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Special win: Republicans increased their presence on the Wayne County Commission with a win in last week's special election. The GOP now has three seats on the board and although it's a small step, party leaders say they'll take it./A7

# AT HOME

At the fair: A Gardener's Fair is the name of this year's Ann Arbor Flower & Garden Show./D6

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# Koch says his absence was excused

BY KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

Two weeks after three city commissioners were absent for a regular Plymouth City Commission meeting, all seven were on hand for Monday's meet-

And one returning commissioner had some sharp words for his colleagues, who chastised him for his absence

Commissioner Joe Koch stressed the absence was excused, as he had earlier notified the mayor and city manager he would be gone, during a conference call. Commissioners Monday amended meetings minutes to acknowledge the excused absence.

Commissioners on hand for the March 2 meeting were not notified of Koch's intention. They viewed his absence as unexcused.

"I think it's important we don't rush to criticize other commissioners," Koch said. "If you don't know, maybe you should be quiet until you do."

Aware of the criticisms of his absence, Koch contacted City Manager Steve Walters following the March 2 meeting. Walters sent Koch a memo

regarding the absence.

Walters wrote: "Several weeks ago, you advised the mayor that you would absent from the March 2 meeting. I was present also at that discussion. Unfortunately, the mayor was also absent from the March 2 meeting and I did not recall that earlier discussions. This

# Mardigian is new schools trustee



In all, seven candidates stuck it out to the final moment when the Plymouth-Canton school board appointed Plymouth Township schools activist Judy Mardigian to serve two months of an open seat.

By Heather Needham Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education selected Judy Mardigian to serve as a school board member for a two-month term at a special meeting

Mardigian, 45, of Plymouth Township, will fill a vacancy left by Jack Farrow, who resigned to pursue a district technology job. She will be able to run for the remaining two years of Farrow's term at the June 8 election. She was selected from a pool of eight candi-

dates, six of which were at the meeting. "I'm really excited and I'm really ready," Mardigian said after she was selected. "I want to help the district

Mardigian co-founded the Class-Size Action Partnership, a group dedicated to helping reduce class sizes in the district. She is also a member of the Citizens Finance Committee, participates actively in community forums and is a

parent volunteer at Isbister Elementary School, among other things. Her two children attend Isbister.

She is co-owner of Health Benefits Inc., a medical benefits consulting firm in Plymouth. "As a result of my involvements I've

developed some positive working relationships (within the district)," Mardi-Other candidates included Carl Bat-

tishill of Plymouth, Carol Bollman of Canton, James Dietz of Canton, Carl Fanning of Canton, Paul Schrauben of Canton, John Stewart of Plymouth and Darwin Watts of Plymouth. Dietz and Bollman were absent from the meeting. Patricia Rener of Plymouth, who had



Please see SEAT, A6 New board member Judy Mardiglar

# Mother: Daughter fought off sexual attack

BY VALERIE OLANDER

The mother of a 15-year-old girl allegedly raped at Plymouth Canton High School said her daughter let out a visible sigh of relief after giving a fourpage written statement to Canton police last week.

The girl didn't tell anyone about the March 5 attack until the day after it happened. She confided in a friend, who in turn told his mother.

"(The friend's mother) came over about 12:30 a.m. (March 7). I couldn't believe she was telling me this," the victim's mother said.

The daughter told her mother very

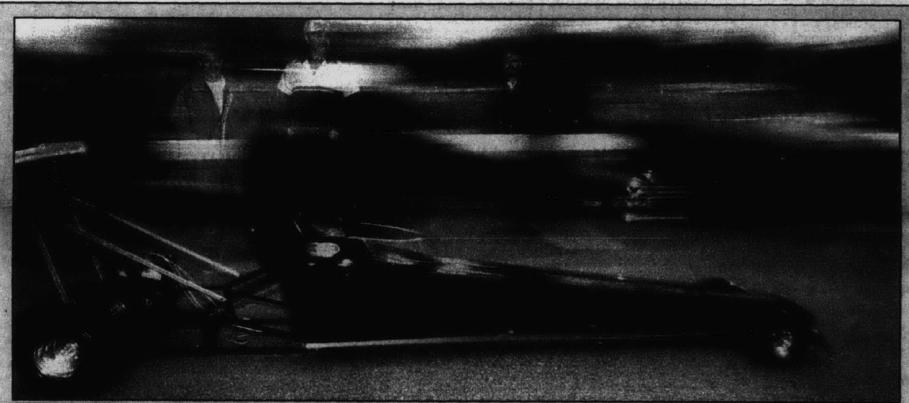
little about the alleged rape, but opened up when a Canton police officer looked her in the eyes and told her it wasn't her fault. "I think it helped hearing that from a man," the mother said. "She just started writing about everything that happened.'

Writing in a journal has always been an interest of the teen's, but recently

the pastime has become a therapeutic outlet as news of the alleged rape became public.

Criminal chapter Her classmate and neighbor, Christian Armstead, 17, is facing one count

Please see ATTACK, A4





in the family: In the photo at top, Terry Crump Jr. revs up the engine on his junior dragster. In photo above are members of R&R Racing, including standing (from left) Bill Eichelberger, Matt Hegwood, Brandon Pett, Rod Pett, kneeling at back (from left), Ben Heise, Russ, Pett, next row (from left), Dan Packer, Lindsay Pett, Terry Crump, Kelly Crump, middle row (from left), Karen Packer, Julie Pett, Janet Pett, front row (from left), Nicole Pett, Roger Crump and Terry Crump Jr.

# Sport drags township family into racing

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

t's a family thing. Of course, a little high speed and competition doesn't hurt either.

In fact, the motto for this drag racing family is simple: "A family who races together, stays together."

And nothing could be truer for the Pett family of Plymouth Township.

"We've always been a very close family. So if one wants to do it, we all join in," said Karen Packer, a Pett sister whose hus-

band, Dann, serves as a member of the pit crew for the racing portion of the family.

The main drag racers in the family – also known as R&R Racing – are Rod Pett, Terry Crump, married to Pett sister Kelly, Russell Pett of Garden City, and believe it

or not, 8-year-old Terry Crump, who attends Smith Elementary School in Ply-

This is not a small family, so other mem-ers - Julie Pett (married to Rod), mom Janet Pett, Karen Packer, and Kelly, as

well as the kids, all pitch in.

"They started this after we got married.
He just wanted to go faster," said Julie

The Petts and family got together in Plymouth Township Park recently with the four dragsters they own, take apart, maintain and finally race during warm weath-

Lots of dragsters

They have a front engine dragster, a

Please see RACING, A6

# Greene criticizes her male colleagues

BY KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

City Commissioner Stella Greene lacks something male commissioners have. But that doesn't mean she

deserves less respect.

"Simply because I do not have a penis I will not have my opinions placed at another level," she told fellow commissioners Monday at the public meeting at Plymouth City Hall

Greene serves on an appointments committee with Commissioners Dave

Simply because I do not have a penis I will not have my opinions placed at another level.'

> Stella Greene City commissioner

McDonald and Ron Loiselle. She com-mented after McDonald read a list of proposed appointments to various

Please see GREENE, A6

# School security eyed

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district this week completed a survey of all Plymouth-Canton Educational Park buildings to find out just how many potentially dangerous secluded places there are.

The survey was prompted by an alleged sexual assault March 5 under a Plymouth Canton High School stairwell. The defendant, Plymouth Canton student Christian Gerrard Armstead, has been suspended from school.

The report was released by the district to the Plymouth Observer Tuesday under the Freedom of Information Act. It listed areas in Plymouth-Canton Educational Park where students can congregate unseen, including the fol-

lowing locations at Plymouth Salem High School:

Stairwells leading from the two

gym balconies;

Music practice rooms west of the

■ The backstage of the auditorium; The loft above the stage in the

The orchestra pit;

■ The scenery construction area

below the stage; All restrooms

Plymouth Canton High School locations cited by the report included: ■ Three stairwells on the west side of Phase I;

■ Two stairwells on the south end of Phase II;

Please see SECURITY, A4

# Girls: A world of math and science awaits you

The Seventh Annual "Girls Excel in Math and Science" (GEMS) conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Saturay, March 21 at Plymouth-Canton High School.

The conference is offered for sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. While the target andints. While the target audiice is girls, middle school boys are also welcome to attend. Each student must be accompanied by an adult, usually a parent. One arent may bring two children in family. One student may bring

The mathematics and science onference is designed to prepare udents for the many challenges of the 21st century, to increase the student's interest in mathematics and science and to provide information on mathematics

The first GEMS conference

was held in 1991 and was created as part of a multi-faceted effort to increase the number of middle school girls with an interest in mathematics and scient who would continue to take math and science courses in high school. At that time, many more boys than girls took high level classes such as physics, chemistry and calculus.

The girls of the Plymout Canton Community Schools deserve the best opportunities that we can provide, Curt Perry, curriculum coordinator for matiematics and science said. "Whi ematics and science the regular classroom offers many activities for both girls and boys to excel, this conference is geared to be more specific to girls' needs. girls have typically been underrepresented in math and science classrooms. Ply-mouth-Canton Community

# **GEMS** CONFERENCE

Schools still provide this conference to show girls the importance of continuing with math and science throughout their ducational lives."

Debbie Madonna, a parent volunteer, is a health educator and sees the importance of knowing math and science first-hand.

"There are a lot of people who don't understand how their bodes work." Madonna said. Getting a solid education in math and science can help

patients better understand the inner workings of their bodies.

The conference offers a variety of hands-on sessions. Joint sessions for students and parents will be offered, along with individual parent and student sessions. "Role model sessions" allow students and parents the opportunity to meet with women from a variety of math and science careers. Presenters at the conference will include a naturalist, an archaeologist, a registered nurse, a sales support manager, dean of school of architecture and urban planning, a line designer, a bank vice president, a clinical chemist, an engineer, a math teacher, a plant manager and an accountant.

Breakout sessions for students and parents include

Computer-aided design (CAD) and engineering drawing

■ Computer connection: math activities using the computer

■ CBL II Calculator: Math

■ Who Kidnapped Brad Pitt, Crime solving with Chromatography Dial 724-3623 (SCI-ENCE)

Numbers

for Science: Problem Solving experiments and demonstrations ■ Surface area of cylinder/box experiment with cylinders/boxes

and Science together on a calcu-

Other student sessions

■ Smart Cards! Magic with

Cartesian divers, explore density by making a Cartesian

■ Egg Carton Fractions: Adding and Subtracting fractions with scrambling your eggs Poly Who? Explore and

make polymers to make and take ■ Snail Olympics: Use math and science skills to investigate slimy friends

The parent sessions include:

Failing at fairness: Strate-

gies and activities promoting math ability in girls

Choices Open Doors: An

update on course offerings at P-

■ TI-82 Graphing Calculator: Parents will come away with an appreciation of graphing calculators and math.

The conference is sponsored and funded by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, the Plymouth branch of the American Association of University Women, Federal Gender Equity Grant funds, the Educational Excellence Foundation, and Hines-Park Lincoln-Mercury.

For more information, contact Curt Perry at 416-3005.

# YMCA not favored to run recreation, residents say

# BY KEVIN BROWN

Don't turn our municipal reation program over to the YMCA, a group of residents told Plymouth city commissioners Monday.

Former city Recreation Director Chuck Skene headed a group of about 20 city residents who showed for the regular commis-

on meeting. Skene said talk about getting Plymouth Township to conte money to a joint program "is the best thing that's happened with the community for a long, long time."

"But I don't feel anyone here

feels the YMCA is the answer," he added.

A joint committee of elected city and township officials a full-time administrators has been studying recreation services since last summer.

The group has formed three subcommittees. One subcommitdepartment could be run.

The recreation committee h alked of having the YMCA run the joint municipal program. A new YMCA board would include city and township government representation, according to the

Subcommittees are to complete

their work by late April.

Skene said members from his group wanted to meet with those erving on the organizational structure subcommittee, to present their views.

Also on hand was Mike Maisner, executive director of the Michigan Recreation and Park tee is reviewing how a joint. Association representing recreation department professionals.

"I do not feel it would be in the

best interest of your residents to turn all of your services over to the private sector," Maisner said. Former Mayor Doug Miller,

who serves on the recreation ittee as a citizen representative, said the YMCA was first

But I don't feel anyone here feels the YMCA is the answer.'

> Chuck Skene -Former rec director

invited to participate to avoid duplication of programs.

We thought it made sense to bring all the groups together," Miller said. He added that in Livonia and Rochester, YMCA programs are substantial.

But Skene said that in both cities, municipal recreation departments exist that are separate from the YMCA.

"People want a municipalbased recreation department, not the YMCA," he said.

Former city Prosecuting Attorney Cameron Miller said if government doesn't spend money on recreation, there will be increased costs to fight crime. "I don't care how good of a kid you have, if they have too much time on their hands you'll have a problem," he said.

Greg Pappas, a baseball and soccer coach, said fees are getting so high - \$90 for baseball and \$40 for soccer - that some kids won't be able to play sports.

Miller said the focus should not be on who runs the program.

"We should try to look at the quality and value of the program for the dollars being spent," he

The three subcommittees are to report findings in May on the operating structure, facilities and finances of a joint recreation department.

The city government already contributes roughly a half-mill of property taxes toward recreation. Plymouth Township residents could be asked in August to contribute a half- mill, to help pay for the program.

# Deal falls through for Starbucks coffee

A deal has fallen through to open a Starbucks coffee shop in

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the former Amoco building at on a deal with the coffee shop Ann Arbor Trail and Main. chain, said Don Larson, Amoco A developer who sought to buy public affairs representative. A developer who sought to the property and lease it to Starbucks couldn't agree last month ing some other proposals," Larbucks couldn't agree last month ing some other proposals," Larbucks couldn't agree last month ing some other proposals," Larbucks couldn't agree last month ing some other proposals, "Larbucks couldn't agree last month ing some other proposals," Larbucks couldn't agree last month ing some other proposals, "Larbucks couldn't agree last month ing some other proposals," Larbucks couldn't agree last month ing some other proposals, "Larbucks couldn't agree last month ing some other proposals," Larbucks couldn't agree last month ing some other proposals, "Larbucks couldn't agree last month ing some other proposals," Larbucks couldn't agree last month ing some other proposals, "Larbucks couldn't agree last month ing some other proposals," Larbucks couldn't agree last month ing some other proposals, "Larbucks couldn't agree last month ing some other proposals," Larbucks couldn't agree last month ing some other proposals, "Larbucks couldn't agree last month ing some other proposals," Larbucks couldn't agree last month ing some other proposals, "Larbucks couldn't agree last month ing some other proposals," Larbucks couldn't agree last month ing some other proposals, "Larbucks couldn't agree last month in the larbucks couldn't agree la larbucks

firms the oil company is talking READER SERVICE LINES Larson said company repre-

sentatives say the property should sell within a year at the

While there is still some residnal contamination from leaking tanks under the former service station, pumps are no longer needed on the property to

remove it.
Instead, Larson said "natural tenuation" is taking its course – the breakdown of residual oil by natural enzymes in the ground.

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# DOWNTOWN **AMOCO STATION**

Larson said the property can be sold with the liability for any future government-directed cleanup staying with Amoco.

"This is a common practice in sites all over the country," he

Larson added that Amoco continues to test underground for oil contamination as often as once a month and no less than once every two and a half months.

"It's a good corner, the structure is in fairly good shape," he

SEEDS &

resulted in your prior notifica-tion not being reported at the meeting. However, you had complied with the attendance policy, and your absence is

aid her criticism of Koch two veeks ago "was based on infor-nation we were provided at hat time."

Still, Pobur criticized Koch for not attending three Ply-mouth 2000 future planning sessions, held on Saturdays. "This commission is my top priority." she said. "Everybody

priority," she said. "Everybody has a job, everybody has family pressures. I can't say I'll never

"But the entire Plymouth

2000 process has proceeded without your input," she added.
Mayor Don Dismuke responded that commissioners picked Saturday as a time to hold Plymouth 2000 sessions, knowing Koch said he couldn't attend at times because of

"I did keep up with all the

**OCEANSIDE** 

The other commissioners beent from the Dec. 2 meeting

were Dismuke and Dennis Shrewsbury Dismuke's absence was also excused because he notified the city manager

notified the city manager ahead of time.

Shrewsbury, who didn't notify the city administration he'd be absent, said, "I would like to a pologize for not following proper procedure. It was inadvertent and I apologize."

Other commissioners can consider filling an absent seat if there are four unexcused absences in a row, or if the commissioner misses 25 percent of commission meetings, according to the city charter. according to the city charter.

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# Wanted: Long lost sister

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

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there's anybody out there with the birth name Christine Mohr who was born Feb. 7, 1953, in Detroit, there are 10 people who would like to meet you.

Mary Hayes, a Plymouth-Canton Community Schools bus driver is looking for her long lost sister, who would be 45 today.

Hayes hasn't seen Mohr in some 45 years when Christine was 6 months old and Hayes

In the summer of 1953, Christine and her 11 siblings were all taken away from their parents because of neglect. Three of the children ended up staying with the parents but the other eight were sent into foster or adoptive homes, including Hayes. One died shortly after childbirth. All were born between 1944 and 1961.

Hayes has just about given up hope of ever finding out what became of her little sister. She's tried following the adoption papers' trail and has even written to the television show "Unsolved Mysteries."

The adoption papers have led only to dead ends. One set of records shows Christine was adopted out of Macomb County and another that she was adopted out of Wayne County. Plus, Christine is likely to have been named something else by her adoptive parents, making the search that much harder.

Though she's happy to have met with 10 of her siblings (several live in the metro Detroit area), the reunions won't be complete until Christine

"One reason we really want to find Christine is because Dianne (Jones, a sister) is in really poor health," Hayes said. "We would like to have the whole family together."

Dianne suffers from severe asthma and possibly could need lung surgery.

Hayes has been a Plymouth-Canton bus driver for 12 years. She has lived in South Lyon for two years, but lived in Canton for 19 years previously. She has been married to Ron for 30 years and has four children: Kenneth, 29; Chris, 28; Kimberley, 23; and Shawn, 15.

Having lived in an orphanage and foster



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Looking: Mary Hayes, a Plymouth-Canton bus driver is seeking her baby sister, who would now be 45.

homes, Hayes always knew the importance of being tough. With her children and family however, she said she's a softie.

Whatever she might have lacked growing up, she's more than made up for with her own children - particularly when it comes to affection.

"I think you overcompensate with your own kids. I hug my kids a lot." While most teenagers might get embarrassed

by hugs from mom, her own teenager thrives on it. In fact, he does a lot of hugging too.

"My youngest (child) is just like me," Hayes

### League leaders

Final second half standings for the Plymouth Masters over-40 10-team hockey league show the Adistra team in first place with 23 points in 17 games, fol-lowed by Critter Control with 22 points and Infinity with 21

Scoring leaders were Tom Predhomme with 53 goals and 41 assists, John Lis with 33 goals and 34 assists and Rick Merrick with 18 goals and 46 assists. All three play for Adis-

Penalty minute leaders were Chris Cook of Critter Control with 52 minutes - he was also fourth in scoring - Bob Sowins-

ki of Infinity with 48 minutes -he was fifth in scoring - and Pete Puzzuoli of Key Plastics with 46 minutes.

### Story time

Award-winning Plymouth storyteller Debra Christian performs "A Spectrum of Stories" at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Fourth Avenue Gallery, 210 S. Fourth Ave. between Liberty and Washington streets, in the Town Center Building.

Christian has performed nationally and was featured in a December 1997 Ladies Home Journal article about preserving memories through the oral tradition.

Her performance is followed by a storytelling open mike ses-sion. Admission for the event is

For more information, call'

### Coffee time

This month's Coffee, hosted by the Plymouth Community Chamber, will honor members of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education 8-9 a.m. Thursday, March 26, at the chamber office, 386 S. Main, Plymouth No reservations needed. The public is invited.

# **Planning**

# School group looks ahead

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

What will the Plymouth-Canton school district be like in five

That is the question the Long Range Planning Committee is continuing to discuss in a process that began in 1995. The 20plus person committee comprised of parents, teachers, administrators and many other representatives held an informational meeting Saturday to kick off its "visioning" process. About 13 people attended Saturday's meeting, with some braving post-snowstorm roads to get

The meeting's purpose was to explain to the public what the committee is about and kick off a series of public meetings concerning the long range planning

"The long range plan is intended as a blueprint," said Joann Gustafson, a Lowell Middle School teacher and committee member. "It is a living and breathing document."

The committee was formed in late 1995 and was commissioned by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education. During this time, the committee has spent more than 100 hours in meetings and has gathered a variety of infor-mation, said Judy Evola, committee member and the district's

community relations director. The committee's first task was to analyze historical and trend data, focus groups and develop a community survey to find out what residents' biggest concerns

The results of the communitywide survey showed that school parents outnumber other individuals, parents desire more curriculum information, class sizes are too large, enough funds are being spent on extracurricular activities and district personnel are doing their jobs, among other

The committee used the survey results to drive discussions and formulate the ever-changing

"The intent was we were not going to have a plan that was developed in the old style Gustafson said, referring to a plan where one person asks of committee members, "Are there any other wrong opinions?"

Instead, this committee has worked to reach agreement even on tough issues.

"It really was a very healthy process," Gustafson said.

A second visioning meeting as held Wednesday in the E.J.

McClendon Educational Center. Other meetings are planned for 7 p.m. Monday, March 30, at Pioneer Middle School, 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, at Pioneet Middle School and 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22, at Tonday

Elementary School.

# Train stopped for snacks



Editor's note: The Observer asked readers to let us know their tales about the trials and tribulations of trains and train crossings in the Plymouths. The following response is from Renee Diroff of Plymouth. The second response is from Kristen Drauss of Plymouth.

Must have been hungry

My husband and I were coming home from work one night, we both worked at the Ford Sheldon Road plant and of course we got stopped by a

After a long day that started quite early we weren't real pleased but, we were definitely used to it. We were at the crossing at Ann Arbor Trail and Mill Street and we were the first car waiting. The train was at a complete stop and had been for quite a while. It was at least 15 minutes and by then people their cars.

All of a sudden I saw some legs and feet beneath the train like they were walking toward the train and I thought they were going to go through and come out on our side. Well, they came through all right, there were two of them and they were carrying bags of goodies that they had bought at the gas station/party store on the corner.

We had waited all that time while they had gone and done their shopping. Needless to say I was livid. I don't think my feet hit the ground at home before I

was on the phone to the railroad making a complaint. The guy on the line said he would relay the complaint to the station master but I'm not sure that was ever

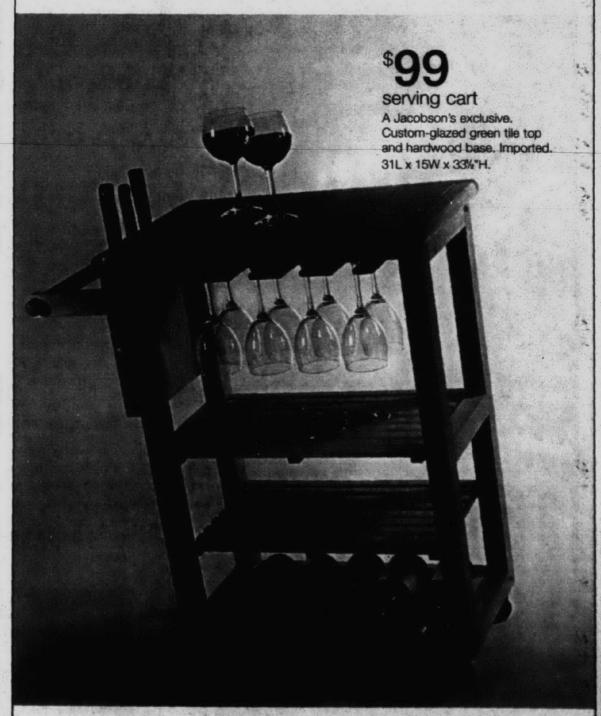
I have told this story to several people who can't believe that they had the nerve to do that but they did and if I wasn't there to see it I wouldn't have believed it

### Who is that man?

I was on the way home from Sheehan's on the Green one summer night. I was driving southbound Haggerty north of Plymouth Road. I got stopped by the train, but it was OK, because it was usually there around 2:30

every morning I sat and waited for a few minutes until something funny caught my eye. The train was coming down the tracks very slowly. There were only three cars, and there was a man running behind the train pushing it. I figured maybe he was bored or

As funny as it looked to me, I realized the man probably worked for the railroad!



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# Township joins partners

BY TONY BRUSCATO

Plymouth Township trustees are hoping they can avoid millions of dollars in federal regulations to clean the Rouge River Watershed by taking less costly local action first.

Township trustees voted to join the Lower 1 Subwatershed Management Group, a partnership comprised of Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Superior, Van

Buren and Ypsilanti townships. The communities share common land use patterns, and therefore share common problems and common solutions in

the area of storm water. "The federal court is ready to superimpose requirements which could be very costly," said Jim Anulewicz, director of public services. "We agree with the problem, but not the solution. We want the court to give us an opportunity to show the general public is responsible, and that we can make headway in solving the problem with cost-effective educational tools.

Anulewicz is referring to booklets distributed jointly by Plymouth and Canton townships entitled "A Clean Water Guide: Doing Your Part To Keep Our Streams Clean." They're available to homeowners and businesses, and describe what can be harmful to the watershed and

# **ROUGE RIVER** WATERSHED

what can be done preserve it. We used to think of storm

water as something that just disappeared," said Anulewicz.

As an example, what if all the soap and grime from washing your car is directed back into your shower?" Anulewicz said. "You wouldn't like that. We need to take more care while washing cars or other activities that have water runoff going into the storm drainage system.

# COP CALLS

Man charged in chase

After a chase Friday that began in Plymouth Township and ended in Redford, police arrested a Plymouth man on charges of fleeing and eluding, third-offense drunken driving and driving without

The man, 40, was charged after Plymouth Township, Livonia and Redford squad cars boxed in the man driving east on I-96. The maneuver, in which blice cars ride along side and in front and behind a suspect car, allows a suspect to be pulled over

as the box slows and moves to the roadside.

According to the report filed by police, a Plymouth Township police patrol officer spotted the man at 1:30 a.m. weaving between lanes on east Ann Arbor Road.

The officer turned on the overhead lights, but the man didn't stop. He drove his brown Ford van onto north I-275, then headed east on I-96 where police stopped him, according to the report filed by

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reduce the possibili-ty of undesired behavior within the context of the state

locked when not used.

Next, the district will ask

state building and fire inspec-tors if some of the question-able areas can be blocked off

without violating any codes, said John Birchler, the dis-

trict's director of finance and

"Later this week I will be

reviewing the areas on site with a member of the local

office of the state fire mar-shal," Birchler said. "We will be determining what preven-tative measures could be

taken to reduce the possibility of undesired behavior within

the context of the state fire

Counselors from First Step, a domestic violence and sexual assault awareness cen-

ter in Canton were on hand at PCEP to talk with staff about

But knowledge about preventing sexual assaults often comes too late, Little said. "I

don't know if this particular (incident) was predictable."

ention and legal issues.

The balcony above the We will be deter-

The instrument storage com above the music room in

The catwalk above the age in the Little Theater; The loft above Jan utherland's production

■ Dressing rooms off the stage in the Little Theater.

Areas on the PCEP grounds

press box at the foot-

Behind the maintenance

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Around the concession tand at the football field;

Under the portable class-

Behind the transformer n the west side of Salem;

Outside the south stair-

"We had the staff go through the (PCEP) and look for places where people can congregate and not be seen," Superintendent Chuck Little

Superintendent Chuck Little said. "There are not very many places that fit that bill."

There are some places – like baseball dugouts and stage-pit areas – students can escape view that the district not do much about, Little

"These are fairly vulnerable laces and can't be easily

supervised," he said.

Other secluded places, such as the press box, are kept

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of third-degree criminal sexual conduct for the alleged rape, which took place under a stairwell at the high school.

Armstead is free on \$10,000 personal bond. A preliminary exam is set for Friday in 35th District Court to see if enough evidence is present to bind the case over to circuit court for

He has been suspended from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools pending an investiga-

Meanwhile, the girl is attending classes in a nearby school district, although she hopes to return to Plymouth Canton. She is also undergoing counseling through First Step, a domestic violence and sexual assault crisis center.

"She's meeting friends (at the new school) and doesn't have to hear the rumors," said the mother. "Kids can be vicious."

Names are being withheld to protect the identity of the victim. The teenager declined to talk on the record to the Observer, but was present during the interview with her mother.

Armstead was contacted by the Observer and declined to comment.

**Becoming friends** Armstead reportedly came to

■ 'The first weekend was so hard to get through. We're taking it day by day.'

Mother of alleged assault victim -Canton Township

Plymouth Canton High School in January from Cass Tech High School in Detroit. The two were becoming "good friends," the mother said. They were not dat-ing, she said, which has been one rumor circulating at the high

"They were in the lunchroom talking. She was upset ... One of things she was upset about was we had just put our dog to sleep," the mother said.

"He suggested they go someplace quieter."

They sat in the stairwell talking when Amstead allegedly began making sexual advances. At one point, he put his hand down her pants.

"She not only told him, 'No,' but she tried to push him away

several times." the mother said. The girl was bruised on her elbow and was cut and bleeding from Armstead's zipper, she

Two girls witnessed the assault, apparently believing it was voluntary, the mother said. They didn't report it to school administrators. The daughter didn't yell out to them for help because she was scared. "She froze," the mother said. "I guess she got that from me."

The girl's estranged father was an abusive alcoholic. The parents were divorced when she was 3 years old. "I don't know if she thought (Armstead) was going to hit her. I know from experience that there's only so much arguing you can do before you lock up

and freeze," said the mother.

After the attack, the girl went outside and saw the two with several other kids. One of them asked her if she "got f----." Her daughter put her head down and walked away without saying a

"Instead of going to get securi-ty, they were laughing about it," the mother said, shaking her

The letter

The next day her daughter received a letter from Amstead. It alleged that the assault took place because her daughter

assistant principal at Plymouth

touched his ears. "He knew he did something wrong. It's his way to justify it," said the moth-

The same day as receiving the letter the mother took her daughter to an emergency room after swelling up with what was later determined to be stress hives. She also had abdominal cramps and was bleeding.

It wasn't until the next day, March 7, that the mother learned of the alleged rape. They waited for nine hours at Providence Hospital in Novi for a rape kit to be completed. The hospital called Haven, which put the girl in touch with First Step. "It was First Step that gave

her the courage to speak up," the mother said.

The mother is hoping the school addresses issues of security at the high school, possibly adding cameras to hallways.

"With that many students how can there be secluded areas like that and with all the talk about open a third school, it will make it more like a big college campus," she said.

There are already 5,000 students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP).

"The first weekend was so hard to get through. We're taking it day by day," she said.

# Tip line offers students anonymity

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

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A new tip line designed to take anonymous or other tips about thefts, vandalism or other crimes

happening in the Plymouth-Canton school district is ready to

take calls. The Anonymous Tip Line

(ATL) was set up about two weeks ago, said Ken Jacobs,

Canton High School.

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Though the tip line is intended for use at Canton and Salem

high schools, it can be used districtwide, said Judy Evola, director of community relations. Jacobs said the tip line will make it easier for students, staff and parents to report incidents to the schools' security staff. The

do not have to leave their name. "Often, parents and kids feel reluctant to come in (and report incidents), Jacobs said. "This was a method that could help open up lines of communication between the community and the schools on important and sensi-

number is 416-2920. Callers can leave a voice mail message but

Messages left on the tip line will be followed up by security personnel, he said.

An example of a recent sensitive issue was an alleged sexual assault March 5 at Plymouth Canton High School

Callers should include the following information when leaving a tip with the line: who may be This was a method that could help open up lines of communication between the community and the schools on important and sensitive issues."

> Ken Jacobs -Assistant principal

involved, what the situation is, where it happened, when the incident may have occurred and why the situation and individuals involved may be connected.

Callers may also leave their name and a telephone number where they can be reached, but

So far, the district hasn't received any phone calls on the tip line.

Students will likely benefit from the privacy and anonymity of the tip line.

"This will provide (callers) with a vehicle if they feel uncomfortable talking to someone about incidents they've witnessed," Jacobs said.

# Don't forget planning meeting

participate and give their input on the actions required to successfully implement the Plymouth-Canton school district's

The community is invited to long range plan 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at Pioneer Middle School, 46081 Ann Arbor Road.

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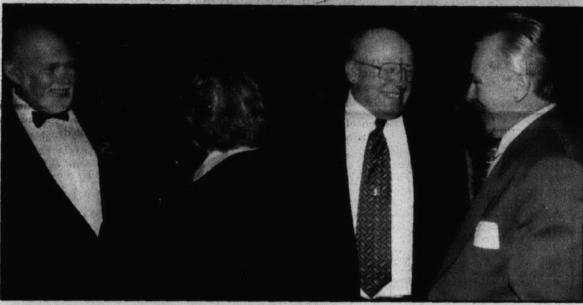
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# St. Pat's party launches McNamara's bid for new term



St. Pat's party: Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara (above) welcomes Don Brownell of Detroit (left) and Sally Ballelli of Livonia to Saturday's fund-raiser in Laurel Manor. (At right) Cathy and Dave Tyler of Plymouth chat with Canton's Molly Noonan, who was recently named Maid of Erin by winning a pageant in Detroit representing the Irish American Community. Her escort was Jerry Reynolds of Canton (center left).





Welcome: Garden City Mayor Jim Barker (left) talks with Lucille McNamara (center) as Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara (center right) shares a laugh with Huron Township Supervisor John Mitchell.

County Executive Ed McNa-mara hopes a little "luck of the Irish" will translate into an election win as he officially announced his candidacy for reelection Saturday at his annual St. Patrick's Party at Livonia's Laurel Manor

About 1,500 people from throughout the metro area attended McNamara's fund-raiser, which raised about \$75,000.

McNamara will be seeking his fourth term as county executive. He is expected to be challenged by Sharon McPhail on the Democratic side of the ticket in the primary election Aug. 4. McPhail is expected to file this week.

"We began some great projects which I want to see completed," McNamara said. "The Metro Airport expansion, our parks improvements, fixing the county's roads and our efforts to reduce crime are too important to step away from mid-stream." McNamara also highlighted

several other projects during his announcement, including the stadium projects for the Detroit Lions and Tigers, building the new Dickerson Jail and the Wayne County Medical Examiners Office, 150 new projects and programs to improve county parks, and the \$60 million Part-nership '98 road bond program

to resurface 141 county roads.

McNamara, who lives in Livonia. oversees a \$1.9 billion coun-



Irish tunes: Judy Plester, a music teacher in the Plymouth-Canton school district, plays the violin with the Irish band Strathmore at Saturday's party.



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# Racing from page A1

rear engine dragster, a Dodge Dart drag racer and a junior dragster, recently bought by grandpa for Terry Jr. Don't forget, dragsters have a parachute that opens to stop the cars at the end of the quarter-mile races.

"If you don't use the parachute

you end up in the sand. It slows you right down. It's dangerous but it keeps you alive," said Rod, adding his dragster runs at about 150 mph. In other words, the quarter-mile is over in about

Terry races at about 110 mph, while Terry Jr. is at about 35 mph. In April, Terry Jr. will try for his racing license by doing three passes, about an eighth of a mile on the track.

Terry Jr. does have a concern, however. He needs a sponsor, just like his adult racing counterparts already have. For example, his father is sponsored by HSA II.

Sponsorships are important and necessary for what is an expensive sport. Never mind buying the car, ask the family about maintenance, costs of parts and fuel. For example, Rod and Russ use alcohol, Terry uses a high-octane racing fuel and Terry Jr. uses regular gasoline.

Kelly Crump talked her hus-band, Terry, into racing, promis-ing she wouldn't quit her job so the sport would be more affordable for them. About \$100 a week is what the sport costs each racer during the racing season. That includes the fuel and entry fees for the race.

Drag racing as a family sport actually started with oldest son

I 'If you don't use the parachute you end up in the sand. It slows you right down. It's dangerous but it keeps you alive."

Rod Pett -Family dragster

Rod, and his late father, Roger, about 15 years ago. The Dodge Dart was the original racer, bought just as a hobby. Brother Russell joined the effort and took econd place in a 1978 race as a high school student. "The thrill of it, the speed," is how Russell describes the fascination with drag racing.

#### **Crew essential**

His brother Rod wouldn't disgree. But the racers admit that they wouldn't be anything without their crews, which not only includes their relatives, especially the women, but also Ben Heise, who crews for Rod and Bill Eichelberger, who crews for Russell, who is a semi-truck

"We spend the warm weather racing and the cold weather working on the cars," Rod said, adding that the bodies of the cars specifically fit each of the racers, including Terry Jr. "I build the engines for the three

During warm weather, the family is at some race track every weekend. While most of them are crewing and racing, mom Janet is the glue, who, by the way, does the cooking. As her daughters tell the story, they, when all else fails, will resort

various tools to help with the

"I've used pliers to get the hot dogs out," Kelly Crump said.

By the way Janet Pett also makes all what the family calls "paraphernalia" for the cars and uniforms, such as

In the early days, Rod worked out the family garage fixing lawn mowers. Mom Janet helped and was just as happy and eager to help when her son and husband got into drag racing. "I always worked in the garage with Rodney. I was the chief parts cleaner. The racing was just as thrilling to me."

#### Safe driving

And no, Janet and the other women of the family do not sit and worry about the safety of their family and racing. "If they have this need for speed, isn't it better they have some-

here to go to do it?" asked Julie Pett. Husband Rod agrees: "I feel safer in that car than I do on the

There might be a couple reasons why. First of all, the race is a straight-away. Secondly, the racers are harnessed in the cars and even their arms are braced



Get set: Rod Pett of Plymouth Township models his dragster. In racing conditions he would wear a fire-proof suit and would have his arms restrained in the dragster in case of rollovers.

so should there be a rollover, arms are not flailing under the rollbar. That's not to mention that the races are also dressed in fire suits and have a lot of good training, practice and confi-

And if you've ever wondered why there's plenty of smoke as the dragsters get under way at a

race, there's a good reason: the racers drive their dragsters into waters pin the tires to "smoke them," allowing the racer to keep the car in its tracks.

"You really need the crew," Rod Pett said. "You can't do it alone," Russ Pett agreed, smiling at his family.

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expressed interest in the seat, withdrew her name Tuesday

Each board candidate introduced himself or herself, then they fielded various questions from board members before the board voted unanimously to select Mardigian. Candidates answered questions about labor relations, budget and finances, the bond issue and various other

There was initially some disagreement among board mem-bers about whether or not the candidate should run for his or her post in the June election.

There are two years remaining on Farrow's term.

**Board member Roland Thomas** nominated Battishill, who told board members he would not seek re-election in June. He received a second from member Carrie Blamer but no other sup-

"It puts the school board in the position that they are essentially endorsing a candidate to run (for re-election)," Thomas said. "I feel

really uncomfortable with that." The remaining school board members disagreed.

There's been a lot of turnover on the school board in the past

few years," Blamer said. "I think we need to look for someone who's in it for the long term."

Member Mike Maloney said whether the candidate runs again or not was not the issue.

"I think our responsibility is to try to pick the best individual," Maloney said. "Someone who

could help us and is well-suited to the job.

Mardigian declined to say whether or not she would seek the two-year election.

"I don't know yet," Mardigian said. "Let's see how it goes."

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appointments by a 5-2 vote, with

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was sure the appointees were qualified, it was the principle.

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"It's very subtle.

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Mayor Don Dismuke said of

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"It's unfortunate she feels this

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prospective nominees, her opinions weren't sought. whom she declined to name, said to approve the appointments. her input wasn't needed, and "Men are traditionally less ions weren't sought. Greene said one commissioner, told her there were enough votes

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clothes, other misc.
UNIT #445 - JAMES MAHER OF 18820
NEAGUNEE, REDORD, MI 48240; couch,
chair, TV, 10 speed bike, computer, 3 dressers,
full size bed, twin bed, table, golf club,
lamps, rocking chair, 2 fishing poles, kitches
chairs, approx. 30 boxes, other misc.
Unit #457 - ROBERT COOMBS OF 3648
BUCKINGHAM, BERKLEY, MI 48072; car
parts, 15 tires, 10 speed bike, 2 file cabinets,
couch, loveseat, chair, deak, wood cabinets,
misc. bumpers, 5 car hoods, other misc.
Unit #709 - DON BROWN OF 284
STONECLIFFE AISLE, IRVINE, CA 92715;
table, chairs, typewriter, end table, tool box,
cart, approx. 20 boxes, other misc.
Unit #102 - NARAIN RAISINGHANI OF 899
POND ISLAND CT., NORTHVILLE, MI
48167; 13 pallets of tile.

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lish your credibility. "I guess sometimes you have to

get a little pushy," she said. McDonald was unavailable for comment Tuesday.

Greene was appointed in November, 1992, to the city commission to fill a vacancy. Greene was elected to a two-year term in 1993 and a four-year term in

Following the meeting, Com-missioner Joe Koch responded that when he earlier served with Greene on the same committee, "she periodically did the same



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When you are the minority political party, you take every

victory you can. Last Tuesday's election in Wayne County's Ninth District not only brought a new face in Kathleen Husk to the county commission, it added a third Republican to the 15member, largely Democratic, commission.

instead of 13-2 votes along party lines, commissioners may now vote 12-3.



"I think it's great," said Thaddeus McCotter, a county commissioner who represents Livonia and Plymouth, and is the chairman of the Wayne County Republicans. "It's a war of attrition with the Democrats of Wayne County. We started with one, then two, then three, then we went back to

With (Commissioner Chris) Cavanagh's seat, that could go

two and now we have three.

That seat was formerly held

by Andrew Richner, a Republican who decided to run for state represen-



Thad McCotter

Not all commissioners agree. Just cross the political aisle and ask Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland.

Beard said she was 'extremely disappointed" with the election loss on March 10 of Democrat candidate and former commissioner Edward Plawecki Sr.

Beard wasn't pleased that a special election had to be conducted at a cost exceeding \$100,000 to local communities, and quite possibly, neither were voters. "Special elections are costly," Beard said.

"Unfortunately, Democrats don't seem to vote in special elections, and the Republicans really didn't have a large turnout, either. Neither party had people come out."

#### **Bucking trends**

Still, Husk's victory shakes the traditional thinking that Redford and Dearborn Heights are Democratic strongholds.

western Wayne County from Oakland County, all the way down Haggerty Road, you have Republicans," McCotter said. "It is crucial that Husk is cutting into the interior of Wayne County."

But "chances are good" that a Democrat could win that seat back, Beard said.

"In any election, anything can happen," Beard said. "It's going to be

tion this year." McCotter said Husk has South Redford well

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**Bruce Patterson** 

ber. "Her experience on governmental issues will be a great addition to our caucus," McCotter said. "Now Redford, Dearborn Heights and Livonia will hear the Republican side of the

Husk has stated throughout her campaign she will work with "everyone" to represent her district. "The first role of a county commissioner is to represent the people in her district," Husk said.

McCotter looks for activity soon on tax issues, particular-

strategies for reading fiction and

"We have the exterior of ly on a "Supermajority" proposal, expected to be discussed this week at a Committee on General Government meeting (Wednesday) and possibly at the full commission meeting today at 10 a.m.

Under the proposal, any proposed millage increase would require support from 10 of 15 commissioners to place it before voters, then a 60 percent support from Wayne County voters, before it was considered approved.

#### Elections this fall

County commissioners face elections this fall, and they could change the dynamics of the county commission, and Wayne County politics.

Only one candidate in western Wayne's four commission districts - Republican Lyn Bankes, who is not seeking reelection for state House because of term limits — has filed to run for county commission, the seat currently held by McCotter.

McCotter and Commissioner Bruce Patterson, R-Canton. have decided to run for respective seats in the state Senate and House, but those seats are considered strong Republican areas in western Wayne County. Vice Chair Kay Beard has not officially declared her candidacy yet, but her district is considered a strong Democrat-

# County seeks EPA grant to clean up brownfields

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Wayne County's Department of Jobs and Economic Development have asked western Wayne County communities for information on contaminated sites

Al Bogdan, project director of Wayne County's Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, asked members of the Conference of Western Wayne on Friday for a letter of support of a \$200,000 EPA grant. Wayne County applied for the grant to prepare a data base of all brownfields in the county.

The brownfield authority will capture increases on taxable property values on all millages within that established authority and use the money to clean up contaminated sites. The cleanup fund will be reimbursed through increases in property values from new development.

The CWW, a legislative consortium, approved a letter after Bogdan's presentation.

Wayne County plans to pre-pare site descriptions for development purposes, evaluations and remediation action plans for more than 40 sites, Bogdan said.

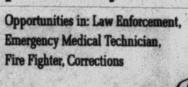
"As a partner, you will be asked to provide information on suspected sites in your community and to sit on a steering com-mittee to help determine what actions, if any, should be taken to clean up and redevelop the sites in your community," Bogdan said.

"If you have already done so ... and have initiated redevelopment programs on all of your sites, it's still important that we receive a copy of your informa-tion to make our data base com-

While Wayne County was aware of brownfield projects in: Livonia and Westland, it wanted more information.

We don't know what is happening in your community," Bog-dan said. "We don't know what sites you might have in Canton Township."

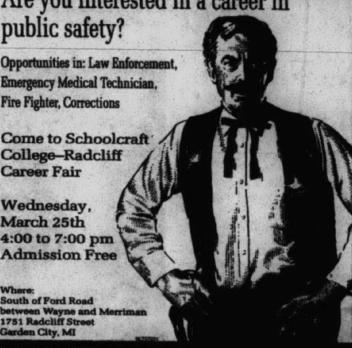
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Block IV: July 20-July 31. Individual or group instruc-

tion (two students) is available. Prior to admission, each student will be informally assessed, and a tailored remedial plan will be designed. Instruction is designed to enable the student to be a more successful and independent reader and will include

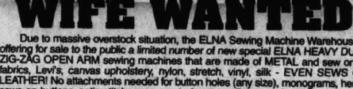
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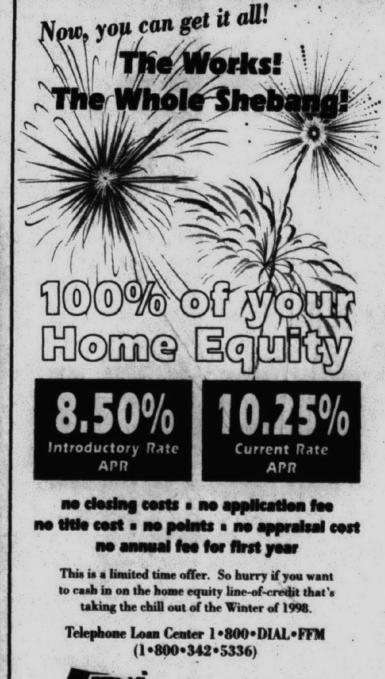


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# Insurance rebate

# House compromise bill seeks \$180 refund for state motorists

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Insurance executives of the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association were expected to decide today whether to distribute a refund of \$180 per car to Michigan motorists.

The decision comes on the heels of a state House vote to require the rebate. On Tuesday, lawmakers voted 104-3 to require a \$180 refund for each of 6.5 million insured cars to a total

of \$1.2 billion. The House bill appears to be a bipartisan compromise

The original House Republican plan sought to rebate \$306 per vehicle, or \$2 billion from surplus. House Democrats believe Michigan's insured vehicle owners should receive \$1 billion or an average refund of \$153 per vehicle, according to state Reps. Robert Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, and Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, who presented the Democrats' proposal last Friday to the Conference of Western

That same day Gov. John Engler called on the MCCA to voluntarily implement a proposal to rebate approximately \$180 to vehicle owners and would limit future assessments.

Engler, House Democrats and House Republicans want money taken out of a "catastrophic" fund — which reimburses insurance companies for no-fault auto medical claims exceeding \$250,000 — and refunded to car owners. That money is generally awarded to accident victims who suffer severe head or spinal cord injuries or are confined to

heelchairs. The compromise House bill also caps the MCCA assessment for two years at its current rate. Without the cap, the assessment could rise to an estimated \$54 per year per car next year.

The bill denies the refund to insured drivers who have been convicted of two or more drunken driving charges within the

past 10 years.

If the MCCA decides to volunteer to refund the money, the bill is moot. Otherwise it will be forwarded to the Senate.

But Doug Cruce, president of the Michigan Insurance Federation, believes state lawmakers have no business prying into the

financial affairs of a private insurance association

"It doesn't matter if there is \$2 or \$2 billion in the MCCA fund, the responsibility of lifetime pay-ments for victims of catastrophic auto accidents ultimately falls on auto insurance companies not the state," Cruce said.

The Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association has \$6.5 billion in total assets, total liabilities of \$4 billion, leaving a total surplus of about \$2.5 billion, figures Brown reported to members of the CWW, a legislative consortium of 18 communities, in Ply-

Democrats proposed their bill in December.

"The rebate proposed by House Democrats leaves the MCCA with a fat \$1.459 billion surplus to cushion the fund against unanticipated liabilities," said Brown, who also represents Redford Township. "The remaining surplus still will be greater than the total \$1.3 billion payout over the fund's history."

On Friday, Engler said his proposal put back more money to vehicle owners immediately. "It

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# McNamara names new chief of staff

A former administrator with the city of Detroit was named chief of staff to Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara.

Charlie J. Williams, who was chief of staff for Coleman Young, will be responsible for overseeing 10 Wayne County departments and 5,000 employees. He will be considered the "number three" person in charge behind McNamara and Mike Duggan, assistant county executive.

Williams replaces David Katz, who has been appointed director of Wayne County's Detroit Metro Airport.

McNamara said the appointment of Williams is a "tremendous plus" for Wayne County.

"Williams is an experienced, talented and resourceful administrator who is well respected throughout government circles in Detroit, the suburbs, Lansing and Washington D.C.," McNa-mara said. "He is an exceptional leader who knows how to turn problems into opportunities."

Williams spent 27 years in Detroit city government, start-ing as a recreation leader and ending as Detroit chief of staff. During that time he headed several city departments including the Recreation Department, the Housing Department and the Water and Sewerage Department.

Williams initiated the city's drive to stamp out arson fires on the annual Devil's Night and was credited by McNamara with upgrading every department he

Young recommended that Williams run for mayor to succeed him when he decided not to seek a new term, but Williams chose to retire from city govern-ment. Williams was president of New Detroit Inc. from 1994 to 1996 when he resigned and was succeeded by William Beckham.

Williams said he was eager to return to Detroit and to government to do "whatever I am able to handle the problems of this metropolitan region."

A lifelong Detroiter, Williams was a softball player during his early years and was known as a slick fielding shortstop who starred on a number of premier teams. He was nicknamed "Charlie World" for his skill and earned a place in the Amateur Softball Association Detroit Metro area Hall of Fame. As he advanced through the city hier-archy, Williams earned a law degree from Wayne State University.

McNamara said Williams' appointment has been well-received throughout the metropolitan Detroit area.

"I have heard from many peo-ple throughout the area who have expressed enthusiasm for Williams' appointment," McNa-mara said.

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Services for Leah M. Beardsley, 87, of Plymouth will be Sat-urday, March 21 at St. John's Episcopal Church, Plymouth. For more information on visitation and the times, please con-tact the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home at (734) 453-3333.

She was born March 6, 1911 in Ft. Foote, Md. She died March 16 in Woodhaven, Mich. She was a mathematics educator and consultant. She received her teaching certificate in 1929 from Towson College, her bachelor of science degree in 1955 from Wayne State University, and her master of science from the University of Detroit in 1965. She taught at Prince George County in Riverdale, Md., the Detroit Public Schools 1952-1974, and was a diagnostic clinic teacher at Wayne State University. She spoke at numerous conferences throughout the U.S. and Canada. She was the author of "The Hundred Square" in 1972; 'Mathematics Activities" in 1976; and co-authored mathematics textbooks 1980-1985. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth.

She was a member of the Detroit Area Retired School Personnel, Michigan Area Retired School Personnel, member of the National Council Teachers of Math; Michigan Council Teachers of Math, Detroit Area Council of Teachers of Math, and Friends of the Library. She enjoyed speaking, tutoring, oil painting, traveling and bowling. In addition, she has participated in the writing of television scripts and outlines, activity guides, a course of study for the mathematics improvement class, games and approaches, and other material for the Detroit Mathematics Department.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cleeland and Mamie (Thompson) Kirby and her husband, Andrew Beardsley. Survivors include her two daughters, Anne Leah Beardsley of Seattle, Wash., Joan Ellen (William) Berger of Brownstown Township, Mich.; one son, John Bruce Beardsley of San Francisco, Calif.; eight grandchildren, Joan Gibson, Carl Gibson, Kenneth Ralston, Sandra Szekely, Katherine Ralston, Corrina Beardsley, Aaron Beardsley, Colin Beardsley; six great-grand-

children; and three brothers, John Frederick Kirby of Maryland, Grover Lee Kirby of Florida, and Wilfred Woodrow Kirby of Reno, Nev.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Association.

#### HUGH F. CARPENTER

Services for Hugh F. Carpenter, 59, of Plymouth will be March 19 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Stanley Tokarski officiating. Burial will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral

He was born Jan. 20, 1939, in Detroit. He died March 14 in Lake Township, Mich. He retired in 1992 after 25 years of service with the Westland Police Department in 1967 and retired a detective sergeant. He worked as an ordinance officer with the Northville Township Police Department for 1 1/2 years. He and Joan had been married 40 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1985 from Westland. He was president of the Westland Police and Fire Retirees Association. He was a member of the Wayne County Lieutenant and Sergeants Association, and he was a member of

the Police Officers Association of Michigan. He loved his grandchildren and was interested in antique cars, boating, and outdoor sports.

He was preceded in death by parents, John R. and Marie Carpenter, and brother, George R. Survivors include his wife, Joan of Plymouth; son, Tim (Michelle) of Westland; daughter, Betty (Robert) Kurc of Westland; five grandchildren, Cynthia, Sharon, Rose, Jaclyn, Grace; sister, Mary Pimlott of Florida; and sister-inlaw, Elizabeth Carpenter of Detour Village, Mich.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Cardiac Care Department.

#### JOHN 'JACK' N. DRURY

Services for John "Jack" N. Drury, 83, of Plymouth were held March 17 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Mallia officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Ceme-tery, Southfield. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 11, 1914, in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. He died March 14 in Plymouth. He was manager of organization and administration for the Chevrolet Motor Division of the General Motors Corp. He .

retired in 1975 after 38 years of service. He also was district manager for the Chevrolet Motor Division in Cleveland, Ohio. He and Jean had been married 62 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1989 from Livonia. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth Township. He was the retired president of the General Motors Men's Club.

Survivors include his wife, Jean of Plymouth; three daughters, Barbara Wolford of Littleton, Colo., Gretchen Lamphere of Delaware, Ohio, Alice K. (Gerald) Tibaldi of Boyne Falls, Mich.; one son, John H. (Erin) Drury of Oakland, Mich.; 15 grandchildren; and nine greatgrandchildren.

#### ANGELINE DOLORES (MURPHY) HINDMAN

Services for Angeline Dolores (Murphy) Hindman, 75, of Plymouth were held March 16 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Plymouth, with the Rev. Stanley Tokarski officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born Oct. 25, 1922, in Detroit. She died March 13 in Livonia. Mrs. Hindman came to the Plymouth community in

1955 from Trenton. She was a homemaker and also worked as a bookkeeper for Adistra Corp. in Plymouth since 1973. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church since 1955 and a past member of the Ladies Group at the church. She was a volunteer at Our Lady of Providence and loved children.

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Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia 48154-5010, Our Lady of Providence, 16115 N. Beck, Northville, Mich. 48167, or as Mass offerings.

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1959 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Pianning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 20, 1998 at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan: ensive Plan:

FORD/LOTZ-TOWNSHIP INITIATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT AMENDMENT - CONSIDER AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO INCORPORATE THE FORD/LOTZ CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN AS A SEPARATE ELEMENT. This Plan affects properties located within Sections 12, 13, and the south quarter of Section 1, bounded by Koppernick Road on the north, eastern Township border on the east, Detroit Edison power lines north of Cherry Hill Road on the south, and I-275 on the west.

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

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1998 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration

Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following

Maas, Mass Enterprises, Inc., 5445 S. Sheldon Rd., Canton, MI 48188,

for property located at 5445 S. Sheldon Road, Canton, MI 48188, Regarding Article 27, Section 05, Variances and Appeals, the applicant is appealing a decision by the Planning Commission relative to whether a specific use was permitted in the LI-2 zoning district pertaining to

Article 22, Section 02, Permitted Uses and Structures. Parcel No. 136-

99-0003-000 (Planning). (Tabled from November 13, 1997 meeting;

Tabled from January 8, 1998 meeting; Tabled from February 12, 1998

Peter Toarmina, 47500 Hanford Rd., Canton, MI 48187, for property located at same. Appealing Article 26.02, Schedule of Regulations, Agricultural and Residential Districts, Side Yard Setbacks. The request

is for a variance of 12' from the required 20' side setback in R-1. Parcel

Frank Zantello, Ramco-Gershensom Properties Trust, 27600 Northwestern Highway, #200, Southfield, MI 48034. For the property

located at 4444 Ford Rd. Appealing Article 26.03, Schedule of Regulations, Agricultural and Residential Districts, Front Yard Setbacks. The request is for a variance of 35.5 feet from the required 85' front setback, in the C-2 zoning district. (Parcel No. 039-99-0028-005

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WHEREAS, this Board having tentatively declared its intention to make the improvements and tentatively designated the above described remises as a special assessment district against which the cost of said approvement is to be assessed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Canton Township, Michigan, for public examination.

Take further notice that the property owner's included in the special assessment district have the right to appeal the special assessment levy to he Michigan Tax Tribunal. In order to protest the levy an appearance by he property owner, by mail, or by an agent of the property owner must be nade at the public hearing where the roll is confirmed.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the board will meet on useday, the 24th day of March, 1998, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard ime, at the Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, fichigan, to hear objections to the public improvements, and to the special

March 26, 1998

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TERRY G. BENNETT.

# **BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 10, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center Road Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to move from an open session to a closed session at 6:07 P.M. to discuss pending litigation and employee

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

Members Absent: None Staff Present:

Also Present: Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to return to an open session at

Motion carried. Supervisor Yack led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL- OPEN SESSION

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of February 24, 1998. Motion

PRESENTATION

spector Badge to Kevin Henderson.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Fund	Current	Budget	Amended
	Budget	Amendment	Budget
General Fund	\$13,105,845.00	\$177,539.00	\$13,283,384.00
Fire Fund	5,143,744.00	17,325.00	5,191,069.00
Police Fund	8,194,478.00	48,622.00	8,243,100.00
Community Center Fund	1,955,129.00	13,095.00	1,968,224.00
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rease Revenues \$3 crease Appropriations \$3 is budget amendment increas om \$188,702.13 to \$539,366.13. ses the 1998 Federal Grants Fund budget

Appropriation from Fund Balance #230-000-699-000 \$3,190.00

**Increase Appropriations** Capital Outlay - Building #230-250-977-000 \$3,190.00 This budget amendment increases the Cable Television budget from \$311,537.33 to \$314,437.33.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution to DENY the request of the Project Sponsor to conduct the special use for the proposed restaurant on parcel no. 002-99-0002-706. Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Shefferly, Yack

Nays: McLaughlin Motion carried.

Oakview

Motion by Bennett, suppored by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the rezoning of certain property identified by property tax EDP nos. 138-99-0008-000 and 138-99-0009-000 from C-1, Village Shopping, and MR, Multiple-Family Residential to RP, Research Park District. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the bid for brush chipping to Beninati Contracting Inc., for the amount of \$5,500.00. Motion

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to authorize payment to Wayne County for three applications of dust control on local roads for the 1998 calendar year, in the amount of \$12,000.00. The following roads are to be chlorided under the proposed action:

Gorman Road South of Ford Road Herby North of Geddes and North and South of Dionne Dionne West of Sheldon Road Morton Taylor North and South of Michigan Avenue Willard South of Michigan Avenue North of Cherry Hill Road Willard South of Michigan Avenue Corrine South of Michigan Avenue Washburn Leopold West of Corrine Street Leopold West of Sheldon Road Artley South of Michigan Avenue Al Smith South of Ford Road Murray Hill Pilgrim Hills Subdivision Bircklan Pilgrim Hills Subdivision Thornwood Pilgrim Hills Subdivision Topper Court Elmhurst Pilgrim Hills Subdivision McIntyre Gardens Subdivision Marlowe South of Ford Road Marlowe North of Saltz Road Gordon Sheldon to Oakview North of Saltz Road Brookline Brookline South of Ford Road

The estimated road mileage for the above roads is 7.50 miles. The target date for the first application of chloride for the local roads should be the third full week of May.

North of Saltz Road

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to appropriate additional funds for stairway resurfacing at the Township Administration Building: Increase Revenue

Appropriate from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$8,495.00 **Incrase Appropriations** 

Capital Outlay - Buildings #101-265-975-0000 \$8,945.00 This budget amendment increases the Facilities Maintenance budget from

\$917,794.00 to \$926,739.00 and the General Fund Budget from \$13,096,900.00 to \$13,105.845.00. Motion carried

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the bid with Northstar Sales Inc., - Avalon Tile for \$16,769.00 and a 10 percent contingency of \$1,676.00 for a total amount of \$18,445.00. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve the 1998 Amendment to the Municipal Credit Contract between SMART and the Charter Township of Canton for an increase of \$13,849.00 to the Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to award the bid for the five-year lease purchase of 100 golf cars, less trade-in of 100 cars from the low bidder, Club Car Inc., in the total amount of \$155,970.00 which includes sales tax and wheel covers. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the expenditure, up to \$150,000.00 to renovate the Canton Township facility on Geddes Road/Sheldon Road, to be used by the Western Wayne County Narcotics-Auto Theft Consortium which will be repaid over a period not to exceed ten years.

Further to create and establish a budget for the following accounts by: Increasing Account

#101-300-975-0000 \$129,000.00 #101-300-818-0000 \$ 21,000.00 #101-000-699-0000 \$150,000.00 Increasing Account Appropriate from Acct. lotion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the awarding of the bid from Siegal/Tuomaala Associates in the amount of \$18,300.00 plus a contingency of 10 percent for a total not to exceed \$20,130.00 to perform the work as specified by the proposal at 44508 Geddes Road, which shall be part of the \$150,000.00 hereby approved by the Township Board, charged against Account No. 101-300-818-0000. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the purchase of a 1998 Chevrolet Tahoe, 2-wheel drive, Deluxe Police Package through the State of Michigan Bid, and additional equipment for a total cost of \$34,140.50. Motion

Supervisor Yack reminded the Board that the study session on March 17, 1998 would be a closed session to discuss employee negotiations. ADJOURN Motion by LaJoy, supported by McLaughlin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. Motion carried.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on March 10, 1998. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board of March 24, 1998.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

negotiations. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL - CLOSED SESSION

Durack, Rorabacher,

Eric D. Smith-Cummings, McClorey, Davis and Acho

Staff Present:

Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Santomauro, Rorabacher, Champagne, Zevalkink

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of February 17, 1998. Motion

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Bennett, to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried. Expenditure Recap

General Fund	101	\$302,396,20
Fire Fund	206	40,140.16
Police Fund	207	65,757.04
Community Center Fund	208	25,983.62
Golf Course Fund	211	10,240,24
Street Lighting Fund	219	23,924.19
Cable TV Fund	230	647.70
Community Impro.	246	2.186.25
E-911 Emergency	261	695.02
Federal Grants Funds	274	3,324.39
Downtown Development Auth.	294	1,299.61
Retiree Benefits	296	6,807.00
CAP Proj-Road Paving	403	363.00
Bldg. Auth. Construct.	469	81,409,69
Water & Sewer Fund	592	407,162,82
Trust & Agency (Trailer Fees)	701	6,669.00
Recreation Checking Acct.	Jan/Feb. '98	3,126,50
Total - All Funds		\$989 135 43

Supervisor Yack presented the Lieutenant Badge to Robert Kerr and the Fire

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the resolution for the Lower I Rouge River Subwatershed Management Group. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendments in the 1998 budgets for purchase commitments carried over from 1997:

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Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton authorize the approval of the attached Charter Township of Canton Investment Policy which will become effective immediately upon

passage. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendment in the Cable Television Fund to re-appropriate unspent 1997. Ands to pay for the new gutter system to be attached to the cable television.

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

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Members of a volunteer association that helps maintain a nature preserve in Westland are unhappy with the Wayne County parks division, particularly Parks Director Hurley Coleman.

Two members of the Holliday Nature Preserve Association in Westland criticized the county's maintenance of the preserve, which is a part of Wayne County

John Covert and Bill Craig, both Westland residents, complained that Coleman also has not done enough to seek the purchase of property adjacent to the preserve in Canton Township, a parcel that could act as a buffer for the preserve and the Rouge River, but instead is slated to be part of a corporate park.

"This is not just a small piece," Craig said. "It is a piece of the puzzle for an entire watershed."

In an open letter to western Wayne County residents, Covert criticized Coleman about two specific issues:

A request to apply for state funds to purchase property adja-



Natural site: Bill Craig, a member of the Holliday Nature Preserve Association in Westland, says Wayne County Parks has not done enough to purchase property adjacent to the preserve in Canton Township.

cent to the preserve and located "has never made a serious just south of Koppernick and west of I-275 in Canton Township, was met with "foot-dragging and platitudes" by Cole-

■ The Wayne County parks parking lot closed off of Kopper-

attempt" to barricade the Koppernick Road entrance to keep four-wheelers and partygoers from devastating the preserve's trails. The group also wants the

Coleman said the issues cited by the two men were important, but he did not believe the group's desire for a land purchase was as crucial as the capi-tal improvement plan for the

entire parks system, all part of a millage package promised to county voters in 1996. It also takes time to earmark funds for parks development, Coleman

"I'm not saying that it's not important, it's just not the high-est priority," Coleman said. "Especially when the property they're talking about is owned by someone else.

Coleman admitted that development next door could have a detrimental effect on the preserve. "It's a very heavily wooded area, and any industrial park could have a negative impact on the preserve," Coleman said. Any land purchases also need

proval from County Executive Ed McNamara and county commissioners, Coleman said.

The property is located between Koppernick and Warren Road, I-275 and the C & O railroad track. A public hearing on a for road construction, sanitary sewer and water main will be held on 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, at Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Craig had hoped the five-year recreation master plan had been updated and certified to include the nearby land, and forwarded to the state. The county must include the site in its master plan before it can obtain land grant trust funds.

"It's disappointing to know that they know that's a prerequisite to get things done," Craig said. "They aren't on the speedball to get things done. You would think that they would have completed the paperwork."

Craig said the group applied for a state land grant acquisition fund last year when it first learned about the site early last summer. "We hoped that would

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# Area media group honors Valassis for policies on women in workplace

Valassis Communications, Inc. was recently honored by the organization of Detroit with its "Diamond Award," an honor which recognizes efforts made by a company which created a workplace culture in which women can thrive

In addition to having the distinction of being one of the "100 Best Companies to Work for in America," Valassis was applauded for its wide variety of benefits, job sharing, flex time, career part-time, dependent care reimbursement, education assistance and family assistance pro-

Women at Valassis represent nearly 50 percent of the entire workforce and hold many supervisory, management and senior

leadership positions.

Lynn Liddle, vice president of corporate communications and investor relations for Valassis, accepted the award in a e ceremony at the Rattlesnake Club in Detroit.

"Once again, we are very pleased and proud to be recognized for our great workplace culture and the wonderful advertising, film production and opportunities that we offer

women," said Liddle.

"We have created a lot of Women In Communications unique programs that benefit all of our employees and we are committed to continuing to provide opportunities to all of the talented individuals in our organizations.

> Valassis is the leading company in the sales promotion industry, offering free-standing inserts, newspaper sampling programs and other promotions solutions. Valassis has eight sales offices and four printing and production facilities in the

> Other companies who have received the award in its 14year history include: Crain's Detroit Business, Ford Motor Co. Women's Marketing Committee, General Motors Corp., Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan and Steelcase of Grand Rapids among others.

> Women in Communications of Detroit is a diverse group of communications professionals in entrepreneurial and freelance

sector of journalism, broadcasting, public relations, marketing,

The Detroit chapter has more than 200 members and is affiliated with a national organization of more than 7,000 mem-

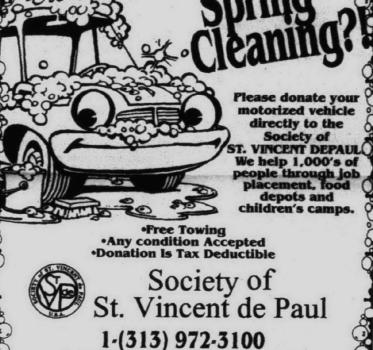
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# Sexual assault

# Deal with facts, not gossip

ur schools, particularly the high schools, | are a microcosm of the society in which we all live. It stands to reason that the bad things that happen in our society will happen at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools.

Consider that with a total population of approximately 5,000 students, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park is really a small

Despite many comments by residents and students, the alleged assault of a 15-year-old girl at Canton High School is not about sex. It's not about disobeying school rules. It's not about skipping lunch hour or skipping classes. It's not about students being where they shouldn't be.

It is about violence. It is about a general disregard for each other and it's shocking. We are shocked because violence is not supposed to happen in one of our high schools.

Already, adults and kids are forming steadfast opinions - mostly based on hearsay, gossip and innuendo - about what happened between the two students, one who is now charged with third-degree criminal sexual conduct and the other who is now attending another school.

Let us remember that the truth - as best as it may be determined - will play itself out in a court of law, not in circles of gossip with sides being taken on guilt and innocence.

These are two young people whose lives have now changed. Both their futures are sure to be affected in any number of ways.

The Observer has received a number of comments, letters and e-mail from readers of all ages offering their opinions and insight on the alleged crime. They have assigned blame either on the girl or the boy, based on a number of interesting concepts, including the two may have been dating, the incident was consensual, there were no screams, no apparent anger, and on and on.

Incidents of this nature will always gener-

March is National Reading Month, a time when educators around the country -

coordinate special activities to encourage chil-

important skill needed by students to achieve

ing out to principals, teachers and parents

Observer, can be used to improve students'

reading, writing and critical-thinking skills.

A quick review of academic journals and

the Internet turned up several ways in which;

teachers use newspaper in their curriculum.

Here are some of the more common ways:

■ Educators use newspapers to improve their students' reading skills so they can per-

form better on standardized tests. Reading a

newspaper is considered to be a basic skill for adulthood. Students seem to enjoy reading

community newspapers like the Plymouth Observer because they get to read about their

friends and neighbors and events that affect

them most directly. They also find topics that

Educators use newspapers to give stu-

dents ideas for topics to write about. Teachers

find that students write better when they are

how newspapers, such as the Plymouth

Reading, most educators agree, is the most

We can't let the month go by without point-

and throughout western Wayne County -

ate gossip and speculation. But let us never forget that in any type of interaction between human beings, no means no. It is that simple. No need for ifs, ands, or buts. There are no half-way measures here. No means no.

It is surprising to us that a number of adults, who wish to speculate on this incident that occurred between two young people, have so easily forgotten that simple concept.

While equally offensive, we understand why teenagers or younger students may not quite understand that concept. Of course, it is up to their parents and other adults to ensure that as children become aware of sex and violence, and themselves become sexually mature, they are taught proper behavior, attitudes and values.

There is no room anymore for the ignorance of those who believe victims of crime may deserve what they get because of their behavior, their dress, their confusion, or the nonchalant attitudes of our society toward sex and violence.

Let's remember that even in Victorian times when clothing for men and women was neck to floor, both women and men were victims of innumerable crimes, including sexual

It is disheartening to find just how desensitized our society - including kids - has become. We have come to accept violence as a part of our lives, with little, if any, surprise or

Instead of community members reaching out to each other and trying to understand what happened between these two young people, and possibly prevent similar incidents in the future within the student population, accusations and innuendos have been thrown across the community.

It is equally disappointing to realize some people continue to harbor the same, age-old unenlightened attitudes about rape and rape victims. What will it take for people to get the message?

allowed to pick their own topics, particularly

ones they feel passionate about. Newspapers

are full of stories, editorials and letters to the

■ Educators use newspapers to provide

their students with an audience to write for

and a forum for publication. Older students

can write letters to the editor, guest columns,

even feature stories. Having their work pub-

lished and read by people other than their

teacher makes students feel like authentic

writers, which contributes to their learning

dents hone their skills in punctuation and

class to see which group can find the most

errors in the newspaper. This helps them to

(In this case, we hope the Observer isn't too

recognize their own mistakes when they write.

■ Educators use newspapers to foster criti-

cal-thinking skills. By discussing the content

of newspaper stories, editorials, letters to the

editor and columns, teachers can help their

students think critically about the issues

media plays in presenting them.

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■ Educators use newspapers to help stu-

grammar. Teachers have students compete in

editor on controversial topics students are

sure to have opinions on.

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# Heartwarming



When the going gets tough: Sure enough, the tough get going as these friends of the Garry Johnson family who display items up for auction at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Vision Bowling Lanes on Ford Road, east of Hix. Johnson has cancer and is awaiting word on receiving Social Security. The auc-tion will raise money for his family.

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### **LETTERS**

# Always a smile

have to admit, I really didn't know Mike Kilgore all so great, but I knew him enough to consider him a good friend. Since the beginning of high school we had always had a class together, and every once and a while we talked.

He was shy when I first met him. He didn't really ever say much. Sometimes it felt like I was taking a crowbar to a box and prying it open, just to get a few sentences out of him. But hey, good old me, I kept trying and I finally got him to talk to me at the end of my sophomore year.

Mike wrote in my yearbook "Even though I don't talk in class it's because I really don't want to talk about anything at 9 in the morning. Try after lunch, where I'm actually up . . and on that, I did. We had sixth-hour chemistry together our junior year. This year I used to tease him for not being at our meets. I would come into class and stare him down and as soon as he saw me he would smile or laugh and say "I know" or something like that. I would only be kidding around but deep down inside I had really wished he had been there. I had wished that all the guys would come to the meets. I hated seeing an empty timer's bench, and now the bench was going to be one person emptier.

I kept asking myself "Why?" Why did Mike have to go so far away? Why couldn't he stick around? Why/how does a 16-year-old, healthy boy have a heart attack? Why is it always the good ones who have to go? I ask you why? These are questions that I have no answer for, nor does anyone else, but I do prefer the answer Mrs. Kilgore, Mike's mom, gave us . . . "God must have a big job for my Mike, because he has such a large heart . . ."

I'll miss him that's for sure. I also know that the swim team will miss him greatly for we have not only lost a valid member of our team and a great friend but, we have lost a member of our family.

My heart goes out to his family and to everyone else who has had the same pleasure as myself in knowing such a great person. To those of you who never had a chance to meet him, he was a great person with a smile always on his face and love in his heart.

Sandi Taylor Plymouth Salem Junior/Swimmer

# No is no

To parent Mara Peterson, quoted in your front-page story regarding the recent rape at Canton High School: If the victim had been following the rules, she wouldn't have been in that situation. Mara, wake up! The girl is the

victim and the crime is rape. It doesn't matter what she's wearing or where she is. Rape is against the law. No is no. What part of that don't you understand?

**Kathy Depp** Plymouth

### **Behavior unchecked**

am a freshman attending Canton High School and I must say that I'm not surprised something like this happened (Observer,

With security as lax and incompetent as it is, our school is terrible when it comes to controlling couples showing affection. What people do in privacy is their business, but at school, I don't want to see it. However, every passing period, you can see people kissing if you walk around the halls.

I don't know any details about the alleged assault, so I don't know if she's lying about resisting or if it was rape or if it even happened, but I do know that the high schools need more security to enforce the actions of all of the teenage couples at school.

Name withheld by request

# Lean times for schools?

would like to comment on Cynthia Burnstein's comments regarding "positioning ourselves so we're not forced to cut programs in

been involved in school, public, or political issues much but I felt I had to comment on her remarks. I am amazed at the amount of growth that the Canton area has had (commercially and residentially) in the last 10 years. Formerly from Plymouth Township, I was almost scared to move to Canton because it seemed to be too thriving!

would expect to read about the Canton community. I only hope that she is basing her statement on legitimate facts, and not intentionally misrepresenting the district's financial condition in order to back up her own

> **James Freeman** Canton

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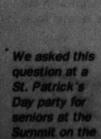
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# Summit a chance to speak out on school spending

AND MARK SLAVENS GUEST COLUMNISTS

he first Michigan Summit on School Equity will be held from 7-9 p.m. Monday, March 23, at Summit on the Park in Canton. More than 20 state representatives, senators and candidates for governor will attend:

This is the largest forum of state senators and representatives in our area in memory and is your chance to learn and question our representatives on school funding and the future of public schools in Michigan.

In 1994, Michigan law was changed to reduce property taxes and to dramatically change the method of funding for Michigan schools. Proposal A was designed to equalize funding across Michigan schools. Although

there are certain portions of Proposal A that are working, several others aren't and need to be fine-tuned.

One of this area's main concerns is the fact that the state of Michigan has ordered that the most per-pupil state funding that the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools can receive is \$5,986, whereas other school districts receive up to \$11,000 per student. This results in major differences in school funding levels. For example, Dearborn Public School District has approximately the same number of student and receives \$25 million dollars more per year than does Plymouth-Canton.

Unfortunately, the state has also ordered that there is nothing that we as citizens can do to close this disparity in per-pupil funding. Approximately 44 school districts can pass hold**GUEST COLUMNISTS** 



JUDY MARDIGIAN AND MARK SLAVENS

harmless millages to improve their curriculums, operate new schools, reduce class sizes, etc. The rest, including Plymouth-Canton, have no ability to improve their schools.

The state also promised when it passed Proposal A that it would eliminate the gap in per-pupil funding.

Unfortunately, the state has not kept its promise. Based on current projections, in 100 years, Plymouth-Canton. will still lag behind these higher funded school districts. This means that our great-great-grandchildren will still receive less than their contemporaries in the highest-funded school districts.

How will we possibly be able to retain the best teachers, updated textbooks, and achieve small class sizes when completing with higherfunded school districts? Further, if our schools are viewed as second-rate, property values will soon follow.

This Michigan Summit on School Equity is open to the public. Local elected leaders attending will include Sens. Bob Geake, R-Northville, and

Loren Bennett, R-Canton; state Reps. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, and Tom Kelly, D-Wayne. Also candidates for governor will be in attendance and available for questioning. The program will be moderated by Tim Skubick, WWJ-AM radio Lansing correspondent and host of the Michigan public television program, "Off the Record."

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact chairman Mark Slavens at (734) 421-5210 or Judy Mardigian at (734) 451-2230. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you at the Summit.

Mark Slavens is chairman of the Michigan Summit on School Equity. Judy Mardigian is a member of the Class-Size Action Partnership Com-

### **LETTERS**

# **Assault alarming**

am writing concerning the sexual assault at PCEP.

There are two issues that I would like to address in this letter, inspired by the article in the March 12 paper. The first comment I have concerns the events that took place. I am a senior who attends Plymouth Salem, and it is very alarming to hear that something of this magnitude took place where I spend a large amount of my

The story raised the question: Is the school to blame for the situation responsible, primarily the security? The answer to that question is partially yes. What was mentioned in the article is that there is a large amount of administration that also patrols the halls, and another probem is that the school has existed for a long time. They should know the trouble spots, and if they do not have administration or security to cover that vicinity then they should assign faculty to watch it. Also, I feel that

they do not teach the students how to respond to a situation like that, even though it is a rarity, there are other areas that could be addressed along

It sounds all too suspicious that the boy actually raped this girl. You would automatically assume that if she was being raped she would cry out for help, and especially if there were two young ladies that approached them.

If she really didn't want to be involved in the sexual acts, she would have made it aware to the girls. By saying she was too scared, that leads you to wonder - was she too scared or could she possibly not been sure if she wanted it to happen? He can't be blamed for her changing her mind.

Has she considered the serious accusation she has made? Because if she got into a situation she wasn't prepared for, she should be responsible. She physically made a choice to go to that location. No body held a gun to her head and forced her, did they? If anything they are equally at

fault for the entire situation, and they both should receive the same punishment.

What is the School Council? If Ellie Shupra is as important as she sounds in this article, then why is she not aware of how our school functions, If she is a person that has influence on my education, then I feel that she should have a good understanding of who I encounter during my day and my experience as a student, when it concerns the security.

Overall, the ending note of your article is good food for thought. If the victim had been following the school rules she wouldn't have been in that situation. It is sad that this has to take place in my school, or any school at all.

I had known nothing of this incident until I read the paper. Why hasn't the school made us aware of this incident? If you compare it to the young man who died last week, we were never made aware of that either. We heard about it through word of mouth. They don't need to tell us the

second that it happens, but if in some way it could affect our lives we need to be made aware with in a timely fashion. I sympathize with the victim in this incident.

Name withheld by request

### A mother responds

Both as a mother of two little girls (ages 5 and 8) and a high school graduate of a small high school, I've long been concerned about the size and scope of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park location. In lieu of the recent "alleged" crime on the campus, I've renewed my-worry. ("HS site draw debate" and "Sex assault reported on PCEP campus," Canton Observer, March 12.)

Any savvy instructor can tell you that security is grossly hampered when they can't call at least most of the students by name. Adding a third high school to the two existing should alleviate the problem, not add to it.

Only by placing the school outside the campus can we accomplish this.

Increasing the size of the campus, no matter how many the "advantages" offered the students, only forces our 14-year-olds to grow up too soon. I liken it to sending a high school ninth-grader to community college. just wouldn't (and won't) do it. The students don't have the maturity to

Defending the present high school situation by attacking the victim in the sexual assault is deplorable. It is not her fault! Whether or not she was following school rules is not the issue; someone violently violated her. I feel that if the final comment of your article goes unanswered, next someone could attack the girl's mode of dress or demeanor. I thought we were long past this archaic, hurtful behavior. It is plain wrong.

**Deborah Tofil** 

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# Tax cuts shouldn't be the only issue on the campaign trail

arly scenes from this, a political year: Busily running for re-election, Gov. John Engler has proposed a drawn-out process by which the Michigan income tax rate would be cut back from 4.4 percent to 3.9 percent by

Equally busy but far less visible, Engler's main Democratic challengers are dutifully fol-

Larry Owen wants to increase the personal income tax exemption to \$1,000 over three years, starting now. This would give the average Michigan family all of an extra \$3.30 a week when fully phased in. It also would cost something like \$1.8 billion in forgone revenue for state services, higher education and local

Doug Ross wants to dump the Single Business Tax in favor of a corporate income tax on grounds that the SBT taxes both overall employment and net corporate profits. In 1995, revenue from the SBT made up around 12 percent of Michigan's total tax revenue. Taxes on corporate profits accounted for 4.7 percent in Ohio, 9 percent in Illinois and 7 percent in Min-

Ross wants to convey a tax-cutting message, but he has a good policy point. The SBT is a bad tax because it penalizes precisely those companies that are growing, benefiting Michigan's economy by adding employees. These days, the fundamental article of faith among politicians asserts that the electorate is interested in little more than cutting taxes. Therefore, in order to ander to the voters, the thing to do is to never e outdone in tax cutting.

Forcing political discussion on tax policy into this single dimension would be sad if it were not so sterile. Obviously, very few of us want to pay more taxes. But merely promising to reduce taxes as an end in itself begs far more important questions that ought to be at the center of political debate.

For example: Assuming that the State of Michigan should be spending some money on something, just what budget priorities ought to drive that spending? Another example: Does the State of Michigan get full value for tax-paid government spending?

Engler's budget priorities have the virtue, at east, of being clear. He wants to build 5,400 pre prison beds at the cost of \$180 million and ncrease spending on the Department of Correcions by 5 percent. On the other hand, he wants to spend only 1.5 percent more on Michigan uni- Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@oeonline.com



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versities and zero more on community colleges. Where is the rebuttal? I fear Democrats, so dazzled with the simplistic idea that cutting taxes is the sole purpose of political discourse, are missing a big opportunity. It makes good sense to argue that we should

increase state support for universities; and that to cut college tuition increases for thousands of Michigan families is a better choice than increasing spending to warehouse felons. And it's easy to point out that if it's good pub-

lic policy to move students from not very good high schools into more career-friendly community colleges to serve an economy that is critically short of skilled labor, the governor's education budget priority makes no sense at all.

And it's equally valuable to ask whether state government is really getting full value for such expenditures it does make.

Take the case of prisons, so large in Engler's scheme of things. State Rep. Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti, has produced compelling evidence that the amount Michigan spends per prison inmate is far in excess of what is spent in neighboring states. Any response from Engler or the Department of Corrections? None to date.

Take the case of road repair. Have you seen much discussion about how best to design roads able to survive Michigan's winters? Has anybody asked how much short-term patching will take place just before the election, with a likely half-life of a couple of years?

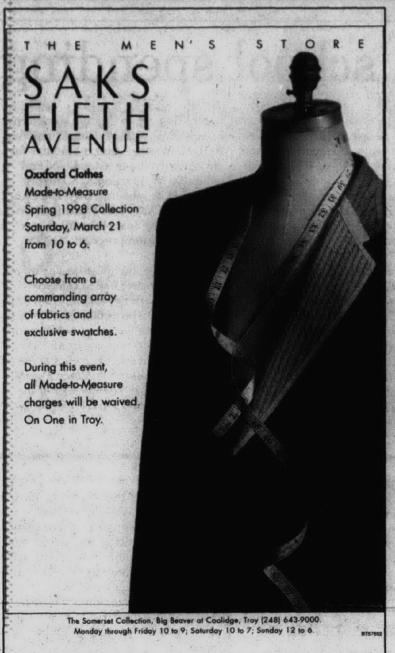
There is more to running a state than cutting taxes. I know Gov. Engler, Larry Owen and Doug Ross all know it. I just wish they'd act

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move the idea forward," Craig said. "We wait, we wait, and we wait, and of course, our nomina-tion was eliminated."

"We had hoped Hurley Coleman would move that up the

Coleman acknowledged that the item needed to be included in the master plan for Wayne County to be eligible. Coleman said his department has been busy with other improvements, and needs more time.

This request came to us less than a year ago, and it came at the same time we were busy with the millage improvements and the capital improvement plan throughout all the parks,"

Coleman said.

"Before we act on the property, it has to be available for sale and we don't know if it is available for sale." The preserve was expanded through a land use grant from 500 to 540 acres, obtained by Wayne County's work with efforts from the county, a land use conservancy group and the state, Coleman said.

But Covert and Craig believe Coleman has had enough time to investigate a purchase of the

On the maintenance issues, Craig said he brings people on tours to the preserve. "I just cringe with what's around the corner," Craig said. "Pop and

beer bottles are busted all over the ground and it ends up being quite a mess

"They will chop down trees, or bring pallets or car seats and have campfires.

Four-wheeler use has declined, but the preserve group still has problems with yard waste dumped onto the preserve, Craig

Covert said much of the preserve's forests contain wildlife animals, including deer, owls, foxes and salamanders.

"People have dumped yard waste," Covert said. "There's no real interest from the parks department and it's still that

Park vandals will drive up to the trees and to the end of the cul-de-sacs, and break glass.

"The parks department should be embracing us," Covert said. People ought to be able to say, Look at this wonderful relationship, they take care of the pre-

Coleman said last year he could not address these maintenance concerns because of a lack of staff, but he plans to increase it this summer. Park improvements will be made this year at

the preserve, he said. "I don't disagree with them." Coleman said about the letter. "I disagree with their tactics."

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keeps future increases lower by limiting assessments. It's a plan that's good for vehicle owners, and it's good for catastrophically injured victims who will still be

protected by unlimited lifetime

benefits — which must remain a

Cruce told CWW members: "We have no idea what this will cost over the next 30, 40 or 50

years." That \$2.5 billion surplus exists because of the \$4 billion in reserves, but the \$4 billion "estimate is only an estimate," Cruce

Cruce said a surplus credit of \$47.19 per vehicle was given to Michigan drivers in 1997. That resulted in a total assessment or charge per vehicle to motorists of \$14.94. Under its current program, MCCA plans to give credits for seven years until \$2.2 bil-

lion is refunded, or \$336 per insured vehicle.

John Truscott, Engler's spokesman, said that Engler's proposal left \$1.3 billion surplus in the fund. "That's plenty," Truscott said.

"MCCA re-evaluates the fund each year. They can reassess

Policyholders deserve a rebate,

Truscott said.

Brown said he supported the unlimited benefits and help for medical and rehabilitative services. "Every person who owns a car pays the MCCA," Brown

Cruce argued that if the fund was depleted by such a large amount all at once, any slight market decline could "severely impact" the fund, jeopardized

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the fund's ability to pay claims.

DeHart said that lawmakers had given 25 tax cuts over the past three years. "No one said in 1995 we should not give tax cuts because of the stock market. might fall," DeHart said. "I think the stock market is relatively predictable. If it does fall, the whole state will go under, not just the MCCA."



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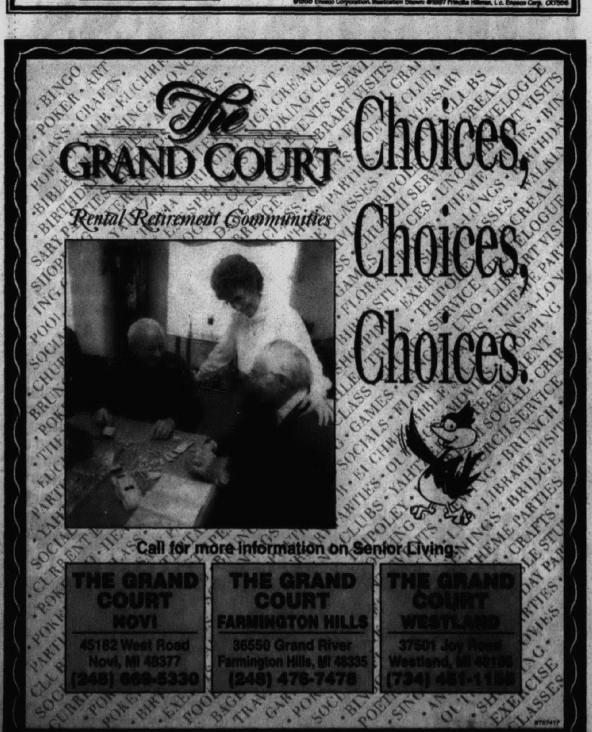
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#### **PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH**



GENE HUDSON

# How to find balance in co-parenting

n today's world, many people may share the role of parenting a child. Traditionally, both mom and dad are involved; not so traditionally, they may live in separate households. Grandma and grandpa or stepparents may also play a parenting role in a child's life.

While many different co-parenting structures exist, this diversity, when approached with understanding, can offer children an enriching, positive environment from which to grow and

learn.

Whether your situation is traditional or not-so-traditional, here are some guidelines to consider as you discover a healthy balance to your role as a co-

parent.

Recognize each parent's strengths.

Co-parenting partners will begin to find a balance as they acknowledge what each parent does well. Identify each other's strengths daily through observing and recognizing, or find some quiet time to have a more structured discussion where you write down each parent's strengths.

One parent may be better at getting the children to bed, or talking to teens about appropriate clothing for school. The same parent may not handle children's accidents and injuries well. Understanding and discussing what each partner is good at alleviates much of the stress caused from trying to master all parenting tasks perfect-

Experiment with starting roles.

In spite of recognizing each parent's strengths and letting the parent with the "knack" handle those situations with which he or she is expert, it is also healthy to experiment with sharing roles. Sharing can take place by filling in for the co-parent who usually takes care of the task, or by just helping with that task.

Maybe dad usually handles bedtime because he can get the children to bed quickly and smoothly. Mom can experiment with this role by giving dad a break on the weekend so he can finish a carpentry project. If mom usually takes care of daily discipline, dad can fill this role during "mom's night out" (not wait for mom to come home to dish out consequences) and be supportive of her disciplinary decisions on a daily basis.

Respect the decision of the co-

Once a decision has been made by a co-parent, other parenting partners need to acknowledge and follow

through with that decision.

Perhaps grandma has let the children stay up late to watch a TV show because they cleaned their rooms.

While difficult, it's best to respect grandma's decision even though you would not have allowed an extended bedtime. Conversely, grandma needs to respect your decision about what is allowed for snacks, and not contradict diet decisions that have already been established by you.

established by you.

Accept different parenting

Each parent will approach the parenting role with a unique perspective. It's important to value differences and then help children to understand varying attitudes.

This is commonly a concern when parents are no longer living together. At dad's house, children may be allowed to eat snacks on the couch and not make their beds. At mom's house, children must eat all food at the kitchen table and make their beds every morning. Help children understand that one set of rules isn't wrong and the other right, but that each household follows different rules and both should be respected.

both should be respected.

Balance empathy with reality.

When a child is disappointed in a parent, it's important to address the child's feelings without making excuses for the other parent or joining in an "attack."

If grandpa didn't get home in time

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# An alliance of caring



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At the helm: Cheryl Betz of Livonia (from left), Loisann Arnold of Salem Township and Pat Rensberger of Livonia are the driving force behind Rainbow Alliance Inc.,that benefits children and their families infected or affected by HIV or AIDS.

# Camp offers fun for AIDS families



A "60 Minutes" report on Birch Family Camp for families with HIV and AIDS served as the inspiration for Loisann Arnold to form the Rainbow Alliance Inc. and its Camp Rainbear for children.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

Loisann Arnold held a well-paying job as an administrator for a mental health agency in Detroit until she saw a profile on "60 Minutes" of the Birch Family Camp for families with HIV and AIDS in New York.

It was then that the Salem Township resident traded in financial security for an increased sense of personal worth and to work on the

Rainbow Alliance Inc.

She called on friends like Livonia residents Patricia Rensberger, a psychologist, and Cheryl Betz, a social worker, to create the nonprofit organization that recognizes a need for more comprehensive services for children and their families infected or affected by HIV or AIDS. Fellow board members are associated with Affirmations in Ferndale, the Child Abuse Prevention Center in Ann Arbor, and the Washtenaw County Domestic Violence Project.

"These are people who have concern for other people; they have the skills to make this thing really happen," Arnold said.

Its first project is Camp Rainbear, the first recreational summer camp in Michigan for those children and their families. It will be held the last two weekends in July at The Fowler Contactin Maywille east of Seginaw

Center in Mayville, east of Saginaw.

"I have this need or desire to really work with kids who are out of the loop as kids," Arnold said. "The population of kids who have AIDS or any kind of terminal illness seemed like a really important population to start

The objective of Camp Rainbear is for children, siblings and parents to experience fun and recreation in an environment where they do not feel shame, and where the social and psychological environment is one of total acceptance.

During the camp, parents and their children will live in separate cabins, except for kids ages 5 and younger.

Fun for all

"Everybody gets a chance to go away for a time," Arnold said. "The parents live together and then the kids are divided up by ages. They don't have a clue who is HIV positive and who isn't. Some kids don't even know that they're infected. They just know that they take medicine."

Nurses and medical staff will be on hand to administer medication to the children.

Kids will participate in swimming, horseback riding, gardening, barnanimal care, arts and crafts, nature walks, boating and sports. Familyoriented activities will take place in the evening

Parents will be pampered with massage therapy and makeovers as well as stress reduction and relaxation activities, nature walks, boat-

ing, swimming and horseback riding.
"I feel we can fill a gap there. If we can do it, it will really be satisfying," explained Rensberger, the Rainbow

"Kids will have an ordinary camp experience and so do the families," Arnold added.

'Community project'

According to the Michigan Department of Public Health, there are 9,228 AIDS cases – 4,155 in Detroit, 871 in other parts of Wayne County, and 866 Oakland County – in the state as of Jan. 1.

There also are about 8,500-11,500 people in the state who are HIV positive. The department only offers estimates because many people don't

mates because many people don't realize that they are positive.

Arnold described the average camp participant as an HIV positive child who contracted the disease through his or her intravenous drug-using parent. Some kids may be hemophiliacs who contracted HIV through

blood transfusions.

Because some of the parents are ill, Camp Rainbear will cover griefsupport issues, the future and financial planning.

"Hopefully, we'll get a lawyer or someone who's really skilled and knowledgeable to help set that up when they're (the parents) unable to anymore," Arnold said.

Participants will be referred to Arnold from Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit and Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Others who would like to participate can call Arnold at (248) 486-3872.

This year, the Rainbow Alliance is keeping the camp's attendance at 50 people. In following years, camp sessions will be one and two weeks.

There is no charge to participate, and transportation is provided.

Rensberger explained that the organization needs to raise \$43,000 for the camp. Checks, made out to The Fowler Center, can be sent to Rensberger at 34276 Coventry, Livonia 48154. The alliance is also looking for donations of soft drinks, snacks, prizes and games.

"Those who don't have a lot of money to donate but would like to help can tell us what they can do. We'll find a way to use their skills," Betz said. "We really want this to be a community kind of project. We don't want to depend on one financial source that can back out on us and

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#### A bit of history: Bill Phenix of Plymouth has collected a few things related to his Scottish heritage over the years. Among them are an antique sword, kilt, shoes, dirk, a small knife that fits in a stocking and sporran,the leather purse as part of the dress costume of High-



# A Highland fling: Scotsmen prepare for Tartan Ball

#### BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

Bill Phenix calls it one of the most colorful events he's attended. Tartan kilts spread their wings

as men twirl their dates around the

ballroom. Scottish music and the sweet smell of heather fill the room. Reveling in Scottish heritage, the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit is holding its annual Tartan Ball at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at The Meeting House, 499 Main St., at

Meeting House, 499 Main St., at Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. The formal evening of dinner and dancing includes Big Band dance music and the traditional sound of

Scottish piping.

The evening begins with cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by 7 p.m. dinner with a choice of salmon or beef tenderloin tips. The cost is \$45. For information about the Tartan Ball, call Ruth Shulenberger at (248) 349-1831, Phenix at (734) 454-7689, or visit the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit's Web site at http://www.detroitscots.com. The reservation are suggested by Fri-

day, March 20

"The evening will showcase some of the finest aspects of our Scottish heritage," said Shulenberger, chairwoman of this year's ball. "This is the evening all of our community gathers with members of the society and the public in their finest Scottish attire."

The Tartan Ball includes appearances by The St. Andrew's Pipe Band, Scottish ballroom dancers and a special performance by a local theatrical troupe of a Celtic mystery drama.

"We're also going to try and do a grand march to the pipes. Everyone who comes will also learn about Scottish ballroom dancing. It's easy to do," said Phenix, a Plymouth resident who is the co-chairman for

the ball.

Anyone, not just members of the St. Andrew's Society, is invited to

attend.

"We'd like them (the public) to come just for the music and the color. This a fun event. Like many Scottish families, I grew up with events like this with family and friends singing and dancing the

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take your child to the ball e as promised, make sure accept the child's difficulty ealing with her disappoint-it, but without criticizing indpa. If mom has missed a col event four times in a row ause of work conflicts, help r child acknowledge his or own dissatisfaction and hurt; pathize with your child, but t make excuses for mom, or cize her either.

llow individual relation-

ships to develop.

Let each parent develop a special relationship with each child. As mentioned above, all parents have a unique approach to interacting with their children, and it doesn't always match our personal approach

Perhaps dad is helping daugh-ter with a science project, and you think he's providing too much or too little assistance. Expectations that co-parents should approach the project just

as you would will only be disappointing. Try to enjoy their unique interaction and under-stand that the diversity in parenting styles is healthy for your children.

For example, moms usually help young children develop a sense of precaution because they tend to be protective. Dads, on the other hand, often help their children learn to take risks. Both approaches are necessary for

children to develop a well-balanced perspective and identify their own safety zones.

If you have a strong disagreement with a co-parent's approach, offer observations (preferably in private) without being judgmental. But chances are, once you think about the interaction, you'll decide not to offer an opinion, and rather, sit back and enjoy the special relationship being formed between your child and your co-parent.

Close relationships with a variety of adults who share co parenting roles can provide children with an enriching and rewarding experience that encourages them to develop additional relationships and gives them the confidence needed to relate to a wide range of

Gene Hudson has been working professionally with children, adolescents and parents for 28

years. He is chief operating offi-cer of Youth Living Centers, a private, nonprofit agency that specializes in serving children, youths and families from throughout southeastern Michi-

Jacque Martin-Downs and Jack Gladdenare on hiatus, so the Observer Newspapers and Youth Living Centers can present a four-part educational series as part of Parenting Awareness

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vening away," he added. Phenix, a society member nce 1987, was born in Belfast, eland, where "it is very much totch-Irish" influence. He red to the United States

nen he was 5. Because of his heritage, he has ays been interested in Scoth culture. He has seen its poprity grow since the release of al Gibson's movie "Brave-

It's aroused a lot of interest in tradition and history of Scotnd. A lot of people are attract-to Scottish culture because of color and traditions," said Phenix, the former director of

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The Rainbow Alliance will

ffer a training session for volun-

eers in June that will cover

AIDS and HIV, universal pre-cautions as well as "being a camper person," Arnold said. "We'll teach different things

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said. "They'll learn what to

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Arbor Hospice is offering a free

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milies, so volunteers don't

Rainbear from page B1

Historic Fort Wayne.

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, founded in 1849, is the oldest benevolent society in Michigan. Membership is open to men and women of Scottish heritage. Money raised at its events, including the Tartan Ball, fund gift-giving throughout

the year.
"We contribute money to various charities like Gleaners (Community Food Bank), Habitat for Humanity and the Good-will," Phenix said.

The society's goal is to help those less fortunate and promote

Scottish heritage.
The motto of the society is

marily serves children and

adults with developmental disabilities. Arnold admitted that

Fowler Center board members

and its neighbors were initially

apprehensive of the camp hous-

ing children with AIDS or HIV.
"We talked with them about

universal precautions and got

the support of the community," Arnold said. "The camp is locat-

ed on a lake and it is surrounded

by privately owned properties.

They had questions about if they could get AIDS or be exposed (to

Arbor Hospice offers volunteer training

The training will be 1-4 p.m.

Mondays for five weeks, beginning March 23, at the Northville

relieve the distressed." The society's annual Highland Games will be held Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 1-2, at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia. More than 12,000 people

attended last year's games, according to Phenix. Those attending the Tartan Ball will have the chance to taste the Scottish culture before this

year's two-day event.
"Men will wear kilts, if they have them. It's colorful. There's heather on every table. The color of all the tartans is kind of attractive. It's really an attractive room. There's a grand piano and a fireplace," he added.

the virus) if these kids swam in

Once they were educated, they had no problems "because The Fowler Center is an important

part of that community and they

trust it," she added.

Arnold also trusts that the

Camp Rainbear experience will

be a positive one for its partici-

pants.
"It's important to offer such normal kinds of things for this

group of kids who usually don't have that kind of experience."

The training will cover such

There is no minimum time

requirement and assignments

topics as the hospice concept,

patient comfort and care and

mmunication skills.



Stylin': Co-chairman Nancy Chapman (left) and Carol Secord show off a couple of the centerpieces that will part of the Catholic Central Mothers Club fashion luncheon, slated for Sunday, March 29. Chapman's son, Roy, is a sophomore and son, Matthew, is a senior at the Redford high school.

# CC Moms host fashion show

Rex Harrison won't be there coaching Audrey Hepburn on her diction, but the elegance of "My Fair Lady" will be when the Catholic Central Mother's Club presents its annual luncheon and fashion show fundraiser, aptly named "My Fair Lady," on Sunday, March

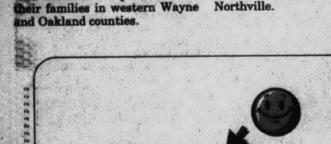
The setting will be the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn and the fashions will be provided by Town Center, also in Dear-

born.

The event will get under way at 12:30 p.m. with a social hour, followed by lunch and the fashion show.

As in past years, the Catholic Central High School Stage Band will provide the

Models for the show will be a number CC mothers and their sons. The honor is given to mothers who are on the



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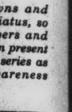
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The bride-to-be ia 1989 graduate of Williamsville East High School in Williamsville, N.Y., and a 1993 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts degree in marketing communications and a 1996 graduate of Michigan State University with a master of business administration degree in materials and logistics management. She is employed in supply chain management at Detroit Edison and is pursuing a master's degree in industrial engineering from Wayne State University.

Schwartz-Daguanno

Steven Schwartz of Buffalo, N.Y., and Cheryl VanDeventer of

Williamsville, N.Y., announce

the engagement of their daugh-

ter, Amy Elyssa Schwartz, to

Darin Emilio Daguanno, the son

of Fred and Sharon Daguanno of

Her fiance is a 1989 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School in Redford and a 1993 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in architecture. He

### **Vente-Coletta**

Russ and Sharon Vente of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Laurie Elizabeth, to Michael Patrick Coletta, the son of Vincent and Christina Coletta of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration and marketing and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a master of arts degree in adult instruction and performance technology. She is employed as a training designer at Little Caesars Enterprises,

Her fiance is a 1992 graduate of GMI Engineering and Management Institute with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering in 1992 and expects to earn a masters of business administration from the University of Detroit Mercy

### **Powers-Lyon**

R. Southwick Powers and Gillian E. Lyon were married Oct. 3 in Seattle, Wash., while on leave from Guinea on the east

The bride is the daughter of Ken and Lynn Lyon, formerly of Plymouth Township.

The bride is a 1984 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and 1990 graduate of Western Washington University. She was a Peace Corps volunteer in Mauritania in northeast Africa for two years. She is employed as a administrative assistant for U.S. Aid in Conkry, Guinea.

The groom is from Holidaysburg, Pa. He is a graduate of Carnagie Melon University with a bachelor of arts degree and Harvard University with a mas-

# Cassidy-Brandell

Robert and Anne Cassidy of Westland announce the engagement of their son, John Maitland, to Therese Norine Brandell, the daughter of John and Margaret Brandell of Delta Township.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lansing Catholic Central High School and Lansing Community College. She is employed as a freelance court reporter.

Her fiance is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and the University of Michigan. He is a mechanical engineer with Lucas-Varity

An April wedding is planned at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in White Lake.



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# Selby-Disbrow

Daniel Selby of Canton and Piper Disbrow of Canton were married Aug. 14 at the Plymouth Gazebo in Plymouth by Susan E.

The bride is the daughter of Royce and Brooke Disbrow of Canton. The groom is the son of Daniel and Carol Selby of Dex-

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is a student at Eastern Michigan University where she is majoring in secondary education.

The groom is a graduate of Dexter High School. He is employed at the family business in Dearborn.

The bride asked Jennifer Bolser to serve as her maid of honor. Andy Steiner served as

The couple received guests at

### Starr-Green

is employed as an architectural

intern at PDA Architects, P.C.,

and is pursuing a master's

degree in architecture and struc-

tural engineering at the Univer-

in 1999. He is employed as a

business planner at the Ford

A June wedding is planned at

St. Kenneth's Catholic Church in

ter's degree. He is director of the

Peace Corps Education program

Attending the ceremony were

the bride's brothers, Greg of

Canton and Ross of Seattle

Wash., and the groom's sister

Pamela Deis and husband Geff

The couple are moving to

Addis Abada, Ethiopia, in April.

Motor Company

Plymouth.

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of Boulder, Colo.

A July wedding is planned.

John and Betty Starr of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Tabitha Kaye, to Rodney Stephen Green of

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. She is employed as a biller by John Rogin Buick.

Her fiance is a 1989 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. He is employed by Tower Auto-

A July wedding is planned at Heritage Park in Taylor.

### **Krom-Cathey**

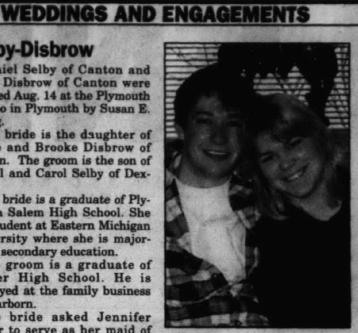
Joyce Dianne Cathey and James Thomas Charles Krom were married Feb. 7 at Little Chapel of the Flowers in Las Vegas, Nev., by the Rev. Gary W.

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Mary Ann Marbry of Ann Arbor and Fred Cathey of Redford. The groom is the son of Raymond and Peggy Krom of Ann Arbor.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts degree in educa-tion. She is employed by Redford Union School District.

The groom is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. He is employed by Stegner Electric Controls

The bride asked Michelle Krom and Leigh McGrath to be her attendants. Greg Krom and Erik Wollesen served as the groom's attendants.



the bride's parents' home. They are making their home in Can-





After the wedding and a honeymoon in Las Vegas, the couple returned to the area to receive guests at Joy Manor in Westland. They are making their home in Redford.

### **West-Candela**

Jim and Helen West of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Marie, to Vincent Emanuele Candela, the son of Vincenzo and Nancy Candela of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 1986 graduate of Garden City High School. She is the manager of several Papa Romano's stores

Her fiance is a 1982 graduate of Northville High School and a 1987 graduate of Grand Valley State University with a degree in secondary education. He also is a 1992 graduate of Henry Ford Community College with an associate's degree in manufacturing technology. He is employed by Megatech Engineering in Warren as a prototype metal model maker.

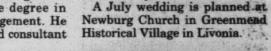


An April wedding is planned at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville.

#### Schlaepfer-BeBeau George and Dianne Schlaepfer of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Ann Marie, to David Thomas BeBeau, the son of Kathleen BeBeau of Livonia and the late Wilfrid BeBeau. The bride-to-be is a graduate

of Livonia Franklin High School and Wayne State University with a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry and master of arts degree in teaching. She is employed as a chemistry teacher at Livonia Stevenson High Her fiance is a graduate of

Livonia Stevenson High School, Wayne State University with a bachelor of arts degree in French and Walsh College with a master of science degree in international management. He is employed as a lead consultant



at SPX Corp. in Warren.

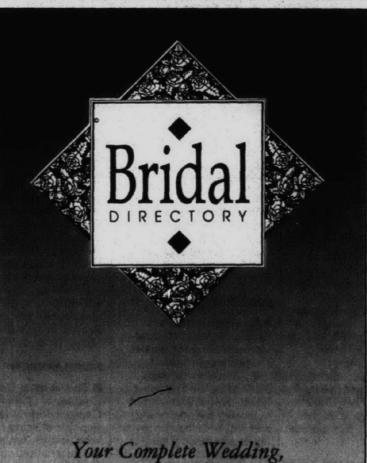
# Waggoner-Denning

Kim M. Waggoner and Christopher D. Denning plan to be married in May at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.

The bride-to-be in the daughter of Barbara J. and James W. Margul of Michigan Center, Mich., and Karleen C. and Barry K. Waggoner of Copper Center, Alaska. She is a graduate of Lumen Christi High School in Jackson. She is employed in International Group Sales by United Airlines. Her fiance is the son of Bever-

ly J. and Daniel M. Denning of Westland. He is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. He is employed by Local Union 58 as a journeyman electrician.





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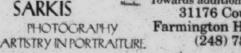
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# WEEKEND

HIV/AIDS WORKSHOP

Madonna University in vonia will offer the workp, "The Values Dimenion of HIV/AIDS: From Caring to Conviction," 1-3 p.m. Friday, March 20, in the Science Lecture Hall. The event is free and open to the public. A video and group activity will be included in the workshop. Refreshments will be served. Registrations may be made by contacting Dr. James Copi at (734) 432-5510.

### SPRING LUNCHEON

The Plymouth Community Art Council's newlyformed fund-raising com-mittee, ArtReach, has scheduled a spring lun-cheon, featuring dollmaker and illustrator, Tracy Gallup. The luncheon is planned 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 20, at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts located at 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. The meal will be catered by Joe's Italian Bakery of Plymouth. For uncheon tickets, contact e PCAC at 416-ART. ickets are \$15. Seating is nited. Anyone interested n being a part of the artReach group should ontact the arts council at 16-4278.

### KATIN STATION II

Skate free at Skatin Stan II from 7-9:30 p.m. Friay, March 20. All ages elcome, and there will be rize giveaways. Regular kate rental is \$2, and preium rental is \$5. For 313) 459-8400.

The Counselors Youth Chorale under the direction of Susan Linquist and Dr. Richard Schneider will join with the Ann Arbor Youth Chorale in a concert 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Dur Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. Admission is free, but donations are encour-

The Knights of Columbus, Council 3230 is spon-oring the Fifth Annual centen Fish Fry from 5-7 c.m. Friday, March 20, at St. John's Catholic Church, the corner of Hamilton ad West Cross streets. All profits go to local chari-ties. Takeouts are avail-able. Public is invited. For more information, call (734) 434-9638.

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# SAFETY SEMINAR

Lawrence M. Sweeney, president of Practical Defense Systems Inc. of Canton and author of "Practical Defense: A Per-Practical Defense: A Personal Safety Survival
Guide," will present a free personal safety seminar at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 19, in the library of West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth Township. The seminar is being sponsored by the Plymouth Township. being sponsored by the Ply-mouth-Canton Branch, American Association of University Women. Those interested in attending are asked to contact Delores Ten Broeck at (734) 453-

**MADONNA UNIVERSITY** Madonna University in Livonia is holding its fourth annual Volunteer Fair from 1-4 p.m. Tues-day, March 24, in the Take 5 Lounge. The purpose of the fair is to allow the com-

munity to meet and learn about various local and nationwide organizations and what opportunities exist. Open to the public free of charge. For more information, call (734) 432-

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# PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS

Free prescription drugs to middle-income seniors if you qualify will be avail-able by appointment only at the Plymouth Township Hall Clerk's Office 1-4 p.m. For more information, call 455-7526.

Award-winning watercol-orist Mark E. Mahaffey will visit Eastern Michigan University at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 26, in 107 Ford to discuss and give a slide presentation of his work. presentation of his work.
This event is free and open
to the public, with refreshments provided by the
Watercolorists at EMU student organization. For more information, call the

art department at (734) 487-1268.

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

■ The League of Women Voters is presenting a program, "Erosion of Abortion Rights," with Jenna Wiersma of Planned Parenthood Inc. speaking. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road in Meeting Room A. The public is invited. For more informa-tion, call Paula Bowman at (734) 455-4726.

# ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

■ The city of Plymouth Parks & Recreation
Department is looking for
crafters for its annual crafters for its annual
Spring Arts & Crafts Show.
The show will be a one-day
event and take place 9 a.m.
to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4.
The cost of an 8-foot table
space is \$50. Admission
and parking are both free.
Interested crafters should
call the city of Plymouth call the city of Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620.

■ Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 13th Annual Spring Arts & Crafts Show-case, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, in the Activities Center on cam-pus. Booth space measur-ing 9-by-6 feet with two chairs and one 6-foot or 8-foot table is available for

\$50. Booths with electricity are limited and are an additional \$5. Exhibitors may purchase up to three spaces. For an application or information, call (734) 432-5603.

# SUMMIT ON THE PARK

Summit on the Park Senior Center is offering tax counseling for seniors. This service is offered every Tuesday through April 14 in the Parkview Room. Appointments are necessary for counseling, and will be taken for morning or afternoon times. Arrangements can be made for those who are homebound. Call 397-5444 for more information.

SCHOOL OPENINGS New Morning School has new student openings.
Openings exist for fall 1998 students in full and halfday kindergarten through the fifth grade at New Morning School. Mid-year openings are available for upper elementary students. New Morning School is a state-certified and licensed nonprofit school. For more information, call (734) 420-3331.

# **BOOK SALE**

The Livonia League of Women Voters is working to make this year's April book sale another successful fund-raising event.

New batches of used books

are always needed. Hardcover and paperback books in different categories of nonfiction and fiction for all ages are received. The public is encouraged to donate used books by call-ing (734) 421-4420 or (734) 427-0222. For more infor-mation, call Esther Friedrichs at 427-0222 or Marge Gade at 261-3191.

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### VOLUNTEER WORK

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■ Your local American Cancer Society is in need of help. Opportunities for everyone, as your schedule

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#### **ALZHEIMER'S**

■ The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers to provide companionship to people experiencing memory loss. Those who volunteer receive an excellent orientation that provides them with the information and skills to brighten the life of someone with Alzheimer's. To learn more or to volunteer, call Adam Sterling, (248) 557-8277.

#### **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS**

■ Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. Meetings are 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile Road. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others are welcome to attend meetings which serve Plymouth, Canton, Westland, Livonia, Redford and Garden City. Interested volunteers may call 459-0216 or 421-4208

# **CLUBS**

### MOTHER OF MULTIPLES

The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples club. meets 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Call Barb at (734) 207-5224. Playgroup meets every other Tuesday; call Sue at (313) 459-9324.

■ The Pituitary Tumor Network will meet from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, Canton. For more information, call Teresa Sullivan at (810) 227-5615.

# GOODFELLOWS

■ The Plymouth Goodfellows meet 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the City Hall on Main. Call 455-8611 or 451-3554.

# REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

■ The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 26, at Bobby's Country House, Livonia. Speaker will be Don Vandersloot. Special guest will be Larry Nevers. A charge of \$11 includes lunch. For reservations, call (248) 471-5659 by Monday, March 23.

■ Business Network International will hold monthly meetings from 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday, March 26-27. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

■ Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) offers guest speakers and discussion. It meets at 9:30 a.m. the sec-ond and fourth Friday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. Baby-sitting is provided. For more information, call Kate at (734) 453-3675.

# TOASTMASTERS

Join the Oral Majority Toastmasters Club at 6:45 p.m. Sundays at the old Friendly's building, at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley. For more information, call Marc Sullivan at (734) 455-

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# Students craft items for New Morning School auction

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI SPECIAL WRITER

Two fourth-graders at New Morning School in Plymouth Township have high hopes for items they made for the school's

biggest annual fund-raiser.
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"They'll (the stepping stones) probably sell for about \$1,000 each," said J.P. Spencer, a 10year-old fourth-grader from South Lyon.

His classmate, Jesse Zrull, 9, was a little more conservative. The Plymouth resident thought the highest bid for the cement garden stones with multi-colored ass pieces would sell for about \$900 each. Actually, the six stepping stones will be auctioned as

Sitting in the open classroom of the Haggerty Road School, auction organizer Jane Fry's reaction to their optimistic expectations was a wide-eyed

That would be nice," she said. The theme, "Feeling Groovy, Then and Now," connects the event with another celebration this year, the school's 25th anniversary.

Advance tickets are needed for the auction 5 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 28, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are \$55 each and include hors d'oeuvres, sit-down dinner, open bar, dessert and a late night snack. Complimentary photos will also be taken of each guest. Dan Stall will conduct the live auction.

"He's really quite entertaining

to watch," said Fry, auction co-chair with Mary Davinich. "He auctions off 63 live items in 1 1/2 hours. He goes fast and it's real exciting.

For those who like a slower pace, a silent auction will give them a chance to privately write down their bids. At the end of the evening the highest bidders get the items.

#### Worth winning

One of the biggest ticket items is a Deal for Wheels package that includes a \$5,000 check good toward the purchase of a vehicle at Dick Scott Dodge, Don Massey Cadillac, Blackwell Ford or Hines Park Lincoln Mercury, all in the Plymouth community, or Saturn of Plymouth and Farmington Hills.

Each dealer . contributed \$1,000 with the gamble that the 5,000 check will be used at their dealership. The competitive edge has kept the dealerships coming back on an annual

"They've been very supportive the last several years," Fry said. Raffle tickets will also be

available for a two-year lease on a Ford Expedition XLT. The tickets are \$100 each and only 250 tickets will be sold.

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Other items that will be auctioned off include two University



Hard at work: New Morning School students David Spencer (from left), Brian Kutnick, Samantha Lowry and Christine Davinich work on pieces of jewelry that will be auctioned off at the school's 22nd annual auction March 28.

of Michigan football season tickets, signed and framed sports jerseys from the Red Wings, Lions and Pistons, Harley-Davidson leather jackets, a TY Co. Princess Di Beanie Baby, donated by Gabriala's of Plymouth, and a custom-made, 14karat gold mother and child charm on a chain, donated by

Plymouth Jewelers.

Fine furniture items were donated by Walker Buzenberg, a Thomas Kinkade print donated by Wild Wings, and an electronic keyboard donated by Evola Music in Plymouth.

If you're looking for a good deal on a trip, the auction might be the place to find one. Packages to Florida, Lake Tahoe, Las Vegas and Washington, D.C., along with getaway packages in Michigan will be auctioned off.

"Businesses in the area were ery generous," Fry added. The goal for the auction is to

raise more than \$110,000 for the school's general fund. Last year, the event earned \$107,000, which accounts for about 20 per-cent of the school's operating

The items range in value from \$25 to \$5,000 and include work from all New Morning School grade levels for the first time this year. The primary class made a quilted wall hanging; elementary students worked on the stepping stones, and the middle school class designed and helped craft a necklace, bracelet and earring set made out of sil-

#### **Curator helping**

Larry Hutchinson, a Farmington resident and curator at Cranbrook Institute of Science, will oversee the handmade jew-

elry project.
"This way the students can be involved instead of the adults doing all the work for the auction," according to his daughter, Eliza Hutchinson, 13. "With the money we make, we can buy bet-ter stuff for the school."

Seventh-grade student Amy Fry, added: "It's nice that all the kids in the class can help and not just a few kids.

Getting the children involved in the auction fits well with the private co-op school's philosophy of individualized attention and allowing each child to learn at

their own pace.
The school has about 120 students with a 12:1 student-teteacher ratio. The ratio is lower in science, Spanish and music classes. Parent aides are also in the classrooms at all times.

For more information about the auction, call New Morning School at (734) 420-3331.



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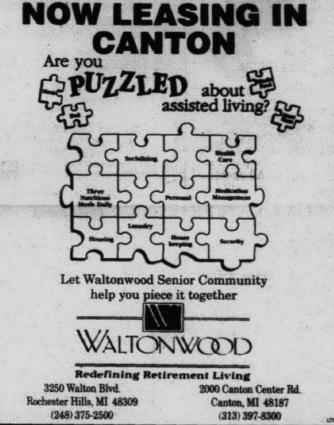
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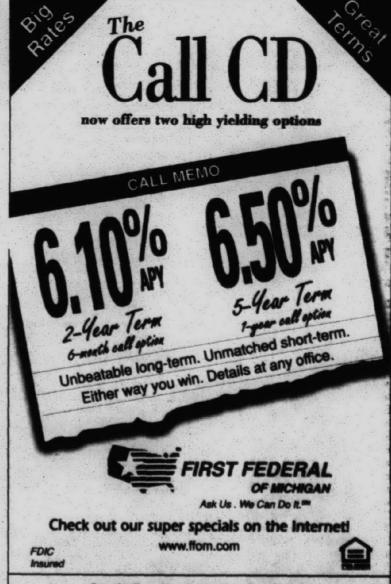
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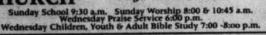
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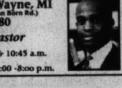
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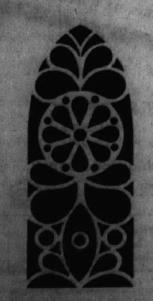
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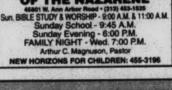


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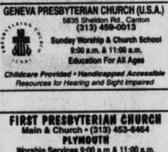


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EVENING OF REFLECTION

A multi-media dramatization of the Stations of the Cross will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington load, Livonia. The program is free of charge.

St. Sabina Parish is having its

Lenten fish fry 4-7 p.m. Fridays during Lent at the Activities Hall, 8147 Arnold, Dearborn Heights. Fish dinners cost \$5.50 for adults, \$5 for seniors over age 62 and \$3 for children under ge 12. Shrimp dinners are \$6, aked fish \$6.50 and macaroni \$3. Pierogis are \$4.50 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12. For more information, call (313) 561-1977.

■ The Senior Youth for Christ at St. Matthew Lutheran Church are serving Lenten din-ners 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays through April 1 at the church, 5885 Venoy Road, Westland. Cost will be \$4 per person, \$12 for a family of four and \$3 for senior citizens. Proceeds will be used to help the youth finance their trip to the National Youth Gathering of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in Atlanta in July. There also will be Lenten worship services at 7 p.m. and 11 a.m. Thursdays. For more information, call (734) 422-

MOM TO MOM SALE

The Mom to Mom Sale will be

Dorner speaks at Friendship Sunday

Her mother used to say that she spoke her first word in the womb and read her first book in the delivery room. And it seems that Nancy Dorner has been speaking reading and

riting ever since. The Christian writer and speaker will speak at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church – Livonia Campus, 14175 Farm-ington Road, on Sunday,

March 29, as part of the church's Friendship Sunday. Dorner will speak at Friend-ship Sunday Brunch at 9:45 a.m. Guests also are invited to attend the worship services at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

At its Canton Campus - 46001 Warren Road - Christ Our Savior - Livonia's youth Christian band, Taik's Cheap, will perform at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. The band is committed to spreading the message that if you talk the talk about God, you have to walk the walk with God.

A former guidance counselor

Dorner is a master teacher. She combines years of scholarly pursuits with a lively sense of humor and fascinating anecdotes to make listening hilarious yet highly educational.

An accomplished artist, poet and author, her book, "A Woman's Guide to Spiritual Power through Scriptural Prayer," chronicles how this former atheist discovered through a series of "prayer experiments" that God is real, God Cares and God answers God Cares and God answers

prayers.

Dorner is currently writing a Christian textbook on interpersonal communication, using scripture as her primary source, and a book with her husband on inner and outer beauty, "So You Want to Be Beautiful."

She also has authored numerous articles and poem, and her columns, "Keepi and her columns, "Keeping the Faith" and "Love and Laughter

and university instructor of interpersonal communication, Dorner is a master teacher. Forever After?" have appeared in nine national and two international publications in seven

Dorner earned her bachelor of arts degree in communica-tions from the University of Michigan and her master of arts degree in interpersonal communication from Western Michigan University.

She also did additional graduate work in fine arts and psychology at Temple University and the University of Nebras

She is currently on six national speaker's bureaus -Christian Women's Club, World Home Bible League, Winning Women, Winsome Women, Women Anew, Women Aglow and CLASS (Christian Leaders, Artists and Speakers

She also is a retreat leader for Baptist, Methodist, Reformed, Christian Reformed, Lutheran, Presbyterian, non denominational and interde-



ominational churches.
The mother of three grown children, she is a member of the Consistory of the Second Reformed Church of Kalama-

For more information about Friendship Sunday, call the church office at (734) 522-6830.

Chicago between Beech Daly and Inkster roads, Redford. There

will be a pre-service hymn at

6:45 p.m. A free-will offering

church at (313) 937-2424.

Rice Memorial United

Methodist Church will have a

Lenten potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the church, 20601 Beech Daly, Red-

ford. Participants are asked to

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Methodist Church's Lenten pro-

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ner, featuring the youth Potato

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will offer tours of the facility 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25. The school, at 41355 Six Mile Road,, west of I-275, has an enrollment of 450 students in preschool through the eighth grade. Classes have a minimum of 24 students.

Kindergarten through the fifth grade, in addition to their regular curriculum have art, music, physical education, library, Bible, computer and Spanish classes. Middle school student shave elective classes in art. band music, Spanish, computer, Bible physical education and Quiz Bowl.

Parents interested in visiting the school can call the office at (248) 348-9031 to schedule a

FREE CONCERT
The Youth and Music Ministries and Missions Conference Committee of Trinity Presbyterian Church will present a free concert, featuring Matt Beckler, at 7 p.m. Friday, March 27, at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 459-9804.

Jews for Jesus, based in San Francisco, Calif., will present "Christ in the Passover" at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Alpha Baptist Church, 28051 W. Chicago, Livonia. Using a visual dis-play of traditional Passover items, including symbolic foods. the presentation will follow the Passover from Egypt to Calvary, examining ancient and modern Jewish customs as the background for the Christian communion. For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-

The Praisemakers of Memorial Church of Christ will present their spring musical, "Celebrate!," at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the church, 34575 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The program will feature praise ongs and memorized scriptures by the children ages 4-5.. The musical is under the direction of Mike and Shona Vincent, John and Kim Friend, Mike and Micelle Pavacik and Scott and Tammy Phillips. For more information, call the church office at (734) 464-6722.

held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Sacred Heart Church, 29125 W. Six MIle Road, east of Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Children's clothing. baby furniture and maternity items will be sole. Admission will be \$1. For more information or table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

**BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST** 

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, is hosting a St. Patrick's Day Dance will be held at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth. The \$8 charge also includes refreshments. For information about both dances, call Rose at (734) 464-3325. .

EXPERIENCING GOD

Canton Community Church continues its seven-week series "Experiencing God" with Pastor Eric Moore at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at the church, 41600 Ann Arbor Trail, Canton. Topics include "Kindness Outreach Sunday" on March 22. For more information, call the church office at (734) 455-6022.

SUNDAY LESSONS

weekly Sunday lessons at 9 and 11 a.m. Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School, Meadowbrook Road south of 13 Mile Road, Walled Lake. The topic for March 22 will be "Angel and the Frog." The church also offers youth education at both services. A course in miracles is taught year-round at 7 p.m. Tuesdays Other basic courses include 4T, meditation and unity basics. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit its Web site at http://www.cotw.com.

The Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Following the meeting, a book review will be given on "Our Life, His Legacy" by Leah Rabin. A donation of a Passover item for Yad Ezra is requested. Passover recipes will be exchanged among members. Guests are invited, and refreshments will be served.

**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 "How can any religion be scientific?" on March

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.

LENTEN PROGRAMS

Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will have mid-week Lenten services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Pastor Gregory Gibbons will preach on the general theme of "Walk with Jesus." Each service will be followed by a fellowship time, featuring light refreshments. For more information, call the church at (313) 532-8655.

■ The Lenten series entitled "By My Hand? For My Sake!" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through April 1 at St. James Presbyterian Church's McCalmont Chapel, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-7730.

■ Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church will serve a variety of dinners Wednesdays during Lent. The dinners will be served 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. They will be followed by a worship service in the church, 9600 Leverne, north of West

Andrew. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-

**EXERCISE FUN** The Merriman Road Baptist Church Fitness Bunch meets

# St. John's Episcopal installs new minister

The members of St. John's Episcopal Church in Westland have a new minister, following the institution of the Rev. Arthur Mack as pastor on March

The Rt. Rev. R. Steward Wood Jr., bishop of the Diocese of Michigan, lead the celebration, with the Rev. Beverly Moore Tasy, rector of St. Clement's Church in Inkster, as his chaplain and the Rev. Paul Hiyama, the interim rector, preaching at the service.

Also participating were the Rev. Daniel Appleyard, rector of Christ Church in Dearborn, and the Rev. William Lieber, rector of St.Christopher/St. Paul Church in Detroit, who repreented the Episcopalians of the Westside Area Council.

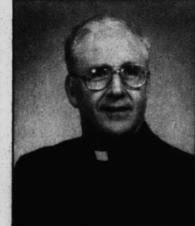
Special music was provided by Carter Eggers, a professor at Eastern Michigan University, Donald Harrell on the trumpet, Mary Harrell on the organ and the St. John's Choir.

As part of the worship service the different parish groups pre-sented the new rector with the symbols of their ministries. mong the gifts was a quilt that tated, "Be among us as one who leads us to give comfort to others," from the St. Margaret's Guild.

St. John's, which has been a art of the Wayne and Westland mmunities for almost 100 ears, has been without a fullne minister since the death of he Rev. Raymond Zips in 1996.

The congregation started as a mission in Wayne in 1901 and ached parish status in 1943. he church was moved to its curent site on Wayne Road in Vestland in 1956.

A native of upstate New York, Mack is a 1964 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West



Rev. Arthur Mack

Point, N.Y., and served with the Army Artillery in Hawaii, Vietnam and at Ft. Sill, Okla., where he felt the call to the ordained

He studied for three years at the General Theological Seminary in New York City and spent six years on active duty as a U.S. Army chaplain. He served congregations at Ft. Monroe, Va., and Ft. Richardson, Alaska.

Mack also served as an Army reserve chaplain for 17 years and was called up with a hospital unit sent to Saudi Arabia during the Persian Gulf War.

His ministry includes St. Paul's Cathedral in Syracuse, N.Y., Trinity Church in Lowville, Ky., and Epiphany Church in Sherburne, N.Y. His most recent ministry was at Trinity Church in Lancaster, a suburb of Buffa-

Mack also has devoted consid-

erable study and practice to the ministry of healing.

Married, he and wife Susan have two children, Kara and Dan, who are students at Marshall Junior High School in Westland





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# Schoolcraft offers 4 seminars on training toddlers

Parents of toddlers take heart.

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Schoolcraft College is offering a set of four seminars designed to guide parents through the tod-dler period - just before child

turns 2 until about age 3.

The series will be 7-9 p.m.
Tuesdays, March 24-April 14. Tracy Floto and Jean Shaunessy-Smith, early child development specialists, will be the instructors. The fee is \$65 for the entire series or \$26 for an individual session.

This time is a developmental

turning point," said Melissa Rensi, who coordinated the program and survived the terrible twos with daughter Lydia, now a 3-year-old. "This is the time when your cherub turns into a person with her own strong opinions and demands."

Working parents can be especially torn when disciplining children at this age because they want to have a well-behaved child but might feel a little guilty for leaving them with a sitter or

at day care, according to Rensi.
"Your child may have been perfect all day, but when you pick her up at the sitter or day care, she falls apart, gets whinny and misbehaves," she said. "You may not provide structure she needs because the temptation is to overcompensate for your absence and the subsequent

The toddler period is when the fundamentals of discipline are laid down among family mem-

bers. It is the turning point for both child and parent. The series will begin on Tues-day, March 24, with "No More Food fights," which details nutritional and appetite changes that may occur around age 2 and why some children develop strong dislikes, fill up immediately or not eat one food.

"Time Out!" on March 31 looks at discipline - setting loving but firm limits and sticking to them. This is one of the most important and difficult parts of parenting ecause parents are laying the foundations for future parentchild relationships and child behavior. Participants will learn

practical and effective tech-

niques and share their experiences with other parents.
"Toddlers 101" on April 7 examines what makes toddlers tick and why they love to test their parents. There will be tips on how to accept and respect a

toddler's behavior while teaching

responsibility and building self-

The last seminar, "Adventures in Toilet Training," on April 14, will help parents know when their child is ready for toilet training and how to make the process less stressful for every

For more information about the seminars or to register, call (313) 462-4448. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, north of Six Mile Road, Livonia.

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# CRAFTS

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

#### LIVONIA CHURCHILL

The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA will have its juried spring arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at the school, 8900 Newburg Road, Livonia. Admission will be \$1; strollers and wheelchairs welcomed. For more information, call Diane at (734) 422-4507 or Garrett at (734) 464-7425.

St. Damian's Church will have a collector's sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the church, 29891 Joy Road, Westland. Admission will be \$1, children under age 12 free. Table space, costing \$25, is available. Proceeds will benefit Christian Service. For more information, call (734) 421-6130.

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, how-ever, people in wheelchairs will be admitted at 9:30 a.m.

# LIVONIA STEVENSON

The Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club's Spring Spectacular craft show will be 10 am. to 4 p.m. March 28 at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile Road, For more information, call (734) 464-1041 or (248) 478-2395.

# CLARENCEVILLE

The Athletic Booster Club of Clarenceville High School will have "A Touch of Spring" craft boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 28 at the school, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. There will be more than 150 crafters, raffle and snack bar. No strollers will be permitted, and babysitting will be available. Admission will be \$2.

The Finnweavers of the Finnish Center Association will have an erts and crafts fair 10 a.m. to 5 mm. March 28 at the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Free admission and food will be available. For more information,

#### call (248) 546-6527. MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 13th annual spring arts and crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 4:30 pom. March 28 in the Activities Center on campus, Schoolcraft nd Levan, Livonia. There will e numerous unique handmade ts and crafts and bake sale. The Easter bunny will be available to meet with and have pho-tes taken with children noon to 2 o.m. There also will be a raffle \$1 tickets available only at the show) at 4 p.m. with four prizes of \$25. Admission will \$2 for adults and children under age 12 free. For more information, call the university at (734) 432-5603.

acred Heart Church will have a craft show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Satarday, April 4, at the church, 20125 W. Six Mile Road, east of Middlebelt Road, Livonia. In addition to crafts, baked goods will be sold. For more information, or table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

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# Stingrays win state

The Plymouth Stingrays hockey team captured its second-straight Midget AA state championship Sunday when it defeated the Battle Creek Blue Devils 3-2 in Calumet.

Although the final score was close, the Stingrays dominated play through most of the game, outshooting the Devils 44-18. The Plymouth-based team took the lead on a first-period goal by Ryan Ward (from Northville), assisted by Brad Feiler and Mike Schultz (both from Canton).

Battle Creek tied it early in the second period, but the Stingrays recaptured the lead three minutes later on a goal by Mike Deschaw (Plymouth), from Paul Frusti (Plymouth).

The eventual game-winning marker came from Schultz, from Feiler, just 33 seconds into the third, making it 3-1. The Devils did manage to narrow the gap to 3-2 with a power-play goal scored with :40 left, but they could not get the equalizer.

Plymouth now advances to the National Midget AA (for 17-18 year olds) Tournament, April 1-5 in Anaheim, Calif.

The victory over the Blue Devils was the latest in a long line of successes for the Stingrays, coached by Fred Feiler. They swept through the state tournament, winning all five of their games.

On Friday, Plymouth beat Midland 4-2 and Redford 7-3; on Saturday, the Grosse Pointe Bulldogs fell to the Stingrays 5-4.

In the semifinals Sunday, Plymouth defeated the Downriver Stars 3-1 to set up their game with Battle Creek.

Frusti and Brad Feiler were the teams' top scorers in the tournament; Frusti had four goals and three assists for seven points in the five games, while Feiler contributed a goal and six assists for seven points. Schultz contributed three goals and three assists (six points), and Matt Krupa (Canton) got two four assists (six points). ward chipped in with four goals and an assist (five

Gordie Smith (Westland) and Jesse Jones (Plymouth) split time in goal during the tournament. Smith was 3-0, giving up eight goals (2.67 goalsagainst average) and making 57 saves; Jones was 2-0, surrendering four goals (2.00 goals-against) and making 43 saves.

As impressive as that defense may sound, the team's coach was quick to note they have been better - the Stingrays' goals-against average for the season is under 2.00.

Their record: 55-13-6.

As far as their chances at nationals this season (they finished third last year), Feiler was optimistic. "I like our chances," he said. "These guys have shown us a lot."

What makes the Stingrays run to the title more impressive is that only four players returned from last year's team: Feiler, Ward, Smith and defenseman Austin Meibers (Canton).

"I never stressed scoring as much as playing a good defensive game," said Feiler.

The rest of the team: Nick Anselm, Matt Hosch, Joe Wedesky and Josh Labanino from Canton; Ryan Frayer from Plymouth; John Gallagher from Livonia; Justin Schroeder from Westland; Joe Dzikowicz from Jackson; and Lewis Lanway from Waterford. The team's other coaches are Paul Safran and Joe Krupa.

Anyone wishing to help sponsor the

team's trip to nationals is asked to call team manager Steve Meibers at (734) 459-4622. Those donating \$150 or more will receive a plaque of appreciation containing a team photo.

# Flames torch foes

The Canton Flames under-16 premier girls soccer team won the under-19A indoor soccer division at both Novi's Soccer Zone and Wixom's Total

The team was unbeaten at both locations. Team members are Heather Thompson, Noelle Swartz, Susannah Bryant, Andrea Schimmel, Jessie Bryant, Andrea Schimmel, Jessie Bucks, Jeannine Edwards, Jessica Palis, Amanda Lentz and Amy Dorogi of Canton; Jami Coyle and Abi Morrell of Plymouth; Emily Wilkinson of Belleville; Jessica Booth of Dearborn; Stephanie King and Megan Kelley of Redford; Karen Kramer, Lindsay Gusick, Julie Murray and Christina Lewis of Livonia; and Abby Shepherd of Milford.

The team is coached by John Schimmel, Ernie Bucks and Gary

# Salem splashes to a 9th

To reach your potential, you must be mentally, physically, emotionally at your peak — particularly in a sport such as swimming, in which success can be determined in a tenth of a second.

If Plymouth Salem's state swim meet qualifiers had been able to maintain such a lofty standard after the duress they had endured the previous 10 days, it would have been astounding.

Certainly the Rocks have nothing to hang their heads about. They

swam extremely well at the Class A finals Saturday at Eastern Michigan University, finishing ninth with 50 points.

As expected, Birmingham Brother Rice repeated as state champ, outscoring second-place Ann Arbor Pioneer by 100 points (256-156). Third went to Grand Blanc (135.5), with Rochester Adams and Birmingham Seaholm tying for fourth (89), Birmingham Groves placing sixth

(88.5), Grand Haven finishing seventh (87) and Livonia Stevenson

placing eighth (53).
Could their performance have been better? Perhaps — losing someone like Mike Kilgore, the junior distance freestyler who collapsed and died of apparent heart failure March 4, would devastate any team.

Obviously the Kilgore thing - it was a shock to everyone on the team," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "I was real proud of the way

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# Injuries plague Canton at state

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

Things started going wrong for Plymouth Canton's gymnastics team the week leading up to the Class A regional the Chiefs hosted.

That downturn in fortune continued into the state meets Friday and Saturday at Rockford, only unlike at the regional where Canton overcame the loss of Amy Driscoll, their No. 3 gymnast, to place second—this proved to be insurmountable.

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# This is going to be a war!

# Whalers, Sarnia take 1st 2 games down to the wire

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

If the first two games are an indication of what kind of playoff series this will be, expect a long, grueling struggle that will go right down to the final minutes of the final period of the final game.

On Tuesday, the Sarnia Sting broke a 4-4 tie with a short-handed goal by Jon Sim with 6:51 left, then

clinched it with an empty-net goal by Andrew Proskurnicki with 41 seconds remaining to edge the Plymouth Whalers, 6-4 in Sarnia.

The Sting's victory evened the best-of-seven series at a game apiece. The Whalers won in a similar manner Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, getting the go-ahead goal from Harold Druken with 14:53 left and an empty-net score from David Legwand with 10 seconds to go in a 3-1 Whaler win.

tonight in game three, at Compuware. Game four will be played at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Sarnia, with game five returning to Compuware at 6:30 p.m. Sun-

In Tuesday's game, Legwand — the Whalers' 54 coal-scorer in the regular season — got a goal in each of the first two periods, bringing his two-game scoring total to three goals. Steve Wasylko added a power-play goal early in the second period to give Plymouth a 3-1 lead.

Plymouth a 3-1 lead.

But the Sting battled back. Ryan Vanbuskirk, in the first period, and Greg Willers, in the second, got power play goals, and Jeff Heerema tied it at 3-3 with a score with 4:38 left in the second period.

Robert Esche made 27 saves in goal for Plymouth. Patrick DesRochers had 32 saves for the Sting.

Last Saturday, Esche surrendered a first-period goal to Chad Cavanaugh, then stopped everything

goal to Chad Cavanaugh, then stopped everything else to boost the Whalers.

Sergei Fedotov scored on the power play for Plymouth in the first period. Legwand assisted on the first two goals before getting the empty net score late

Esche stopped 27 shots. So did Sarnia's

"It was playoff hockey," summarized Whalers' coach Pete DeBoer. "Intense and low-scoring. We played a real strong third period this time and ended

"It was a good sign."
Losing leads in the final period has been a disappointing development of late for the Whalers — one that could be particularly painful in the playoffs.



Net-finder: David Legwand led the Whalers with 54 goals, among the highest totals in the OHL. His performance has made him one of the NHL's top prospects.

# Legwand a hot NHL prospect

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

New kid comes into the league. First round pick, so expectations are high — espe-cially on a team used to success that failed to reach the playoffs

the previous year.
So what's the kid do? Does the rookie live up to those lofty predictions, all those hopes others

have invested in him?
No — he exceeds them.

David Legwand, a 17-year-old senior at Grosse Pointe North HS, is the principle reason the Plymouth Whalers have gone from also rans in the Onterio from also-rans in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division to title contenders.

The Whalers missed winning the division crown by four points, finishing second to the London Knights. They are now into their "second season," hav-ing played the first two games of their best-of-seven OHL playoff series against the Sarnia Sting.

Certainly other changes were made in transforming the Plymouth team from also-ran they were fifth out of six teams in the division last year — but none has had the impact Legwand has.

The 6-foot-2, 175-pound center led the team in scoring with 54 goals and 51 assists for 105

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# Season's over, and so is an era

# Krueger was only Salem mat coach

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

It's been 27 years since Plymouth Salem HS opened its doors. And in that time, the school has had one wrestling coach.

That will change next fall.
"It's over," Ron Krueger said Sunday, making official what had been rumored for the past month. "I feel I have done all I can do. "It seems like all we can do is go backwards

like this. Like I said, I'm wearin' out. "It's time for someone younger to take over."
Although Salem enjoyed one of its best seaons this decade, the finish wasn't the spectac-

sons this decade, the finish wasn't the spectacular one Krueger had envisioned. Two days after beating Northville in the Western Lakes Activities Association dual-meet playoff, the Rocks lost to the Mustangs in the WLAA Tournament, settling for second.

After that came another shocker, when Salem was beaten by Adrian in the Division I team regional tournament Feb. 25.

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Focusing: Ron Krueger's intensity drove him, both on the mats and eventually into retirement.

# Rocks' heavyweight reaches state finals

There was a bit of disappointment in Friday's opening rounds of the Division I state individual wrestling tournament for Plymouth Salem, but it was in whole a satisfying begin-

Unfortunately, Saturday's final rounds weren't quite as big a success for the Rocks. Still, it was a solid showing; of the five Salem wrestlers who qualified for the state tournament, four of them placed in the top eight.

"We had spots of brilliancy, but in the end it all caught up to us," said Salem coach Ron

Krueger.

Best for the Rocks was heavyweight Charlie Hamblin, who reached the state finals before losing in the championship match to Redford Catholic Central's Casey Rogowski, 10-2. On Friday, Hamblin had beaten Carl Ham-

maker of Birmingham Brother Rice, 6-4, and Lee Cruppenink of Flint Carman-Ainsworth,

In Saturday's semifinals, Hamblin defeated

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# Irish luck: CC comeback clips Cooley

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Everybody should know better.

Don't bet against the Shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day.

Redford Catholic Central cleared a or hurdle in the state Class A boys basketball tournament with a 63-57 regional semifinal victory over Detroit Public School League power Cooley in a game played Tuesday at Dearborn Ford-

And the Shamrocks, now 19-4 overall, did it in the Nick of time with no ordi-

Junior point-guard Nick Moore, who led all scorers with 24 points, and senior guard Joe Jonna, who connected on three big triples, orchestrated a 26-14 fourth-quarter run to oust the Cardinals from the tournament.

"Nick's just a great player who made every big basket at the end along with the free throws (five of five)," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "And sometimes we get kind of lulled by that, but we expect

"And Joe comes back after picking up four fouls and hit those two big 'threes. It was 'boom, boom.' He's been a God-

CC trailed by as many as 15 points in the opening half as the well-schooled Cardinals, under the direction of veteran coach Ben Kelso, controlled the glass and the tempo.

Cooley jumped out to a 17-6 firstquarter lead, but CC sliced that deficit to seven at intermission, 29-22, despite a buzzer beating leaner just inside the free throw line by 6-foot-7 senior forward Edward Dotson.

It was one of three last-second shots Cooley connected on to end a quarter.

"We got a little tentative at the beginning, but after the first quarter we settled down," Coratti said. "We played well in the second quarter. We got out of our zone (defense) and went man-to-

man. I told our kids to get after it because there was no tomorrow

When Cooley's 6-7, 260-pound center Delvar Bennett went to the bench late in the third quarter with his fourth foul, the Shamrocks went to work

Jonna, who had four triples on the night, connected from the corner with 1:58 remaining in the third to even the count at 37-all. He finished with 18.

But Cooley made a mini-run, a 6-0 spurt, to end the period.

A basket off the bench by Adam Tubaro followed by a pair of threes from Jonna pulled CC to within one, 45-46.

The Shamrocks then earned their first lead of the night on a drive to the basket by Moore after a block on the other end from teammate Chris Young.

It was 51-all with 2:35 to play when Jonna stuck a dagger in Cooley's heart with his fourth triple, piggybacked by a steal by Moore and subsequent three-

Two free throws by Moore with 1:39 to go gave CC its biggest lead of the

Cooley got within two, 59-57, on a basket by Barrett with 32 seconds to play, but a pair of free throws and a

layup by Moore clinched the victory. "It's a great win for us," Coratti said. "We thought going in that we had to rebound and run. We're best when we

"In the first quarter we played their tempo, missed shots and didn't rebound."

Dotson led Cooley with 15 points, while Willie Green and Michael Gardner contributed 11 and 10, respectively. Barrett added nine.

"The big guy (Barrett) in foul trouble hurt us," said Cooley coach Ben Kelso, whose team bowed out at 17-4 overall. "We can't play well offensively without

"And we didn't execute well when we had to. There were several times we'd use a finger-roll instead of putting it right in the basket."

Cooley blocked numerous CC shots

throughout the night.

The 6-9 Young, who was six of 18 from the floor, was blocked seven times by the tall Cooley front line.

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But the Michigan-bound center would not back down, finishing with 14 points and 11 rebounds. He also administered four blocks of his own.

"Chris played aggressively," Coratti said. "They doubled him up. He got a lot of attention.

CC shot 24 of 61 from the floor (39.3 percent), while Cooley was 19 of 43 (44.1 percent).

"We did not get what we would have liked and part of it was my mistake," Kelso said. "I should have changed up." CC now awaits Wednesday's other

regional semifinal winner between PSL champ Detroit Cass Tech and Dearborn. (The final is set for 7 p.m. Friday at Fordson.)

"We'll enjoy it, but got to come back Friday night," Coratti said. "This is just one step along the way."

Down but not out: Farmington's Matt

# Falcons can't quite catch up to Warriors

BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER

Despite its underdog role, Farmington made a game of it and gave bigger, stronger Birmingham Brother Rice a scare in the first half of a Class A regional basketball game Tuesday.

But eventually the clock struck midnight for the Falcons. Their Cinderella run in the tournament ended, and the Warriors advanced with a 76-66 victory at Plymouth Salem High School.

Rice (16-7) will play the Detroit Central-Northville winner for the championship at 7 p.m.

"We have to play sharper than we did tonight," Rice coach Bill Norton said. "We have to play with more passion and with a sense of urgency. But a After trailing at halftime 31-30, the Warriors

scored the first five points of the third quarter and led the rest of the way. But the Falcons (15-8) refused to go away and stayed within striking distance until midway in

the fourth quarter. "I'm proud of the way my kids played, not only tonight but all season," Farmington coach Denny

"We were certainly the underdog coming into the game tonight. We told the kids to just go out and play - 'give it your best effort' - and the

majority of the time they did.

"I don't know if I'd do anything different. I think we got the most out of our kids that we could."

Chris Perry, who made all 10 of his free throws, led four senior starters in double figures for Rice with 16 points. Jon Poyer scored 15, Ron Austin 14 and J.P. Sullivan 13.

Senior center Trevor Gaines scored a game-high 17 points for Farmington. He also had 10 rebounds and two blocked shots.

Senior Ron Freeman came off the bench to score 16 points for the Falcons. Sophomore Justin Milus finished with 14 and freshman Matt Mikel 10.

Small and Sullivan combined to quickly restore the lead to Rice at the start of the third quarter. The Warriors turned up the pressure and used a 13-5 run to take a 43-36 lead.

The Falcons forced a string of Rice turnovers and cut the deficit to one, 43-42. Rice scored the last seven points, however, giving the Warriors a 23-14 advantage in that period.

"We knew they would have a little breakout sooner or later, and that happened in the third," Mikel said. "I'm not so sure that was the ball game, but it made us play catch-up after that."

Farmington was still within eight, 61-53, with 3 1/2 minutes remaining, but a fourth-straight fourth-quarter comeback wasn't to be as Rice went to a four-corner delay and nailed down the victory

at the free-throw line.

The Falcons went right at the Warriors and matched them point for point throughout the first

The score was tied, 15-15, after one quarter. Rice went up by six in the second, but Farmington finished with a 9-2 run to take the lead, 31-30. After Milus sank two free throws, Todd Anthony made a steal and layup with 24 seconds left to put the Falcons ahead.

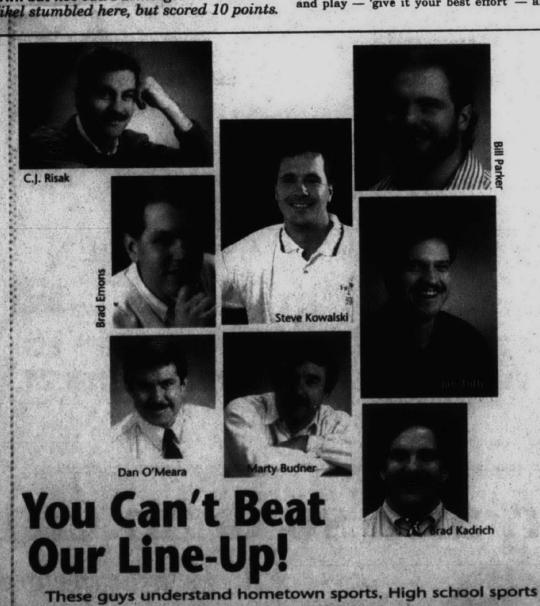
"If someone had told me we would be up by one at halftime on Brother Rice, well, I'm excited about that," Mikel said.

"We told the kids 'We're playing the 1997-98 Brother Rice team, not all the past tradition and players. They have the same record as we have.' We told the kids it's just another game and to play it that way.

While the Falcons shot 50 percent (21-of-42) from the floor, the Warriors were even better, making 23 of 40 attempts for .575. Rice was 9-of-13 in the third quarter.

But our intensity and awareness was not where it should be, so we can get more shots," Norton said. "We should get more than 40 shots."

Rice also made 28-of-42 free throws, including 15-of-19 in the fourth quarter. Farmington was 21-of-28 at the line. Gaines made 7-of-10 free throws, Mikel 5-of-6.



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# Krueger from page C1

The season ended for the Rocks last weekend at the Division I individual state finals and, although four of the five Rocks in attendance placed in the top eight, there was no doubt Krueger had higher expectations for some of

"All year long I felt we could have done better," said Krueger. "It just seems like we fell apart after we beat

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Although disappointed with the end of the season, it wasn't the only factor in his decision. His health has entered into the picture, a problem not helped by his own all-out approach.

"It gets more frustrating for me," Krueger admitted. "I get too intense.

Also, there is a fairly new consideration - his daughter Chris has a son. making Krueger a grandfather.

But there's no doubting other political factors have weighed his decision. The lack of a middle school program has set

Salem's wrestling program back to a position that is difficult to operate from.

"There was a day when we thought, Will anyone else ever win the league meet?" Krueger said. "Now we wonder if we'll ever win it again.

"In a school this size, and we had just five freshmen come out for the team. And the only reason is they're just not

Also, athletes are becoming more singular, choosing to concentrate on one sport rather than playing several.

It all adds up to the same thing: Krueger, who has also served as Plymouth Canton's girls swim coach and a Salem assistant football coach, has had

His legacy will be the multitude of titles collected by both the teams and the individuals he's coached. And the effort he put into the realization of those goals.

# Wrestling from page C1

Grandville's Greg Molchan 5-3 before losing to Rogowski in the final to finish second.

Others to shine for Salem on Friday were James Greene at 145 and Teono Wilson at 189. Both won their opening two matches, leaving them a victory away from the state championship

Greene pinned Andy Martin of Royal Oak Kimball in 3:12 in his first match Friday, then he beat Brandon Brissette of Bay City Western 12-3 in his second.

Wilson enjoyed similar suc-cess, besting Chris Bettridge of Lake Orion 5-1 in his first match Friday and Chris Alayan of Sterling Heights on a technical fall in his sec-

However, neither could get a win in their pivotal first match Saturday. Greene was pinned by Brad Anderson of Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central in 3:01, and Wilson suffered a 9-2 loss to Pat Degain of Clarkston.

Their day wasn't over, but it didn't get any better. Both finished sixth.

In the wrestleback semifinals, Greene was pinned by Southgate's Steve Mitroka in 2:59, then in the match for fifth and sixth he met Brissette again - this time los-

Wilson was beaten by Keyon Sanders of Flint Northern 11-4 in the wrestleback semis, then lost to

Charles Thompson of Romulus 5-2 in the match for fifth

Anwar Crutchfield. wrestling at 160, got off to a slow start and never quite got on track. He lost his opening match Friday to Rob North of Grand Haven, 14-5, then fought back to win in the first-round wrestleback on a technical fall over Nate Hurst of Port Huron North-

His success continued when he was declared a winner by default over Chad O'Brien of Lake Orion in his second-round wrestleback

match Friday. Crutchfield could not sustain his momentum on Saturday, however. He was pinned

in his opening wrestleback match of the day by. Rochester Adams' Rick's Chalmers in 2:36, leaving him in the battle for seventh and eighth against Jason Creager of Grandville. Crutchfield lost, 8-7, placing

The Rocks' fifth state qualifier was John Mervyn at 103. Unfortunately, Mervyn did not survive Friday's opening

He lost his first match to Jack Scott of Holt, 2-1, won his second in the first round of wrestleback, 8-7 over Vito Maniaci of Sterling Heights
Stevenson, then lost his third in the second round of wrestleback, 5-2 to Eric Gervais of Grand Haven.

# State swim

from page C1

they swam on Friday (in the preliminaries). And they swam well on Saturday, I just think they were a little emotionally spent."

For a team that "normally does go faster on Saturday" according to their coach, seeing the Salem qualifiers that made it to the finals not match their prelim times may have been disappointing to some - but it was certainly understandable.

There were a couple of days (after Kilgore's death) that we didn't even practice," said Olson. "It was more important that they deal with some other things. And

If the Rocks weren't at their peak, they came very close. All three of their relay teams scored; the best placing came from the 200-yard freestyle relay team of Dan Kelly, Andrew Locke, Tim Buchanan and Nick Corden, which finished fifth (1:27.61).

The 400 free relay team of Locke, Dan Jones, Corden and

Buchanan placed sixth (3:15.49), and the 200 medley relay foursome of Brent Mellis, Locke, Buchanan and Kelly took 11th (1:39.79). The medley was the only event in which Salem clocked faster than it did in Friday's prelims.

The Rocks scored in two individual events, and it was Corden who did the scoring in both. The senior placed ninth in both the 100 (47.37) and 200 (1:44.50)

Although they didn't score, both Mellis and Buchanan turned in season's best times in their individual events. Mellis was 17th in the 200 individual medley (2:00.96); Buchanan placed 15th in the 100 butterfly

Other Rocks in individual events were Locke, who placed 32nd in the 50 free (22.33), and Brian Mertens in the 500 free, who finished 23rd (4:55.42).

"It was a good state meet."

summarized Olson. "I'm quite pleased with it. It makes me feel very proud, what they did, the

way they hung in there.
"I don't have any problem with our state-meet finish. Dual meetwise, I still think we were in the top three in the state

Plymouth Canton's 200 free relay team of John Cook, Jason Musson, Kurtis Hornick and Don LeClair missed scoring by .46 of a second, placing 15th. Individually, Musson was 36th in the 200 free (1:53.39), and Aaron Reeder placed 42nd in the 100 backstroke (57.29).

Also, Canton's 200 medley relay team of Justin Allen, Matt Heiss, John Theisen and Chad Williams placed 28th (1:43.20).

"There weren't really any pure sprinters on the 200 (free) relay, so that was good for them," said Canton coach Kyle Lott. "We had 11 guys on the deck (at state meet), and hopefully they gained experience for next year."

#### 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY (state cut: 1:43.19)

Livonia Stevenson 1:37.99 Plymouth Salem 1:39.79 Detroit Catholic Central 1:40.36 North Farmington 1:41.31

#### Plymouth Canton 1:42.39 200 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 1:49.39) Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:44.27 Nick Corden (Salem) 1:44.33 Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 1:45.85 Justin Barringer (Harrison) 1:46.02 Pete Bosler (Farmington) 1:46.87 Steve Domin (Stevenson) 1:48.51 Tim Buchanan (Salem) 1:49.11 Jason Musson (Canton) 1:49.26 Matt Baran (Redford CC) 1:49.54 Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 1:50.74

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY (state cut: 2:04.19)

Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 1:58.08 Keith Falk (Stevenson) 2:00.73 Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 2:00.96 Brent Mellis (Salem) 2:00.96 Tim Buchanan (Salem) 2:01.41 James McPartlin (John Glenn) 2:04.90 Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:05,14 Steve Domin (Stevenson) 2:05.49 Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 2:06.56 Aaron Reeder (Canton) 2:07.32 50 FREESTYLE

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100 BUTTERFLY (state cut: 55.59)

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#### Mike Dempsey (Canton) 56.79 Steve Schwedt (Harrison) 57.31 100 FREESTYLE (state cut: 49.49)

Nick Corden (Salem) 47.34 Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 48.43 Pete Bosler (Farmington) 48.64 Keith Falk (Stevenson) 48.67 Steve Domin (Stevenson) 48.88 Andrew Locke (Salem) 48.92 Jacob Varty (Stevenson) 48.98 Tim Buchanan (Salem) 49.07 Matt Zald (N. Farmington) 49.10 Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 49.71

> 500 FREESTYLE (state cut: 4:57.39)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:42.48 Justin Barringer (Harrison) 4:48.90 Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 4:49.30 Brian Mertens (Salem) 4:51.36 Steve Domin (Stevenson) 4:57.05

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Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:02.28

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Livonia Stevenson 1:29.14 Plymouth Canton 1:30.82 North Farmington 1:31.31 Farmington Harrison 1:33.16

> **100 BACKSTROKE** (state cut: 56.69)

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#### **100 BREASTSTROKE** (state cut: 1:03.19)

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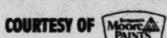
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The Detroit Rockers fell behind 5-0 after one quarter against the Buffalo Blizzard and they never recovered, losing 16-8 in a National Professional Soccer League match played at Joe Louis Arena Sunday.

The Rockers' Jeff Gold (from Plymouth) did score a two-point goal in the second period to narrow the gap to 5-2. A second Rockers' two-point goal, this one early in the third period from Dennis Brose, made it a 5-4

But the Blizzard scored the game's next ight points to ice the victory and improve to North Division-leading 20-16.

For Detroit, the loss was its ninth in the last 10 games, dropping the Rockers to 12-24, in last place in the North Division.

For the season, Gold has 12 two-pointers and 10 assists for 34 points.

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South Farmington Baseball is seeking Salem Dugout, 13900 High Ridge Ct., Ply-

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### Baseball clinic

The Plymouth Salem HS baseball team and coaching staff will sponsor a clinic on Saturday, March 21 and Saturday, March 28, in the Salem gymnasium.

Cost is \$20 for each session, which includes a T-shirt. The session for 11-15 year-olds will be from 9 a.m.-noon; the ses-

sion for 7-10 year-olds will be from 1-4 p.m. Checks should be mailed to: Plymouth

mouth, MI, 48170. For more information call Salem coach Dale Rumberger at (734)

### Men's golf league

A 20-week men's golf league will begin play April 22, with all rounds at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

Tee times for the league will be 5-6 p.m. each Wednesday, with a player limit of 36 golfers (Canton residents only, unless the league fails to fill up by March 27).

Cost is \$420 per golfer, which includes all league green fees, prize money, league outing and awards.

Open registration begins Monday and can be completed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Canton Parks and Recreation offices, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

There will be a league meeting at 6 p.m. April 8 at Fellows Creek to discuss league

rules and regulations. For further information, call (734) 397-

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During Saturday's individual

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Fitzgerald tied for 15th in

beam, tied for 21st in bars, tied

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In Division II, Canton had one

competitor: Holly Graham, who

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# Legwand from page C1

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a first-year player. His point total was third highest in the OHL, an accomplishment made more impressive when considering Legwand missed seven games, many due to a commitment to play on the U.S. National Team at the Junior World Championships in Helsinki, Finland last December.

Legwand's development has not gone unnoticed. He's predicted to be the first or second pick in the NHL draft June 27.

"He was a pretty high pick," said Whalers' coach Pete DeBoer of the team's first overall pick ninth overall — of a year ago. But no one expects a rookie to come in and dominate the way

Even Legwand never dreamt he could be so successful in his first year in the OHL.

"No, I didn't," he admitted. "I just thought it would be much tougher, playing against the older guys.'

There was no arrogance there, just surprise. Legwand isn't new to Compuware Arena, home of the Whalers; he played in the North American Hockey League for the Compuware Ambassadors last season.

Which made it easy for the Whalers to scout him. Still, although his play was impressive — 21 goals and 41 assists in 44 games — it supplied little insight into what he would develop into this season.

nating? "His explosive speed." answered DeBoer. "He's got great vision and a great shot, but

Which is a scoring sensation.

And what makes him so domi-

he does everything at such a high speed. "And the NHL today is all

about size and speed." Legwand has both. A left-

handed shot who can play both center and wing, DeBoer figures he'll fill out to 195 pounds. But there's something else

that's impressive about Legwand: His attitude.

First, the deluge of media attention has been a distraction. but he's handled it. "You've just got to go out and play your game, then deal with it," he said with a practiced, patient manner that suggested it wasn't the first time he's addressed that ques-

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the past year. "My defense," he answered without hesitation. "I was a minus-four last year (at Com-

"I just started concentrating on it more. I think I did (consider myself an offensive player) before. I didn't care much about

Legwand certainly has a number that shows his efforts have not been in vain. He ranks third in the OHL in plus/minus rating with a plus-50.

"He's head and shoulders (better)," said DeBoer. "If there was one weakness in his game coming into this season is was

(defense). "He's maybe jeopardized his offensive numbers a bit, and I know that sounds crazy considering how well he's done. But he's made a real commitment to

his defense. His offensive game certainly came in handy in the first game of the Whalers' playoff series against Sarnia last Saturday. Legwand assisted on the Whalers' first two scores of the game, then netted the clincher. an empty-net goal with 10 sec-

When the NHL Entry Draft does roll around, no doubt both ends of his game will help Legwand become one of the first this time, his photo may be the 13th on the wall in the Whalers' lockerroom, under the heading, "Alumni in the NHL."

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# For Sports, read the Observer

# mnastics from page C1

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BATH and KITCHEN REMODELING

The Chiefs finished last in the 12-team field Friday, scoring 133.80. Northville-Novi, the Western Lakes Activities Association champion, finished first with 146.20, followed by Portage (143.85), Rochester (142.75), Rochester Adams (142.70), Holland (142.60), Hartland (141.80), Troy Athens (140.75), Freeland (139.90), Brighton (139.65), Forest Hills (137.90) and Hillsdale (134.50).

The bad stuff started for Canon when junior Marcie Emerick, the team's second-best overall

gymnast, took a bad fall on the balance beam, suffering a serious arm injury (later diagnosed as badly bruised).

She managed to get a finishing score of 7.65 in the event, but she was unable to compete in the floor exercise or in any of the individual meet events Satur-

"Our chances literally dropped off," said Canton coach John Cunningham, referring to Emerick's fall. "But going in, we weren't aspiring to anything that much better. We could have been

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ninth, maybe."

Cunningham figures the team could have scored four more points had both Emerick and Driscoll, who competed in just the uneven parallel bars Friday, scoring 8.25 after a slip, been at full strength. However, that would have moved the Chiefs up ust one spot in the team stand-

ings.
"I have no serious complaints," he added. "The kids performed well. We had a decent meet."

Canton's best overall gymnast, junior Liz Fitzgerald, turned in a solid performance Friday. She scored 35.30 all-around, with an 8.7 in the vault, 8.8 in the bars. 9.0 in the beam and 8.8 in the floor exercise.

Prior to her fall, Emerick had posted an 8.65 in vault and an 8.35 in bars. Other top scores for Canton during the team competition: Nicole Vaagenes, 8.1 in vault and 8.05 in floor; Natalie Wood, 8.5 in floor; Holly Graham, 8.4 on beam and 8.1 on

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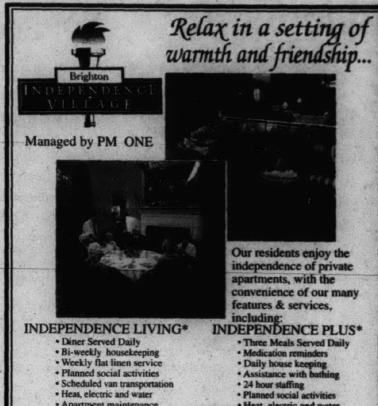
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# SAX MAN KEDMAN SEIS STANDARDS AT THE ARK

BY HUGH GALLAGHER

Since his debut album in 1993, Joshua Redman has been at the top of the jazz world as both saxophone player and composer.

Now, he thinks, the time has come to step back and perform the standards – old and new.

To work out the arrangements, Redman is touring with a quartet and stopping at the Ark in Ann Arbor Saturday, providing a rare chance to see this performer in a small club setting.

"One of the reasons we're playing venues like the one in Ann Arbor is I'd like to make this tour where we're working out the music for a new record, we're not going out on a major tour to get behind an album that's already been released," he said in a telephone interview.

The concept for the album, which he plans to record in April, is to offer interpretations of music by other composers.

"From the beginning, I recorded

mostly my own music," he said.

This is something I've wanted to do for a long time, but it was important for me to develop a unique voice as a saxophonist and as a band leader to play original

Redman has offered his interpretations of such standards as Body and Soul" but only in limited doses. He said he now feels comfortable tackling the great

"The goal of this project is to find ways of playing songs that were written before but reinvent them for our band today. These are the great songs from throughout the century, but we're reworking them for our band," Redman

The list includes songs by Gershwin, Berlin, Porter and Kern, songs that have been in the jazz repertoire since the 1930s and '40s. But Redman is also adding some new twists with jazz interpretations of music by the Beatles, Stevie Wonder, Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan and Prince.

This eclectic approach to music

has been a hallmark of Redman's career. He has said many times that growing up he heard all kinds of music.

After graduating summa cum laude from Harvard in 1991 he toyed with the idea of attending law school, but instead decided to follow his love for music. His father, Dewey Redman, is also a jazz sax player.

"Everything I've listened to and experienced, both as a musician and as a human being, comes through in my music, especially in my later albums," he said. "Especially 'Freedom in the Groove' where you hear how R&B, funk and rock and roll have influenced my music as a jazz musician in different ways, some subtle and some more deliberate."

He said he doesn't think consciously about these influences when he composes but instead keeps his focus on creating honest

"It's hard for me to analyze my

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# **Violinist** tries to do music justice

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Violinist Gil Shaham plays with such precision, warmth and authority, you wouldn't think he'd have any reason to feel like a failure.

But then you listen to him discuss his ambitions.

"To play the Beethoven concerto and feel happy about it. It's never going to happen," Shaham said in his soft, lightly accented voice during a telephone interview. "The music we play is so perfect. It's always hard to do it justice.

sounds corny, but it's

true.' At 26, Shaham is widely hailed as one of the finest young musicians in the world, one who certainly comes close to that perfection he seeks. Tuesday, Shaham will perform Kabalevsky's Vio-



Gil Shaham

lin Concerto in C Major, Op. 48 with the Russian National Orchestra at the University of Michigan's Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor.

The Orchestra, under the director of Mikhail Pletney, will also perform Kabalevsky's Overture from Colas Breugnon, Op. 24 and Prokofiev's "Symphony No. 5 in B Major, Op. 100.

Shaham was born in Illinois in 1971

but moved to Israel with his parents in 1973. He began playing violin when he was 7 and made his public debut in 1981 with the Jerusalem Symphony and the Israel Philharmonic. Shaham won a scholarship to the Juilliard in 1982 and attended there on weekends while attending Horace Mann School in New York City during the week.

He has since performed with major orchestras and chamber groups around the world to wide acclaim, performed in duo with his sister, pianist Orli Shaham, and released several recordings on the Deutsche Grammophon label.

uess my parents always were big music lovers and that's how we kids got into it. Our parents were passionate about music," Shaham said.

Shaham's brother and sister took piano, and he took violin.

"My brother started taking piano lessons. He's now a scientist, he was the smart brother," Shaham said with a laugh. "Some kids want to play the tuba. I just wanted to be different than my brother."

Shaham said he led a double life during high school. He said his regular high school was the source for Archie comics.

The conventional wisdom is that these two worlds don't mix, the nerdy classical and the 'real world.' But I

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# MOVIES

■ The Uptown Birmingham Theatre - 211 S. Woodward Ave. (just south of Maple) downtown Birmingham, Second Annual Best of the Academy Film Festival continues through Monday,
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Awards can be found at the official internet site of the Acade-

Cial internet site of the Academy Awards, www.oscar.com

Oscar Night at the Excalibur - Gala event begins 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 23. Tickets \$60 per person includes a theme based four course gournet meal, big screen TV and prizes for the most correct predictions in several key categories. Black tie encouraged. The restaurant is at 28875 Franklin (at 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway) Southfield. Call (248) 358-3355 for reservations.

# 'Titanic' still full steam ahead for an Academy sweep

BY JOHN MONAGHAN SPECIAL WRITER

According to the 36 patrons who attended the Troy Public Library's annual Night at the Oscars on March 12, "Titanic" won't only sweep the Academy Awards on Monday night, it

deserves to. "It's a strong movie on so many levels, such an achievement," said Peter Contano of Birmingham. "Besides, if it does not win, you're going to have this mass riot of teenage girls across the country. They're mad enough that Leonardo DiCaprio



did not get nominated for Best Actor."

And the rest seemed to agree. Only the Best category seemed shaky among the 14 awards that "Titanic" has been nominated for. The night was congenial, if contentious, as we

attempted to pick the few wild cards in what many are calling the most predictable

Oscar race in years. But before you use the results below to change your bets in the office Oscar pool, realize that my

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Sharing Interests: Rose (Kate Winslet) is impressed by Jack's (Leonardo DiCaprio) drawings in "Titanic."

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voters, proof positive that peers are not necessarily your best judges. In Oscar night order:

Best Supporting Actress
Remember the disappoint-

on veteran Lauren Bacall's when she was overlooked for Juliette Binoche? Oscar could correct that by awarding the statue to 87-year-old Gloria Stuart as "Titanic's" century-old Rose. I'd much rather see Julianne Moore for "Boogie Nights" reigning porn queen. Then there's the question: Why was Kim Basinger nominated over Sigourney Weaver, who was so superb in the completely over-looked "Ice Storm?"

Your choice: Gloria Stuart,

My choice: Julianne Moore,

gie Nights"

■ Best Supporting Actor
From Jack Palance's pushups
to the Cuba Gooding Jr.'s hyper-

been wrong at least as many times as right. Ultimately, you're in the hands of fickle Academy active acceptance speech, this award usually starts the night with surprises. I loved Robert Forster as the savvy bail bondsman in "Jackie Brown," but not as much as Rupert Everett in "My Best Friend's Wedding," who was not even nominated. For me, "Good Will Hunting" was just Robin Williams lite and, yes, he'll probably win. I'm still rooting for Burt Reynolds, who served as father figure for the band of misfits that populated "Boogie Nights."

> Your choice: Robin Williams, "Good Will Hunting"

My choice: Burt Reynolds, "Boogie Nights"

**■** Best Actress

When it comes to real acting, Oscar feels compelled to look overseas, which is why four of the five female nominees are British. Kate Winslett perpetuates the strong female heroines that have become a James Cameron trademark, but Oscar material? Then again, did

enough people see "Afterglow," Wings of the Dove," and "Mrs. Brown?"

The smart money seems to lie with Helen Hunt, at least for putting up with Jack Nicholson's abuse in "As Good as It Gets." Your choice: Helen Hunt, "As

Good as It Gets' My choice: Helen Hunt, "As

Good as It Gets"

■ Best Actor Only one vote separated Peter Fonda from two-time winner Jack Nicholson when it came to voting on Troy Night at the Oscars. "As Good as It Gets" has been called Nicholson's best work since "Cuckoo's Nest." But for Fonda, his beekeeper with a bad back in "Ulee's Gold" might be his best work ever, the only performance in his sketchy career that could compare with his famous father's. I thought Dustin Hoffman was inspired in 'Wag the Dog," but he should join Matt Damon and Robert Duvall in the also-rans.

Your choice: Jack Nicholson, "As Good As It Gets"

My choice: Peter Fonda, 'Ulee's Gold"

**■** Best Director

The best director should be in line with best picture, and Cameron definitely deserves it for keeping "Titanic" afloat. But I would not be devastated to see Atom Egoyan's name called for "The Sweet Hereafter" or even Curtis Hanson, who will likely never make anything as good as "L.A. Confidential" again.

Your choice: Cameron, "Titanic"

My choice: James Cameron.

Titanic'

**■** Best Picture I'd bet the house on it, yet a couple of your votes still went for "As Good as It Gets" and L.A. Confidential." A "Full Monty" upset? Heck, just the nomination was honor enough.

Your choice: "Titanic" My choice: "Titanic"

The other awards

Still worried about those hardto-predict categories? You're on your own with Best Animated Documentary Short Subject, but count on "Titanic" to deservedly sweep all of the technical awards, especially for sound and visual effects. And despite all the hype for Celine Dion, one of that movie's unsung heroes, according to Oscar Night attendee Frank DePetris of Sterling Heights, is composer James Horner.

"He's the color behind that enhances what's happening on screen. He's risen above John Williams and Jerry Goldsmith," DePetris says.

The award for Best Original Screenplay often goes to scrappy independents (think "Fargo" and "Pulp Fiction" in recent years), so expect "Good Will Hunting's" Matt Damon and Ben Affleck to take the stage. And since "L.A. Confidential" will be snubbed in most other categories, it would be nice to see it take Best Adapt-

ed Screenplay, especially when

you consider that James Ellroy wrote the novel with the express belief that no one could possibly make a movie out of it.

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The Best Foreign Film Oscar is a crap shoot since most of the nominees have not opened yet. The Brazilian entry "Four Days in September" came and went within a week or two, while others do not even have a stateside distributor. Documentary awards still have a screwy voting system, but the popular choice should be Spike Lee's "4 Little Girls," which was truly excellent, and will try to offset the complete absence of black faces in the major awards.

And before you get too smug about "Titanic," think about this: Oscar Night's Debbie Tumoski of Clinton Township reminded me of a quote from "L.A. Confidential" auteur Curtis Hanson. When asked about his chances of winning, he said, "The Titanic was also a sure thing to make it to New York."

# Violinist from page E1

never found that to be the case," he said.

The work he will perform Tuesday is an old favorite that he learned as a child.

"It's a fun piece, a great piece," he said. He discovered doing this

piece that music sometimes s up odd associations. When I went to Moscow to

hearse with the Russian National Orchestra, some of

the players came up to me and said, 'Why are we doing this piece.' It turns out the third movement was the official Communist Party music for the Soviet Youth, sort of their Boy Scouts. A lot of people who grew up in that period have these associations with the piece," he said.

Shaham praised the Russian National Orchestra as "incredibly quick and talented people."

Pianist Mikhail Pletnev saw the breakup of the Soviet Union as a prime time to organize a new orchestra. The RNO debuted in Moscow Nov. 16, 1990. In four months they recorded Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6 ("Pathetique") for Virgin Classics. The RNO has since toured the world and signed a 10 record contract with Deutsche Grammophon. The most recent recording was

a collaboration with Shaham, performing on his 1699 Stradi-

For years, Shaham has been telling people that his rare instrument was once owned by Benjamin Franklin's mistress when Franklin was ambassador to France.

"I don't think that's true," he said ruefully. "I've been telling turn non-fans on to classical

that story so many years, then I got this e-mail saying, 'Gil stop telling that story, it isn't

The e-mail isn't Shaham's only connection with computers. Several of his fans have

created web sites in celebration of his talent. Shaham said it is flattering to have such loyal fans, but it is even better to

"I guess some of the things that are more rewarding is when someone who has nothing to do with classical music comes back and says 'we really enjoyed that," he said. "We had a Vivaldi piece played on the Weather Channel and at a concert a group of meteorologists who had never been to a classical concert came back and said how much they liked it."

# Redman from page E1

composing processes. In the beginning I'm looking for some kind of mood, it can be found in the melody or a melodic fragment or a rhythm or harmonic changes or even a vamp," he said. "That mood becomes the core of the song and we built on that mood with our improvisa-

Redman said he's excited about the group he's working h on this tour.

"It's technically my band for the next couple of months, but really this is an all-star band,"

he said. Brian Blade is on drums. He's ayed for years with Redman Calso has his own group and will be releasing an album soon. Brad Mehldau is on piano; he played with Redman in 1993-94. Larry Grenadier is on bass.

Redman will be playing tenor, ano and alto sax.

Tenor is the instrument I started on and my primary saxo-phone. But I've tried to develop ound on the alto and soprano. Twe been playing them a lot on my recent albums and will be playing them in Ann Arbor," he

Redman has never played the Ark before but welcomes the

change of pace. "In enjoy the diversity of dif-ferent venues," he said. "I enjoy small clubs because small clubs are in the tradition of jazz and the boldest advances in jazz have been made at small clubs. But I also enjoy the bigger venues, too, whether it's a festival shed or a concert hall. Each has a different feel and mood. If I played just one kind of venue it would get boring and I wouldn't be

Inspiration and passion are of primary importance to Redman, who has no regrets about choosing music over law.

There are things I miss about school and there are sides of my personality and interests not fulfilled in music," he said. "But the thing that separates music is the fulfillment and inspiration it gives me intellectually, emotionally and spiritually. That connection with music is something I never had with my other inter-

# SRO shines in 'Sunshine Boys'

SRO Productions presents "The Sunshine Boys," Friday-Sunday, March 20-22, and March 27-29, Burgh Site, on Civic Center Dr., between Berg and Lahser roads, Southfield. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$8, seniors and children \$7, call (248) 827-0701. BY TAMI TABACCHI

It's back to the days of vaudeville for Al and Willie in SRO Production's interpretation of "The Sunshine Boys." In the spirit of neil Simon, these two senior citizens aren't quite as 'sunny" as their names imply. After 43 years in show business together they are called for a CBS reunion show highlighting famous vaudeville acts. Will they ever get past the first door entrance without bickering with each other? The chances are slim, but the humor is well postponing their "Doctor/Patient" skit, and witnessing all the mayhem in between.

This is Joseph Haynes fifth time as a director at SRO and his extremely diverse theatrical background shines through. Though the pace may seem somewhat sluggish in areas, the caliber of acting makes up for these minor lags.

COMMUNITY THEATER

Bill Mandt deserves a hand for his creative design of the set. Despite the fact that the scene changes were cumbersome, the conversion from Willie's apartment to a CBS stage is cleverly executed.

Kathy Booker as Bev is a real acting standout in "The Sunshine Boys." She keeps the pace going in each scene she enters, not to mention the fact that her

New York accent is right on. Our two vaudeville stars are both making their debut performances at SRO, but their performances give the impression that they have walked many miles on the SRO stage. Playing the part of Willie, the angered actor who doesn't like to be poked or spit on, is Phil Berns. His 40 plus years of experience definitely show. Playing Al, the actor who is little more laid back in his dealings with Willie, is played admirably by award-winning

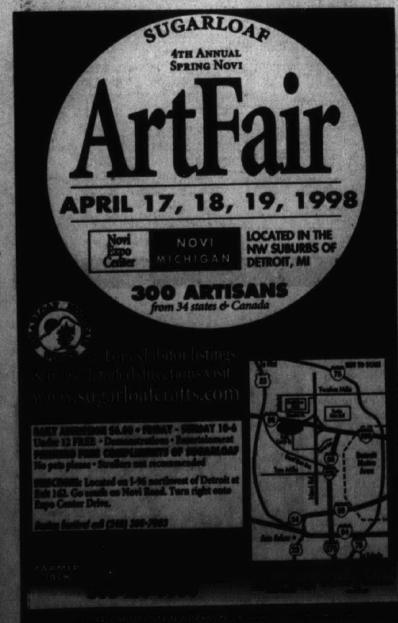
thespian Jeff Shapiro. Audiences will also be impressed with the talents of Robin Demaagd as the registered nurse (however, now one

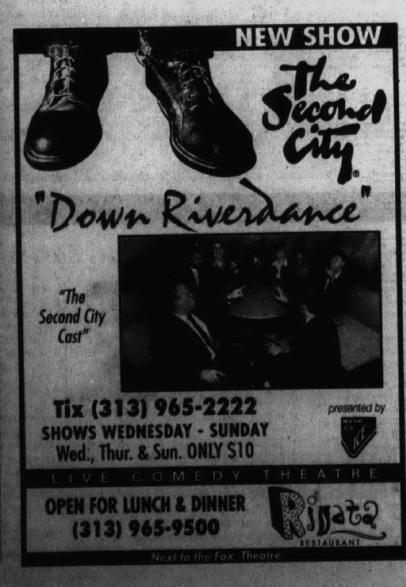


In the act: Phil Berns (left to right), Ron DeMaagd, and Karen Elly in a scene from "The Sunshine Boys."

will believe she's in her 50s!) Dennis Hubel deserves an honorable mention not only for a nice job as Eddie, but also for all the weight he must have gained, having to shove in at least four doughnuts per performance. Nate Kusnit also appears in this performance, as the TV director, and Karen Elly as the extremely

scantily clad vaudeville nurse. Be sure to catch the remaining performances of "The Sunshine Boys." Though it is not one of Neil Simon's best, SRO has made it a thoroughly enjoyable performance with an incredibly talented cast.







# Concert a 'Countdown' to year 2000

The Detroit Dance Collective will present "Countdown," the first in a series of dance concerts and arts events for communities, colleges and schools statewide 8 p.m. Friday, March 20 at the Adray Theater in the Mackenzie Fine Arts Building at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn.

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Tickets are \$15 adults, \$12 students/seniors and available by calling (313) 965-3544/845-

The title of the concert, "Countdown," refers to the Detroit Dance Collective's 20th anniversary gala in spring 2000. The concert features dances by the company's founders/artistic directors Barabara Selinger of Farmington and Paula Kramer, Huntington Woods. Selinger presents four of her most theatrically designed and acclaimed dances including "Telltale," set to early Renaissance music; "Mystic Sky," an ethereal work for four women and two danced to music by Joan LaBarbara, Steve Roach and Philip Glass; "Other Places," with music by Jeffrey Stolet and costumes that become dance partners, and "Zydeco Songs," a cajun style work.

Kramer will preview "The Unknown Sequence," a new work supported by ArtServe Michigan in conjunction with the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs' Creative Artist Grant. The work is a multi-media piece involving a spoken voice score by Jo Powers, writer and painter, Royal Oak, and photo projections by Tom Kramer, Huntington Woods. The dance is based on the imaginative ways in which we think of rooms or private places and was choreographed in collaboration with the dancers.

Dancers on the program include Selinger, Karen Leighton and Christy Guth, Farmington; David Guzman, Southgate; Anh Nguyen, Windsor, and Susan Clayton-Blaise, Commerce Town-

The concert is part of the dance company's residency on the campus of Henry Ford Community College and includes a painting, writing and dance workshop and an exhibit of art, poetry and narrative work created during the workshop.

The Detroit Dance Collective is looking for a male dancer to perform with the company from March to May and for next season, Aug. 26 to May 1999. Dancers must be highly skilled in modern dance technique and improvisation and have training

Auditions are by arrangement only and take place during company classes 9:30-11 a.m. Monday and Wednesday in Central United Methodist Church, on the corner of Woodward and Adams, Detroit.

For information, call (313) 965-



Countdown: Barbara Selinger choreographed the dance "Other Places" to be performed by the Detroit Dance Collective Friday, March 20 at Henr' Ford Community.

# Hilberry gives Shakespeare a 1960s attitude

"Two Gentlemen of Verona" runs in repertory through May 9 at the Hilberry Theatre (near the corner of Cass and Hancock), on the campus of Wayne State University in Detroit. For tickets and more information, call (313) 577-2972

BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

Imagine the scene, if you will: A Beatles tune wafts through the air as two young men go one on one at basketball, while an attractive young woman flirts with them and watches from the sidelines. The opening scene for a modern day drama? Nay, ye knave - try "Two Gentlemen of Verona" - one of the immortal bard's timeless gems.

speare's classic script and given it a delightfully fresh twist by setting the romantic comedy in the 1960s, not the 1560s. While keeping the traditional dialogue, they've added the attitude of the 1960s and a fast pace.
Proteus and Valentine, two

young men of Verona, share the competitive friendship characteristics of youth and inexperience. Proteus, basking in the romantic glow of his devoted Julia, stays home when his buddy Valentine takes off for Milan where he falls in in love with Silvia, the daughter of Milan's ruler. An elopement is in the offing when Proteus hits town and, forgetting Julia, selfishly tries to thwart his friend's plans and win Silvia for himself. Matters become compli-

Beatles songs fit the contradictory nature of love seen in the play most fittingly, and nostalgically reinforces the tone of the play during scene changes.

The 1960s theme let the company have a lot of fun with the show. The ruling elders are portrayed as Mafia Dons - Marlon Brando lives. Silvia's dad is a Jack Nicholson clone - so wonderfully matched that the audience chortled in recognition.

The gang of banished outlaws was cleverly characterized as well. We have a stuttering Harley tough, a dead ringer for Angela Davis, and assorted 1960s types.

The company was consistently strong. Matthew Troyer was outstanding as Valentine, and Peggy Johns was superb as his beloved Silvia. The 1960s setting afforded her character a delightful additional measure of feistiness. John Franklin Ginn as Proteus, and Antoinette Doherty as

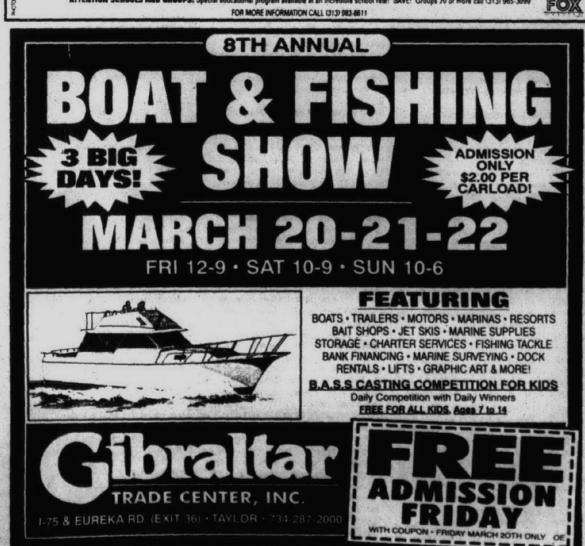
Julia brought an abundance of talent and energy to their roles

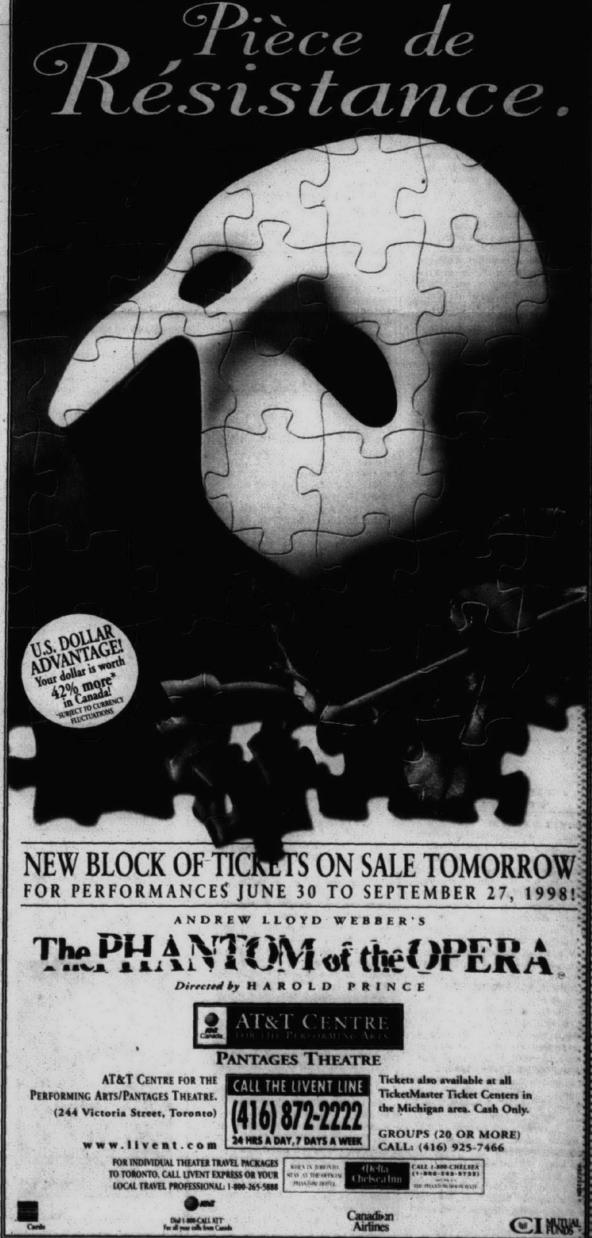
Both Shakespeare fans and

the uninitiated will enjoy "Two Gentlemen of Verona," it's a classic romantic comedy with a

The talented Hilberry compacated when a distraught Julia ny has taken William Shakearrives disguised as a boy. Tickets on sale now! COME WITH US OVER THE RAINBOW. MICKEY ROONEY JESSICA CROVE WOLLOW क्षात्र स्था **APRIL 10-26** LIVE AT THE FOX THEATRE TO CHARGE BY PHONE: (248) 433-1515 Get your tickets now at the Fox Theatre Box Office, all sections including 'HUDSON'S. Harmony House & Repeat the Beat . www.ticketmaster.com

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# A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

\*Dreamgirts," musical mimicking the rise of the Supremes in the '60s, 8 p.m.
Thursday-Saturday, March 19-21, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at the opera house, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$24-\$29. (248) 645-6666, groups of 20 or more (313) 871-1132, information

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(313) 872-1000 Fences, 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 19-20, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. aturday, March 21, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 m. Sunday, March 22 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at the theat 1,3103 Woodrew Wille w Wilson, Detroit. \$15.

(313) 868-1347 MEADOW BOOK THEATRE
"Murder By Misadventure," a mysterywriting duo plots the perfect murder, through April 12, at the theater at Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. Previews 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 19-20 (\$18); regular run, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays (\$22), 2 p.m. Wednesdays (\$22), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$26.50), 2 p.m. Sa (\$22), 6 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), 8 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$22), and 6:30 p.m. Sundays (\$26.50). Students, seniors and group discounts

IARES THEATRE CO. A'Raisin in the Sun," 8 p.m. Fridaysays and 6 p.m. Sundays through , Museum of African American istory's Dr. Charles H. Wright Theatre, 315 E. Warren (at Brush), Detroit. \$15-18, with discounts available for Plowshares subscribers, MAAH members, students with ID, and seniors ages 60 and older. (313) 872-0279

available. (248) 377-3300

A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 19-21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 22, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$22 and \$27 with discounts for seniors, students and groups. Dinner packages available with Baci Abbracci Restaurant. (248)

COLLEGE CHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Moon Over Buffalo," by Ken Ludwig, in a dinner-theater format, 6:30 p.m. dinner and 8 p.m. show, Fridays-Saturdays, March 20-21 and 27-28 (\$19), and as a show only, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 (\$8), at the college, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile s), Livonia. (313) 462-4409 ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

'Love Letters," a touching and often rous play about a relationship between two people from childhood to middle age based on letters, a Skarga Society production of J.R. Gurney's play 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, at the college, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. \$7, \$4 students. (248) 683-0324 U-D THEATRE COMPANY

"A Lie of the Mind," by Sam Shepard,

through Sunday, April 5, at the McAuley Theatre on the Outer Drive campus of University of Detroit-Mercy. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. \$10, \$8 seniors and students. (313) 993-1130

The University of Michigan's student-run musical theater group presents "Pippin," a '70s pop/rock musical about the son Charlemagne and his search for satis-ction in life, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March

29, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$7 students. (734) 764-0450 U-M SCHOOL OF MUSIC, OPERA The Turn of the Screw," based on the

ghost story by Henry James, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 26-28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Lydia Mendelsoohn Theatre, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$14 and \$18, \$7 ts. (734) 764-0450 WSU HILBERRY THEATRE
"Of Mice and Men," by John Steinbeck,

10 a.m. student matinee Tuesday, March 24; "A Woman of No Importance," by Oscar Wilde, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26; iday, March 27, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. 4743 Cass Ave. on the Wayne State ersity campus, Detroit. (313) 577-

#### COMMUNITY THEATER

"Annie," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Lahser High School auditorium, 3456 Lasher Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 433-

THAT BROADWAY BEAT
A musical revue featuring songs from
"Evita," "Ragtime," "Chicago," and "La
Cage Aux Folles," Saturdays, March 14,
21 and 28, at the Wunderground
Theatre, 110 S. Main St. (above ACE
Hardware), Royal Oak. \$10. (248) 541-

CK-IN-THE-BOX PRODUCTIONS the Zoo Story," by Edward Albee, 8 the Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and 6 the Sunday, March 29, University of

Michigan-Dearborn's ROC, off Evergre toad between Ford Road and Michiga

oad between Ford Road and Michigan venue, Dearborn, \$5, (734) 797-JACK ORTH ROSEDALE PARK PLAYERS Once Upon a Mattress," 8 p.m. Fridaysturdays, March 20-21, 27-28, and 2 m. Sunday, March 22, speghetti dinner oday, March 27, benefit performance iday, March 20, at the theater 18845-caradele, Detroit, (248) 644-8411 Dearballe PLAYERS

Ingadoon," run extended, 8 p.m. iday-Saturday, March 20-21, at the the er, 205 W. Long Lake Road (1/4 mile est of Livernois Road), Troy, \$13, cof-e and sandwich afterglow included.



Family fun: See Jorge and Lou Ann Barreda's mighty elephants, clowns and more at the Shrine Circus continuing through Sunday, March 22 at the Michigan State Fair Coliseum, Detroit. Performances noon and 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 19-20, 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21, and 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22. Tickets range from \$6-\$14. Call (313) 831-1620/(313) 366-6200

ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD "A Delicate Balance," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook, 400 Lone Pine Road, field Hills. (248) 644-0527 SRO PRODUCTIONS

"The Sunshine Boys," by Neil Simon, Friday-Sunday, March 20-22, and Friday-Sunday, March 27-29, Burgh Site, on Civic Center Dr., between Berg and Lahser roads, Southfield. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday Tickets \$8, seniors and children \$7, call (248) 827-0701

#### DINNER THEATER

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL

"Trial By Error," live interactive comedy dinner theater, through June at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$39.95 includes seven-course dinner of soup, bread, pasta, antipasto salad, ked chicken, Italian sausage, Italian steak, vegetables and dessert, the show, tax and tip. (248) 349-0522

# YOUTH

JUNIOR THEATRE

"Heidi," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 26-27, and 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. \$5 for children and students through high school, \$6 adults. (734) 994-2300 **MARQUIS THEATRE** 

"Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, March 21, 28, and April 4, 18 and 25, and Sundays, March 22 and 29, and April 5, 19 and 26, and Monday-Friday, April 13-17, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. Children ages 3 and younger will not be admitted. (248) MILLENNIUM YOUTH THEATRE CO.

"The Brementown Musicians," a staged adaptation of the Brothers' Grimm fairy tale, 10:30 a.m. Saturdays March 21 and 28, at the center, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield. \$5, \$4 groups of 10 or more. (248) 552-1225

"The Wizard of Oz," Saturdays and Sundays, through Saturday, April 11, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Noon lunch and 1 p.m. show Saturdays, and 1 p.m. lunch and 2 p.m. show Sundays. \$7.50 includes lunch. (810) 662-8118

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS
"Into the Woods," the Stephen Sondhe musical "Into the Woods," 8 p.m. Friday Sunday, March 20-22, at the Livonia ford Theatre Guild, 15138 Be Daly, south of Five Mile, Redford. \$12 at the door, \$10 advance, \$8 seniors/stu-dents, (313) 535-8962

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

Featuring 50,000 square feet of boats, trailers, fishing equipment and water-sports and information about charter services and marines, noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 20, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 21, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sur rch 22, Gibraitar Trade Center, 15525 cho Road (Eureka Road and I-75), or. (734) 287-2000

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"CREATIVES FOR A CURE"
First annual event which honors Detroit's top creative talent – Ben Moon of Moon-Kochis Productions, Shelby Newhouse producer/director, Grace Glicrest of WXYZ-TV, Lynn Anderson of United Way, John J. Bailey of John J. Bailey and Associates, Mickey McGuire and Jimmy Northmore of Boulevard Photographic, and Elieen Wunderlich and Gary Topolewski, both of Bozell Worldwide – with emcee Ann Delial, Thursday, March 26, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Entertainment by Stewart co, state Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Entertainment by Stewart Francke, magician Steve Weikal, the Otally Unrehearsed Theater, and fashion lesigners. \$35-\$100,benefits Barbara

Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. (248) 552-8842/(313) 961-5451 HFCC PRESIDENT'S "COLLAGE" CONCERT

Featuring Henry Ford Community College students performing classical, jazz and pop favorites, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$15, (313) 317-6566 NATIVITY'S FESTIVAL OF ARTS

Friday-Sunday, March 20-22, includes a 7 p.m. Friday night artists' reception featuring the Celtic harp and dulcimer of Cecelia Webster; 3 p.m. Saturday, singer/storyteller Grace Ward recites tales from America to Corsica; 10:30 a.m. Sunday the liturgy features a brass quintet led by Jason Bornsgesser of the Metropolitan Arts Ensemble, at Nativity Episcopal Church, 21220 W. 14 Mile Road (between Lahser and Evergreen roads), Bloomfield Township. (248) 646-4100

**EXPO** 

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Livonia Elks Hall, 31117 Plymouth Road (one block east of Merriman Road, 1/2 mile west of Wonderland Mall), Livonia. \$3. (248) 546-4527

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS ODD AUCTION With lots of odd things to bid on, food and entertainment, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. \$15. Reservations

required. (248) 988-7049 ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY TARTAN BALL Featuring The St. Andrew's Pipe Band, Scottish ballroom dancers, and a special performance by the Plymouth Players Guild with a Celtic Mystery Drama, 6 p.m. cocktails followed by 7 p.m. dinner Saturday, April 4, The Meeting House, 499 Main St. (at Ann Arbor Trail). Plymouth. \$45, reservations by Friday. March 20. (248) 349-1831/ (734) 454-7689, or http://www.detroitscots.com.

SPORTS CARD SHOW Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 27, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 28, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road (Eureka Road and I-75), Taylor. (734) 287-2000

A Polish Easter breakfast with a performance of Polish Dance Suites, noon nday, April 5, American Legion Stitt Post, 23850 Military Road, Dearborn ights. \$16, reservations by March 28. (734) 981-4365/(313) 791-2832

Musical: The orphans from The Bloomfield Players production of "Annie" Friday-Sunday, March 20-22 at Lahser High School ini Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 433-0885 for tickets.



# BENEFITS

ADVANCED FASHION SHOW Featuring the cast of "Rent" modeling collections of Max Studio, BCBG, Loia and DKNY Men. 6-7:30 p.m. cocktail reception, 7:30-8 p.m. fashion show, 8-10 p.m. post-party reception, Monday, March 23, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$25, benefits Fanclub Foundation for the Arts. (248) 988-0-

"FASHIONING A CURE" Featuring a private showing of Somerset Collection's 1998 Spring Fashion Show, a silent auction, strolling supper and champagne and wine bar, 6:45 p.m. Saturday, March 21, The Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge Highway, Troy. \$100, benefits ALS of Michigan, Inc. (313) 382-0480 "STARRY, STARRY NIGHT"

An Oscar Awards party with an Italian cuisine and complimentary champagne and Farmington Hills, desserts from Elite Sweets of Livonia, and color commentary of the awards ceremony, shown on a movie screen and in the lobby, by Q95.5's morning show host Kevin O'Neill, 8 p.m. Monday, March 23, Star Southfield Entertainment Centre, 25333 W. 12 Mile Road (between Telegraph Road and Northwestern Highway) Southfield. \$30, \$50 per couple, benefits the Detroit Area Film and Television's scholarship fund, (248) 547-0847

# FAMILY EVENTS

DAVID COPPERFIELD "DREAMS AND **NIGHTMARES**"

Eight performances Friday-Sunday, March 27-29, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$29-\$46.50. All ages. (248) 433-1515/(313) 983-6611 JCC'S "FAMILY ARTS MAGICAL SUNDAYS WITH THE KIDS "Folk Tales From Around the World," by

the For A Good Time Theater, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Jewish Community Center's Jimmy Prentis Morris Buildi 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. \$4 adult members, \$5 non-members, \$3 child members, \$4 child non-members. (248) 967-4030 FRED PENNER

Concert cancelled Saturday, April 4, Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Refunds at point of purchase. (248) 377-3300 JON ROSS'S "WITNESS THE MAGIC"

3 p.m. Sunday, March 22, JD's

Entertainment Center, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$7.50, \$5 children. All ages. (810) 465-5154 NATURE WALK

One hour walk to look and listen for the One-hour walk to look and listed animals and plants that signal the coming of spring, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, meet at Goose Meadow at Highland Recreation Area, 5200 E. Highland Raod (M-59). White Lake, Be prepared for pos-(M-59), White Lake. Be prepared for possible muddy conditions. (248) 685-2187 SHRINE CIRCUS
Noon and 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March

19-20, 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21, and 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday March 22, Michigan State Fair Sunday, March 22, Michigan State Fair Coliseum, Detroit. \$6-\$14. (313) 831-620/(313) 366-6200

luggler performs at Saturday, March 21, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield, \$3.25, \$2.50 groups of 10 or more. (248) 424-

# CLASSICAL

USTRALIAN CHAMBER ORCH Rackham Building, 915 E. Washingto St., Ann Arbor, \$22-\$36. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With Conductor Eri Klas and planist

Grigory Sokolov performing Mussorgsky/Rimsky-Korsakov's introduction to "Khovanshchina," Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto No. 3," and Prokofiev's "Romeo and Juliet" excerpts, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 10:45 a.m. Friday, March 20, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) **FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND** 

Spring Symphony concert originally scheduled for March 22 will be held 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Harrison High School, on 12 Mile between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads, Farmington Hills. \$3, \$2 students and avail the door, senior citizens free. (734) 261-2202/(248) 489-3412 or

http://www.mystery.com/fcb NORMA GENTILE AND THE ANN ARBOR **GRAIL SINGERS** 

Perform chants and medieval polyphony by Hildegard von Bingen and other composers in conjunction with the 900th anniversary of von Bingen's birth and the reinstallation of the University of Michigan Museum of Art's medieval collection, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the museum, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$15, \$10 students. (734) 647-0521 **ANDREW JENNINGS** 

works for violin and piano with pianist Anton Nel, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Britton Recital Hall of the University of Michigan School of Music, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 764-0594 MARINERS' CHURCH OF DETROIT Presents a series of organ concerts with Kenneth Sweetman and Kevin Bylsma playing the music of Bach, Brahms,

Violinist performs Prokofiev's complete

Franck, and Pachelbel during lent, 12:35 p.m. Thursdays, March 19 and 26, and April 2, following 12:10 services, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Free parking in Ford Auditorium Underground Garage at the median of Jefferson Avenue at the foot of Woodward Avenue, (313) 259-2206 DEMARRE MCGILL

Flutist performs as part of Detroit Chamber Winds' Nightnotes series, 8 p.m. Friday, March 20, Hagopian's World of Rugs, 850 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. \$16 includes performance and refreshments. (248) 362-9329 URSULA OPPENS

Pianist performs a "Beethoven the Contemporary" program, 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor, \$16-\$30, (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org **OWAIN PHYFE** 

As part of "garb night," 9 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 26, O'Mara's Restaurant, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

**RUSSIAN NATIONAL ORCHESTRA** 

With violinist Gil Shaham, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$45. March 24, University of Michigan Alumni Center, Ann Arbor. \$25. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org STEPHEN SHIPPS

Violinist performs Baroque pieces with harpsichordist Edward Parmentier, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Britton Recital Hall of the University of Michigan School of Music, Ann Arbor, Free, All ages, (734) 764-0594

# POPS/SWING

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA 9 p.m. Friday, March 27, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (swing) (734) 485-5050 MAXWELL STREET KLEZMER BAND

5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills. \$8, free for children younger than 5. (variety) (248) 851-5100

#### AUDITIONS DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

Auditions for a male dancer to perform with the company March to May and Aug. 26 to May 1999 by appointment only, must be highly skilled in modern dance technique and improving tion and dance technique and improvisation and have training in ballet, auditions will take

place during company classes 9:30-11 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, at Central United Methodist Church, corner of Woodward and Adams, Detroit. (313) HFCC'S THEATER ARTS DEPARTMENT Auditions for "Freak Show Brain," which deals with adult issues such as murder,

rape, homosexuality and child abuse, Monday, March 23, Adray Auditorium on Henry Ford Community College's campus, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn.
Performance part of New Playwright's Workshop in June. (313) 845-6478
HEART OF THE HILLS PLAYERS Looking for actors, singers and people who can help with the construction or setting of stage, or costume making, also needed plano player and drummer, 10 a.m. Monday, March 23 and 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, for the follies "Hands of Time" to be performed in early May, at the Older Records's Commission 231. the Older People's Commission, 312 Woodward Street, Rochester. No one will be turned away. (810) 371-4334 MICHIGAN THEATRE & DANCE TROUPE Open auditions now through August for dancers age 16 and older, by appoint-

dancers age 16 and older, by appointment only 2 p.m. Saturdays. The performing arts company regularly appears year round. (248) 552-5001

MUSIC THEATRE OF MICHIGAN

Auditions actors and singers from area high schools for a summer acting workshop with New York acting instructor Jim Bonney and Broadway actor Dan Cooney, 5-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 19-20; Auditions those 15 and older for "Broadway in Concert." Its summer production, 5-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 19-20. Performances in July. Audition by appointment only. (734) 425-

STAGECRAFTERS Auditions for "The Rink," with music by John Kander, lyrics by Fred Ebb and the book by Terrence McNally, noon Saturday, March 21, and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Performances June 18-21, and 25-28. (248) 541-4832

#### CHORAL

RENAISSANCE CHORUS Male singers are invited to attend a guest night, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail (east of Newburgh), Livonia. (734) 728-6865

JAZZ

7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (between Main and Washington streets), Royal Oak, Free, All ages. (248) 541-8050

SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free All ages; 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. ("acoustic gypsy jazz\*) (248) 652-1600/(248) 544-

**GARY BLUMER TRIO** 7-11 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

REGGIE BRAXTON 7:30-11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (between Main and Washington streets),

Royal Oak, Free. All ages. (248) 541-

**RON BROOKS TRIO** 

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 **CHARLES GREEN** 

6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, O'Mara's Restaurant, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (248)

7 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Somerset North, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge Highway, Troy. Free. All ages; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, D. L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills, (top 40/R&B/ jazz) (248) 816-2075/(248) 852-0550 MARLA JACKSON TRIO

7-11 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

AHMAD JAMAL QUARTET

8 p.m. Friday, March 20, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsymphony.com

9 p.m. Friday, March 20, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti.

Cover charge. 19 and older. (experimental) (734) 485-5050 PHIL KAPUT AND THE MAINSTREAM JAZZ TRIO

4-5 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Borders Books, 31150 Southfield Road (at 13 Mile Road), Birmingham. Free. All ages; 9 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 21, Lonestar Coffee Co., 207 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248)

644-1515/(248) 642-2233 SHEILA LANDIS 10 p.m. Friday, March 20, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older; 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday. March 21, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave. (at Center Street), Royal Oak. Free, 25cent surcharge during live entertain-

PHIL LASLEY TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 21, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150 TERRY LOWER TRIO

ment. All ages. (248) 332-HOWL/(248)

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 MATT MICHAELS TRIO With guest saxist Russ Miller, 8-11:30

p.m. Thursday, March 19, and guest vocalist Judie Cochill, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington. \$5 cover waived with dinner (5:30-8 p.m.) plus \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800 CARL MICHEL GROUP.

7-9 p.m. Friday, March 20, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. Free. All ages; 7-9 p.m. Friday. March 27, Borders Books and Music, 43705 Crescent Boulevard, Novi. Free. All ages. (313) 271-4441/(248) 347-0780 or PlayOnRec@aol.com SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, March 27, Edison's, 220 Merrill St Birmingham. Free. 21 and older (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150 ROBERT PIPHO TRIO 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, March

20. Edison's, 220 Merrill St. Birmingham. Free, 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150 ANT PLECOSTOMUS 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. Cover charge.

21 and older. (avant jazz) (734) 662-8310 DOC POWELL With Paul Taylor, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$25 in advance.

21 and older. (248) 546-7610 JOSHUA REDMAN 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$20 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.99music.com RANDY SCOTT

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URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 So Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

# ORGAN MUSIC

7 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Senate Theater, 6424 Michigan Ave. (at Livernois Road), Detroit. \$10. (313) 894-

#### GOSPEL

"GOSPEL GET DOWN!" Featuring a host of Detroit gospel singers, 6-9 p.m. Saturday, March 21, JD's Entertainment Center, 31 N. Walnut, Mount Clemens. Cover charge. All ages. (313) 965-8055/(810) 465-

#### WORLD MUSIC

THE CLANCY BROTHERS With The Lash, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (Celtic) (248) 544-3030 or

http://www.themagicbag.com

10 p.m. Friday, March 27, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 349-9110 LOS MUNEQUITOS DE MATANZAS Afro-Cuban band of percussionists, singers and dancers performing three styles of rumba and ritual music from the Yoruba and Abacua religions, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$14-\$26. (800) 221-1229 or

**VERRE DE TERRE TRIO** Acoustic world-music trio with members of Poignant Plecostomus and Illustria, 8-10 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, Espresso Royale Caffe, 215 Main St., Ann Arbor.

Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 WINDSOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "Pops IV: The Celtic Connection," 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Chrysler Theatre in the Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr. West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. (800) 387-9181 or http://www.city.windsor.on.ca/cleary

### FOLK/BLUEGRASS

COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS Open jam string band musicians, 4-6 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 662-3371

8 p.m. Friday, March 27, Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 23501 Halsted Road (between Grand River Avenue and 11 Mile Road), Farmington. \$8, \$4 seniors and students. (248) 542-5732

JAN KRIST 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28. Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 861-8101

With Sister Seed, 8 p.m. Friday, March 20, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$13 in advance. 18 and older. (folk/pop) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com DEL MCCOLIRY RAND

With the RFD Boys, 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

Performs Great Lakes maritime music, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road (south of 10 Mile Road). Southfield. \$8 in advance and for seniors and students, \$10 at the door. (248) 424-9024

THE NIELDS With Greg Greenway, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 20, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

CLAUDIA SCHMIDT 8 p.m. Thursday, March 19, The Ark, 316 Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or

http://www.a2ark.org JO SERRAPERE 10 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older, (248) 332-HOWL BILL STAINES

7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Off-The Wall Acoustic Coffeehouse at St. William parish hall, 531 Common, Walled Lake. \$10, \$20 family, \$7.50 student.

JUNE TABOR 8 p.m. Sunday, March 22, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451

A SPECTRUM OF STORIES Plymouth storyteller Debra Christian tells stories, accompanied by original music peformed by keyboardist Michael Shelata, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Fourth Avenue Gallery in the Town Center Building, 210 S. Fourth Avenue (between Liberty and Washington

### DANCE

streets), Ann Arbor. \$5, free for seniors

and children age 12 and younger. (734)

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ANN ARBOR COUNCIL FOR TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE'S INTERNATIONAL DANCE AND DINNER

An afternoon of international dancing, and live music and dance instruction by Galata (2-4:30 p.m.), and a homemade community dinner of Eastern European food (4:30-6 p.m.), Sunday, March 29, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/4 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$12. Reservations by Friday, March 20. (248) 698-9527 or rbantle@bizserve.com BATSHEVA DANCE COMPANY OF ISRAEL 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, and 4 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$18-\$32. (800) 221-1229 or

http://www.ums.org "CANTERBURY'S SWING INTO SPRING" With dancing with the Arthur Murray Dancers, a dance contest, DJ, and the vocal jazz group The Grunyons, 7:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 21, Waterford Oaks Activity Center, 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford. \$18, benefits The Eden Alternative Fund. (248) 674-9292

COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS With callers Peter Baker and Robin Warner with music by the Pittsfield Union Jam Band, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94). Ann Arbor. \$6. (734) 665-8863/(734) 426-0241 DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

"Countdown," a concert featuring dances by the company's founders/artistic directors Barabara Selinger and Paula Kramer, 8 p.m. Friday, March 20, at the Adray Theater in the Mackenzie Fine Arts Building at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. \$15, \$12 students/seniors. (313) 965-3544/845-6314.

POLKA BOOSTER CLUB OF AMERICA Sunday afternoon dance with the Hy Notes, 3-7 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Pvt. Lyskawa Hall, 6828 Waverly, Dearborn Heights. \$8. (248) 471-2963/(313) 561-**ROCKY ROAD ADVANCED CONTRA-**

ENGLISH DANCE 7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY DANCE With music by The Delites, 7-11 p.m. Saturday, March 21, American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Road, Troy. \$7 includes coffee and dessert.

(248) 689-3636 WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Rebounding," the annual spring concert of dance, featuring choreography by Garth Fagan, choreographer of the Broadway musical "The Lion King," Eva Power and Linda Cleveland Simmons, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, at the Bonstelle Theater, Detroit. \$8 students/advanced sales, \$10 at the door. (313) 577-4273

### COMEDY

BIG RED'S COMEDY CLUB Rob Haney and Ken Dumm, Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, inside Mr. B's Roadhouse, 595 N. Lapeer Road (M-24), Oxford. Cover charge. (248) 628-6500

DON "DC" CURRY With D.L. Hughley and Joe Torry, 8 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 and \$35. All ages. (313) 983-6611/(248) 433-1515

JD'S ENTERTAINMENT CENTER Open mic night hosted by Mary Ann DeMoss and musical guest Ernie Douglas "The Acoustic Terminator," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, at the club, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 465-5154

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB Billy Garan, Moody McCarthy and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, March 19 (free), and Friday-Saturday, March 20-21 (\$10): at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 pem. Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 8 p.m. Sundays for new talent/Third Level improv. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S Leo Dufour, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19 (\$8, \$18.95 dinner show package). and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday Saturday, March 20-21 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner show package);5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE Jim Dailakis, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19 (\$9), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21 (\$12); Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25 (\$4); at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

SECOND CITY "Down River Dance," 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$10), Thursdays (\$10) and Sundays (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays (\$17.50) and Saturdays (\$19.50), at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-2222

### MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an

icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December; "A Community Between Two Worlds: Arab Americans in Greater Detroit," exhibit focusing on Arab Americans and their daily life after settling in the Detroit area, runs Saturday, March 21, through the end of September, 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 showing indefinitely include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays; and "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; at the museum, 5020 John R (at Warren Road), Detroit. \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation. \$2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. 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.scl-

encedetroit.org
HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREEN FIELD VILLAGE

"Family Fun Month" featuring hands-on activities such as a family radio show where they can produce and perform a radio plat, weekends throughout March at the complex, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard (at Village Road, just west of the Southfield Freeway, south of Michigan Avenue), Dearborn. \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 seniors 62 and older, \$6.25 for kids ages 5-12, and free for children younger than 5 and members. Group rates available. Museum open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. (313) 271-1620 MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HIS-

A Communion of the Spirits: African-American Quilters, Preservers and Their Stories" continues through Sunday, June 7. "The Life and Times of Paul Robeson" runs through 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. \$3 for adults and \$2 for children aged 12 and younger. (313) 494-5800

### POPULAR MUSIC

**AFFIRMATIVE REACTION** With Threshold and Bomb Threat, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404 THE ALLIGATORS

9 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213

JON B. With Laurnea, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (R&B) (810) 778-6404

BACK DOOR BLUES BAND 9 p.m. Friday, March 20, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans). Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older.

(blues) (313) 259-2643 BAD JUJU

9 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn, Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 581-

JOHNNY BASSETT AND BLUES

INSURGENTS 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older, (blues) (248) 644-4800

GEORGE BEDARD AND THE KINGPINS 9 p.m. Friday, March 27, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit, Cover charge, 21 and older. (rockabilly) (313) 259-2643 NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL STARS

9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 27: Bacci Abbracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (variety) (248) 253-1300 BENNY AND THE JETS

9 p.m. Sundays through April 26, Buck's Place, 23845 W. Warren Road (one block east of Telegraph Road), Dearborn Heights. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 274-6005 or

http://members.tripod.com/~BennyJet/ BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (jump blues) (734) 996-8555 BIZER BROTHERS

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eflective dialogue about growing old, the movie is something of a betrayal to the still-vital Paul Newman, Gene Hackman, and James Garner, not to mention Susan Sarandon and Stockard

Channing.
Like "On Golden Pond" (or even an old "Matlock" episode), this is a swansong for great performers, something special for

older fans who have enjoyed them so over the years. And there is a certain audience that will save "Twilight" from sinking completely at the box office.

On the plus side it's got Newman as an aging private eye, and a far more interesting one than he played in his youthful "Harp-er" and "Drowning Pool" days.

His Harry Ross is employed by a cancer-stricken movie star (Hackman) to carry out unpleasant tasks. Two years ago, he took a shot near the groin while bringing the actor's wayward daughter home from Mexico. There's still speculation among his old police pals about what the bullet took off.

Now he's entrusted with \$10,000 to pay off a blackmailer. Of course, it's never that simple and soon he's lying underneath the Santa Monica pier with a gash on his head and his guts Newman movie of note, the

Add to this the sexy, suddenly interested actor's wife (Sarandon), who secures Harry's loyalty as he digs into the disappearance of her former husband 20 years ago. She says, yes, she would kill for love, but emphasizes the "would" to stop short of

Meanwhile, a mysterious man from the past (Garner) admits that he's been in Harry's position as "clean up crew" for the family's messes. It's about this time that you get the sense that the back story is far more interesting than what's unspooling on

Writer/director Robert Benton is no stranger to this kind of geriatric film noir. He made "The Late Show" for Art Carney and Lily Tomlin in the 1970s and was also entrusted with the last Paul



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AS GOOD AS IT GETS (PG 13) CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES

> Detroit Film Theatre Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information (\$5.50;

> "Mean Streets" (USA - 1973). Friday-Sunday, March 20-22 (call for showtimes). Martin Scorsese's first studio feature introduced two electrifying actors to the screen. Harvey Keitel plays a low-level goodfella trying to keep old pal Johnny Boy (Robert De Niro) on the straight and narrow. This is also

lar music in an ironic way. "Badlands" (USA - 1973) 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 23. Another debut, this time of director Terrence Malick, who focuses on natural born killers Martin Sheen and Sissy Spacek, who tear through the midwest on a

killing spree.

Magic Bag 22918 Woodward,
Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information. (\$2)

"Half Baked" (USA - 1997). 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19. A new stoner comedy in the vein of "Up in Smoke" in which a pair of eads resort to selling stolen grass to raise bail for a friend.

and on with the analogy until we're pummeled by it, a sensation I often feel during Benton's

story, she can't help but go on

He jazzes up long stretches of dialogue with all sorts of actors' As a director, he makes each business, from card games and shot count. There are beautiful fishing banter to Sarandon's sunsets at a California ranch piano pecking and inability to house and great, romantic vistas of Los Angeles outside wide pic-When the actor's daughter ture windows. The night scenes ("Freeway's" Reese Witherspoon) are awash in a velvety black talks about how we are all just while characters often deliver an audience for her parents' love their lines half hidden in subtle

shadows. But at the heart you've still got an unsavory little detective story, strictly B-movie material with an A-list cast. The combination has rarely worked, only partly so in Benton's alreadyfading-from-memory "Twilight."

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and, comments. To leave John a voice mail message, ... dial (734) 953-2047 on a touchtone phone, mailbox 1866.

### SCREEN SCENE

much-better "Nobody's Fool."

make a cheap lighter ignite.

As a writer, Benton overdoes it

while trying to give his actors

profound and witty things to say.

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed

by John Monaghan. Birmingham Theatre 211 S. Woodward (near Maple), Birmingham. Call (248) 644-3456 for information. (\$6.50; \$5.50 students/ seniors; \$4 twilight/ mati-

"Ayn Rand: A Sense of Life" (USA - 1997). Through Monday, March 23 (call theater for showtimes). The theater continues its salute to the Academy Awards with this exclusive engagement of the Oscar-nominated documentary about the controversial author of "The Fountainhead" and "Atlas Shrugged." Also showing: "The Long Way Home," a documentary examining the post World War II period 1945-48 and the plight of refugees who survived the Holocaust.

\$4.50 students/seniors) one of the first films to use popu-

"Tomorrow Never Dies" (USA - 1997). 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25. James Bond is back in action in the form of Pierce Brosnan, but for many of us the real star is Michele Yeoh, the Hong Kong action who joins 007 in the annihilation of media

mogul Jonathan Pryce. Main Art Theatre 118 N Main (at 11 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students/seniors and matinees; \$3

twilight) "Live Flesh" (Spain - 1997). The latest from Pedro Almodovar ("Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown") is a welldrawn, but surprisingly ordinary, tale of murder, obsession, and unrequited love.

"The Apostle" (USA - 1997). Robert Duvall served as writer, director and star in this story of a preacher who finds his personal road to salvation, helped in part by his wife (Farrah Fawcett).

"Afterglow" (USA - 1997). Julie Christie copped a Best Actress Oscar nomination for this tale of two couples whose troubled marriages become intertwined. Nick Nolte co-stars. Directed by Alan Rudolph ("Choose Me," "The Moderns").

Michigan Theater 603 E Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 668-TIME for information. (\$6.50; students/seniors \$5.50)

"Ann Arbor Film Festival" through Sunday, March 22. The world's oldest 16mm festival enjoys its 36th edition with a focus on experimental filmmakers from around the globe. Look for discussions with Festival jurors Jan Krawitz and Christopher Sullivan 3 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 19-20. A free screening of Festival entries takes place 1 p.m. Friday, March 20. The winners night screenings occur at 5 p.m., 7 p.m., and 9 p.m. Sunday, March 22.

Redford Theatre 17360

Lahser (at Grand River), Detroit. Call (313) 537-2560 for information. Note that organ overture begins a half hour before showtime. (\$2.50)

"The Great Ziegfeld" (USA -1936). 8 p.m. Friday, March 20. Elaborate screen biography of flamboyant Florenz Ziegfeld (William Powell), highlighted by the elaborate dance number-"Pretty Girl is Like a Melody." An Oscar winner for Best Picture and Actress (Luise Rainer).

"Mrs. Miniver" (USA - 1942). 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21. Greer Garson leads the middle-class family trying to cope with the horrors of war in Britain in this movie which won six Oscars, including Best Director (William Wyler) and Actress (Garson, in her quintessential

Southfield Centre for the Arts 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Call (248) 424-9022

for information. (\$3) "The Day That Shook The World" (Yugoslavia/USA - 1977). 7 p.m. Friday, March 20. Christopher Plummer and Maximillian Schell star in this chronicle of the events leading up to World War I, climaxing with the assas-sination of Archduke Ferdinand and his wife.

Windsor Film Theatre 2135 Wyandotte Street, Windsor. Canada, Call (519) 254-FILM for information. (\$5.25 Canadian; \$4

"Deconstructing Harry" (USA - 1997). 7 p.m. through Sunday, March 22. Woody Allen's latest deals with his usual neuroses (getting older, fear of awards ceremonies, younger women) but in such a profane and off unflattering way that many people have been turned off by it. But for the die-hard Allen fan this will stack up with

his finest work. "Gummo" (USA - 1997). 9:15 p.m. through Sunday, March 22. Harmony Korine, the teenage writer of "Kids," in his first movie as director. He turns his camera on the denizens of Xenia, Ohio, for a look at white trash disaffection that is full of bizarre and unsettling situations.

# COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, March 20

A tale of revenge, lust and murder played out in the murky swamps of the Florida Everglades and the tony yacht-ing enclave of the Blue Bay. Passion

John Travolta, Emma Thompson, Kathy Bates, Billy Bob Thornton.

Action comedy about a TV reporter chased down after being discovered videotaping a crime lord's illicit activities. Stars Jackie Chan. "RAT'S TALE"

Based on the award-winning children's

tures of Monty, Isabella and their friends

book, this story chronicles the adven-

as they try to outwit Dollart in his attempt to eliminate the rat population. Scheduled to open Friday, March 27

Comedy about a third rate talent agent who discovers a seven foot seven-inch giant that he thinks could be his ticket to the top. Together they set off on a road that leads them to the most unexpected of happy endings.

"THE NEWTON BOYS"

The true life chronicle, set in the 1920s. of the four Newton Brothers who arguably were the most prolific bank robbers in American history. Their "magnum opus" - the \$3 million heist of a mail train, which was also their downfall. Stars Matthew MConaughey, Ethan

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# Family inspires Druckman's debut release



Druckman's father died 10 years ago, the 1986 Southfield Lathrup High School graduate inherited boxes of photographs of his parents and the journal that his dad kept from the

me he was 13 to 30. Grief kept Druckman away om the journals for years but wo years ago he found that it was just the inspiration he needto produce his debut CD Deserve You" (turnabout

Druckman read stories about is father's childhood, how his rents met, and their treachers ship ride when they moved m Israel to the United States.

"Deserve You," Druckman said. a loosely based concept album in his observations. Formerly known as a quiet singer/ songvriter, Druckman fights that abel on the nine-song album.

After being serenaded by a ecording of a rabbi officiating at his parents' wedding, Druckman eases into the song "Picture' before charging out full force.

"One of the things I'm a big fan of is dynamics. I like them to change. I remember playing it for Chris Moore (formerly of the Detroit band Crossed Wire), I wasn't sure what he would think but he said, 'Wow, that's cool.'

That kind of musical turnabout could also be applied to

every year at Detroit Public

Television. Last

week, we pro-

duced a special

all-music pledge

version of Back-

stage Pass with

stellar names in

Detroit music

such as Jill Jack, Stewart

Francke, James Carter, Harold McKinney, Don Mayberry, "Pis-

tol!" Allen, and of course,

Motown. We held a contest to

give away a special three CD

package of the artists featured

on the show to ten lucky callers.

Devin Scillian from WDIV-Chan-

nel 4's Newsbeat joined me, Gary

The result: Backstage Pass

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Doing well during a pledge

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To understand why, let me

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rom viewers.

"At first it sounds nice - 'Hey, you're great. I deserve you.' But on second thought it's a sarcastic response - 'Yeah I' guess I deserve you too," Druckman said.

The title track, an acousticbased pop song, reflects that. In it Druckman sings, "We were making sweet love that just turned to sex/ This magic charm is really a hex/ should have told you this all them years before/ I

don't deserve you anymore."
"X-Mas in Dec." shares the feeling of a child left empty emotionally and materially - on the holy day. "Now the children are laughing as they open their toys/ Good girls everywhere still are good to their little boys/ But your stocking is empty/ It's like nobody cares/ Jesus, you got room for just one more?" sings Druckman around a slow, coun-

Ironically, this collection of songs is more upbeat than Druckman's earlier material.

"I've reached a different place with this time. It's dark and light as opposed to all the dark. Some of the material on this album, like 'God on My Side,' was written back then.'

The intimate album was recorded in Druckman's Ferndale home with Moore, BMI's 1997 Songwriter of the Year," aiding in production duties and playing drums on most of the

"We were just sittin' around with a bunch of instruments. He and I just got creative and did wacky stuff and said we'll just

fix it in the mix, which is what do that but being a musician is turnaboutrecords. com Druck-I'm best at," Druckman more important," Druckman man can be reached at info@

For his band, Druckman recruited the cream of the crop of Detroit musicians - Gary Watts of American Mars and Carey Marsh of Scott Fab's band, both of whom played in Crossed Wire, Rich Griffith of Frank Allison and the Odd Sox, Dave McWilliam of the Kari Newhouse Band, and his girlfriend Audrey Becker.

Druckman has been honing his skills since the early 1990s when he played lead guitar for the Detroit-based punk band Strange Bedfellows

His credits have since expanded to producer/engineer for Priscilla Ederle's "Last Will and Testament," the 1994 Detroit Music Award for Best Acoustic Record, Wally Pleasant's "Houses of the Holy Moley," Scott Fab's "Peasant's Dream," M.E. Jonson's "Three Days at Dream Street," and the compilation disc "Lost in Detroit: The New Urban Songwriters."

Besides the two songs that appear on "Lost in Detroit." "Deserve You" is Druckman's first readily available piece of work. "Deserve You" is available at most independent record stores including Repeat The Beat and Off the Record in Royal Oak, and Dearborn Music.

"One of the reasons it took awhile to put out my first record is that I had to figure out who I am. I devour music. I listen to all kinds of stuff. I think in another life I was a music critic. I would

One thing that he knew he wanted to do was venture beyond that "acoustic singer/

songwriter" label.
"The extent that I wanted to do that was on 'Lost in Detroit," he said of the CD which showcased various Detroit singer/

Druckman is even thinking about following up "Deserve You" with a hip-hop record.

Much like Druckman's song-

writing ability, the packaging of "Deserve You" is striking, mes-

merizing and begs for attention.
Graphic artist Rita Sayegh of
Constructure in Detroit designed it using old photographs of Druckman's parents. "Those pictures were taken in

the '50s right around the time my mom and dad were married. It's amazing how happy they look," said Druckman who was 5 when his parents divorced. "I brought in a box of all these

old photos and said, 'Can you do something with this? Here's my inspiration.' She just went for it. was definitely pleased," Druckman said. "It exceeded my expectations."

Adam Druckman celebrates release of CD "Deserve You," with a solo acoustic performance, and opening act Wally Pleasant, at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. Cover charge is \$5 for the all-ages show. For more information, call (734) 994-3940 or visit the website http://www.

turnaboutrecords.com.

If you have a question or comment for Christina Fuoco write

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So while we're disappointed that Backstage Pass doesn't have a show this week, we understand the importance of the pledge process. And it's given us a week to feel good about the support we've received, both from viewers in the form of pledge dollars, and from cultural institutions throughout Southeast Michigan. We frequently receive notes from artists and institutions that we've featured, and it was nice to take time to read their com-

Some excerpts: From Meadow Brook Theatre: "After the performance on Backstage Pass, we houses by the final weekend of production."

From Ann Arbor's Walk & Squawk Performance Project: "We heard a great buzz about the show afterward from our supporters and patrons. It not only was effective in getting the word out, but people are obviously using it as an entertainment resource.

From the Center for Creative Studies' Center Galleries: "Publicity is a precious commodity that most galleries can scarcely afford to generate on their own. We are appreciative that Backstage Pass now provides our metropolitan community added and much needed coverage of current arts events in Detroit."

From the Detroit Institute of noticed an increase in sales. In Arts: This well-produced, enter- March 27 on Detroit Public Tele fact, the show played to packed taining and informative show vision.

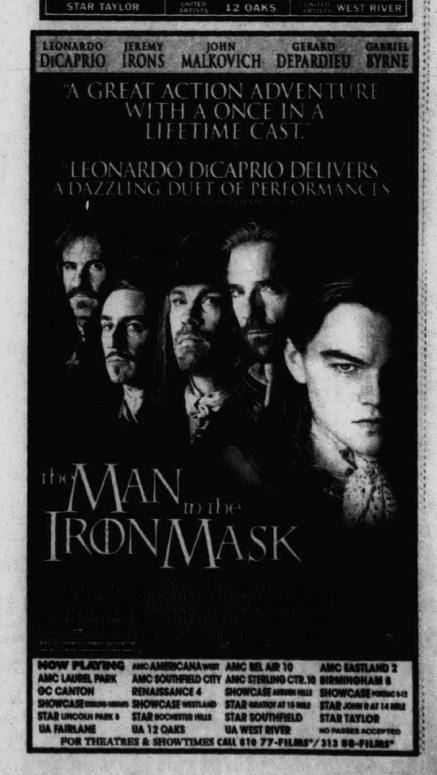
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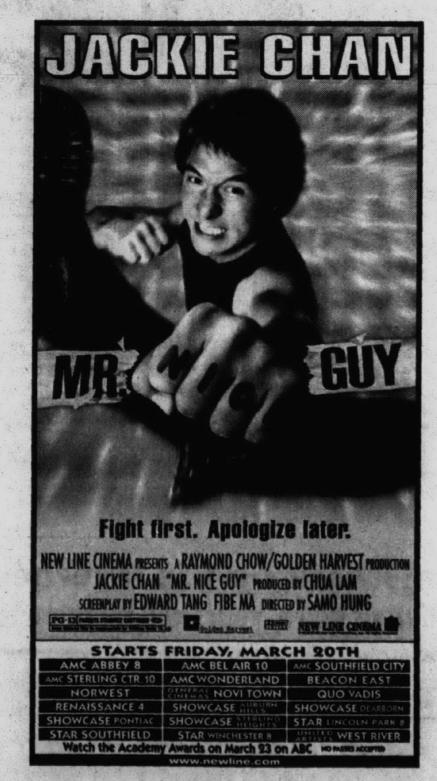
The stack of letters I could excerpt is too deep to continue, but you get the point. The cultural venues, and the artists themselves, recognize that the Big Show generates attendance and support for the arts. And just as the pledge drives are an occasional reminder, so too is Backstage Pass your weekly reminder to get out and support artists in Southeast Michigan. They're our most valuable cultural resources.

Again, special Festival programming will preempt us from airing this week, but we'll return on Thursday, March 26 at midnight, repeated 7:30 p.m. Friday,



STAR ROCHESTER





# Wood-Ruff's Supper Club soothes the senses

BY ELEANOR HEALD SPECIAL WRITER

A restaurant with a promise, a mission statement and waitstaff who professionally present diners a business card. That's Wood-Ruff's. But Wood-Ruff's delivers a lot more that's sooth-

ing to the senses.

The credo reads, "We promise to welcome you warmly, to listen to you thoughtfully, to value your time as if it were our own, to offer you the finest quality food and beverages and to make sure you always feel special."

In Wood-Ruff's logo, the hyphen in the name is replaced with an oak tree. Why? "The oak tree was chosen to be our logo because it is a symbol of the many qualities to which we aspire." It's longer than this, but you can read the rest on the menu.

So you don't forget the waitperson's name, he or she presents you with a business card. Now, to some this may seem a tad overdone. Not really. Recall the number of times you wanted to get a waitperson back to your table, but no one in the party could remember a name.

What or who is behind all this in addition to excellent food and great jazz? Your main man is owner Steve Woodruff. This is his first restaurant venture, but he's also owner of the consulting firm The Woodruff Group, where he says he "helps people make good decisions."

Good decisions at Wood-Ruff's are made in a work environment built on shared values. Everyone from owner Woodruff and his partners, corporate chef and vice-president of operations Brian Gallagher and vice-president Paul Silveri, through service personnel and on to the dishwashers, are a team. All have been instilled with Woodruff's uncompromising levels of service philosophy.

"As I've traveled across the country on business, I've seen the best and worst in dining."

Wood-Ruff's Where: 212 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak, (248) 586-1519.

Hours: Monday through Saturday 4 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sundays 4-9 p.m.

Menu: Modern culinary twists on classics such as steaks, chops, duck and seafood served in a highlystylized, adult supper club atmosphere where jazz is king of sound.

Cost: Starters \$3-7. Entrees \$14-24 accompanied by salad, starch as appropriate and vegetable garnish.

Reservations: Recom-Credit cards: All majors

accepted.

Woodruff maintained. "After my wife Laurette died two years ago, I decided to fulfill a dream. had kept a best-ideas file, a kind

of collage of the finer places to

dine in North America. Everything you experience at Wood-Ruff's is purposeful; it's not discretionary. It's heart and soul here, not just some bricks, mortar and copper accents in a place serving food." Woodruff believed downtown Royal Oak needed a restaurant

catering to a mature audience who appreciate excellent food, exceptional service and great live jazz. He's created this in a soothing-

to-the-senses environment done in copper, jade and terra cotta with mahogany wood accents. In the Flamingo Room, there are high tops, but not the most comfortable for a long dining experience. Request a booth or table in main dining if you have more than drinks and jazz on your personal menu.

A big open bar, with a raised stage behind, features the Rodney Reeves Group (piano and sax) on Monday and Wednesday 7:30-11 p.m. The Ernie Wilson



Festive entrees: Executive Chef Bruce Allen presents Roasted Duck with Peach Hazelnut Sauce, and Salmon Wrapped in Collard Greens with Smoked Roma Coulis Sauce at Wood-Ruff's Supper Club.

Band with bass guitar, horn, sax, percussion and piano plays Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, it's piano only 6-9 p.m.

But it's the food that will keep 'em coming back to Wood-Ruff's. If you despaired some when Kyla's in Royal Oak closed, the food style is being reincarnated on the very same spot, by the very same person, Brian Gallagher. "After 23 years in the restaurant business, it is a challenge to make this all work at Wood-Ruff's," he said.

Placed prominently atop the entrees is Roasted Duckling, 1/2 boned crispy duck with seasonal fruit sauce and wild rice, a Gallagher signature from Kyla's.

Fourteenth Annual Cuisine

Extraordinaire - An elegant

evening of taste-tempting hot &

cold hors d'oeuvres, entrees and

scrumptious desserts prepared

by chefs who are members of the

There's Shrimp Flirting with Disaster, which includes in addition to grilled jumbo shrimp, corn fritters, refried black beans and tomato chorizo Espagnol which in no way reflects a name other than delicious.

Three seafood specials (\$20-25) are featured each evening. Try the Giant Sea Scallops. For the food adventurous, sweetbreads and braised lamb shanks make an occasional appearance. But a staple is Emu Stake, which tastes like New Yorkey veal with veal-morel Espagnol sauce. Escargot Lasagne, available in starter and entree size, is as billed "What legends are made

A host of meatless-oriented dishes have both style and

Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Asso-

ciation, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday,

March 22, Peninsula Grand Ball-

room, The Troy Marriott, 200 W.

Big Beaver, Troy, (248) 680-9797.

Theme Swing into Spring, tick-

attractive presentation.

Dinner wines by the glass range \$5-9. Domestic and imported wines by the bottle include some interesting finds such as Chateau Tahbilk Marsanne from Australia and go on to heavy hitters like Merryvale Profile

Beers from ales to stouts, with such notables as Pilsner Urquell from Czechoslovakia and Kalamazoo's Bill's Best Brown, are on draft. After one of the many dessert offerings, the selection of specialty coffees, cognacs, brandies, port, sherry and cordials abound.

No worries about parking for this Royal Oak eatery. Valet parking is \$4. Consider that soothing, too.

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#### EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Just in case you missed it, or lost the paper. Here are some of the restaurants we've recently visited:

O'Grady's Irish Pub - 585. W. Big Beaver, Troy, (adjacent to the Drury Inn) (248) 524-4770.; Open 11-2 a.m. Monday- Saturday; noon to 1 a.m. Sunday. Menu: Irish theme, emphasis on fresh is best. Over 75 menu items from Irish specialties to Hebrew National award-winning corned beef to deep-dish Chicago-style pizza with crispy crust are homemade. Cost: Starters and soups \$3-\$7; burgers and sandwiches \$6-\$8; Irish specialties \$10; chicken, seafood, beef and ribs \$8.50-\$15. Reservations: Not accepted. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

■ Mesquite Creek - Two locations, 45250 Ford Road, Canton (734) 414-0100; and 7228 Ortonville Road, Clarkston, (248) 620-9300. Open 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Menu: Steakhouse fare with great seafood. Mesquite Creek takes a Tex-Mex spin on everything they do, and uses Certified Angus Beef. Reservations: Sunday-Thursday for parties of eight or more. Credit Cards: All majors accepted. Cost: \$5-\$12 lunch; \$9-\$27 dinner. Children's menu available. Entertainment: Canton location - 7-11 p.m. Wednesdays, The Hits plays soft pop rock favorites.

Marvin's Bistro -

15800 Middlebelt, (between Five Mile and Six Mile roads) Livonia, (734) 522-5600. Open 11' a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday, Bar stays open to 2 a.m.; closed to the public Sundays, open for banquets. Menu: American regional cuisine with an Italian/French influence. Cost: Lunch ranges from \$4.95-\$6.95; dinner \$6.95 to \$13.95. Credit Cards: All majors accepted. Reservations: Not necessary, but advised on Fridays and Saturdays. Carryout: Available. Specials: Friday Lenten specials range from \$10.95-\$13.95. Entertainment: Carl Larson and Ernie Horvath at the piano bar, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 7-10 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. to midnight Wednesday-Saturday. Like her father, comedian Marvin Welch, Susan Anastasiou, who named her restaurant Marvin's Bistro in his honor, enjoys entertaining, but she's a food person.

# RESTAURANT SPECIALS

restaurant openings and renovations, menu specials, and anniversaries. Send announcements to: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (734) 591-7279. You can also e-mail information to kwgyonik@oe.homecomm.net

JUST OPENED

Flying Fish Tavern - 6480 Orchard Lake Road (northwest corner of Maple) in West Bloomfield opened Tuesday. Menu designed by Corporate Chef Jim Barnett and Executive Chef John Arnold features a daily Fresh Catch, and includes several creations influenced from Northern Lakes Seafood Company such as balsamic & basil glazed Jail Island Salmon served with grilled pineapple and vegetable fried rice; a blackened Mahi Mahi, garnished with a shrimp and papaya salsa; and a

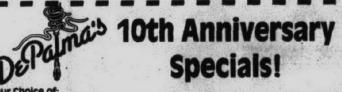
Restaurant Specials features crab, spinach and mushroom BENEFITS stuffed Rainbow Trout with a Chardonnay mustard. In addi-Heald in next week's edition.



tion to fish, Flying Fish Tavern offers salads, sandwiches, burgers, ribs, and pasta. Hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. (bar until 1 a.m.) Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight (bar until 2 a.m.) Friday-Saturday; and 3-9 p.m. (bar until midnight) Sunday. Call (248) 557-2510 for information. Look for feature by Eleanor







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