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Flared up: Canton firefighters get

into position to

battle a

in the Feb. 14 special wedding and

We're planning to run testimonials on happy marriages from couples that have been married 25 years or more. Submissions, including a wedding photo and a recent photo, must be mailed by Wednesday, Jan. 20, to Special Projects Editor Ralph R. Echtinaw, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include a self-addressed. stamped envelope for the return of your

We're also planning a story on bridesmaids and groomsmen and would like to hear from people who have been one or the other at least five times.

Please contact Special Projects Editor Ralph R. Echtinaw by Friday, Jan. 22, Call him at (734) 953-2054, or send e-mail to rechtinaw@oe.homecomm.net.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Over there: Kim Wisniewski needed help caring for her four children. So did Nancy Malone, the mother of three children. They found just what they needed through au pair programs, that match the families with child care needs with young people from Europe./B1

COUNTY NEWS

Tech center: Schoolcraft wasn't one of the eight finalists when \$30 million in state grants was passed out Tuesday. But the college may have a second chance at Jobs Commission money for a tech training center./A7

ENTERTAINMENT

Theater: Julie Harris has a winning hand in "The Gin Game," opening Jan. 19 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts./E1

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frostbite in her hands. wearing two pairs of gloves. "I took her

to the hospital and they confirmed it was frostbite. Fortunately, they were able to massage her fingers and she is

Betke isn't happy about the incident, claiming his daughter's school bus is most times either early or late. He said that causes students to stand in the cold waiting for a bus that is already

ously hurt from standing out in the cold too long?" added Betke. "The buses need to be on time because many parents leave for work with their kids still at the bus stop. What happens if the

bus doesn't come?"

bara Church confirmed there were five students Monday who complained of

"Five student complained of cold hands and feet and we treated them as frostbite cases, although we weren't sure if they actually did have frostbite," said Church. "We took three of them to the pool area and soaked their hands and feet in the lukewarm water as we were instructed by the school purse. Parents took the other two for treat-

ment."

morning blaze at a Fiberglas plant at Ann Arbor Trail and Mill Street early this morning. A Plymouth Communitv ladder truck is visible at upper right. Engine companies from Northville and Livo-

nia also assisted.



Plant bursts into flames



Plymouth firefighters were assisted by three other fire departments to battle an early Thursday fire at a fiberglass facility. Hazmat teams were also called in due to possible toxic materials burning inside.

BY TONY BRUSCATO AND SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITERS tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net sdaniel@oe.homecomm.net

Fire in a paint spray booth at Glassline Inc. spread quickly this morning, destroying the fiberglass products facility. .

Plymouth Community fire Chief

Larry Groth said the building, at 199 W. Ann Arbor Trail, was engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived about 8:30 a.m. Thursday. None of the eight people in the manufactur-

ing facility were injured. The smoke could be seen from as far away as Northville and Livonia. "We got the call there were heavy

that's exactly what we found when we arrived," said Groth. "All the employees tell us it started on the floor of the paint spray booth. They have a lot of resin in there, which burns.

Glassline is adjacent to several businesses, including engine and auto repair shops as well as a gas

Groth said employees did make an attempt to put out the blaze, but were unsuccessful. The company uses a number of flammable chemicals, including acetone, and Groth

flames coming through the roof, and reported one explosion when firefighters arrived. No one was injured as a result of it.

> The roof was partially collapsed, and Groth said he expected the rest to come down because of the weight of snow and frozen water.

The entire manufacturing portion of the facility was destroyed. Groth said offices in the front of the building were saved.

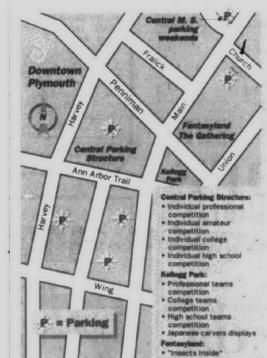
Guy Kenny of Plymouth, who has owned the company for 35 years, was visibly shaken as he watched fire-

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17TH ANNUAL

Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular

Schedule of Events



Thursday, Jan. 14 Celebrity charity carving

ompetition begins 5:30 p.m. in the Gathering. Abraham Lincoln exhibit and Christmas from the Lincoln White House featuring the work of Lloyd Ostendorf 1-4 p.m. at the

Plymouth Historical Museum Friday, Jan. 15

- Ford Motor Co. 20-hour two-person professional and amateur team competition in Kellogg Park 6 p.m.
- through 2 p.m. Saturday ■ Ice skating party 6-9 p.m. at Compuware Arena. Event is free, but donation will be requested For skate rental call (734) 453-

Saturday, Jan. 16

- Food and beverage demonstrations and free samples at Sideways Gifts on Forest Avenue. Coffee, hot chocolate soup, bread and maybe a guest
- Ford Motor Co. 20-hour two-person professional and amateur team competition in Kelloga Park continues through 2 p.m.
- Individual college and high school competitions 11:30 a.m. to 3:30

■ Masonic Lodge's family warming room, catered by Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Department next to the Gathering is open all

■ Abraham Lincoln exhibit and Christmas from the Lincoln White House featuring the work of Lloyd Ostendorf 1-4 p.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum

Sunday, Jan. 17

- Ford Motor Co. individual professional competition 9 a.m.
- Ford Motor Co. individual amateu competition 9 a.m. to noon ■ Two-person student team competitions in Kellogg Park

11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Food and beverage

on Forest Avenue Masonic Lodge's family warming room, catered by Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Department, next to the Gathering is open at

Monday, Jan. 18

Mard presentation to winners of the Plymouth Observer Middle School Art Students Ice Sculpture design contest 4 p.m. in Kellogg

Keep an eye on the ice clock

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net

A Plymouth engineering design firm hopes it can make the Guinness Book of World Records during the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular by building a clock entirely out of ice that actually keeps

"We were sitting around the office one day and wondering what we could do to be involved in the ice festival," recalled Jeff Root, manager of engineering sales at Virtual Engineering in Plymouth Township. "One of our engineers, Terrence Crown, mentioned a clock out of ice and we decided to go for it."

"A lot of people think engineers are weird, but we like to think of our company as more creative than some, added Root. "This has nothing to do with practicality. We just want to do it for the challenge and fun of it."

Road closure

■ Northbound Main Street between Ann Arbor Trail and Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. The road closure is in effect until Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Root said he expects the clock, which was designed on a computer, to be approximately 14 feet long and about 6 feet high. The engineers even built a special lathe to cut the parts out of ice.

"We have a unique problem because the parts made out of ice will change with temperature, and we have to make each gear precise in order to make it work," said Root. "Ice is brittle, and the teeth have to be perfect. If one gear is off, it will break.

Perfect means within threethousandths of an inch, or about the width of a piece of

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Central Middle students report frostbite cases

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net

Wind chill factors which reached well below zero Monday morning resulted in five cases of possible frostbite to Central Middle School students.

Craig Betke of Plymouth Township took his 11-year-old daughter, Karla, to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, where he said doctors confirmed she did have

"The school called me and said her fingers were different colors," said Betke, who noted his daughter was all right.'

gone, or one that is extremely late.

"What happens if someone gets seri-

cold hands and feet.

Director of Transportation LuAnn

Grech confirmed the buses were run-Central Middle School principal Bar- - ning late Monday, including Bus 64, with the five children who suffered from the cold

"That route was running 45 minutes late at the high school, and was behind on the Central route, getting to school

25 minutes late," said Grech. Buses in the Plymouth-Canton district have been running late for more

than a week because of the poor road conditions caused by this month's snowfall

"I wish we could prevent the buses

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from being late, but the road conditions have presented quite a challenge for us lately," added Grech. "Bus drivers consider the students they pick up their kids, and they don't like them waiting in the cold."

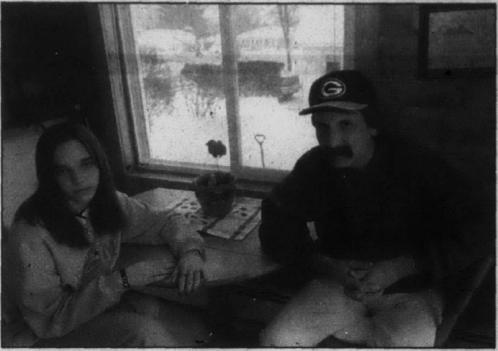
When asked about Bus 64 being consistently late in picking up students, Grech said "I would disagree with that. We monitor the buses and haven't had any consistent problems on that route."

District Director of Community Relations Judy Evola said the district tries to warn parents during bad weather.

"We put announcements on our cable television channel telling parents to bundle up their kids and dress them appropriately for the cold weather," she said. "It's a fact that buses will be running late in these type of weather conditions.'

Church said parents need to be more aware of what their middle school students are wearing to school. She confirmed that on Monday there was one student who arrived at school with no coat.

"Kids at this age tend to wear what is popular, and not necessarily what is appropriate for the weather," said Church. "Many kids wear light jackets, no boots and no gloves. So, if the buses are late they will be cold and possibly suffer from it."



Frostbite: Carla and Craig Betke sit at their breakfast nook Monday. Carla was left waiting in the sub-zero temperatures for more than 45 minutes when her bus was late Monday morning and suffered minor frostbite on her hands. The bus stop is visible through the window behind where they sit.

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The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 26, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Greenfield Die & Manufacturing for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property on a new facility to be located at 8301 Ronda Drive within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

A parcel of land being that part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 2, T.2S., R.8E, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan commonly identified as Lot 18, also the West 265 feet of Lot 19, Canton Industrial Park No. 2, recorded in Liber 100, Pages 96, 97 Wayne County Records. Containing 3.556 acres. (Parcel no. 005 02 0018 300)

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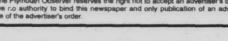
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fighters put out the blaze.

"I was in the office and a couple of guys came in and told me the building was on fire," said Kenny, who said his company makes molded fiberglass products. "I don't know how it started. Everything seemed to functioning properly."

Brian Korhonen of Redford was watching as his place of employment was going up in smoke.

"It was just instantaneous. Nobody even knew what was going on until the flames were so high," said Korhonen. "I think it started from static electricity. It

just started from out in the blue. It sacred the hell out of us."

Groth expected firefighters to be out at the scene most of the

Plymouth city workers, Plymouth police and Michigan State Police troopers sealed off the intersection of Ann Arbor Trail and Mill streets from traffic.

Groth also shut down the CSX railroad tracks, which run adjacent to the property.

"It felt great to make them wait," said Groth.

Rep. Rivers schedules upcoming coffee hours

mouth 8:30-10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 29, in the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman.

All constituents of the 13th Congressional District are

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers has encouraged to drop by, have a scheduled a coffee hour in Plycup of coffee, and discuss their concerns with her. For directions or further information, call Carrie Auster in Rivers' district office in Ypsilanti at (734) 485-

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 is seeking REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS for professional services for the development of a comprehensive Parks and Recreation plan. Sealed proposals will be accepted up to 5:00 p.m., January 28, 1999. Proposals must be clearly marked "Request for Qualifications for Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan" and be addressed to Mike Gouin, Parks and Recreation Manager, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton MI

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the patient would typically get her period. A pelvic exam will correlate the size of the uterus with these dates. If a woman is not sure when she last menstruated, if she recently discontinued oral contraceptives, or if the pelvic exam's results don't correspond with the patient's dates, an ultrasound to establish fetal age may be recommended. In early pregnancy, this involves a crown-rump measurement (from the top of the fetus' head to its tailbone) with which the doctor can calculate gestational age in weeks. The start of a new pregnancy is an exciting time! Though there's little sign of all the activity taking place, every day of gestation brings new growth and development. That's why beginning prenatal care at the earliest possible date, even before conception, if possible, is so important. To schedule an appointment, call 313-565-9510; evenings available. You'll find our offices conveniently located at 1711 Monroe.

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'Party like it's 1999'

Variety show: The Plymouth Canton Chiefettes Pom Pon squad hosted their 1998/99 Variety Show, "Party Like It's 1999," Saturday in the Plymouth Salem High School auditorium. Acts featured the Chiefettes, Canton Cheerleaders, the Salem Rockettes and Cheerleaders and several singers, dancers and bands. The event is the squad's largest fund-raiser of the year. At left, the girls get a leg up on the guys during the Guy/Girl 70s Review, featuring such disco hits as "Shake Your Booty." Below left, Allison Snell of Canton (center) whoops it up after the junior Chiefettes performed their routine. Middle photo, Libby Birchmeier of Plymouth (right) and the rest of the squad dance during the Guy/Girl 70s Review. Below, Libby Birchmeier of Plymouth (left) and Carla Freshwater of Canton look over the upcoming events with coach Kristen Manore backstage. Below right, Jessica Cover performs "Jet Plane."









STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

City manager interviews begin

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth City Commission resumes its search for a new city manager with interviews of

eight candidates Saturday. City officials will conduct the interviews at the Quality Inn, 40455 Ann Arbor Road. The eight, one-hour sessions were slated to be held at City Hall. However, because of the large crowds expected for the Plymouth International Ice Spectacular, it was decided to hold the interviews away from downtown to make it easy for the appli-

cants and public to attend.

have a handful of questions they will ask each candidate. Each candidate will be given time to list his accomplishments.

are scheduled for every hour. ending at 8 p.m.

In order, the interviews are noon, D. Wane O'Neal, former Clawson city manager and interim manager in Howell; 1 p.m., Michael Herman, former city manager of Howell, who was listed as a top preference by five of the seven commissioners; 2 p.m., Richard Haberman, city administrator of Barling, Ark.; 3 p.m., Robert Block, the former city

Commissioners are expected to administrator in Southfield; 4 p.m., Chris Kukulski, village manager of Jonesville, Mich.; 5 p.m., David Rich, city administrator of Grand Ledge, who also Interviews begin at noon, and was a preference of five of seven commissioners; 6 p.m., David Richards, city manager of Marine City; and 7 p.m., Donald Crawford, city manager of Streator, Ill.

City commissioners have discussed the possibility of visiting the municipalities of applicants who make the next cut, to talk with government, business and civic leaders about the candi-

Plymouth Observer Crossword Puzzle

Here are the answers from the | two at Water Club Seafood Sunday, Jan. 3, Plymouth Observer crossword puzzle.

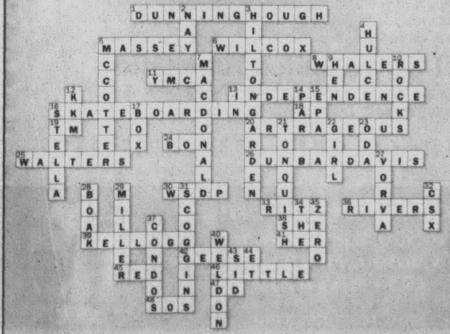
Congratulations go out to two people who braved the cold and tall mounds of snow to turn in completed entries of the puzzle to our office by Friday, Jan. 8. First prize went to Mary Pat

Edwards. She won dinner for

Grill, 39500 Ann Arbor Road. and two movie tickets, compliments of AMC Livonia

Second-place winner was Nancy Merkel. She won two complimentary movie tickets from AMC Livonia 20. · Thanks for playing!

THE ANSWERS:



ACROSS

- 1. Library namesake
- 6. Pond & Hockey team 11. Recreation
- 13. Senior housing village 16. Disliked by retailers
- 18. Associated Press 19. Domino's founder initials.
- 20. Festival not held this year 24. Cafe __ Homme
- 25. Exiting city manager 26. Courthouse namesake 30, Student radio station
- 33. Chamber putz it on
- 36. Congresswoman 38. Opposite of he
- 39. City park 41. Matches his
- 42. Township pests 45 Color
- 46, School superintendent 47. Mayoral initials

DOWN

- 2. Vote
- 4. Arts center namesake 5. New senator
- 7. Chief judge 9. Fowl 10. Plymouth Salem High School
- 12. Supervisor Initials 13. Not out
- 14. Even
- 17. Bar
- 21. Economic Club
 22. Opposite of boy
 23. State law
 27. Plantiff in school lawsuit
 28. No. 27 sidekick
- 29. New park namesake
- 31. Police chief 32. Railroad
- 35. School tolerance policy 37. Old Village housing proposal

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OBITUARIES

ROSA C. SAMBRONE Services for Rosa C. Sambrone, 86, of Plymouth were Jan. 6 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. John Laycock officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

She was born Dec. 15, 1912, in Regio Calabria, Italy. She died Jan. 1 in Westland. She worked for Daisy Air Rifle in Plymouth until it closed. She then worked for Anchor Coupling as an assembly worker, retiring in 1977. She moved to Northville in 1924 and then to Plymouth in 1928. She was a member of the White Shrine, Order of Eastern Star, and Plymouth Chapter #115. She was an expert at needle work, a gardener with a special love of flowers, and an excellent cook. She watched and listened to the Detroit Tigers. She

loved her grandchildren and

great grandchildren. When each of them graduated, she presented them with savings bonds which she bought while working for Daisy Air Rifle. She had a keen sense of humor.

She was preceded in death by her late husband, Frank. Survivors include her daughter, Anna Fulkerson of Plymouth; one son, Vito (Marvel) Sambrone of Plymouth; one sister, Maria of Italy; four grandchildren, Kathy Fulkerson, Don Fulkerson, Sindy Pollard, Steven Sambrone; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

WANDA L. KIRBY

Services for Wanda L. Kirby, 58, of Plymouth were Jan. 5 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Thomas Lubeck officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery,

She was born Oct. 2, 1940, in Plymouth. She died Jan. 2 in Livonia. She worked as a waitress for the Hardee's restaurant in Plymouth. She was a life long resident of Plymouth and a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Northville. She sang in the church choir and attended many Bible study classes at the church. She was a member of St. Paul's for more than 15 years.

She was preceded in death by her father, Eldon Byers. Survivors include her mother Sylvia Byers of Plymouth; one sister, Marjorie Hyde of South Lyon; and one brother, Ted Byers of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 201 Elm, Northville MI

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Flames engulf school bus

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE STAFF WRITER dwhite@oe.homecomm.r

A Plymouth-Canton Community school bus caught fire and burned shortly after the driver picked it up from the bus yard early Tuesday afternoon in Plymouth.

No students were on board at the time of the fire while the driver managed to escape unharmed.

The driver, Donna Rogers, was headed eastbound on Ann Arbor Road and pulled onto Marilyn Street when smoke began coming from under the dashboard, according to fire officials at the

Early assessments point to an electrical problem as the cause of the fire.

"I'm guessing but, with the smoke coming from up under the dashboard, it was an electrical fire," said Plymouth fire Chief Larry Groth. "That's where all the wires are."

Rogers, who appeared shaken at the scene, was on her way to pick up five special education students from Churchill High School in Livonia, said LuAnn Grech, director of transportation No students were on board at the time of the fire while the driver managed to escape unharmed.

for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

"She was obviously very upset and I can understand why," added Groth. "That's a very scary situation."

According to Grech, Rogers radioed in her problem and then called the transportation office using a resident's phone from a house near the scene.

The fire department was taking part in ice-water rescue training during the time of the call and firefighters had to respond from fire station No. 3 at the corner of North Territorial and Beck Roads, rather than station No. 1 near the corner of Lilley and Ann Arbor Road.

Police and firefighters found the bus completely engulfed in flames by the time they arrived. Firefighters were able to put the fire out before it got near the vehicles full gas tanks.

The bus, a 20-passenger special education unit, was 13 years old and, according to Grech, will cost approximately \$36,000 to replace with a new unit.

Rogers began driving for the Plymouth-Canton Community School District in November of 1990, serving as a special educa-tion driver during most of that

"Donna, from my understanding has been (a special education driver) since she's been here," said Grech. "She loves special education and it takes a special

According to Grech, school bus drivers must complete 150 hours of initial training and are evaluated yearly.

The special education buses also have blankets for evacuation purposes, said Grech.

Grech also pointed out that, as a result of this fire, the busing system will run a little short-

"I'm sure there will be some delay," she said. "I'd be lying to you if I told you there would be no delay. Right now, we're really strapped. We have a few (buses) out there in the lot that are spares but we're strapped."

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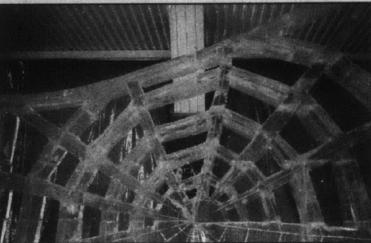
"When you hear a clock tick tock, you hear the escapement crash into a gear, making the noise," said Root. "That impact can shred the ice, so we're working on a number of different designs."

As far as anyone knows, no one has attempted a working ice carving.

"There's no prior experience in this type of project, so we're sort of making it up as we go along," added Root.

Engineers from Virtual Engineering have already started putting the clock together at The

'We're not naive enough to think this will work the first time around," said Root. "It will



Ice web: This web of ice blocks is just one of many in progress at The Gathering for this weekend's events.

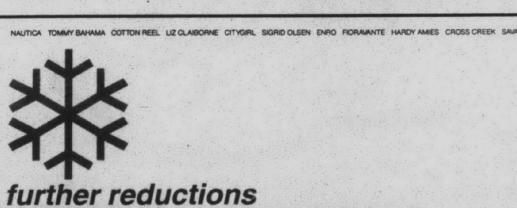
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Root said the goal is to make it entirely out of ice, but they'll put

ing if they have to.

"Our goal is to use nothing but ice to make it work. For us as engineers, anything else will in any type of part to get it work- mean failure."





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Blanchard won't rule out run for Senate in 2000

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER trichard@oe.homecomm.net

An "aw, shucks" look comes over Jim Blanchard's face when President Bill Clinton calls him "the best ambassador to Canada we ever had."

"That's Bill Clinton," shrugged Blanchard, who was ambassador from 1993-96 after four terms as a U.S. representative from Oakland County and two terms as governor of Michigan.

But retired Northwest Airlines executive Arch Yawn agrees with Clinton. "Northwest got the greatest benefit from his 'Open Skies' agreement. He (Blanchard) was good to us. All U.S. airlines benefited," said Yawn, now a resident of Kenesaw, Ga., but visiting the Dearborn Hyatt Hotel Jan. 11 to hear Blanchard address the Detroit Economic Club.

Blanchard, 56, boosted his book, "Behind the Embassy Door: Canada, Clinton and

Quebec," saying the role of ambassador is more than sending faxes to the White House and pouring champagne at diplomatic recentions

diplomatic receptions.

He put his own stamp on relations with the U.S.'s and Michigan's largest single trading partner in the "Open Skies" deal signed in February of 1995 to open up commercial airline flight paths between the two nations' largest cities.

"Within the next three years, U.S.-Canada passenger traffic increased 37 percent," Blanchard wrote in Chapter 6, "over 40 new pairs of cities received direct service for the first time, and traffic levels between many old markets such as Toronto-New York or Vancouver-Los Angeles increased dramatically.

Cities linked

"The combined net economic gain for both countries in activities and jobs was estimated in the billions of dollars, and all

If 'I don't have any plans (pause) to run for office (pause) at this time. To tell the whole truth – which some people have trouble doing occasionally (chuckling) – it's still too early ... I don't rule anything

Jim Blanchard
-former governor

the airlines entered into creative joint ventures that resulted in better customer service and higher company profits."

Before that deal, Blanchard noted in 1993, "we had to fly from Baltimore because there was no direct Washington-Ottawa flight linking our two capitals."

His book is among the top 10



best sellers in nonfiction in Canada and would have been well-received, he said, even if it hadn't been printed and bound there. For the record, the U.S. company is Sleeping Bear Press of Chelsea, a firm Blanchard calls "the most entrepreneurial in the Midwest." He noted Canada has laws about book circulation.

"Canadians readers are very interested in what Americans think about them, at least if the writer has a reputation for caring about them and spending some serious time with them," he said.

Running in 2000?

Any clues about a future political race, such as against Republican U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham in 2000? A few:

"I saw the job (as ambassador) as building a career rather than capping it," he

■ He had a lot of encouragement, and gave serious thought, to run in 1994, but decided he wanted to do the Canadian job first. Besides, 1994 was a bad year for Democrats.

"I don't have any plans (pause) to run for office (pause) at this time. To tell the whole truth – which some people have trouble doing occasionally (chuckling) – it's still too early

... I don't rule anything out," he said in a news conference.

Blanchard has had book signings in Brighton, Birmingham, Ann Arbor, Flint and Kalamazoo as well as in Washington and many Canadian cities. Grand Rapids, Traverse City and the Upper Peninsula are on his spring schedule.

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His time is allocated to 60 percent to Michigan (his home is Beverly Hills), 20 percent in Washington (where he's a corporate lawyer in trade negotiations), and 20 percent on the road, mainly in book promotions.

The bad side of politics, he went on, is "raising money – spending more time raising money than learning issues, more time raising money than with their families, more time raising money than getting

acquainted with the voters."

That, he said, is worse than the common notion that politicians sell their votes when

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County offices closed Monday

Wayne County offices will be closed Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, except for those departments providing essential services, such as the Wayne County Sheriffs and, if it snows, the county road crews.

The closings affect those offices at the Wayne County Building in Detroit, including the county executive and the county commissioners, and the City-County Building, such as the county clerk's office. Wayne County Circuit Court will be closed at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

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Westland will be closed, but the nearby Wayne County Sheriffs facility on Henry Ruff will remain open that day.

All county offices are scheduled to open on Tuesday.







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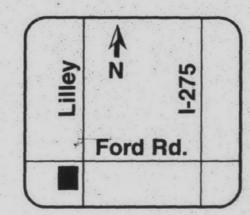
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SC may get 2nd chance at grant for tech center

By TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER trichard@oe.homecomm.net

Schoolcraft College may have a second chance at state Jobs Commission money for advanced information technology training, said CEO Doug Rothwell.

Schoolcraft wasn't one of the eight finalists when the \$30 million was passed out Jan. 12. Oakland Community College's Auburn Hills Campus and Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn got \$5 million

"Because of the number of strong applications received," said Rothwell in a press release, "there is also the possibility that additional capital funding will be made available to build more

"Once the centers are open and fully operational, we expect about 30,000 students to be trained annually. And by providing more funding, even more Michigan men and women will be prepared to take the highwage, high-skill, high-demand

jobs of the 21st Century."
Rothwell, a heavy-hitter in Gov. John Engler's administration, heads the agency that includes parts of the old Commerce, Labor and Education departments. Engler in 1998 proposed and got a total of \$50 million - \$30 million for plant and equipment, \$20 million for scholarships.

The Jobs Commission had planned to award five grants. Instead it awarded eight, said Christine Smiggen, an education and training consultant for the department. And she said other sites may get M-TEC certifica-

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tions. This held out hope for institutions such as Schoolcraft, Focus: HOPE in Detroit and Macomb Community College which had competed stiffly for

Other winners besides OCC and Henry Ford: Kalamazoo Valley Community College, \$5 million; Northwestern Michigan Community College near Traverse City, \$4.4 million; Lake Michigan College near Benton Harbor, \$4.1 million; Grand Rapids Community College, \$3 million; Bay de Noc in the Upper Peninsula, \$2.3 million; and Kellogg Community College at Battle Creek, \$683,000.

Schoolcraft proposal

Schoolcraft had proposed a \$6 million 32,000-square-foot technology center addition to the Waterman Campus Center.

The center is designed to be a hub where business, students, faculty and the community can access and apply information technology.

The proposal outlined six major goals for the multiphase

project: To increase information technology competencies as applied to local and regional manufacturing operations;

■ To increase the number of workers with information technology skills in the current and future workforce:

■ To redesign instructional methods in an effort to offer open-entry, open-exit learning;

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The Michigan Jobs Commission visited Schoolcraft in October. During the visit, Schoolcraft officials received some positive feedback from Michigan Jobs Commission officials, who dubbed the plan a "strong pro-

"We at Schoolcraft continue to believe that the focus, the delivery methodology and the value added business approach of our project is sound," wrote Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell to Cindy Ballard of the Michigan Jobs Commission.

"I sincerely hope that should the Governor be successful in securing additional funding, that Schoolcraft will receive strong consideration.," McDowell wrote.

OCC plans

Because the Jobs Commission was slow picking through the 26 proposals, OCC won't meet a June 2000 target for completing construction. "We'll start classes before the building is up," said Cheryl Kozell, who wrote OCC's grant. "We're not gonna wait for that building to open."

Goal: to train 16,000 students over five years for work as personal computer support technicians, applications technicians, network technicians, database systems technicians, and operating systems technicians.

Staff writer Susan Rosiek contributed to this story.

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Court blocks tax on county building

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

A Court of Appeals panel has blocked the city of Detroit's effort to levy proper-ty taxes against the Wayne County Building at 600 Randolph in Detroit.

On Dec. 28, the appeals court said the issue has already been decided by the state Tax Tribunal, which ruled against the city in 1992 for the 1991 tax year.

Court of Appeals Judges Peter O'Connell, Roman Gribbs and Michael Talbot signed the opinion.

The city of Detroit sought to tax the building for the 1992-97 tax years on the grounds that it was "property owned by, or being acquired pursuant to, an installment pur-

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chase agreement" by a county. In the mid-1980s the county sold the building, the buyer renovated it, and the county is leasing it back.

After the Tax Tribunal's negative ruling, Detroit attempted to tax it for 1991. The Tax Tribunal declined to hear the case, applying the legal doctrine of res judicata the question already has been decided.

Detroit had argued that "res judicata" does not apply to Tax Tribunal decisions, but the appellate judges disagreed. "The Tax Tribunal is a 'quasi-judicial agency.'

"Because by its nature the appeal process does not contemplate a new, original action, decisions of the Tribunal are clearly intended to be final decisions on the mer-

The court added: "Indeed, public policy would be poorly served if, in the face of unchanged circumstances, taxing authorities were at liberty to renew annually the assessment of taxes against a taxpayer who had won recognition of a right to avoid those

Mary Nassar, Wayne County assistant corporation counsel, said the county's argument that the statute allows property to be exempt when it is in the process of being purchased by the county.

John Ronayne, an attorney from the Detroit firm of Kasiborski, Ronayne & Flaska who represented the city of Detroit, could not be reached for comment on whether Detroit would appeal the rul-









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Snow won't stop Plymouth ice fest

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW STAFF WRITER rechtinaw@oe.homecomm.

We've all had our fill of snow, and now it's time for the ice.

The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular continues through Monday in Kellogg Park.

Ice show organizer Mike Watts and Plymouth Municipal Services Director Paul Sincock say the snow won't hinder the show or block access to parking.
"I think we'll be fine," Watts

said. "There's a lot more stress than we'd like, but that's what we're here for.'

Sincock said city crews and private contractors are clearing streets and parking lots and hauling the snow to the parking lot at a ball field at Plymouth and Haggerty roads.

The annual event is the oldest and largest ice carving event in North America and usually draws more than 500,000 visitors to see hundreds of artisans transform 400,000 pounds of block ice into works of art. Admission is free.

"Most people who are into ice carving want to come to this event," Watts said. That includes carvers from Canada, Japan, Norway, Russia and Switzerland.

The event is composed of dis-



Let the carving begin! Blocks of ice lined up in The Gathering in downtown Plymouth await ice carvers. Plymouth officials say snow and parking should not be a problem for visitors to the Ice Spectacular.

plays and competitions. The competitions are sanctioned by the American Culinary Federation. More than \$10,000 in prize money, scholarships and awards will be given away.

Many of the carvers are culinary arts students from area community colleges.

Expected to participate this year are students and chef instructors from Schoolcraft College, Henry Ford Community College, Oakland Community

College, Macomb Community College and Monroe Community

Chef Dan Hugelier will bring 20 students from Schoolcraft College and help them build a City of Atlantis scene.

HFCC will be represented by the Ice and Snow Sculpturing Club and chef Richard Teeple. They will carve a "Star Wars" scene out of 30 blocks of ice this year with Darth Vader engaged in a light saber battle with Luke

Skywalker as R2D2 and C3PO

Oakland Community College culinary arts students will contribute a group of carvings representing characters from the movie "A Bug's Life."

Chef Jeff Wolf plans to bring 16 culinary arts students from Macomb Community College to the Plymouth ice show. They intend to build Noah's Ark and several pairs of animals from 48 blocks of ice.

A team of engineers from Virtual Engineering of Plymouth plan to build a working clock with nothing but ice.

Children will enjoy the Farmer Jack Fantasyland, located in the Gathering. This year's theme is "Insects Inside" and features displays of wild and crazy bugs. Electric trains will complement the Fantasyland display, weaving in and out of the sculptures.

The ice spectacular is open 24 hours a day, and some say the best way to beat the crowd is to go after the 11 p.m. news when the sculptures are lit for your viewing pleasure.

For more information, call the event hotline number (734) 459http://oeonline.com/plymouthice on the World Wide Web.

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they raise money.

Languages needed

Blanchard touched on a subject he raised in 1985 as governor - the need for foreign language instruction in public schools at elementary, middle and high school levels. It was recommended by his blue-ribbon commission.

Canada officially is bilingual -English and French. All store products are in two languages. In Quebec, the "language police" yanked kosher products off the shelves because labels were in Hebrew rather than French, he

Blanchard still believes foreign languages - notably French (the diplomatic language) and Spanish (for Mexico, Central and South America), and perhaps Chinese - are important. His two years of high school

French got him into Michigan State University, but he admitted he could only "communicate, not converse," in French now, even after State Department

coaching. Three things are unlikely to happen, he predicted:

Quebec's separation. In a direct election, it would go down

A common currency, like the European euro, for Canada, the U.S. and Mexico, the three partners in NAFTA. "We're not ready for that. The value of the Canadian dollar is 64 or 65 cents in our money. It's not workable at this time," he told the Economic Club audience.

U.S. adoption of the metric system. "Political suicide," a senior congressman advised him - even though manufacturing, drug and liquor companies use

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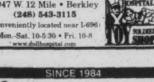
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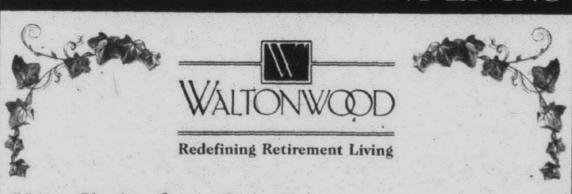
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first time. A question-andanswer period will follow the presentation.

in the north parking lot. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, just west of I-275.

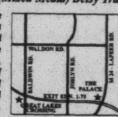
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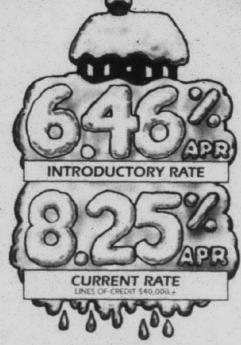
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Busy beavers

Officials muck up the dam

f you think the political shenanigans of your city commission don't affect you, think again. Think about your pocketbook.

Employees at city hall are so upset with the current conditions, there has been talk of unionizing. Unionizing means one thing: more tax dollars. More of your hard-earned money to operate a city that doesn't need micro-man-

The commission is elected to set policy, not manage city affairs. That's what a city manager is hired to do. Plymouth had a full-time city manager, but officials used your tax dollars to offer him a buyout and then ran him out of town. Now, an acting city manager is in place. More of your tax dollars were used to pay a current employee a higher salary while the exiting City Manager was told to sit home as an on-call consultant until his contract expires Jan. 31. The search for a new city manager

Meanwhile, some city commissioners think it's their job to conduct day-to-day city business. It isn't.

Elected leaders met with a conflict resolution counselor on Jan. 2 to end political infighting that culminated in City Manager Steve Walter's forced resignation. Officials

■ Disgruntled employees claim a coup d'electeds are attempting a takeover at City Hall.

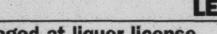
came up with a "code of conduct" that includes such rules as, "not to belittle fellow commissioners in public." Ironically, one of the codes is "set policy and let the administration carry out with oversight."

But two days later, an open door discussion with employees to discuss qualifications for a new city manager turned ugly. Disgruntled employees claim a coup d'electeds are attempting a takeover at City Hall.

Another dam broken by negligent beavers. It's time to call your elected officials and tell them what you think:

Mayor Don Dismuke, 459-9750 Mayor Pro Tem Joe Koch, 453-0481 Commissioner Dave McDonald, 455-8456 Commissioner Colleen Pobur, 416-5785 Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury, 451-

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The 57-year-old historical Penn Theatre in the City of Plymouth is a unique, community treasure. It takes you back in time. The granting of a liquor license is short-sighted and jeopardizes our theater.

friends and I off at the Penn for an afternoon movie. What fun we would have. In those days (until the early '70s), moviegoers at the Penn were not even allowed to bring a beverage down to their seat. You had to stand at the rear of the aisle way and finish your beverage before you could go back to your seat.

It's memories like this of a simpler time that bring people to the Penn. I have been a patron of the Penn Theatre for over 30 years. It continues to be one of my favorite places to see a movie. I would much rather go to the Penn than any of the new multiscreen theaters. The Penn Theatre and what it represents is something the community does not want to lose.

It is with great concern that I state my opinion regarding the serving of beer and wine at the Penn. Serving beer and wine at the Penn is a short-sighted, greedy thing to do. How does Plymouth developer Ron Cook (and owner of the Penn) expect to keep the charm of a neighborhood movie theater by adding beer and wine to the menu of popcorn and candy? How is that nostalgic?

Mr. Cook states that he does not envision having a problem with underage drinking. Who is he trying to kid? How does he expect to control underage drinking during an Rrated movie? Kids 17 and over are able to attend R-rated movies. Will they have to sit in a designated under-21 seating area or will there be a designated over-21 seating area? Will those over 21 be able to run a tab and be waited on in their seat or will they have to go back and forth to the snack counter for their refills? Movie theaters already have problems with people talking and disrupting others during a movie.

If beer and wine is served, this problem will

Mr. Cook is a businessman and can't help looking out for his own best interest, but shame on the Plymouth City Commission for granting a liquor license to the Penn Theatre. The commissioners are supposed to have a vision and look beyond the moment. They are supposed to do what is right, not just momentarily popular.

Is serving beer and wine at the local movie theater something for which a cute little town like Plymouth wants to be known? The Ice Sculpture Spectacular, the Fall Festival and beer at the Penn. I would like to think not.

Mary Bennett

Who's fighting for me?

As a high school student not yet of voting age, I learned something from your story about Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey's efforts to "open up" primary elections (Dec. 3, 1998, p. A9) which I don't like.

Last Aug. 4, when all the viable candidates to succeed Robert Geake as our state Senator ran on the Republican ticket and the only two viable candidates for Wayne County Executive ran on the Democratic ticket, a primary voter was forced to choose to participate in just one of these contests. He or she could vote to fill the office of state Senator or to fill the office of County Executive, but not both.

Why? When it comes to paying taxes to state and county government, you don't get to

The Revolutionary War was a protest against taxation without representation. Obviously, since the two governments tax us, but each voter is denied representation in one of their primaries, that old injustice is still "half" with us.

The statistics which Mayor Kirksey presents to the Court are truly disturbing. Of the 15,935 Livonia residents who bothered to turn-out, 53.6 percent were disenfranchised from the Wayne County CEO's election as they stood in the polling booth.

No wonder voter turnout is so low. Even if you go to the polls, you're bound to be frustrated by the restrictive rules.

Mayor Kirksey is to be commended for waging this fight on behalf of the citizens of Livonia. But I don't live in Livonia. I live in Plymouth. Who's fighting for me?

> **Thomas Ward** Plymouth

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Stacking up

Huge cubes: In preparation for the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, ice blocks are stacked up inside The Gathering.

LETTERS

Outraged at liquor license

When I was a girl, my mom would drop my

only be worse. In this day and age of "just say no" and "MADD," you would think that Mr. Cook could make his money elsewhere and keep the Penn the way it is and the way it was meant to be: movies, popcorn, candy and pop.

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Hometown gets n-ice exposure Talk about northern exposure. When people from Plymouth speak of their

hometown, the likeliest reaction is, "isn't that where the ice sculpture festival is?"

For those around Michigan and even farther destinations - such as passengers on a Norwegian cruise ship - Plymouth is a known mecca for winter fun. Ask Kate Rosevear, a board member of the Plymouth International Ice Spectacular. Rosevear was the one aboard the cruise ship. Passengers knew her community from the national publicity the annual event receives. That's a huge compliment to Plymouth.

The Ice Spectacular is in its 17th year and last year brought more than 750,000 people to

Considering the small size of the city of Plymouth and that the city is located off of a main roadway, the numbers are incredible. It's an event most of us take for granted as we bundle up in our coats and scarfs and head downtown during the six-day event.

For others who visit our town, they see our quaint shops and restaurants and they want to come back. Many do. Retailers should be thankful for the exposure that organizer Mike Watts brings to our city every year. Retailers and residents alike also deserve a pat on the back. Visitors to the event wouldn't return



Spectacular: J.T. Lorentz works on the head dress of "Chief White Cloud" in preparation of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

year after year if they didn't receive a warm

This year's Plymouth International Ice Spectacular runs through Monday, Jan. 18, with professional and amateur competitions held in Kellogg Park and at The Gathering.

It's a nonprofit event that gives the community the exposure it so rightly deserves. It's a jewel in Plymouth's crown. Don't miss it.

Common-sense law prevails

Ri-i-i-ight face! Forward (we hope) march!!

Gov. John Engler is using his power of appointment to put an interesting new face on Wayne County's judiciary. He elevated Court of Appeals Judge Robert Young Jr., a member of the Federalist Society,

to the state Supreme Court. He elevated Circuit Judge Brian Zahra, a member of the Federalist Society, to a 1st Dis-

trict Court of Appeals vacancy. He elevated Washtenaw Judge Kurtis Wilder, a member of the Federalist Society, to

another 1st District Court of Appeals vacancy. Late last year, he promoted Redford District Judge Daniel Ryan, a member of the Federalist Society, to the Wayne Circuit bench.

Also in the last year or so, he promoted Wayne Circuit Judge Michael Talbot, a member of the Federalist Society, to a 1st District Court of Appeals vacancy.

In 1997, he promoted Appeals Judge Clifford Taylor, a Federalist Society member, to the Supreme Court.

In 1998, he engineered the nomination of Appeals Judge Maura Corrigan, a Federalist Society member, for the Supreme Court and helped get her elected.

More than mere Republicanism is involved

The Federalist Society was founded, we are told, at Harvard University in the early 1980s. Its members - lawyers, judges and the likes of U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham - believe judges should apply the law (statutes and constitutions) as written. They abhor substituting

one's personal view for the written law. It sounds close to the "strict constructionist" phi-

Well, we shall see. It would be unfair to judge the judges before they have done a year or two of judging.

We can note, however, that Taylor and Corrigan were reversed when the state Supreme Court decided a renters' civil rights case in favor of the renters. Taylor and Corrigan were sharply reversed by the Supreme Court in a lost-pay case for a wrongly fired janitor.

Those cases were decided prior to Jan. 1, when Corrigan joined the court and in which Taylor took no part. So the court has changed sharply as of 1999. It can be expected to be tougher on plaintiffs in civil rights and labor

One can agree intellectually that judgemade law is suspect. We would point out, however, that the U.S. Supreme Court's school desegregation decision was judge-made law; that its Miranda decision regarding use of confessions was judge-made law; and that its Gideon decision, regarding appointment of lawyers for indigents facing prison terms, was judge-made law.

So judge-made law is far from all bad. We hope the Federalist Society members, as they apply the written law, will also recognize Americans' great reverence for commonsense decency. We remind them of the question the late U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren used to ask attorneys during oral arguments: "Yes, yes, but is it fair?"

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Are airport, county officials just offering a snow job?

almost 4-year-old granddaughter learned a new word last week: "canceled."

Her Jan. 4 Northwest flight from Boston to Detroit was "canceled," she told me sadly over the phone. "I can't get home and I miss my cats." "Guess what." I told her with false brightness from Juno Beach, Fla. "Papa's and my flight was canceled, too.'

That, of course, was our Jan. 2 Northwest flight from West Palm Beach, as well as our rebooked Jan. 4 flight that also did not fly.

She and her parents finally got home in the wee hours of Jan. 6, after their rebooked flight was delayed more than three hours and their baggage for two.

We finally got home by standing by for a Jan. 6 Northwest flight, which was reputedly overbooked. As it turned out, even after the standbys had been boarded, 10 seats flew

empty to Detroit.

Like many, ours was a story ofinconvenience caused by the largest winter storm to hit metro Detroit in 20 years. Meryl Rackley of Birmingham tells of taking her daughter to the airport on the afternoon of Jan. 3, after her morning flight back to college in Minnesota had been ... you guessed it, canceled.

They kept an ear to the radio, and continually called Northwest. "It took a lot of maneuvering to get there and four hours out of our day. If they could only have announced not to bother coming to the airport," she

Because as they approached through the glassed-in passageway between the parking deck and the Northwest Terminal, "It looked like Dante's Inferno," Rackley describes. "People were writhing around."

Once they entered the terminal,



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"The check-in was a five-hour wait, people were angry, tempers were short, most of the people in line had been stranded," Rackley recounts.

Rackley saw, and then heard, the difference between inconvenience and real hardship. Because before they headed for home - daughter Alison finally got out on Jan. 6 - they ran into one of Alison's former Seaholm High School classmates, who had

been there for 27 hours trying to get to Philadelphia. In retrospect, Rackley couldn't be sure whether that included his eight hours on a runway.

Perhaps he'll decide to join the class-action lawsuit filed a week ago against Wayne County and Northwest Airlines. I can't say I blame

Immediately awarding each wronged passenger a sizable number of miles of free air travel in 1999, plus a year's free entrance to their airport clubs, might have dispelled such a

My personal experience is that a lawsuit takes on a life of its own, regardless of common sense. And, as we've all seen with the magnification of President Bill Clinton's sexual dalliance into a full-blown constitutional crisis, it's nearly impossible to stem the legal process once it is set in motion.

Northwest and the Wayne County officials who run Metro first blamed one another for the catastrophe. But as rumors of the lawsuit took hold, they put up a united front without further recriminations. It was reported that they agreed to "tweak" the airport's snow removal process, including putting an airport representative in the airlines control tower during snow plowing, and to think twice about landing planes in Detroit unless assured they can be accommo-

Meantime, here's another cancellation: the notion of Detroit Metro as any (air)port in a storm.

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High court says landlords can't exclude unmarried couples

he matron who was our holiday guest got into the usual subject: how (rotten) kids today behave. She refused to rent an apartment to her son while he was living with his sweetie.

"You'd have been in trouble if he took you to court," I said, citing the Dec. 22 Michigan-Supreme Court decision against a Jackson landlord.

It seems that Mr. and Mrs. John Hoffius, landlords, refused to rent to Kristal McCready and Keith Kerr, an unwed couple, and to Rose Baiz and Peter Perusse, ditto, who responded to their ad.

The apartment hunters complained to the Jackson Fair Housing Commission. Landlord Hoffius said it would violate his religious beliefs to rent to an unwed man and woman who intended to live together in what used to be known as sin. Two circuit judges agreed with Hoffius. A Court of

Appeals panel upheld the circuit

But the Supreme Court overturned the lower courts, 4-2, and ruled Hoffius violated the 1968 Civil Rights Act which says: "A person engaging in a real estate transaction ... shall not on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, familial status, or marital status ... refuse to engage in a real estate transaction ..."

Justice Marilyn Kelly of Bloomfield Hills wrote the majority opinion. The case, "is complicated by the existence of an antiquated and rarely enforced statute" (italics added). An 1846 law makes it a misdemeanor for an unmarried man or woman to "lewdly and lasciviously associate and cohabit together ...'

Kelly noted that the law hadn't been enforced since a 1940 wife-swapping case, and even then the Supreme Court ruled for the swappers. In a key



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sentence, she said, "Plaintiffs' marital status, and not their conduct in living together, is the root of the defendants' (landlords') objection to renting apartments to the plaintiffs ..

"The (1846) statute does not prohibit cohabitation per se," Kelly went on. She further found the Civil Rights Act "has no religious motivation ... "

She was joined by Conrad Mallett Jr., Michael Cavanagh and James

Brickley. If you're counting political noses, they are three Democrats and a Republican. If you're counting my way, they are two liberals (Kelly and Cavanagh) and two moderates (Mallett and Brickley).

Dissenting were Patricia Boyle (D) and Elizabeth Weaver (R). Boyle said "the fact that a criminal statute has not been successfully prosecuted does not somehow render the prohibited conduct legal or the criminal statute

So if you refuse to rent to an unwed couple, you violate the Civil Rights Act, but there is no violation of your religious principles. I join my guest in wincing at the majority opinion.

Footnote 1: Her son and his sweetie have been married. I gave them the chauvinist's blessing: "May you have many sons."

Footnote 2: Hoffius recently announced he's selling his apartments

because he won't be associated with unwed cohabitants.

Footnote 3: Our matronly visitor will continue to rent, advertising only by word of mouth to avoid municipal oppression and civil litigation. Her name and town will remain a secret.

Footnote 4: Remember the Court of Appeals panel (paragraph 5) that ruled for the landlord? Two of its members were Maura Corrigan and Cliff Taylor, now Supreme Court justices (R) as of 1999 and 1997, respectively. Perhaps similar cases will be decided differently in our new court.

Footnote 5: It's important that you know whom you are electing to the Supreme Court. Don't just vote for "name" candidates or on the basis of idiotic TV commercials.

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Religion has role in our culture

y my count, most Michigan stores started taking down their Christmas decorations at midnight on Dec. 25. Everybody knows - especially kids - that the post-Christmas sales start on Dec. 26.

By biblical count, it took 12 days for the wise men to travel to Bethlehem to pay homage to the infant Jesus. Although relatively few know it, that's the origin of the "12 days of Christmas," which ended last week on Jan. 6.

Score a small one for the progressive secularization and commercialization of our society.

More insidiously, consider the kids at Scotch Elementary School in West Bloomfield. Holiday decorations in the school halls this season consisted of Dana, the unisex life-sized snowperson, who collects donations for needy families.

According to a story in the Detroit Free Press, Donald Cohen, director of the Michigan Anti-Defamation League, says, "It's best for schools not to focus on religion or any one particular holiday at this time of year. The only reasonable way to deal with the holidays at school is as a secular or seasonal activity."

Score a big one for the progressive purging of values from our culture.

Holidays are tough for schools. School officials are afraid of offending parents. They don't want to exclude children who don't celebrate mainstream holidays. And they are scared of being sued by violating the constitutional separation of church and state.

When I was growing up, schools without a second thought wholeheartedly embraced Christmas as an accepted holiday of a majority Christian culture. I learned the verses (all of 'em) to the Christmas carols in school, and I'll bet most readers my age did, too.

After people realized there were others than Christians in our nation who might want their particular holidays and culture recognized, schools tried to celebrate a variety of holidays -Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah. But such attempts at inclusion have fallen afoul of the culture police.

This year, the Anti-Defamation League sent a letter to Detroit metro area school superintendents reminding them that "religious neutrality is essential in our public schools."

Last year, schools in Farmington adopted a district policy on religion. Public holidays such as Christmas can be recognized with parties and parades, but not observed. The policy says that observance would "commemorate or instill commitment to the values and beliefs represented by the holiday."

Score yet another big one for the progressive value-free secularization of our culture. If schools are not going to help "instill com-

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mitment to the values and beliefs represented" by religious holidays, how is it going to be done?

"By the family," answer progressives, probably rightly in theory. But anybody who has tried to raise kids these days knows full well there are lots more influences on the development of culture in a young person than solely the warm family hearth.\

Answer me this: Does Mattel Corp., the company that makes all the toys, have as much to do to do with the culture assimilated by young people as family discussions around the dinner table? Does watching MTV have as much impact on forming a kid's cultural norms as high-minded discussions of ethics on PBS?

As long as we purge religious understanding from our schools, we cut ourselves off from one of a diminishing number of sources by which a culture of values can be communicated throughout our society.

I'm not about to go whole hog with the religious right and claim that we must bring prayers back to the schools. I must admit those folks have a point when they talk about the progressive secularization of our culture, the elimination of values and ethics from our schools, the substitution of the common for the sublime.

As a society, we seem to be in the midst of letting the entertainment industry define our national culture because we can't find a good way to communicate values beyond the commercial and the secular without supposedly offending somebody with quick access to a lawyer.

At a time when our political system is has been brought to chaos by considering whether to remove a president who has debased his office through prosecution by the House of Representatives that has debased the Constitution, that's a sorry state of affairs.

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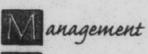
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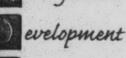
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Enjoy the snow at these area Metroparks

Huron-Clinton Metroparks, are ready for skiers and other winter warriors ready to hit snow-covered landscapes.

The parks provide cross-coun-

try ski trails and some provide

ski rentals.

Ski rental rates are \$5 for four hours on weekdays and \$6.50 for a complete set on weekends and holidays. An insurance fee of \$2 per set is required on all equipment, along with proper identification to be left at the time of rental. Half of the fee is returned when the equipment is returned in satisfactory, condition.

A \$3 vehicle entry permit is required to use all Metroparks, except on Wednesdays. Annual permits are \$15 and \$8 for seniors. Call the metropark before visiting because facility operations depend upon winter

Here is a listing of metroparks and details about winter activi-

■ Kensington Metropark, near Milford/Brighton offers more than 12 miles of groomed crosscountry ski trails (for both skate and traditional style skiing) suit-

able for novice, intermediate and advanced skiers on scenic and hilly wooded terrain. The Ski Touring Center, open daily, is located at the golf course with restrooms and food services. Special equipment rental rates are available for organized groups on weekdays.

Facilities for ice skating, tobogganing and sledding are also available. The Kensington Farm center is open daily demonstrating winter farm activities. Horse-drawn sleigh rides are offered noon to 4 p.m. on weekends. Park hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

For ice or snow conditions call (800)477-3178 or (248)685-1561.

■ Huron Meadows Metropark in Green Oak Township south of Brighton has more than six miles of groomed cross-country ski trails, with varied terrain. The Ski Touring Center, at the Activity and Golf Starter building, is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends only for rental. It has coin-operated lockers, a heated lounge, restrooms and food service. Groups of 10 or more can make arrangements to rent skis during the week. Phone



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Snow fun: Ron and Holli Curl of Livonia skied recently in the woods near their home on Gary Lane. Groomed trails are available in area Metroparks.

(800)477-3191 for information and snow conditions.

■ Hudson Mills Metropark near Dexter/Ann Arbor has more than four miles of groomed cross-country ski trails over varied terrain. The Ski Touring Center, at the Activity Center Building, is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends only for ski rentals. It

vice, restrooms and coin-operated lockers. Groups of 10 or more can make arrangements to rent skis during the week. Phone (800)477-3191.

Lower Huron Metropark near Belleville has areas for cross-country skiing (no groomed trails), two nature trails for walking and more than four

skating. Heated restrooms are Center, open daily, is located at available in the Sycamore Bend the Food Bar Building, which and Foxwoods picnic areas. The park's ponds become natural ice rinks when the weather permits. Park visitors should call before their visit to check skating conditions. Call (800)477-3182 or

(734)697-9181.

■ Willow Metropark, located near New Boston provides more than six miles of groomed crosscountry ski trails, mostly over flat terrain and including nearby Oakwoods Metropark. The Ski Touring Center is located at the Washago Pond Building, which has a heated lounge and food service. It is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with the last rentals at 4 p.m. Special rental rates are available for organized groups of at least 10 people. Sledding and equipment rental is available at Washago Pond and at the Chestnut Picnic Area. Phone (734)697-9181 or (800)477-3182.

■ Lake Erie Metropark in Brownstown Township near Gibraltar and Rockwood has 4.25 miles of groomed crosscountry ski trails on relatively

has a heated lounge, food service and restrooms. Special rental rates are available for groups of 10 or more, two-week advance registration is suggested.

Ice skating is available on one rink, which is adjacent to the ski center parking lot. There is also a sledding hill for tots, located west of the ski center. The Marshlands Museum and Nature Center is open 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Several winter nature interpretive programs are scheduled. The park entrance is located at 32481 W. Jefferson Ave. in Brownstown Township, near Huron River Drive. Phone (800)477-3189 or (734)379-5020 for reservations.

Oakwoods Metropark near Flat Rock features nature trails, winter bird feeding stations and nature programs, plus marked cross-country ski trails. Hours are dawn to dusk. Call (800) 477-3182 or (734) 697-9181.

For information about Huron-Clinton Metroparks, call (800)

State tax checkoff will help children

As hundreds of thousands of Michigan State Income Tax Forms are arriving in mail boxes, another major campaign to prevent child abuse and neglect across the state begins. The tax season is also the biggest season for donations to the Children's Trust Fund, a nonprofit organization that funds child abuse and neglect prevention in local communities and across the state.

The money raised through the Michigan State Tax Form Check-Off campaign will fund essential child abuse prevention and neglect services to local program grant funding.

"Over the years, CTF has provided funding to programs that have touched the lives of over 2.7 million children and 600,000 families. So much has been accomplished, yet so much needs to be done," said Candace Sorensen, Children's Trust Fund chairwoman.

According to Sorensen, there are three ways that you can make a difference for children with CTF:

■ Donations through the Michigan State Income Tax Form Check-Off.

By making a direct check or money order donation to CTF at P.O. Box 30037, Lansing, MI

■ By participating in CTF's local fund-raising activities.

For more information on the Children's Trust Fund, call (517) 373-4320.

S'craft seeks outstanding alumni

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

The award winner will be honored at commencement exercises Saturday, May 8.

Nominees must have earned 30 credit hours at Schoolcraft, excelled in or achieved special distinction in civic affairs, a professional field or volunteerism and have contributed to Schoolcraft while a student or alumnus. The Distinguished Alumni Committee created this award to recognize the overall success of Schoolcraft College students.

The deadline for applications is Friday, March 26. Applica-tions can be obtained by contacting the Department of Marketing and Development at (734) 462-4417.

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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Parents need to connect with schools

y now, the fall parent/teacher conferences have come and gone. Many parents are exasperated by what the teacher has said about their child; many students are feeling defeated and tired of trying.

These children have not only started complaining that school is boring, they complain of headaches and stomach aches and may even say out loud that, "The teacher hates me.

Not knowing quite what to do, the parent often does nothing.

Numerous studies have proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that the parents who get very connected to their child's school will have children who fare better academically

Preventive measures start when parents do three things:

First, introduce yourself to the teachers during the first few weeks of school. Staying in touch with them by phone or notes lets them know that you care about your child's school

Second, let the teachers know when you are available. It gives the teacher permission to share with you their observations about your child and possibly preempt potential prob-

"I've noticed that Megan has seemed really sleepy in school. Can you think of any reason why she

would be tired?' Together, you and the teacher can

problem solve before it becomes too much of an issue.

■ Third, make a point of telling the teacher about changes at home that may affect your child. Teachers can be more helpful to children when they understand what may be going on at

Children can become consumed with their parents' divorce, or a new baby, causing them to pay little attention in school. Often, kids who seem to have wandering minds have some-

thing of importance on their mind. But let's say that you have not gotten involved at school, and you are faced with a cranky child who now doesn't want to go to school. What do you do?

It's time to understand what might be going on.

■ Check with other parents to see how their kids feel about that class. If other children are experiencing the same symptoms, you and other parents may want to lobby for some

Call the teacher and ask if you can sit in on the class. This will give you a better perspective on how your child interacts with the rest of the

You may discover that your child is too social in the class and doesn't get any of the work done. You may find that they are intimidated by the teacher raising his or her voice and your child is very sensitive to it.

Involve your child in the solution. Together with your child, meet the teacher after school and talk about what's gone wrong as well as ways that your child can do better.

Ask your child in front of the teacher if they're happy about the way things are - for example, their grades, their stomach aches, the teacher being angry with them. Rarely is there a child who thinks that the situation is just fine the way

To engage them in the solution, have everyone tell what they could do to help the situation. The teacher may offer to send a note each week, indicating the homework assignments that aren't finished. You could say that you will spend time each evening going over the assignments with your child.

Last but not least, your child must offer up what they will do to change. If they shrug their shoulders and just sit there, prompt them with statements like, "It sounds like you get yourself in trouble every time you are around, Timmy. How could you change that?" or "It seems like you

Please see SENSORS, B2



That's 'eeee': Stefan Jackel of Germany has been an au pair for less than two months and already is teaching Nancy Malone's 4-year-old son Jonathan the alphabet by showing him tricks with each letter.

Foreign flair

Families turn to au pairs for care

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

A single mother of three children, Nancy Malone was having panic attacks trying to balance her family, her Canton home and her work as a home care physical therapist.

She didn't realize that other parents weren't staying up all night trying to finish housework and other odds and ends around the home.

Noticing Malone's fragility, one of her friends suggested that maybe she should get an au pair to help out.

"I had three kids; they're all very active and I was running all the time. I started to have panic attacks," Malone explained. "I'm busy all the time. I needed someone to take the kids to school and back.

Soon, the panic attacks subsided and she had more time for her children all thanks to the au pairs that she has

"You never have a snow day. You know if they're sick. They're taking three weeks' vacation and you know what their vacation is," she said.

Kim Wisniewski of Canton was in situation similar to Malone. She and her husband, Dave, were constantly on the run with their four children Michael, 7, Matt, 5, Taylor, 3, and Zachary, 16 months.

When a friend came over to help out for a day, Wisniewski realized that maybe she needed help. She is on her second au pair and hasn't turned back

"I love it," she said of having an au pair. "I could do without this one," she added as a joke about Britta Reiss, 20, of Germany. "It really helped a lot. I don't think I could do it by myself and

be as involved with the kids as I am. "The other benefit was that even"



Sharing a book: German au pair Britta Reiss, 20, reads to Zachary Wisniewski, 15 months, and his sister Taylor, 3, at the Wisniewski home in Canton.

though I'm an at-home mom, I felt the kids weren't getting enough attention. This way I can take one of the kids out to lunch, or do something special with one of them. I have a lot more quality time with them."

Family affair

Malone's goal with her au pairs is to make them part of her family. When a foot of snow was recently dumped on the area, her latest au pair, Stefan Jackel of Germany, stepped right in.

"You saw him shoveling; he didn't have to do that," Malone explained. "He wasn't even working. One of the other au pairs wouldn't do that. But it's their job to be part of the family. When it all comes together, it's wonderful.'

And that sums up his kindness Although Jackel only came to the United States from Germany nine weeks

ago, Malone said he's fitting in nicely. He takes her 4-year-old son, Jonathan Malone, swimming at the Summit, and plays basketball with her 14-year-old son, T.J. Winowiecki. Danielle Malone, her 11-year-old daughter, teases Jackel like a younger sister would harass an older brother.

"It's pretty cool; I have someone to play with who's older. We play basketball. I try to work up to his level," T.J. explained shyly.

But T.J. has the upper hand - liter-

"He's a lot taller than me," Jackel said jokingly.

In a family of boys, Danielle was especially close to the family's first au

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Coordinators make au pair program work

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

Kim Wisniewski has only been involved with au pairs for a short time, but she has a few recommendations for those interested in hiring an au pair.

"I think the most important thing is to find a coordinator that you feel comfortable with," Wisniewski said.

She and Nancy Malone went through Au Pair USA and coordinator Deb Martin, who agrees with

"I think people should chose an au pair program for two reasons - the way the program matches and how it does their screening," said Martin who can be reached at (248) 645-0386. "They also need to make positively sure that the coordinator is someone they feel comfortable with. That way if the family needs support, there's someone locally they can count on."

The United States Information Agency designs and regulates the au pair programs. It does not allow au pairs to care for infants younger than 3 months. If the child is younger than age 2, the au pairs must have 200 hours of documented infant care experience.

It also regulates that au pairs are between the ages of 18 and 26, high school graduates, proficient in conversational English and hold international driver's licenses. The au pairs come Red Cross safety and CPR certified, according to Martin.

Au pairs don't come cheap. The application fee for Au Pair USA is \$250. When the family accepts an au pair, the placement fee is \$1,750. The \$2,320 program fee includes airfare, paperwork, medical insurance and the four-day training session in New York. Once au pairs move in with their host families, they are paid \$139.05 per week.

"Our program costs are a little less than most programs," said Martin, who has been an au pair coordinator for six years. "The \$139.05 is standard. That only changes if mini-

mum wage changes.' The au pairs also arrive with J1 student visas which requires them to take up to six credit hours of study within 12 months. The host families pay up to \$500 of the au

pairs' tuition. With seven au pair organizations - EF Au Pair, Au Pair USA, Au Pair Care, Au Pair in America, Euro Au Pair, Au Pair Programme USA and Au Pair Intercultural - to chose

from, Malone and Wisniewski would recommend Martin for two reasons. Wisniewski was impressed that dossiers for each au pair included background information and refer-

"Some organizations send the dossier to three or four families; I didn't like that," she said. "Before we looked at Britta's, we turned one down. She was a smoker. A lot of

Europeans smoke. Malone turned to Martin when she hit a trouble spot with one of her au pairs. She preferred not to dis-

close the problems. "I was done then; I didn't want to go through that again," she said.

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Shopping with daughters: Skip the conflict

BY ALICE MCCARTHY SPECIAL WRITER



Ask any mother and her adolescent daughter if they're looking forward to shopping for clothes, and they'll most likely

Ask them when they had their last big fight, and it may well have been when they shopped for back-to-school clothes or even the daughter's latest pair of blue jeans.

Why can't moms and growing daughters shop in peace? According the newsletter, "Daughters," some of the pressure comes from girls themselves. Adolescent girls often worry about a shopping trip weeks before it happens. They feel pressure to be the "right" size -

a size that's considered pretty or popular. By the time an adolescent girl enters the dressing room, she may be feeling miserable about her appearance. She's likely to be judging her body with an incredibly critical eye. She's hardly in the mood for a warm mother-daughter moment.

a mother or a father is worried about a girl or feels she/he is losing touch with a daughter, that anxiety is likely to play itself out in the clothing department. "Daughters" has a few pointers for parents to try

and see if they make a difference the next time they shop with their daughters: Establish a shopping list and a budget before you

go. Once there, let her make her own decisions as much as possible. (Her mistakes will teach her lessons. Bite your tongue when you have to.) Avoid triggers. Ask your daughter to tell you one

thing that you do when you're shopping together that drives her crazy. Then resolve to try not to do it. Ask her to refrain from one shopping behavior that upsets

Put yourself in her shoes. Remember that being inside a rapidly changing, adolescent female body can be frustrating, even frightening. If your daughter becomes angry when you shop, the source of her anger may be uncertainty about her changing shape.

Call the designer a dork. When clothing doesn't fit or flatter, criticize the clothes, not your daughter. Concentrate on buying things that fit, not things that will fit if she changes body size or shape. Try, "We can have it altered, if you change sizes.

Remember that she doesn't see her clothes the

Some of the pressure can come from parents, too. If way you do. In classrooms, "segregation by wardrobe" is common. Girls tend to be either hip-hops, preppies, grunge girls or PIBS (primarily in black). In other words, a girl is not simply shopping for clothes - she's shopping for identity. (The parent who takes a moment to reflect on his or her love beads and bellbottoms will be more tolerant of a daughter's shop-

If you and she end up in a conflict, ask, "What am I really worried about?" Sometimes parents yell about a girl's short skirt or her grungy clothes when they're really worried about choices she may be making in other parts of her life. Be certain you've talked

openly about your expectations and her safety. If you become locked in a conflict, be willing to go home empty-handed, talk things over and try again.

If you can't make peace with shopping together, try using a personal shopper. Many department stores and discount stores offer this free service. A shopper is trained to help your daughter find clothes that fit, flatter and work together.

"Daughters" is published eight times annually, and subscriptions cost \$25. For information, call (800) 829-1088, write to "Daughters," 1808 Ashwood Ave., Nashville, TN 37212, or visit its Web site at http://daughters newsletter.com.

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Au pairs from page B1

au pair, Kjersti Paulsen from

"She always had her bedroom door open for the kids," she said. When she was off work, I would many days find the kids laving on her bed with her looking through her scrapbook or just talking and laughing. She became Danielle's sister.'

"I want to be her au pair," Danielle said about Kjersti.

It's not all fun and games in the Malone household, however. One au pair taught the energetic Jonathan how to count, another taught him shapes. Jackel is working on teaching Jonathan the alphabet. To accomplish that, he teaches him little tricks

about each letter.

"For some reason, Jonathan thinks this looks like a hair spray. If you get hairspray and go eee," Jackel said pushing on the top of the letter E. "You have to be tricky, otherwise it's not

Reiss' forte is arts and crafts. She taught the Wisniewski kids German and showed Zachary how to play peek-a-boo in Ger-

"She's nice. She plays with us. She pushes us on the swings," said 5-year-old Matt.

Reiss sings songs with toddler Taylor and made an Advent calendar for the kids with papiermache balloons.

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WESTERN TOWNSHIP UTILITIES AUTHORITY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

SYNOPSIS

4:00 P.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1998

Minutes of regular meeting of November 23, 1998 - postponed until the next

Operations & Maintenance Report for November, 1998 - received and filed.

Office Furniture; Award of Contract - Contract awarded to ISCG of Royal

Redirection Project; Award of Contract - Contract awarded to Ric-Man

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the

Operations Manager's Report for December, 1998 - received and filed.

always race out of the house after school, claiming there's no. only spiral downhill if no one homework. But from what Mrs. Smith says, homework isn't getting turned in. What could you do about that?"

Setting up small action steps and holding everyone to them, will not only help raise your child's self-esteem, but will improve their grades and their attitude about school.

The important thing is to nip the problems now before second

Regular meeting called to order at 4:13 p.m.

Construction Co., Inc., of Sterling Hgts., Michigan.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Operations Manager's Contract Amendment - approved

WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Agenda - adopted as presented.

1999 Goals - approved

Present: Thomas Yack, Richard Henningsen, Ron Griffith

Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$528,369.18 - approved.

semester begins. Your child will intervenes now and helps make changes. Children rarely know how to stop an out-of-control train. But thankfully, we do!

Jacque Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Two-way street

The learning process is a twoway street. The au pairs learn to clean, dust, cook, handle difficulties with the kids, handle a checking/savings account, do laundry and drive a car in all kinds of weather.

"Stefan keeps a diary of new words that he learns every day," Malone said. "After his first three days here, he came up and said very proudly that he had learned T.G.I.F., bug off and disgusting. You can tell he lives in a amily of teenagers.

In their free time, Reiss and Jackel both enjoy going to Windsor, the movies and parties.

"I meet a lot with the other au pairs. In your work time you get cultural exchange with America, in your free time you meet with all the other nations." Jackel explained.

Reiss is amazed at how Americans drive everywhere.

"The life here in America, you have to drive so many times with a car," she said.

The naivete is charming, according to Malone, especially the innocence of their former au pair, Jerome Fontaine from

We went up north for a few days and we were eating at a restaurant with an antique shop attached," she said. "Jerome had

gone into the antique shop to look around. When I came in, he was holding up a portable phone and saying, 'Nancy, (look) free phone calls. This antique phone, pick it up and dial my mom and she answer. Free phone calls."

It wasn't an antique phone. It was the storekeeper's portable phone that she had momentarily

Like the other au pairs, Reiss and Jackel have the opportunity to learn more about the United States. Au Pair USA hires the au pairs for 12-plus-one months. The 13th month is a paid vaca-

Au Pair USA coordinator Deb Martin meets with the au pairs twice a month and takes them on ski trips, vacations and canoe

"My first trip ever in my life to New York was with 40 au pairs. There are pictures of me sleeping with my mouth open on a bus all over Europe," Martin said with a laugh.

The au pairs also volunteer as bell-ringers for the Salvation Army and at soup kitchens.

"I want to give them the whole experience for what it's like to be in the United States.

Wisniewski admitted that there's one downfall to hiring an

au pair: "The only thing that

Zachary and Taylor really took

to Sylvia and Britta.

back, I didn't like to do that."

The most extreme case was that of English au pair Louise Woodward convicted of seconddegree murder in the 1997 death of Matthew Eappen, the child of the family for which she was working. The verdict was later after her reduced to manslaughter and she was sentenced to

"We definitely saw a response to the Louise Woodward case.

hurt or upset, they go to Britta even though I'm here

sometimes I find hard is that For the most part, however, it's been a satisfying and relieving experience. "A lot of times when they are

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These kids come over and it's a big deal for them. To send them

The au pair applications in Sweden dropped," said Lynn Kuessner of EF Au Pair, which can be reached at (800) 333-6056 or at aupair@ef.com. "We noticed nothing here in metro Detroit."

Wisniewski said her au pairs talked about the torment that others received overseas. One au pair was asked if she killed

"I think the Louise Woodward case gave au pairs a bad name," she said.

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Books that also may be helpful for parents include:

The Romance of Risk: Why Teens Do the Things They Do by Dr. Lynn E. Ponton, which truly explains risk-taking.

■ "How To Father a Successful Daughter" by Nicky Marone (Fawcett Book Group 1989), which gives men parenting skills that promote self-esteem and confidence in daughters.

"Reviving Ophelia" by Mary children.

B. Piphe (Ballentine Books 1995), the compelling best seller that helps parents understand why their daughters become depressed, have eating disorders and use drugs.

Nationally known parent educator, writer, and editor, Dr. Alice R. McCarthy of Birmingham is the mother of five children and grandmother to eight

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST TO TRANSFER AN INDUSTRIAL **FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE** FROM DIVERSEY-LEVER, INC. TO WARNER-LAMBERT COMPANY

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 1999, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 92-441 from Diversey-Lever, Inc., to Warner-Lambert Company, located at 46701 Commerce Center Drive, Plymouth Corporate Park.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the

The public hearing, commencing at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Flymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, January 26, 1999, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meeting. Telephone No. 734-453-3840 X 224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CM Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will study the gospel of Matthew with Scripture scholar Sister Mary Joel Zobro 7:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 14-Feb. 11, in the Prayer/Parlor Room of the church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. The series will explore the meaning of Matthew's gospel for committed Christians today. Each session will cost \$5. To register, contact the church at (734)

MORNING OF REFLECTION

Sacred Heart Major Seminary will hold its third annual Morning of Reflection with Bishop Allen Vigneron 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 16, at the seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit.

A "gift of encouragement and hope," the morning of reflection is designed to educate and uplift those active in the pro-life movement and those who want to learn more about the "culture of

For more information about the free program, call (313) 883-

For children and their parents, there will be a TLC Storytime on Saturday, Jan. 16 and Feb. 20, at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, south of Joy, Livonia. There will be crafts, Christian stories, snacks and prizes. The books chosen are for children age 3-10. For more

information, call the church at (734) 427-2290.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, is having will have a games night and ice cream social 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, south of Five Mile, Plymouth Township. Participants should bring cards and/or games to play. The charge is \$5. For more information about the dance or games night. For more information, call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

The group also meets regularly on Sundays for breakfast and Mass 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Call Val at (734) 729-1974. It also meets for coffee and conversation 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinochle 7 p.m. every other Friday.

GUEST SPEAKER

Award-winning journalist Jack Lessenberry will speak on 'Kevorkian and Clinton: Private Sins or Public Crimes" 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia.

Lessenberry has won two Emmys for "Frontline" documentaries on Kevorkian and is contributing editor and weekly columnist for the Metro Times, Oakland Press and Toledo Blade. He is a member of the journalism faculty at Wayne State and Madonna universities

Mime presents 'foolosophies'

Internationally recognized mime artist Doug Berky will bring his one-man show to Merriman Road Baptist

Church Sunday, Jan. 17. A self-described as a "fool for Christ," Berky will perform at 6 p.m. at the church, 2055 Merriman Road, south of Ford Road, garden City. The performance is free of charge.

Using the antics of a clown, the disguise of a mask, the illusions of the mime and the suspense of a story, Berky pro-claims the gospel of Jesus. His "foolosophies" – hilari-

ous images that probe common human frailties - paired with a time of serious reflection, encourage the audience to consider the impact of the Gospel

on individual lives. These "foolosophies" transcend age, race and culture and become the unlikely vehicles for sharing the Christian experience.

Berky first began perform-ing with The Two Penny Circus, a New England touring theater. He has performed and taught at schools for the deaf, public schools and colleges in the United States and Cana-

He also has performed in Denmark, Poland, West Germany, Mexico and Sweden. He is currently listed on the North Carolina Arts Council Touring Program roster.

For more information, call the church at (734) 421-0472.

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and serves as a political adviser to WJBK-TV.

For more information or to register for classes or child care, call the church at (734) 422-

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Internationally known author and reputed visionary John Leary will speak about his mes-sages from Jesus and Mary 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at Our Lady of Loretto Church, 17116 Olympia, at Six Mile and Beech Daly roads, Redford. The Rosary will be recited 7 p.m., followed by his presentation. For more information, call (313) 534-9000.

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will have Ken Davis as the speaker at "Talk It Over" 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church,

Township. Davis spent 15 years working in Youth for Christ, and in the last 20 years has become one of the nation's top motivational and inspirational speakers. There will be a freewill offer-

Its 1999 Winter Divorce Recovery Workshop, for any divorced or separated person, is scheduled for 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays Feb. 11-March 25, at the church. The cost is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the

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For more information, call the Single Point office at (248) 374-

FAMILY EVENT

Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford is hosting Let's Make a Deal Family Time 2:30-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23. Participants should come dressed in their wackiest costume and bring a bag of miscellaneous goodies. To register or for more information, call the church at (313) 937-2424.

Recording artists Proclaim will present a concert 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan 24, at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 8828 Wormer, Redford. The winner of the talent competition at the 1994 National Quartet Convention, Proclaim will offer a fresh worship experience with a musical mix of traditional, a cappella, southern gospel and inspirational music.

They will perform such original compositions as "Thankful Hearts" and "A Cappella Praise" and premiere songs from their new "All These Things" project. For more information, call the church at (313) 537-7480.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Timothy Lutheran Church's Book Discussion Group on par-enting will begin meeting in January at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. Meetings will be held at four different times during the month - 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Jan. 24-25 and Feb. 24-25. The church will supply the books for parents who register at least a week in advance. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-2290.

COMEDY CONCERT

Comedian Ken Davis will perform 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, in the auditorium of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township. The show, open to those of all ages, is free. Complimentary tickets are available at the reception desk. Call (248) 374-5956 for more information.

St. Edith Parish will have a Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, in the church hall, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, or to make a blood donation appointment, call the Christian Service Office at (734) 464-2027.

Jeanne Hess will discuss the "Physical Aspects of Grief" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other Feb. 5-7 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-

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Women gathers for its annual luncheon next week, Sally Gold will be there.

A member of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia, Gold will be honored as the church's 1999 Woman of the Year at the luncheon Tuesday,

The 35th annual luncheon will be at 11:15 a.m. at Burton Manor in Livonia. Jan Struck will be the guest speaker.

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> The Livonia resident is being recognized for her many areas of volunteer involvement. She is recording secretary for the Helping Hands Volunteer Corps for the Lutheran Home in Livonia, providing leadership to more than 100 volunteers who want to be part of the ministry that serves the elderly.

She also makes tote bags that fit on wheelchairs and spends her Tuesday mornings in Room 13 at the church, sewing up the sides of quilts that are sent to

Lutheran World Relief every November. This year, 154 quilts were made.

Another area of her ministry is sewing paraments for the altar and pulpit. She covered all of the kneelers around the communion rail and made 18 purificators and 12 baptismal towels.

Gold also works with the funeral committee, preparing meals for families who have lost a family member and coordinates meal preparation for S.T.A.R., a monthly ministry at the Wayne County Family Cen-

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SINGLES' EVENTS Single Place holds a walk

in the park 10 a.m. every Saturday at Heritage Park, Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Single Place holds the following social events every Sunday: worship 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary; brunch 12:30 p.m. at Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road,

6 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center, Northville. Suburban Singles holds a single mingle dance 8 p.m. every Wednesday in the Bonnie Brook Country Club, on Telegraph south of Eight Mile, Redford. Proper attire, no jeans. Ages 21 and up. Admission is \$4, \$3 before 8:30 p.m.

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(313) 842-0443. ■ Suburban Singles holds an after-dinner dance 7-11 p.m. every Sunday in the Bonnie Brook Country Cub, on Telegraph, south of Eight Mile, Redford. Proper attire, no jeans. Ages 21 and up. Admission is \$4, \$3 before 7:30 p.m. For more information, call

(313) 842-7422. **REVIEW TESTS**

■ ACT college entrance examination workshop is offered by Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences. Workshop meets on Saturdays for three weeks starting Jan. 16 on the Oakland University campus in Rochester. Cost is \$145. For a brochure and to register, call (248) 370-

■ The Princeton Review will hold free practice, fulllength SAT and ACT tests starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23. The tests will finish at 12:30 p.m. The tests will be in the following locations: The Princeton Review, 1220 S. University, Suite 209, Ann Arbor; Marian High School 7225 Lahser, Birmingham; Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe. Each student should bring pencils and a calculator. Students must call the Ann Arbor office at (734) 663-2163 to register for the

test. CRAFTERS NEEDED ■ Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 14th annual spring Arts & Crafts Showcase, to be held 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, in the Activities Center on campus in Livonia. The show will feature a variety of handmade arts and crafts, including pottery, jewelry, paintings, textiles and woodworking. Booth space is available for \$50. Booths with electricity are limited and are an additional \$5 Exhibitors may buy up to three spaces. Crafters will receive a \$5 discount if their form is received before Feb. 1. For an application or information, call (734) 432-5603.

COSTUME BALL

■ German-American Club of Plymouth is sponsoring a "Fasching" party (cos-tume ball) from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Admission is \$6.50 per person. Dance to music by "Enziah." German food and drink will be available. Prizes for costumes and door prizes will also be presented.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

■ The Novi Lioness Club will hold a euchre tournament 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, in Novi Civic Center. 45175 10 Mile, between Novi and Taft. Pizza and pop will be available. Games begin at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 in advance, per person, and \$12 per person at the door. For extra points, you can donate an item of warm clothing. For more information, call (248) 344-4633.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

■ The Canton Public Safety Department and Summit on the Park will offer a snowmobile safety course this winter for students ages 12-17 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, in Summit on the Park, Professional Development Cen-ter. Cost is \$20 for residents, \$25 for nonresidents. If you are 12-17, passing such a course is required by law to become certified in snowmobile safety to ride snowmobiles off parental private property. Students will be asked to show proof of age before class. A Social Security number will also be required at the time of registration. Check-in will start at 8:30 a.m., and class will start at 9 a.m. Bring a sack lunch and a drink. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

AROUND TOWN

■ Canton Parks and Recreation Services and YMT Vacations have teamed up to offer a 15-day trip to Hawaii in May. Stops include Oahu, Kauai, Maui and the big island of Hawaii. Get a free preview of the trip at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, at the Summit community center. The preview evening is free, registration necessary. Cost for the trip is \$1,649 per person. This includes air transportation round trip on scheduled airlines from Detroit, interisland flights, hotel accommodations, sight seeing on each island, baggage handling, transfers, tips and more. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE ■ Celebrate Valentine's Day by attending the Can-

ton Knights of Columbus eighth annual "Daddy-**Daughter Valentines** Dance" 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, in the St. Thomas a'Becket Family Life Center, 555 Lilley, Canton. This night will feature danceable music, a flower corsage, refreshments and a unique gift so dad and his date will remember the evening. The cost is \$12 per couple or \$15 for dad and two dates. If dad has more than one date, an older brother, uncle, or grandpa are invited so each girl can have a partner. Dads can ask girls ages 3-13 to celebrate this memorable evening. Tickets will be available after all Masses in St. Thomas a'Becket or by calling Ralph at (248) 344-1956 or Mary at (313)

397-1359. Space is limited. **DANCING CUCKOOS**

■ The "Dancing Cuckoos," will hold the next meeting 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, in Mamma Mia's restaurant, 27770 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Dinner will be available at 6 p.m. (at your own expense), and the meeting for business and movies will begin at 8 p.m. For more information, call

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Enjoying the snow: Michael Hillegonds, 6, of Plymouth, pulls his tube-sled up the hill at McClumpha Park in Plymouth Township during the recent closing of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for inclement weather.

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PLYMOUTH YMCA ■ The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is offering classes for preschool-age children through adult. Classes include: Active Older Adults (ages 55 and up) Water Exercise, Youth and Girls' Basketball Instructional League, Youth Instructional Floor Hockey League, Youth Instructional Indoor Soccer League for ages 5-12, Bumper Bowling for ages 4-6, Flute Classes for beginning through advanced, Youth Golf Lessons for ages 5-11, Introductory Dance for ages 5-8, Ballet & Jazz Combination, ages 8-10, Karate for male and female, ages 8 through adult, Driver's Education, Bumble Bee Indoor Soccer for ages 4-5, Y Pucks and Y Hoops for ages 4-5, Yoga classes for teen to adult novice or advanced practitioner, Step & Sculpt Fitness Class, and Aquatics classes for ages 6 months through 12 years. The YMCA is also offering a Basketball Travel League for ages 8-9, 10-12, and 13-15 years of age plus a Hockey Travel League for ages 9-12. Call Plymouth Community YMCA at (734) 453-2904 for further information or to register with

Visa or MasterCard. PANEL DISCUSSION

■ The Society of Women Engineers will host an international work assignment panel discussion from 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, in The Community House in Birmingham. The cost is \$15, which includes dinner and is free to those who join SWE there. Reservations can be made by calling Kirsten Car at (313) 594-2950.

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■ Focus:HOPE presents "Focus on the Mission Photography Exhibit" from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily, Saturday, Jan. 16, through Sunday, Feb. 1, in Summit on the Park, Canton. The pro-

gram involves students from across the metropolitan area in a series of photography seminars held at Focus: Hope. The exhibit will be displayed for free. The exhibit features at least one photo from each student. For more information, call (734) 397-6450.

YOUTH SOCCER ■ The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking spring youth soccer registration the entire month of January at the recreation office, during business hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The city of Plymouth Recreation Department is in the Plym Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. All registrations require a birth certificate. The fee for 6-, 7- and 8year-olds is \$40 for city of Plymouth residents and \$60 for nonresidents. For children 9 and older, cost is \$45 for city of Plymouth residents and \$75 for nonresidents. For more information, call 455-6620. STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Canton's storytelling festival will be Saturday, Jan. 23, in Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Featuring the storytelling talents of Debra Christian, Ron Lowe, Judy Sima, and Marc LeJarret. Workshops are from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; children's shows are at 11:30 a.m.; and family storytelling begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are available in advance at the Summit.

All events for single is \$3 and family is \$8; Family or children's shows only are single, \$2; and family is \$5. For more information, call (734) 397-6450.

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

■ Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a family skate night from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, (weather permitting) in Heritage Park ponds (behind Canton Administration Building). The ponds will be lighted for evening skating, and refreshments will also be

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available. Admission is free. No registration necessary. For more information, call Canton Parks and Recreation Services at (734) 397-5110.

DROP-IN BASKETBALL

■ The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will hold open gym for bas-ketball 6:45-9:45 p.m. Mondays in Central Middle School. The cost is \$4 per person for a full three-hour session. City of Plymouth residents will receive a discount of \$1 with identification. For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620.

CHORUS ■ The County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines international is looking for women who love to sing. The group of 30 women sing a cappella music barbershop style and have begun preparations for its annual competition in May. Rehearsals are 7 p.m., every Tuesday in the UAW Local 898 at 8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti. For more information, call Paula at (734) 995-4110.

SEMINAR ■ Saint Joseph Mercy

Health System is sponsoring a free seminar 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The seminar will be on the causes of memory loss and ways to regain and retain the ability to remember. The presentation will be "Remarkable Memory: Retaining and Regarding Your Memory." Dr. Bharati Srivastava, a board-certified internist who specializes in geriatrics, will lead the seminar. Refreshments will be served. The presentation is part of the Senior Health Series offered by Saint Joseph Mercy Health System.

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LIVING TRUST SEMINARS ■ There will be an

"advanced" living trust seminar 1-3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, in Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. The seminar is open to the public and free. The seminar will include saving taxes with your living trust, strategies for reducing risk and maximizing, and returns with your living trust assets. Guest speaker will be financial consultant Paul Leduc,. For more information, call (248) 694-1020.

HEALTH FACILITIES ■ The Schoolcraft College Sunday Health Club charges \$4 a visit. Individual membership fee is \$32. Family membership is \$70 for 13 weeks of unstructured activity in a fully equipped physical education facility. Club members can use three gyms, six racquetball courts, weight machines, the pool and the sauna. An adult must accompany children under 16, and nonswimmers must be 45 inches tall at the shoulder to use the pool. The Health Club continues until March 28. For more information, call Continuing Education Services Physical Fitness at (734) 462-4413.

ARTS COUNCIL ■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council has a full winter schedule of classes and workshops for all ages: sculpture, watercolor, dance, decorative painting, pottery, film appreciation, drawing and sketching, children's theater, paper art, creative writing, live model drawing session, batik, art lectures, yoga, tai chi, etc. For a complete schedule or for more information, call (734) 416-

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YMCA YOUTH

■ The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is accepting registrations for classes. The classes are youth travel basketball league for grades three-eight; girls' instructional basketball league for grades three-six; introductory dance, ages 5-8; creative movement for preschoolers, ages 3-5; active older adult water exercise, youth travel floor hockey for ages 9-12, and step aerobics fitness class and aquatics. For more information, call the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904.

SKI TRIP

■ Schoolcraft College EdgeRunner Ski Club is sponsoring a Blue Mountain, Ontario, skiing trip Feb. 5-7. The trip includes two-night condo accommodation, two day/night lift passes, two breakfasts, one dinner, hot tubs and saunas. Price is \$159 for members and \$189 for nonmembers. Trip participants must be at least 18. For more information, call EdgeRunners at (734) 462-4422.

KIWANIS

■ Plymouth-Canton Morning Kiwanis has 7 a.m. Tuesday breakfasts at the Water Club Grill, Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275 in Plymouth Township. For more information, call (734) 453-1373.

MEDILODGE GROUP

■ The Medilodge Group Inc. has made available to local clubs and organizations a representative to assisted living, long-term care, services available, reimbursement under Medicare and other topics. If interested, call the administrator or admission director at West Trail Nursing Center at (734) 453-3983.

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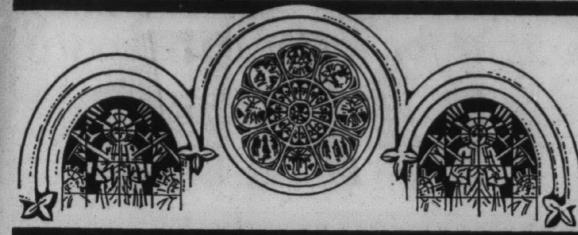
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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Heath-Wojciechowski

Thomas Douglas Heath and Susan Marie Wojciechowski were married Nov. 21 at St. Edith Catholic Church by Deacon John Kenny.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Rosemary Wojciechowski of Livonia. The groom is the son of Michael and Sharon Heath of Northville.

The bride is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed at Michigan Consolidated Gas Co.

The groom is a graduate of Schoolcraft College. He is employed at Crown Lift Trucks.

The bride asked Karen Cottrell, Julie Wojciechowski, Diana Gale and Diane Schemanske to be her attendants.

The groom asked Jeff Heath, Bill Boote, Steve Nagi and Ray

Krygier-Shottroff

Connie Krygier of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Jennifer Mae, to Jeffrey Noel Shottroff, the son of Chuck and Barbara Shottroff of Wolverine Lake and Shirley Shottroff of Dearborn Heights.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 1998 graduate of the University Of Michigan with a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education.

Her fiance is a 1985 graduate of Farmington Hills Harrison High School and a 1991 graduate of Ferris State University with a bachelor of business administration. He is self-

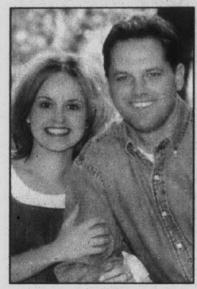
An October wedding is planned at the North Congrega-



Schemanske to be his atten-

After greeting guests at St. Michael Orthodox Church, the couple honeymooned in Hawaii. They are making their home in

Westland



tional Church in Farmington

Members sought for foster care board

The State Court Administrative Office of the Michigan Supreme Court is seeking volunteers to serve on the Wayne County Foster Care Review

Established in 1984 by the state legislature in an effort to improve children's foster care programs, the board is comprised of citizens who reflect a broad cross section of their communities. Minorities and men especially are encouraged to

apply.

The board is seeking volunteers who have demonstrated

leadership in other settings. Employees of the Family Independence Agency, family court or private child placement locations are prohibited by law from serving on Foster Care Review

Volunteers selected for the board must attend a two-day orientation training in Southfield on March 25-26. The training is required to serve on the board. Board members also attend yearly training held in different locations throughout the state. Expenses for training are reimbursed.

The five-member board meets one day each month to review a representative sampling of cases of children who have been removed from their homes and placed in foster care due to abuse or neglect.

interview parents, foster parents, caseworkers, attorneys and other interested parties who may be involved in planning for the The purpose of the review is to

At the reviews, board members

ensure that all agencies, including the court, have established a plan for the child and that progress is being made toward achieving permanency in his or

Advisory recommendations are formulated and sent to the court, child welfare agency, prosecuting

attorney, parents and other

interested parties.

Citizens interested in volunteering for the Wayne County Foster Care Review Board can call (517) 373-1956 for an application. The deadline for applying is Jan. 31. Interviews with prospective candidates will take place in February.

NEW VOICES

Shawn and Deena Bushaw of Garden City announce the birth of Alyssa Danielle Sept. 10 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Shawn Eric Jr., 2. Grandparents are Larry and Maria Janus of Westland, Dave and Connie Gillikin of Westland, Dan and Brenda Bushaw of Garden City and Dave and Sandy Reilly of Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Sean and Donna Hardaway of Westland announce the birth of Derek James Sept. 11 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Jim and Carol Moore of Westland and Patsy Hardaway of West Branch.

Paul Carter and Laura Smith of Westland announce the birth of Lillian Elizabeth Sept. 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins siblings, Carrie, 10, Kristin, 6, Zachary, 5, and Brandon, 4. Grandparents are Marlene Squire of Wayne, Michael Smith of Anaheim, Calif., Lenna Plachta of Taylor and Walter Carter of Newport.

Andrew and Pamela Klips of Woodhaven announce the birth of Autumn Marie Sept. 13 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Cameron, 2½. Grandparents are Frank and Sharon Stickney of Westland and Suzanne and Roger Davidson of Indiana.

Thomas Kush and Chasity McKinney of Redford Township announce the birth of Matthew Christopher Kush Sept. 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Alyssa, 3, and a brother, Brandon, 19 months. Grandparents are Warren Jr. and Pamela Brown of Southfield, Lenny and Eleanor Kush of Garden City and Pat McKinney of Belleville.

Marcus Pearson and Patsy Podsiad of Westland announce the birth of Logan Glenn Pear-

son Sept. 18 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Gladys Miller of Garden City and Glenn and Ella Pearson of Southfield.

Matthew Smith and Lucinda Wilson of Canton announce the birth of Hunter Kane Smith Sept. 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Anthony, 6, and sisters, Samantha, 6, and Karisa, 2. Grandparents are Lucian and Carolyn Wilson of Westland, Glenn Smith of Detroit and Roxanne McNulty of Wixom

Louis Shefke and Nicole Johnson of Westland announce the birth of Jeremy Michael Shefke Sept. 21 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Sharon Johnson of Garden City and Warren and Rose Shefke of Westland.

Alan and Jennifer Elaine Wasinski of Westland announce the birth of Camerone Alexan-

der Sept. 23 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Nicole, 11, and a brother, Christopher, 4. Grandparents are Edmund and Vivian Wasinski of Westland and Mr. and Mrs. R. Lewis of Gaylord.

Nathan Brown and Carrie Hathorne of Westland announce the birth of Nathan Andrew Brown Jr. Sept. 29 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Steve and Carmen Stinebaugh of Dexter and Art and Teri Brown

Kory Milam and Brandy Wilyard of Wayne announce the birth of Kamren Cecilia Milam Sept. 30 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Wayne and Pat Powell of Wayne and Caren Milam of

Lindamood-Argonis

Benton and Ann Lindamood of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Julia Ann, to Daniel J. Argonis, the son of Joseph and Connie Argonis of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1984 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1988 graduate of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She is employed as promotion and marketing director at The Edge, 105.1-FM.

Her fiance is a 1984 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1988 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is the owner of Venture Outdoors in Plymouth.

A May wedding is planned at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills.



Information sought about preschools

In 1965, just 5 percent of 3-year-olds attended preschool or nursery school. Today, more than 41 percent of 3-year-olds attend a center-based program, and nearly 80 percent of all children have attended some type of formal program (preschool, nursery school or child care center) before entering first grade.

With an increased number of working mothers, there has been an increased need for preschools for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds. And that need has created the parental search for quality care for their chil-

The Observer Newspapers' Community Life Section is preparing a story about preschool programs and a roundup of preschools, nursery schools and day care facilities (center- and home-based) in the Livonia, Redford, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth and Canton communities.

Programs interested in being part of a story can complete the following form and send it by no later than Friday, Jan. 22, to Sue Mason at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Telephone Number: Days and Hours Open: Ages of Children: **Enrollment Fees: Brief Description of Program:**

For more information, call Sue Mason at (734) 953-2131.



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SCENE

Ambassadors honored

John Shouneyia's selection as North American Hockey League player of the week for last week seemed appropriate, for sure: The league's leading scorer was one of eight Ambassadors named to the North team for the CCM/NAHL All-Star Game, set for Saturday, Feb. 6 in Grand Rapids.

Shouneyia has 17 goals and 33 assists for 50 points in 34 games; last week, he netted four goals and two assists as the Ambassadors - whose home ice is Compuware Ice Arena in Plymouth — posted a 2-1 record.

Teammates named to the North team are forwards Pat Brush (19 goals, 20 assists) and Mark Mink (19 goals, 22 assists); defensemen Pete Broccoli (four goals, 12 assists), Andrew Burnes (one goal, five assists), Troy Millam (five goals, 21 assists) and Michael Roemensky (four assists); and goalie Craig Kowalski (21-5 record, three shutouts, 2.29 goals-against average, .917 save per-

Marzolf honored

Melissa Marzolf, a freshman guard for Northwood University from Plymouth Canton, led the Timberwolves to a 79-49 victory at Westminster College last Thursday by dishing out a school-record 13 assists. The former record of 12 was set by Dawn Hall in

Marzolf also had seven points and three steals. One of eight freshmen on the team, Marzolf — a starter — averages 3.7 points, 3.7 rebounds and a team-best 4.3 assists. She ranks seventh in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in assists.

Kicks reign

The Plymouth Kicks '89, an under-10 boys select soccer team, won top honors in the under-10 division at the Maumee (Ohio) Regional Tournament of the North American Indoor Soccer Championships last weekend. The Kicks won all three of their pool-play ames, then defeated the Carpathia Kickers (from Sterling Heights) in the

Team members are Grant Blakey, Paul Carbini, Kevin Costa, Josh Hammond, Gabe Hicks, Matt Kulczycki, Alex Lumley, Mike Marek, Danny McLaughlin, Blaine Paden, Jeff Selasky, Nick Vella, Brian Walsh and Brett Windecker. The team is coached by Rich Kulczycki and Paul Lumley.

Soccer referees class

The Plymouth Soccer Club will sponsor a class for anyone (12 to adult) interested in becoming a soccer referee. The program will consist of four Saturday classes (attendance at all four is mandatory): Feb. 13, Feb. 20, Feb. 27 and March 13, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. each day. All classes will be in the card meeting room at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

To register, send your name, address, phone number, birth date, social security number and a check made payable to the Michigan Referee Committee, Inc., to Brian LaMasse, 238 Coronation Court, Canton, MI 48188. There are no residency requirements.

For more information, call Brian LaMasse, Plymouth Ref and Rules, at (734) 397-8325

Rec offerings

■ The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is hosting a family skate night from 7-9 p.in. Thursday, Jan. 21 (weather permitting) at Heritage Park Ponds, located behind the Canton Administration Building. The ponds will be lighted for evening skating and refreshments will be available. No registration is necessary, there are no residency requirements and there is no charge. Call the Parks and Rec office at (734) 397-5110 for skating conditions or information.

Canton's Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a series of youth floor hockey skills clinics and games for boys and girls in grades 1-5, beginning the week of Jan. 25 at the Summit on the Park Community Center. There are no residency requirements; cost is \$40 per child, with registration ending Jan. 21.

All registrations must be in person at the Canton Parks and Rec office, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton, during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Call (734) 397-5110 for further information.

Salem rally sinks Pirates

That state ranking the daily newspapers awarded Plymouth Salem's basketball team earlier this week looked as if they would be short-lived as the final quarter of the Rocks' game at Riverview got under way Tuesday.

But things change.

After trailing since the early moments of the second quarter, the Rocks managed to battle back from a seven-point deficit after three periods and pull out a 49-46 triumph over the 10th-ranked Class B Pirates

Salem, ranked as high as fourth in some Class A polls, improved to 6-0 overall. Riverview, coached by former Westland John Glenn standout Steve

BASKETBALL

Hawley, lost for the first time in nine

Tony Jancevski scored his only basket of the final quarter at a pivotal time - with 2.1 seconds left. That broke a 46-all tie, giving Salem a twopoint lead. Riverview's ensuing inbounds pass was intercepted by Rob Jones, who was fouled with a second left. Jones hit 1-of-2 free throws for the final margin.

"It was hard," said Salem assistant coach Rick Wilson. "And it was exciting. Each team knew each other, they

played against each other in other areas. Their kids are tough, and it was a very physical game.'

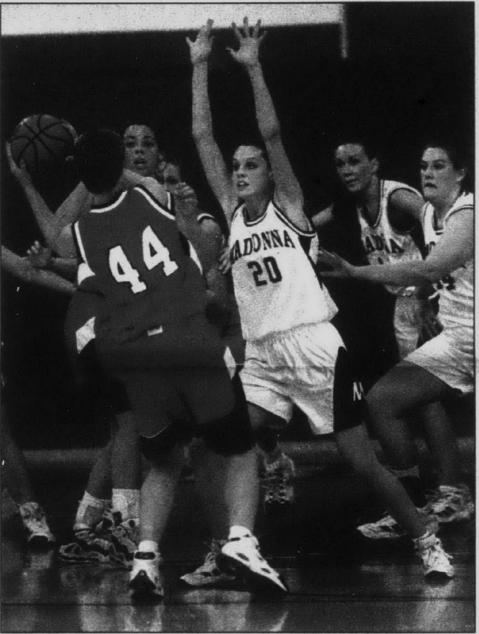
The Rocks led 9-6 after one quarter but were held without a field goal in the second as Riverview outscored them 14-5 to take a 20-14 lead into the intermission. The Pirates increased that to 35-28 after three periods.

Senior guard Aaron Rypkowski was the offensive force behind Salem's comeback. Rypkowski led all scorers with 22 points, including 10 in the third quarter and eight more in the fourth. His basket in the final minute of play tied the game at 46-all.

Please see BASKETBALL, C2

Weak inside

Saints prey upon Madonna, 104-95



Filling the gaps: Madonna's defenders — Melissa Poma (20) from Livonia Ladywood, Kristi Fiorenzi and Lori Enfield (right) — had trouble stopping Aquinas' Mary Bond (44) and any other Saint that ventured into the paint during Monday's game.

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER cjrisak@oe.homecomm.net

If only it could have been snowed out again.

Any sense of relief in getting the twice-postponed Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball game between Aquinas College and Madonna University finally played could only have been felt by the visiting Saints. The snowplagued bus ride they endured from Grand Rapids to Livonia seemed worthwhile after they grabbed a

104-95 overtime win over Madonna. Aquinas evened its WHAC record at 1-1; its overall mark is 6-9. The Lady Crusaders fell to 11-6 overall and 0-2 in the WHAC with their second-straight league loss at home.

"I don't have an answer," said Madonna coach Marylou Jansen when asked what had happened to the team that had entered the WHAC season with such high hopes. "This is not what we were expecting. It's frustrating — and we have one day to fix it (Madonna played at Concordia last night)."

The final seconds of regulation best defined the Crusaders' plight against Aquinas. It had been close most of the evening, with neither team's lead ever reaching double fig-

With the clock ticking down and the score tied at 90, Madonna had possession. Kathy Panganis drove from the wing toward the paint, where she was fouled by Julie Murray. But even as Panganis drained both free throws to put the Crusaders up by two with just 12.9 seconds remaining, the feeling was tan-

Too much time left.

That suspicion was accurate. It took the Saints only 10 seconds to dribble the entire length of the floor and get a game-tying layup from guard Lindsay Simmon, off a dish

Please see MADONNA, C5

Chiefs take 2nd

VOLLEYBALL Salem wins own tourney

There should be little need for Plymouth Salem's volleyball players to adjust any further to their new coach, Tom Teeters - Saturday's Salem Four-Team Tournament confirmed what they should have already known.

That being perfect isn't good enough. Not for Teeters.

The Rocks improved their match record to 14-2 by breezing to the title without losing a single game. They beat Dexter and Ypsilanti Lincoln twice each and Trenton once. In pool play, Salem handled Lin-coln, Trenton (15-7, 15-7) and Dex-ter (15-11, 15-6), then routed Lin-

coln in the semifinals 15-1, 15-3. That set up a rematch with Dexter, this time for the championship. Salem won, 15-7, 15-7.
"We're looking better, but there are still areas we need to improve in," said Teeters, who coached at

Livonia Ladywood last season. "We need to work on our intensity, both in games and in practices."

One area that has shown promise is Salem's serving. Teeters credited

It's beginning to look like Plymouth Salem isn't the only wrestling power in the neighborhood.

For the first time in 12 years — at least that's coach John Demsick's best guess - Plymouth Canton's wrestling team collected a team trophy by finishing second at the nine-team Royal Oak Kimball Invitational Saturday

Holly finished first with 190 points;

Canton was next with 178, followed by Macomb Dakota with 117.

"It was a good day for us," said Demsick, who could find no indication that the Chiefs had done that well at a tour-

Please see WRESTLING, C3



Trophy-winners: Some of Canton's wrestling team that placed second at Saturday's Royal Oak Kimball Invitational: kneeling, with trophy, Kevin Stone; from left, Jim Shelton, Doy Demsick, Greg Musser, Phil Rothwell, Rob Demsick, coach John Demsick, John Pocock, D.J. Hylko and Kyle Pitt.

Whalers use all resources to get 3 wins



When a team is angling for a championship, every victory will produce a different

Such is the case with the Ply-

True, the first half of the season seemed to be dominated by a few Whalers in particular: Harold Druken and Adam Colagiacomo in particular. But last weekend, facing a three-games-in-three-days stretch, various Whalers stepped forward each night to propel them

In Sunday's 3-2 triumph over the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, Mark McMahon poked in the game-winner with just nine seconds left in overtime to lift the Whalers; on Saturday against the visiting Belleville Bulls, Eric Gooldy's hattrick and Shaun Fisher's unassisted goal with 4:43 to play propelled Plymouth to a 5-4 triumph; and on Friday, it was Damian Surma's three goals that carried the Whalers to a 5-3 road win over the Guelph Storm.

Plymouth improved to 30-8-3 overall, first in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division.

In the OT win over the Greyhounds Sunday, the Whalers never trailed but could never pull away, either. Gooldy - who had four goals on the weekend - scored first on a power play with 1:45 left in the first period. McMahon and Jason Ward assisted.

The 'Hounds (21-14-4 through the weekend) knotted it at 16:01 of the second period on a goal by Adam Nittell, but the Whalers regained the lead four minutes into the third on a goal by David Leg-wand, his 20th of the season. Nikos Tselios and Troy Smith assisted. Ryan Jardine's goal with 4:14 left in regulation tied it for Sault Ste.

Marie and forced OT. McMahon's game-winner was his second goal of the season; Gooldy and Legwand assisted. Robert Holsinger made 29 stops in goal to improve his record to 16-6; Jake McCracken had 27 saves for the

Gooldy, Legwand and Paul Mara paced the offense in Saturday's victory over the Bulls (21-14-6 through the weekend). Gooldy and Legwand each scored first-period goals; Gooldy made it 3-0 for the Whalers at the 6:37 mark of the second. Mara assisted on both Gooldy goals.

Belleville battled back, getting second-period scores from Kris Newbury and Kevin Baker, then tying it at 4:37 of the third on a goal by Chris Stanley. Gooldy's third goal restored Plymouth's lead at 11:05 of the period (Legwand and Mara assisting), but Stanley again tied it just 1:10 later. Fisher got the winner three minutes after that.

Rob Zepp made 30 saves to get the victory; Cory Campbell had 28 stops in goal for Belleville.

Surma's three goals, which boosted his season goal count to seven, and Druken's goal and two assists were keys to Friday's key win at Guelph (26-13-2 through the weekend), the Midwest Division leader and the team that eliminated the Whalers from the OHL playoffs last season. The Storm took the early lead on a first-period goal by Charlie Stephens, but Surma's first two scores put Plymouth ahead to

Tselios made it 3-1 with a powerplay goal 33 seconds into the third period; Surma's third marker with 9:16 left countered a goal scored by Guelph's Kevin Mitchell, making it 4-2. Another Mitchell goal narrowed the Whaler lead to one with 3:25 remaining, but Druken clinched it with an empty-netter with 39 seconds left. Colagiacomo finished with two assists for Plymouth; Holsinger made 27 saves in goal, compared to 30 by Guelph's Chris Madden.

The Whalers, who have played the bulk of their games thus far this season (24 of 41) on the road, host Brampton at 7:30 p.m. tonight and Guelph at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Ice Arena. Sunday, they travel to Sault Ste. Marie.

Rocks solid at Salem Invite

So much for rebuilding.

Perhaps that's somewhat overly optimistic; then again, perhaps not. Plymouth Salem's gymnastics team struggled to score 120 points last season; last Saturday at their 21team invitational, the Rocks scored 131.45 points in finishing ninth.

Rochester won the title with a team total of 141.15. Brighton was second (140.7), followed by Troy (138.7), Holt (134.95), Hartland (134.9), Northville/Novi (133.25), Freeland (133.1), Saline (132.1), Salem, Adrian (130.85), Troy Athens (130.65), Jackson County Western (129.45), Ann Arbor Pioneer (129.4), Ann Arbor Huron (124.75), Grosse Pointe North (123.65), Birmingham Seaholm

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(122.2), Walled Lake (116.5), Cass City (113.95), Fraser (113.7), Midland (103.95) and Trenton (81.65).

Brighton, Hartland and Northville/Novi are all Salem opponents in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Hartland is ranked No. 1 in the state; the Eagles reportedly did not use their top lineup at the Salem Invitational. Northville/Novi is the defending state champion.

Still, Salem coach Melissa Hopson was pleased. "We had a good day," she said. "We've improved quite a bit since our first meet. I'm proud of all of them. They did

Individual finishes were not calculated, but the Rocks did have some impressive performances. Melissa Drake posted an 9.35 on the floor exercise ("That was exceptional for her," said Hopson) and an 8.9 on the uneven parallel bars; April Aquinto had scores of 8.6 on the floor, 8.5 on the balance beam and 8.45 on the bars; and Janine Schmedding had "the best meet of her life," according to her coach, with scores of 8.2 on the beam, 8.15 on the vault, 8.0 on the floor and 7.85 on

Salem and Plymouth Canton both travel to the Rockford Invitational Saturday.

Volleyball from page C1

Amanda Suder and her jump serve for the team's overal improvement: "She's very consistent and she places it very well. As a team unit, that helps us a lot."

Suder did more than contribute with her serves although she had a team-high 14 service aces in the tournament). She also had 15 kills and 25 digs.

Angie Sillmon turned in a strong, consistent performance with 35 kills (a .483 kill percentage), 11 digs, nine aces and seven blocks. Laine Sterling added 68 assists to kills and 15 digs; Andrea Pruett had 18 kills; Jill Dombrowski contributed seven kills, six aces, three solo blocks and three

block assists; Michelle Ginther had eight kills; Maureen Buchanan had 12 digs and three aces; and Aleshka Mar-quez totaled 11 digs.

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A week earlier at the Portage Northern Invitational, snow proved to be the winner as the Jan. 2 snowstorm that ravaged the state caused the tournament to end early. The Rocks did play five matches, posting a 3-2 mark that included wins over East Kentwood and Kalamazoo Loy Norrix and losses to Fruitport and Comstock.

Salem plays at the Comstock Invitational Saturday. On Monday, the Rocks open Western Lakes Activities Association play at Walled Lake Cen-

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Thursday, Jan. 14

Harper Wds. at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15

Cornerstone at Agape, 7 p.m. Cranbrook at Luth. W'sld, 7 p.m. N. Farmington at Churchill, 7 p.m. Salem at Franklin, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Harrison, 7 p.m. * John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m. Farmington at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. Wayne at Inkster, 7 p.m. Garden City at Redford Union, 7 p.m. Thurston at Wyandotte, 7 p.m. Notre Dame at Borgess, 7:30 p.m. Redford CC at DeLaSalle, 7:30 p.m. St. Agatha at St. Alphonsus, 7:30 p.m.

PCA at Taylor Baptist, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16 Liggett at Luth. Westland, 3:45 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 16 Tri-State at Madonna, 3 p.m. Henry Ford at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Jan. 16

Henry Ford at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m. Oakland CC at Flint Mott, 1 p.m. Madonna at Tri-State, 3 p.m.

> ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Thursday, Jan. 14

Whalers vs. Bramptor at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16 Whalers vs. Guelph at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17

Whalers at Sault Ste. Marie, 7 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY Thursday, Jan. 14

Farm, Unified vs. Lahser at Detroit Skating Club, 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15 Franklin vs. Northville at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m. Red. Unified vs. Farm. Unified at Farm. Hills Ice Arena. 8 p.m.

Churchill vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16 Churchill vs. W.L. Western

at Lakeland Ice Arena, 5:20 p.m. Redford CC vs. Trenton at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m. Stevenson at Dearborn, 8 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Jan. 14

Divine Child at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m. Bishop Foley at Mercy, 6:30 p.m. St. Agatha at Borgess, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 15 Cornerstone at Agape, 5 p.m. Luth. W'sld at Country Day, 6 p.m.

Wayne Invitational, 8:30 a.m. Fraser Invitational, TBA. Whitmore Lake Tourney, TBA.

PREP WRESTLING RANKINGS

These rankings are compiled weekly by a panel of area coaches including Marty Altounian (Livonia Churchill), Jim Carlin (Redford Union), Dave Chiola (Garden City) and Bob Moreau (Livonia Stevenson).

TEAM RANKINGS

- 1. Redford Catholic Central
- 2. Plymouth Salem.
- 3. Garden City. 4. Livonia Stevenson.
- 5. Livonia Clarenceville

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

103 pounds: 1. Joe Moreau (Livonia Stevenson); 2. Chris O'Hara (Redford Catholic Central); 3. Josh Gunterman (Stevenson); 4. Kyle Pitt (Plymouth Can-

ton): 5. Scott Massey (Garden City)

112: 1. John Mervyn (Plymouth Salem); 2. Mike Kassabri (Wayne Memorial); 3. Pat Sayn (GC); 4. Ronnie Thompson (Salem); 5. Jesse Purdon (Westland John Glenn).

119: 1. Jon Gregg (Wayne); 2. Vinnie Zoccoli (GC); 3. Rob Ash (Salem); 4. Steve Vasiloff (Livonia Churchill); 5. Jim Gourlay (Redford Union).

125; 1. Justin Beseler (Wayne); 2. Justin Schafer (Farmington Hills Harrison); 3. Brian Reed (GC); 4. Jesse Stevens (RU); 5. Paul Goyt (Wayne).

130: 1. David Lemmon (Livonia Clarenceville); 2. Jeff Albrecht (John

Glenn); 3. Tony Lema (Farmington); 4. Trevor Clark (North Farmington); 5. John Pocock (Canton).

135: 1. Nate Wensko (Wayne); 2. Josh Henderson (Salem); 3. Jeff Wheeler (Redford CC); 4. Dave Azzopardi (Livonia Franklin): 5. Dan LeClerc (Clarenceville).

140: 1. Jeff Usher (Thurston); 2. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson); 3. Ryan Shiplett (Franklin): 4. Jim Shelton (Canton); 5. Jake Taylor (Harrison).

145: 1. Mike Carter (Churchill); 2. Ryan Zajdel (Redford CC); 3. Ken Raupp (Wayne); 4. Josh Fee (GC); 5. Alan Duff (Franklin).

Luth. East at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m. Taylor Baptist at PCA, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 16

Comstock Invitational, 8:30 p.m. W.L. Central Invitational, 9 a.m. Macomb Tournament, TBA.

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152: 1 Mitch Hancock (Redford CC):

160: 1. Robert Demsick (Canton); 2.

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171: 1. Brian Hinzman (GC); 2. Ryan

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(Thurston): 5. Adam Marcum

189: 1. Walter Ragland

(Clarenceville); 2. Steve Myslinski

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Heavyweight: 1. Casey Rogowski

(Redford CC); 2. Charlie Hamblin

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ton); 4. Mike Gaffke (Churchill); 5.

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Basketball

Jones finished with seven points and Jancevski had six points and eight rebounds.

Riverview got 15 points from Casey Watson.

The Pirates were 18-of-29 from the free-throw line; Salem was 13-of-22.

A.A. Huron 52, Canton 43: It was a makeup game that, as far as Plymouth Canton was concerned, perhaps should not have been made up. Canton muffed a four-point

halftime lead at the Riverdome Tuesday night and lost to Ann Arbor Huron in a game rescheduled after being weathered out

The non-conference defeat left Canton with a 2-5 record.

"It was 38-38 with six minutes left in the fourth quarter," coach Dan Young of the Chiefs said. "They went on a 9-0 run and we couldn't get back in it. "We played well but . .

Canton started out on top, 13-11, and duplicated that in the second period. But the River Rats came out with a 14-7 third quarter to take the lead. The Chiefs rallied to square

the score but fell to the River Rats' surge.

in the fourth quarter.

senior guard Joe Cortellini con-

tributed 14.

Again, turnovers crippled Canton. Ann Arbor Huron scored off transition to keep Canton at bay

Junior Jason Waidmann led all scorers with 21 points and

Amir Kasham led Huron with 13 points, Andrew Walton had 12 and Imani Wilson contributed

Franklin Road 52, Agape Christian 48: Senior forward Aaron Schroder's double-double Tuesday carried host Southfield Franklin Road Christian to its third victory.

Schroder poured in a gamehigh 22 points and cleared 13 rebounds as Franklin Road moved to 3-4 overall. Canton Agape Christian Academy slipped to 2-4.

Julian Wettling netted 21 points for Agape.

guard David Junior Damesworth chipped in 13 points and Josh Molnar had seven points, five steals and five assists for the Warriors. Molnar sank two free throws in the final 10 seconds to ice the victory.

Franklin Road outscored Agape Christian 14-8 in the third quarter to extend a 26-25 halftime advantage to 40-33.

Milford 57, Franklin 34: Livonia Franklin got caught in a blizzard of points Tuesday night in losing to visiting Milford. The Patriots are winless in six tries; Milford improved to 3-4.

"I can count 10 missed layups," Franklin coach Dan Robinson said. "We'd work hard to get a shot, then miss it.

"But we have a young team. We have to play with more emo-

Milford stormed out to an 11-4 lead after one period and increased it to 29-11 at the game's midway point.

Ryan Mekal scored 13 points for Milford and Mike Tobin had

Derek Schema paced Franklin with 10 points and sophomore Joe Ruggiero contributed eight.

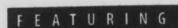
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Conlin, who took fifth place at

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Senior Ryan Mathison, a first-

year wrestler competing at

pounds, won a match and took

"He's a hungry man, starting to come around," Rodriguez said.

seventh place at 171.

Shamrocks finish 4th at CC Invitational

Redford Catholic Central senior heavyweight Casey Rogowski still hasn't lost a wrestling match since 1997.

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The defending Division I state champion didn't lose last year and he improved his record to 16-0 this season by winning his weight class at Saturday's 34th annual Wrestling Invitational hosted by the Shamrocks.

Rogowski pinned John Robinson of Clarkston in 46 seconds in the final and was the highlight in the Shamrocks' bid to win their invitational for the first time in 11 years.

But none of Rogowski's team-

WRESTLING

mates joined him in the winners circle and the Shamrocks finished fourth with 107 points, 2 1/2 ahead of fifth-place Clarkston. Temperance Bedford won as expected with 179 points, Holt was second (169 1/2) and Davison third (153).

To have had a chance CC coach Mike Rodriguez said the Shamrocks needed to have at least seven wrestlers win firstround matches. They had six.

"You need at least seven that

Chris O'Hara (CC), 0:49; consolation: Joe

Moreau (Stevenson) dec. Cainan Munsell (Lin-

coln), 17-2; fifth place: Craig Zube (Howell) p.

112: Jack Scott (Holt) dec. Ryan

Wasielewski (Bedford), 7-5; consolation: Pat

Sayn (GC) dec. John Whitman (Davison), 14-

7: fifth place: Jesse Purdon (Glenn) dec.

Trombly (AB), 12-4; consolation: Zack Brown

(Bedford) dec. Charlie Myer (Oxford), 3-2; fifth

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man (Davison) dec. Alan Wilfong (Oxford), 6-

gomery (Lincoln), 10-0; fifth place: Joe Whit-

119: A.J. Grant (Clarkston) dec. Craig

Justin Craft (Oxford), 3:30.

Thomas Conlon (AB), 13-6.

go in and keep going," he said. Rodriguez said. "You start off hoping to win it Sophomore C but after the first-round knockout it takes the air out of your

Not having 215-pounder Brocc Naysmith, who was ill, in the lineup, also hurt.

"If Brocc was healthy he would have been in the finals,' Rodriguez said.'

Rogowski is expected to play football and maybe baseball in college. That's why not losing another wrestling match in high school is so important to him.

"Casey wants to be a champion walking out of the sport,"

(Clarkston) dec. Eric Steckling (Rice), 9-5;

fifth place: Jeff Albrecht (Glenn) dec. Jay

Kharbush (Stevenson) 14-5; consolation: Greg

Parrot (Holt) dec. Jimmy McFall (Davison), 9-

1; fifth place: Tony Ferguson (Fruitport) p. Jeff

Eding (Holt), 18-12; consolation: Wayne

Roush (Davison) dec. Derek Stabley (Romeo).

19-2; fifth place: Jeremy Barrios (BR) dec.

145: Joe Streeter (Davison) p. Nick Culver

(Holt) dec. Justin Zink (Bedford), 11-4; fifth

place: Ryan Zajdel (CC) p. Josh Fee (GC),

152: Brandon Cooper (Holt) dec. Mitch

Hancock (CC), 9-8; consolation: Kevin Lee

fifth place: Doug Norton (Romeo) dec. Kevir

140: Rob Dunnigan (Bedford) dec. R.J.

135: Casey Roberts (Bedford) dec. Imad

Abshire (CC), 7-5.

Wheeler (CC), 1:36.

Scott Stevens (FI), 9-4.

125: Scott Norton (Romeo) dec. Justin (Howell), 1:50; consolation: Deven Lambart

Sophomore Chris O'Hara and junior Mitch Hancock reached the finals at 112 and 152 pounds, respectively, before los-

Hancock lost to Holt's Brandon Cooper 9-8 in the final minute. Rodriguez was hoping Hancock could hold on and go to overtime against the No. 1 seed.

Hancock is still making adjust-ments to a heavier weight class after coming in as a freshman at

"I told him to hang on and ride him out," Rodriguez said. "We were hot, he was on fire. He's

160: Robert Wellman (Fowlerville) p. Brian Barker (Stevenson), 0:28; consolation: Andy Auten (Clarkston) dec. Pete Langer (Glenn), 6-2; fifth place: Chad Cleeves (Holt) dec. Joe Michelli (Fruitport), 5-3.

171: Scott Philburn (Fowlerville) dec. David Filarski (Romeo) 7-5; consolation: Jeff LaPointe (Bedford) dec. Brian Hinzman (GC), 2-1; fifth place: Adrian Nowalk (Davison) dec. Chris LaBrie (Clarkston), 6-2.

189: Darin Ross (Holt) dec. Willie Breyer (Oxford), 12-1; consolation: Jason Ferich (Fowlerville) dec. Andrew Walker (Romeo), 12-0; fifth place: Andy Conlin (CC) p. Ben Tecmire (Howell), 1:54.

215: Josh Adams (Bedford) dec. Grant Sarkisian (Holt), 9-2; consolation: Andy Boone (Oxford) p. Eric Puninske (Stevenson), :25: fifth place: Mike Griffin (Howell) p. Eric Eisele (Fruitport) dec. Dan Holman (Lincoln), 5-1; (Fowlerville), 0:41.

Harrington (Rice), 15-4.

gotten a lot bigger and learning

that his size is not what's mak-

ing him, it's his technique.

Sometimes people get big and strong and they think they can

beat the opponent with strength.

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O'Hara was pinned by Shawn Newton of Davison in the finals,

"He's starting to come around,

starting to be a believer in him-

self," Rodriguez said. "He was

stunned just to get there. In a big tournament like that that's

in 49 seconds.

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REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL WRESTLING INVITATIONAL Jan. 9 at Redford CC

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Temperance Bedford, 179 points; 2. Holt, 169.5; 3. Davison. 153; 4. Redford Catholic Central, 107; 5. Clarkston, 105.5; 6. Romeo, 105; 7. Fowlerville, 88; 8. Oxford, 87; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 77.5; 10. Birmingham Brother Rice, 57.5; 11. Howell, 55; 12. Garden City, 48; 13. Warren Lincoln, 46; 14. Westland John Glenn, 34; 15. Fruitport, 31.5; 16. place: Vinnie Zoccoli (GC) p. Brian Sullivan Anchor Bay, 26.5.

FINAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Heavyweight: Casey Rogowski (CC) pinned Bronkema (Bedford), 11-6; consolation: Ryan John Robinson (Clarkston), 0:46; consolation final: Carl Hammaker (Rice) p. Eric Ghiaciuc (Oxford), 3:59; fifth place: Nic LaFear (Davison) decisioned Art Snowberger (Bedford), 3-

103 pounds: Shawn Newton (Davison) p. (Romeo) 10-6; consolation: Brian Chism

130: Chad Roush (Davison) dec. Jon Nagy

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we had finished third at the Utica Ford Invitational and then third again at the Canton Invitational by doubling our points, so we knew we had a chance here to win a trophy."

Eleven of 14 Canton wrestlers were in the championship or consolation finals, and five Chiefs were champions: Kyle Pitt at 103 pounds (now 15-5 for the season), 14-0 over Dave Shepier of Royal Oak Dondero in the finals; Greg Musser at 125 (now 10-10), 9-7 over Scott Fox of Holly in the finals; Jim Shelton at 140 (now 15-5), 9-4 over Jeremy Anger of Dondero in the finals; Kevin Stone at 152 (now 17-2), 14-3 over Jason Malone of Oak Park in the finals; and Rob Demsick at 160 (now 16-3), 2-1 over Rob Aikens of Holly in the finals.

D.J. Hylko added a second at 135, and John Pocock at 130, Doy Demsick at 112 and Phil Rothwell at 189 each placed third. A.J. Maloni at 275 and Scott McKee at 145 took fourths.

For Pocock in particular, it was an especially emotional weekend. His grandfather passed away on Friday, which led to the Chiefs dedicating their Saturday performances to Pocock and his family.

"We really did not do this to motivate ourselves," said Demsick. "We were already pumped to do our very best. We did this because we are family, or like family to each other. We dedicated this to John's family and

grandfather because we share that pain and wanted to honor his grandfather by doing what we do best. This made winning a runner-up trophy, the first in 12 years, even more special."

Canton hosts Northville at 6:30 p.m. tonight in a Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet. On Saturday, the Chiefs travel to the Romulus Invitation-

Rocks take a 5th

Charlie Hamblin collected the heavyweight title and Josh Henderson won the 135-pound division as Plymouth Salem finished fifth at the 16-team Wyandotte Roosevelt Invitational last Sat-

Hamblin edged Will McLough-lin of Adrian 2-1 in overtime to

win the heavyweight (275 pound) division. Hamblin was 3-0 in his matches for the day.

Henderson won all four of his matches in capturing the 135 title, including a 5-3 win over Luis Garza of Southgate Anderson in the final.

Ron Thompson took second at 112. He was beaten by Ryan Churella of Novi 7-3 in the 112pound final. Thompson was 2-1 in his matches for the day.

Salem got third-place finishes from Rob Ash at 119 (3-1 for the tournament) and Greg Smith at 145 (2-1). Dave Anderson (3-1) was fifth at 140.

Salem visits Farmington for a WLAA meet at 6:30 p.m. tonight, then goes to the Adrian Invita-tional Saturday. BASKETBALL

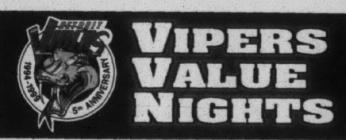
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Wayne County Dept. of Public Services Philip J. Neudeck Building, 415 Clifford 8th Floor Main Conference Room Detroit, Michigan 48226 TIME: 1:30 P.M.

DATES:

Wednesday, January 20 Wednesday, February 17 Wednesday, March 17 Wednesday, April 21 Wednesday, May 19

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Wednesday, September 15 Wednesday, October 20 Wednesday, November 17 Wednesday, December 15

Notes: This meeting is called in accordance with provisions of the "Open Meetings Act," Act No. 167, Public Acts of 1976.

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ROCK & BORGELT, P.C., 24500 Ford Road, Dearborn Hts., MI 48126 STATE OF MICHIGAN. PROBATE COURT, COUNTY OF WAYNE, File No.

CLAIMS NOTICE Independent Probate
Estate of JANE V. YACK, Deceased. Social

Security No. 062-12-2496. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

1. The decedent, whose last known address was 3168 22nd Street, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192, died November 13, 1998.

2. An instrument dated June 18, 1982 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

3. Creditors of the deceased as outlified. ocen admitted as the will of the deceased.

3. Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, DOUGLAS E. NICOLL, 6203 Norborne.

Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48127, or to both the independent personal representative and the Wayne County Probate Court, 1305 City-County Bidg. 2 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48226, within 4 months of the date of publication of

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Attorney: Rock & Borgelt, P.C., by: Robert C. Hall, P.34400, 24500 Ford Road, Dearborn Hts., MI 48127. Telephone No.: (313) 274-

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ROCK & BORGELT, P.C. by: Robert C. Hall, Attorney, 24500 Ford Road, Dearborn Hts., MI 48127 STATE OF MICHIGAN, PROBATE COURT, COUNTY OF WAYNE, File No. 98-CLAIMS NOTICE

Independent Notice Estate of INEZ KIENMAN, deceased, Social TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

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2. An instrument dated April 4, 1952 has een admitted as the will of the deceased. 3. Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the

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Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Attorney: Rock & Borgelt, P.C. By: Robert C. Hall P-34400, 24500 Ford Road,

earborn Hts., MI 48127 (313) 274 4064 ewspaper: Observer & Eccentric ablish: January 14, 1999

Shamrocks still perfect; Trenton coming up next

Perhaps because of his team's perfect record through the first 11 games, Redford Catholic Central senior right winger Erik Hawkins can laugh about his lack of fortune around the net.

Hawkins, a CC captain, had his first five goals this season disallowed by the referees for one reason or another.

"Either the net came off the post, someone was in the (goal) crease or the whistle had blown (before the puck crossed the goal line)," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "He's been a hard-luck kid. When he breaks out he's going to be tough.

Hawkins finally scored a goal that counted in a 12-1 win over Wyandotte Roosevelt on Jan. 6 and, ironically, he didn't get to enjoy it.

"He fired the puck at the net while coming around for a line change," St. John said. "He didn't believe the guys when he scored because he didn't see it."

Though he failed to score on Saturday, Hawkins played another steady game in the Shamrocks' 6-1 victory over Allen Park Cabrini at Redford Arena.

CC, which led 3-0 after one period and 4-0 through two, improved to 8-0 in the Metro Hockey League.

ROCK & BORGELT, P.C. by Robert C. Hall, Attorney, 24500 Ford Road, Dearborn Hts., MI 48127 STATE OF MICHIGAN, PROBATE COURT. COUNTY OF WAYNE, File No. 98-599,982-IE CLAIMS NOTICE

Independent Probate
Estate of WALTER ROBERTS, Deceased, Social Security No. 376-34-7654. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

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2. Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be format.

2. Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Vinnie Roberts, 9845 Old Baxter Road, Baxter, Tennessee 38544 or to both the independent personal representative and the Wayne County Probate Court, 1305 City-County Bldg., 2 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48226, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Attorney: Rock & Borgelt, P.C. by Robert C. Hall, P.34400, 24500 Ford Road, Dearborn. Hts., MI 48127. Telephone No. (313) 274-4064. Newspaper: Obsever & Eccentric Publish: January 14, 1999

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Six different players scored goals for the Shamrocks: Matt Van Heest, David Moss, Jim Spiewak, Brad Holland, Brandon Kaleniecki and Todd Bentley.

Bentley had three assists and Sean McGowan, Derek Genrich, Moss, Ryan Yost, Keith Rowe and Spiewak had one each.

The last two CC goals came on the power play.

The Shamrocks outshot Cabrini 46-16. The only goal allowed by CC goaltender Ben Dunne came on the power play by Nick Nomura at 1:16 of the third period to cut the deficit to 4-1.

Dunne has played well when tested, according to St. John. It's not the most exciting position to play on the CC team.

"It's not hard to stay interest-ed but hard to focus," St. John said, "When you have the puck down in their end so much and all of a sudden someone busts out with a breakaway, and we've had that happen. He's a good goalie and getting much better."

The Shamrocks, who have won two Class A state championships since 1994, and defending state champion Trenton renew their rivalry at 8 p.m. Saturday at Redford Arena.



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On Thursday, February Foundation will host their 3rd Annual Skate-A-Thon with the Detroit Red Wings at Joe Louis Arena.

All proceeds from the event will go to the McCarty Cancer Foundation, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, Michigan Pediatric Hospice Foundation.

Elysia Pefley was the little girl who was adopted by the Red Wings as their little angel. Although she lost her fight with cancer on St. Patrick's Day 1996 her courageous spirit lives on through the Foundation and Detroit Red Wings.

Everyone is invited to participate!

Concourse activities are open to the public and include an interactive Hockey Hall of Fame, large Silent Auction with a variety of sports memorabilia, Zamboni Photographs, Octo Bowl, Hourly 50/50 Raffles, Clowns, plus much more!

Any person who raises \$50 or more in donations will skate at the "Joe" with the "stars" and receive a T-shirt and refreshments. All individuals that raise pledges of \$300 or more will receive an autographed photo plaque by one of the Red Wings. The top four individuals who raise the most in donations will receive a special autographed Red Wing memorabilia.

For those who want to participate please complete the donor sheet, collect donations in

advance and submit them to the foundation. Early registrants will receive ice time preferences. Donations can still be accepted after one has registered, just bring the additional funds on February 4th.

* At this time we are unable to list celebrity skaters. Sponsored by The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

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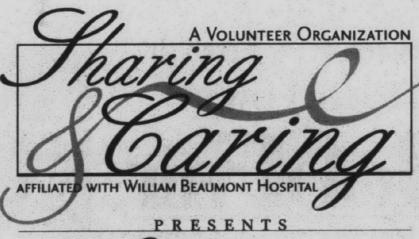
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Schoolcraft, however, does lead all NJCAA teams in points per game (109.4).

"Our goal is to crack the top 10, but in order to do that we have to keep winning games," SC coach Carlos Briggs said. "The national ranking is a good thing, but we can't get complacent and we can't start overlooking teams."

SC certainly didn't overlook St. Clair, roaring out to a 69-26 halftime lead.

The Ocelots forced 35 turnovers and shot 45 of 78 from the floor (57 percent), including 13 of 28 from three-point

Derek McKelvey, the 6-foot-3 guard from Adrian headed to Tennessee-Martin, led the Ocelots with 18 points and

SC men stay unbeaten, get NJCAA ranking

Eastern Conference Player-of-the-Week Lamar Bigby (Detroit Northern), added 17 points and eight rebounds.

Other standouts for SC included Dashawn Williams, 14 points and eight rebounds; Quentin Mitchell, 12 points and seven rebounds; Mike Murray, 11 points and five steals; and David Jarrett (Westland John Glenn), eight points, six assists and five steals.

O. Segede led St. Clair with 18 points. "The first half was the best basketball

we've played all season," Briggs said. "We shot the ball well, played with intensity on defense and pushed the ball up the floor."

The best news, however, wasn't Schoolcraft's first-ever appearance in the top 20, it was the team's overall cumulative grade-point average of 2.66.

Every player on the current roster

"The LAC (Learning Assistance Center) deserves a lot of the credit for helping all the kids," Briggs said.

SCHOOLCRAFT 76 (WOMEN), ST. CLAIR 70: Schoolcraft College's women's team remained perfect in

MCCAA Eastern Conference play, thanks to balanced scoring and a strong second half Saturday at St. Clair County CC.

The win pushed SC's record to 10-3 overall, 2-0 in the conference. St. Clair is 5-9 overall, 2-1 in the conference.

The Lady Ocelots trailed 38-36 at the intermission, but outscored the Skippers 40-32 in the second half. Stacy Cavin led SC with 18 points and seven rebounds; Samantha Theisen added 14 points and five boards, Esther Ross scored 12 points, Jackie Kocis had 10 points and six rebounds, Kim Washnock (from Farmington) had seven points and six boards, and Jamie Lewandowski collected four points, five rebounds and six assists.

Depleted Crusader squad loses a pair to WHAC rivals

A short-handed Madonna University men's basketball team couldn't keep pace with host Aquinas College Monday in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference contest, although the Fighting Crusaders didn't make it easy for the Saints.

Earning their first-ever national ranking, the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team pounded host St. Clair

Schoolcraft is now 12-0 overall and 2-

0 in the Eastern Conference of the

Michigan Community College Athletic

When the initial NJCAA Division I

ratings came out in December, School-

craft was honorable mention, but now

the Ocelots have climbed into the top

20, moving all the way up to the No. 15

an Hills (Ia.), 17-1, garner the top two

Barton County (Kan.), 16-0, and Indi-

on Saturday, 116-61.

With just seven players available - injuries and academic woes benched Nick Hurley (from Plymouth Canton), Mark Mitchell and Narvin Russaw; Ian Wincher and Matt Martinez have left the team - Madonna came up short, 68-63. The loss left the Crusaders at 0-2 in the WHAC, 4-13 overall; Aquinas is 8-8 overall, 1-1 in the WHAC.

Mike Massey carried most of the offensive load for Madonna, connecting on 10-of-18 shots from the floor including 5-of-10 three-pointers, while scoring a game-high 29 points. Mike Maryanski added 13 points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots. No other Crusader scored more than seven

Aquinas got 21 points and three steals from NaShune Hickman, 12 points from Courtney Norman and seven points, 11 rebounds and five assists

MADONNA HOOPS

from Mike Jackson. The Saints enjoyed a 31-22 rebounding edge. Last Saturday, Cornerstone poured it against visiting Madonna, walking away with a 114-63 triumph in the WHAC season-opener for the Crusaders. Cornerstone, ranked 10th in the NAIA. improved to a school-best 17-3 overall and to 2-0 in the WHAC.

Alan Gortmaker nailed 10-of-12 floor shots while scoring a game-high 30 points for the Golden Eagles; he also had three steals. Mark Zichterman

collected 25 points and three steals; Mike Long duction for Madonna, scoring 30 points. She also had 18 points; Brad Tilma totaled 17 points, nine had six rebounds and two steals. Kathy Panganis assists and five steals; and Brian Robinson got 11 points and four assists.

Madonna, which trailed 55-28 at halftime, was aced by Mike Maryanski with 20 points and Chad Putnam with 15. Again, the Crusaders had just seven available players, and three of them had fouled out by game's end.

Cornerstone 80, Madonna 67 (women): Last Saturday, the host Crusaders were dominated on the boards (Cornerstone 51 rebounds to Madonna's 34)

and the scoreboard in losing their WHAC opener. The Golden Eagles improved to 6-9 overall and 2-0 in the WHAC.

Chris Dietrich provided most of the point-pro-

added 13 points, six rebounds, four assists and four steals, and Carissa Gizicki netted 10 points. Katie Cushman, who averages 12.6 points and a league-best 5.75 assists per game, was limited to four points and one assist. She did have six steals.

Cornerstone got 22 points and 10 rebounds from Julie Vogelzang; 19 points and five assists from Laura Yonkers; 14 points from Delana Burnett: and 10 points, four assists and three steals from Sarah Haney.

Madonna, which trailed 38-35 at halftime. allowed the Golden Eagles to pull away with a 10-3 start to the second half. The Crusaders twice narrowed the gap to three, but could never overtake Cornerstone.

Madonna from page C1

from Jolene Loomis

From that point on, it was the Carmen Brown show. The 5-foot-7 senior guard was playing in just her second game this season (she sat out the first semester), and she made the most of it. After a somewhat slow start, she caught fire in overtime, scoring six-straight points that allowed Aquinas to pull away from a 95-95 tie with 2:15 left in the extra period.

"It was huge," said Saints' coach Linda Nash of the road win. "We've really been struggling putting 40 strong minutes together. It was a heckuva bat-

Brown finished with a teamhigh 22 points; she also had five rebounds, four assists and six turnovers. Nicole Mielhke added 20 points, 12 rebounds and three blocked shots; Simmon had 15 points, 10 boards and two blocks; Julie Murray totaled 14 points, eight rebounds and five assists; Mary Bond collected 12 points; and Loomis had 11 points and seven assists.

Panganis topped Madonna with 31 points, nine boards and three steals. Chris Dietrich collected 26 points and five assists, while Katie Cushman contribut-

ed 20 points and seven assists. Dissect this Crusader perfor-

mance and all sorts of reasons for their loss appear: poor defense in general, but in particular around the basket; bad rebounding at both ends (Aquinas had a 51-38 advantage, including a 16-9 edge on the offensive boards); terrible bench support (points off the bench -Aquinas 37, Madonna 7).

It's tempting to factor in some key personnel losses, too. Power forward Mary Murray's knee injury that has sidelined her for the season is starting to take its toll, certainly; also missing Monday were back-up point guard Carissa Gizicki (ear infection) and guard Jennifer Dumm (aca-

demics), leaving Madonna with just nine available players.

But do that, and it must be remembered that the Saints had traveled 150 miles in a snowstorm to play the game, and were facing a similar return trip.

Anyway, Madonna did have opportunities to take control. Its first-half offense was outstanding; after a Brown three-pointer put Aquinas up 16-15 with 13:27 left, the Crusaders went on a 12-2 run to open up a 27-18 lead with 9:40 remaining.

They stayed in front for the next nine minutes, but the Saints kept chipping away.

Madonna's strong offensive display through those initial 20 minutes melted away in the final 1:05, with Aquinas scoring the final eight points in that span six of them on layups.

"That's been our downfall, our weakness," said Jansen of her team's inside play. "Our post defense has been poor. We're not a big team."

Madonna converted 16-of-33 first-half shots (48.5 percent), including 8-of-11 three-pointers (72.7 percent) - and still trailed by three, which made the Aquinas' coach's comments to her team midway through the

half seem prophetic.

"There's no way they can keep up their torrid shooting," Harris said to her team during a timeout. She was right; in the second half, the Crusaders made just 15-of-38 from the floor (39.5 percent), and only 4-of-13 threes (30.8 percent). The biggest lead of the second half for either team was a mere six points (Aquinas 67, Madonna 61).

But offense wasn't the Crusaders' problem. It's really as simple as this: better defense plus better rebounding will equal a better outcome.

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READ THIS AD SWF, 32, 5'2", brown/brown, full-figured, likes movies, reading, dancing, birds and writing letters. Seeking a SWM, 32-44, under 5'10" and 250lbs, N/S. T2358

SILLYHEART SEEKS SILLYHEART Happiness makes life better. Funny, free-spirited, successfu SWF, 30, 5°7. blonde/blue, two sons, seeks humorous, truthful, free-spirited SWM, 35-50, for eternal happiness and LTR. \$2084 WHAT A COMBINATION

Tall, thin, fiery-tempered SF, 30, blonde/blue. Passionate lover, great friend. Impressive to look at. Even better to converse and/or debate with. Did I mention confident? Call me. 271715

LETS PLOW TOGETHER This flirtatious blue-eyed blonde love to take a ride in your truck. is something about a man in a truck, 30

A NEW BEGINNING Widowed lady, young 63, blond/blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining in/out, animals, walking, swimming. Free to spend time with loving, caring white gentleman, 60s. 22 1657

STOP LOOKING Cute SWF, 28, 5'5", bro Cute SWF, 28, 5'5", brown/blue. Seeking active SWM, 28-36, who enjoys animals, for possible LTR. No s, no lies or N/drugs \$2268

FLY ME TO THE MOON Attractive SWPF, 30, social drinker enjoys snowmobiling, sports, boating ng attractive, fit SWM, 28 35, for LTR. #2262

VERY EXOTIC Very romantic, sincere, caring, fit, attractive, small SBF, 150lbs, college graduate, enjoys working, outdoor activ ities, reading, going on outings. Seeking tall, very intelligent, marriage-minded SM, 28+, race unimportant, no games.

T2174 WOMAN WITHOUT BAGGAGE Attractive, fit, degreed, honest SWF, 30, 5'2", no dependents, rarely drinks, N/S, enjoys animals, sports, outdoors, humor, the zoo, romance. Seeking

qualities in a SWM, 28-40, for LTR #1193 ROMANCE PASSION honesty and laughs are what I have to offer. Smart, beautiful, successful, well educated female, 30s. If you are a suc cessful, kind, sincere doctor. You should call me. \$\overline{1}\$2081

LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH Attractive SWF, 35, 5'4", black/brown thin to medium build, seeks attractive

tall, physically fit SWM, 30-40, enjoys the arts, movies, bookstores, road trips, working out, outdoor activities, friends first, LTR. #2052

Attractive SWF, 27, N/S, social drinke otionally secure SWM, 28-38, N/S, with similar interests. \$1967

SWF - BUILT TO LAST excursions, or kicking back in neutral Trunk contains: tennis racquet, books, cds, yoga mat. Seeking ambitious SWM, to co-pilot across life's roads.

STILL LOOKING
SWF, 28, 5'3", enjoys dining out, dart,
Red Wings, and more. Seeking SWM,
25-35, who is not afraid of a commitment. \$\overline{\Pi}\$1656

SOULMATE WANTED

Ambitious, athletic, attractive, college educated, goal-oriented, optimistic SWPF, 31, 5'2", slender, red/green, N/S, enjoys music, movies, theater, dancing. biking, rollerblading, ice skating, skiing,

HUGGABLE AND LOVABLE Attractive SF, 44, 5'3", blonde/blue medium build, with passion for life, eks kind-hearted SWPM, 40-55, with enjoys life. 22412 5'7" AND PRETTY

Pretty, fun-loving, easygoing, brown-haired, green-eyed girl, 34, medium build, full-figured, would like to start exercising, enjoys many things in life. Seeking attractive SWM, financially/emotionally secure, H/W proportionate: Dexter Pinchney Area.

Attractive, fit, fun-loving, outgoing SWPF, 27, enjoys traveling, working out, movies, Red Wings, quiet nights, much more. Seeking confident, average/attractive SWPM, 25-35, with sense of humor. \$2086

SLEEPLESS IN LIVONIA DWF. 27, 5'3", fun-loving, caring, loves movies, dining, bowling, Red Wings. Seeking a fun-loving, caring gentleman, 24-33, for a relationship. 271709 YOU'VE GOT MAIL

Chemistry-seeking, attractive, family-oriented, emòtionally/financially secure, blonde SPF, 40, 5'6", with traditional values, good moral, enjoys nights out, quiet evenings at home. Seeking SM for friendship, possible LTR. \$\overline{\pi}\$2414

VINTAGE WINE Visionary dreamer, optimist, music is sweeter shared, slim, blue-eyed, blonde, with distinctive qualities, 57°, educated, nifty 50s and financially secure. Seeking active, gentleman who is sweet and warm 40-60, \$2089

RN SEEKS HEALTHY RELATIONS Classy, stender, youthful, playful, intelligent, professional SWF, 5'4', blonde/brown, homeowner, no dependents, N/S, social drinker, seeks educated PM, 45+, emotionally financially secure. Let's meet for coffee and see what happens. 271469

FIRST TIME AD DWF, 39, 5'2", 105lbs, blonde/blue, mother of one, enjoys movies, dining in/out, loves to laugh. Seeking attractive, humorous, loving, honest DWM, 38-42, with children/full head of hair, friendship first, LTR. 21897

TEDDY BEAR WANTED blonde/green, 5'6", medical proposal, looking for teddy bear 45with good communication skills, who is an athletic event watcher, enjoys win-ter sports. Good sense of humor a must

MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC DWF, 44, financially secure, professional musician, sexy, classy, blonde/blue, romantic. Seeking an outgoing, secure, college-educated S/DWM, 35-50, passion for life, for a possible LTR. \$\overline{\pi}\$1660

BEAUTIFUL SMILE Very attractive, athletic, slender, degreed DWF, 49, 5'7", enjoys sports, concerts, movies, laughter. Seeking tall, athletic, healthy, degreed, sportnanous, honest, widowed or DWM, 48-53, with sense of humor. Birmingham area.

HELLO, FRIEND I'm pretty, slender, tall, very intelligent, refined, fun, smoker, 52. Seeking intelligent, tall, articulate, classy, confident, gentleman, 52-65, wanting someone for cozy dinner dates laced with good conversation. \$\mathbf{T}\$2320

BLUE-EYED BLONDE
Fun-loving DWF,44, blue/blonde, curvy
size 14, enjoys, movies, dining, dancing, music. Seeking DWM, 40-55, financially stable, with similar interest.
Friendship first, possible LTR. 172267

YOUNGER MAN DESIRED For romance and interesting times. Degreed, fit, fun-loving, feisty, pretty blonde, 50s. You're N/S, sporty, savvy, educated, kind. We'll enjoy travel, fine dining, movies, theater, concerts, cuddling. Call soon. \$\overline{\pi}\$1907

SLENDER AND STYLISH Active, independent, intelligent, ambitious, attractive, blue-eyed blonde, 40s, (looks 30s), 5'8", Birmingham homeowner, seeks professional, witty, fit, handsome, unencumbered, male counterpart, 6'+, for extreme fun, romance, and adventure. 27:1803

PRETTY, 45, NO KIDS Bright, sweet, playful DWF, 5'8", 275lbs, curvy, blonde, enjoys arts, beaches, sports, movies, reading. Seeking male friend/lover, to share time, talking, flirting, etc. 21625

SEEKS CONFIDENT, SECURE MAN Pretty, classy, slim, secure, open, hip gal, 5'7', no children, seeks SWPM, average/attractive, trustworthy, emonally/financially stable, fun, hip guy 48-52, 5'8"-5'11". No games. You won't be disappointed.

☐ 1531

LITTLE RED Spontaneous SF, 5'3", 130lbs, red/green, smoker, looking for honest relationship with SM who doesn't want mes. Dark eyes and long hair a plus. \$2323

ARE YOU? I AM... healthy, happy, spicitually fit and emo-tionally available. Very attractive, petite SWF, 40ish, N/S, N/D, loves nature, the arts, reading, writing, laughing, hiking, travel, and having good conversations about it. 2269

Easygoing, overweight DWF, 43, 5'10" N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys swimming, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs. South Lyon area. 271713

INCURABLE ROMANTIC Energetic, perky, kind-hearted DWCF 43, 5'2", 125lbs, brown/brown, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys walk

PRETTY BLONDE LADY Refined, giving, loving, educated, European-born young 60ish, 5'5", good figured, N/S, many interests, seeks gentleman, 65-72, with sense of humor, caring, intelligent, secure, N/S, for lasting relationship. \$\frac{1}{2}\$1297

THRILL SEEKER WANTED Adventurous nurse, DWF, 46, 5'4", brown/brown. Seeking adventurous fireman, 40-50, for fun times. N/S preferred.

BEAUTIFUL INSIDE AND OUT Financially secure, full-figured/plus size SWPF, 50, 5'4", N/S, N/D. Seeks S/DWM, 48-60, for friendship and companionship, possible LTR. 271651

Attractive, financially/emotionally secure DWF, young 50, 5'4', brown/blue, N/S. joys movies; dining, sports, travel and mance. Seeking handsome, sincere, ate SWM, 45-55, for friendship, leading

to LTR. \$2083 COWBOY WANTED DWF wants a financially secure cowboy, over 50. over 5'9", weight unimportant, smoker, social drinker. Must be a two-stepper. 17 2053

SEEKING SENSE OF HUMOR medium build, N/S, seeks a S/DWM, 43-50, N/S, employed, who likes children, outdoors, sports, for a possible LTR. 221998 GOOD THINGS/ SMALL PACK-

and intellectually, petite DPF, charis matic, adventurous, passionate about life, likes the sublime to outrageous. Seeking a SM, for a monogamous relationship. 17 1997

Personal Interview

SHARE MY LIFE

DBF, 39, 5'8", enjoys dancing, jazz, affection. Seeking SBM, 40+, 6'+, who wants more than just the physical, for LTR. Serious replies only please! 52 YEAR-OLD PROFESSIONAL T1597

retty, successful, humorous, charming, iteresting, giving female, 52, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, fine dining, cooking, boating, loves people. Seeking soulmate in a successful, sincere WM, 45-75. Please reply. \$\oldsymbol{2}\$1162 GENTLY USED

TALL, ATTRACTIVE

Blonde lady, late 50s, 5'3", 125lbs, enjoys life. Seeking gentleman, mid-50s-60s, to enjoy life with, friends first. SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT

SF, 36, loves animals, gardening, spectator sports, laughing, seeks SM, N/S, no kids, for new start, possible LTR. PRETTY NATURE LOVER SWF, 43, 5'7", 127lbs, studying alter

native medicine, into self growth, woods walking, singing, natural health, laughing, speaking truth, life. I'm spunky, unique, loving. Seeking N/S, soul con nection SWM, 38-48. 279723 PASSION FOR LIFE Classy, spirited, poised DWF, 59, 5'2", seeks man of integrity, 58-65, N/S, romantic and trim, to share interests

which include: dancing, traveling, movies, dining out. For friendship, leading to LTR. 17 1908 ARE YOU READY TO SOAR. on eagles wings? Do you believe all things are possible including finding that neone? If you dare to be

attractive lady, H/W proportionate with great sense of humor and lots of TLC to share. Seeking tall, intelligent, romantic, quality male, 55+, with high standards, who enjoys various activities. FIRST TIME AD

COFFEE, TEA, OR ME?

Attractive widowed BF, 41, 5'7', N/S, enjoys movies, concerts, dinner and travel. Seeking honest, dependable BCM, 40-49, for friendship. 13'1821 SINGLE WHITE MON

ndent SWF, 38, 5'3", 115lbs smoker, N/D, enjoys the simple life, rock music, cornedy clubs, movies, fitness, outdoors, hunting, fishing. Seeking con-SWM, 38-45, N/D, for LTR. 271802 A PINCH OF JUNGLE FEVER

Complex preference, not novelty. DWF 39. pretty, independent, happy, sensu al woman of substance, seeks finan cially/emotionally secure black gentle man, late 30s+, for monogamous, physical and spiritual happiness. \$29880 PROVERBS 3:15
41, 5'8", 135lbs, N/S, non-drinke

Christian, brunette, seeks company of quality gentleman, for sharing and caring. Bloomfield area. 271719

GREAT PERSON/FUN Black female, a young 50, affection employed, N/S, social drinker, wide van ety of interests. Seeking mature who's fun and affectionate, 46-54 e. 46-54. N/S.

with no hang ups. \$\frac{1}{1720} LOOKING FOR SANTA SWF, 44, 5'7", brown/hazel, N/S, enjoy sports, jazz, C&W, quiet times at home

Seeking romantic, honest, family-oriented S/DWM, 38-54, 5'7"+, N/S. All calls will be answered. 179198 Outgoing single mom, 38, brown/brown. Likes movies, theater, dancing, long walks, good conversation. Seeking handsome male, dark hair/brown, 35-

45, who is romantic, sincere, honest, with a sense of humor. 21721 STARGAZER Shapely WF, 48, brunette, no dependents, seeks intelligent, educated WM, who enjoys looking at the stars, escapn weekends, and lively conversa Friends first, Rochester area

Attractive BF, 50, 5'6", 150lbs, N/S, educated, employed, no dependents, seeks one great male, 48-55, H/W propor-

relationship. Race open, must alone. No hang-ups/baggage. 29878 FRIENDSHIP SEARCH SBF, college graduate, N/S, loves laughter, home movies, long drives. Seeking someone with whom to share friendship, possible LTR, #1620

THE CALL YOU WON'T REGRET Mature, kind-hearted, quiet SBF, 22, 5', 160lbs, enjoys books and movies, seeks ambitious SWM, 24-30, for friendship first, possible LTR. 21628 WANT TO FALL IN LOVE? SWF, 38, brown/hazel, enjoys cooking, going up North, boating, dancing, seeks

ically fit, Catholic SWM, 35-40, 6'+, N/S ship, possible LTR. 1655 WHERE ARE YOU? Employed, active DWF, 59, 5'4", 145lbs. with varied interests, has searched far and wide for a SWM interested in LTR I haven't found you yet. \$\pi\$1595

Earthy, easygoing, independent, creative, young-at-heart SWF, 46, 5"10", enjoys antiques, animals, and log cabins. Seeking affectionate, secure gennan, 6'+, who enjoys the outdoors.

Youthful, active, energetic, outgoing SBF, 58, 5' 4", seeks to meet SM with similar traits for friendship possible

WANTED: BEST FRIEND/LOVER SWF, 47, 5'6", 125lbs, pretty, grea sense of humor, enjoys romance, laughsome, secure SWM, 42-52, who's not afraid of commitment. N/Drugs or alcohol. 21537

COULD CONNECT... with tall, H/W proportionate, secure, ethical, nice-looking guy, 47+, with hair Pretty, dark-haired SWPF, 40ish, 5'4", and good heart, would like to talk with

OUTGOING FEMALE loving, positive, upbeat SWF, 46, mediheight/weight, seeks same in man. Call soon. #2139

ONE-OF-KIND Employed, educated BF, 50, 5'6", male, 46-55, settled but fun to be with. hang-ups. N/S mandatory. 21806

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Attractive SWPM, 36, 5'6", N/S, N/D, fit.

financially stable, never married, no

dependents, enjoys a variety of activities. Seeking SWF, similar qualities, to

SINCERE FIRST TIMER

Shy, sincere SWM, 29, 6', 150lbs

brown/blue, art student, enjoys running

movies. Seeking sweet, honest SWF 27-31, N/S, with great sense of humor

similar interests, for friendship first, pos

AND OUTGOING

Outgoing, charming, funny, very attractive SPM, 24, 5'10", 160lbs, seeks fun

loving female in Canton area. 22417

NEW TO REDFORD

Tall, affectionate, attractive SWM, 28

6'5", 240lbs, brown/blue, nice physique

sports, movies, music. Seeking SWF 21-35, looks unimportant, for compan

ionship and fun times together. 2266

SINCERE

Tall, honest, humorous, financially sta-ble, slim DWM, 54, 6'4", N/S, in good

physical condition. Would like to meet a stender lady, 42-50, for companion-

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ship, possible LTR. \$9541

enjoys working out, cooking, outdo

friendship, possible LTR. \$2173

fun woman. 81722

PERSONAL SCENE

AD OF THE WEEK

IT'S IN HIS KISS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR WITH YOU

Fit, handsome, honest, open-minded SBM, 35, 5'11", seeks like-minded SF, race open. Respond to this ad and make both our days... or more! \$2085

MOVIE BUFF SWPM, 39, 5'11", N/S, with no children,

enjoys the arts, tennis, travel, walking and bookstores. Seeking SWF, 32-45, with similar interests. 21592

KIND...
sincere SWM, 37, enjoys music,
movies, laughter, and spectator sports.
Seeking SWF, 27-38, for friendship,
possible LTR. Kindness, honesty, and

EASYGOING

Very attractive, athletic SWM, 27, 5'10", 170lbs seeks attractive, fit SWF, 23-35,

who enjoys exercising, shooting pool, movies and plain old fun and dating.

LTR. 21664

ghtforwardness, are important

ation, casinos, oce moker ok. 22352

VERY ATTRACTIVE SWM, 28, 5'11', 175lbs, brown/blue, very outgoing, professionally employed, seeks attractive SWF, 18-35. H/W proportionate. Must be outgoing and enjoy

sports. #1904 WANTED: BEST FRIEND DWPM, 37, 5107, 170lbs, enjoys out-doors, and being active. Seeking, affec-tionate, fit, loving sweetheart, to share music, travel, dining, and romantic, quiet times. Wixorn area. \$\mathbf{T}\$1665

LOOKING AT YOU Very caring, attractive, outgoing, giving SWM, 46, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF, for friendship, maybe more. \$\pi 9363\$

SINGLE IN DETROIT Honest, down-to-earth SBM, mid-30s, would like to meet special SBF, 25-45, for friendship, possible relationship. I like ries, concerts, special times togeth-

TALL AND ATTRACTIVE Humorous, attractive SWM, 37, 6'4', seeks attractive SWF, 27-40, who enjoys comedies, movies, walking, or just fun. Plymouth area. 22 1815

SEEKS EURO/RUSSIAN LADY
Good-looking, SWM, 40, 5'8", 155lbs,
who enjoys movies theater symphony,
dining out, long walks, concerts, opera,
art, romance, travel. Seeks slender,
pretty SWF interseted in LTR. 121710 STARTING OVER

Honest, hard-working, old-fashioned SWM, 37 6'2", 175lbs, black/brown. enjoys sports, music, movies, quie evenings at home. Seeking old-fash loned, honest, attractive. S/DWF, 25-40 nest, attractive, S/DWF, 25-40, for LTR. Children ok. 21989

MAN FOR ALL SEASONS open-minded, warm-hearted, full-time ather of gorgeous little girl, seeks varm-hearted female. 30ish, with a mile to fill our day, to share lakes, trav-l, snowmobiling, and workouts. Novi. #2340

FIRST TIME AD egreed, fit, caring, sensitive, sincere, andy SWPM, 43, 5'11', 180lbs, likes the outdoors, dancing, sports, seeks degreed, siender SWPF, 38-43, with similar interests/qualities. \$\mathbf{2}\$2354

FIRST TIME AD SM. 42, 5'11", 245lbs+, blond/blue, moustache, seeks a wornan, 26-42, 100-160lbs, who looks good in jeans or a dress and is honest. Meet me halfway!

SEARCHING FOR THE ONE Good-looking, honest, intelligen SWCM, 44, 5'10", 165lbs, blond/blue N/S, never married, with good sense of humor. Appreciates: class/style, walks, fire sides, music, and small towns. For LTR. No games. \$\mathbf{T}\$2357

GOD, NATURE AND MY HARLEY Care to join me? Attractive, fit, fun, emo-tionally/financially secure DWM, 44, seeks attractive, fit S/DF, 35-50, for endship first and hopefully more lief in God a must. \$\mathbb{T} 2353

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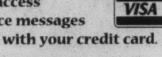
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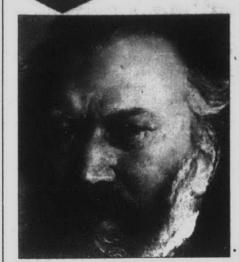
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JULIE HARRIS has winning hand in

GIN GAME

BY HUGH GALLAGHER

ew York Times theater critic Ben Brantley has hailed Julie Harris as "the greatest American stage actress."

It is an accolade earned over nearly 50 years on stage, a record five Tony Awards and a record 10

Tony nominations. And it all began growing up in

Grosse Pointe. "I grew up near Detroit and my parents were great theater fans, Harris said in a telephone interview. "They admired Noel Coward, Gertrude Lawrence, Helen Hayes, Katherine Cornell, great actors like Alfred Lunt."

Harris is now part of that illustrious theater hall of fame and will join another esteemed stage veteran, Charles Durning, for a week's run of "The Gin Game," Jan. 19-24, at the Music Hall.

It was another, now long closed, Detroit theater that first introduced Harris to the stage.

We went to Broadway shows on stage at the Cass, and it was the most wonderful atmosphere I'd ever seen," she said. "We were also great movie fans and loved Jimmy Cagney, Bette Davis and all the others.

Harris said she had wanted to act since she was 10 or 11 years old. She won her first notice playing a 12-year-old when she was 24 in Carson McCuller's "A Member of the Wedding," which she later repeated memorably on film.

D.L. Coburn's "The Gin Game" was first produced in 1977 with Jessica Tandy as nursing home residents Weller Martin and Fonsia Dorsey, who engage in increasingly antagonistic games of gin

The current production by the National Actors Theatre under the direction of Charles Nelson Reilly opened on Broadway in spring 1997 to rave reviews. Harris received her 10th Tony nomination for her performance as Fon-

"When the Cronyns first saw the play it was in production in Hollywood and at the end of the play Weller kills Fonsia, and they said they couldn't have that so they asked Don Coburn to change the ending, and it became very successful and won the Pulitzer Prize," Harris said. "The Cronyns took it to Moscow and London. It

has had a long and happy life." The revival, now on national tour through May, is also having a long and happy life and offers some changes of its own, thanks to an inspiration from Harris.

When Tony Randall decided to produce it, it was because he had



Test of wills: Stage veterans Julie Harris and Charles Durning play volatile gin rummy opponents Fonsia and Weller in the Pulitzer Prize-winning "The Gin Game."

WHAT: "The Gin Game" with Julie Harris and Charles Durning

WHERE: Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave.,

WHEN: 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, Jan. 19-23, 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday,

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done 'Inherit the Wind' with Charles Durning and George C. Scott. He asked Charles what play he'd like to do and he said 'The Gin Game' with either me or Ruby Dee, and I guess Ruby likes to work with her husband Ossie Davis so I got the part," Harris

Harris had worked with Durning twice before and with director Reilly 11 times, including her acclaimed performance as Emily Dickinson in "The Belle of Amherst."

"I said to our director Charles Nelson Reilly, wouldn't it be wonderful if we had a scene where Weller asks Fonsia to dance," Harris said. "We're sitting on the porch of this nursing home and there are noises from magicians and televisions and radios coming from the inside and we have

Weller ask Fonsia to dance." Harris said Coburn's first reaction to the suggestion was an emphatic "No."

Then he thought about it and said what a wonderful idea. After all Charles Durning is a champion ballroom dancer. He did 'Queen of the Starlight Ballroom' with Maureen Stapleton on television. It's a touching moment and makes our production a little different than

Reviews of the play always mention the final dance as a character defining high point.

Harris said there is a strong rapport between Durning and herself. This is the their second twoperson production, having appeared in Hugh Leonard's "The Au Pair Man" for Joe Papp's Lincoln Center Theatre.

"I love and adore Charles Durning and I think he feels pretty good about me. He's really wonderful to work with," Harris said.

She has similar admiration for Reilly, known to most people as a giddy comic actor who has frequently graced' celebrity quiz shows. But his credentials as a director include such serious drama as "Paul Robeson" with James Earl Jones and Harris in "Belle of Amherst" and "Death of a Salesman" and several opera pro-

"He doesn't have preconceived ideas for a part," Harris said. "He works to use what you bring him, which is wonderful. He leaves it to you to strike out ... He's also full of fun, which is great."

When asked to name her favorite roles, the list is long as are the accolades that go with them, including performances as Joan of Arc in "The Lark" and Mary Todd Lincoln in "The Last of Mrs. Lincoln." Her film work includes her unforgettable performance with James Dean in "East of Eden." On television she has won Emmys for "Little Moon of Alban" and "Victoria Regina" and won popular following work on "Knots Landing."

At 73, Harris shows no signs of retiring. Following her work in "The Gin Game," Harris is planning to perform in Claudia Allen's 'Winter" at the Victory Garden in Chicago. She says wistfully that it's "another play about people at the end of their lives."

She said a producer has also expressed interest in a play she did last summer in Seattle about South Africa, Lisette Laicat Ross' "Scent of Roses.

Last December she filmed "The First of May," which is seeking a distributor and in addition to starring Harris and featuring Charles Nelson Reilly also has a cameo by ailing Yankee legend Joe DiMag-

Finally, there are plans for a tour in 2000 of "The Belle of Amherst" and Harris' reaction to that sums up her ongoing love for her craft.

"I love the play and I love Miss Dickinson, so it's no chore at all."

MUSICAL THEATER

Rev. preaches the 'The Gospel at Colonus'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

When the Rev. Earl Miller was asked to replace Morgan Freeman for the 1985 Arena Theatre production of "The Gospel at Colonus" he didn't have to worry about being "right for the part." After all, Freeman used Miller as a model for his portrayal of a Pente Costal preacher.

In 1983, Lee Breuer was developing his idea of retelling Sophocles' "Oedipus at Colonus" in the setting of a black Southern Church at St. Catherine's College in Minnesota. He took Freeman and fellow actor Carl Lumley to Miller's church in St. Paul.

They came to my church and observed the style of a black preacher and service," Miller said from his office at the Progressive Baptist Church. He will be performing the narrator's part WHAT: 'The Gospel at Colonus.' a presentation of the University Musical Society

WHERE: The Power Center, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor, on the campus of the University of Michigan. WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Saturday, Jan. 16, Monday, Jan. 18; 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16 (one-hour

family performance); 3 p.m. Sunday.

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Miller was attracted to the play because of its theme.

There is redemption which is the same as for the Christian faith. It's from the Greek theater, but the ultimate theme is

redemption," he said.

Breuer conceived the idea of telling the story of Oedipus through the preaching and music of a black church with music composed by Bob Telson. The production at U-M will feature Clarence Fountain and the Blind Boys of Alabama, J.D. and Jevetta Steele, the Original Soul Stirrers and the Detroit-based Duke Ellington Centennial

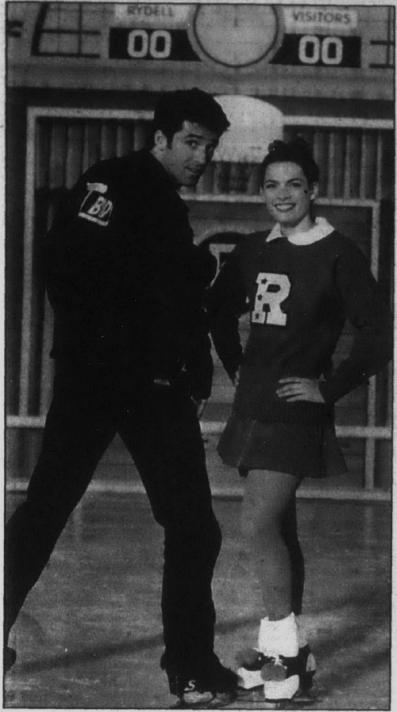
Despite his early involvement with the play before it opened at the Brooklyn Academy of Music in 1983 and the involvement of J.D. Steele, Progressive Baptist's choir director, Miller was reluctant to take an acting part when it was offered.

"I got involved when the production went to the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C. At that time

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Revival: Greek tragedy and American gospel music come together in "The Gospel at Colonus."



Rockin': Olympic medalist Nancy Kerrigan and Matt Williams as everyone's favorite couple Sandy and Danny from Rydell High in "Grease on Ice."

Nancy Kerrigan returns to Detroit in 'Grease on Ice'

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BY KEELY WYGONIK

It's easy to imagine Tanya Harding as one of the Pink Ladies in "Grease," but Nancy Kerrigan as a brunette Sandra Dee is harder to envision.

"She's the girl next door, she's very sweet," said co-director and choreographer Barry Lather who taught her all the right moves in "Grease on Ice" opening Saturday for three performances at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Still, some people will be asking "why" and thinking about the whack on the knee that Kerrigan suffered on Jan. 6, 1994 during the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Detroit. An associate of Harding's was later charged with the

Kerrigan recovered from her injury and won a silver medal at the 1994 U.S. Olympics. "She's way past what happened in Detroit, but it's still there" said Lather. "The role of Sandy is good for her. She's pretty much an all American girl."

Married and the mother of a son, Matthew, Kerrigan said She was under a lot of pressure, her back was up against the wall to learn, and did really well. She's used to going on the ice and being Nancy Kerrigan, not Sandy. She had to capture the role and learn Sandy's body language and how to move to the music. It's a lot to learn. It's not just a dance show, you have to tell a story.'

Barry Lather choreographer for 'Grease'

"Grease on Ice" was an "opportunity I couldn't pass up - I grew up loving the dancing, the music and the energy of 'Grease."

"The music is undeniable, the songs are great, and there's a boy meets girl love story," said Lather who is known for his award-winning music videos with Janet Jackson and Paula Abdul. Choreographing "Grease on Ice" was a challenge. He had worked with skaters before, including Kristi Yamaguchi and Kerrigan, but never did a 90minute production.

"I played hockey growing up, but I never figure skated," he said in a telephone interview from St. Paul Minneapolis. "I've been dancing all my life." With the help of his assistant, Jaimie Isley, an accomplished skater, Lather worked to create a high energy blend of skating and dancing with a rock n' roll edge in "Grease on Ice."

"This was a tough job," said Lather. "I needed a great skating assistant to communicate what I wanted to the skaters. If it was a move the skaters had seen before, I didn't want to do it. I wanted to create fun moves that compliment the music of 'Grease,' I wanted it to be a great show."

The cast doesn't stand still long in "Grease on Ice" there is only a couple of ballads, but lots of high energy songs including "Greased Lightnin" and "We go Together."

"They have to totally act out their lines through body language," said Lather about the cast of 28 skaters who lip-sync their lines. "They're got to be able to project. You've got to over-act. It's not like doing the show on a Broadway stage, you've got 12,000 to 13,000 people in an arena."

Lather said some of the dance stuff was hard on the skaters, but he pushed knowing that they could do it. Before the show opened on Nov. 20, Lather and his cast practiced six days a week, 12 hours a day beginning in early October.

Kerrigan met Lather in 1995 when he choreographed a number for a Disney special she was in. They shot the commercial for "Grease on Ice" before the show opened. "She had a tough job," said Lather about Kerrigan. "She was able to rehearse with us for only eight days. She was under a lot of pressure, her back was up against the wall to learn, and did really well. She's used to going on the ice and being Nancy Kerrigan, not Sandy. She had to capture the role and learn Sandy's body language and how to move to the music. It's a lot to learn. It's not just a dance show, you have to tell a story."

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Lather said he was impressed by Kerrigan's can-do attitude. "When you want to show her something she wants to know it now. She wants to work, work. until it's done. I really like that. She just came in and learned it."

"Grease" was first presented on a small stage in Chicago in June 1971. After sitting through the five hour production, New York producers, Allan Carr and Robert Stigwood encouraged the playwrights, Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, to trim the show to two hours.

"Grease" quickly became a hit off-Broadway, and on Broadway where it remained for almost seven-and-a-half years.

In 1978 Stigwood and carr released the film version starring John Travolta as Danny Zuko and Olivia Newton-John as

"Grease on Ice" is presented by Feld Entertainment and The Troika Organization.

'Classics on the Lake' features love songs

Love will be the theme of form a program they call "Sweet-"Classics on the Lake" 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, in the shrine chapel at St. Mary's College at Orchard Lake and Commerce Roads in Orchard Lake.

Lyric tenor David Troiano and soprano Valerie Yova will per-

lymouth Quality Inn

hearts" featuring operatic arias and Broadway duets. Tickets are \$15 and \$25, call (248) 683-1750.

One segment of the concert, 'Love Across the Waters," will feature arias in German, Span-

"Love American Style," will spotlight Troiano and Yova in a number of duets from Broadway.

Troiano and Yova will be accompanied by pianist Joseph Gurt, a graduate of the Julliard School of Music and a professor

Gospel from page E1

Morgan Freeman was selected to perform a role in 'Driving Miss Daisy' off Broadway and Lee Breuer called me," he said. "I had been working with him and he asked it I would substitute for Morgan but initially I hesitated. The reason I hesitated is that I had never played church, it's been a serious thing to me. Then thinking about it and praying about it, I accepted the opportu-

nity."
Miller said the story of Oediers that he has murdered his father and married his mother is a powerful lesson. Oedipus, who has torn out his eyes in shame, is reduced to the lowest depths before finding redemption in the town of Colonus.

Breuer got the idea for the show after Telson took him to see a performance by the Five Blind Boys of Alabama.

Miller said once he did the

part, he loved it.

"The audience seemed to be pleased by it, uplifted by it. It seemed to bless people night after night," he said. "The people responded enthusiastically. My spirit was high. I couldn't have gotten through the production without a spiritual high."

Miller went on to perform for six weeks on Broadway.

"The Gospel at Colonus" has won audience and critical favor, winning the off-Broadway Obie for Outstanding Musical, nominations for a Pulitizer Prize and Tony Award, a Grammy and an LA Inner Circle Critics Award. It has been performed around the world and has been broadcast on PBS' "Great Performances."

"I play the part of the messenger. It's a church, a black church setting," Miller said. "I come and do a first sermon which sets the tone and pace for the whole production. My part is the part that holds the whole thing together."

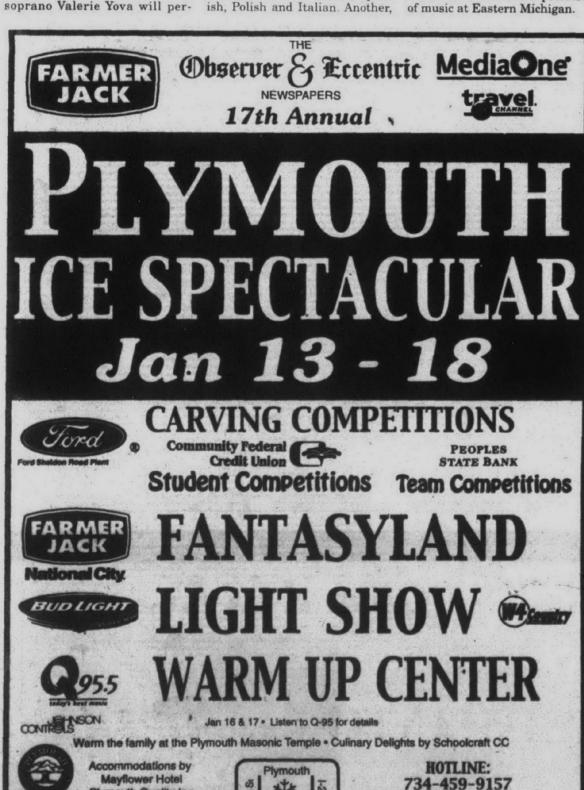
The musical groups act like a Greek chorus, emphasizing the theme with the driving rhythm of black gospel music.

In an interview with the Salt Lake Tribune, Telson, who is white, describes how he was inspired to write the music.

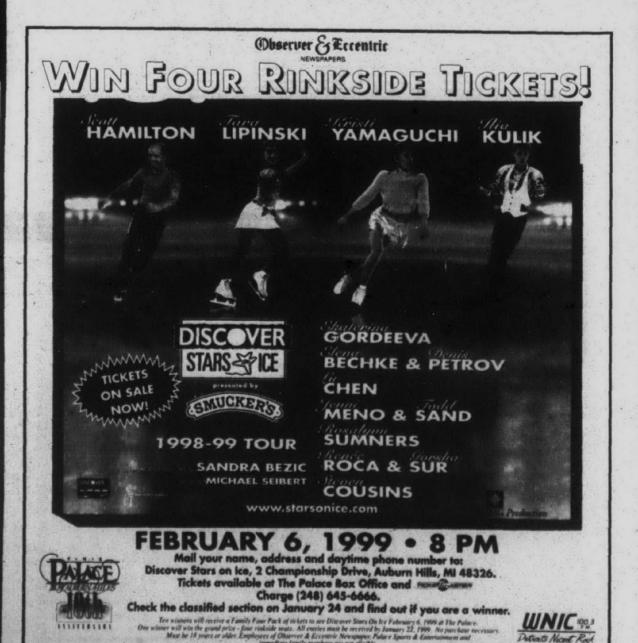
"One thing that I've always been impressed with in the black church experience it that there seems to be a lot of emphasis on love. There's a mixture of joy and love and tragedy - the wide range of emotions we have in our lives," Telson said.

Miller's congregation has responded favorably to the play's portrayal of their church and the performance of their pastor.

"It came here last year and they loved it," he said. "They feel good about me doing it. They appreciate the adulation their pastor receives."



'Pull Schedule" on our Web Site: http://oeonline.com/nlymouthice



Actors' Company intense in 'Agnes of God' The Actor's Company presents John Pielmeier's riveting drama "Agnes of God," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through Jan. 23 at

Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, between I-275 and Haggerty, Livonia. Tickets are \$14 with group discounts available, call (248) 988-7032. BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

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The Actors' Company's presentation of the gripping psychological drama "Agnes of God" is an intense and well-performed serious drama. Director Michael Gravame of Madison Heights assembled a talented cast and produced a tightly paced show, an element crucial to the success of a heavy drama. Theater lovers will enjoy the well-performed show, but it's not what you'd want for a light evening out, and

the content is inappropriate for

"Agnes of God" is the story of a court-appointed psychiatrist, Dr. Livingstone, sent to determine the mental competency of a young nun, Agnes, to stand trial after her newborn is found dead in a wastebasket. Agnes, young, naive, and the product of childhood abuse, has blocked everything from her conscious mind. Livingstone becomes obsessed with the case and with Agnes, and with both the resistance and help of the Mother Superior begins to unravel the truth behind the devastating dis-

The talented three-woman cast is a strong tour-de-force, and their chemistry makes the show click. Rae McIntosh of Beverly Hills as Dr. Martha Livingstone mixes an aggressive, take charge

personality with the touch of vulnerability needed to lend depth and likability to her character. Although she stumbled over a few of her lines opening night, she had an otherwise strong performance and stage presence. Her soliloquies tied the scenes together, giving the show a sense of progression.

Tania Velinsky of Royal Oak captured both the naivete and terror of Agnes, the young innocent who has endured too much emotional torment in her young life. Even her face reflected a tranquil, innocent quality so essential to the role's believability, and her voice conveyed a childlike lilt and cadence. She was equally effective portraying Agnes' physical agony when under hypnosis as she relived scenes of childhood torment and the traumatic birth of her child.

Charlotte Leisinger of Detroit was a natural to the Mother Superior role, with a no-nonsense and seasoned approach to both the character's serenity and stubbornness. Leisinger and McIntosh played well off each other in their head-to-head

The set was intentionally simple, with a series of raised platforms and straight-backed chairs. Subdued gray banners flanked the wings, complementing the costume colors: Dr. Livingstone's tailored gray pant suit, the Mother Superior's gray habit, and Agnes' symbolically pure white robes. The musical selections interspersed throughout the production were wellchosen, non-intrusive, and subtly reinforced the mood.

Ridgedale's 'The View From Here' worth a look

Ridgedale Players presents "The View from Here," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 15-16 and 22-23, and 3 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 17 and 24 at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road, (1/4 mile west of Livernois) Troy. Tickets \$11, \$10 seniors/students at Sunday performances, call (248) 988-

BY HELEN ZUCKER SPECIAL WRITER

The Ridgedale Players production of Margaret Dulaney's The View From Here" is wonderfully acted. Directed by Kent Martini and Vicki Higle with special assistance from Jim Rink, the cast fine-tunes Dulaney's fiercely tender lines and keeps the play afloat.

"A View From Here" is the kind of play that can easily denigrate into sitcom, but in the hands of the Ridgedale troupe, it never does.

Laura Kerr is totally believable as Fern, the agoraphobic who watches babies for a living. Fern hasn't been out of the house since 1992, yet she's in hourly contact with her mother, her sister, her neighbors, and the world via TV. Kerr gives us a Fern who's very funny, very wired, and deeply sad. Kerr's physicality gives her an edge; she does Buster Keaton flops over the couch, falls on her knees to thank the Lord in all directions, lifts weights and seems to be made of rubber. Kerr makes us believe that winning a microwave from the Super Kroger may be the beginning of a cure, and "Arnold Palmer," the golfing neighbor, may be the cure itself. Kerr's keen mind shines through Fern's dizzy lines.

Julie Fuller is superb as Maple, Fern's sister who has

been trying to have a baby for 12 years. Fuller has a remarkable ability to move from the depths of depression (no speech) to full, tearing rage in seconds. Maple is a creature of general sweetness, meant to nurture babies and coddle her man who is in the "silly house," still trying to make a baby with Maple at play's end. Whether she's wearing wigs, cooing to "Arnold's" child, or trying to talk sense to her sister, Fuller gives us a Maple who is rooted in hope in a disappointing world. Fuller and Kerr make us aware that these sisters will

Pam Heath is hilarious as Carla, a neighbor with big hair, big bags and a very big mouth. Carla comes equipped with every crime story and strange event that ever made its way into the tabloids. Heath wears a wonderful bikini shirt, and gives us a Carla who drives men away with her table manners. Yet Heath makes the little girl who is afraid of cars. and of life, peep through the racket Carla makes.

Gary Sekerak, in his harlequin trousers, as "Arnold" whose wife has left him with an infant, is soft spoken. Arnold is thankful for goodness where he finds it, tells his infant daughter she leads a "charmed life," and we believe it despite his straits. Arnold finally gets Fern out of the house. Sekerak ends the play on the right note; life has its hassles, but it has its grace

Linda Martini's costumes are clever; the props by Helen Gach, Valerie Simkus, Carolyn Church, set construction by Mike Flum and set decoration by Dawn Hooper, especially the portrait of Elvis, blend into the

Village Players 'Deathtrap' suspenseful

Birmingham Village Players presents "Deathtrap," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 15-16 and Jan. 22-23; 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17 at the theater, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. Tickets \$12, \$10 children age 18 and younger, (248) 644-2075

BY MARY JANE DOERR

The Village Players latest theatrical suspense thriller "Deathtrap" is enough to give anyone a severe case of what playwright Ira Levin calls "thrilleritis mali-

Suspense permeates the air from the minute Bob Overmyer steps on Bob Carington's striking English tutor living room set as the seemingly casual Sidney Bruhl. Sally Savoie is Bruhl's uptight wife Myra.

The scene might be pleasantly appealing except for the wall decor of murderous paraphernalia; all sorts of cross bows, daggers, guns, and Houdini hand-

Blatantly apparent is why Myra has stress related syndrome and heart disease, which Savoie clearly projects with acting skills. Anybody would be nervous who was living in the Connecticut countryside with an aging playwright with writer's block in the middle of a mid-life crisis. Sidney is insanely jealous of a promising young student, Clifford Anderson, in his seminar class on mystery writing. Matt Rafferty is natural and straight forward as Clifford, completing this trio of diverse characters: the jealous, the neurotic with the cold-hearted.

Sidney might be affable except that Overmyer's smooth portrayal leaves the audiences in little doubt of Sidney's malicious intentions beneath his mellifluous conversations with the fearful Myra. As Sidney heads for the railroad station to pick up Clifford who is bringing the only

copies of his first play, everyone understands Myra's concern that Sidney's intentions are murder-

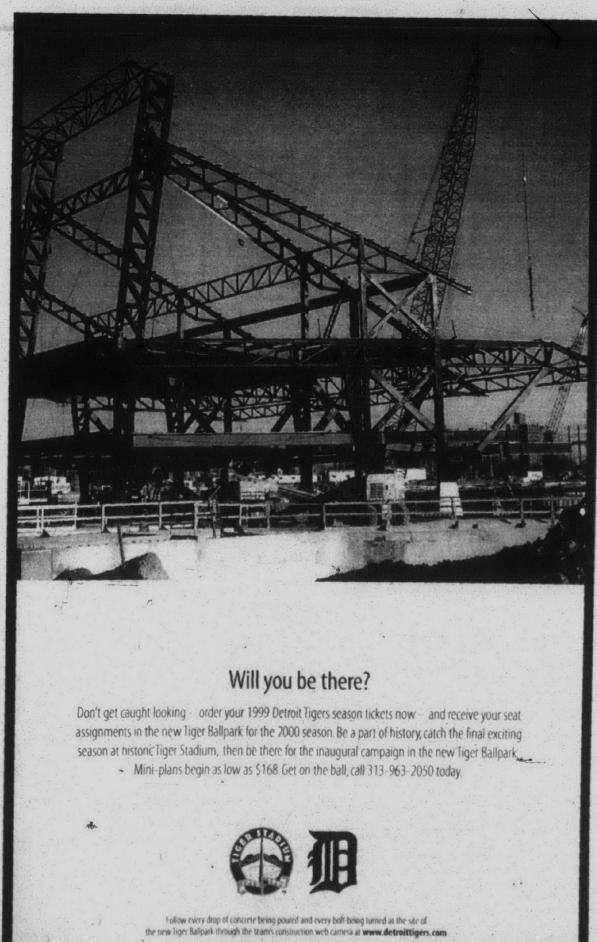
The "Bruhl-ha-ha" of this mystery thriller is that it while the actions follow the pattern of the mystery Angel Street, just as we figure out the plot, there is an unexpected twist. No matter how many times we see the movie with Christopher Reeves, the freshness of a live stage performance makes the shocking murders even more surprising.

This Ira Levin classic mystery thriller is filled with not only witty lines but humor. The highly experienced Joan Reddy captures that humor as an adorable psychic Helga Ten Dorp. She knows how to get the laughs with clearly spoken, well-timed lines despite the necessarily heavy accent.

Perhaps Wayne Yashinsky is a lawyer in real life or has been. He plays the part of Porter Milgrim with such believability and a classy reality that brings some reality to the surrealist plot.

Bill Haycook directs the play with his usual professional tightness and effectiveness along with help from Jay Peterson. Maureen Cook, Keith Lepard. He doesn't try to update the piece with updated electronic equipment to replace the manual typewriters.

"Deathtrap" may seem like play that incorporates the death wishes of two eccentric mystery writers who have crossed the line between "murder on paper" and the real thing. While Sidney never does beat Clifford to death with a Roget's Thesaurus as he threatens, the murders, who commits them and when and why, is the fun that is enough to turn Ira Levin's fictitious disease thrilleritis malitis into thrilleritis malignus.





THEATER

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Camp Logan," Celeste Bedford Walker's play about the Houston riot and court martials of 1917, Thursday, Jan. 14,-Sunday, March 21, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"Having Our Say," through Jan. 31 at the theater, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 377-3300 MUSIC HALL

"The Gin Game," starring Julie Harris and Charles Durning, directed by Charles Nelson Reilly, Tuesday-Saturday, Jan. 19-24, at the theater, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$30-\$46.50. (313) 963-

OPERA

RENEE FLEMING

Soprano performs with planist Helen Yorke, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. \$14, \$26, \$30 and \$40. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org. **VIDA MILMANTOS**

Opera singer performs with pianist Tatyana Zat, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Free. (248) 967-4030

COLLEGE

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE

"Scapin," in rotating repertory to Feb. 3; Charles Dickens' classic "A Tale of Two Cities," runs in rotating repertory to March 4, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

WSU STUDIO THEATRE

"Veronica's Room," Ira Levin's chilling story of deception and false identity, Thursdays-Sundays, Jan. 21-24 and 28-31, in the lower level of the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave... Detroit. \$8, \$6 students/seniors. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

THE ACTORS' COMPANY

"Agnes of God," Jan. 15-16, and 22-23, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, between I-275 and Haggerty, Livonia. (248) 988-7032

BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS "Deathtrap," a mystery thriller, Jan. 15-17 and 22-23, 8 p.m. evenings, 2 p.m. Sunday matinees, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$12, \$10 children age 18 and younger.

NOVI THEATRES' PERFORMANCE PLUS

(248) 644-2075

Performs "A One-Act Festival" of plays including "Who Calls,?" a turn-of-the-century English mystery, the comedy "Who Am I This Time.?" an emotional drama "Trifles," and the hilarious new "Radio TBS," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 15-16, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile, Novi. \$8, \$7 in advance. (248) 347-0440

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

"The View from Here," a comedy a woman trapped in her house by agoraphobia, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 8-9, 15-16 and 22-23, and 3 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 17 and 24. \$11, \$10 seniors/students at Sunday performances. (248) 988-7049

ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD

"Moon Over Buffalo" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22 at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, on the grounds of Cranbrook Educational Community, Bloomfield Hills, and continues 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through, Jan. 30 with additional shows 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24 and 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28. Tickets \$12 adults, students and seniors \$10, call (248) 644-

DINNER THEATER

BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN

"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wed-



Musical: Olympic medalist Nancy Kerrigan (Sandy) and Matt Williams (Danny) are on the road starring in "Grease on Ice" opening Saturday at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Visit the rock 'n' roll days of Rydell High School in this celebration of "Grease." Performances 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17. Tickets \$40, \$27.50 and \$17.50, available at the Fox and Joe Louis Arena box offices, and all Ticketmaster locations. Call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets, or (313) 983-6606 for information. Purchase tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com

ding songs, has an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, beginning Jan. 27 performances will be added 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. \$50 Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

SPECIAL EVENTS

GREAT AMERICAN TRAIN SHOW

Featuring more than 10,000 trains on display and for sale, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 16-17, at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi. \$6, kids younger than age 12 free with an adult admission. (630) 834-0652

MARTIN LUTHER KING BREAKFAST With guest speaker Anthony Laeuzo, son of slain civil rights worker Viaola Laeuzo, and a children's choir, 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 15, the Student Center Arena of Highland Lake campus of Oakland Community College. 7350 Cooley Lake Road,

Waterford. \$8. (248) 360-3186 PINK FLOYD LASER SPECTACULAR

7 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$17 in advance, \$19 day of show; \$22 for reserved seating. First show all ages, second show 18 and older. (313) 961-5451 PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL ICE

SPECTACULAR

The oldest and largest ice carving event in North America features professional and amateur competitions awarding more than \$10,000 in prize money, a free family winter festival with celebrity charity carving competition, the artwork of Lloyd Ostendorf, and skating party, through Monday, Jan. 18 in downtown Plymouth. (734) 459-9157 or http://www.oeonline.com/plymouthice/

MODEL RAILROAD AND TOY TRAIN

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. \$4, \$1 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

COLLECTIBLE TOY SHOW 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., \$4, \$1

BENEFITS

ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

BLACKTHORN

7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, to benefit the Groves Class of 1999 all night graduation party, at Groves Little Theater. \$20, includes afterglow. (248) 203-3530 (Irish/bluegrass)

JOE LAFATA BENEFIT

Featuring Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, Howling Diablos, Stun Gun, Give and Tyrone's Power Wheel, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10. All ages. Benefits LaFata, former drummer for Final Cut. who has brain cancer. (313) 961-MELT or

http://www.961melt.com "SWINGTIME '99"

The Fanclub Foundation for the Arts presents an evening of live entertainment, food from 28 restaurants, a silent auction, and art by local artists and students from Detroit Country Day School, to help fund cultural organizations in metro Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, in the lobby of the Fishing Building, Second Street and Grand Boulevard, west of Woodward Avenue, Detroit. \$50 advance, \$60 at door. (248) 584-4150

FAMILY EVENTS

CHAMPIONS ON ICE

Features Michelle Kwan, Todd Eldredge, Elvis Stojko, Oksana Baiul, Phillipe Candeloro, Brian Boitano, Surya Bonaly, Elizabeth Punsalan and Jerod Swallow, Rudy Galindo, Viktor Petrenko, and Nicole Bobek, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24. Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$55, \$40 and \$25, (248) 645-6666/(313) 983-6606 or http://www.ticketmaster.com

"SESAME STREET LIVE"

"Elmo's Coloring Book," Wednesday-Sunday, Jan. 20-31, Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$9, \$12, \$16 and \$24.50. All ages. (313) 983-6611

CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE

Presents "National Federation of Music Clubs Day" with performances by soprano Kaye Rittinger, pianist Marian Siatczynski, and an instrumental trio of Sylvia Starkman, oboe, Patricia Snyder, bassoon and Claudia Hook, viola, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at The Community House, 360 S. Bates St., Birmingham. \$2. (248) 475-5978

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Brahms' Requiem with soprano Andrea Matthews, baritone Kevin MacMillan, and the University Musical Society Choral Union under the direction of Thomas Sheets, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 14-15, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, \$13 to \$63; A Family Concert: A Celebration of Martin Luther King featuring Copland's "Lincoln Portrait" with narration by Mayor Dennis

Archer, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17 (\$10), at Orchestra Half, Detroit. (313) 576-5111 LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

An ensemble of seven orchestra members perform classical chamber, jazz and pop music. ALSO president Robert Bennett gives a short talk on orchestra operations, conductor Volodymyr Schesiuk talks following the program, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile. east of Farmington. Free for Friends of Library, all others by purchasing a \$5 membership; "Deja Vu and Something New" concert featuring internationally acclaimed cellist Vagram Saradjian, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh. north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$15, \$8 children age 12 and younger. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741 SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE RECITAL

SERIES Features pianist Arthur Greene performing selections from

Scriabin and Rachmaninov noon Wednesday, Jan. 20 in the Forum Building recital hall at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Free. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218

ORGAN MOTOR CITY THEATRE URGAN

SOCIETY

Winter Movie Series continues with Liza Minnelli and Joel Grey in "Cabaret," 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23 (organ overtures start 30 minutes earlier. guest organist evenings Brian Carmody, matinees Gil Francis), at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-

POPS/SWING

BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 **CANTOR STEPHEN DUBOV**

With pianist Marty Mandelbaum,

1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Jaffe Hall, Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Luncheon at noon. \$2.25, reservations by Friday, Jan. 15. (248) 967-4030 "GERSHWIN SUNG AND UNSUNG" With American soprano Dana Hanchard and Broadway musical theater star Ted Keegan, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 9, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, 911 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. \$20 and \$35. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org.

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (Western swing)

AUDITIONS

BEL CANTO CHORAL GROUP

Invites women who read music and enjoy singing to join the group. Founded 40 years ago, group members are women who enjoy rehearsing and performing a variety of music including light classical, show tunes and seasonal favorites. Rehearse Monday eveings February-June in Southfield. Jane Miller (248) 642-3216/Katie Parcels (313) 640-0123

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC OF MICHIGAN

Open auditions for the orchestra 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, the Livonia Youth Philharmonic provides orchestral instruction and performance opportunities for all wind and string music students from elementary through high school, at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. (734) 591-7649/(248) 476-6341

NOVI THEATRES

Auditions for actors ages 7-13 for the Children's Annex and Little People Players presentation of Beatrix Potter's "Tales of Peter Rabbit," 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19 and Friday, Jan. 29, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile, Novi. For performances April 16-18. All actors must pay a participation fee of \$125 once cast. (248) 347-0400

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY Rehearsals 7:15 p.m. Mondays, First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. "Mass in G" by Schubert, and "Chichester Psalms" by Bernstein will be performed. Scores may be purchased for \$7 and \$9, respectively. No auditons required. (734) 455-8353

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

COMMUNITY CHOIR Auditions for experienced singers of all voice parts, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, in the Forum Building, Room 530 on campus, 18600 Haggerty, (between Six and Seven Mile Roads), Livonia. To schedule audition, call (248) 349-8175/(734) 462-4435.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE THEATER

DEPARTMENT

Auditions for Neil Simon's "Rumors" 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 19-20, Liberal Arts Theatre, on campus, 18600 Haggerty, (between Six and Seven Mile Roads), Livonia. For information call Jim Hartman. (734) 462-4400 Ext. 5270.

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN Auditions for "I Remember Mama," 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 18-19, Players Guild of Dearborn, 21730 Madison (near Monroe and Outer Drive), call Christopher Bremer (313) 561-TKTS (press option 3)

JAZZ

BLACKMAN AND ARNOLD

Celebrate the release of CD with party and performance, with special guest Pena World Beat, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com JUDIE COCHILL TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Jan. 21, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE

RAMO/TODD CURTIS 7:30-9:30 p.m. Sundays in January at the Coffee Studio. 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, (734) 416-9288, \$3 cover; 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn. 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 335-3790; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333

(vocal/piano/bass) **HER FAVORITE THINGS**

Formerly known as SafeHaven, 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$9. All ages. (734) 761-1451 JAZZHEAD 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Copper

Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway. Southfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 223-1700; With Jazodity, 9

p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit, \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com (rock)

SHEILA LANDIS

With guitarist Rick Matle, 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, Coffee Beanery, 152 N. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 646-6022 MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With Marcus Belgrave, trumpet, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, with Barbara Ware, vocals, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills. (248) 474-4800

C.J. MORRIS With the Back Alley Blues Band play electric blues, 6-10 p.m.Thursday, Jan. 14, at Ja-Da. 546 E. Larned between Beaubien and St. Antoine, Detroit. (313)

965-1700 POIGNANT PLECOSTOMUS With Fez and James in Flames, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (acid jazz/rock)

TAMMY RAFFERTY 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 15-16, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

GWEN AND CHARLES SCALES 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 15-16, at Ja-Da. 546 E. Larned between Beaubien and St. Antoine, Detroit. (313) 965-1700 (modern jazz)

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Jan. 14, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

GARY SCHUNK TRIO

(piano/bass/drum) HARVEY THOMPSON TRIO 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older.

(248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass) PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays. Jan. 15 and 22, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax and vocal/piano/bass)

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"THE GOSPEL AT COLONUS" With J.D. Steele and Jevetta Steele, Clarence Fountain and The Blind Boys of Alabama, The Original Soul Stirrers, the Rev. Earl Miller and The Duke Ellington Centennial Choir, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, and 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor, \$16, \$20, \$28 and \$34. (734) 764-2538 or

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http://www.764-2538

THE DROVERS

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (Irish)

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10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 15-16, Bachelor's, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Free. 21 and older. (248) 682-2295; 8:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Jan. 21, The Alley at Main Street, 215 Main St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older, (248) 652-8441; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-9400 (reggae) "MYSTICAL MUSIC AND DANCE OF

TIBET"

Featuring 17 Tibetan monks, musicians, percussionists and dancers of the Drikung Kagyu Lineage of Tibetan Buddhism, led by the Most Venerable Tulku Tenzin Nima from Kham, Tibet, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 961-5451

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MUSEUMS AND

TOURS **DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM** 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, "The Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr: A Media Roundtable" with a distinguished panel of African American journalists including Chuck Stokes of WXYZ-TV, Gerald Smith of Detroit Public Television, Nkenge Zola of WDET-FM, and Michael Goodin of the Michigan Chronical, discuss the impact of Dr. King more than 30 years after his death, free with museum admission; "Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world; "The Fantasy World of Doll Houses," through Jan. 31; "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, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults. \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and vounger Thursdays-

(313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Special Effects" at 1:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R (at Warren). Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Tetherboat Racing on Belle Isle lecture and movies, these small gasoline-powered boats which ran on a thin wire were long associated with Belle Isle: the newest exhibit "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," a historical look at competitive and recreational sailing with hands-on activities, continues 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, in the museum on Detroit's Belle Isle. \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-

18. (313) 852-4051 MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN

Theatrical performances in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by Von and Fran Washington, "Reflections of Martin" 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18 followed by "The Day They All Came" at 6:30 p.m., in the Charles H. Wright Theater of the museum, 315 East Warren, at Brush, Detroit. Free with museum admisssion of \$5, \$3 children age 17 and under. Special museum hours in recognition of Dr. King, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

ACOUSTIC JUNCTION 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Magic

Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

(rock) **ALCOHOLIC ZEBRAS**

Celebrate release of CD with party and performance, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)

THE ALLIGATORS 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (blues)

BLACK BEAUTY 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (rockabil-

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE" With Wireless Green, 2000 Excuses, Frank Buscemi and Roller Scurvy, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock) **BLUE HAWAIIANS**

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 15-16, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) BLUE SUIT

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues) BLUECAT

10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 683-5458; 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080

BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO With Mem Shannon and The Membership, 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

CHICAGO RHYTHM AND BLUES

10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (R&B) CLASS ACT

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9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Lili's, 2930 Jacob St., Hamtramck. Cover charge, 21 and older, (313) 875-6555; 10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 19 and older. (734) 485-5053 (alterna-

TIM DIAZ With Gary Rasmussen, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, and with Dion Roddy, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester, Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 (acoustic rock) DIRGE

With Pork Barrel Salamander, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Griff's Grill. 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock) DIVESPIRE

With Figurehead, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

EASY ACTION With The Crash, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313)

832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com (rock)

GLEN EDDIE 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) DAVE EDWARDS

5-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, Rio Bravo, 240 Town Center Dr., Dearborn, Free. All ages. (313) 271-2900; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (rock) EKOOSTIK HOOKAH

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$10, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (jam rock)

ELECTRIC BOOGALOO With Smokestack and Eternal Groove, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (funk)

ELIZA 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 14 and 21, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw,

Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800 (pop) PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward

Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) With Spy Radio, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass

Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddollar.com (rock) **FLOMOJO**

With Paper Tiger, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddollar.com (rock)

G.R.R. 9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248)

543-4300 (acoustic rock) HONOR AMONG THIEVES 10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 683-5458 (rock)

LISA HUNTER 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$4. All ages. (734) 994-3940; 9 p.m. Wednesday,

Jan. 20, Brickhouse, Utica. Free. 21 and older. (810) 323-9500 (acoustic rock) With Howling Diablos, 8 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 18, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

JENDZA 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21. The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or

http://www.961melt.com (rock) B.B. KING With Bobbi "Blue" Bland, 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$35 and \$27.50. All ages. (248)

433-1515 **WAYNE KRAMER** 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, postponed until Thursday, March 18, due to iliness, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355/(313) 961-MELT or

http://www.961melt.com (rock) LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

JOHN D. LAMB 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-7038 (rock)

LITTLE RED AND THE BIG BLUES BAND

9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road. Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (blues)

MASTER OF NONE With Two Faced Moon, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock) MINE LANTERNJACK

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddollar.com (rock)

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, Bobby J's Music Cafe, 29 Front St., Lake Orion. Free. 21 and older. (248) 814-8550; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080; 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (R&B) STEVE NARDELLA

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages.

(248) 644-4800 (rockabilly) ROBERT NOLL'S BLUE MISSION 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Bobby J's Music Cafe, 29 Front St., Lake Orion. Free. 21 and older. (248) 814-8550 (blues)

OPIE'S DREAM 8 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 14 and 21, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock) ROBERT PENN

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

SAX APPEAL 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (pop)

KRISTIN SAYER BAND 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, Shark Club, 6650 Highland Road, Waterford. Free. 21 and older. (248) 666-4161 (rock)

10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800 (acoustic rock) SIX FOOT SOMETHING

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock) SPRING HEELED JACK

With The Pilfers and The Smooths, 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (ska) **SUN 209**

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600; 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800 (roots rock)

TANGERINE TROUSERS

6-8 p.m. Thursdays in January, The Good Food Co. East, 75 W. Maple Road, Troy. Free. All ages. (248) 362-0886 (acoustic pop); 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800 (pop)

TWISTIN' TARANTULAS 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (rockabilly)

VELOUR 1000 With Miss Bliss and Flash Paper, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

VAL VENTRO 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, and with Gary Rasmussen, Saturday, Jan. 23, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval. Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101

VUDU HIPPIES 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (alternative rock) WATTSON

With Shutter, 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 (altpunk)

WHICHAMUS With War Effort, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddollar.com (pop)

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'The Thin Red Line' is an event worth watching

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER hgallagher@o

Terrence Malick's "The Thin Red Line" is the second of two major film reassessments of World War II. It shares with Steven Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan" grim battle scenes and fierce male bonding but is a very different kind of movie.

Where "Saving Private Ryan" was a straightforward and simple story about a platoon sent to rescue a soldier after D-Day, "The Thin Red Line" is more complex, more philosophical and impressionistic. In addition to reflections on courage and camaraderie, it is also a meditation on nature under fire, the fragility of love, the destructiveness of ambition and much more.

But it never quite attains the authority, immediacy or importance of "Private Ryan."

"Thin Red Line" marks Malick's return to directing after 20 years. He was, with Martin Scorsese, one of the most promising and talented young directors of the 1970s. But after two extraordinary movies, "Badlands" and "Days of Heaven," he dropped out of the Hollywood scene. He had originally intended just to write the screenplay for this movie but was persuaded

to return to the director's chair. Based on a novel by James Jones, one of the finest chroniclers of the war in the Pacific, and author of "From Here to Eternity," "Thin Red Line" shares many attributes with Malick's last film, the richly atmospheric "Days of Heaven." It is beautifully photographed, under the direction of John Toll, with carefully chosen, deeply symbolic images. Shot in a remote area of Australia, the scenery is lush, vivid, idyllic until destroyed by advancing road graders followed by bombs and guns.

Ideas are carried over through voice overs - in the earlier film a young girl provided a knowing

thoughts of several soldiers give us a variety of images and understandings. The language is elevated, poetic, vivid. Each character's voice is the voice of his inner soul. The pace is slow, in this case too slow. Points are made and made again. The images become plodding no matter how beautiful.

But any Terrence Malick film is an event and there is much in "The Thin Red Line" worth watching. He is the foremost impressionist among American film directors and his films have a fuzzy beauty quite different from Steven Spielberg's clarity of storytelling and vision.

The movie opens in paradise. AWOL soldiers frolic in a native village on Guadalcanal. Private Witt (Jim Caviezel) is sure that this is what life should be like as children play in the clear water and the people go about their lives in peace. He wonders how we ever got so far from "glory."

It is this paradise that will become a bloody battlefield, a pivotal, decisive fight to wrestle an airstrip from Japanese control. Though it is less the history of Guadalcanal as it is the shifting images that matter to Mal-

Private Witt is brought back to Charlie Company by his cynical, tough-guy sergeant (Sean Penn) and soon they and the rest of the company are on their way to mortal combat.

The characters are less rigidly defined than in "Private Ryan. On the other hand, they are also much less distinct. The idealistic Witt and his attempt to balance his conflicting emotions is probably central but many other characters have important roles though none takes a true center.

Nick Nolte gives a ferocious performance as an arrogant, angry, ambitious Army lifer colonel who is willing to sacrifice lives for his own glory. This is a stereotype character that becomes anything but in Maland painful narration, here the ick's handling and in Nolte's

nuanced performance. Nolte makes Lt. Col. Tall much more than a power crazy Custer.

Penn's Sgt. Welsh has seen and heard it all. This is another standard war movie character that gets an infusion of humanity and complexity.

Elias Koteas is the sensitive, caring Capt. Staros, who finds his concern for his men getting in the way of the colonel's plans: Here again, we are shown that as fine as the captain is, he is also full of doubts, scared and, in the end, eager to flee to safety. That sort of duality is rare in American war movies.

That duality is also present in a John Cusack's performance as the truly heroic Capt. Gaff, who follows Tall's orders even as he fully understands how vain and dangerous his colonel is.

The dreamy quality is strong in the character of Private Bell (Ben Chaplin), whose memories of his young, ethereal wife provide yet another version of lost

Malick doesn't take the easy way when examining how war destroys paradise. "Thin Red Line" suggests that nothing is simple, nothing is exactly as it seems. There are poignant images of faith, brotherhood, fear and anger on both the American and Japanese side.

The battle scenes are loud and bloody, but not as galvanic, searing and personal as those in "Private Ryan." In Spielberg's film, viewers are actually immersed in the fighting, sharing the confusion and violence of Tom Hanks and his platoon. In "Thin Red Line" we are observers, more removed though no less aware of how horrible war can be.

"Private Ryan" ends on a note of mixed triumph and despair. while "Thin Red Line" ends as it began: on a note of wonder that humans can be so foolish - a soft, poetic sadness.

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John Travolta braves the water in 'A Civil Action'

BY JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER

"Water, water everywhere, Nor any drop to drink" - S.T. Coleridge

Poet Coleridge's "Ancient Mariner" looked out over the ocean and realized that it could not sustain him. For the residents of Woburn, Mass., the Aberjona River water was just as deadly. It had a horrible stench. It tasted so awful it had to be mixed with Tang. It corroded kitchen pipes. And between 1965 and 1980, it allegedly caused 28 cases of childhood leukemia and

16 deaths in the Boston suburb. Jonathan Harr chronicled the case in his 500-page best-seller, "A Civil Action." Brought to the screen by writer/director Steven Zaillian ("Schindler's List"), it is a powerfully told and acted motion picture, but one which might turn a whole generation off to the legal profession. Not because lawyers are what every comedian makes them out to be, but because the process itself is so downright dull.

The case of Anderson et al. versus W.R. Grace and Beatrice Foods dragged on for eight years. It can be argued that there were no winners. There certainly were losers. This is a story of losers. American filmgoers don't generally like losers.

Jan Schlichtmann (John Travolta) was a "bottom feeder," an ambulance chaser at the top of his game. The Italian suits, the Porsche, the radio show, the expensively appointed office; these were the spoils of war, and it is made clear to us through Travolta's narration that law-suits are war. Personal injury law firms float their own money to fight their clients' battles, taking huge fees out of the settlements they literally bank on. "Trials are a corruption of the process," we're told. "Only 1.5 percent of civil suits reach a verdict; the whole idea is to settle."

Thus, when Schlichtmann and his partners got drawn into rep-



sional and personal reputation - and everything he owns - in a celebrated person: al injury case in "A Civil

resenting eight families against two huge corporations accused of dumping toxic chemicals into the Woburn water supply, they envisioned a quick and substantial score. Instead, they were outlawyered and out-funded. Schlichtmann as a 20th century David simply ran out of stones to put into his slingshot.

Travolta is on a decade-long roll of hits, and is well up to the challenge of playing flawed leads who are considerably less than

"I don't run away from bullies," he assures the parents. And yes, the character changes midstream from out for himself to out for the truth. Despite his success, however, Schlichtmann is portrayed as a pretty lousy lawyer. He conducts depositions clumsily - and they're about as action-packed as O.J. trial sidebars-and fools no one when he attempts to bluff the other side into settling for major bucks.

The one you'd want on your team is the remarkable Robert Duvall as Jerry Facher, Grace's lead counsel. Never far from a transistor radio broadcasting his beloved Red Sox, he plays the old fool while Schlichtmann plays right into his hands.

"You've been around long enough to know that a courtroom

DAVID JAMES Action." is no place to look for the truth," he tells his opponent in the film's most quotable line. Duvall is that rare master who, like Sox legends Ted Williams and Carl Yastrzemski, always gets good wood on the ball, whether it's in a supporting role like this or a lead like "The Apostle."

William H. Macy ("Pleasantville") is another can't-miss actor who the camera just loves. As the firm's bean counter, he stares helplessly amidst a roomful of overflowing file boxes while the repo men wheel out the office furniture. Dan Hedaya (TV's "The Tortellis") is notable as the tannery owner most responsible for the dumping, and Kathleen Quinlan and James Gandolfini convey the working class frustration of townspeople who only sought an apology. We lost count of the number of times. someone says "It isn't about the" money."

You'll find symbolism galorethe many water-themed shets, and the wordless scene with Woburn mother pouring water for her six children at the dinner table is a stunning indictment Never mind all those deposition and motions; they should have just given the judge a glass of the stuff. Case closed.

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man and Arnold. We do things authentically. In terms of gypsy, a gypsy to me is someone who just wanders. Their whole being is made up of all the different experiences that they've had," Arnold explained.

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Arnold are the

mutts of the

Detroit jazz

scene. The duo

has dabbled in

rock, classic rock, folk and

world beat, all of

which led to the

"gypsy jazz" sound of Black-

"Musically we've drawn from all types of places. Lately we've been calling it 'acoustic world jazz.' It's acoustic music with world sounds and a jazz context."

That sound is best explained on "Illuminata," Blackman and Arnold's sophomore CD. They will celebrate its release with a party and performance at the Magic Bag in Ferndale on Saturday, Jan. 16.

The duo, who performs under the name Blackman and Arnold, is usually joined by percussionist Dennis Sheridan. A few of their friends will stop by for this one.

"Usually if people have seen us play before, we play as a trio. At the record release party we're going to have a six-piece band on

Arnold spent his formative years wandering around the Midwest with his family. The first five years of his life he lived in Detroit before moving to Farmington Hills, Chicago and Troy. He graduated from Troy High School in 1990 and earned a degree in jazz music from Wayne State University five

He has been playing music for 12 years.

"It's funny. I started out playing classic rock music - Zeppelin and Van Halen. Bands like that that you'd hear on (WCXS-FM) 94.7. Then I started getting into heavy metal and playing stuff like Metallica," explained Arnold, who now lives in Royal

Feeling he had explored those genres fully, he dove into folk music, jazz, rhythm and blues and funk

"I got bored with certain areas and started to move on. I'm really into electronic music and

Two years ago, Arnold founded Jazzhead, an amalgamation of funk and jazz.

"I hang out at a lot of dance clubs. I really wanted to put together a band that emulated what the DJs were doing but with a live group," he explained.

"With Jazzhead, we actually do some Led Zeppelin when James Wailin' comes and sings with us. I'm starting to rock out a little again," he said with a shy laugh.

Sean Blackman, an Oak Park native, also grew up playing rock

When he heard Neil Young that really got him into playing acoustic music. He saw his acoustic show live and that changed his whole thing. He started playing acoustic music," Arnold explained.

Then world music called upon

"He started listening to flamenco and different music from around the world."

Blackman and local vocalist Stefanie Dillard are working on an acoustic jazz/folk CD.

Blackman and Arnold have been working together for about nine years, although they started their duo three years ago.

"I don't think either of us was in the mindset of doing this kind of thing until that time. We were playing folk music," he it out somehow."

It wasn't until Arnold was hired at Hear Music in the Somerset Collection that he was turned on to world music.

"I got an acoustic guitar and I was really getting into guitar players like John McLaughlin, Al DiMeola, Paco de Lucia, who were all doing this great acoustic world-sounding music."

For Blackman and Arnold's first album, "Self Portrait," released in 1996 on Complex Records, the duo recorded the guitars first and then brought in musicians to play their parts over it.

"Illuminata," however, was recorded live last August at the White Room studio in Detroit.

"It was cool. There was more of a natural feel to it. It was challenging because when you kind of piece things together, it's easier to make things perfect. When you do it live, there's always going to be a mistake or two. That's usually interesting, especially with improvised music," Arnold explained.

The ballad "Emi" is Arnold's baby of the album. It was inspired by "a long-term girlfriend that I broke up with. I was super emotional. I had to get

A week after Blackman and Arnold wrapped up "Illuminata," Arnold returned to the studio to record Jazzhead's eponymous CD which was released in November.

Blackman and Arnold play several venues around the area including Woodruff's Supper Club in Royal Oak, and Fiona's Tea Room in Detroit. But his heart is at Woodruff's, where the duo plays from 9 p.m. to midnight Thursdays.

"It's just a cool setting for jazz. We've played in every type of situation you can imagine. We've played restaurant gigs where no one paid attention. But there the stage is on top of the bar. We're building this little scene there."

Arnold hopes that, no matter where he and Blackman play, that people appreciate it.

"If I were to watch us play, the first things I would want to pay attention to would be the improvisational aspects of the music. That's what jazz is about to me. I hope they're aware of that," he explained.

"We play with a lot of emotion. I would hope that would come across. I want people to feel that

Blackman and Arnold, with special guest Pena World Beat,

celebrate the release of "Illuminata" with a party and performance Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. The cover charge is \$6 for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit the Web site: http:// www.themagicbag.com

STREET SCENE

The duo also performs: 8 p.m. Thursdays at Woodruff's Supper Club, 212 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519; and 8 p.m. Fridays at Fiona's Tea House, 945 Beech, Detroit. (313) 967-

Jazzhead performs at 9 p.m. Mondays at Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922; 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. (248) 223-1700; and with Jazodity, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, January 15 "THE THIN RED LINE"

The story of an American rifle company during several months of one of the fiercest struggles of the twentieth century - the Battle of Guadalcanal, Stars Sean Penn, George Clooney, Woody Harrelson, and John Travolta

Exclusively at the Main Art. Dark tale about four malcontents who come dangerously to self-destruction as they struggle to find some greater meaning in their unfocused lives. Stars Sean Penn, Kevin Spacey, Chazz Palminteri.

"VARSITY BLUES"

Story about the travails of five high school football players in a small Texas town. Stars Jon Voight, Scott Caan.

Thriller in which an American boat crew finds refuge aboard a secret Soviet research vessel that has been annihilated by an alien form Stars Jamie Lee Curtis, William Baldwin, Donald Suther-

"AT FIRST SIGHT"

A true story of a blind man who undergoes experimental surgery to restore his sight. Stars Val Kilmer, Mira "IN DREAMS"

Psychological thriller about a woman who, following a family tragedy, discovers her dreams are the portent of reallife nightmares. Stars Annette Bening, Robert Downey, Jr.

Scheduled to open Friday, January 22 "THE HI-LO COUNTRY"

Exclusively at the Star Southfield. Intimate drama set in the post World War II era recounts the enduring friendships between two men and how that friendship is challenged by their desires for

the same woman. Stars Woody Harrelson, Patricia Arquette and Sam Elliott.

"HILARY AND JACKIE"

Biographical drama about the flamboyant and richly talented cellist Jacqueline du Pre who died in 1987 at the age of 42, suffering from multiple sclerosis. Stars Emily Watson.

"PLAYING BY HEART"

A drama about the sometimes funny, sometimes painful, and always complex ways love can touch your life. Stars Gillian Anderson, Ellen Bursyn, Sean

"THEORY OF FLIGHT"

Exclusively at the Main Art. A romantic drama about the relationship between a young woman suffering from a rare neuromuscular disorder and her eccentric caregiver. Stars Helena-Bonham Carter,

Scheduled to open Friday, January 29 "SHE'S ALL THAT"

Comedy about sex, style and popularity. At a snobbish LA high school the most popular guy sets out to transform a young woman, who knows her own mind, into the prom queen on a bet. He has now idea who he's tampering with. Stars Freddie Prinze Jr., Anna Paquin.

Scheduled to open Friday, February 5 "ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE"

thieves and heroin addicts in Tulsa. Oklahoma in the 1970s. Stars James Woods and Melanie Griffith.

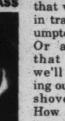
Scheduled to open Friday, February 12

"MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE"

While walking on a beach a journalist finds a bottle containing a love letter from a man to his wife. Stars Kevin Costner, Paul Newman, Robin Wright Penn and John Savage

Lively arts can chase winter blahs away

BACKSTAGE



We may blame it on the fact that we're stuck in traffic for the umpteenth time. Or a forecast that suggests we'll be breaking out the snow shovel again. How about that once a year cold that just won't go away? No one

immune from the winter blahs. I guess when a bad mood strikes, we just have to ride it out. While I don't mean to infringe upon your right to deal with the malaise in your own way, allow me to offer some upbeat ways to relieve the symp-

If you're looking for activities that are fresh, fun and hopeful. the next edition of Backstage Pass on Detroit Public Television has some ideas.

of the Detroit Institute of Arts consistently hilarious. Humans

galleries, which encompass 20 and surprises. You've undoubtgalleries of modern and contemporary art, presented in a way that is more accessible and enjoyable for visitors. According to Marsha Miro, who takes Backstage Pass viewers on a tour of the museum, visiting the DIA is a much more exciting and provocative experience since the galleries reopened in November.

"The DIA achieved its goal of changing the flavor of the museum. You really feel like you're walking into the 20th Century as you enter the new reinstalled galleries," says Miro.

The current exhibit, "A Passion for Glass: The Aviva and Jack A. Robinson Collection," is sure to build on the DIA's reputation for presenting outstanding contemporary glass art.

For fun, you may not be able to top "Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding," the off-Broadway comedy smash at Pontiac's Baci Abbracci Theatre. It makes me wonder how an audience participation play that Let's begin with the freshness is mostly unscripted can be so newly reinstalled 20th-Century do seem to thrive on silliness the son of German Jewish immi-

edly heard a friend rave about this latest good time event in Pontiac's growing art and entertainment district. We'll wing it with Tony and Tina at the theatre and again in the Channel 56

Sometimes hope springs from a most unlikely source. Who expected it from Wayne Kramer? The headbanging guitarist who made revolutionary rock & roll in the late '60s and early '70s with the MC5 serves up a message of hope in his new album, Citizen Wayne.

"I lost years to drug abuse and years more to prison. Believe me, the chance to put together a band, make records and play my music for people every night is not something I take lightly. As far as I'm concerned, 'Doing the Work' is a love song," says Kramer. The irrepressible Kramer. attitude appears. throughout the album, and we're looking forward to an upcoming performance on Backstage Pass.

Pianist/composer Jeff Haas,

home rich with music in the Judaic and European tradition. As a teen, Jeff discovered his sister's copy of "Thelonious Monk and John Coltrane: Live at the Five Spot," and his passion for jazz was born. Now, his work is inspired by Detroit's rich musical heritage and Haas' personal experience of growing up where Jewish and African-Americans communities had tremendous impact on the city's develop-

The Jeff Hass Trio and Friends with legendary trumpeter Marcus Belgrave perform an original jazz suite at the Museum of African-American History on January 21st. Haas and very noteworthy musician friends are also featured on a mood-elevating edition of Backstage Pass airing Sunday at 7:30 p.m., and repeated Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. and Friday at midnight.

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DINING

Sisters make pierogi just like mom's at Jennies

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Theresa Remski, her sister Mary Sokol, with help from mom, Jennie Kochan, and their staff at Jennies Pierogi, make pierogi, beet and cabbage soup to go.

Pierogi are Polish style dumplings filled with cheese, vegetables, meat, or fruit. If you've never eaten them before, picture a big ravioli, a little over three-and-a-half inches wide, filled with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, or plums.

Ravioli like pierogi are boiled, but some people, like to brown them in a little butter with onions before serving. Pierogi are traditionally served with a dollop of sour cream, not tomato sauce, although you could serve them with tomato sauce if you

Once a delicacy you learned how to make from your grandmother, mother, or a Polish American neighbor, pierogi are now part of our American menu. You can buy them frozen at most grocery stores, and at some delis, but like most things, homemade is best.

"My mom has a magic touch with her dough," said Remski, a resident of Plymouth. "It's not thick, all you can taste is the flavor of the ingredients, plus a little bit of dough. People really like it. We've had so many customers say they taste just like mom's, and that's a compliment."

Jennies Pierogi

Garden City - 6659 Middlebelt, (734) 523-0911

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■ Warren - 31100 Hoover, (810) 983-5256

Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Satur-

day. Closed Sunday and Monday

Menu: Fifteen varieties of pierogi including sauerkraut, potato, cheese, meat, and fruit. Beet and cabbage soup available by the

Cost: Pierogi sold by the half and whole dozen. Cost ranges from \$5.50 to \$7 a dozen. Soup \$2 a pint.

Making pierogi at home is labor intensive. "It's a two day operation," said Remski remembering when her mom and dad made them in the basement of their home while she was growing up. "Customers say I'm so glad you guys are here. We appreciate it."

Two locations

After getting numerous requests from family and friends for Jennies pierogi, Theresa and her sister, Mary decided to go into business. They opened their first store on Warren Ave. in Detroit, and moved their store to a bigger space in Garden City four years ago.

They opened a second store in Sterling Heights two years ago. Their business has grown mostly by word of mouth. The pierogi are made at the Garden City store. "The Sterling Heights store is strictly a selling store," said Remski.

Jennies Pierogi is a family-run and operated business. "It's not making us rich," said Remski,

"but I still enjoy doing it. We've got really good help. I enjoy coming to work. It's like a family."

Remski likes to pan fry her pierogi in a little margarine with sliced onions until they're "nice and brown." You can also dip pierogi in boiling water to warm, and then brown slightly in a frying pan.

In addition to the traditional sauerkraut, potato, potato & cheese, mushroom & onion, and meat filled pierogi, you'll find Mexican pierogi, which are filled with jalapeno peppers, potatoes, and Cheddar cheese. "I like to put salsa on top of them," said Remski, "they've got a nice bite."

Jennie's also offers fruit filled pierogi - prune, plum and cherry.

Pierogi can be frozen for up to three months. If you're hungry for a bowl of hearty soup, try the cabbage or beet, which are sold by the pint.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLE

Family business: Mary Sokol (left to right), Jennie Kochan and Theresa Remski offer up to 15 varieties of pierogi, beet and cabbage soup to go at Jennies Pierogi.

I'm in a hurry, make my dinner to go

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Eating out isn't just for special occasions anymore. Now you can go to almost any restaurant and order your meal to go.

The trend is toward more carryout, and we're not just talking Chinese and pizza. The recently renovated Bill Knapp's Restaurant at 16995 Laurel Park Road in Livonia has a "Knapp's in a Snapp" take-out area. You can call or fax your order in, and pick it up without having to go into the dining area.

Grocery stores, recognizing our growing appetites for something home-cooked without the fuss, now offer whole barbecue and roasted chickens to go, ribs, and even complete dinners.

At the new Farmer Jack in Ypsilanti Township, customers can order ready-made foods via the Internet through "Cybermeals" online ordering. There's also an express checkout in the deli department where customers can pick up ready-made meals and pay for them at the counter. Check out the Farmer Jack web site at www.farmeriack.com

According to the National Restaurant Association, more than 40 percent of consumers report they feel cooking at home is a hassle. More and more restaurants are catering to consumers who want to purchase freshly prepared food.

Households consisting of only a husband and wife spent the most on food away from home. Among husband and wife house-holds with children, restaurant spending varies according to the age of the oldest child. The proportion of the food dollar allocated to food way from home, increases as the age of the oldest child in the household increases.

If the trend toward eating out more continues, we might start trading carryout menus the same way we trade recipes. Instead of asking someone – "do you have a good recipe for pierogi?" We might ask, "Where can I get some pierogi to go?"

My answer, would be Jennies Pierogi. It's one of my favorite places for Dinner to Go (see related story). What are some of your favorite places for Dinner to Go? If you're a restaurant owner, what do you offer customers who want their Dinner to Go? We're looking for something out of the ordinary, after all, we all get tired of eating the same

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Send recommendations for our new Dinner to Go dining feature to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc. 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (734) 953-2105, or e-mail kwygonik@ oe. homecomm. ne

If you're a restaurant owner, send your carryout menu for consideration in Dinner to Go! Along with a phone number and the best time to return a call to you. Remember, we're hungry for something different. Include a note indicating specialty dishes that are available for carryout.

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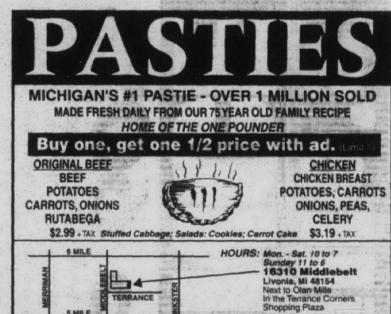
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