and grabbed a team-high nine rebounds, Mary Murray scored 11 and Angie Negri collected 10 points and dished out six assists.

Concordia was paced by Bilbie's 21 points, 11 rebounds and seven blocked shots; Wilson's 17 points; and Arends' 15 points

Turnovers proved to be the dif-ference in the game. Madonna made 12 while forcing Concordia into making 20.

NOTES: Dietrich, a sophomore guard from Newport, garnered the WHAC. weekly honors after averaging 16.5 points and five rebounds a game in Madonna's wins over Spring Arbor and Concordia last week. Dietrich is second among the Crusaders (to Cushman) and sixth in the WHAC in scoring with a

· Schoolcraft College's women's team ran its Eastern Conference record to 5-1 with a forfeit win over Wayne County CC Saturday. The Lady Ocelots are 9-7 over-

Crusaders garner a victory

A plodding first half was replaced by a high energy second, enabling Madonna University's men's basketball team to end its 13game losing streak with a 71-57 triumph over the host Concordia College Cardinals Saturday.

Madonna improved to 2-17 overall, 1-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Concordia slipped to 4-18 overall, 0-3 in the

Three Crusaders combined for the bulk of the points for the Crusaders, as they overcame a 14-point first-half deficit to pull to within six (29-23) by halftime.

Mark Hayes led Madonna with 19 points and five assists. Jason Maschke (from Livonia Franklin) added 15 points, and Chad Putnam (Redford Thurston) scored 10. Led by Narvin Russaw's nine, the Crusaders had a 38-29 advantage in rebounding.

Concordia got 21 points and five assists from Kareem Hairston, and 11 points and 13 rebounds from Joe Jones.

Schoolcraft 111, Wayne County CC 75: Four Ocelots reached double figures in scoring Saturday to lead Schoolcraft College to an easy victory over visiting Wayne County Community College.

SC improved to 17-3 overall, 6-0 in the Eastern Conference.

Wayne County is 1-13 overall, 1-3 in the

The Ocelots' Kevin Melson worked his way inside to score 35 points and grab 13 rebounds. Derek McKelvey added 29 points, including five three-pointers, while Emeka Okwonko and Dan Gomez contributed 15 points apiece. Pete Males (Garden City) chipped in with eight points and seven

Wayne was led by Benny Theriot's 23 points. Brandon Phillips contributed 19. SC led at the half, but only by a 42-40

Better second-half rebounding, thanks in large part to Gomez (he hauled down eight boards) and getting out to push the ball up the floor helped the Ocelots outscore Wayne 69-35 over the last 20 minutes. Okwonko chipped in with seven rebounds and eight

Mott CC's loss to Henry Ford CC Saturday, combined with SC's win, means the Ocelots are unbeaten and atop the conference standings. They play Mott at 3 p.m. .. Saturday at home.



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Mike Malik (LS), 5:13.05.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Seaholm, 1:29.98; Salem, 1:30.46; 3. Groves, 1:30.84.

100 backstroke: 1. Bill Sargent (BS). 53.08; 2. Joe Bublitz (LS), 57.31; 3. Nick Corden (PS), 57.55.

100 breaststroke: 1. Dave Wilson (BS), 1:00.24; 2. Jim Kanak (BG), 1:02.91; 3. Matt Heiss (PC), 1:07.13.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Pioneer, 3:17.57; 2. Salem (Andy Locke, Nick Corden, Tim Buchanan, Brent Mellis), 3:20.38; 3. Stevenson (Steve Domin, Joe Bublitz, Mark Sgriccia, Keith Falk), 3:21.07.

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200 medley relay: Redford CC (Nick Sosnowski, Paul Connolly, Matt Tobkin, John LaRussa), 1:47.72; 200 treestyle: Matt Baran (CC), 1:52.31; 200 individual medicy: Ed Lesnau (CC), 2:23.32; 50 freestyle: LaRussa (RCC), 25.21; 100 butterfly: Mike Ginger (CC), 1:06.44; 500 freestyle: Matt Miller (CC), 5:29.37; 200 freestyle relay: Redford CC (Nick Sosnowski, Paul Garabelli, John LaRussa, Erik Ruselowski), 1:41.07; 100 breaststroke: Dennis Sugrue (CC), 1:09.17; 400 freestyle relay: Redford CC (Nick Sosnowski, Josh Markou, Erik Ruselowski, Paul Garabelli), 3:37.64.

CC's record: 2-1-1 overall, 1-0 in the 4:42.36; 2. Brian Mertens (PS), 5:07.99; 3. Catholic League Central Division.

Friday, Jan. 23

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at Marshall Jr. High, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 Thursday, Jan. 22

Huron Valley vs. Warren Zoe at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m. S'field Christian at PCA, 7 p.m. St. Agatha at Benedictine, 7 p.m. Clarenceville at Luth. N'west, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23 W. Wayne at Agape, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24

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TBA - times to be announced.

Wrestling

en by Ottisville's Brett Fillmore 15-6, and Crutchfield lost to

Ottisville's Casey Bentoski 3-2. Salem travels to Westland John Glenn for a 6:30 p.m. Western Lakes Activities Association

Split squad for Canton

dual meet tonight.

Plymouth Canton opted to divide its squad Saturday, sending several freshmen wrestlers to the Garden City Novice Tour-

nament while the remainder of the varsity went to the Romulus Invitational.

The result was about, as expected. Canton managed to collect medals for finishing in the top six in four events.

The Chiefs had two fifth-place finishers in Robert Demsick at 160 and A.J. Maloni (275). Demsick was 4-1 on the day, beating David Wenglikows (Troy Athens) 8-4 in the consolation finals for

Maloni also was a winner for Canton, pinning Greg Burczynski (Troy Athens) in 4:37 in the consolation final. Maloni was 1-1

for the day. Brian Musser, wrestling at 140, finished sixth after losing to Alex Abdo (Romulus) 2-0 in the consolation final. Jared Chapman (215) also placed sixth, los-ing to Keenas Robinson (Birm-ingham Brother Rice) 6-3 in the

consolation final. Musser was 3-2 for the day; Chapman was 2-2.

Our finish here, and our freshmen finishing in the middle of the pack at Garden City, bodes well for our building the 'team of the future' that we want," said Canton assistant coach John Demsick. "It was a good day for us."

The Chiefs host Farmington Harrison at 6:30 p.m. tonight.

Swimming from page C1

both the 200 free (1:50.30) and ond in the 400 free's fastest race 100 butterfly (55.37; state cut is 55.59).

Five swimmers bettered the state cut in the 100 fly.

Salem's freestyle relays both turned in solid performances. The Rocks' team of Corden, Locke, Dan Kelly and Buchanan were second in the 200 free's fastest heat (1:30.46; state cut is 1:31.99), and Locke, Corden, Buchanan and Mellis placed sec(3:20.38; state cut is 3:23.09).

"Pioneer showed why they're ranked first in the state," said Olson. "There's nothing really slow.

Canton coach Kyle Lott knew his team would be in for a battle against such formidable competition. "It'll be fun," he said prior to the meet. "It'll give our kids a chance to see some of the state's best swimmers.

Which they did. The Chiefs best event was the 100 breaststroke; in the fastest heat, Matt Heiss placed third (1:07.13). Canton also had a third and a fourth in two of the other three

The best relay for the Chiefs was the 400 free, which took fourth (3:33.42) in the fastest

heats in the breast.

Fellowing is a list of Observerland boys best swimming times and diving scores. Coaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara by dalling (313) 953-2141 or faxing the information to (313) 591-7279.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

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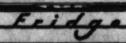
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Blazers roll toward title

BY NEAL ZIPSER

The Livonia Ladywood athletic administration may want to consider hiring an inte-rior decorator for the lobby outside of its gym

The trophy case, packed with volleyball trophies from the school's storied success, may need an addition built on.

The Blazers took another step Tuesday toward winning its seventh straight Catholic League title and claiming yet another trophy with a 15-10, 15-4 sweep over Farmington

Ladywood, now 26-5 overall and 7-0 in the eague, demonstrated why it is the team to beat in the conference — a position Ed Moeller dreams about for the Marlins. The first-year Mercy coach knows what it takes to emulate the Blazers.

"We're a very young team and we have to learn how to win," said Moeller, whose team

slipped to 2-2 in the league.
"My goal is to make this a program like Ladywood's," he added. "We know the steps we have to take and we know that it will take a lot of determination and intensity. We're probably still a couple years away."

In the first game Tuesday, the Blazers quickly took command behind the serving of Katie Brogan. Ladywood jumped out to a 6-0 lead, but the Marlins wouldn't fold.

Back-to-back kills by Mary Gignac and Kaitlyn Jarzembowski got Mercy on the board. The Blazers were quick to flex their muscles, however, as Jenny Lachapelle and Mary Lu Hemme were able to spark a Lady-

wood rally which extended the lead to 9-3.

The Marlins were able to get the serve back and took advantage. With Erin Fitzger-ald serving, Mercy reeled off four straight

points - two coming on Gignac kills. After the teams traded side-outs, Mercy took a 10-9 lead after a block and kill by Krista Kelly.

Ladywood called a timeout and quickly regrouped. Behind the powerful hitting of senior Sarah Poglits and junior Jenny Young, the Blazers put away Mercy with six unanswered points.

"Mercy was serving extremely tough and we had to make some adjustments with our service reception," Ladywood coach Tom

"We were trying to run a faster offense to set up single blockers," Teeters said. "I thought Mary Lu was doing a great job with the slide to set up some of those single

Young collected five of her six kills in the first game. Poglits, who was the team's leading hitter with a .857 average, also had six

Young and Tracey DeWitt added four digs apiece for the Blazers. Lachapelle led the team with three digs, while Natalie Rozell served two aces and Brogan had 15 service

The second game was all Ladywood as the Blazers took command by building a quick 9-1 lead. Teeters inserted the second string

who were able to put the game away.

The turning point of the second game was Ladywood's first point when Hemme made the dig of the night to set up a monster spike

'I'm happy with how we're playing as a team now, but there are some adjustments we still have to make," Teeter said.

One of those adjustments is in service reception where Teeters has switched the pattern with Hemme and Lachapelle. Changes to what lineup is on the floor at given times still need to be determined by

It was a good-bad night for Moeller, who thought his team let down in the second

We're stressing being scrappy, being competitive and leaving nothing on the floor," Moeller said. "I was pleased with our intensity in the first game, but we have to learn that you have to sustain that intensity and determination.

"We just don't have the horses they have. I thought we were flat in the second game and lost the eye of the tiger."

Leading the way for Mercy was Gignac with five kills; Kelly added four.

"Krista (Kelly) was a big factor in the middle up front for us early but we stopped get-ting her the ball," Moeller said. "I thought our setters - Amy Miller and Shayla O'Mara - played great and Erin (Fitzgerald) played outstanding defense."

Moeller noted that the senior Ashley Schumacher, a returning player from last year's varsity team, is no longer with the squad.



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Net power: Ladywood's Jenny Lachapelle (left) helped keep the Blazers in control of their match against Mercy and their destiny in the league.

3rd-period goal boosts Shamrocks past Trenton

Redford Catholic Central and Trenton have played some memorable hockey

games over the years.

Add another to the series and this time CC can savor the outcome a little more after a 3-2 victory over Trenton before a sold-out crowd Saturday night at Redford Ice Arena.

The win marked the end of an impressive week for the defending Class A state champion Shamrocks. On Wednesday, they beat Bloomfield Hills Crank, the No. 1-ranked team in Class B-

CC began the week with a 4-2 loss Tuesday to the Compuware Midget AAA team at Compuware Ice Arena. Losing to a team of that caliber is no shame.

"It was a great hockey game, and that's the way it ought to be played,"

said CC coach Gordie St. John. "Trenton is a very good team, certainly one of the

strongest teams we've played."
The Shamrocks are 6-1-2 overall, 5-0-2 in the Michigan Metro Hockey Associa-

tion. Trenton is 8-2 overall. CC led 1-0 after one period and 2-1 through two.

Trenton tied the score at 2-2 only 42 conds into the third period when Brian Hancock scored a power-play goal, assisted by Kurt Garza and Derek

The Shamrocks scored the game-winner at 6:21 of the third period when Eric Hawkins banged in a shot from the slot.

passed the puck to Keith Rowe, who found Hawkins in front of Trenton netminder K.C. Begemen.

"It was a nice pass, right out to him," St. John said. "Hawkins just beat him in front of the net and beat the goaltender. It was a beautiful play, a picture play."

Sophomore Ben Dunne, making his second straight start in net for the Shamrocks, withstood a late rally by the Trojans, who pulled Begemen for an extra attacker.

"Trenton rang some off our goal post, and we had a couple opportunities on their end," St. John said.

Dunne sat out last semester after transferring. He stopped 24 shots. CC had 31 shots.

"He's going to be very good," St. John

Chris Morelli started the rush and said. "He's an honor student and this kid has had two hot games.

"On any given night, there are a lot of palies that can be the best in the state. What you got to look at is consistency at the end of the season. You just don't

The Shamrocks took a 2-0 lead before the game was halfway old. Tony Keshishian scored the first goal with assists to David Moss and Hawkins at 13:44 of the first period.

The lead grew to 2-0 when Ian Devlin scored on the power play, assisted by Rowe and Moss at 4:27 of the second

Trenton got on the scoreboard when Nate Schmockel scored at 9:19 of the second period, assists going to Alec Lesco and Pat Maloney.

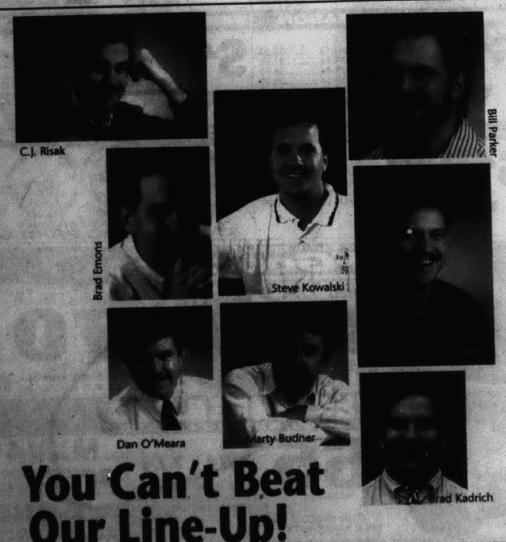
Agape cruises by Cornerstone

A big first quarter was about all Canton Agape Christian needed Tuesday against Metro Christian Conference foe Riverview Cornerstone Christian. But the Wolverines added a strong second half to be certain, as they pulled away to a 91-38 homecourt victory.

Paul Anleitner's 22 points paced Agape, which improved to 7-2 overall and 3-0 in the MCC. Jason Helton added 15 points and 12 rebounds, and Rick Guttersohn had 15 points.

had 15 points.

Cornerstone, now 2-5 overall and 0-3 in the MCC, got 20 points from David Jordan.



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The Plymouth-Canton Cruisers won the Southern Michigan

Swim League title recently.

The Cruisers took the championship by winning the nine-team league meet. Plymouth Canton scored 2,507.5 points to outdistance Dexter (2,142.5) and Saline (2.040.5).

In addition to winning the league title, the Cruisers won the 11-12-year-old boys and 13-14-year-old boys' divisions. Scoring points for Plymouth-Canton

8 and under - Emily Stephens, third in the 25-yard free and 25 butterfly, sixth in the 100 free; Katie Gorman, eighth in the 100 free and 10th in the 25 fly and 50 free; Allison Arble, fourth in the 25 breast, seventh in the 50 free and ninth in the 100 free; Danielle Roy, sixth in the 25-yard backstroke, 10th in the 100 free and 14th in the 50 free.

Colin Smith was third in the 25 butterfly, sixth in the 100 free and ninth in the 25 back; Steve Johnson, seventh in the 100-yard free and 12 in the 50 free; Max Ozawa, fourth in the 25 yard butterfly, fifth in the 25 yard back and eighth in the 100 free; Brad Wright, 11th in the 100-yard free and 16th in the 50 freestyle: Alyssa Johnson, first in the 25 breast, third in the 100 IM and ninth in

Sarah Palczynski was eighth in the 100 IM and 25-yard breaststroke. She also took 13th in the 25 fly. Lucy Liu, ninth in the 100 IM, 10th in the 25 breast and 14th in the 25 fly; Trevor Sil-

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yard butterfly. Darcy Palus, 13th in the 25-yard backstroke; Carolyn Orey, 14th in the 25 backstroke; Scott Nus/baum, 14th in the 25 breaststroke.

The girls' 100-yard medley relay team of Roy, Palczynski, Liu and Orey were sixth while Ashley Forde, Paulus, Kelley Hodges and Carol Anne Wright were 12th. The boys' 100-yard medley relay team of Dupessey, Silbernagel, Smith and Johnson were third while John Mizzi, Nussbaum, Greeneisen and Wright were

In the girls 100-yard freestyle relay, the team of Stephens, Gorman, Arble and Johnson were third while Orey, Paulus, Hodges and Forde were 11th. In the boys 100-yard freestyle relay, Ozawa, Dupessey, Greeneisen and Johnson were fourth while Wright, Daniel Lipford, Eric Brzezinski and Mizzi were

9-10: Jessica Zokas, seventh in the 200-yard freestyle, 100 free and 50 breast: Tonya Mathis, 13th in the 200yard freestyle; Patricia Ahern, 11th in the 50 freestyle and 15th in the 200yard freestyle; Stephen Orey, seventh in the 200-yard free and 50 back, 14th in

Greg Calabrese was ninth in the 200vard freestyle and 11th in the 100 free. Rob Cyrek was seventh in the 50-yard free and 12th in the 200 free; Kristen Nevi, fourth in the 50-yard butterfly and sixth in the 100 IM; Molly Dows, 10th in the 50 butterfly, 11th in the 50 back and 15th in the 100 IM.

terfly, second in the 50back and third in the 100 IM; Billy Horgan, first in the 50 breaststroke, fourth in the 100-yard IM and fifth in the 50 fly; Anna Dempsey fifth in the 50-yard backstroke, and 6th in the 50 free.

Lisa Gullikson was seventh in the 50vard back while Ryan Nussbaum was 16th in the 50 breast. In the girls 200yard medley relay, Dowd Dempsey, Nevi and Newman were fifth while Gullikson, Jacqueline Mast, Stacy Yee and Julie Greeneisen were 11th.

The boys' 200-yard medley relay team of Orey, Horgan, Smith and Cyrek were first. The girls' 200-yard freestyle relay team of Mathis, Zokas, Nevi and New man were fourth while Gullikson, Ahern, Yee and Greeneisen were 10th. The boys' 200-yard freestyle team of Chris Bennett, Cyrek, Nussbaum and Cal-

11-12: Tricia Dotson, fourth in the 200 free, fifth in the 50 backstroke and eighth in the 50 free; Amy Mertens, second in the 50 breast, fifth in the 200yard free and sixth in the 50 fly; Rachel Broniak, 11th in the 200 free; Sarah Bealafeld, 11th in the 50 backstroke and 13th in the 200 free

Ben Działo won the 200 free, 50 free and 100 freestyle events. Garrett Stone, second in the 200 freestyle and 50 back, fifth in the 50 free: Ron Opdyke. seventh in the 50 fly and 50 back, eighth in the 200 free; Joe Le, 10th in the 200 free and 100 free.

Alicia Dotson was second in the 50 fly, fourth in the 100 IM and sixth in the 100 freestyle: Stephanie Lamar was 11th in the 100 IM and 12th in the 50 breaststroke; Kyle Silbernagel, first in the 50 butterfly and 50 back, second in

the 200 IM; Adam Sonnanstine, second in the 50 breast, third in the 100 free and fourth in the 100 IM.

Mike Horgan was second in the 50 fly, fifth in the 100 IM and eighth in the 50 breast. Jeff Nevi, third in the 50 back and seventh in the 100 IM; Jamie Bielak, 12th in 50 free and 100 free: Matt Vivian, ninth in the 50 free and 100 free; Matt Showalter, 11th in the 50 freestyle and 12th in the 50 breast.

Kyle Zink placed eighth in the 50 fly. Alex Derian-Toth, 13th in the 50 breast; Nicholus Yee, 10th in the 50 breast: girls 200 medley relay of Trisha Dotson, Mertens, Alicia Dotson and Bielak were second while Natalie McBain, Shay Reilly, Katie Fannon, and Danielle Powers were 10th.

The boys' 200-yard medley relay team of Silbernagel, Sonnanstine, Dzialo and Stone were first (setting a new team record), and Yee, Nevi, Horgan and

The girls' 200-yard freestyle relay team of Jessica Fricke, Bealafeld, Lamar and Bielak were seventh while Broniak, Celine Nambride, Derian-Toth and Katie Bielak were ninth. The boys' 200-yard free relay team of Vivian, Opdyke, Nevi and Le were first, Lyndon Wright, Peter Letasz and Yee were sixth.

13-14: Sara Higgins, eighth in the 200-yard free, 15th in the 100 back; Sarah Broniak, ninth in the 200 free and 14th in the 100 fly; Brian Mertens, first in the 200 and second in the 100 free and 100 breast

Aaron Shelton won the 100 yard back, placed second in the 50 freestyle and was fifth in the 200 free Nick Mark. ou, sixth in the 100 back and seventh in the 200 free; Andy Kee, eighth in the 200 free and 13th in the 50 free.

Alex Evans finished seventh in the 200 IM, 10th in the 100 breaststroke and 12th in the 100 fly. Chelsea Opdyke, eighth in the 200 IM and 100 breast, ninth in the 100 free; Kirsten Orey, third in the 100 back, ninth in the 200 IM and 15th in the 100 fly.

Charlene Dallos was 10th in the 100 back and 11th in the 200 IM. Paul Perez, first in the 200 IM and 100 fly, second in the 100 back; Brad Nilson, second in the 200 IM, third in the 100 back and fifth in the 100 fly; Eric Lynn was seventh in the 200 IM, eighth in the 100 fly and 100 breast?"

Ryan Ahern finished 10th in the 200 IM and 100 fly. Lindsay Ramas, ninth in the 100 breast, 13th in 100 free and 15th in the 50 free; Michael Johnson, fourth in the 50 free and ninth in the 100 free; Matt Wisniewski, 12th in the 100 free and 15th in the 50 free.

Nora Reilly, 12th in the 100 free and 15th in the 100 breast; Jon Heiss, fourth in the 100 breast; Tom Morbitzer, 12th in the 100 breast.

The girls 200 medley relay team of Orey, Evans, Ramas and Opdyke were fifth while Meghan Stewart, Reilly, Dallos and Lynn Whitmore were 11th. The boys 200 medley relay team of Shelton, Mertens, Perez and Nilson were first and the team of Markou, Heiss, Ahern, and

The girls 200 freestyle relay team of Dallos, Higgins, Reilly and Broniak were fifth while Whitmore, Beth Even, Stew art and Christina Ozawa were eighth. The boys 200 free relay team of Johnson, Markou, Wisniewski and Lynn were third, Ahern, Heiss, Kee and Ben Mellis

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 npuware Arena in Plymouth.

The Sectional serves as a national qualifying for all preci-sion teams in the midwest. Those teams placing highest at the Sectional advance to the USFSA National Precision

Of the U.S.'s three geographical sections, the Midwestern is the largest. Some 145 teams and 3,000 skaters are expected to

Precision team skating is expected to become an Olympic event in 2002, magnifying the importance of such champi-

Soccer signup

The city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will be conducting registration for 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.

bernagel, fourth in the 100-yard IM and Amanda Newman was 15th in the 50 freestyle, fifth in the 25 breast; 100-yard freestyle and 16th in the 100yard IM. Ryan Smith, first in the 50 but-Antoine Depessey, eighth in the 100 IM SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7 • 7 PM **COLLEGE HOCKEY** AT "THE JOE" MICHIGAN Joe Louis Arena ONLY \$35 **FAMILY PACK** 4 General Admission Tickets 4 Hot Dogs or Pizza Slices 4 Cokes TO ORDER CALL 313-396-7575 Tickets Are \$22.50, \$16, \$12, \$8 And Are Available At The Joe Louis Arena Box Office, All THE TOTAL Locations OR CHARGE BY PHONE AT 248-645-6666 WINDERROIT

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WEEKEND

Music RECITAL

Madonna University will hold a music recital at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, in Kresge Hall. Barbara Wiltsie, a mezzo-soprano, will be accompanied by Linette Popoff-Parks on the piano. Admission is by donation to the music scholarship fund.

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 Confer-ence Rooms A and B. This is an important time of year to give blood as sup-plies are down after the holidays. The Red Cross encourages area residents to join St. Mary Hospital employees and volunteers to give a special "post-holi-day gift" by donating blood. St. Mary Hospital is at 36475 Five Mile at Levan. To schedule a time to donate, call Cheryl Delaney at St. Mary Hospital at (313) 655-2980.

EMU DANCE PROGRAM

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 stu-dents, 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.

The St. Linus Parish presents a Vegas Night from 6 and Saturday, Jan. 23-24, t the St. Linus Activity enter each day. The ames of blackjack, roulette and big wheel are available for your enjoy-ment and will benefit the activity center improve-ments. St. Linus is located west of Telegraph and north of Ford Road at the forner of Hass and Gulley ads in Dearborn Heights. Maximum winning per per-son is \$500. Admission is ree. For more informaon, call (248) 615-2552.

THDAY BASH The last week of January narks the 242nd birthday Wolfgang Amadeus zart. At 8 p.m. Saturlay, Jan. 24, the Ann rbor Symphony Orchestra vill present its third annu-ll Mozart Birthday Bash oncert at the Michigan neater in Ann Arbor. ckets are \$16, \$23, and 29. Discounts for seniors, dents, and children lickets are also available at the Michigan Theater x office noon to 8 p.m. he day of the concert. For 313) 994-4801, or stop by 527 E. Liberty, St. 208, 8 .m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Farmington Hills-based Contemporary Ballet The-

atre will present the ballet "Cinderella" in January. Contemporary Ballet The-atre, or CBT as it is known throughout the community, is a nonprofit ballet corps that is comprised of young local athletes ages 8 through adult. CBT will be presenting a special performance for local school children, at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23. One evening per-formance is also scheduled at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. All performances will be held at Clarenceville High School Auditorium. For tickets and further information, call Dance Electric weekdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at (248) 477-

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.

AROUND TOWN

■ The Plymouth Community Fire Department will conduct an American Red Cross-certified course in adult CPR 6-10 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 28.
The class will be in the Plymouth Township building at 42350 Ann Arbor Road at Lilley. The class is open to both

Plymouth city and town-ship residents. The fee for the class is \$14.50 and payable by check only on the night of the class. Registration is required by calling the fire department, 453-3840, Ext. 221.

ARTS DEDICATION

The public is invited to help the Plymouth Community Arts Council officially dedicate the new Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts Saturday, Jan. 31. An open house for the public is scheduled 10 a.m. to 2 p.m./Children on hand at 10 a.m. will participate in the unveiling of the long-awaited sign in front of the builiding. The action is symbolic of the council's focus on the next genera-

tion. Following the unveil-ing, families can sample various art center classes and activities. Classroom art volunteers will be on hand to give short presentations of the picture, sculpture and culture units used in the schools. There used in the schools. There will be short creative-dramatic workshops including theater games to highlight the joy of performing. In the art classrooms, families can experience different art media. In the evening, a private reception will be held to honor Joanne Winkleman Hulce, the founder of the Plymouth Community Arts Council, and to thank major contributors

At home



Game: The Plymouth Whalers will play the London Knights at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. Call 453-8400 for ticket information 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

and longtime volunteers.

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.

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT ■ Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a Family Skate Night (weather ermitting), from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, in Heritage Park. The ponds will be lighted for evening skat-ing and refreshments will also be available. No registration necessary. For more information about skating conditions, call 397-5110.

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,

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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 February 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

BLOOD DRIVE

(616) 894-1966.

Schoolcraft College is sponsoring an American Red Cross Bloodmobile visit from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, in the Waterman Campus Center. Donors will receive a free bowl of soup. courtesy of Schoolcraft's College Food Service. Appointments may be scheduled by calling (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5050. Walk-in donors are welcome. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road just west of I-275 between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

ORIGAMI EXHIBIT

■ Madonna University will hold an origami art exhibit at the university library. This reception will include a presentation and free

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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

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lessons. There is no charge. The exhibit will continue through Jan. 30 during regular library hours. Call (734) 432-5711 for informa-

GERMAN CLUB

tion.

Fasching, Germany's version on France's Mardi Gras, will be celebrated from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sat-urday, Feb. 7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. The festivi-ties will be sponsored by the German-American Club of Plymouth. Authentic German food, wine and beer (for those of the appropriate age) will be served. Admission is \$6.50 per person. Music for dancing, sing-along and entertainment will be provided by the Enzians, a German band well-known throughout the Detroit metropolitan area and beyond. Door best and most imaginative costumes will be awarded. For more information on this local Fasching celebration and for tickets, call Fritz Sanders in Livonia at (313) 425-0044, or Phyllis Urban in Plymouth at

(734) 459-4261. EMU NEWS

■ Eastern Michigan University's "The Powerful Object: Fetish Works" sculpture exhibit, which has been described as "powerful, stunning and dramatic," continues 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-

PLYMOUTH YMCA

■ The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is currently accepting registra-tion 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. ■ The Plymouth Communi-

ty Family YMCA is spon-soring The YMCA Parent/Child Guide Programs. Enhance your relationship with your child. Go on tours, canoeing, camping, hayrides. Make crafts together and build floats for the Fourth of July parade. For more information, attend the information meeting from 7-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26. If you cannot attend, call (734) 453-2904 or come to the YMCA office to register at

248 S. Union St. PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

Livonia Little People's Co-op Preschool has openings for the 1997-98 school year in the 3- and 4- yearold classes. The preschool is located at 8820 Wayne Road, just north of Joy. For more information, call (313) 454-4964.

Suburban Children's Coop 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. n Plymouth Children's Coop Nursery will be holding an open house 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, for children ages 3-5. The nursery is located on Sheldon in Canton. For more information, contact Pam at 453-2832.

■ New Morning School in Plymouth Township is looking for a child care aide from 7-9 a.m. Monday-Friday. This could be a volunteer or a paid position. For more information, call (734) 420-3331.

KARATE REGISTRATION American Okiniwan 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 (10week session), \$58 per Canton resident (10-week session), and \$63 per nonresident (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 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday

through Friday at the recreation office, 525 Farmer. A birth certificate is required; \$40 for residents, \$60 for non-residents. Call 455-6620.

■ 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-

FAMILY TRIP

■ Canton Parks and Recreation services is sponsoring a family trip to "Sesame Street Live" show on Satur-day, 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. Registra-tion ends Friday, Jan. 30. For more information, call Canton Parks and Recreation Services at (313) 397-5110.

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.

■ The Salvation Army offers open gym time 1-4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. There is a \$1 per person fee. For more information, call (313) 453-5464.

SCHOLARSHIPS

■ Schoolcraft College students are e apply for scholarships offered by Datatel Scholars Foundation. Awards range from \$700 to \$2,000 and applications are due in the Office of Marketing and Development no later than Friday, Feb. 6. For more information, call (313) 462-

■ 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 Hoben Elementary School, 44680 Saltz Road, Canton.

AUDITIONS

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

■Plymouth Community Chorus is having auditions by appointment 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27. Call (313) 455-4080.

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e following students from Plymouth earned a
on the fall dean's list at Schoolcraft College:
stopher Dean Allen, Dylan Blake Balluff,
Marie Bedford, Jill Elizabeth Bida, Joan Terkley, Scott David Carey, John I. Cran-la Joy Davis, Jonathan Russell Dekiere,

beens for Campus Notes are welcome from the lymouth community. Items should be addressed writing to: Campus Notes, c/o Plymouth beerver, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, lichigen 48170 or faxed to (313) 459-4224.

David Bradley Gay, Robert William Hallerman, Jeffery A. Harris Jr., Tani M. Herdell, ANdrew J. Jones, Anamaria Christina Kananen, Marisa C. Lesko, Shannon Marie McElearney, Rebecca Sue Muessig, Cory R. Mullen, Noris Josefina Perez, Jeffery A. Harris Jr., Tani M. Herdell, ANdrew J. Jones, Anamaria Christina Kananen, Marisa C. Lesko, Shannon Marie McElearney, Rebecca Sue Muessig, Cory R. Mullen, Noris Josefina Perez, Willy J. Randow, Michelle Ann Ruth, Michael Kevin Schenk, Jason M. Schultz, Tracy A. Steffes, Sarah Nicole Swieczkowski, Deanna Raye Uribe, Laura Beth Uribe, Danita Christine Weber, Amber Lynn Wells, and Kevin William Zepp.

Jodi M. Werman, daughter of David and Lina Werman of Plymouth has been named to the

dean's list for fall semester at Concordia University, St. Paul. Werman is a freshman at Concordia.

DETROIT COLLEGE OF BUSINESS DEAN'S LIST

Mary Elizabeth Manick of Plymouth was named to the dean's list for fall full time at the Detroit

College of Business.
Lisa A. Brackett, John Bragg, Russell Flynn, Michael S. Furniss, Josephine Margaret Labuda, Donald Rozmiarek, John Sokira, Evelyn Marie Woodruff, and D'aira Searcy of Canton were named to the dean's list for fall part time at the

Detroit College of Business Cynthia L. DeKun of Plymouth was named to the dean's list for fall part time at the Detroit College of Business.

Diana J. Cprek, and Sandra Nielsen of Canton was named to the dean's list for fall full time at the Detroit College of Business.

BAND MEMBER

DePauw University sophomore Christopher-John Weaver of Canton is a member of the University Band for 1997-98. He plays the horn. A 1996. graduate of Northwestern High School, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kiirk Weaver.

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The School for Outdoor Leaderhip, Adventure and Recreation, non-profit organization interted in promoting the appreciaion of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-

658 for more information. **OLIDAY NATURE PRESERVE** The Holiday Nature Preserve Association meets monthly at the Livonia Civic Center Library. The next meeting gins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4. Call (313) 522-8547 for more information.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

WINTER WALK Kathy Treppa will lead a winter walk beginning at 12 p.m. Satrday, Feb. 14, at the William P. Holliday Nature Preserve in Westland. Call (313) 522-8547 for more information.

OUTDOOR SHOWS

The 14th annual Camper, Travel & RV Show will be held Jan. 21-25 at the Pontiac Silverdome.

FER & TURKEY SPECTACULAR The Michigan Deer & Turkey Spectacular will be held Feb. 13-15 at the lansing Civic Center.

BOAT, SPORT & FISHING The 15th annual Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will talke place Feb. 18-22 at the Pontiac Silver-

OUTDOORAMA

Outdoorama '98 Sport and Travel show will take place Feb. 20-March 1 at the Novi Expo Cen-

SPORTFISHING EXPO The 10th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and travel Expo will be held March 5-8 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

MEETINGS

The next monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Feb. 11-12 at the Lansing Center. Persons with disabilities needing accomodations for effective partisiption in the meeting should call Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 a week in advance to request assistance.

FISHING CLUBS

CLINTON VALLEY BASS ANGLERS Clinton Valley Bass Anglers is seeking new members (boaters

and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford, Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information. METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

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
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Dearborn Civic Center. Call (313) 676-2863 for more information.

DATES

GOOSE

The special late Canada goose season runs through Feb. 1 in southern Michigan. The boundaries for the late hunt have been changed this year and are now the same as those for the South Zone of the regular waterfowl

open during the late hunt with the exception of the five GMU's.

OUTDOORS CALENDA

Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

Feb. 1 is the deadline to apply for a spring turkey permit.

RANGES

SHOOTING

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to dusk on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Road (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

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 informa-

CANTON TOWNSHIP ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (313) 397-5435

STATE OF MICHIGAN **COUNTY OF WAYNE** CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. C-97-03 **CHAPTER 20 BUILDING CODE**

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 20, BUILDING CODE, PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE BOCA NATIONAL BUILDING CODE, THIRTEENTH EDITION, 1996, AS PUBLISHED BY THE BUILDING OFFICIALS AND CODE ADMINISTRATORS INTERNATIONAL, INC., AS THE BUILDING CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP GOVERNING THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, REPAIR, DEMOLITION, REMOVAL, MOVING, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF ALL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES AND TO PROVIDE FOR PRINTED COPIES OF THE BOCA NATIONAL BUILDING CODE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC AT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT DURING BUSINESS HOURS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AVINGS CLAUSE AND PROVIDING DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Chapter 20, the Charter Township of Plymouth Building Code is hereby nded to read as follows

20.010. Adoption of Code. The BOCA National Building Code, Thirteenth Edition, 1996, as published by the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. is adopted by reference (with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 20.020, et seq. of this Ordinance) as the Building Code of the Township, governing the design, construction, alteration, repair, demolition, removal moving, maintenance and use of all buildings and structures. Printed copies of the BOCA National Building Code are available for inspection by the public at the Building Department during business hours.

20.020. Changes in Code. The following sections and subsections of the BOCA National Building Code are hereby amended or deleted as set forth and additional sections and subsections are added as indicated hereafter. Subsequent section numbers used in this Chapter shall refer to like numbered sections of the BOCA National Building Code.

101.1 Section amended to read:

101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Building Code of the Charter Township of Plymouth (hereinafter referred to as "the

104.1 Section amended to read:

104.1 Building Official. The Township Department of Building and Code Enforcement shall administer and enforce the Code and the administrative official in charge of the department shall be known as the Building Official.

104.2 Section amended to read:

104.2 Appointment. The Building Official shall be appointed by the Township Supervisor with approval of the Township Board.

104.3 Section amended to read:

104.3 Organization. Any inspectors or other employees of the Department of Building and Code Enforcement as shall be necessary for the administration of this Code shall be appointed and may be removed with or without cause and with or without notice by the Township Supervisor with the approval of the Township Board.

104.4 Section amended to read:

104.4 Deputy. A Deputy Building Official who shall exercise all powers of the Building Official may be appointed and may be removed with or without cause and with or without notice by the Township Supervisor with the approval of the Township Board.

104.7 Section added to read:

104.7 Reports. The Building Official and members of the staff of the Department of Building and Code Enforcement shall make such reports and engage in such work as the Township Supervisor or the Township Board may from time to time direct or request. The Building Official shall report and be responsible for the administration of the Department to the Township Board through the Township Supervisor.

105.6 Section added to read:

105.6 Upon preparation of a rule or regulation by the Building Official, the proposed rule or regulation shall be posted in the Township Hall for four weeks and shall be submitted at the next regular meeting of the Township Board occurring after said four-week period at which meeting the public shall be heard concerning the proposed rule or regulation. Upon approval of the proposed rule or regulation by the Township Board, the rule shall be published in the same manner as Township Ordinances and shall take effect upon publication.

112.3.1 Section amended to read:

112.3.1 Fee Schedule. A fee for each plan, examination, building permit, bond and inspection shall be established and may be changed from time to time by resolution of the Township Board. All fees shall be paid at the time of application to the Township Treasurer or in such other manner as the Township Supervisor shall direct.

112.3.2 Section added to read:

112.3.2 Building Clean Up Bond. Upon application for any building permit, the applicant shall deposit with the application a building clean up bond, being a sum in cash in an amount to be specified by resolution of the Township Board to guarantee (a) the completion of the work called for by the application during the life of the permit and any authorized extensions; (b) the removal of all debris, rubbish and trash from the building site; and (c) install any sidewalks, street trees, ditches or culverts in accordance with requirements of the Township. The building clean up bond shall be returned to the applicant after final inspection and approval by the Building Inspector and issuance of a final certificate of occupancy.

112.3.3 Section added to read:

112.3.3 Forfeiture of Clean Up Bond. The building clean up bond shall be forfeited and deposited in the general fund of the Township when work is commenced under any building permit and the conditions of the building clean up bond as set forth in the preceding sections are not fulfilled during the life of the permit or any authorized extensions.

Section amended to read:

116.3 Prosecution of Violation. If the Notice of Violation is not compiled with promptly, the Building Official, Deputy Building Official, Building Inspector or Code Enforcement Officer is authorized to issue and serve an appearance ticket for the violation.

116.4 Section amended to read:

116.4 Violation of Penalties. Any person who shall violate a provision of this Code or who shall fail to comply with any of the requirements or who shall erect, construct, alter or repair a building or structure in violation of an approved plan at the directive of the Building Official or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this Code shall be punished as provided in Chapter 1 of the Township Code. Any building or structure erected, used, moved, demolished, occupied or maintained in violation of this Code is hereby declared to be a nuisance per se. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a

117.2 Section amended to read:

117:2 Unlawful Continuance. Any person who shall continue any work in or about the structure after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be punished as provided in Chapter 1 of the Township Code.

3408.2 Section amended to read:

3408.2 Applicability. Structures existing prior to March 1, 1956, in which there is work involving additions, alterations or changes of occupancy shall be made to conform to the requirements of this Section or the provisions of Section 3403.0 through 3407.0.

The provisions in Sections 3408-2.1 through 3408.2,5 shall apply to existing occupancies that will continue to be, or are proposed to be, in Use Groups A, B, E, F, M, R and S. These provisions shall not apply to buildings with occupancies in use Group H or I.

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

Any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any of the regulations adopted in pursuance thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalid the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. REPEAL.

This Section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict here with are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal provided for herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law. CERTIFICATION

This Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 13 day of January, 1998 and was ordered be given publication in the manner required by law.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

BY: MARILYN MASSENGIL, Clerk

Introduced: December 16, 1997 Adopted: January 13, 1998 Published: January 22, 1998 Effective: January 22, 1998 Publish: January 22, 1998

PRIONVILLE RECREATION Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and

shotgun shooting fa 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 Road. 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

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Satur-days at Detroit Archers in West nfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more infor-

METROPARKS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nomi-nal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ORDINANCE NO. C-97-05 **CHAPTER 25 MECHANICAL CODE***

MECHANICAL CODE*

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 25 TO PROVIDE POR THE ADOPTION, BY REFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE, 1996, AS PUBLISHED BY THE BUILDING OFFICIALS AND CODE ADMINISTRATORS INTERNATIONAL, INC., AS THE MECHANICAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP; TO PROVIDE POR STANDARDS GOVERNING THE DESIGN, INSTALLATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF MECHANICAL SYSTEMS; PROVIDING REASONABLE SAFEGUARDS TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AGAINST THE HAZARDS OF INADEQUATE, DEFECTIVE OR UNSAFE MECHANICAL SYSTEMS AND INSTALLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR PRINTED COPIES OF THE BOCA NATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC AT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Chapter 25, the Charter Township of Plymouth Mechanical Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

25.010 The International Mechanical Code, 1996, as published by the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc., is adopted by reference as the Mechanical Code of the Township (with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any as prescribed in Section 25.020 of this Ordinance) governing the design, installation and construction of mechanical systems, providing reasonable safeguards to protect the public health and safety against the hazards of inadequate, defective or unsafe mechanical systems and installations. Printed copies of the BOCA National Mechanical Code are available for inspection by the public at the Building Department during regular business hours.

25.020 Changes in Code. The following sections and subsections of the International Mechanical Code are hereby amended as set forth. Subsequent section numbers used in this Chapter shall refer to the like numbered sections of the Mechanical Code.

M-101.1 Section amended to add: Charter Township of Plymouth for name of jurisdiction.

Section amended to read:

Periodic Inspections. The fees for all periodic shall be as set by resolution by the township Board. M-113.2 M-113.2

M-113.3 Section amended to read:
M-113.3 Fee Schedule The fees for all mechanical work shall be established by resolution of the Township Board. All fees shall be paid at the time of application to the Township Treasurer or in such other manner as the Township Supervisor shall direct.

Section amended to read: M-116.4 Section amended to read:

M-116.4 Penalties. Any person who shall violate a provision of this Code or who shall fail to comply with any of the requirements hereof or who shall install mechanical work in violation of an approved plan or direction of the Code Official or of the permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this Code shall be penalized as prescribed in Chapter 1 of the Township Code.

Section amended to read: M-117.2

shall continue any work in or about the structure after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, may be liable for penalties as prescribed in Chapter 1 of the Township Code.

VIOLATION AND PENALTIES

Any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any of the regulations adopted pursuant thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as provided for in Chapter 1 of the Code.

SECTION 3. REPEAL

All other Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalid the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE The repeal provided herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or ending fee, assessment, litigation or prosecution of any right established, occurring prior to the effective date hereof

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE This Ordinance is to be given immediate effect upon publication as required

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth at a meeting of the Board duly called and held on the 13th day of January, 1998 to be effective upon publication as provided by law.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY: MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk

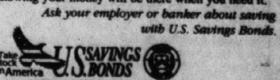
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You have your reasons. Whether it's for education, retirement or simply for the peace of mind that comes from knowing your money will be there when you need it.



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required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

1998 PERMITS The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

CHILD'S PLAY Ages 3-5 can enjoy an hour of stories and songs during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at Kens-

SPACE TRY-IT BADGE Brownie scouts can earn their Space Try-It badge during this program, which will be offered Saturday, Jan. 24, at Indian Springs. Interested scouts should call for times and to reserve a spot (248-625-7280).

SKY SKELETONS Study the intricate patterns and designs formed by skeletal

branches of leafless trees during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at Stony

WINTER TREASURE HUNT Search for hidden winter goodies along a snowy trail during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at Indian

TRINIDAD & TOSAGO Visit these islands, located off the coast of Venezuela, through a slide presentation, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

THE MAKING OF MICHIGAN Homeschoolers age eight and older can learn how Michigan was formed during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, at Indian Springs.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

RECYCLE CHRISTMAS TREES Independence Oaks in Clark-

ston and Orion Oaks in Lake Orion will remain open for Christmas tree recycling through

TUNING YOUR TOT INTO WINTER A nature program for children ages 3-6 including a hike, stories, snacks, crafts and more will be offered at 10 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 22 at Independence Oaks. The program will be offered again at 1 p.m. and at 2:45 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24.

An opportunity for families to participate in some old fashioned winter fun including cross country skiing, ice skating, hay rides and more begins at 2 p.m. Satur-day at Addison Oaks.

OWL PROWL Learn about the different kinds of owls found in Michigan then take a hike to hear some resident owls during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at Independence Oaks.

GROUND HOGS AND WEATHER **PROPHETS**

Learn how some animals and

plants are used to predict the weather during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIRER Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

BIRD HIKE

Bring your binocular and enjoy a guided bird hike during this program, which begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at Maybury.

Marlins win opener

The Farmington Hills Mercy ski team didn't have the look of a rusty bunch Tuesday on the Mount Brighton ski slopes.

After two weeks of postponements due to unseasonably warm weather, the Marlins opened with a giant slalom performance that had them looking in mid-season form.

Mercy turned in the second, fourth, fifth and sixth best times in finishing with a firstplace total of 17 points. Brighton, led by individual champion Devin Harrison, had 39 points for second place and East Lansing was third (76).

In the boys race, Brighton placed first (29), followed by Birmingham Seaholm (33) and Redford Catholic Central (40).

Harrison was the only girl to break 37 seconds, finishing two runs in 36.84. Mercy's Christie Dabringhaus earned second place in a time of 37.087.

The next three Mercy skiers were less than a second off the pace of Harrison.

Senior Kristen Smith was fourth (37.35), followed by senior Denise Hartsock in fifth

(37.46) and senior Krystin Salla in sixth (37.69).

The Marlins added another skier to the top 10 as junior Renee Burek turned in a ninthplace finish (38.26). Jamie Borowiec finished 21st (40.60).

Mercy coach Tom Gable was pleased with what he saw and predicted more dominance down the line.

"We're looking for that 1-2-3finish," he said. "We'll get there.

In the boys race, Asa Sher-wood of Seaholm and Matt Hickey of Brighton tied for first place (32.29).

Senior Matt Kessler was fifth (34.44), leading the CC contingent. Senior Jason Anderson was sixth (34.57) and freshman Matt Gable ninth (35.16). Junior Brad Turowski finished 20th (35.73).

"My kids did good and will get better," Gable said. "It was first-meet jitters. There is a lot of competition this year, and my boys look forward to it."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 13, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to move from an open session to a closed session at 6:04 P.M. for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and employee negotiations. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL - CLOSED SESSION

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Durack
Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and led the Pledge
of Allegiance to the Flag. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to
return to an open session at 7:05 P.M. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL - OPEN SESSION

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

fembers Absent: None

Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Santomauro, Gouin, Pomorski, Voyles, Zevalkink

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA nnett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion by Bennett, supported by I Motion carried.
ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board Meeting of December 9, 1997. Motion carried. AYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin, to pay the bills with the exception of check number 122365 in the amount of \$1,697.50 pending further review. Motion carried. Expenditure Recap - Dec. 23, 1997

| General Fund | 101 | \$301,765.79 |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Fire Fund | 206 | 41,750.24 |
| Police Fund | 207 | 116,014.42 |
| Community Center Fund | 208 | 26,178.08 |
| Golf Course Fund | 211 | 15,524.59 |
| Street Lighting Fund | 219 | 19,095.64 |
| Cable TV Fund | 230 | 19,569.54 |
| Community Impr. Fund | 246 | 32,273.85 |
| E-911 Emergency Funds | 261 | 754.31 |
| Special Investigative Fund | 267 | 8,485.72 |
| Federal Grants Fund | 274 | 71,379.45 |
| State Projects Fund | 289 | 104,970.24 |
| Downtown Dev. Auth. | 294 | 36,592.10 |
| Retiree Benefits | 296 | 423.46 |
| CAP Proj. Blg. Const. Fund | 402 | 993.10 |
| CAP Proj. Road Paving Fund | 403 | 98,029.10 |
| Bldg. Auth. Const. Fund | 469 | 1,570.60 |
| Water & Sewer Fund | 592 | 811,343.69 |
| Trust & Agency (Trailer Fees) | 701 | 6,657.00 |
| S. Haggerty Paving | 815 | 46,003.87 |
| Beck Road Paving | 864 | 15,653.01 |
| Total - All Funds | | \$1,775,027.80 |
| Expenditure Recap Jan. 13, 1998 | Charles and the | AL LUNC HOUSE TON |
| General Fund | 101 | \$143,412.48 |
| Fire Fund | 206 | 39,988.36 |
| Police Fund | 207 | 80,346.04 |
| Community Imp. Fund | 246 | 35,846.75 |
| E-911 Emergency Funds | 261 | 432.69 |
| Special Investigative Fund | 267 | 29.75 |
| Federal Grants Funds | 274 | 21,563.71 |
| State Projects Fund | 289 | 1,038.33 |
| Downtown Dev. Auth. | 294 | 998.32 |
| Retiree Benefits | 296 | 6,865.08 |
| CAP Proj-Bldg. Const. Fund | 402 | 8,353.81 |
| CAP ProjRoad Paving Fund | 403 | 21,258.79 |
| Bldg. Auth. Const. Fund | 469 | 243,175.21 |
| Water & Sewer Fund | 592 | 471,337.74 |
| Trust & Agency (Trailer Fees) | 701 | 6,651,00 |
| Construction Escrow | 702 | 10,088.97 |
| Recreation Checking Acct. | Dec. 97 | 3.334.85 |
| Total - All Funds | ARTIST STREET, S | \$1,158,509.67 |

Supervisor Yack presented the Canton Township Police Sergeant badge to Rick Pomorski. RECOGNITION

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution recognizing the service of Christina Mroczka for her role as a member of the Recreation Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to remove from the table and to adopt the amendments to Ordinance 34(b), Ambulance Service. The amended ordinance will be come effective upon publication in full in the Canton Observer, January 22, 1998. Motion carried.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AMBULANCE SERVICE

ORDINANCE NO. 34

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 34 FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF FEES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE OPERATED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND THE SAVINGS OF ALL PROCEEDINGS; PROVIDING FOR THE

THE SAVINGS OF ALL PROCEEDINGS; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOW OPERATES AND INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH ITS FIRE DEPARTMENT AS AUTHORIZED BY ACT 50 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1960 (MSA 5. 160 (1) (2) AND CL '48, 41, 71 (a) (b);

WHEREAS THE TOWNSHIP BOARD DEEMS IT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN PARTICULAR WITH RESPECT TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE OF ITS CITIZENS, TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCY CALLS FROM ANY PERSON REGARDING EMERGENCIES OCCURRING IN SAID CHARTER TOWNSHIP INVOLVING NON-RESIDENTS AS WELL AS RESIDENTS; AND, NOW THEREFORE, THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON OPPOAINS.

as 1-9, of the Ordinance of the Charter Township of

115.010 Section 1.

The emergency medical service now operated by the Fire Department shall be made available to all calls for emergency medical service with respect to emergencies occurring in The Charter Township involving any person. (ord. no. 34 eff. Jan 12, 1971; amend eff. January 22, 1998)

In the event that said emergency medical service is called upon for the use of any person within the Charter Township of Canton, a reasonable fee, to be determined by the Board of Trustees, shall be assessed and charged for the use of such service. The Board of Trustees may develop and approve a policy of waiving fees for residents in case of financial hardship. (ord.no. 34 eff. Jan. 12, 1971; amend.eff. January 22, 1998)

The fee authorized by Section 2 above shall be assessed against (a) any The fee authorized by Section 2 above shall be assessed against (a) any person who calls and requests said emergency medical service on behalf of a non-resident, or (b) any person, or the lawful guaradian or the estate of any person, who receives emergency medical service. (ord.no. 34 eff. Jan.12, 1971; amend.eff. January 22, 1998)

The Township Board may initiate appropriate legal actions to collect fees due pursuant to Section 2 above and pay reasonable attorney fees and costs incident to such actions out of the fire funds of the Charter Township ef

Canton. (ord.no. 34 eff. Jan. 12, 1971; amend.eff. January 22, 1998) 115.050 Section 5.

Any fees collected pursuant to this ordinance shall accrue to the fire fund of the Township and shall be paid over thereto forthwith when received. (ord.no. 34 eff. Jan.12, 1971; amend.eff. January 22, 1998)

The Chief of the Fire Department shall issue invoices in the case of all recipients of emergency medical service at least once per month to those individuals responsible for unpaid fees. (ord.no. 34 eff. Jan.12, 1971; amend.eff. January 22, 1998)

115.070 Section 7. The Fire Department should make diligent inquiry to identify persons who request the dispatch of emergency medical service, but not necessarily before said service is dispatched (ord.no. 34 eff. Jan.12, 1971; amend.eff.

115.080 Section 8.

The Chief of the Fire Department shall, at the end of each calendar month, prepare and submit to the Township Board reports regarding runs made involving emergency medical service. The reports shall include the names and addresses, when available, of persons responsible for payment who have received said service but have not paid for it, together with the time and date when said service was rendered. A full and exact accounting of fees collected and due shall be made by the Chief of the Fire Department. (ord.no. 34 eff. Jan.12, 1971; amend.eff. January 22, 1998)

The Township Board is authorized to purchase and keep in force appropriate casualty insurance deemed necessary in connection with the service authorized by this ordinance, with the understanding that carrying such insurance shall not be deemed as a waiver of any grant of immunity in connection with the operation of said service. (ord.no. 34 eff. Jan. 12, 1971) 115.100 Section 10. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, sub-section, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed as a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof. (ord.no. 34 eff. Jan. 12, 1971; amend. eff. Sept. 1,

115.110 Section 11. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SAVINGS OF ALL PROCEEDINGS. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. (ord.no. 34 eff. Jan.12, 1971; amend.eff. Sept. 1, 1994) 115.120 Section 12. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

Rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun, and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or bated by this Ordinan 15.130 Section 13, EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall become effective upon its publication in the Canton Observer on January 22, 1998. (ord.no. 34 eff. Jan. 12, 1971; amend.eff. Sept. 1, 1994; amend.eff. January 22, 1998) Adopted and Ef Amendment A: ed and Effective: January 12, 1971

Published/Effective: Amendment B: Adopted: Published/Effective:

115,090 Section 9.

August 23, 1994 September 1, 1994 CANTON EAGLE

January 13, 1998 January 22, 1998, CANTON OBSERVER Certification This Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the

Charter Township of Canton at its regular Board meeting called on the 13th day of January 1998, and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law. Copies of the Ordinance are available for inspection from the Township Clerk at the Canton Township Hall, located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to transfer \$37,500.00 from purchase order 8911 for Waterland Trucking, Inc. To purchase order 4125 for Finkbeiner, Pettis & Strout, Inc., in order to pay them for the construction rinkbeiner, Pettis & Strout, Inc., in order to pay them for the construction inspection and construction follow up. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to pay Mirage Development \$15,223.24 for the difference in price between 12-inch and 16-inch water main and appurtenance along Beck Road for the Lower River Rouge Planned Development District, and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the attached agreement for a cash payment instead of debt certificates.

PARTICIPATION COSTS FOR WATER MAIN LOWER RIVER BOUGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Material Cost - 16-inch water main Material Cost - 12-inch water main DIFFERENCE IN COST \$15,223,24

Prices are based on the as-built installation of 1,324 lineal feet of 16-inch water main along with three (3) fire hydrants, one tee and one gate valve. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to authorize the Township Clerk to execute the release of easement recorded in Liber 27324, page 787 through 788 inclusive. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to sign the Release of Easement for Detroit Edison for the 4.93 acres owned by Canton. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to set the public hearing to consider establishing an Industrial Development District for Canton Business Center (Ashley Calumet LCC Industrial Research Park) for January 27, 1998. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the transfer of \$141,757 from the General Fund to the Community Center Fund for support provided to the Parks and Recreation Office and Senior Citizens Program. Further, to approve the following FY97 budget amendments for this transfer.

General Fund Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101,000-699-0000 \$141,757

Increase Appropriations: Transfer to Community Center Fund #101,959-965-2080 \$141.757

This budget amendment increases the Transfers Department budget from \$1,019,572 to \$1,161,329 and the General Fund budget from \$13,173,961 to

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the transfer of \$15,161 from the Cable TV Fund to the Community Center Fund for maintenance and utility costs for the Cable TV Studio. Further, to approve the following GY97 budget amendments for this transfer:
CABLE TV FUND: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance
#230-000-699-0000 \$15,161

ions: Transfer to Community Center Fund #230-959-Increase Appropri 965-2080 \$15,161

This budget amendment increases the Cable TV Fund budget from \$376,709 to \$391,870. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the revised the final payment schedule pursuant to the purchase contract for project 5065-02 as presented. Motion carried. GENERAL CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to rezone certain property identified by property tax EDP #125-00-0001-000 and 125-99-0003-000 from RA, Rural Agricultural, to R-6, Single-Family Attached Residential District. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the special use for the proposed Saad Group Automobile Service Station for the parcel identified as EDP #128-99-0006-703. Motion arried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the rezoning of certain property identified by property tax EDP nos. 017-99-0006-000 and 017-99-0006-000 from RR, Rural Residential to R-1, Single-Family Residential District. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution approving the site plan for the proposed The Preserve on Fellows Creek Condominiums. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution granting site plan approval for Palmer Crossing Shopping Center as summarized in the written analysis and recommendation, including revision of the final approved plans to include:

1. Revision of the lighting plan to include two 12-foot low-level decorative lights at each entrance, moving the 25 foot standard to the lighting plan to include the 25 foot standard to the lighting plan to include the 25 foot standard to the lighting plan to include the 25 foot standard to the lighting plan to include the 25 foot standard to the lighting plan to include the 25 foot standard to the lighting plan to include the 25 foot standard to the lighting plan to include the 25 foot standard to the lighting plan to include the 25 foot standard to the lighting plan to include the 25 foot standard to the lighting plan to include the 25 foot standard to the lighting plan to include th

lights at each entrance, moving the 25-foot standards to the interior of the site to obtain the required foot candles, and to add matching wall sconces on the buildings to provide pedestrian lighting; Revision of the landscaping plan to stagger the plantings so as to provide for future access to the detention pond;

3. Review the parking layout and dumpster locations with staff; and 4. Inclusion of the screening wall in Phase I. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to sign the Quit Claim Deed for the 16.24 acre parcel located at the southeast corner of Lilley and Palmer Roads identified by parcel #101-99-0011-001. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to sign the Purchase Agreement for the sale of .78 acres on Sheldon Road identified by Sidwell #010-99-0001-001. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to increase purchase order 4127, Account No. 101-270-971-0000, Land and Improvements, which is made out to Michael L. Priest and Associates by \$2,000.00 in order to prepare bid specifications, to stake, and to perform the construction follow up for the

Proctor/Canton Center Road Intersection Improvements. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve a budget amendment in the General Fund for the Michigan Avenue Storm Sewer as follows: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000

Increase Appropriations: Drain Improvements #101-445-971-0000 \$40,000

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the recommendation of the Merit Commission to increase the salaries of the non-union classified employees by 4% across-the-board and to increase the salary grades ranges for the non-union classified employees by 4%. These increases shall be come effective and retroactive to January 1, 1998. Further, to approve the increase in the Mileage Reimbursement from twenty-six (\$0.26) cents per mile to thirty-one and one half (\$0.315) center

per mile effective January 1, 1998.

After brief discussion, Trustee LaJoy suggested a 3 percent instead of a 4 percent increase for the salary grade ranges and that this increase should exclude the Director's ranges since this was accomplished at the Board meeting of December 9, 1997. Supervisor Yack noted that Trustee LaJoy had been on Merit Commission for about 10 years.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to amend the motion to change

the increase of salary grade ranges of non-union employees by 3 percent instead of 4 percent and that the change in salary grade range would not include the Directors. Motion carried.

The amended motion: Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the recommendation of the Merit Commission to increase the salaries of the non-union classified employees by 4% across-the-board and to increase the salary grades ranges for the non-union classified employees by 3% excluding the salary ranges for the Directors. These increases shall be salary ranges for the Directors. These increases shall be salary ranges for the Directors. become effective and retroactive to January 1, 1998. Further, to approve the increase in the Mileage Reimbursement from twenty-six (\$0.26) cents per mile to thirty-one and one half (\$0.315) center per mile effective January 1, 1998. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the three-year agreement with Ameritech Information Services, Inc., for their Ameritech ValueLinke Extra services. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve a two (2) year billing service agreement with Accumed Billing, Inc., for ambulance billing services. Further, to authorize the Clerk to execute the necessary.

documents. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT None ADJOURN

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on January 13, 1998. The full text of the minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on January 27, 1998.

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



Jeff Haas trio with Marvin Kahn presents an evening of jazz classics and original music 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Borders Books & Music in Birmingham, 34300 Woodward, (248) 203-0005.

ATLIPDAY



Hilary Hernandez and Danielle Paccione are featured in "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," a Pontiac Theatre IV presentation, 7:30 p.m. at Pontiac Northern High School, (248) 681-6215.



usa Bucchi, Melissa Lardo and Jerod Fish in The Rising Stars production of "The Crucible," noon at Andover High School in Bloomfield Hills, (248) 433-0885.



Hot Tix: See Big Bird and his pals in Sesame Street Live's '1-2-3. . . Imagine!" through Sunday, Feb. 1 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (248) 433-1515 to charge tickets, or (313) 983-6611 for more information.



Prolific: Elmore "Dutch" Leonard is the author of 34 novels, many of which have been made into films. His latest, "Cuba Libre," an historical novel, arrives in bookstores this week.

Dutch's Treat

Elmore Leonard as memorable as his characters

BY FRANK PROVENZANO . STAFF WRITER

t's a cold, rainy afternoon, and the familiar bearded man with a scholar's inquisitive expression sits behind an IBM electric type-writer. He could be off writing anywhere in the world, from the sunny south of France to the sultry South Pacific.

But he's content suffering amid the drizzle, brisk winds and sub-freezing chill of another ornery Michigan January. Why?

"All my stuff is here," said Elmore "Dutch" Leonard of Bloomfield Village, whose deadpan response resembles his laconic pro

Ironically, it seems like Dutch is everywhere. Detroit. Miami. LA. And now, with his latest book, "Cuba Libre," he's marching up and around San Juan Hill at the turn of the 20th century, on the eve of the Spanish American War.

For years, Leonard and writers of the crime genre

like Ed McBain have had teenager, filmmaker Quentin Tarantino got caught stealing a copy of Leonard's "The Switch." An incident that incident that Leonard clearly covets as a high form of flattery. (Tarantino has pur-chased the film rights to four of Leonard's novels.)

While crime fiction has been around since the days of Dostoevsky and Dickens, Leonard's genius for distilling dialogue and drawing vivid portraits of

Please see TREAT, E2



Contemporary comedy: John Travolta stars as Chili Palmer, a Miami loan shark who goes to Los Angeles to collect on a gambling debt and winds up in the movie business in "Get Shorty."

Halley's Comet inspires actor

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

In 1986, Halley's Comet made another sweep near Earth, as it does every 76 years.

Actor John Amos had gone out to take a look when he happened upon an elderly gentleman and his multi-generation family staring into the sky. That image was an inspiration.

"I began to imagine what it was like to live when he did and that he saw the comet as a child. I had a beginning and

an end and decided I'd go and see if I could write a middle," Amos said.

The result is "Halley's Comet," a one-man performance in which Amos plays an elderly man looking back over his life and this century in a conversation with the comet. The play comes to the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit Jan. 28 to Feb. 1.

"It has been a rewarding experience, the way it has been received here and abroad. There seems to be a common chord, people like to hear about olden days and about the values of those days," Amos said, in telephone interview from upstate New York, where he had arrived after being delayed several hours in Virginia by the heavy snowfall

Amos, best known for his Emmynominated performance as the adult Kunte Kinte in "Roots" and as the strong father in the situation comedy Good Times," has put his own concerns about declining values in his performance as the nameless 87-year-old

"He has a dialogue with the comet," Amos said, slipping into the old man's voice, "'Comet, we used to have something called an extended family and you had a right to chatise a child ... you put a hand on a child today and you'rein trouble with the police and the FBI.' He's confused about what happened to those old values and why they're not applied today."

Amos said he has combined humor

and drama. The play begins as the old man is on his front porch, running late for his appointment with the comet he last saw when he was an 11-year-old oy. He's been married three time buried two wives. He's also buried three sons in war and a daughter in the civil rights struggles of the '60s.

Amos started with a one-act play in 1989 and then expanded to the present two-act, two-hour presentation. He has performed the play throughout the United States and around the world. He is currently on a tour through the beginning of April.

Please see COMET, E2



John Amos: Actor and play-

COLLEGE THEATER

Students present dramas that passed the test of time

Modern drama: Kelly Komlen of Livonia poses for the last portrait of "The Jewish Wife," one of three Bertolt Brecht one act plays showing in Vayne State University's Studio Theatre.



BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

In intimate studio theaters, students at Oakland and Wayne State Universities are presenting plays by 20th century storytellers whose works share a sense of place and humanity.

Opening tonight is Oakland University's telling of Thornton Wilder's 'Our Town," and at Wayne State, three one-act plays by Bertolt Brecht - "The Jewish Wife," "The Informer," and "The Elephant Calf."
Wilder's "Our Town" is Grover's

Corners, New Hampshire, in the Brecht wrote about Nazi Germany during the 1930s while Adolph

"We're trying to help our students become better storytellers," said Karen Sheridan, associate professor

Hitler was developing his "Final



Drama: George Gibbs (Matthew Hammond) is smit-ten with Emily Webb (Keri Dennis) in the Pulitzer Prize winning play "Our Town," to. be presented at Oakland University's Studio Theatre.

of theater, who is directing "Our Town" at Oakland University. "I think more and more this age of computers, e-mail, and phones stands in the way of that person-to-person communica-tion. We need to find a balance, or we could lose our souls. It's important to stay in touch with words and how they sound and not just how they look on screen."

Oakland University

Wilder said "'Our Town' (which opened at the McCarter Theatre in Princeton, N.J. on Jan. 22, 1938) was an attempt to find value beyond all price for the smallest events of our

"I think it's a beautiful story," said Sheridan. The play is part of the university's Festival of Arts saluting the 20th century, which continues

Please see STUDENTS, E2

On Stage

"OUR TOWN" by Thornton Wild

8 p.m. Thursday Saturday, Jan. 22-24
 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25
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 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1.
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 Tickets: \$10 general admission, \$8 senior citizens, \$5 students, call (248) 370-3013. Tickets also available one hour before performance time at the Studio Theatre Box Office.

Wayne State University Studio Theatre

"THE JEWISH WIFE" . "THE INFORMER" . "THE ELEPHANT CALF" Three one-act plays by Bertolt Brecht

ursday, Jan. 22, through Sunday, Feb. 1, downstairs at the berry Theatre (corner of Cass and Hancock), Detroit

8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24 and Jan. 29-31
9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1.

Tickets: \$7 general admission: \$5 senior citizens and WSU staff, Alumni Association members, and students. Call (313)

Definitely hip

"Riding the Rap," "Get Shorty,"
"City Primeval," "Stick," "LaBrava," "Swag," "The Hunted" and
"52 Pick-Up."

Since Leonard wrote his first novel, "The Bounty Hunters" in 1953, 28 of his books have been either optioned to movie studios or made into movies.

For years, however, the film versions of Leonard's novels got panned ("Stick" with Burt Reynolds). But that's changing as his deadpan characters are being treated with a threedimensional edge. Two of his recent novels, "Get Shorty" and "Rum Punch" have received criti-

cal and popular acclaim.

The breakout 1995 hit, "Get Shorty," starred John Travolta, Danny DeVito, Renee Russo and Hackman. With the success "Get Shorty," moviegoers were treated to the hilarious seriousness of Chili Palmer (Travolta), a vacant soul who is delightfully entertaining.

In "Jackie Brown," currently in theaters, Tarantino modified the plot, changed the lead character and augmented the dialogue of "Rum Punch."

"The dialogue starts out as mine, but Quentin elaborates on it. When you put (the story) in his hands, there's going to be more of him than me in it. I think with us, there's a natural partnership."

After four decades as a novelist and screenwriter, all the recent attention from readers. publishers, Hollywood producers and literary critics just isn't to honor Leonard's longevity or prolific output.

Leonard has seemingly crossed over from a crime genre writer into the mainstream melting pot of American popular culture.

"He's the person to whom every other crime writer is compared," said Jackie Farber, Leonard's longtime editor at Delacorte Press. "He mines the sights and sounds of a scene and is extremely careful about point

In the mid 1980s, according to Farber, with the publishing of "LaBrava" and "Glitz," Leonard began attracting favorable critical reviews in The New Yorker, The New York Review of Books, among other prestigious publica-

Admirers are as diverse as high schoolers, cutting-edge filmmakers and conservative ideologue George Will, who sent Leonard 40 copies of "Out of Sight" to inscribe for his friends.

High-brow critics now know what chic crime readers have long realized: Dutch is definitely

On Friday, the state of Michigan proclaimed "Elmore Leonard Day." Leonard was on hand at Borders in downtown Birmingham to commemorate the honor by kicking off a nine-city booksigning tour that'll take him from New York to LA, where he'll read from his new book in the trendy Viper Room.

In the LA club owned by actor Johnny Depp, Leonard is scheduled to also introduce the Stone Coyotes, an underground band

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that has found a way into the much-awaited sequel to "Get Shorty."

"I'm on page 170-something," said Leonard, sitting at a desk in his spacious living room. From his vantage point, Leonard looks through the French doors and onto a sprawling yard that includes a tennis court and swimming pool.

The sequel was undertaken because of his interest in resurrecting Chili Palmer and the prodding of MGM top executive Frank Mancuso and Travolta.

"Chili Palmer is in the music business," said Leonard. In "Get Shorty," the mobster Palmer concludes that the film business is not too different from his regular lipe of work.

"I ran the idea past my researcher and Travolta, and they loved it," he said.

But before Travolta reprises the role, it's likely that Universal will produce "Cuba Libre." The screen adaptation is in the

hands of "Fargo" directors, Joel and Ethan Coen.

Mainstream Hollywood has finally caught on to the wry appeal of Leonard's stories. In the words of British novelist Martin Amis - a wicked wit not known to dish praise - Leonard is as American as jazz.

In a glowing review of "Riding the Rap" in The New York Times Book Review, Amis observed: "(Leonard) understands the postmodern world of wised-up rabble and zero authenticity."

Leonard's America is seen through the eyes of an array of empty souls whose common interest is greed and a fast-track to the American dream of ostentatious wealth. A place where souls are as substantive as a quarter pounder with cheese.

"I spend as much time with the bad guys as the good guys," said Leonard, who relies on a researcher. "There's a morality in the books, a gray area where there's room to rationalize. There aren't any moral absolutes."

Delacorte, Dell and Avon Books will rerelease Leonard's novels and short stories in hard and soft cover as an increasing number of readers discover his body of work.

"I like to set up a character and see what happens to him. I write to discover," said Leonard. "When I get into a scene I think, 'What's the purpose of the scene' and 'Whose point of view is it being told.' Then, I listen for the characters' sound."

As 72, some authors might look closer to home for perspective. Perhaps compose a narrative that takes a metaphysical look at life. "If I got philosophical about

life, I'd laugh at myself," said Leonard. "I know what I can and can't do. I learned that early on." "That's really what it's all about."

Never underestimate a deadpan with perfect delivery.

Comet from page E1

"It has been one of the most gratifying experiences I've had and that includes 'Roots.' That was wonderful, but this is more personal, dealing with experiences I've shared.'

"Halley's Comet" is dedicated to the memory of the late Alex Haley, author of the best-selling book "Roots" on which the phenomenally successful TV miniseries was based. Amos said no one connected with the project, including producer David Wolper, ever imagined the impact it would have.

"A year after it was shown, the late Madge Sinclair, who played my wife (we dance over the broom in the slave wedding), and I were in Spain for the 'Roots' debut there. They took us to a restaurant in Toledo and across from us were some visitors from Japan," he said. "After we had finished our meal of several courses, they gave us a standing ovation. Madge and I looked at each other and we wept. That got the message home to us about the impact that series had."

Though "Halley's Comet" is

tributing skits to the Los Angeles comedy show "Loman and Barkley." Comedy writing led to comedy

acting.

He had a role in one of television's acclaimed classics as Gordy the weatherman on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show." He said that show was an example of a strong ensemble of dedicated actors and writers who never pandered to the lowest common denominator.

But he is better known, perhaps, for his work as the father in Norman Lear's "Good Times."

"'Good Times' was a bittersweet experience for me. I got to play a patriarchal head of a family - there had never been a black family with both parents. ... It provided me with a great

opportunity, but also a great challenge. Having been raised in a black family and as the father of one, I figured I knew more about it than our writers. It was bone of contention when they killed off my character."

Amos said a lot of people think he quit the show. But, he said, he was actually dropped because of his vocal objections to the direction the show was taking, espe cially its emphasis on Jimmy Walker's flamboyant JJ rather than the other, more responsible

Halley's Comet What: One-man drama written by

and starring John Amos. Where: Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave. Detroit

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children. He said today s comedies with a few exceptions don't measure up.

Amos recently gave up a position as administrator of New Jersey's Harm's Center to pursue his busy stage, movie and television projects. He is preparing to star in a movie, "Four," and is hoping to make a movie of "Halley's Comet" and develop it into a television series. In the meantime, he is developing a graphic novel and a CD Rom for high school students based on the

"It's a tough nut to crack, but so was the play," Amos said. "With God's blessing, it will hap-

tising firm when he began con-

Amos called Haley a quiet, unobtrusive man who none-theless had an aura about him of "a man at peace with himself."

Amos' first play, he actually began his career as a writer. He copy writer for a

Students from page E1

" 'Our Town' is very American, it's a very simple story that unfolds very gently," said Sheridan. "It's about family, love and life, and recognizing the value of life. It reminds us of our humanity. We're so busy living life that we don't appreciate how rich it

In "Our Town" the audience learns what was happening in Grover's Corners beginning May 7, 1901, from a narrator portrayed by Jennifer L. Smith of Auburn Hills. The play also features performances by Kimshelley Garner (Rochester Hills), Amanda Lange (Farmington Hills), Matt Omans (Oxford), Samuel Newman (West Bloom-

Lake), Scott Vance and Michael W. Ott of Rochester Hills.

Hills is Jewish and dyed his hair blond to look more German for "The Jewish Wife," one of two one-act plays by Brecht that he is appearing in at WSU's Studio Theatre.

In this play, Kelly Komlen of Livonia portrays his wife who is Jewish and getting ready to leave him and their comfortable German life. Her husband is a scientist who could be asked to work for the "master race."

thing like Brecht," said Komlen. "You have to approach it from different angles. Brecht believed

that the actor's role is to be a storyteller. The majority of the training I've had was to get to know your character and become your character. But Brecht the play is about."

drained after rehearsals. "It's a very personal subject matter," he said. "I lost family in the Holocaust. To detach myself from this character is very hard. You totally have to not think about it."

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believed the actor having a lot of emotions would cause the audience to lose their focus of what Topper said he is emotionally

Brecht was a German Marxist with strong anti-fascist beliefs who left Nazi Germany in 1933. WSU is presenting these works to honor Brecht on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

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Boston singer Trynin played the Detroit area. she was overcome with a feeling of sad-

"I was taking CHRISTINA a walk that **FUOCO** afternoon all

over the place. It was kind of warm but not too hot. There was something incredibly striking about the city," Trynin said about the area surrounding St. Andrew's Hall and The Shelter in Detroit.

"It was somewhat desolate, but it had really beautiful architecture. I had a little bit of a sad feeling of a huge past in a city that hasn't really caught up in the present."

Trynin along with her drummer Steve Scully, bassist Josh Lattanzi and guitarist Cory Harding travels north of the city Wednesday, Jan. 28, to perform at the 7th House in Pontiac in support of her sophomore effort "Gun Shy Trigger Happy" (Warner Bros.).

When the words "female singer/songwriter" appear with Trynin's name, it would seem as if she's another member of that genre crying and whining about love gone bad.

Trynin offers an alternative a strong woman telling frank stories of a one-sided love affair in "I Don't Need You," of a relationship that wouldn't work out in "Bore Me," and of the cosmetie surgery in "Under the Knife." "Being a chick or being a guy in love is a big, big, big thing.

Sometimes I think that girls sequester themselves away to this corner and all they feel comfortable showing is how they feel in relation to men," Trynin

"I love men. I love love. I love all of that stuff. It's fun. It's a

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Jen Trynin

huge part of life."

She cited as an example her melancholy first single, "Getaway," which sounds as if it was written about a lover on the verge of leaving - "Don't lie don't tell me that we're leaving you could never go. Don't cry don't put your arms around me. I already know you got nowhere to go." Trynin had another subject in mind.

"I realize that people think it's about a person. I guess I knew that people would because of the way I wrote the song. The song's really about the month of February. It happened to be a long month that particular year. I was spacing out and I was wondering what it would be like if all the months were a person. What would it feel like to be February and be a month that everybody's

The album closes with "Rang You and Ran" which hearkens back to Trynin's childhood.

"I was feeling a certain way staring out the window. It was late at night. I don't know why I had this image in my head of being a little kid and ringing someone's doorbell and running away," she said.

"I was thinking about that and thinking about what it would take for an adult to do that. People would think it was very strange. It would take a lot of an adult to walk up to someone's doorbell and run.

For "Gun Shy Trigger Happy,"

singer/songwriter

Trynin took the recording process in a different direction than her debut "Cockamamie" (Warn-

" 'Cockamamie' took a longer period of time. We did it spottily with a bunch of different people. Mike Denneen (the producer) and I were trying to make a record that sounded cohesive. We wanted to give it as much as a trio rock sound as we could get. We wanted to make it relatively consistent even though there were so many people who played on it," she explained via telephone Sunday from the Boston offices of her record company

Squint Records.
"With 'Gun Shy' it was the opposite. We decided we were going to use me, Ed (Valauskas) the bass player, Chris (Foley) the drum player, and Mike who played keyboards. Nobody else played on the record. We did it all within that room and with that group of people. We wanted to see how varied we could make it sound."

The result, she added, was a 'much more loose and creative"

After a self-described "confusing and slow start" to touring, Trynin is looking forward to

going back on the road. "We did a few weeks opening for Paula Cole, which was really kind of cool in a way. I generally play electric guitar but they wanted me to play that part of tour acoustically. I wasn't very happy about it at the beginning but it ended up being fun. It became easier for me to do the whole acoustic thing. When I was younger I played like that a lot. But I'm extremely happy playing

Jen Trynin performs Wednes-day, Jan. 28, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. for the 18 and older show. Tickets are \$8 in advance. For more information, call (248) 335-8100 or visit http:// www. 961melt.com

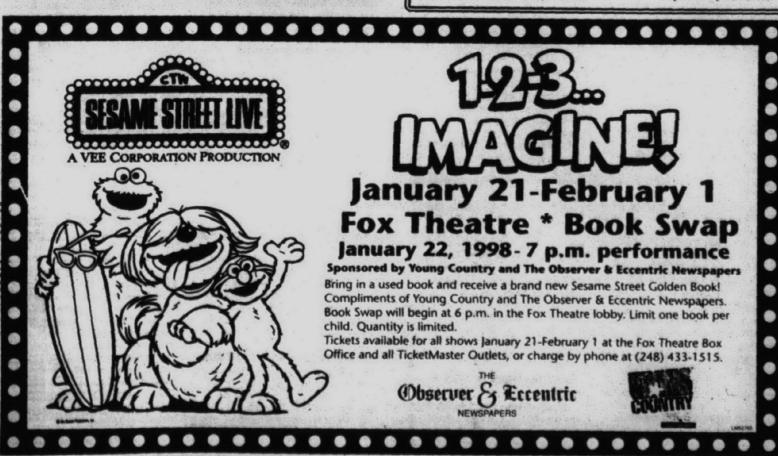
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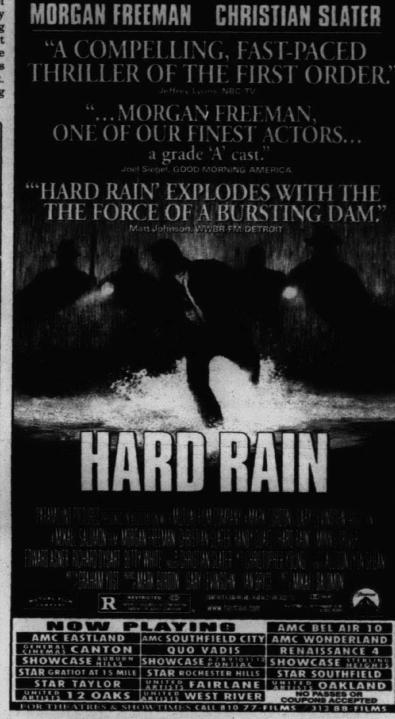
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PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN "Sly Fox," a comedy by Larry Gelbart, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, at the theater, 21730 Madison (off Monroe, between Outer Drive and Van Born), Dearborn. \$10, \$8 for students younger than age 18 for the Sunday

show only. (313) 561-TKTS ST. DUNSTAN'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 ors and students. (248) 644-0527 VILLAGE PLAYERS

Rehearsal for Murder," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at the playhouse 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$12 adults, \$10 students. (248) 644-2075

DINNER THEATRE

ENITTI'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-JACKSONN PRODUCTIONS DINNER

"The Retirement Murders," an audience participation murder mystery comedy, 6:30 p.m. Saturdays thro 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

arlotte's Web," a musical production based on the classic children's el, with music by the comp 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@mnsl.net or http://www.mnsl.net/~capitol CREATIVE ARTS CENTER opetArt puppet theater performs ose the Window- A Chelm Law," an

adaptation of the I.B. Singer folk tale "The First Shlemiel," 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at the center, 47 Williams St. Pontiac. \$5, \$3 children under age 8. MARQUIS THEATRE
"Aladdin," 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday,
Jan. 24-25, at the theater, 135 E. Main
St., Northville, \$6.50, (248) 349-8110

NTIAC THEATRE IV Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 23-24 and 30-31, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Pontiac Northern High School. \$7, \$6 seniors/students. (248) 681-6215 RISING STARS

"The Crucible," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Friday, Jan. 21-23, and noon Saturday, Jan. 24, at Andover High School, 4200 Andover Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$3. (248) 433-0885

SPECIAL EVENTS

PEABO BRYSON

Star of the Detroit Opera House's "Porgy and Bess" signs autographs noon Tuesday, Jan. 27, Harmony House, Renaissance Center, 200 Tower, lower level, Detroit. (313) 567-7810

DETROIT BOAT SHOW

"Charity Launch," 6-9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Cobo Center, Detroit. \$150 benefactors, \$100 patrons, benefits the Lighthouse of Oakland County, Vista Maria in Wayne County, and Turning Point in Macomb County: The 40th annual Detroit Boat Show featuring more than 300 boat dealers and marine businesses, 1,000 boats of all types and sizes, more than 100 manufacturers, and a Squalus Live Shark Show with a 9,000 gallon saltwater tank, divers with huge circling sharks and an antique and classic boat exhibit , Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 31-Feb. 8, Cobo Center, Detroit. Noon to 10 p.m. Saturdays and Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m. Sundays, 3-10 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. \$8 adults, free for children ages 12 and younger with an adult, free for seniors ages 62 and older on Monday. (800) 932-2628 (benefit)/(800) 224-3008

'GREAT AMERICAN TRAIN SHOW" Featuring operating model railroads and more than 10,000 trains on display and for sale, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 24-25, Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr. (1-96 and Novi Road), Novi. \$5, free for children ages 12 and younger accompanied by an adult. (630) 834-0652 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ARIETY SHOW

Featuring song, dance, prose, move ent and interpretations as students, staff, faculty and friends of the University of Michigan pay tribute to King, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Leonardo's erpont Commons, University of (an north campus, 1201 eel Blvd., Ann Arbor. Free. (734)

IGAN TOY SOLDIER AND BURE SHOW

Featuring more than 50 dealers from around the world selling new and antique historical figures and toy sol-diers, displays of old toy soldiers and of hand-painted historical figures, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, Holiday Inn Livonia West, 17123 N. Laurel Park 12 and younger. (248) 586-1022 MIDWEST PERSIAN TABBY FANCIERS SHOW

aturing more than 350 pedigreed is and kittens as well as classic ld pets, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. turday-Sunday, Jan. 24-25, Dearborn ic Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., born. \$5, \$4 seniors, \$3 children, seds benefit the Michigan Human L AND RY SHOW 3-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 2223, 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

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Livonia Elks Hall, 31117 Plymouth Road (one block east of Merriman Road, one mile south of I-96), Livonia. \$3. (248) 546-4527

SPRING HOME AND GARDEN

Featuring 300 exhibitors, "Garlic Guru" Tom Reed, WXYT personalities, demonstrations on decorating, home repair, remodeling, and a daily treasure chest contest, 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 29-30, and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 31-Feb. 1, Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr. (I-96 and Novi Road), Novi. \$6 adults, \$4 seniors, \$3 children 6-12, and free for children ages 6 and younger. \$9 family tickets for two adults and accompanying children available at Farmer Jack. (248) 737-4478

BENEFITS

"FOR THE LOVE OF THE ARTS"

Auction benefiting Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit and the educational outreach activities of the Dance Theatre of Harlem Detroit Residency featuring airline tickets. hotel packages, a helicopter ride, dinner/theatre packages, original artwork and sports memorabilia, 5:30-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, Intermezzo Ristorante in Detroit's Harmonie Park. \$50 includes a petit buffet, wine, entertainment and the chance to bid. Auction kicks off the Dance Theatre of Harlem Detroit Residency which includes school assemblies, lecture demonstrations, beginner classes and pre-professional classes runs Jan. 26-Feb. 13, and performances Feb. 18-22 at the Music Hall. (313) 962-4303 "HEARTS FOR THE ARTS '98"

A benefit dinner and celebrity art auction presented by the Ann Arbor phony Orchestra and the Heart Care Program of the University of Michigan Health System, 6:30 p.m. champagne reception and silent auction, 7:30 p.m. dinner Friday, Feb. 13, Crowne Plaza, Ann Arbor. Last year's auction included contributions by artists and celebrities such as Chris perts Antieau, John Travolta, Lloyd Carr, Steve Yzerman, George Bush, Matthew Hoffmann, Billy Joel and Dr. Michael DeBakey. \$75. (734) 994

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 Blvd., Royal Oak. (313) 341-

STAGECRAFTERS FOURTH ANNUAL

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, Baldw Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$50 includes \$35 tax-deductible dona tion, 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 Wurlitzer 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 SWING TIME '98 Fanclub Foundation for the Arts pre-

sent their annual Fantravaganza includ-ing a taste of Detroit's finest restaurants including Excalibur and Sweet Lorraine's (gourmet food and wine), music by Imperial Swing Band and Pema Worldbeat Orchestra, silent auction and Art Gallery and Sale, to benefit Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre Understudies, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association Summer Art Camp, and Michigan Opera Theatre's Community Programs, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Guardian Building, 500 Griswold, Detroit. Attire from the 20s, 30s and 40s encouraged but not required. There will be a professional Swing dance instructor 9-10 p.m. \$50, \$150 patron tickets (includes private party). (248) 988-0-FAN for tickets, (248) 559-1645 event information.

CLASSICAL AMERICAN STRING QUARTET

"Beethoven the Contemporary," 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$30. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org
DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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 Tchaikovaky, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 22-23, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. \$13-\$60; With conductor Neeme Jarvi and soprano Kathleen Battle performing "Symphony No. 48 in C Major" by Haydn, and "Daphnis and Chloe, Suite No. 2" by Ravel, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 576-5111

WILLIAM KANENGISER

Classical guitarist and member of the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25 rows 1-2, \$15 rows 3-5, and \$10 general seating. All ages. (734) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kch **MADONNA UNIVERSITY**

Music recital featuring mezzo-soprano Barbara Wiltsie, accompanied by pianist Linette Popoff-Park, features works from Bach to Barber, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, Kresge Hall on campus, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Admission by donation to the music scholarship fund. (734) 432-5709 **OAKLAND PONTIAC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

A cabaret pops concert with singer/performing artist Derek Hood. dinner and dancing to follow concert, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 (social hour begins at 6:45 p.m.), at the Northfield Hilton, 5500 Crooks Road, Troy. \$45, proceeds to benefit the orchestra. (248) 334-6024

"SUPER (BOWL) CLASSICS" Featuring the Arianna String Quartet performing Schubert's "Death and the Maiden" quartet and Mozart G Minor Piano Quartet and classics for woodwinds, 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25 rows 1-2, \$15 rows 3-5, and \$10 general seating, benefits KCH Capital Campaign House Fund. (734) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kch 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. \$22-36. All ages. (800) 221-1229 or

U-M CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Performs "Mozart Birthday Concert," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 764-0594 WINDSOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"No Frills Friday," 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30; "Classics III: Rachmaninov Third Plano Concerto," 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Chrysler Theatre in the Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr. West, Windsor. (800) 387-9181 or http://www.city.windsor.on.ca/cleary

AUDITIONS ROSSE 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 Cadleux and Moross roads), Grosse Pointe. Show dates March 10-22. Scripts available from Chris Kalser (313) 881-8040 PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Open auditions for singers (male voices especially needed, particularly tenors but female voices also needed) by appointment 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Road

(west of Sheldon Roads). (734) 455-

"RENT"

Producers for the show hold open auditions 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway (at Madison Avenue, on Grand Circus Park), Detroit. The call is for Equity and non-Equity men and women of all ethnicities in their early to mid 20s. The casting directors are looking for real rock 'n' roll, R&B and gospel singers. Those auditioning should bring photo and resume, two rock/pop songs, 16 bars each absolutely no musical theater songs. "Rent" performances begin Wednesday, April 8, at the Fisher Theatre. (248) 540-0660

STAGECRAFTERS Auditions for "Lend Me a Tenor," by Ken Ludwig, 6:30 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Feb. 1-2, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak. Roles available for four men and four women. Those auditioning for the roles of Max Tito and the Bellhop must "sing reason ably well" and should be prepared to sing a portion of "Dio, che nell'alma infondere" from Verdi's "Don Carlo" or the famous aria from "The Barber of Seville." An audiotape is on reserve at the lower level of the Royal Oak Public Library. Showdates are weekends March 20-29 and April 3-5. Script cut is available for a three-day check out from the theater office. (248) 541-

VILLAGE PLAYERS

Auditions for "Bye Bye Birdie," a musical comedy, 7:30 p.m. Monday Tuesday, Jan. 26-27, at the playhouse 752 Chestnut (east of Woodward Avenue, two blocks south of Maple Road), Birmingham. Auditionees must be prepared to sing and dance. Performances April 22-26 and 29-30, and May 1-3 and 6-9. (248) 258-2812

http://members.aol.com/GroucH0841 /Birdie.html

JAZZ

PAUL ABLER TRIO

7-11 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (guitar/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150 MARCUS BELGRAVE

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Oakland

Grill, 32832 Woodward Ave. (south of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free, complimentary sushi. All ages. (248) 549-

SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN

ARNOLD

10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Tuscan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester. Cover charge. 21 and older; 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Royal Oak Brewery, 210 E. Third St., Royal O charge. 21 and older. (248) 652-

GARY BLUMER TRIO 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

JAMES CARTER QUARTET With Cyrus Chestnut Trio, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Orchestra Hall, 3711

Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833 3700

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 LEROY JENKINS

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, MacKenzle Fine Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road (south of Ford Road), Dearborn. \$15. All ages. (Jazz violinist/new music composer) (248) 548-9888/(810) 775-4770

PHIL KAPUT TRIO 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Jan. 24, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave. (at Center Street), Royal Oak. Free, 25-cent surcharge on drinks during live entertainment. All ages. (248) 546-1400 CARY KOCHER/PAUL KELLER

QUARTET 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31, ... Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662- 1213

KATHY KOSINS

7:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays in January, Oakland Grill, 32832 Woodward Ave. (south of 14 Mile d), Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 549-7700

SHEILA LANDIS

With her quintet and special guest Wendelf Harrison, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Oakland Community College's Wallace Smith Theatre, Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Ro Farmington Hills, Cover charg ages; With Rick Matle and W Harrison, 8 p.m. to mid Jan. 25, BoMac's, 281 Gratiot, De Cover charge. 21 and older; With her trio, 7-11 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birming Free. 21 and older; With her trio, 7-9

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MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (jazz/pop) (248) 852-0550 PATTI RICHARDS

With Jeff Kressler Trio, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21'and older. (734) 662-8310 RUBBERBAND TIMMY

Featuring James Page, formerly of Brothers From Another Planet, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (funky jazz trio) (313) 833-6873, gold_dollar@mindless.com or http://members.tripod.com/~gold_dol-

GARY SCHUNK TRIO 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-

LARRY SMITH 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (between Main and Washington streets), Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050

7:30-11:30 p.m. Tuesdays in January, Oakland Grill, 32832 Woodward Ave. (south of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 549-7700 JUDGE MYRON "MIKE" WAHLS

With bassist Marion Haydon and drummer George Davidson, celebrate the release of CD "You be the Judge," 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Ann Arbor. \$12 for rows 1-5, \$9 general seating. (734) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kch STEVE WOOD

7:30-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 22 and Jan. 29, Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (between Main and Washington streets), Royal Oak, Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050

WORLD MUSIC

BRAVE OLD WORLD 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, The Ark, 316 ("Klezmer supergroup") (734) 761-

S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$15. All ages. "FESTIVAL OF EUROPE" Featuring the Silver Tower Renaissance Dancers, a metro-Detroit-based ensem-

ble who will perform European dances of the Renaissance era, Maria Mikheyenko, a soprano who accompanies herself on guitar and performs Russian songs, and Plymouth storyteller Debra Christian who will tell stories about her European travels, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, U-Club, first floor of the Michigan Union, 530 S. State St., University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor. \$7, \$5 for students and seniors with ID, \$3 kids ages 6-12, and free for children ages 5 and younger. (734) 763-3202

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Woody's Diner, 208 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak, Free, 21 and older, (reggae) (248) 543-6911

REGGAE FUN BLAST" With O.C. Roberts and the Samaritans, Universal Xpression, Jo Nab, Clement ordon, Immunity, and emcee Michael Julian from WDET, 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$12, benefits the Lockhart Idren's Fund. 18 and older. (reggas) (248) 544-3030

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

INNIS CYPORAN BAND 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Borders ks and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (bluegrass) (248) 203-0005 LISA HUNTER BAND

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Xhedos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile Road (west of Woodward Ave.), Ferndale. Free. All s. (248) 399-3946

10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Jimmy's, 123 Gercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cover

charge, 21 and older. (313) 861-8101 CHARLIE MOSBROOK 8-10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main ., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734)

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rs, students, seniors. All ages. (734) ICE UPON AN ACCORDION aturing Daniel Thonon, Chris rkinson and John Whelan, 8 p.m. esday, Jan. 27, The Ark, 316 S. Main IM PERKINS AND THE WREN

With Jim Bertin and George Garcia, also known as "George and Me," 8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, St. m parish hall, Walled Lake. \$7.50, \$15 family, \$5 students, refreshments included. (248) 363-3542/(248) 669-1449 RFD BOYS

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$9, \$8 members, students, seniors. All ages. (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451

DANCE AMERICAN POLISH CUTLURAL

Ballroom dancing with music by Ted Koltowicz and his "Sparks of Fire" Orchestra, 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at the center, 2975 E. Maple Road (at Dequindre Road), Troy. \$4. Doors open at 2 p.m. (248) 689-3636 CONTEMPORARY BALLET THEATRE

The Farmington Hills-based ballet presents "Cinderella" 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at Clarenceville High School auditiorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road (south of Eight Mile Road), Livonia. \$10. (248) 477-3830

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 younger than age 12. (734) 487-1221 **ROCKY ROAD ADVANCED CONTRA-**

ENGLISH DANCE 7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. All dances taught. Previous experience and partners not required. \$4. (734) 663-0744/(734) 662-5158

COMEDY

HOLLY HOTEL Steve Sabo and Tammy Pescatelli, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24; Mark Knopp and Jeff Margrette, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 29-31, at the hotel, 110 Battle Alley, Holly. 8:30 p.m.
Thursdays, and 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. 8:30 p.m. shows non smoking, (248) 634-0000 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB John Joseph, John Barillaro and Rich

Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24 (\$14); Mike Veneman, Todd McCune and Jim Hamm, Thursday Saturday, Jan. 29-31 (\$10), 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 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); Wendy Liebman, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31 (\$12, \$25.95 dinner show package), and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE 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); Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 (\$4); Cathy Ladman, voted "Best Female Stand-Up" at the 1992 American Comedy Awards, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

SOUPY SALES With Bill Barr, 7 p.m. dinner with 8:30 p.m. show Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31, Polo Fields Golf and Country Club, 5200 Polo Fields Dr. (off Zeeb Road, 1/2 mile south of I-94). Ann Arbor. \$60 includes choice of soup or salad, petite filet mignon with bernaise sauce, herbal veloute chicken breast, nonalcoholic beverages or one glass of wine, tax, gratuity, and show. Vegetarian entree available upon request. (734) 998-1555 or (248) 645-

SECOND CITY

"Generation X-Files" through Sunday, Feb. 8. at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays (\$17.50) and Saturdays (\$19.50). The cast performs a free improvisational comedy set after Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday shows, and the late shows on Fridays and Saturdays. The show's title is reflective of current cultural trends, not necessarily the show's content. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

St., Ann Arbor, \$13.50. All ages. (734) | "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 DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER IMAX movies include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays (indefinitely), and

3:15 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 24 and 31,

and Sundays, Jan. 25, and Feb. 1;

"Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays-Fridays (indefinitely), 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 24 and 31, and Sundays, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1; Tropical Rainforest," 1:15 p.m. Saturdays Jan. 24 and 31, and Sundays Jan. 25 and Feb. 1; "Sharks" 2:15 p.m. Saturdays Jan. 24 and 31; and "Destiny in Space," 2:15 p.m. Sundays Jan. 25, and Feb. 1; at the museum, 5020 John R (at Warren Road), Detroit. Special \$4.75 admission through Sunday, Feb. 1, includes one IMAX Dome film, an interactive science demonstration, the Cyberspace Safari Exhibit Lab and a alser light show. \$2.50 each additional IMAX film; After Sunday, Feb. 1, \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation. \$2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. Discounts available to groups to 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or

http://www.sciencedetroit.org MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN "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 quilters, through Sunday, June 7. The exhibit features area quilters and celebrity quilters such as Maya Angelou, Rosa Parks, Bernice Johnson Reagon, Faith Ringgold, Sonia Sanchez and Alice Walker; "The Life and Times of Paul Robeson" exhibition featuring records, photographs and paintings on loan from private citizens and from the collection of the MAAH, runs Saturday, Jan. 31-Tuesday, June 30, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush Street), Detroit. Museum hours 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays. Open seven days a week during Black History Month, February. \$3 for adults and \$2 for children aged 12 and younger. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS AND BLUE SUIT 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 644-4800

AFTERTASTE With Blindfold, 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, Mosquito Club, 28949 Joy Road. Westland. Cover charge. All ages. (hardcore) (734) 513-8688

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

BANTAM ROOSTER With The Blowtops, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (raunchy rock) (313) 833-6873. gold dollar@mindless.com or http://members.tripod.com/~gold dol-

JOHNNY BASSETT AND THE BLUES 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31, Fox

and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800 GEORGE BEDARD AND THE KING-

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (rockabilly) (734) 996-8555 **BUGS BEDDOW BAND**

9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23-Saturday, Jan. 24, Blue Goose, 28911 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810)

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. Cover charge. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge, 21 and older, (R&B) (248) 349-9110/(810) 731-1750/(248) 543-4300

BIZER 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 RAYS 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth, Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734) **BLUE RODEO**

8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, Chrysler Theatre in the Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr. West, Windsor. \$29.50 (Canadian) includes GST. All ages. (800) 387-9181 BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800 BONNE TEMPS ROULLE

9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (248) 644-4800

9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Carriage House's Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440

9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24, and Thursday, Jan. 29, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477 THE CIVILIANS

10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (810) 731-1750

COAL CHAMBER With Day in the Life, 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (hard rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

With his live band A Black Girl Named Becky, and special guests X-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

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

JAMES COTTON QUARTET 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (blues) (734) 761-1800 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

DJ COQUIE Hosts a Latino benefit for Hurricane

Pauline relief, 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (salsa/disco) (734) 996-8555 **DELTA 72**

With Bantam Rooster and The Go!, 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance, 18 and older. (punk/soul) (313) 833-POOL THE DEVLINS

8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$7 in advance. 18 and older. (pop) (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com

With 10 Pound Train, Ballhog and Concrete Impact, 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22. The Palladium Music Club. 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville, \$3, 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404

STEVE EARLE With Buddy and Judy Miller, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$20 in

advance. 18 and older. (roots rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

PRISCILLA EDERLE 8-10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (pop)

(734) 668-1838 **GLEN EDDIE** 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older.

(blues) (248) 644-4800 **EKOOSTIK HOOKAH** Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, Blind Pig, 206-

208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8. 19 and older. (Deadhead) (734) 996-8555 SCOTT FAB With Dorothy and Fat Amy, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (734) 996-

FOOLISH MORTALS 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31,

Woody's, 208 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (248) 543-6911 THE FOUR ACES With The Inkspots, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan.

25, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Macomb Community College. 44575 Garfield Road (at M-59), Clinton Township, \$23, \$21 students and seniors. All ages. (pop) (810) 286-2141 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-

FREE BEER 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292 **GARFIELD BLUES BAND**

10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novl. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110

GOVERNMENT HONEY

9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

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@mind-

less.com or http://members.tripod.com/~gold_dol-

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

JILL JACK 10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak.

Free. 21 and older; 10:30 p.m. Friday, lan. 23, Tuscan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester. Cover charge. 21 and older. (roots rock) (248) 543-4300/(248)

JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION 9 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Jan. 28-29, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward

Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800 NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 360-7450

Featuring Charles Martin, 9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300 KILLER FLAMINGOS

9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (R&B/pop) (248) 543-4300

MIKE KING 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313)

861-8101 KNEE DEEP SHAG With Heavy Weather, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (funk)

(734) 996-8555 JOHN D. LAMB 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, 1820 E. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road,

Novi. Free. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 584-4242/(248) 349-7038 THE LOOK 10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21

and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110/(248) 360-7450 LOOSE COUNTY ROAD COMMIS-SION

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050 MASCHINA

With Five Horse Johnson, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (734) 996-8555

MACHINE HOUSE

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) **EDWIN MCCAIN**

With Thanks to Gravity, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$12 in advance, 18 and older. (pop rock) (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com

JIM MCCARTY AND MYSTERY TRAIN 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31,

Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak, Free, 21 and older, (blues) (248) 543-4300 MEDICINE HAT

10 p.m.-2 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, and Friday, Jan. 30-Saturday, Jan. 31, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. Free (Wednesday), \$3 (Friday-Saturday). (rock) (313) 533-

MR. FREEDOM X 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guests Miss Bliss and Roundhead, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$5, 19 and older, (rock) (734) 996-8555 MUDPUPPY

9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, as part of a book-signing party for 'MusicHound Blues' with editor Gary Graff, and contributor/Observer & Eccentric music reporter Christina Fuoco, at Borders Books and Music. 43075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi. Free. All ages; 10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-9922/(248) 347-0810/(248) 543-4300

ROBERT NOLL AND THE MISSION

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, narborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. wes) (313) 581-3650

PAKISTANI TAMBOURINE 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Mon 26, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414
Telegraph Road (one block north of
Five Mile Road), Redford. Free. 21 and er. (rock) (313) 533-4477 MES PETER

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-

PLUM LOCO

9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 19 and older, (rock) (734) 485-5050 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock/alternative) (248) 349-

9110 LAURA RAIN

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Moby Dick's,—5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

GARY RASMUSSEN AND JODY RAF-

10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 861-8101

SIR" MAC RICE With Joe Weaver backed by Johnnie Bassett and planist Bill Heid, 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. Free, dona-tions benefit the Detroit Blues Society. All ages. (blues) (313) 831-1250 TEDDY RICHARDS

With Stewart Francke and Sue Calloway, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Magic-Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (rock) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com RIOT IN PROG

With Fuel 357 and Harms Way, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. \$6. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-

SISTER SEED 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, Royal Oak Brewery, 210 E. Third St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older; 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Tuscan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester. Cover

charge. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 544-1141/(248) 652-1600 "STATIC RECORDS SHOWCASE"
With Forge, Red September, Motion
Control and Ernie Douglas "the
Acoustic Terminator," 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (vari-ety) (248) 544-3030 or

http://www.themagicbag.com or http://www.detroitmusic.com/static TEDDY SALAD With Six-Foot Something, 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21

and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292 With Circle of Kunfusion, Thrown and Mind Circus, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, as part of Inkslingers' Pre-Tattoo Convention Party at The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho, Roseville. \$6. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-

MARY THOMPSON AND THE DELTA CHILDREN BLUES BAND

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Lonestar Coffee House, 207 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 642-2233

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (pop) (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com 2XL

10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110 RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Goose Island Brewery, 1538 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor, Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 682-4566/(248) 543-4300

VUDU HIPPIES With The Plants, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Coyote Club. 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternapop) (734) 996-8555/(248) 332-HOWL

WAILIN' INC. 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

THE WITCH DOCTORS 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older.

(blues) (734) 451-1213 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 19 and older, (rock) (734) 485-5050

BERNIE WORRELL AND THE WOO With Shag, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24,

Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$13 in advance. 18 and older. (funk) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

Steve and Rocky's ready to 'wow' diners

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD SPECIAL WRITERS

When two high-profile chefs become partners and open a new restaurant, dining expectations

"We're out to beat diners' expectations," chef/owner/part-ner Rocky Rachwitz of the new Steve and Rocky's stated confi-

Rocky and his partner Chef Steve Allen opened the doors of Steve & Rocky's Monday at 4 p.m. for dinner. In short order, they plan to be open for lunch. If you'd like to be among the first, phone next week to inquire when mid-day service will start.

Chef Rocky's reputation developed during his over 17 years with the C.A. Muer Corporation, owner of popular seafood eateries, not only in Michigan, but as far south as Florida. In 1992, Rachwitz opened Rocky's in Northville and in 1995, Rocky's in Brighton.

Chef Steve Allen was among the fortunate to have trained in an apprentice program with legendary and now retired Chef Milos Cihelka at the Golden Mushroom in Southfield. He

succeeded his mentor and spent 15 years working culinary magic at the Golden Mushroom until he left in June to devote his time to the new venture Steve & Rocky's, a total renovation of the former Fuddrucker's fast-food burger operation at the south end of the Novi Town Center.

Heading the team of servers, who trained and tested them, is general manager Joe Crowell, formerly of Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant.

"The team of servers is ready to impress and beat the expecta-tions of diners," Crowell said. "They know the reputation that precedes here and they're ready to 'wow' diners."

The bar is both striking and handsome with its wooden top. Rea has worked in "little heartfelt touches of Steve" such as the stained-glass windows above the wine cellar.

Rocky readily admits that the menu is nearly "all Steve." And Steve describes it as "not overly contrived and concentrating on flavors." An example is a 9-oz Filet Mignon with a deep, rich Burgundy sauce and creamy smashed new potatoes,

Where: 43150 Grand River Avenue, Novi (248) 374-0688. Hours: Dinner Monday-Thursday 4-10 p.m., Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m.,

Sunday 1-8 p.m. Soon, lunch Monday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inquire about start up.

Menu: Serious food with a seafood emphasis in a colorful, casual atmosphere. Raw bar and tapas bar.

Cost: Starters \$3.25-9. Main courses and specials average

Reservations: Accepted. Credit cards: All majors

caramelized onions, braised portabella mushrooms and vegetable garnish \$21. But in seafood, in addition to broiled scrod, Great Lakes whitefish sauté, salmon, perch, gulf shrimp and lobster fettuccine or grilled yellowfin tuna steak, there's Bouillabaisse with gulf shrimp, mussels, clams, sea bass, salmon

Grilled vegetable cake or potato dumplings with wild mushrooms and asparagus offer meat-less options. For those not in the mood for seafood, there's lightly smoked roast range chicken in herb sauce, roasted duck or pan-seared spice-rubbed veal chop.

Many restaurants have wine and/or beer samplers. At Steve & Rocky's, it's a soup sampler with about a 3-oz tasting of each of three soups. Colorful cups come in their own ceramic server. Put this together with a tasting of tapas and have a feast.

Sampling wine at Steve and Rocky's will be a treat. The list of high-profile producers, mainly California, is smartly organized by varietal and intensity (light body or full-bodied). Eighteen wines by the glass offer an opportunity to taste many of the 100 wines.

With the goal of beating diners' expectations in mind, we offer the caution for those among the first to try Steve & Rocky's. This is a 240-seat eatery employing 75 to 80 people including a staff of 20-25 cooks. It takes a



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

few weeks for a team to become ed by this enthusiastic crew a seamless whole. Diner spearheaded by the superbly talpatience will be most appreciat- ented Steve and Rocky.

Impress: Rocky Rachwitz (left)

and and his

partner Chef

Steve Allen at

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Vhat is music? Try these examples of different styles show caused quite a stir in the

Defining music is as futile as any attempt to define art or beauty. This I do

know: we've seen a whole lot of beautiful art and heard some wonderful music on Backstage Pass on Detroit Public Televi-

sion. And on tonight's show, we're juxtaposing musical acts so radically different from one another, it gets you wondering how one small word, "music," can possibly encompass all of their

To start us off, Nkenge Zola hosts Ann Arbor's Walk & Squawk Performance Project. Walk & Squawk is accustomed to tweaking definitions. For lack of a precise term their work gets himped into the catch-all category of "performance art." They use sound and silence, body movement and stillness in ways that expand the definition of theater.

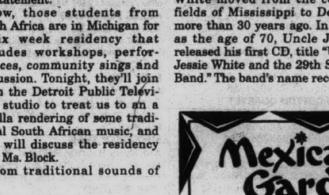
Their current show results from a couple of swapped residences. Walk & Squawk was invited to be artists in residence at the University of Natal in South Africa. There, Walk & Squawk artistic director Erika Block worked with 11 performers to develop the show "Inhlanzi Ishelwe Amanzi," literally meaning "the water dries up around the fish," of the English equivalent, "As Fish Out of Water." The



charged climate of South Africa, where the expression of personal experiences constitutes a political statement. Now, those students from South Africa are in Michigan for

a six week residency that includes workshops, performances, community sings and discussion. Tonight, they'll join us in the Detroit Public Television studio to treat us to an a capella rendering of some traditional South African music, and Zola will discuss the residency with Ms. Block.

From traditional sounds of



South Africa, we'll turn to the traditional "old style" blues of the Mississippi Delta - with a Detroit flavor. Uncle Jessie White moved from the cotton fields of Mississippi to Detroit more than 30 years ago. In 1991 as the age of 70, Uncle Jessie released his first CD, title "Uncle Jessie White and the 29th Street Band." The band's name recounts

Uncle Jessie's house on 29th Street in Detroit, where he hosted visiting blues men - including names like John Lee Hooker and Muddy Waters - for house parties and jam sessions. The disc is the work of Royal Oak's Blues Factory, and in an important documentation of a unique Detroit voice.From Delta Blues we switch gears to classical music. A

pared-down version of the Rackham Symphony Choir will join us in the studio to promote their "Hearts and Voices for the Homeless" concert Jan. 23 at the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak. The concert will benefit Doorstep Homeless Shelter.

Our own Dave Wagner will host Suzanne Acton, music director of Rackham and Chorus Master of MOT, plus 30 singers from the 85-member choir. They'll perform a selection from their benefit program, which itself will cover music from opera to Broadway. This will be the largest group we've ever hosted in our studio, and we can't wait! That's on Backstage Pass on Detroit Public Television, tonight at midnight, repeated 7:30 p.m. Friday

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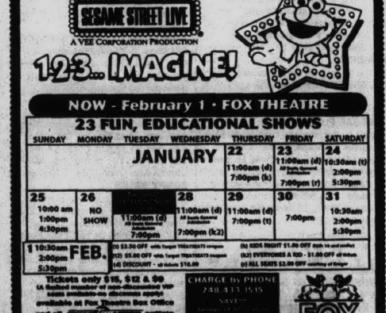


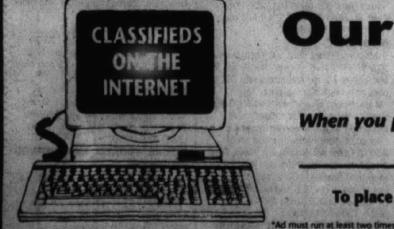
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