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# Officials work toward chan



Togetherness appears to be the theme for the year as four community leaders addressed members of the community in an annual 'State of the Community Address" Wednesday.

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE STAFF WRITER

Government officials from the local area spoke at the annual "State of the Community Address" Wednesday morning at Ernesto's Restaurant in Plymouth Township with working together on projects in mind.

Plymouth Mayor Don Dismuke, Ply-

mouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Chuck Little each gave an update of issues impacting the Plymouth communities in the last year.

Dismuke pointed to an alteration in the city's parking ordinance that resulted in more development in the downtown area. Several restaurants.

including an E.G. Nicks and a Paisano's, are currently slated to open later this year.

"It's going to be the same feeling of Plymouth but with an evening life," said. "A different spin to the city."

He also said that the joint commission between the city and the township, formed within the last year, is producing positive things and is working toward a common goal on several projects, including the overpass project on Sheldon Road, south of M-14.

"To me, that's the biggest issue," he said. "It affects the county because of funding and does it affect the schools? I'd say so. And it affects both communi-

ties. I drive that way every day and it gets backed up on the freeway.

As far as unification of the communities, Dismuke said he was all ears.

"Let's talk about it and see what happens," he added.

McCarthy discussed development in the township with Monday's grand opening ceremony at the Hilton Garden Inn near M-14 and Sheldon Road as the headliner and mentioned that two more hotels are planned in that immediate area

"They had their ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday and within the first

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# 'Crazy for You'



Crazy for you: At left, Wes Farrow as New Yorker "Bobby Child" holds Nicole Reitz as Deadrock resident "Polly Baker" in the Plymouth Players production of "Crazy For You," the '90s musical revision of the 1932 Broadway show featuring music by George and Ira Gershwin. Above, Farrow, top center, and Pat Gray as New Yorker "Bella Zangler," lower center, are surrounded by The Follies Girls. The performances of "Crazy For You" are scheduled for March 19, 20 and 26, 27. For ticket information call (734) 416-7723.

# Parents' Day offers child-rearing choices

BY VALERIE OLANDER STAFF WRITER volander@oe.homecomm.net

The best gift a parent can give a child is good character development, according to motivational speaker Rolfe Carawan.

Carawan will be sending that message to parents of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools on Saturday, March 27, as keynote speaker for Parents' Day '99. The third annual event is held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at East Middle School, 1042 S. Mill. Cost

"There's a lot of choices out there The best gift we can give our kids is good character development to make moral choices," said the Seattle, Wash., educator. "We can do that by modeling our behavior and ... practicing what we preach, so we don't have a double stan-

"Moms, Dads and Other Endangered Species" is the topic of Carawan's talk. He also will moderate one of the 14 breakout sessions that are being offered. The seminar is sponsored by

the Educational Excellence Founda-

"The point is bringing parents together to talk about the problems they are dealing with and realizing it's the same problems as others are dealing with," said Betty Bloch, Business Education Partnership coordinator for Plymouth-Canton Schools

About 400-450 people are expected to attend. Fourteen breakout sessions with topics such as "self-esteem," "single parenting," "parenting styles" and "taking charge of your TV" are slated.

Carawan started out as a motivational speaker while a college athlete in 1975. He challenged high school students to live a drug and alcohol-free lifestyle. After becoming a teacher and coach his motivational message expanded.

"An outgrowth of all this is the rising demand for it in corporate America because of the new generation of workforce. I'm from the Baby Boomer generation, but there's a new generation of workers out there with a different

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Discovery Middle School: State, township and school leaders were on hand Sunday for the groundbreaking of the new middle school. From left to right: state Sen. Thad McCotter; Lowell teacher Alan Kohring; school board members Mark Horvath and Carrie Blamer; Lowell principal Roche LaVictor; school board member Judy Mardigian; state Rep. Bruce Patterson; Lowell Student Council president Katie Thompson; Canton Supervisor Tom Yack; school board president Mike Maloney; and board members Elizabeth Givens, Sue Davis, Roland Thomas and Darwin Watts.

# School breaks ground

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

It may have been a misnomer, considering the ground is as hard as a rock. However, that didn't stop nearly 100 people from attending Sunday's "groundbreaking" for Discovery Middle School, the first middle school to be constructed in Canton.

"Symbolically, with this ground-

breaking, we are taking a step towards the future," Superintendent Chuck Little told the onlookers who were standing on Hanford Road. "Not only are we having a place called a school constructed here, but we believe it will symbolize our continuing commitment to education for everyone, and reach well into the future to shape our community.

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# City increases water rates by 46 percent

BY TONY BRUSCATO tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net

user by 46 percent.

The Plymouth city commission voted 4-3 Monday night to increase water and sewer rates for the average

The figure is a bit higher than the 42 percent announced two weeks ago, but far short of the 86 percent rate increase originally passed by the

Administration figures show the average user, one which uses 18,000 gallons per quarter, will see quarterly bills rise from \$69.62 to \$101.92.

After a long debate, the vote count favored those commissioners who wanted a lower rate hike, combined with three, 20-year bond issues to eliminate a nearly \$1 million sewer and water fund deficit, as well as

build cash reserves for the future. Those who woted against the resolution wanted to take a bigger bite out of user pocketbooks now, in order to save on what could be millions of dollars in interest costs to taxpayers over the long run.

"My biggest problem is that by borrowing money, the city would be paying close to \$4 million in interest,' said Commissioner Ron Loiselle of a plan which includes bond issues for each of the next 10 years. "While (a bigger rate increase) is more of a bite

■ The figure is a bit higher than the 42 percent announced two weeks ago, but far short of the 86 percent rate increase originally passed by the commission.

for our citizens, I don't believe ... they deserve to pay more than \$4 million in interest.

Loiselle was in favor of a plan to repay bonds over a five-year period with a rate increase of 42 percent this year and 30 percent next year. According to figures supplied by Loiselle, interest costs could be kept to \$263.000°

"We have some major projects to undertake," added Commissioner Stella Greene. "To extend this expenditure over 20 years to make it palatable today, and then add who knows what kind of costs on top of that ... in the next three or four years doesn't seem very responsible to me.

Commissioner Dave McDonald liked the idea of long-term debt with a lower immediate cost

"It sounds good to pay it (the deficit) off, and \$4 million is a lot of

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# Afternoon goes to the dogs in annual Dog Jog



Legal beagles: 35th District Court Magistrate Eric Colthurst, also known as Boss Dog and his legal assistant, Vice Boss Dog Denise Chapman, organize the annual Dog Jog, a fund-raiser for the Humane Society. Sponsored by the Plymouth Kiwanis Club, the 2-mile walk/run begins 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8, in Kellogg Park. Colthurst is pictured with his Sheltie, Shelby, and Chapman's Bichon Frise is

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI SPECIAL WRITER

Here's the poop on the third annual Plymouth Dog Jog: The 2-mile walk/run will begin 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8, beginning and ending in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Sponsored again this year by the Plymouth Kiwanis Club, all proceeds go to the Michigan Humane Society and the Kiwa-

Registration forms are available at Plymouth, Canton and Livonia veterinarian offices; Pet Supply Plus in Canton; Pet Smart in Northville and Specialty Pets in Plymouth, as well as the law office of event chair Eric Colthurst, 35th District Court magistrate, also known as Boss Dog, at 9450 S. Main,

"We try to make it a fun event," said Vice Boss Dog Denise Chapman, a legal assistant in Colthurst's office.

This year, registration forms will be sent to the 225 people from Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Redford, Westland and other southeast Michigan residents who strutted with their

Last year, the event raised \$8,500. Part of the registration fee goes to the Humane Society and part goes to the Kiwanis to support charities like the Terrific Kids program in local schools.

Participants are also invited to collect pledges and bring their sponsor sheets and pledge money to the jog. One hundred percent of the pledges submitted the day of the race go to the Humane Society, Chapman

Last year, Dog Jog participation increased 100 percent, said Chapman, who is predicting another rise in participation this year. "The first two years we had great weather and we're praying for three in a row," she

The cost is \$20 to register before May 1, and \$25 the day of the jog. Registration begins at

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best friends during last year's and part goes to the Kiwanis to support charities like the Terrific Kids program in local schools; the Salvation Army; high school scholarships; the Plymouth Community Band; Plymouth Canton Special Olympics and the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The Dog Jog is the club's biggest fund-raiser.

Walkers and joggers will receive a T-shirt, provided by Pet Supply Plus, and an "oops scoop," as well as water and treats for their four-legged part-

Prizes will go to three age groups each for male and female people race winners; best costume, longest tail and best owner and dog look-alike. Participants with the highest amount of pledges will be awarded grand prizes.

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Businesses interested in supporting the event can buy advertising space on promotional posters or make cash donations to be included in newspaper advertisements.

This year, for the first time, the Dog Jog, also known as the "Bark in the Park" will include a Pooch Smooth booth where pets and their human buddies can have their pictures taken for a fee. The event also includes a demonstration of dog obedience by trainer Dan Morris of Livonia, who will be accompanied by the Dogmatics, a precision drill team often seen at area parades. Dogs in the race must be on a 6-foot leash.

"We've been lucky, because no one has ever brought unruly dogs," Chapman said. "I think people who participate in something like this know their own dogs and they wouldn't bring dogs that wouldn't get along with other dogs or other peo-

For more information call Doggie Central, which is Colthurst's office, at 459-7000.

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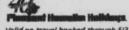
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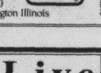
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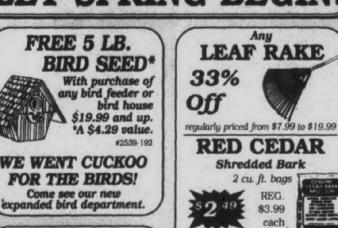
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# **EEF** enriches district by offering programs not in school budget

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Parents' Day is just one of several programs the Educational Excellence Foundation offers to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

EEF board chairman Jim Kosteva calls the EEF "a post-Proposal A foundation" that enhances and enriches programs in line with the school district's goals.

Although formed 12 years ago to administer scholarships and endowments in pre-Proposal A days, the EEF expanded its focus when fewer tax dollars were generated through local property taxes for school coffers. The EEF provides the financial resources for curriculum enrichment programs that may otherwise not

The Summer Skills Academy at Field Elementary is one such program that originated from the EEF. The academy operates in conjunction with Eastern Michigan University to provide additional educational opportunities to students with low reading and math MEAP scores.

About 100-120 students attended last summer. The four-week program has been so successful in boosting MEAP scores, it was extended to include Hoben last year, said Kathy Chorbagian, who raises funds for the EEF. Eriksson Elementary is expected to be added this

A mini grant program also was initiated by the EEF, which allows teachers to buy specialized equipment or study materials for the classroom. The grants range in dollar amount depending upon the

"This year, we'll give out between \$10,000 and \$12,000," Chorbagian said.

Other programs include extended day

'We can do this without changing legislation, we don't have to march on Lansing ... People are doing the same thing by writing a tax deductible check (to the EEF). We can do exactly the same things as a property tax increase.'

> Jim Kosteva -EEF chairman

care and a clothing bank.

"We can do this without changing legislation, we don't have to march on Lansing People are doing the same thing by writing a tax deductible check (to the EEF). We can do exactly the same things as a property tax increase," said Kosteva.

"In an era where people feel their hands are tied (due to school funding reform) ... this is a property tax vehicle."

The EEF raises money through individual and business donations and several

A dinner theater is set for Friday, March 26, at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium. The EEF has 100 tickets available for a special dinner prepared by culinary arts students at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, followed by a Plymouth Park Players' performance of the Gershwin musical comedy "Crazy for You." Tickets are still available at a cost of \$35.

A golf outing is planned for June 21 at Eagle Crest Golf Course in Ypsilanti.

For more information about the EEF, call Kathy Chorbagian at 420-7010.

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Selections for Break Out Sessions will be made during the Parents' Day event.

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> Selections for Break Out Sessions will be made on the day of the event.

# Parents' Day from page A1

value system," he said.

About 60 percent of his speaking engagements are education-related, the other 40 percent are for the corporate sector.

Carawan's message is said to be heartfelt and humorous. He is the father of two elementary-aged children, although he gears his talk for parents with children of all ages. "We can insulate them without isolating them,"

he said of societal and peer pressures all children

"The better relationship they have with their parents, the better they'll be able to deal with peer pressure... that doesn't mean being a friend, it means giving a child autonomy and to know their boundaries.

civic leaders in Plymouth and Canton. Character

Bloch said one of the reasons Carawan was chosen as keynote speaker of Parents' Day '99 was because his message aligns with the **Character Counts program that has** been implemented by civic leaders.

Registration is suggested, although walk-ins are welcome the day of the seminar. Free child care is also provided by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Extended Day program. Space is limited. Children must be between 3-10.

bundaries."

"My wife and I went ourselves (last year) and found it to be worthwhile. There's challenges to sen as keynote speaker of Parents' Day '99 was raising kids. This allows parents to ask questions because his message aligns with the Character and get some feedback and you can share with Counts program that has been implemented by other parents.," said Jim Kosteva, chairman of the EEF board.

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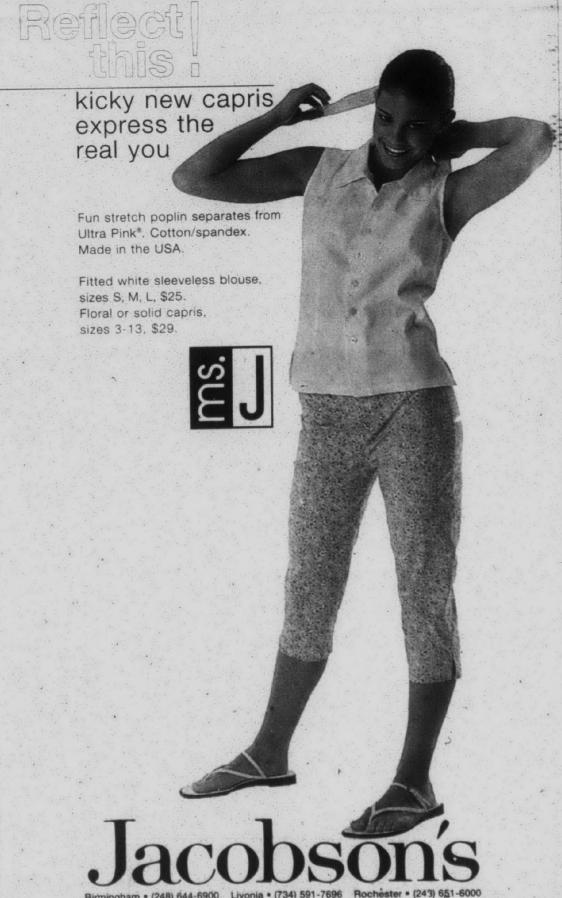
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# Century Club of Plymouth to focus on community need

BY VALERIE OLANDER

Residents in need of financial assistance during bad economic times will have an easier go of it. And, so will community projects that need a little boost getting off the ground.

The Century Society of Plyhursday, with about 50 people spected to be in attendance at tation 885.

The Century Society met half it its membership goal, which is limited to 100 members. Each will pledge \$1,000 per year. Fifty percent of the money collected each year will go toward an endowment fund with the remaining 50 percent funding a variety of community projects, including emergency needs.

"This is something I think there is a need for," said former Plymouth Mayor Jim Jabara, one of the founders of the Centu-

"I've thought about this for a long time. It would be a supplemental thing, something that the Salvation Army already does, but they can't do every thing. We have the Kiwanis

Foundation and Rotary Foundation ... What if someone needs a wheelchair, or some kind of operation? Some people don't have hospitalization (insurance)."

The Century Society is a takeoff of the Crisis Club in Grosse Pointe and the Canton Century

In addition to Jabara, the board of directors for the Century Society are Tom Caviston. Ron Edwards, Dan Herriman, Bill Joyner, Dennis Shrewsbury and Jim McKeon.

"We have \$3,500 in hand right now," Joyner said Monday.

"There's a good cross section of people - business, old-time community leaders, school people. It's just a good group of people who want to pool their resources," he said.

Two projects are already being initiated with the funds. Seed money has been committed to help the Plymouth Community Arts Council form a Shakespearean Troupe. A portion of the funds also will be used to mail out a community survey that will culminate in a Summit on Community Excellence in

The survey will be mailed to

every home in the Plymouths in April, allowing residents to evaluate the Plymouth community lifestyle and needs for the future. The survey has been developed by the Gallup organization and is currently being tested in communities around

Results will be shared at the Summit on Community Excellence when government leaders, spiritual, health and educational organizations, advocacy groups and business leaders convene to discuss the results. A Tuesday, March 23, breakfast is planned for outlining the community ini-

The Century Society of Plymouth has filed for 501(c)3 nonprofit status. All checks payable to the Century Society are expected to be tax-exempt by the end of this year.

"The first 50 (members) will be easier than last 50," said Jabara in regards to the Century Society's membership drive. "I don't think it'll be a problem. There's a lot of people in town."

For more information, call



Jazz time: Ragtime piano player Dan Milne, above, performs for a group gathered at the Plymouth Historical Museum last Thursday. The museum is hosting monthly programs themed after each decade of the 20th century. This month fea-tured the 1930s. At right, Luan Brownlee laughs with server Don Peterson in the "bread (and soup) line" sponsored by The Breadsmith Bakery. On April 8, the 1940s will be featured in museum activities.



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interest," said McDonald. "However, I think those that move into the city over the next 20 years should help pay for those bills, not at the expense of the elderly in this town.

Figures from Assistant City Manager Paul Sincock indicate bonds totaling \$995,000 and \$860,000 will be issued before July first, with another bond issue for \$995,000 set for the fall. Sincock says the interest total for the three bond issues will equal slightly more than \$1.6 million at the end of 20

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Koch, and commissioners McDonald and Colleen Pobur voting in favor of the lower rate increase combined with 20-year bond issues. Commissioners Loiselle, Greene and Dennis Shrewsbury voted against the

"If we shorten the bond retainment time, it puts pressure on rates," said City Manager David Rich. "We can shorten it to reduce financing costs, but the rates will go up. That's the trade-off."

Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva blamed the city administration In the end, it was Mayor Don for failing to foresee a water and

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"The administration has to take a big chunk of the blame," said Vorva. "Maybe there needs to be some belt tightening. Take a real look at where we can tighten our budget. Maybe no raises, or maybe we need to look at all (administration) positions to see if they're really needed."

After the meeting, Loiselle remained upset about the vote.

"After voting taxpayers to pay another \$4 million in interest, while the budget is a quarter-ofa-million dollars out of balance, I'm surprised the commissioners didn't give themselves a raise because they're doing such a good job."

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# School from page A1

Voters last October approved Think about the thousands an \$18.1 million bond proposal to build the new middle school, which will replace Lowell.

and thousands of children who will benefit by what we are doing today," added Mike Maloney, school board president. "This community cares about children. and cares about education. That's what makes it a great place to live, and that's what's going to continue to make it a century."

Site preparation for the Hanford and Canton Center roads location is expected to begin when the weather cooperates, hopefully by the end of this month. Bids for construction are expected March 31, with construction to begin shortly after-

"We're encouraged by the competition that's being generated," said architect Ron Fanning of Fanning/Howey Associates, who noted at least 60 bid packages were sent out to prospective con-tractors in two days. "The market is pretty tight right now, so we'll have to keep our fingers crossed on the numbers."

With interest on the bonds, the total project budget jumps to more than \$19.7 million. That includes \$15 million for construction costs; \$775,000 for instructional technology; \$775,000 for construction contingencies; and \$600,000 for educational equipment.

Discovery Middle School will be the first new middle school constructed in 30 years in the Plymouth-Canton school district. It will be the largest middle school in the district at 127,000 square feet, with a planned capacity of 765 students. The opening is planned for the beginning of the 2000-01 school year.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack praised the cooperative efforts between the township and school district.

"We can really celebrate the support that both units of government have towards each other." Yack told the crowd. "I can name about 15 different programs ... that we work cooperatively with the Plymouth-Canton school district and administra-

Cheers went up among the crowd, many by staff members from Lowell who helped in designing Discovery, when the ceremonial first shovels of dirt

"This is a big day in the life of the Plymouth-Canton school district," said Lowell math teacher Al Kohring. "I've been teaching 24 years, and this will be a nice way to finish out my career."

"This is so exciting," added chorus teacher Joann Gustafson, who has been teaching 32 years.

Gustafson is one of a handful of teachers who began at Lowell 18 years ago, when Plymouth-Canton began leasing the school from Livonia.

"We call ourselves the Pilgrims because we came on the Mayflower 18 years ago, quipped Gustafson. "It looks like we're going to make it to the New World, Discovery."

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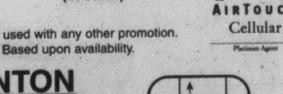
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week, they've reached 100 per-cent booking," she said. "So, it's definitely satisfying a pent-up need for something like that in the area."

One of the hotels that is planned is the next phase in the redevelopment project at the former St. John's Seminary at Five Mile and Sheldon, with the other eyeing a site in the industrial park along Halyard.

Traffic, especially along Beck Road, was also one of the questions raised at the address.

McCarthy said that the township is currently looking at the project in conjunction with Wayne County in terms of what needs to be done to alleviate the problem.

She said that the road could be widened to a full five-lane artery through the community but also said that making changes to a separate road in the area might give motorists another option, lightening the traffic load on

Also a hot issue, which ties in with the question of traffic, was the proposed restaurant and condominium development near Haggerty and Ann Arbor Road.

With the possibility of adding more than 300 condominiums to the area and blocking off two roads that currently exit to Ann Arbor Road, traffic flow will increase on an already busy Haggerty Road and Ann Arbor

Little mentioned student ACT test scores and the school dis-

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trict's reputation as a couple of the strong points for the local education system but said that there are plenty of concerns in that department as well.

He stated that the Plymouth-Canton district as one of the lowest funded in the area and is extremely over-crowded, currently 1,000 students over capacity.

With the construction of three new schools (one elementary, one middle and one high school) planned for the near future, the future looks bright.

"Technology will be one of our biggest assets," he said. "You have to remember that every one of these kids in the schools grew up with Nintendo and it's us, the adults, that have to catch up.'

Bankes has been making the rounds to meet with local government officials, including the township board of trustees and the city commission, in identifying issues in the area that need to be addressed by the county.

She is planning to drive around several of the local communities with Cameron Priebe, Wayne County director of Public Works, Friday to determine a plan to fix roads that need repair and eventually take that master plan to Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara.

In talking Wednesday, Bankes said that she is welcoming local government heads to help her with identifying problem areas.

"As you can tell from this speech, I'm in the learning mode," she said. "But, if there's anything that you would like me

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The Y2K scare also surfaced at the address with local business owners inquiring about the government's preparedness.

All four speakers were confident that local governments have made adequate changes in fixing the problem but some concerns are still looming as to what higher authorities are doing.

The big question is Detroit Water and Sewer," said Dismuke. "It's a question of whether they'll be ready."

McCarthy agreed saying, "There's only so much that the local communities can do. We should be all right as long as we have power. But we don't control

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# Changes eyed for Hines Park, nature preserve

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

The William Holliday Forest Nature Preserve in Westland may obtain a new board walk and trail repairs, while park facilities throughout Hines Park will be continued to be made accessible for the disabled.

The Wayne County parks master plan listed these improvements for funding this year. The five-year plan was released to Wayne County commissioners in February.

Hurley Coleman, director of Wayne County parks, said the plan serves two purposes.
"We get to look at Wayne

County parks and what we'd like to see in 2004 and 2010. It's a dynamic plan of action. It gives a good evolution of where we are.

"We've gone through the master plans from local communities and look at what Wayne County ought to be doing. We've got 43 communities in Wayne County, so there is only a limited amount of what we can do.

Coleman said the parks department uses the report to help lobby the state Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality to obtain grants through PARK MASTER PLAN

land trust and federal land conservation funds. One of the applications calls for an approved five-year plan, Cole-man said. "That requirement forces communities to take the time and think of the scope of their projects," Coleman said.

The plan highlighted many of the \$31 million in improvements made since 1997. Approximately 82 percent of the funds needed for the five-year action plan. for parks and recreation improvement came from the special five-year property tax, approved by voters in August 1996 and scheduled to expire in 2001. The remaining funds came from grants and the Wayne County general fund.

About 51 percent of the money from the tax, grants and general funds were spent in Wayne County parks, including 22 percent spent in all the parks, and Hines with 16 percent. The remaining 49 percent went to "Partnership Parks," such as historic Fort Wayne, Mariner Park and Chandler Park in

These (partnership parks) will range from cooperative improvement of existing local

parks, that will have regional significance, the example there is the Chandler Park Aquatic Center (in Detroit), and the maintenance and programming functions as performed at Crosswinds Marsh (in Sumpter Town-

Coleman hopes the plan lays the groundwork for property acquisition. "We ought to be buying into areas for passive recreation in areas of develop-

"In the past we were not able to do this because of a lack of resources.

Wayne County is not actively pursuing property yet, but Coleman identified Brownstown and Sumpter townships as areas Wayne County may be interest-

Property acquisition would help connect Hines Park and the Lower Rouge Parkway where private land holdings "disrupt the flow and continuity of the park," according to the report.

Land acquisition would assist with the protection of water resources, particularly along tributaries along the Rouge River and the Detroit River. Such a program would help protect historically significant sites, such as the Hines Drive bridge over Plymouth Road in Livonia, where Ann Arbor Road begins. That bridge was recently nominated by the State Historic Preservation Office as a histori-



Park programs: The annual Mud Day, sponsored by Wayne County Parks, is one of many activities which draws hundreds of youngsters and their families to picnic and recreation areas in Hines Park.

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# Phone companies battle for middle-distance business

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

MCI, the long-distance telephone company, and Ameritech Michigan, the local telephone system, are slugging it out in the state Supreme Court over the middle-distance business.

In telephone jargon, the prize is the "IntraLATA" market mid-distance calls to a neighboring town or county, though not long-distance. Ameritech has tight grip on IntraLATA

tight grip on IntraLATA.

The Michigan Public Service

Commission, prodded by MCI and AT&T, ordered Ameritech to provide "dialing parity," and the Court of Appeals agreed. But Ameritech won't give up.

"A customer in Southfield calling Ann Arbor would have to dial an extra seven digits, in addition to the number," said David Voges, an assistant attorney general representing the state PSC in March 11 oral arguments before the high court.

He referred to the 10-10-288 or 10-10-321 prefixes a caller must dial in order to have the mid-distance IntraLATA call handled more cheaply by a long-distance company instead of Ameritech.

"There's no doubt that requiring an extra seven digits has taken a large bite out of competition," added Peter Lark, another assistant attorney general.

Lark noted that in recent years Ameritech Michigan's flat rate went up 20 percent, from 15 to 18 cents per minute while Ameritech Illinois' rate fell from 12 to 7 cents per minute.

Under the PSC-ordered "dialing parity," a caller wouldn't

have to dial the seven-digit prefix in order to use MCI or AT&T. Dialing parity was supposed to start Jan. 1, 1996.

The Supreme Court tries to decide cases within a year of hearing oral arguments. Easy decisions come out in a few weeks. Difficult ones like MCI take many months.

Arthur LeVasseur, AT&T's attorney, added that the PSC ordered a 55 percent discount by Ameritech "to the extent its orders weren't applied." He added, "The Court of Appeals

found in 1997 that the Public Service Commission had authority to set a 55 percent discount rate. There's a constitutional

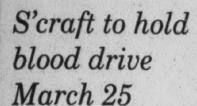
Ameritech attorney Peter Ellsworth replied, "Competition goes both ways." He complained that a federal law says Ameritech must provide mid-distance dialing parity when it is allowed into the long-distance market. So far that hasn't happened.

"The inability of Ameritech to compete in InterLATA (long distance) is a severe disability. It (Ameritech) has absolutely no ability to offer a package," Ellsworth told the justices.

Under federal law, said Ellsworth, there's a "linkage" between competitive markets for long-distance and mid-distance business, "but Ameritech never was granted relief to compete.

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# DeHart, Kelly say tax break bill is nothing but corporate welfare

Sen. Bill Bullard's new business tax break ran into a couple of rough spots before landing this week on Gov. John Engler's desk for signing.

Bullard, R-Milford and chair of the Senate Taxation Committee, won 32-4 approval in the Senate on Feb. 25 and 93-15 approval in the House March 9.

His SB 102 would allow local units - cities, villages and townships - in an "eligible distressed area" to exempt all new personal property of a business relocating there. Bullard said the goal is to encourage businesses to locate in older urban areas.

"Another form of corporate welfare," said Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland. "My communities are in jeopardy of losing business to a neighboring community who fits the criteria of being 'distressed.'

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Added Rep. Ruth Ann Jamnick, D-Ypsilanti: "There is no provision for repayment to the taxing units if a corporate decision is made to move to another community, county or state."

Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, also voted no. They were the only three area House members to

In the Senate, the four dissenters were all Republicans, including John J.H. Schwarz of Battle Creek. They made no onthe-record protests, however. All area senators of both parties voted yes.

Bullard's bill defines an "eligible distressed area" as one that has seen population drop since 1970, has poverty and unemployment rate higher than the statewide average, and has an area certified by the state as a

"neighborhood enterprise zone." SB 102 also provides:

To be eligible for the tax break, businesses must employ at least 25 and be in the manufacturing, mining, research and development, wholesale or office operations

Ineligible would be retail stores, professional sports stadiums or portions of a business used for retail trade.

"Personal property" includes machinery, equipment and

inventory. The Senate Fiscal Agency didn't calculate potential tax losses, but it noted that school districts would be "held harmless" - that is, the state would pay their guaranteed per-pupil foundation allowances.

A business planning to move

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# Free shuttle service on tap for patrons at O&E job fair

Free shuttle bus service will be available to those attending the Observer & Eccentric/HomeTown Newspapers Job Fair on Wednesday, March 24, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The 18-seat shuttle bus will run in a continuous loop from Madonna University, located on the corner of Schoolcraft and Levan Roads, to Laurel Manor, located on Schoolcraft., just south of I-96. Job fair attendees who wish to catch the shuttle bus will be able to park for free at Madonna University's southeast corner parking lot and board the bus. The bus will make a complete loop every 15

minutes. This service is available from noon to 5 p.m. on the day of the job fair. Job fair hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"Due to the overwhelming success of our September 1998 job fair, we realized that a shuttle bus service was needed in order to grow this event," said Rick Ficorelli, director of market-

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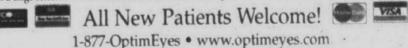
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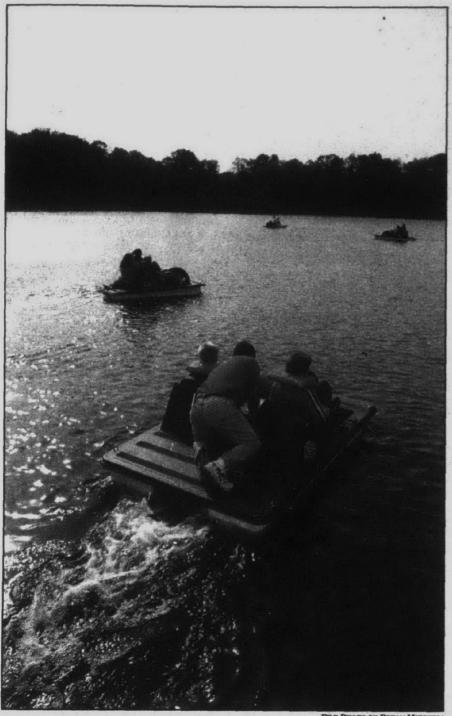
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# Park users can reel in summer fun



FILE PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Paddleboat party: Youngsters enjoy a paddleboat during the official dedication of Newburgh Lake in October 1998. Paddleboats will be available for rental at Newburgh Pointe after Memorial Day, according to Wayne County Parks Director Hurley Coleman. BY KEN ABRAMCZYK kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

You can get your fishing rod and reel ready for Newburgh Lake, but please, please don't eat the

Newburgh Lake will be open for catch-and-release fishing this year, but public fish consumption advisories from the Michigan Department of Community Health will

remain in effect. Newburgh Lake, an impoundment

of the Rouge River in the city of Livonia and Plymouth Township, was officially dedicated in October after a 19-month, \$10 million restoration project to remove contaminated sediments, but Memorial Day will mark the lake's actual reopening to the

public for recreational activities. Canoes and paddleboats will be available at Newburgh Pointe after Memorial Day. Residents can bring their own small boat to launch at the lake's public site, but they will need a permit. Motor boats will not be allowed.

"Fishing will be allowed, but of course, they will have to follow the (Department of Natural Resources) rules," said Hurley Coleman, director of Wayne County parks. "We're not doing anything different from the DNR rules. For sportfishing, we'd always advise catch and release."

Fish advisories against consumption will continue this year for the middle branch of the Rouge River, including the impoundment of Newburgh Lake, below Phoenix Lake.

Gary Towns, district fisheries biologist, said the DNR encourages anglers to enjoy the lake, but they should, of course, follow state regulations outlined in fishing guides and advisories distributed when they purchase their fishing licenses. After the DNR had received requests from people who wanted to fish at the lake last fall, Towns met with county officials to discuss it.

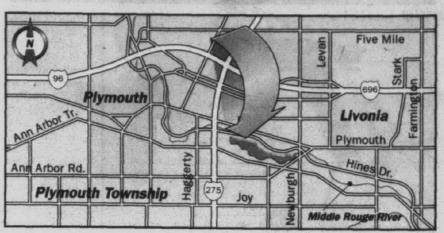
"(Anglers) knew they weren't going to be able to catch any fish, if any at all, but they just wanted to wet a line and enjoy the park. There's no reason why they can't do that."

Towns doubts that any fish would

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# **Newburgh Lake**



grow large enough this year to be "keepers." "If they do get to the legal size, we have these regulations and we will be patrolling it. Those regulations protect 'subregulated' fish."

Towns expects the fish to grow quickly and could reach legal size next year. "There's no reason for (recreational anglers) not to enjoy it."

Wayne County commissioners are expected to study a proposed list of parks fees next week at a meeting of the commission's Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services, which will then return the fee schedule to the full commission for a vote, possibly for the following week.

The fees include a small-boating permit for \$5; canoe rentals from Newburgh to Nankin and Nankin to Merriman, \$10 each, or Newburgh to Merriman, \$15.

Coleman proposed \$100 fees for the daily rental of picnic shelters throughout the park system.

The canoe livery will be opened at the Nankin impoundment on Hines Drive just west of Ann Arbor Trail and, for the first time, at Newburgh Road. For the first time, canoeing will be permitted from Newburgh to Ann Arbor Trail.

A public health advisory against consumption will not be lifted by the Michigan Department of Community and Public Health until the fish are cleared of any possible contamina-

These contaminants that once

were present in Newburgh Lake polychlorinated biphenyls - bioaccumulate in large fish, so if any PCBs were present, they would be evident in species, such as largemouth bass. Contaminants are not expected to be found in the fish, as 558,000 tons of sediment were removed from Newburgh Lake over the past two years. Approximately 250,000 tons were contaminated with PCBs.

Two fish kills over the last two years removed about 30,000 pounds of fish, some contaminated with the

Newburgh was stocked last year with 50 gallons of fathead minnows, 10,000 bluegills, 4,000 largemouth bass, 3,000 catfish and 1,000 walleye. None of these fish would grow to a catchable legal size except for possibly the bluegill.

Those same fish are expected to be restocked this year, along with 4,000 northern pike, 300 crappie and 100 pumpkinseed sunfish. In 2000, 3,000 catfish and 2,000 northern pike will be restocked.

Coleman said county parks staff have discussed having Newburgh Lake as a recreational activity since

"So much is being done on the Rouge, it's an exciting thing for the people to go out there with their families. There's more recreational activities for them.

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After earning his medical degree at Wayne State University, Dr. Dodds completed his internship and residency at Providence Hospital. Among his other awards and activities, Dr. Dodds was honored as Resident Teacher of the Year each year from 1995 through 1998. He is also a member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Medical Association.



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# **Legal review**

# Prosecutor to examine airport bus leases

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

Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair is reviewing the vehicle lease agreements of an airport parking operator after an auditor general's report indicated that Wayne County may be overpaying an airport parking operator \$400,000 for the lease

of 37 shuttle buses The prosecutor's office stopped short of calling it a criminal investigation, referring to it as a review to check whether the lease reimbursements were "unreasonable.

Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy released a report in December, which disclosed that lease agreements with the Cleveland-based APCOA cost an average of \$28,000 per vehicle. Dunleavy and his staff found that airport could have leased the majority of these vehicles for an average of about \$17,000 per

"At this rate, the airport could be paying as much as \$400,000 too much to lease the 37 vehicles," Dunleavy said.

## Auditor's report

Dunleavy sent his report to the prosecutor's office in accordance with the county ethics

In a letter received Tuesday by Wayne County commissioners and addressed to Wayne County Corporation Counsel Edward Ewell and Airport Director David Katz, O'Hair said: "We have not yet reached any conclusion with respect to intentional wrongdoing."

Said George Ward, chief assistant prosecutor: "We're still getting information. We've been focusing on whether the payments and reimbursements were unreasonable." Ward expected the prosecutor's review would be completed in two weeks, at which time the county would decide whether to attempt to recover any reimbursement.

Dunleavy's report also found that \$1.4 million in parking taxes were underreported, but O'Hair's office was not reviewing that audit problem, Ward said.

"The state Treasurer's got jurisdiction on that," Ward said. Wayne County was waiting for an interpretation of state statute on what percentage of the park-

ing tax should be levied. APCOA deducted labor costs from the valet parking receipts before calculating the parking tax. Dunleavy calculated that that amount was less than 25 percent of the total charge of the parking tax. Airport officials say APCOA now computes the parking tax on the entire amount.

County commissioners received the letter the same day they were to study a recommended approval of APCOA to a three-year contract, but decided to pass the contract for the day, which means it is expected to be discussed again at the next committee-of-the-whole meeting March 30. Commissioners also are meeting today for a regularly scheduled business meeting.

The contract calls for APCOA to operate and manage the public parking facility's 11,810 parking spaces at Metro. Wayne County would pay to APCOA-Williford Parking an amount equal to 0.23297 percent of the total gross revenues. APCOA-Williford Parking is a joint venture between APCOA of Cleveland and Williford Enterprises of

## Commission to act

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, wanted to wait to discuss APCOA's contract until the prosecutor's office completed its investigation. "The report on APCOA's con-

tract was one of the most shocking things I've ever read," Beard said. "Things were egregious." Beard said she was "disap-

pointed" she didn't hear from Katz or Ewell about the letter.

"Until things are cleared up, I think it would be unwise (to OK the contract)," Beard said.

Ward told the commissioners they could approve the contract, if they chose to do so, but it would not affect the prosecutorial review. "Whether or not you do will not prejudice our review of the past reimbursement," Ward said.

Katz agreed that the commission should wait before acting on the contract. "Let the prosecutor complete his review before you act on it," Katz said. "Whatever makes the board comfortable." Katz said in a recent interview the APCOA contract was the low bidder, less than one-half the cost of the other bidders.

Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, said she wanted a copy of the previous contract to compare it to the new one before she acted on it. Dunleavy listed some recommended changes to the contract, which he forwarded to the commission.

Katz said APCOA has acted in good faith during the last contract and bid process. He said his department has answered questions from Ward and others from the prosecutor's office. Ward also said Katz was cooperative.

"If we feel we are owed some money, we will get a refund,"

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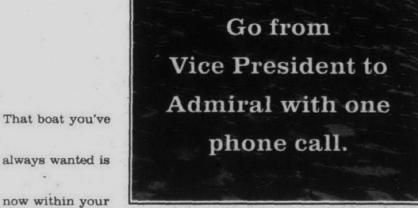
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# Dems balk at bill to fill lieutenant governor vacancy

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Senate Democrats balked, defeating a plan to fill any vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor.

The plan required a two-thirds vote of the Senate, or 25 of the 37 sitting members. It died when just 20 Republicans voted yes, and 14 Democrats said no.

Both House and Senate would

have to vote to put it on the November 2000 ballot as a constitutional amendment for voters

Senate Joint Resolution G, as it's known, would allow the governor to appoint a lieutenant governor with the concurrence of the Senate.

Here is how area senators

YES - Republicans Loren Bennett of Canton, Bill Bullard Jr. of

Milford, Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia, Mike Rogers of Brighton, John Schwarz of Battle Creek.

NO - Democrats Dianne Byrum of Onondaga, John Cherry of Clio, George Hart of Dearborn, Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township and Alma Wheeler Smith of Salem.

ABSENT - Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, along with one other Republican and one Democrat.

One Senate seat is vacant.

The vote came March 9 after senators rejected, by voice vote, an amendment by Alma Smith, D-Salem, to require concurrence by both the House and Senate.

Republicans rejected it, arguing that only Senate concurrence is needed for most appointments. And the governor is allowed to fill vacancies for secretary of state and attorney general with no legislative concurrence at all.

Afterward, Rogers, as majority floor leader, moved for reconsideration, leaving the plan still on the Senate calendar.

But the 1961 Constitutional Convention intentionally didn't provide for filling a vacancy for lieutenant governor, according to SJR G's sponsor, Sen. Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville.

Without a lieutenant governor

to cast a tie-breaking vote, the Senate could deadlock 19-19, Sikkema said.

Only once under the current constitution - in 1969-70 - has there been no lieutenant gover-nor. Gov. George Romney resigned to take a post in the Nixon cabinet. Lt. Gov. William G. Milliken moved up to governor. The lieutenant governor post went vacant until voters elected James Brickley in 1970.

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ity to InterLATA with two exceptions. One doesn't apply to Michigan.

"The other applies to states with dialing parity. This allows states to proceed with dialing parity, but not until Ameritech can compete in InterLATA," said Ellsworth, contending federal regulations are controlling over state law

"This case is moot," said the Ameritech attorney, saying it should be held in abeyance and not decided by the Michigan Supreme Court. He said a U.S. Supreme Court decision held the Federal Communications Commission had authority to control IntraLATA (mid-distance) rates.

"It is not moot," shot back Albert Ernst for MCI. "We still have the 55 percent (discount) issue. Michigan could implement dialing parity on its own. Thirty-five states have implemented dialing parity. We

(Michigan) can't get it. "They (Ameritech) want to keep their 1+ monopoly. That's all it's about. Ameritech won a great victory by delaying."

Justice Maura Corrigan, who was elected in November of 1998, asked about the state act that limited Ameritech's requirement to offer mid-distance dialing parity to 10 percent of customers on a graduated scale. "Ameritech made a good case with the Legislature for a level playing field," she

"Ameritech has an obligation," said Voges, the assistant attorney general. "It doesn't say the converse (that Ameritech must be allowed access to the longdistance market)."

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would have to give notice to the State Tax Commission, Michigan Jobs Commission and the losing local unit of government.

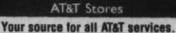
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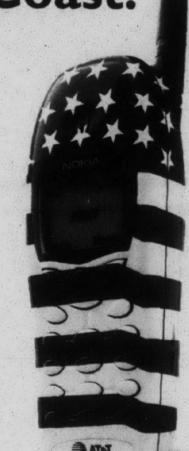
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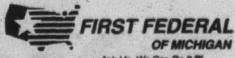
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# County parks to host marshmallow drop

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Children can turn in the marshmallows for prize-filled eggs at the drop at 11 a.m. at Nankin Mills in Westland. Children will collect the marshmallows in different age groups.

If the weather does not cooperate, the event will be rescheduled for Saturday, April 3.

children of all ages," said Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara. "What a great way to start out the spring with a wonderful outdoor activity."

The Great Marshmallow Drop is co-sponsored by WNIC-FM and is the first of a record num-

"This is an exciting event for ber of warm weather events planned by Wayne County Parks for 1999.

Nankin Mills is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. For additional information on this or any other Wayne County parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

# Schoolcraft will offer basic boating class

Schoolcraft College offers a class, Michigan Boating Basics and Responsible Boating, that is an approved boating safety course necessary to operate legally a personal water craft.

New laws effective in 1999 require that all persons born after Dec. 31, 1978, must attend and pass such a class to operate a boat or a PWC such as a Jet Ski legally.

The class offers a review of safe, legal and responsible boating operation in the state, including equipment requirements, preparation for trailering, navigational rules and safe

All boating safety course students must be at least 12 years old and will receive state certification to legally operate a boat or PWC upon successfully completing the class.

The two-week class begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, March 20,

For more information on fees and schedules, call (734) 462-

Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275 in Livonia.

# Employers sought for collegiate job fair

Michigan employers are invited to take part in the 23rd Michigan Collegiate Job Fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, March 26, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

The fair is co-sponsored by Wayne State and Eastern Michigan universities and pro-

moted by more than 70 other four-year and two-year institutions. ESD, the Engineering

Society, is a supporting sponsor.

The fair is expected to draw 1,000 to 1,200 seniors and recent alumni from colleges and universities throughout Michigan and surrounding states.

The employer registration fee is \$325. Included in that cost is floor space, table and chairs, a company sign, parking, lunch and refreshments for up to four recruiters per firm.

Registration is first-come, first served and should be sub-

mitted as soon as possible. For more information, call Nannette McCleary of Wayne State at (313) 577-9947 or Renee Elliott at (734) 487-4395 for information or contact local university or college placement offices or visit the Internet: www. sa. wayne.edu

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FRED W. SCHEBOR

Services for Fred W. Schebor. 77, of Midland, formerly of Plymouth and Canton, were March 17 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland.

He was born April 23, 1921, in Detroit. He died March 13 in Midland. He moved from Plymouth/Canton to Midland 15 years ago. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Midland. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He also was a member of the V.F.W. Post 6695, Plymouth

Survivors include his wife, Mabel of Midland; three daughters, Lynn A. Schebor of Pigeon, Mich, Patricia J. (Jerome B.) Schaefer of Sterling Heights, Karen G. (William J.) Schultz, Jr. of Midland; one son, Fred A. Schebor of Farmington Hills; and six grandchildren, Karin L. (Jason) Dillabough, Jeffrey J. Vaicunas, Jr., Kimberly A. Schaefer, Kristen J. Schaefer, William J. (B.J.) Shultz III, Andrew V. Schulz.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church in Midland or the American Heart Association of Michigan.

REBECCA MARY JENSEN

Services for Rebecca Mary Jensen, 46, of Canton Township were March 14 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with Rev. John Sullivan officiat-

She was born Oct. 16, 1952, in Hartford, Conn. She died March 12 in Ann Arbor. She was a lubrication engineer. She worked for General Motors for 23 years. She came to the Canton community in 1977 from Indiana. She was a member of the U.A.W. at General Motors and she was also a member of the Ypsilanti Eagles. She loved gardening, crafts, sky diving, snow skiing, horse back riding, water skiing, boating and family gatherings.

Survivors include her former husband, Chris Jensen; mother, Mary Florence Lake of Florida; two daughters, Shannon Sullivan of Ypsilanti, Lynn Trevor of Howell; two brothers, David (Debbie) Lake of Canton, Richard (Debbie) Lake of Canton; and two grandchildren, Sara and Matthew.

ROSEMARY HELEN SPALL

Services for Rosemary Helen Spall, 75, of Plymouth were March 15 in St. Kenneth

# **OBITUARIES**

Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph S. Mallia officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Ply-

She was born Oct. 13, 1923, in St. Louis, Mo. She died March 13 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph J. and Rose Walsh. Survivors include her husband, William E. Spall of Plymouth; one son, J. Michael Spall of Plymouth; and one sister, Veronica Walsh of St. Louis, Memorials may be made in

mass offerings **HENRY T. JANKS** 

Services for Henry T. Janks, 69, of Northville were March 16 in the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills with the Rev.

Eric Majewski officiating. He was born Feb. 25, 1930, in Dearborn. He died March 12 in Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He was a retired postal

worker. Survivors include his wife, Gloria Janks; four sons, Tom Janks, Ken Janks, Jim Janks, Bob Janks; one daughter, Ellen Janks; two stepchildren, Connie

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

Rose, Tim Kulig; two brothers, Dick Janks, Tony Janks; and 15 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

JANE ROWE WELLS

Services for Jane Rowe Wells, 74, of Syracuse, Ind., formerly of Plymouth, were Feb. 16 in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, Ind.

She was born Oct. 21, 1924, in Akron, Ind. She died Feb. 12 in Kosciusko Community Hospital, Indiana. She was a Syracuse

area resident since 1985 moving from Plymouth. She was a homemaker. She was a volunteer at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen, Ind. She was an avid

Survivors include her three sons, Richard (Lynn) Wells of Denver, Colo., Charles Wells of Denver, Colo., Andrew Wells of Hood River, Ore.; and two sisters, Nancy Denton of San Bernadino, Calif., Charlotte Johnson of Elmhurst, Ill.

## STOW & GO SELF STORAGE **AUCTION NOTICE**

remant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at Stow & Go Self prage, 41999 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI on April 16, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. on past due tenants ted below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bid-ron each unit. Cash Only:

der on each unit. Cash Only:
Unit #660 - ROBERT DEVYAK OF 272 W. LIBERTY ST. #202, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170
Fish tank, stand, bed spreads, office files approximately 60 boxes, patio table, blir
processories other misrellaneous

Unit #226-NICHARD ZARKOWSKI OF 11160 SW 154 PL, MIAMI, PL 33196
Shop vac, weedwacker, tool box, dresser, TV, ladder, night stand, folding chairs, table, mis

neous boxes, other miscellaneous.

Unit #553 - JOYCE CLOSE OF 12620 BEACON HILL CT., PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

2-fan wicker chairs, suitcase, 6-fans, 50 approximate boxes, books, other miscellaneou
Unit #715 - CHRIS DOW OF 33432 BENTLEY, WESTLAND, MI 48186

4 bikes, twin mattress, red twin metal bed frame, toy chest, kids toys, kids clot

Unit #016 - GERALD ROBBINS OF 50558 TYLER, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170
Tool box, lunch box, 5 bags of stuffed animals, remote control car, m

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# Read Taste every Sunday

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON 1999-2000 ACTION PLAN 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD **FY 1999 CDBG PROGRAM**

On March 15, 1999 and for 30 days thereafter, public comment will be accepted on the 1999-2000 Canton Charter Township Action Plan. The Action Plan is part of the Consolidated Plan (mandated in 24 CFR Parts 91, 92, 570, 574, 578 and 968 (August 5, 1994/Proposed Rules), which replaces the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS). The document plus the Action Plan will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Resource Development Division office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. Comments received during the review period will be available in which the content of the conte review period will be answered in writing and appended to the Plan. The Consolidated Plan must be submitted to the Department of HUD no later than May 15, 1999. The 1999-2000 Action Plan has been amended to stipulate that the expansion of the Human Services Center is the primary Plan priority. The Plan is otherwise consistent with the 1996-97 Consolidated Plan which states that the housing rehabilitation program is the only direct intervention housing program for Canton Township, Canton Township, when appropriate and after diligent review, will support applications by outside agencies to the Department of HUD for non public housing funds to alleviate the housing/support needs of low and moderate income residents and others who meet relevant federal criteria for housing need. Canton Township will not support the loss of subsidized housing units in Canton. There are no homeless in Canton Township supported by census date and the problem will not develop during the Plan period. Canton Township certifies that it will affirmatively further fair housing and that it is in compliance with a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan as required and provided under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

On March 9, 1999, the Board of Trustees, at a regularly scheduled public session approved the FV 1999 Community Development Rich Creat

On March 9, 1999, the Board of Trustees, at a regularly scheduled public session, approved the FY 1999 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programming recommendations of the Canton CDBG Advisory Council, adopted at the Council meeting of February 24, 1999, to wit: Program Administration, \$78,000; First Step, \$30,000; HelpSource Adult Day Care, \$3,000; Growth Works, \$10,000; Salvation Army summer day camp, \$9,100; Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, \$4,900; Housing rehabilitation, \$20,000; Human Services Building expansion (multi-year), \$261,500 (new project); Canterbury Mews accessibility assessment \$3,000 (new project) Total: \$426,000 accessibility assessment, \$3,000 (new project) Total: \$426,000.

Questions or comments may be directed to the Resource Development Division at the above address or (734) 397-5392.

Publish: March 14 and 18, 1999

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk



## CITY OF PLYMOUTH **ORDINANCE NO. 99-1**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 74 OF THE PLYMOUTH CITY CODE TO DELETE SECTIONS 74-183,74-184, 74-185, 74-186, 74-187, 74-189, 74-190, 74-191, 74-192, 74-193, 74-194, AND 74-196 AND TO ADD A NEW SECTION 74-199 TO PROVIDE FOR WATER AND SEWER RATES CHARGED FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE WATER SUPPLY AND SANITARY SEWER DISPOSAL.

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Section 1. Purpose. To provide for the establishment and collection of rates and charges for the use of the City's Water Supply and Sanitary Sewer Disposal System (herein the "System") to ensure adequate revenues are collected for the proper operation and maintenance of the System and the payment of the obligations of the System.

Section 2. Water charges. (a.) Rates and charges for the supply of water services and procedures relating to the payment of same shall be established by the City by resolution of its City Commission.

(b.) Rates and charges for the supply of water services shall be fixed by the City Commission in such amounts as are necessary to preserve the System in good repair and working order, to provide for the payment of debt obligations and the maintenance of any resources therefor and to provide for all other obligations, expenditures and funds for the System as are required by law and ordinances of the City. The rates shall be fixed and revised from time to time and reviewed by the administration on an annual basis to insure that rates are adequate to provide for expenses as required. Such rates shall be published thereafter.

Section 3. Ordinance No. 93-1. Ordinance No. 93-1 which added section 2.138 shall continue to be of effect unless specifically amended by this

Section 4. Severability. Should any section, clause, or paragraph of this Ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance, as a whole or part thereof other than the part declared invalid

Section 5. Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances. All other ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of the Ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies be and are hereby repealed

Section 6. Publication and Recordation. This Ordinance shall be published in full in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Plymouth qualified under state law to publish legal notices, promptly after adoption, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the City and such recording authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk

Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become operative and effective on the 5th day of April, 1999.

Publish: March 18, 1999

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LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC/AAE

City Clerk

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed bids will be received in the Office of the Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 1, 1999, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following:

EMERGENCY MEDICAL VEHICLE TYPE III CLASS 1 (4x2)DRW

Specifications are available in the Finance & Budget Department. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not

discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or

disability in employment or the provision of services.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 9, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

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Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LáJoy, McLaughlin (arrived 7:02), Shefferly, Yack

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the agenda as presented. All ayes present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the Minutes of

February 23, 1999. Ayes all present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the Minutes of March 2, 1999. All ayes present. Absention LaJoy.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdziak, to pay the bills as presented.

Expenditure Recap		
General Fund	101	260,438.82
Fire Fund	206	50,786.03
Police Fund	207	85,902.51
Community Center Fund	208	2,929.28
Golf Course Fund	211	11,323.91
Street Lighting Fund	219	16,497.30
Cable TV Fund	230	5,937.29
Community Improvement Fund	246	18,967.50
E-911 Emergency Funds	261	415.00
Special Investigative Funds	267	220.00
Federal Grants Funds	274	6,035.80
State Projects Fund	289	385.20
Retiree Benefits	296	7.843.99
Cap. Proj-Bld Construction	402	4,980.00
Cap. Proj-Road Paving Fund	403	37.80
Blg. Auth. Construction Fund	469	1,490.00
Water & Sewer Fund	592	1,275,383.35
Trust & Agency (Trailer Fees)	701	6,672.00
Construction Escrow	702	14,296.27
S. Haggerty Paving	815	27,220.00
Total-All Funds		\$ 971 942 44

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton approve the appointment of Tony Farrell, Denise Fotis and Russel Wargin to the Canton Tax Board of Review. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget Derby #101-000-675-6000 \$500

Inc. App. Duck Derby #101-691-882-0000 \$500. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, that Canton Township amend its current investment policy per the recommendations made by the Investment Policy Certification Committee of the Municipal Treasurerís Association, US & C, Washington, DC, for Articles 8.2, 9.0, 11.0 and 12.1 in order to ensure that Canton Townshipis current investment practices remain in compliance with Public Act 20, as amended. All aves

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, that the request from WOLVERINE PIZZA, LLC to transfer ownership of 1998 Class C licensed from PIZZA HUT OF AMERICA, INC. be considered for approval. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to appoint Gregory Trombley to the Building/Fire Board of Appeals (term expiring December 31, 2003). All

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the bid for 40,000 feet of 1-inch type K Copper tubing to Liberty Plumbing supply in the amount of \$40,788.00. All Ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to dispose of Township vehicles/equipment locally using sealed bid process. The funds received

would be transferred to the disposing departmentsi Capital Outlay Account. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget

amendment in the Building Authority Construction fund to complete the Fire Headquarters and Public Safety Building addition construction project. All

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendments in the 1999 budgets for purchase order commitments carried over from 1998:

Budget

Amended

Current

rung	Budget	Amendment	Budget
General	\$16,089,136	\$262,547	\$16,351,683
Fire	5,274,050	134,118	5,408,168
Police	9,106,275	310,677	9,416,952
Community Center	2,203,244	32,738	2,235,982
Golf Course	2,429,839	5,185	2,435,024
Cable TV	394,000	1,652	395,652
Public Improvement	2,175,000	930	2,175,930
Community Impr	2,635,000	698,729	3,333,729
911 Service	184,590	31,954	.216,544
Downtown Develop	2,859,366	647,642	3,507,008
Capital Proj Roads	1,600,000	272,490	1,872,490
Bldg. Auth Constr	2,550,000	76.281	2,626,281
Water & Sewer	19,112,181	133,967	19,246,148
Tonquish SpAssmt	0	344.851	344,851
Koppernick SpAssmt	0	345,289	345,289
Beck Rd. SpAssmt	0	9.057	9,057

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget

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Federal Grants - GIS Utility Coverage Project	101-000-532-1200	\$39,000
Appropriations from Fund Balance	101-000-699-0000	\$45,912
Total Revenues		\$84,912
GIS Utility Coverage Project	101-860-818-1200	\$84,912
	Coverage Project grant: Federal Grants - GIS Utility Coverage Project Appropriations from Fund Balance Total Revenues GIS Utility	GIS Utility Coverage Project Appropriations from 101-000-699-0000 Fund Balance Total Revenues GIS Utility 101-860-818-1200

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the property split for parcel 057-01-0518-000 as requested by Mr. Kevin Iddings. All Ayes.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, that the Canton Board of Trustees enter into a Host Community Agreement with Allied Waste and adopt the Resolution in Support as presented in Exhibit B (owners of the Sauk Trail Hills Landfill) to permit the vertical expansion of the Sauk Trail Hills Landfill. Upon approval of the County of Wayne and the State of Michiganis MDEQ the Supervisor is directed to implement the agreement and to identify a staff member to serve as a liaison to the Citizens Committee identified in the Host Community Agreement. Further, the Supervisor is directed to work with the Canto Hills Homeowners Association, Frankel Development, Sauk Trail Hills Landfill operator and various Township Departments to construct a natural visual barrier between the proposed industrial development and Canton Hills Subdivision. The Supervisor is further directed to provide periodic updates to the Board on the progress of the project. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve the Amendment to and Addendum to Offer to Purchase Real Estate, and the Option to Purchase agreement between the Charter Township of Canton and Tri-City Christian Center and furthermore to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the documents. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution to grant site plan approval for the proposed Abbey Woods Condominiums. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution granting approval of the Links West Planned Development District. All Ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to grant approval of the Pheasant Ridge Preliminary Planned Development District.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to authorize the purchase of the 48-parcel at the northwest corner of Ford and Ridge Roads, including all buildings on the site for the purchase price of \$1,200,000, and further authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute any and all documents that are necessary to effectuate the closing. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the additional payment of \$164.53 to Roscor, Farmington Hills, Mi for audio/visual equipment. All Ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to award the radio systems maintenance agreement to Mobile Communications Sales & Services, Inc.for a total cost not to exceed \$15,804.00. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve Sgt. Raycraft attending the MAGLOCLEN Conference in Atlantic City, for a cost of \$801.50, of which \$564.50 will be reimbursed by MAGLOCLEN. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the signing of a contractual agreement with Pest Patrol for the removing of nuisance animals which are in violation of the ordinances of the Township and/or pose a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of Township residents, for a flat monthly fee of \$1,750.00. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to authorize payment to Wayne County for three applications of dust control on local roads for the 1999 calendar year, in the amount of \$12,000. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the purchase of one (1) 1999 GMC 2500 four-wheel drive pickup truck and one (1) 1999 GMC 2500 Township-wheel drive pickup truck at a total cost of \$41,074.00 from Red Holman. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve a three year contract

with Van Dyne Crotty, Inc., 45700 Port ST., to supply uniforms, shop towels, mats, coveralls and shop coats in an annual amount of \$10,381.60 -- as per the received bid. All Ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to award the preparation of before and after appraisals for the right-of-way along Beck Road from Cherry Hill to Ford to William G. Steinke, SRA for \$28,050.00 plus a 10 percent contingency

for a total of \$30,855.00. All Ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the purchase of water meters and related equipment from Etna Supply Company, not to exceed

\$478,900. All Ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the purchase of two (2) 199 GMC Safari extended cargo vans at a total cost of \$33,580.00 from Red Holman. All Aves.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to increase the base salary of the Head Golf Pro position at Pheasant Run Golf Club to \$51,619 per year pursuant to Rule 4.244 of the Personnel Policy Manual, effective and retroactive to February 2, 1999. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the bid for a 1999 GMC 250 4WD pickup truck to Red Holman Pontiac/GMC in the amount of \$21,531. All Ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by Ladoy, to award the bid for a 1999 GMC 250

4WD pickup truck to Red Holman Pontiac/GMC in the amount of \$21,531. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to accept the recommendations

of the Canton Community Development Block Grant Advisory for the FY1999 block grant program; and further approve the forwarding of said recommendations to the Department of HUD as the Canton FY1999 CDBG

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the contract for professional consulting services for the Comprehensive Leisure Services Plan to Beckett and Raeder, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$49,000. All Ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to amend the 1999 General Fund budget to provide sufficient funds for this contract

Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$34,000 Increase Appropriations: #101-691-818-0000 Contracted Services \$34,000

This budget amendment increases the Recreation Services Division budget from \$737,810 to \$771,810 and the General Fund budget from \$16,089,136 to

\$16,123,136

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the bid of Sodium Hypochlorite for Summit on the Park to the low bidder, CUL-MAC Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$6,792.50 and a 10 percent contingency of \$679 for a

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to authorize the sale of approximately 8-acres of the Canton Softball Center site, specifically the eastern portion of the Michigan Avenue frontage for the purpose of a privately developed indoor soccer facility at a price of \$100,000 per acre, as outlined in the attached purchase offer. All Ayes.

## **ADJOURN**

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 P.M. All Ayes.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on March 9, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on March 23, 1999.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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# Plymouth Observer

794 SOUTH MAIN, PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 48170

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1999

# Wanted

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# Active residents to seek office

he latter part of 1999 promises to be a busy political year with two local elections ahead.

In June, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools hold an election to fill two seats on the Board of Education. Terms expire for Carrie Blamer and Mike Maloney. Both are expected to make an announcement soon as to whether they will seek re-election.

In November, the Plymouth City Commission will fill four vacancies. Terms expire for Stella Greene, Ron Loiselle, Joe Koch and Dennis Shrewsbury. Koch is the only incumbent who is eligible to run, although he has yet to decide. The other three can't run due to

We'd first like to say thank you to all six of these officials for their commitment to the community. Each has given endless hours of time. We can attest that their dedication did not stop by simply attending bimonthly board meetings. They attended community activities, committee meetings and spent even more hours on research and study to ensure their votes were not made arbitrarily.

At times, their jobs were thankless. Complaints seem always to outnumber the compli-

However, we suspect most of these individuals will not disappear from the scene as their political careers come to a halt. Their names have become synonymous with other passions. For Stella Greene, that is the Plymouth Com-

Dlymouth is a safe community. The statis-

tics tell us so. Your chances of being the

victim of a random, violent crime in Plymouth

are significantly smaller than in a big city and

Still, violent crimes do occur here and in

the last few weeks we've reported on several.

A Plymouth Township woman, 84-year-old

week. Klocek's purse was missing and wit-

Brothers Restaurant on Joy, east of Lilley.

Several elderly women have been victimized

by purse snatchers along Joy Road and Ann

Arbor Trail this winter. In neighboring Can-

ton, a Realtor working in a model home on

nesses last reported seeing her at Three

Helen Klocek, was found dead in Detroit last

smaller than in some rural areas.

munity Arts Council; Dennis Shrewsbury, the Tonquish Creek Yacht Club; Joe Koch, the Lions Club; and Ron Loiselle, the Rotary Club.

If Blamer and Maloney decide not to seek re-election, the school district still has two concerned parents willing to do what it takes to ensure Plymouth-Canton has the best schools possible.

We also want to encourage other residents to become involved in the government process. It's easy to grumble about the way things ought to be. The challenge is taking action to create change. The opportunity is here.

The deadline to file a petition to run for the Board of Education is April 12. Applications are available at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey. A minimum of 20 signatures from registered voters are needed to put your name on the ballot.

Petitions also will be accepted at the city clerk's office, 201 S. Main, from April 2 through May 11 for people interested in filling for city commission. A minimum of 25 signatures are needed. An Aug. 3 primary election will be held if eight or more legal petitions are received from interested candidates. Winners of that race will then go on to the general election, Tuesday, Nov. 2.

So much is happening in the Plymouth community, new minds and new ideas are needed to bring us into the 21st century. Pick .up a petition.

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Area communities have taken positive

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# **LETTERS**

# Merger talks

here is a need to discuss, and share, the potentials of unification of the two Plymouths. This need evolves from unresolved issues between our two communities concerning the sharing of services and like issues.

A committee is being formed to gather facts relating to the potential of unification and the impact it would have on our community so that residents can make informed decisions on what they would like their community's future to be; and, to deter political polarization from arising.

The committee's mission will be: a) to gather factual data, determine issues (legal and otherwise), and assemble other pertinent data necessary for a resident in making an informed decision, and then b) present the findings to the community at large.

I am asking for input from all sections of the Plymouth community.

If you have a predisposed opinion, or pertinent information, I am asking you, if you are unable to attend the meeting, to submit your information in writing to the committee or to contact me. All information, written or verbal, will be considered and reviewed by the committee. Either by mail to: Committee, 45000 Gov. Bradford, Plymouth, MI 48170; by phone at (734) 354-6075; fax at (734) 354-6080 or by e-mail xcop97@mindspring.com. We are promoting an open forum of discussion on this important issue and what it means.

The first committee meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, March 29, at the Plymouth District Library to open discussion and a gathering concerning this important issue.

> **Carl Berry** Plymouth

# Drug tests violate constitution

Stay alert to potential crime

To get a handle on this welfare drug test question, ask yourself: What percentage of drug users would you have to find to justify invading everyone's bloodstream or urine sam-

That's the constitutional heart of the debate over requiring all welfare recipients to be tested. Here's what the Michigan Constitution

"The person, houses, papers and possessions of every person shall be secure from unreasonable searches and seizures. No warrant to search any place or to seize any person or things shall issue without describing them, nor without probable cause supported by oath or affirmation."

That's a high, tough standard. Law enforcement people must swear they have probable cause to believe someone has drugs before obtaining a warrant.

But the bills passed by the state House of Representatives fall far short of that standard. House Bills 4090 and 4091 give the state Family Independence Agency authority to run three pilot sites to test welfare recipients for drug use. One test area would be urban, another rural, the third in Wayne County.

If a welfare client refuses to take the test. he's punished by loss of benefits - no trial.

The sponsor, Rep. Lauren Hager, R-Port Huron, calls it "tough love and compassion in its purest form. A welfare client who is shown to be addicted is offered state-paid treatment." That's wise. Welfare should do more than subsidize people. The new welfare system is designed to get people on their feet, not, in the words of the bills' sponsors, to pay for their addiction.

The program wouldn't be cheap. The House Fiscal Agency said 175,000 tests a year would be given. At an average cost of \$3,000, treatment would total \$78.7 million. The Family Independence Agency (FIA) said it's unclear whether Medicaid would reimburse the state.

Despite his reputed fiscal conservatism, Gov. John Engler, who is making his second request for the welfare drug tests, isn't afraid to spend money. Remember when he ended "general assistance"? He didn't just put the

money into other programs. He used it to match welfare federal grants and signed the biggest welfare bill in Michigan's history.

But back to our original question: What percentage would have to test positive for drugs to justify testing everyone? FIA estimates 15 percent will test positive. Elsewhere, we read of 20 percent testing positive.

Michigan has run into this kind of constitutional problem before. In the mid-1980s, Gov. James Blanchard advocated vehicle check lanes to catch drunken drivers. Cops would figure out which bars would generate lots of drunken drivers on which roads and stop every one passing by.

The courts shot it down for precisely the constitutional reason we cited - there was insufficient "probable cause" to justify stopping every driver.

Moreover, we note that supporters of HB 4090-4091 rejected an amendment requiring all state officials, including the governor and 148 legislators, to submit to drug tests. What's sauce for the welfare goose could well have been sauce for the legislative gander, particularly since lawmakers from both parties have been nailed for drug usage over the years.

One could argue that job applicants at private firms often are required to pass a drug test. It seems the constitution doesn't apply in business. So be it. Requiring a welfare recipient to pass a drug test can be viewed as practice in getting a job in the corporate world.

But we still bump into Sec. 11 in the state constitution's Declaration of Rights: "The person ... unreasonable searches and seizures ... probable cause supported by oath or affirma-

Reps. Nancy Quarles, D-Southfield, and Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, bucked their colleagues in voting against the drug test bills. We applaud them for reading the Michigan Constitution, which their oaths of office require them to uphold.

The bills probably will be passed. The courts may well call them unconstitutional. The unsavory mess could be avoided if we would all read our constitution and take it more seriously.

# Supervisor responds

n the Observer recently, Mr. Robert Bilkie I. Jr. commented on the recent name change of the junior baseball organization.

The action taken by the junior baseball league to change its name simply reflects changing realities. Canton is now the 20th largest community in Michigan and its elected leaders recognize the importance of creating a positive quality of life for its residents. As a result Canton's leadership has for the past 10 years placed an emphasis on recreation.

As stewards of our taxpayers' funds it is the Board of Trustee's responsibility to represent the best interests of its constituents. For many years Canton has supported in a meaningful way youth sports. The purchase of Canton Softball Center brought to a head the ongoing issue of commitment levels on the part of the municipalities. It is a disservice to

Canton residents that they be expected to carry the recreation responsibility for other municipalities. It is clear that Canton residents and its elected Board of Trustees have a different attitude toward recreation then does Mr. Bilkie's community. This difference can best be illustrated by comparing the two communities' recreation expenditures over the last six years. During that period Plymouth Township has spent about \$500,000 on capital improvements to its only park, while Canton was investing over \$25 million on a variety of recreation facilities including the development of three new parks.

During the same period Canton spent in excess of \$2.5 million each year on operation, while Plymouth Township spent a few thousand dollars. For many years, the City of Plymouth and Canton Township have provided the area with virtually all recreation facilities and programs. Another example of the difference in recreation funding philosophy and community support can be seen in the recent defeat of a dedicated recreation millage in Plymouth Township. Clearly Canton and Plymouth Township residents and their leaders have a different philosophy and approach as it relates to recreation and leisure. It can be expected that as Canton's population grows it may be necessary to offer programs, services and facilities exclusively to Canton residents. As long as recreation facilities and programs are offered by neighboring communities there will be no incentive for the residents of Plymouth Township or its elected leaders to meet the recreation needs of its community.

We make no apologies for offering our residents one of southeast Michigan's finest recreation programs. We make no apologies for making the youth of our taxpayers a priority. We also make no apologies for protecting the financial interests of our taxpayers. We will continue to respond to the recreational and leisure needs of Canton residents through the planning, acquisition and construction of new recreation/leisure facilities.

> **Thomas Yack Canton Township supervisor**

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## **POINTS OF VIEW**

# Educators too often use language merely to obfuscate

any readers are leery of watching and listening to U.S. senators at the recently closed (thank goodness) impeachment trial of President Clinton talk like lawyers.

Those in the legal profession, like all professions, have a language of their own.

Fortunately, most people don't spend a lot of time with lawyers or in a courtroom listening to lawyers and judges talk they are from another planet.

Recently, an Oakland County school superintendent was chastised by his school board for using too many educational abbreviations that the public doesn't understand.

After covering various school

boards for 41 years, I agree there is a problem of how some educators communicate with the public.

In recalling countless curriculum and budget presentations, I can understand why some parents can be confused after leaving a school board meeting or watching proceedings at home on cable TV.

Let me enlighten you on a few key words that have a variety of meanings.

For example, when there is a budget crunch, school administrators and some board members will moan and groan about the lack of "resources."

That's a long word that really means "money."

When they complain about the state Legislature and/or governor



LEONARD POGER

For example, when there is a budget crunch, school administrators and some board members will moan and groan about the lack of 'resources.'

reducing state "support" to local schools, "money" is still the operative word

When the board and administration discuss "prioritizing our precious resources," they mean that "we have to cut art, music and physical education (that's gym to most people) programs."

When the board talks about "overcapacity of buildings," it means that your neighborhood school has too small of an enrollment to be "economically viable" and might be closed down next year.

Why can't educators say that history textbooks aren't keeping up with events when it makes more sense to say that the books are hopelessly out of date, ending about the time the

Vietnam War was just starting to escalate?

One recent comment from a school board meeting was to praise local teachers for "working very hard for a positive outcome" on Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests.

Officials would be able to communicate more effectively if the officials boiled it down to a comment that teachers are hoping to improve academic test scores.

City and township officials have a similar language of their own – but that's another column.

Leonard Poger, Garden City community editor, may be reached via email at lpoger@oe.homecomm.net or by phone at (734) 953-2107.

# 'Use it or lose it' plan takes aim at school elections in state

This column started out as an April Fool joke. Then I took a trip to the local library, and it got serious.

My idea for civic reform is called "Use it or lose it." Any local election where voter turnout was less than 10 percent would be declared null and void.

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The proposal is aimed at school elections in June. Typical turnouts are 10 to 15 percent. Only when there's a controversial money issue on the ballot do 20 or 25 percent turn out. Many elections are decided by a 3-percent turnout.

Some school officials like it that way, particularly when they want to slip through a bond issue. There's a whole science devoted to scheduling special elections. March is a good time because people are sluggish and the senior citizens are in Florida. Saturday is a good day because most people are used to Tuesday elections in Michigan.

So you pick a day when turnout will be small, you buy only legal

advertisements with small type, you don't seek audiences before the Rotary and League of Women Voters, you use telephone banks to contact identifiable "school people," and you hope for a low turnout of just your supporters.

Well, my "Use it or lose it" plan would block that. If just 8 percent of voters turned out, the bond issue would lose, even if 95 percent of those voting said "yes." Only elections with at least a 10-percent turnout could be valid.

Scanning the library shelf, I came across the Feb. 21 issue of the Los Angeles Times with a page-one story that many cities were canceling their elections. These included the famed Beverly Hills (inc. 1915), Lakewood, San Gabriel, Hidden Hills and City of Industry.

That was in Los Angeles County alone. Other elections were canceled in Orange and Ventura counties. It seems that if there are no contests, the clerk can cancel the election, and those on the ballot are declared elect-



TIM RICHARD

ed. Saves money.

My plan is different. If the turnout were too low, the posts wouldn't be filled at all, and the money proposals would fail.

This brings us to the question of why voter turnouts are so dismal.

In L.A., city officials say they're doing such a good job that the lack of competition signifies the public is

ecstatic with their performance.

Michigan's low school turnouts are a bit of an optical illusion. For decades, we have had an increasing

amount of deadwood on the voter rolls

- people who have died or moved, but
their registrations haven't been canceled.

Bill Ballenger, in his Inside Michigan Politics newsletter, tells of a petition circulator whose work was challenged before the state Board of Canvassers. Seems the lady had registered to vote in six different places in Detroit. To her credit, she voted only once, but her five deadwood registrations never were canceled.

Democrats love deadwood. In Michigan, they fought long and hard to prevent inactive voters on the rolls for 10 years. In Congress, they twice passed "Motor Voter" bills so that states would have to register people at welfare, unemployment and public health offices – but not at banks or churches. Good George Bush vetoed it in 1992. Clinton signed it in 1993. Even aliens were registered.

Michigan's Secretary of State Can-

dice Miller has worked to set up a computerized master voter list. As soon as you reregister in a new location, your old registration is canceled. Of more than six million registered voters, she reports, 600,000 were deadwood and have been removed.

With a smaller denominator, our percentage turnouts won't look se bad. What looked like a 5-percent turnout now will become a 5.5-percent turnout. Now that we have good registration numbers, it's time to try the "Use it or lose it" plan.

Phil Power has a plan for improving public knowledge of, and participation in, school elections. I will let him explain it in future issues. His plan is superb. Stay tuned.

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

# Blanchard's choice is our loss

wasn't all that surprised when I got the fax from Jim Blanchard.

"I thought long and hard about once again serving the people of Michigan in Washington but have decided not to seek election to the Senate for personal and professional reasons."

For months, Blanchard had been considering running against Republican freshman Sen.

Spencer Abraham.

Like most potential candidates, Abraham has been working on fund-raising. Aiming at a \$9 million war chest for his campaign, last week he raised \$1 million at a single event in Livonia. But Abraham was widely regarded as vulnerable, especially to Blanchard, a skilled campaigner and still a popular former governor who served with distinction as ambassador to Canada.

Blanchard's departure from the race says more about the sad state to which our politics has descended than it does about Abraham's relative vulnerability. Over the weekend, Blanchard and I talked at length about his decision and about how the current state of politics affected it.

Power: "It seems as though state-of-the-art politics has turned into little more than an exercise in fund-raising."

Blanchard: "I'm afraid that's true. (U.S. Sen.) Carl Levin told me he went to 250 fundraisers for his last campaign, and I know that I'd have to do something close to that if I decided to run. Politicians today tend to look at people as though they're walking wallets. It's gotten completely out of hand."

Power: "Moreover, the kind of mud-slinging and personal abuse would make anybody but the toughest flinch before getting into a big race."

Blanchard: "There's a rule of thumb in politics: You have to want to get elected to whatever office you're running for with every atom of your heart and every piece of your soul. If you have any hesitation at all, it's wise not to do it."

Power: "Campaigns used to be regarded as an opportunity for public debate about issues and a chance for people to show what they're like. Has that changed, too?"

Blanchard: "Entirely. I got into politics because of ideas and people. Ideas to help people. But people, especially. I love old-fashioned campaigning because it puts you directly in touch with people. Media campaigns are just the reverse. They take the candidate away from the people, and they're the main reason politics has gotten so expensive and requires so much fund-raising."



PHILIP POWER

Power: "So how are you going to contribute? Are you going to withdraw entirely from public service?"

Blanchard: "No. I'm going to be working hard to elect (Vice President Al) Gore. I can live a life of public service, accomplish a lot, have a lot of fun without all the invective and hate, without running for elective office. That's why I took the job as ambassador, and that's why I wrote my book on that experience. I wanted to show young people it's still possible for folks to contribute to society in other ways than running for office."

Blanchard's answers to my questions – thoughtful, humane, practical – helped persuade me that his decision not to make the race for the Senate was the best decision for him ... and the worst outcome for the people of Michigan. Because, whether you're a Democrat or a Republican, people like Jim Blanchard are exactly the sort who should be making the race for significant office in our country.

No doubt the Democrats will come up with a credible candidate to run against Sen. Abraham. But the net effect of what has happened to our politics in recent years is to have deterred from running for public office precisely the kinds of able, effective, thoughtful and sane people who should be in positions of responsibility in a democracy. Sadly for the republic, the field is increasingly being left to the insecure and the egomaniacal, the wealthy and the celebrities with high name ID and the passionately ideological.

Is this why I'm not surprised Geoffrey Fieger is talking about running for the Senate?

Phil Power has known Blanchard for years and served as chair of job training while Blanchard was governor. Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail: ppower@oeonline.com



# Senate takes action against drunken snowmobilers

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The Michigan Senate moved quickly this month against drunken snowmobilers, drugged welfare recipients, and aliens registering to vote.

## Points charged

Snowmobilers with serious violations would be charged "points" on their driving records under Senate Bills 125-126, ch the Senate passed 34-1.

nowmobilers are running nd, killing themselves and others," said Sen. Harry Gast, R-St. Joseph, sponsor of the mea-

Added Sen. Don Koivisto, D-Ironwood: "Two factors account for the increase in accidents: increased speed and alcohol.

Drinking is involved in 60 percent of accidents and excessive speed in 80 percent, added Sen. Walter North, R-St. Ignace.

Only Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, voted against the measures. He sought a three-year "sunset" on the bills, so their effect could be re-examined, but the Senate shot down his

would take effect in October of 2000. They would treat off-road offenses the same as motor vehicle offenses. The would require

# Schoolcraft's Waterman is site of beekeepers' school Organization of the Honey Bee

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ner, a retired professor from

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Michigan State University.

noon potluck lunch.

The 61st annual Bee School, sponsored by the Southeastern Michigan Beekeepers Association in cooperation with the Schoolcraft College Beekeepers Club and the Cranbrook Beekeepers Club, is scheduled 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 17, in the Waterman Campus Center on Schoolcraft's campus.

Featured speakers are Zachary Huang from Michigan State University, speaking on "Social amendment 7-17. If the bills become law, they the Secretary of State to record on a violator's driving record:

 Six points for manslaughter, negligent homicide or felony resulting from operation of a snowmobile or off-road vehicle

Six points for operating a snowmobile or ORV under the influence of alcohol or controlled drugs, or allowing another to operate under the influence.

Four points for operating while visibly impaired.

■ Up to 93 days in jail for violations. Currently, the jail term is 90 days. The extra three days bring this law into line with other state laws.

One bill amends the vehicle code; the other, the natural resources act.

The bills go to the House. Refer to SB 125-126 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

## Welfare testing

Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, threw a monkey wrench into Gov. John Engler's effort to have welfare recipients tested

A pair of bills would allow the Family Independence Agency to test the program in three areas. Clients who test positive would

be required to enter a treatment program or lose benefits.

**LEGISLATIVE NEWS** 

The Senate passed House Bills 4090-4091 by 25-10 votes, but a two-thirds vote is required to give the bills immediate effect as soon as they are signed by the governor.

Dingell voted yes on both but withheld his vote on SB 4091. leaving 24 votes for immediate effect, one shy of the two-thirds requirement. Result: Unless Dingell changes his mind soon, the bills may not become law until about April of 2000.

All Republicans and four Democrats voted yes.

Among those voting no were area Democrats Dianne Byrum of Onondaga, John Cherry of Clio, George Hart of Dearborn, Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township and Alma Smith of Salem.

Byrum objected that the cost of the program was underestimated. "You cannot take the same number of dollars, divide it among clients and have the same level of service," she said.

The Senate Fiscal Agency estimated cost of testing at \$172,300 to \$1.6 million. Sen. John J.H. Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, put the cost of individual tests at \$50.

The bills say the Legislature

intends to implement the laws statewide by April 1, 2003. Currently the state has 287,400 welfare clients, of whom onethird are estimated to be adults eligible for testing. The laws wouldn't apply to those 65 or

## Aliens blocked

A quirk in the federal Motor Voter Act allowed some aliens to register to vote in Michigan, and the state Senate is moving to correct the problem.

The Senate passed 35-0 a bill by Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, to prohibit the Secretary of State, other registrars, city and township clerks from offering noncitizens the opportunity to register to vote.

Motor Voter became federal law after a bitter partisan debate in the U.S. Congress. President George Bush vetoed it in 1992. President Bill Clinton signed it in 1993 after a Democratic Congress repassed it. Republican Gov. John Engler sued unsuccessfully to block it.

It requires state welfare, unemployment and public health agencies, as well as driver's license agencies, to offer their customers a chance to register to vote. Hammerstrom, a former township clerk, said many aliens, not understanding the system, "would sign everything put before them. This (bill) pro-

tects them from trouble."

Her bill would prohibit state agencies from offering a person the opportunity to register if the person had submitted a written document saying he or she was not a U.S. citizen.

The bill goes to the House. Refer to SB 312 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

## Beware of ties

Lawmakers are working on measures to prevent tie votes at everything from the township park board level to the state Senate itself.

The first is called the West Bloomfield case, because that Oakland County township has seen 3-3 tie votes on its elected park commission. So last week:

■ The Senate passed 35-0 a bill amending the election law to allow the township board to set the number of parks commissioners to be elected. Sponsor of SB 336 is Bill Bullard Jr., R-Mil-

■ The House passed 100-7 a companion measure changing the township parks law to require an odd number of parks commissioners - as few as five, as many as nine. Sponsor of HB 4011 is freshman Rep. Marc Shulman, R-West Bloomfield.

The bills are tie-barred, meaning both must be passed in order to become law.

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# A doorknob, broomstick and privacy

t started about 10 o'clock one night when The 10th-Grader came downstairs and said, "Dad, I can't get in my room!"

"Of course you can," I said. "You're 15 years old.'

"No," she said, starting to get irritable. "I can't open the door. The door-

knob doesn't work.' "Oh, for heaven's sake. Let me see." I trudged up the stairs, a little irritated myself. "Doorknob doesn't work.

The door was closed. It usually was, even years ago when it was her brother's room. It's a privacy thing with

I put my hand on the knob and turned it. It turned. But the door didn't open. I tried again. And again. The knob was turning, but it wasn't moving the bolt, which was firmly in place in the doorjamb

"Well, time for the old screwdriver trick," I said to the cat, who was watching me with great interest.

Down three flights of stairs to the basement, then back up with an assortment of screwdrivers in hand.

Let's see, what size do I need for that little hole that you put the screwdriver in to unlock the door when the bratty little toddler has locked himself in the bathroom?

Uhhh, there's no hole there. Just a solid doorknob. Wait a minute!

There's a hole in the bathroom doorknob, but not this one. Why not? Well, of course, this one doesn't lock.

The broomstick falls out if I don't keep a towel stuffed in there. I need a doorknob.'

But it doesn't open, either. Now what? Maybe the old

credit card trick. Nope, I'd have to take the molding off to get a credit card or even a screw driver inside that latch

Nothing to do but take the doorknob off. That's easy enough.

"What in the world's going on up

It was The Feminist. Checking things out

"I'm trying to get this door open. That's what

"Why don't you just take the doorknob off?"

"I did that already. But the bolt is jammed into this doohickey in the wall. It won't turn, it won't slide, it won't budge."

"Maybe if you try jiggling the door

"It won't jiggle. It's jammed too tight. Give me a hammer." "Be careful."

"There. It's open. Look at this. That latch is cheap plastic. It just broke apart and jammed everything up." "Uh, Dad?"

"Now what?"

"There's a hole in my door."

"Of course there is. I took the doorknob out.

"I need a new one."

"Not tonight." "But I can't shut my door."

"You'll survive." Is it morning already? Must be, I

can smell the coffee. "Dad!"

"What?"

"I need a doorknob."

"I know. I know. But ... what's that in your door? I can't open it."

'It's a broomstick.

"And why do you have a towel stuffed in the hole?

"The broomstick falls out if I don't keep a towel stuffed in there. I need a doorknob.

"She's right, you know. You really should get her a doorknob. It's been six weeks. Besides, I want my broom

"Oh, all right. I'll go to the hardware store tomorrow."

"How hard is it to install a doorknob? You had enough trouble getting the old one out."

"Should be simple enough. Just a couple of screws. Uh-oh.'

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# Fans go 'cuckoo' for Laurel and Hardy

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO cfuoco@oe.homecomm.net

iners at Mama Mia's Restaurant in Livonia may hear some strange noises coming from the back room five times a year. Singing, dancing and laughing radiates through the eatery.

As absurd as it sounds, it's a group of metro Detroit-area Laurel and Hardy fans, collectively known as the Dancing Cuckoos, celebrating the movie stars' legacy.

"I'm sure they hear us when we're singing our Cuckoos song, our 'Sons of the Desert' song. If nothing else, we do it loud," said Rose Lahiff, "corresponding Cuckoo" and Canton resi-

The Dancing Cuckoos is the local chapter or "tent" of Sons of the Desert, a national fraternal organization devoted to the memory of the persons and films of Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy. It is named for the Laurel and Hardy film of the same

Lahiff joined the Dancing Cuckoos 15 years ago, but some of the members have been around since the group's inception in 1965. The Dancing Cuckoos was the second tent formed after Sons of the Desert was founded in 1964 by Orson Bean, Al Kilgore, John McCabe, Chuck

McCann and John Municino. "When they started in New York, it was men-only membership. I think it's only been about the last 15-18 years that women could come. Women could come as guests on certain nights and then they started allowing them membership. They joined the '90s, what can I say?" Lahiff said.

All of the tents have taken their names from a Laurel and Hardy film with the exception of the Dancing Cuckoos, which is named after the

duo's theme music. "This is an international organiza-

meeting and movies.

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meetings are open to the public.

26750 W. Eight Mile Road, Southfield.

A bit about the Cuckoos

The Dancing Cuckoos, a Laurel and Hardy appreciation organization,

holds their next meeting on Thursday, March 18, at Mama Mia's, 27770

Plymouth Road, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. The evening begins with

6 p.m. dinner (at your own expense), followed by the 8 p.m. "business"

Membership for The Dancing Cuckoos is \$20 a year, however, the

The group meets the third Thursday of September, November, Janu-

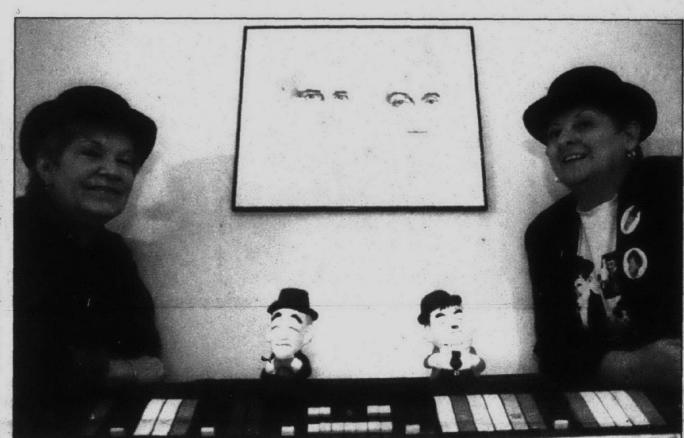
ary, March and May. This year, the May meeting will be part of the gala

party, "Mae Busch Night," on Friday, May 21, at Vassel's Banquet Hall,

The evening begins with cocktails at 7 p.m. and dinner at 8 p.m. fol-

lowed by entertainment and dancing. Tickets are \$35. For more informa-

tion, call Rose Lahiff at (734) 981-2798 or visit http://members.aol.com/



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Following tradition: Derby hats are only part of the costume Dancing Cuckoo members Jean Senkowski of Westland and Rose Lahiff of Canton don in memory of their favorite comedians, Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy.

tion and every second year they have a convention that's an international event," Lahiff said. "Last year Jean (Senkowski, fellow Cuckoo) and I went to England. The convention was in Birmingham, England, we had the opportunity to go to Ulverston, which is a small community not too far from Birmingham, but that's where Stan Laurel was born.'

Between 300-400 Laurel and Hardy fans invaded Ulverston.

"They literally closed down the

umbrellas and our fezzes or Derbies. We had a wonderful time.' The Cuckoos have a knack for making spectacles of themselves.

"Last year at Redford Theatre they had a Laurel and Hardy weekend. We got up on the stage and joined hands before the movies started and sang 'We are the Sons of the Desert' in front of all the people who had come to see the movie," Lahiff said.

# Longtime fans

Growing up in Detroit, Lahiff remembers watching Laurel and Hardy movies as far back as 5 years

"I suppose because it's so absurd," she explained about why she's a fan. "It's absolutely funny. It has no relationship to real life whatsoever. It's definitely a stress reliever.'

She learned about the club from friends who took her to a meeting for her birthday. She did her part in spreading the Cuckoos' wings. She recruited her friend, Jean Senkowski of Westland eight years ago.

town for us," Lahiff recalled. "They "It's just good clean fun," Senkowshad policemen out there directing ki said. "You can't go in there with a traffic. The lord mayor came. People sad face. You don't stay that way very were lining the streets applauding us. long. There's no way you cannot We were walking around singing Laulaugh. You go around and see a bunch of grown ups sitting there with Derrel and Hardy songs with our paper bies and fezzes and sitting down eating their dinner. And then getting up, joining hands and singing their songs and going through this mish-mash we call business.

Meetings begin with dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed at 8 p.m. by the "nonsense meeting" filled with jokes, political satire and announcements.

"If anybody has anything they want to say, they get up and say it," Lahiff said. "We usually toast Laurel or Hardy or members of the various casts. We show old Laurel and Hardy

The Dancing Cuckoos also raffle off Laurel and Hardy memorabilia, which fills the basement of Lahiff's home. The group generally meets the third Thursday of the months of September, November, January and March. This year, however, the May. meeting will be replaced by "Mae Busch Night," a gala celebration of Laurel and Hardy, Friday, May 21, at-Vassel's Banquet Hall, 26750 W.

Please see CUCKOOS, B2

# Being an effective advocate for your child



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BY TERESA VANBOURGONDIEN GUEST COLUMNIST

Is your child getting enough academic attention in school? Are your doctors paying enough attention to the welfare of your daughter? Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed with the challenges of parenting and wonder if there's anyone who could help?

Because your children are your most precious possessions, you want to make sure they have access to the support they deserve. You may sense that your children aren't getting their needs met by others who are responsible for their care, like doctors, teachers or

day care workers. This article is meant to serve as a guide for advocating for your child, whether it be for a more appropriate school placement, for more intensive medical attention, or for more community support. Knowing how and when to advocate for your children will help

them reach their full potential now and as they grow into adulthood

Get the facts: We know that no child is perfect and sometimes children get into trouble. We also know that every child has possibilities. To effectively advocate for your child to realize those possibilities,

you need all the facts. If your child is having difficulties in school; ask for documentation supporting these difficulties. If your child is having medical problems, ask for literature on the medical condition and possible courses of

At Lifespan Clinical Services, for example, a mother brought in her child for an assessment for respite care because he was diagnosed with a developmental

During the evaluation, the social worker realized that the mother did not know what constituted a developmental disability. She also did not know that her child was entitled to a number of services because of his disability.

Having thorough information is the first step in

making a plan of action for your child.

Know your rights and responsibilities: In every system - medical, educational, and mental health - the individual has both rights and responsibilities. When advocating for your child, it is neces-

sary to be fully informed regarding these rights. For example, a father at a local elementary school disagreed with the special education placement for his daughter. However, he did not realize that he had the right to not sign the forms, placing his daughter in the specialized classroom.

The father was frustrated that, in his opinion, his child was inappropriately placed. The school did not realize the extent of the father's frustration because he had signed the forms, agreeing to the placement.

For information on your educational rights and responsibilities, contact your local school board. For medical rights, contact your local hospital or department of health. For mental health rights, contact your local Department of Community Mental Health

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# Cuckoos from page B1

Eight Mile, Southfield.

"Mae Busch Night' is a mini convention. We're presenting a 'Fine Mess Award' to somebody who's really goofed up some way. Hopefully, one of the nominees will come to accept the award," Lahiff said slyly. She wouldn't reveal the names of the nominees, but said they are "dignitaries."

## Absurdity at its best

The basic premise of all the tents is the members to agree to disagree. The bylaws were

approved by Laurel, but "being the type of organization that we are, it's never been ratified," Lahiff said.

"Once a year somebody will stand up and say, 'It's time we discuss the constitution and consider ratifying the articles.' They never seem to get beyond the first one," Lahiff explained. "It's a good humor type of argument about yes and no, or why and why not."

All the articles contradict each other. Article Six says "Despite his lack of authority, the grand sheik or his deputy shall act as chairman at all meetings and will follow the standard parliamentary procedure in conducting same." The next article says Article Six is ridiculous.

"It's an absolute hoot," Lahiff said.

Despite all the friendly arguments, the organization's members, which average at age 40 and older, get along swimmingly.

"The people who belong to this organization are very outgoing,

very friendly. They just accept everybody at face value. I don't think a harsh word (has been said). It's just a great group of people," Lahiff explained.

And anybody is welcome even skeptics.

"Anybody who likes Laurel and Hardy ... if they think they don't like them, they're still invited to come because by the time they're done they'll like the club," Lahiff said. "We have greeters, so that when anybody walks in, they're not just left to (fend for themselves)."

# Parenting from page B1

agency

Access community agencies: Community agencies can provide an enormous amount of support for families. They often have extensive resource lists that will link you with the appropriate programs for your child.

Whether you're looking for an after-school program that provides tutoring or an evening program that works with troubled adolescents to examine their consequences and make better decisions, community agencies can help.

They also provide families with the opportunity to communicate with other families, to share information, and to provide support. The support and information parents receive from community agencies can be invaluable in addressing a child's needs.

Communicate with individuals working with your child:
Open communication is the key to having a good working relationship with those who are assisting your child. Teachers, doctors and counselors need to know that you are invested in the growth of your child. They

also need to know when you

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have particular concerns.

Attendance at parent-teacher conferences, counseling sessions, and doctor appointments will afford you the opportunity to gather needed information and to relay concerns. It also allows all of the individuals involved to work as a team toward common goals and to provide consistent feedback to the child.

A mother who received family counseling from Lifespan Clinical Services, for example, wanted her child to identify his goals and steps to achieve them. She invited everyone who works with her child to attend a planning meeting, including his teacher, counselor and school social worker. The group assisted the child in identifying his strengths, weaknesses and goals. They then helped him to develop a plan for achieving his goals.

At the end of the meeting, the child stood up, without any prompting, and thanked each person for caring enough about him to come to the meeting. Working as a team, with open communication, allows those involved to work with the child for the child.

Involve your child: Despite parents' best intentions to provide a supportive environment for their child, their plans will not succeed, if the child is not invested. The child should be informed of the need for more assistance.

Include your child in the process by having him identify his personal goals and express his anxieties regarding the process. Invite the child to team meetings, such as the Individualized Educational Planning Committee in school or a meeting with the family doctor.

Some discussions and issues are meant for adults only. There are a few times the child should not be invited:

■ When the discussion is too advanced for the child.

When the individuals involved are antagonistic towards one another.

When the discussion will focus more on someone else than the identified child.

The child should not feel that his life choices are being decided solely by others. Children need to feel that those involved with their personal issues are people who truly care about their welfare. It is always difficult to decide how much the child should be involved, but the guiding principle should be to keep the child's best interests at the center of your decisions.

Advocating for your child is a necessary role that each parent plays at some time. For your child, it could be one of your most important roles. But your child will be grateful that you care enough to do it.

Teresa VanBourgondien is the program manager of Respite Care at Lifespan Clinical Services, a program of Starfish Family Services.

Lifespan Clinical Services provides resources to assist children, individuals and families through guidance, counseling, crisis assessment and respite for families of developmentally disabled individuals. Call (888) 355-LIFE for more information on Lifespan Clinical Services.

# CRAFTS

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

# MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University will hold its 14th annual spring arts and crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, in the Activities Center on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. The show will feature a variety of handmade arts and crafts, including pottery, jewelry, paintings, textiles, woodworking, plastic and cross-stitch. A raffle with a grand prize of \$1,000 and five additional \$100 prizes will be held at 4:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at \$1 each at the door. Admission will be \$2. For more information, call (734) 432-

# LIVONIA FRANKLIN

The Livonia Franklin High School Patriots Club craft show will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the school, 31000 Joy, Livonia. There will be more than 75 crafters, and a raffle to support athletic scholarships. Admission will be \$1 and no strollers will be allowed.

# Gladden from page B1

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The bolt is too big for the hole in the door. It's off by about a 16th of an inch. Gotta go back

"So'd you get another doorknob?"

"Nope. They're all the same size. It's the door that's off. I got a round file. Have to make the hole bigger."

"Are you almost done, Dad?
You've been working on it for an

hour "

"Just leave him alone. You know how he is when he gets like this. Just stay away from him. That's what I'm doing."

"All right, it's in. Now let's see if it'll close." "Well?" "Aargh! I put the bolt in back-

wards. Gotta take it out and start over."

"Never mind, Dad. I don't really need a doorknob."

"It's OK. I've got it now. It closes, but it won't stay shut. Guess I'll have to change the latch plate. Oh, great."

"Now what?"

"The new latch plate is too thick. Now the door won't close."

"Can you fix it?"
"I'll fix it. I'll fix it! Just take
this new plate off and ... well,
look at that. There's another
thing here underneath the old
plate. Maybe I don't even need

t this part."
"Does it work?"

"Well, it closes. And it latches. Yeah. Yeah, I think it's fixed. It works."

"Dad?"
"What?"

"Thank you."

"No problem. Heck, it's just a doorknob."

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

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## **WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS**

# Simmons-Feldkamp

Frieda J. Simmons and David Simmons announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy, to Eric J. Feldkamp, the son of Robert J. Feldkamp and Diane Hoffman-Cook, both of Canton.

The bride-to-be is employed at the Delphi Automotive world headquarters in Troy.

Her fiance is a specialist in U.S. Military Intelligence. He is stationed in Washington, D.C.

A June 1999 wedding is

# Schafer-Shingler

Glen and Sue Nicholas of Taylor announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne Marie Schafer, to Jeffrey Joseph Shingler, the son of Roger and Jan Shingler of Wixom.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She is employed at Frito-Lay Inc.

Her fiance is a 1991 graduate of Edsel Ford High School and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in construction management. He is also employed at Frito-Lay.

A June wedding is planned at Hope Lutheran Church of Farmington Hills.

## Galindo-Krahe

Ricardo Galindo and Helen Galindo, both of Livonia. announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Frances, to Raymond Joseph Krahe, the son of Ruth Krahe Buettner of Cleveland, Ohio, and the late Raymond Adam Krahe.

The bride-to-be is a 1984 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1988 graduate of Kalamazoo College with a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics and computer science. She is employed as a lead technical specialist for United Parcel Service in Ramsey, N.J.

Her fiance is a 1990 graduate of the New Jersey Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree. He is employed as a professional engineer for URS Griener Woodward Clyde in New







An April wedding is planned at St. Colette Catholic Church in

# Papciak-Barnett

Edward and Joan Papciak of Novi, formerly of Plymouth, announce the engagement of their daughter, Laurie, to Kevin Barnett, the son of George and Jacque Barnett of Phoenix, Ariz.

The bride-to-be is a 1986 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1991 graduate of Western Michigan University. in Tempe.

She is employed as a SAP consultant for Deloitte Consulting.

Her fiance is a 1981 graduate of Arcadia High School in Phoenix and a 1986 graduate of Arizona State University. He is employed as a systems analyst with ASML of Tempe, Ariz.

An April wedding is planned at Arizona Community Church

## Toomey-Yeskie

Jerry Toomey of Ann Arbor and Sally Haynes of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Marie, to Christopher Harry Yeskie, the son of Carel and Howard Yeskie of Canton.

The bride to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She is employed by Signature & Associates.

Her fiance is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is employed by the Ford Motor

An October wedding is planned at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, Plymouth Township.

## Lewandowski-Romps

James and Donna Lewandowski of Pinellas Park, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie, to Kenneth Ronald Romps, the son of Gregory and JoAnna Romps of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a master of science degree. She will earn her doctoral degree in clinical psychology in August from Bowling Green State Uni-

Her fiance is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1993 graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree in accounting.

## Davis-Haran

Scott William Davis and Joanne Theresa Haran were married Oct. 23 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth by Deacon Don

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Tina Haran of Marshall, formerly of Livonia. The groom is the son of Ken and Jan Davis

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1995 graduate of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, with a bachelor's degree in geology. She works for McLaren/Hart Engineers Midwest Inc. in Novi.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Ithaca High School and a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He works at the Ford Motor

Co. in Dearborn. The bride asked Patti Ann Waldrop to serve as matron of honor, with Debbie Carrel, Kathleen Nettie and Danielle Paul as the bridesmaids and Meredith Carrel as the flower girl.

The groom asked Dave Dais to

# Barczak-Murphy

David and Cathy Barczak of Jackson, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori, of Canton to Donald Murphy, also of Canton, the son of Lawrence and Margaret Murphy of West Rotunda, Fla.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Northwest High School, attended Central Michigan University.

Her fiance is a graduate of Grosse Ile High School, Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree and Wayne State University with a master's

A September wedding is planned at Dixboro First United Methodist Church in Dixboro.



## Weber-Fox

Allen and Joan Weber of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Jean, to David Norman Fox, the son of Stuart and Jean Fox of West-

The bride-to-be is a 1985 graduate of Redford Thurston High School. She is employed as a bank teller at NBD Bank.

Her fiance is a 1975 graduate of Thurston High School. He is employed as a press operator at Masco Tech Braun.

A May wedding is planned at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Redford.



## Koth-Posch

Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Koth of Plymouth Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristyn DeAnn, to John David Posch, son of Joseph L. and Margaret A. Posch Jr. of Grosse Pointe Shores.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. She is selfemployed.

Her fiance is a graduate of Loyola University of Chicago. He also is self-employed.

A May wedding is planned for Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral Church in Detroit.



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He was awarded the Grand Prix d'Interpretation at the International Organ competition of the Prague Spring Festival in Czechoslovakia. Dr. Kibbie will be dedicating the recently enlarged Phelps-era Casavant Organ at Ward Church Sunday afternoon, March 21st at 4:00 p.m. Dr. Kibbie will be joined by Ward's Chancel Choir and a brass ensemble. Refreshments will be served in the church's hospitality center following the concert.



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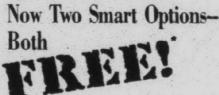
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TO EVENTS IN AND

# WEEKEND

HEALTH-O-RAMA

■ Project Health-O-Rama, a morning of free and lowcost health screening services, will be 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 20, at the St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building, 1600 S. Canton Center Road at Summit Parkway in Canton: Free tests include blood pressure, hearing. vision, body composition, depression screening, massage therapy, podiatry screening, nutrition coun-seling and health education. There are fees for a blood panel other blood testing and take-home test kits. Participants must be 18 or older and bring a driver's license or other identification. For information, call St. Joseph Mercy at (734) 712-5206.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES** ■ Stations of the Cross will be held 6 p.m. Good Friday, April 2, at the Knights of Columbus, 150 Fair, between Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. The stations will be held outdoors if weather permits. The fish fry will be following Stations of the Cross. Speaker will be the Rev. David Lesniak, former associate pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. For more information, call the Knights of Columbus at (734) 453-

9833 2-10 p.m. **GAME & CARD PARTY** 

The Plymouth Symphony League is sponsoring a game and card party 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, in The Golden Fox at Fox Hills Country Club, Salem Township. There will be a luncheon and fashion show at noon. Pastries and coffee will be served. There will also be door prizes, raffles, bridge playing, mah jongg, and Chat & Stitch. Tickets are \$25. Reservations should be made by April 5. For more information, call (734) 451-5598.

# **AROUND TOWN**

PRESCHOOL OPENING

Garfield Co-op still has openings for preschool. Programs for children 18 months to 5 years old. Located in Livonia, at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road. For more information, call (734) 462-0135. AUCTION

The Plymouth Christian

Academy is hosting a dinner-auction 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, in Burton Manor, Livonia. The theme is "Wild About Education." The dinner-auction will have both live and silent auctions. Proceeds will go to building of a new multipurpose room. For more information, call (734) 459-3505, Ext. 148.

OPEN HOUSE

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran School will hold an open house for preschool 7 p.m. Monday, March 22, and for kindergarten 7 p.m. Tuesday,

March 23. The preschool is located on Cherry Hill, two blocks west of Lilley. For more information, call (734) 981-0286.

**LENTEN PROGRAMS** 

The Plymouth Ministerial Association's 1999 Ecumenical Lenten Program, "The Cross: The Gift of Life," will take place in the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth 701 W. Church, corner of Main. The program will take place on each Wednesday of Lent, through March 24. All the services will take place at First Presbyterian Church, but various member churches of the association will be leading the noon service, followed by a bread-and-soup lunch provided by another church. Donations to the lunch will be sent to Habitat for Humanity. Residents of the Plymouth area and people employed in Plymouth are invited to attend. For more information, call 453-0326. ■ The Plymouth Ministerial Association welcomes the Plymouth community to the Ecumenical Lenten Gatherings held every Wednesday through Lent at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth at 12:05 p.m. with a worship service followed at 12:30 p.m. lunch of soup and bread. The members of the following churches will provide the worship and the lunch: March 24, worship by First Baptist Church and lunch by First

Methodist Church. GOP WOMEN'S CLUB

■ The Suburban Republican Women's Club will hold its monthly meeting 11 a.m. Thursday, March 25. at Bobby's Country House in Livonia. Former talk radio host Marie Kaigler will speak on "Detroit Politics." The cost is \$11. For more information, or for reservations, call (248) 471-5659 by Monday, March

**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.

GIFTS IN A JAR

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will hold an additional session for "Gifts in a Jar." The class will be 7-9 p.m. Monday, March 29, in Plymouth Canton High School, Room 105. Course number 362A. Students will get 50 layer mix recipes, such as chocolate chip cookies, cranberry spicer mix, etc. All are designed to fit layer on layer into a standard 1-

# World-class harpist



Vorld class will be appearing at p.m. Thursday, March 25, at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road, Ply-mouth. An open house follows the performance.

# Harpist visits Nazarene church

reg Buchanan is a world class harpist whose aggressive supplaying usually redefines the listener's concept of performance on the

harp. His superb musicianship combined the Christian life makes him one of the most sought after Christian performers in America. Buchanan will be appearing at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Buchanan is the first harpist in the world to own and play the electronic grand harp developed and handcrafted by Lyon and Healy of Chicago. This newly introduced instrument has tech-

nical capabilities that takes his music into realms of expression. The instru-ment is a Salzado Art Deco design that was personalized according to Buchanan's specific needs. During concert performances he also performs on a Celtic (Irish folk) harp and a kinnor

Buchanan finds great fulfillment in being able to share not only his musical knowledge but also his personal walk of faith, thus offering great creative inspiration to those with whom he works.

Plymouth Church of the Nazarene is also hosting an open house of their new addition that has recently been completed. Tours of the building will be held following Buchanan's concert.

quart canning jar. Bring a clean 1-quart jar. Materials are \$5. Fee is payable to teacher for ingredients. Tuition is \$19. For more information or to register, call (734) 416-2937.

YOGA CLASSES

Learn yoga as union of mind, body and spirit. Blend breathing exercises, physical postures and relaxation using guided imagery and meditation. This is a seven-week series starting April 5 through May 26 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Canton Health Building, Canton Center Road at Palmer. Classes are offered Monday mornings or Wednesday evenings. Cost is \$60 for

seven classes or \$10 for drop-ins. Classes are given by Dr. Jacqui Magon. For more information, call (734) 398-7557.

SOFTBALL LEAGUES

■ The City of Plymouth Recreation Division will run the following adult softball leagues this spring/summer: Men's Slow Pitch, Women's Slow Pitch, Coed Slow Pitch and Men's Modified. Season starts April 26. For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation Division

at (734) 455-6620. ■ The Canton Softball Center is now registering teams for adult leagues and its Early Bird Classic Softball Tournament April

The Plymouth Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community

Street, Plymouth, MI. 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noo

the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main

Use additional sheet if necessary

groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print

Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

10-11. The center is owned and operated by Canton Township. Spring, summer and fall leagues are planned for men, women, coed and masters. There are resident and nonresident leagues. League entry requires a \$100 per team deposit, with the balance to be paid at the managers' meeting. Cost to register for the tournament is \$125 per team, plus and additional \$25 for non-USSA registered teams. For more information on leagues and tournaments at the Canton Softball Center, call Jeff Bradley, (734) 483-5600,

TAX COUNSELING

Ext. 2 or 3. Free tax counseling for

seniors will continue until April 13 in the Parkview Room at the Summit on the Park, Canton. Appointments are necessary. Morning and afternoon appointments are available with tax counselor volunteers. Arrangements can be made for home visits to the homebound. This program is sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons. For more informa tion, call (734) 397-5444.

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FOSTER CARE ■ A foster parent orienta-tion will be held 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13. Judson Center Foster Care Adoption Division of Wayne County is seeking candidates interested in obtaining their foster care license. Interested candidates will provide temporary, yet daily, care to children who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned. Judson Center Foster Care provides foster care placements for children between the ages of newborn and 18 years old. Donations of clothing, bikes and beds are always welcome. Foster parents can be married or single and receive financial assistance from the State of Michigan. For more information, call (248) 443-

5000, Ext. 141. LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ■ The League of Women Voters serving Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne, Westland, and Livonia is working to make this year's April book sale another successful fund-raising event. New batches of used books always are needed. Donate used books by calling Esther Friedrichs at (734) 427-0222 or Marge Gade at (734) 261-3191. Hardcover and paperback books in different categories of nonfiction and fiction for all ages

are received.

PEER EDUCATION PROGRAM ■ The Churchill Peer Education Program will be offering a spring break awareness presentation. Peer educators are students who are trained by First Step to give presentations about rape and sexual assault. This is an informative meeting to create awareness about the possibility of dangers during spring break. Parents and students are encouraged to attend. For more information, call (734) 523-9205 2-

4 p.m.

ART CLASSES D&M Studios in cooperation with Canton Parks and Recreation and Plymouth Parks and Recreation (with classes at all three sites) offers fine art classes for the preschooler through adult to include preschool sessions, homeschoolers, student and teen drawing and painting, cartooning, student and teen studio art, high school portfolio preparation, adult oil/acrylic/watercolor, basic skills in drawing, advanced drawing skills, adult pastel and adult charcoal. For more information, call (734) 453-3710. **PLYMOUTH YMCA** 

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## (734) 453-3983. **CANTON HISTORICAL** MUSEUM

■ The Canton Historical Museum will is open for the 1999 season. Hours for the museum are 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. Guided tours are available. The museum is on Canton Center at Heritage Drive. Parking is at the rear of the building. Displays include items from Canton's agricultural past, household items and clothing from earlier eras, and pictures of Canton's 10 country schools. Taped conversations with some longtime Canton residents are available. Books on Canton history are on sale; these include "Cornerstones - A History of Canton Township Families," "Canton's Country Schools" and "Ghost Stories and Other Tales from Canton." Sweet corn series buildings are also on sale. Call (734) 397-0088.

# **CAMPUS NOTES**

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material, printed or typewritten to: Campus Notes, Plymouth Canton Observer, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170.

LEADERSHIP POSITION

Joanne Randinitis, a Hope College junior from Plymouth, has been appointed president of the Kappa Delta Chi sorority for the spring 1999 term. Randinitis serves on the Pan-Hellenic Council, which governs the college's sororities. She is also a member of the I.V.E. League for leadership, which promotes women's leadership development for Hope college women students through active involvement in the community.

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Additional info.:

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She is the daughter of Edward and Georgia Randinitis of Plymouth and a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

Christopher Machnacki of Canton and Andrew Oleszkowicz of Plymouth were both named to Alma College's dean's list. Machnacki is a Plymouth Salem High School graduate and Oleszkowicz is a Plymouth Canton High School

Anne Alioto of Plymouth and Anson Tse of Canton made the dean's list at Kettering University. Alioto is the daughter of Anthony and Jeanne Alioto of Plymouth. Tse is the son of Stanley and

Mary Tse of Canton.

Jennifer Peterson, a senior at Michigan State University, made the dean's list for the 1998 fall semester with a 4.0 grade point. She is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is the daughter of John Peterson of Canton and Judy

Detroit Country Day graduate Pam Bierzynski of Plymouth has been named to the Aquinas College dean's list for the fall 1998 semester. She is a

junior studying geography.

Joshua Tolbert, a 1996 Canton High School graduate, has been named to the dean's list at Western Michigan University for the fifth consecu-

tive semester. His scholastic achievement garnered him selection to the dean's list for both the College of Arts and Sciences as well as the College of Education. He will also be received into membership in the Western Michigan University chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi on March 29. He is the son/stepson of Marnie and George Holdefer of Canton and the brother of Katie Tolbert.

Ted Elliott Docks of Canton completed degree requirements for Morehead State University's 1998 fall semester. He will earn his bachelor's in business administration.

# Zonta Club members step out in style for First Step

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER smason@oe.hom

In the four years since it was started by Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi Area, the First Step Stepping Out in Style has generated more than \$100,000 for First Step Western Wayne County Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

And if Beverlee McAllister and her fellow Zonta club members have their way, the Sunday, March 21, benefit will attract 900-plus people and top last year's \$30,000 donation to First

Step. "Each year, we've been able to increase attendance by 20 per-

cent," said McAllister. "We had 900 last year, but have branched out. We have people coming from Auburn Hills, Rochester, Bloomfield Hills ... Part of the reason is the cause and part of it is

because it's a fun evening.' The fifth annual benefit will be 6-9 p.m. at the Parisian store at Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh, Livonia. Tickets cost \$25 each and are available in advance by calling McAllister at (734) 453-0822 or by faxing her at (734) 455-6125. Tickets also will be available the door.

The evening will feature informal modeling of petite and women's plus sizes and men's wear as well as a 7 p.m. fashion

show, featuring the latest spring styles.

Entertaining guests will be a caricaturist, singer/guitarist Ryan Winkler, the Ad Libitum string quartet from Farmington High School, the Motor City Mix quartet of the Sweet Adelines and a disc jockey from Silver Sounds in Canton. Also making an appearance will be Miss Michigan Laura Welling.

Twenty restaurants will be providing the strolling supper. Participants will include Carlson Catering Co. of Taylor, Catering by Sayers/BBQ Man of Redford, Coffee Beanery, Macaroni Grill, Outback Steakhouse, Real Seafood Grill, Rio Bravo Canti-

na, Schoolcraft College Culinary Gourmet Club and Villa deRoma of Livonia, Great Harvest Bread Company of Northville, Schulz Cap 'N' Cork, Plymouth Fish-Seafood Restaurant and the Water Club Seafood Grill of Plymouth, Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train of Walled Lake, Putter's Restaurant and Corner Pub of New Hudson, TGI Fridays of Novi, 10th Street Market-Bakery and Catering of Wyandotte and Two Unique Caterers and Event Planners of Bloomfield.

"This is a great chance to sample new places like Putter's in New Hudson," McAllister said. "You might be out on a Sunday

drive and want to stop for something to eat and know about the

There also will be a raffle with prizes ranging from cash, gift certificates for lunches and dinners to free hotel stays and other exciting raffle prizes. Benefitgoers also will be entitled to a 15 percent discount on purchases at Parisian during the evening.

Club Zonta Farmington/Novi Area is a chapter of Zonta International, worldwide service organization of female executives in business and the professions working to improve the status of women.

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enhance the services and programs offered by First Step. The nonprofit agency offers crisis intervention and assistance to the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in 35 western Wayne and Downriver communi-

First Step recently moved its offices to 44567 Pinetree Drive, Plymouth. For more information, about its programs, call (734) 416-1111.

"One of the reasons we've been able to make the money we have for First Step is because everything is donated," McAllister said. "It shows there's a lot of Proceeds from Stepping Out in people who are interested in a

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Raymond and Lillian Dziekan of Garden City recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a family gathering at the home of son and daughter-in-law Ryan and Linda of Dziekan Brighton.

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 20, 1948, at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic

The Dziekans have six other children - Ray and wife Linda of Howell, Shirley O'Neil, Jim and

wife Nancy of Livonia, Gary and wife Jennifer of Plymouth and the late Suzanne Dziekan.



They also have 13 grandchil-

# Kassel

Glenn and Winifred Kassel of Westland will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on March 27 at a dinner party at Montana's Steak and Seafood House in Westland. The party was given by their family and

The couple married on March 27, 1949, in Warren, while he was serving in the Army. They moved to Wayne in 1951 and to Westland in 1963.

The Kassels have seven children. All are college graduates, and three served in the armed forces. They also have eight grandchildren.

Interested in politics, Glenn Kassel also enjoys operating the Sims Real Estate Agency in Wayne, which he has owned since 1955. He is active in the Knights of Columbus in Wayne and the Salvation Army.

Winifred Kassel studied art at Detroit Cass Technical High School before she married and, when her children were old enough, returned to school to complete her high school educa-

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tion in 1969. She volunteered in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools for many years and later became an employee, retiring in 1991 as a library clerk after 15 years of service. She enjoys oil painting, participating in church activities, playing cards and visiting her family.

The Kassels also were involved in the Boy Scouts in the 1960s

# Performance benefits SandCastles

Tevye once again will be scheming to marry off his five daughters in pre-Revolutionary Russia when the Village Players present a benefit performance of "Fiddler on the Roof" 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, at the Village Player Theater, 725 Chestnut, Birmingham.

The one-time evening performance will benefit SandCastles, a grief support program for children and families and a division of Hospices of Henry Ford Health

"Fiddler on the Roof" takes place in 1905 in Anatevka, a small Jewish village in Russia. The story revolves around Tevye, a dairyman, and his attempts to preserve his family's traditions in the face of a changing world.

When his eldest daughter, Tzeitel, begs him to let her marry a poor tailor rather than the middle-aged butcher that he has already chosen for her, he must choose between his daughter's happiness and those beloved traditions that keep the out-

Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under age 12. For ticket information or to purchase tickets, call Jean Butrico Cooper or Lorrie Chopra at (313) 874-

The proceeds will help SandCastles in the opening new programs for children and families who have lost a loved one through death. Programs currently are offered in Southfield, St. Clair Shores, Clinton Township and Downriver.

# Women Hibernians host Heritage Day

The Rose Kennedy Division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians will host an Irish Heritage Day 11 a.m. Saturday, March 20, at the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall, 24242 Grand River Ave., Detroit.

Different events and demonstrations are planned throughout the day and Irish food will be served noon to 5 p.m.

The Irish are well-known for how to make it (materials will be their woolen goods, so that day will include spinning wheel demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., and genealogy expert Dick Doherty talking about tracing Irish roots at 12:30 and 2:30

There will be and explanation of how St. Brigid's Cross originated and a demonstration of

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provided) at 11:30 a.m. and a demonstration on making Irish soda bread by Peggy Boland at 1:30 p.m.

Irish dancers will perform at noon, with Irish storytelling at 1 p.m. and noted Irish musician of local fame Jim Perkins performing at 3 p.m.

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ington will present a fashion show featuring Irish styles for all ages at 4 p.m., with Irish music by INIS COL closing out the event at 5 p.m.

There also will be a display of Irish collectibles and memorabilia and a virtual museum of Ireland. Participants will be able to mark on a large map of Ireland where their ancestors originated.

# Conference aims to empower women

The Student Life Office at the vational address on how women University of Detroit Mercy will host a women's empowerment seminar, "You Make It Happen!," 2:30-5 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the Ward Conference Center on the Outer Drive

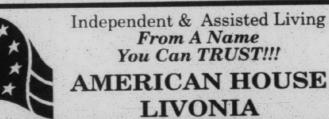
The conference will focus on the spiritual, personal, and professional development of women. It is free and open to the public. (Free child care will be provided

The keynote address will be delivered by Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, D-Detroit, who will deliver a moti-

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The University of Detroit Mercy Outer Drive Campus is located at 8200 W. Outer Drive, Detroit. For more information, call Pam Reese in the Student Life Office at (313) 993-1593.



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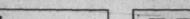
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ing place now for kindergarten

Christ Our Savior Early Child-

Savior Lutheran Church, 14175

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size of 15-18 children with two

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St. Edith Parish will have

2, at the church, 15089 New-

include baked and fried fish,

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more information, call the

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JOURNEY OF HOPE'

macaroni and cheese, salad bar,

desserts, coffee, tea and pop. For

The Journey of Hope ... from

Violence to Healing," a program

on forgiveness, will be presented

at 6 p.m. Lenten soup supper

Friday, March 19, at St. Hilary

Catholic Church, 23901 Elmira,

members will share their person-

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Single Point Ministries of

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian

Church in Northville Township

will host a Stepping Stones Sem-

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will speak to children in grades

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March 20, at the church, 40000

Gary Sprague, executive direc-

call (313) 533-1560.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

W. Six Mile, Northville.

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Lenten fish fries 4:30-7 p.m. Fri-

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# Women legislators honor Baker Eddy

The National Foundation of Jomen Legislators has hon- red the late Mary Baker becoming more of a 'told story,' and when women's opportunities were severely limited. In the face of life's challenges, she never gave up. Women Legislators has honored the late Mary Baker Eddy, founder of The Christian Science Monitor, with the 1999 Media Award.

John Selover, manager of The Christian Science Publishing Society, accepted the award at the foundation's annual awards luncheon.

"What has been considered an 'untold story' of the contributions and achievements of

During National Women's History Month this month, The Christian Science Reading Room at 445 S. Harvey St., Plymouth, is featuring this remarkable pioneering woman.

Mary Baker Eddy established a sound basis for fair and balanced journalism during the 19th century, a time

lenges, she never gave up, even in her own life where she faced and overcame homelessness, poverty, divorce and chronic poor health. Her desire to find freedom, purpose and individual worth led to the discrepance of a system of healing covery of a system of healing that she later recorded in her best-selling book, "Science and Health With Key to the Scrip-

"We welcome everyone to come and explore the life and ideas of Mary Baker Eddy here in our reading room," said Sharon Rea, librarian of the

Plymouth reading room.
"Science and Health," The Christian Science Monitor and other works by and biogra-phies about Mary Baker Eddy are available at the Plymouth Christian Science Reading

Arbor Trail, Livonia. The potluck

dinner (there is a small cost for

meat, coffee and milk) will be at

6 p.m., followed by the presenta-

tion, "Juggler for Jesus," by

more information, call the

church at (734) 422-0149.

■ Good Hope Lutheran

Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road,

and Lenten services, beginning 6

Garden City, has a soup supper

p.m. Wednesdays. There is no

more information, call the

church at (734) 427-3660.

charge for the soup supper. For

■ The First United Methodist

Church of Garden City will have

David Cain, at 7:15 p.m. For

religious education office at (734). 421-5240.

ford. Admission is free, and a

nursery will be provided. A cafe reception will follow. For more

information, call the church at

games, activities, storytelling

favorite Holy Land "sites" and

get snacks in the Saints' Cafe.

For more information, call the

and a chance to visit your

MUSICAL DRAMA
Covenant Community Church will present a musical drama, Who Will Call Him King of Kings," at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the church, 25800 Student, north of Five Mile, Red-

(313) 535-3100.

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beit Kodesh will meet p.m. Tuesday, March 23, at the synagogue, 31480 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. The Passover Seder will be discussed by Anita - S ... Cottrell, president. Refreshments will be served.

PARENTS DISCUSSION
Timothy Lutheran Church's Parenting Book Discussion Group on parenting will be held at four different times once a month - 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursday,s March 24-25 and April 28-29, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livo-

The group will begin with Thomas Lickona's "Raising Good Children." The church will supply the books as long as participants register at least one week in advance. For more information, call (734) 427-2290.

LENTEN SERVICES

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

GLORY OF EASTER Temple Baptist Church's annual

"The Glory of Easter" performance will be held 7:30 p.m. Fridays, March 26 and April 2, 6 p.m. Saturdays, March 27 and April 3, 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3, and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at

Please see RELIGION, B8

A grief seminar will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 27, in the chapel. Cathy Clough will speak about "The Process of Grief," and Ruth Sissom will speak about "How Do We Move Beyond Grief?" The cost is \$20 and that includes continental breakfast, lunch and

seminar materials. For information about any of the events, call the church at (248) 374-5920.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Tri-City Christian Center is hosting "Let God Touch Your World," a women's spring retreat Friday-Saturday, March 19-20, at the Sheraton Inn, 3200 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor. Through costume, storytelling and song, Bonnie Bachman brings to life the stories of ordinary women in history who have touched our world. Tickets are \$79 per person. For more information, call (734) 326-0330.

SPECIAL VISIT

Actor Bruce Marchiano will speak to young adults in a relaxed coffeehouse atmosphere 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, north of Seven Mile, Livonia. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling (248) 474-3444. Marchiano will return to Clarenceville UM to give his personal testimony at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 21, for The Gathering. A love offering will be accepted. For more information, call the church at (248) 474-

Sacred Heart Church will have a Mom to Mom sale 10 a.m. to 1

p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. Secondhand children's clothes (newborn and up), baby furniture and maternity items will be sold. Admission will be \$1. For more information and table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

STORYTIME

Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia is hosting TLC Storytime for children and their parents 3-4 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail. The books are choen for children ages 3-10, but kids of all ages are welcome to participate. For more information, call (734) 427-2290.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have a St. Patrick's Day dance 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Haggerty, south of Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The charge of \$8 includes refreshments. Call Val at (734) 729-1974.

DINNER-DANCE

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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will have a dinner-dance Saturday, March 20, at the church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Music will be by Carolyn Cherney and the Blue Mountain

Representatives of Hegira will present a program on drugs for junior and senior high students and their parents on Sunday, March 21, at the church. For more information, call the

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church at (734) 722-1735.

PRAYER GROUP

The Madonna University Prayer Group will meet 6 p.m. Sunday, March 21, on the Ground Floor Patio Room 1, on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Ben Stapel of the Detroit Charismatic Center will be the guest speaker. For more information, call Cecile at (734) 591-3247 or John at (734) 422-5611.

IN CONCERT

Canton Free Methodist Church will present the special contemporary instrumental music of Mike Jones 11 a.m. Sunday, March 21, at the church, 44815 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. For more information, call the church at (734) 981-

**LENTEN PROGRAMS** 

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will have a potluck dinner and performance Sunday, March 21, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. and will be the seventh annual Potato Dinner. Cost will be \$3.50 for adults, \$2 for children and \$14 maximum for families. The choral group from Canton's Geneva Presbyterian Church, Geneva Convention will perform. Proceeds will benefit the Society of St. Andrew. Registration is required. For more information, or to sign up for the dinner, call the church office at (734) 422-

■ Newburg United Methodist Church will have a Lenten dinner and program Sunday, March 21, at the church, 36500 Ann

a dinner and Lenten program Thursday, March 25, at the church, 6443 Merriman. The potluck dinner will be at 6 p.m., followed by Ralph Janka presenting "A Visit with Martin Luther." For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-8628.

**FAMILY ACTIVITY** 

The Board of Fellowship and Social Welfare of Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church will present "The Breath of Prayer" fellowship activity 12:30-1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the church, 9600 Leverne, Redford.

Families and members the opportunity to discover how they can worship God together through prayer. Participants must register in advance by calling Lisa Clayton at (313) 533-2009 by March 19.

St. Maurice Religious Education will sponsor a Bible Fair 3-5 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in the parish hall of the church, 32765 Lyndon, Livonia. There will be



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# **NEW VOICES**

Ronald and Nichole Esch of Westland announce the birth of Joshua Thomas Nov. 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sibling, Ronaie, 2. Grandparents are Sharon Esch, Ron Esch, Marilyn Williams and Thomas Tetreault.

Erin M. Meek of Westland announces the birth of Parris John Meek Dec. 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Charles and Elizabeth Morgan of Westland and Jerry Meek of Ypsilanti.

John and Paulette Donahue of Westland announce the birth of Justan Taylor Nov. 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City. He joins a brother, Brandan Joshua Roberts, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Larry and Peggy Armstrong of Cedar Springs, Lorraine Donahue of Redford and Thomas Donahue of Milford.

Jim and Brooke Walton of Plymouth announce the birth of Aaron Henry Dec. 7 at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a sister, Abbi. Grandparents are Jim and Dawne Fournier and Don and Mary Walton, all of Livonia.

David and Connie Boyd of Westland announce the birth of Michelle Renae Nov. 16 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two sisters, Hannah Mae, 2, and Rebeca, 1. Grandparents are John and Hanny Lear of Westland.

Ron and Karen Ainsworth of Garden City announce the birth of Raymond Alan Dec. 7 at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins two sisters, Jessica, 20, and Amber, 3.

Grandparents are Robert and Candance McHale of Westland, Louise and Jack Bostwick of Dearborn, Mary Ainsworth of Carson City, Nev., and Richard Ainsworth of Riverside, Calif.

Joshua Lee Chadwick and Melissa Jeanann Holman of Westland announce the birth of Cheyenne Elizabeth Chadwick Nov. 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Christopher Lee Chadwick, 4. Grandparents are Bob and Mary Hunt of Gar-

Ed Pawczuk and Tracey Bailey of Westland announce the birth of Sydney Michelle Pawczuk Dec. 10 at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Bailey of Hudson, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Pawczuk of Westland. Marc and Monica View of

Canton announce the birth of Matthew Scott Nov. 18 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Macayla, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Larry and Mary Rasmussen of Canton, Dennis and Dee Szymanski of St. Clair Shores and Mr. and Mrs. Henry View of Farmington Hills.

Jim and Sharon Stanley of Redford announce the birth of Joseph Robert Nov. 9 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. He joins a sister, Katerina, 3. Grandparents are Robert and Marie Hamel of St. Clair Shores and the late Josephine and Matt Stanley.

Dan and Lisa Vega announce the birth of Allison Theresa Jan. 3 at St. Mary Hos-

pital in Livonia.

Christopher and Tammy Law of Redford announce the birth of Christopher William Jr. Nov. 23 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Jessica Jade, 15 months. Grandparents are William and Trina Law of Kauai, Hawaii, and George and Janece Gomolak of Westland.

Ron and Dorene Vensko of Livonia announce the birth of Mallory Edith Dec. 29 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Aurel and Jill Schryer of Dearborn Heights, Marie Zammit of Lexington, Mich., and John Vensko of Uniontown, Pa. Great-grandmother is Mary Lashock of Deltona Beach, Fla

Randy and Candace Brouwer of Redford announce the birth

of Shellby Nicole Nov. 25 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Sayannah Renea, 22 months. Grandparents are Dick Brouwer, Shirley Klenn and Vince Klenn.

Patrick and Lisa Dufour of Westland announce the birth of Victoria Rose Aug. 11 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She joins a sister, Kaitlyn, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Ted and Marie Chorney of Livonia and David and Noreen Dufour of Amherstburg, Ontario, Canada.

Paula Gearin of Westland announces the birth of Michaela Cathleen Jan. 7 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Mike and Barb Gearin of Livonia. Great-grandmother is Winnie Shorkey of Avon Park,

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the church, 49555 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township. This year's play is "A Soldier's Choice." Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (734) 414-7777 or visit www.templenet.org.

**LENTEN BREAKFAST** 

The First United Methodist Church of Garden City will have a Lenten breakfast 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 27, at the church 6443 Merriman. It will be a time of mediation and breakfast, followed by a program featuring Joseph Jessup, tenor, soloist and guitarist.

A program for women sponsored by the United Methodist Women, there is no charge, but a donation will be accepted. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling (734) 421-8628.

**SILENT-LIVE AUCTION** 

Meadowbrook Congregational Church will have a live and silent auction 7-10 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at the church, 21355 Meadowbrook, Novi.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for signin and preview of all items. Admission will be \$5 for adults, children 12 year and under free. Admission includes, refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverages and a chance to win a variety of door prizes. Trips, dinners and sports memorabilia will be among the items

auctioned off.
For more information, call (248) 348-7757.

**CHILDREN'S MUSICAL** 

The Praisemaker Choir of Memorial Church of Christ will present their musical, Two by Two," 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the church, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia.

The children, in costume, will sign songs about Noah and his ark. The directors are Mike and Shona Vincent, Dave and Diane Jacobs, Jim and Leslie Buchanan and Paul Pilat. For more information, call the church at 9734) 464-

**CONGREGATION SKATE** 

Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church will have an afternoon of roller or in-line skating Sunday, March 28, at the Skating Station II, Joy Road between Haggerty

and Lilley roads, Canton. Skate times will be 1:30-4:30 p.m. and cost \$4.50 plus \$2 skate rental. For more information, call the church at (313) 937-2424.

**NEW BEGINNING** 

New Beginnings, a grief support group, will have its regular meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, April 1, 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.

People 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

SPECIAL PROGRAM

Ronald C. Smeenge will present the one-person play, "Pontius Pilate," based on the historical novel by Paul L. Maier, at continental breakfast and service Maundy Thursday, April 1, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia.

Sponsored by St. Matthew's United Methodist Women, the continental breakfast will be at 9;30 a.m., followed by the program at 10:15 a.m. A nursery will be provided free of charge. Tickets cost \$5 each and are available in advance only through Monday, March 22. For reservations, call (734) 422-6038.



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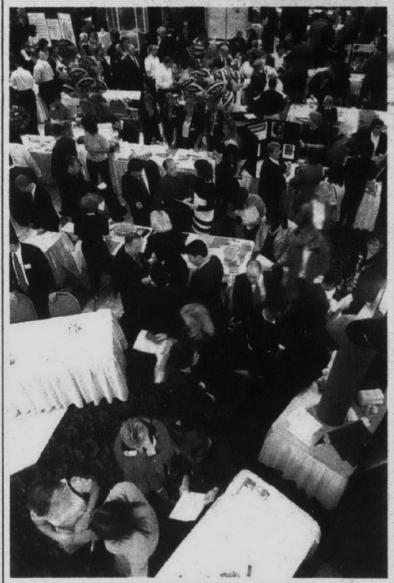
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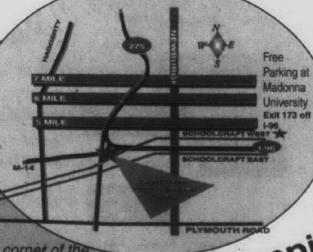
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# **Counsel JVs perfect**

Can't get better than perfect. And that's just what the Our Lady of Good Counsel Boys A junior varsity basketball team was this season.

The Good Counsel JVs posted a 20-0 record, winning the St. Clare preseason tournament, the Dearborn Divine Child Christmas Tournament, and the St. Valentine post-season tournament. They were also perfect in West Suburban League play, and to cap off their season - they were voted the Catholic Youth Organization's Sportsmanship Award, selected by opposing coaching staffs.

Team members include Andy Case, Dave Coppiellie, Dave Hall, Kyle Gendron, Tony Leon, Greg Marrone, John Napolitano, Dave Neu, Andrew Riedy, Tim Schroeter, Jon Smart, Tim Storch and Brian Whiting.

## Sharks win crown

the Mighty Sharks of the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association are the 1998-99 league champions in the Little Caesars Mite B Division III. The Sharks, coached by Rick Cigile, posted a 15-1-1 record.

Team members are Don Barlow, Joseph Beard, Ryan Blakey, Ryan Cigile, Zachary Cisek, Kenny Durham, Nicholas Gennety, Spencer Hall, Joshua Hope, Matthew Hull, Steven Manser, Ryan May, Brendan Muir, Brett Shanley, Patrick Smiatacz and Bradley Wilhelm. Assistant coaches are Dave Smiatacz and Don Barlow; the team manager is Craig

## **Cushman honored**

Katie Cushman, a senior guard on Madonna University's women's basketball team, has been named to the NAIA Division II All-American Scholar-Athlete team for the secondstraight year.

Cushman, a Flint Powers HS graduate, will complete her double-major in criminal justice and sign language studies in May. She has a cumulative 3.73 grade-point average. Cushman also holds virtually every offensive record at Madonna, including all-time leading scorer.

To be named to the all-academic squad, a student-athlete must be at least a junior, have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or higher, and be a significant contributor to

# Football meeting

A meeting to help organize the three football teams sponsored by Our Lady of Good Counsel will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 at Our Lady of Good Counsel, located at 1062 Church in Plymouth. The meeting is for all boys in third through eighth grades who want to play football, and their parents. Those eligible are members of the following parishes: Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas A'Beckett, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James and St. John Neu-

The third/fourth grade team will be coached by Ed Jeffery; the fifth/sixth grade team will be coached by Mark Zygomtonwicz; and seventh/eighth grade team will be coached by Mike Girskis. A summer camp with the OLGC coaches and others from local high school and college staffs is scheduled for August.

For more information, contact Mike Girskis at (734) 427-6270.

# **Plymouth T-Ball**

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will have registration for its 5-6 year-old T-Ball League from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., April 12-30 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Cost is \$55, with Plymouth city residents receiving a \$35 discount. The season lasts seven weeks, from June 19-Aug. 7. A birth certificate is required; those eligible must be born from July-December 1992; January-December 1993; and January-July 1994.

For more information, call the Recreation office at (734) 455-6620.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

# Taking flight!

# Rocks knock out Northern, 70-68



At the top: Without doubt, Salem played one of its best games of the season to beat Detroit Northern in Tuesday's regional semifinal something that Rob Jones (21), Andy Kocolowski (31), Andy Brandt (41) and James McCaffrey could cheer about. Tough play by Tony Jancevski (below, with ball) helped the dream come true.

BY C.J. RISAK

The final buzzer was sounding, and still the outcome was

This Class A state regional semifinal played Tuesday ended the way it should have - without certainty. At least not until the shot Detroit Northern's Tony White launched from just past the half-court line a moment before the buzzer blasted had banged off the rim, coming periously close to being a game-winner.

Instead, it just provided a thrilling climax to a game that had been packed with them. Indeed, the final minute alone had more turning points than some teams witness in a sea-

But this game ended as it should have: With the team that had dominated most of the way on top

Plymouth Salem 70, Northern 68.

The Rocks, now 19-4, return to Birmingham Groves at 7 p.m. tonight to play Southfield-Lathrup (now 21-3) for the regional championship. The Chargers defeated North Farmington 65-41 in the other regional semi.

Northern finishes 17-7. Now for those last-minute turning points.

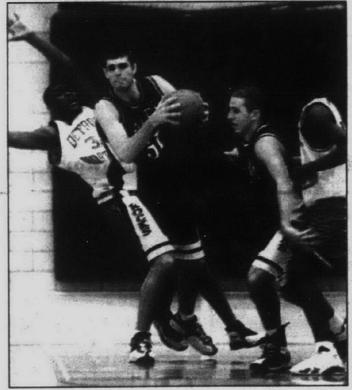
With 3:20 left in the final quarter, Salem led 65-60. But a turnover and an offensive foul helped the Jay Hawks score seven-straight points (five by White) to give them a 67-65

lead with 55 seconds remaining.

That turning point was followed by a missed jumper by Salem's Adam Wilson and a missed one-and-one free throw by Northern's Gary Solomon, the latter with 42.4 seconds left. After a timeout, the Rocks worked the ball into the paint to Rob Jones, and he was fouled by Brynell Jones (his fifth). Rob Jones made both, and the game was tied at 67-all with 25.6 seconds to play.

Turning point No. 3: Northern's White dribbled toward the top of the key, and Jake Gray dived in to knock the ball away. Aaron Rypkowski retrieved it and sped downcourt with the final seconds ticking away, but his layup was blocked by Shannon Pope, who was whistled for his fifth foul with 6.8 seconds remaining. Rypkowski missed his first from the line, but hit the second, and the Rocks were up 68-

Turning point No. 4: Solomon tried to split the Salem defenders near half-court, but lost control of the ball - and the whistle blew again, this time signalling a foul on the Rocks' Mike Korduba. Solomon tied the game at 68-all with his first shot, but he missed his second with 3.4 seconds to



Which led to turning point No. 5: Wilson took the inbounds pass and tried to get in position for a last-second shot, and was inexplicably fouled by White with .5 left. Wilson hit both, leading to White's last-ditch, half-court shot

And that led to delirium on Salem's bench

It was a huge win for a team that started the season fast, then fell into a funk midway through and is just now coming out of it. "We played as well as this earlier this season," said Rocks' coach Bob Brodie. "Even better - the first time we played (and beat) Northern, we played better.

"But we played just as hard tonight as we've ever played." A quick start got the Rocks on track early, and they were

"We jumped out on them big early," said Brodie. "The dif-

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On the defensive: Salem's Aleshka Marquez digs one out something the Rocks did a lot of agains the Kicking Mules.

# Kicking Mules finish Salem's tourney run

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK STAFF WRITER

They went just about as far as they

Temperance-Bedford defeated Plymouth Salem's volleyball team, 15-10, 15-7, Tuesday night in the quarterfinals of the Michigan High School Athletic Association tournament.

Still, the Rocks' first season with Tom Teeters as coach has to be judged a success

"We set some goals at the start of the season," said Teeters, whose teams in recent seasons have been kicked out of the state tournament by the Kicking Mules. "We wanted to go where no Plymouth Salem team has gone in 23

"We wanted to take the regionals, which no Salem team had done since 1977. Obviously, once we'd done that we wanted to go to the final four.

"It didn't happen but this was an accomplishment since two-thirds of the starters from last year had graduated. "This was a big burden off our backs

and will help the team next year and in the future.

Andrea Pruett and Angie Sillmon stood out for the Rocks, 48-11-1, but Temperance-Bedford blocked so many of their hits it looked like Coach Jodi Manore had gotten a copy of Teeters' play book.

But maybe she's played Teeters' teams so many times she has his style down pat. And has the players to exe-

cute it, of course Midway through the first game Sillmon put on an exhibition worthy of Flo Hyman or Rita Crockett, stars of perhaps the best women's volleyball team the U.S. has ever seen - its 1984

Sillmon rallied Salem from a 12-6 deficit with a sterling four-point string in which she had two kills, a block plus a pair of blocked shots which preceded one of her kills.

Olympić Gold Medal winners.

Plymouth pulled up to 12-10 but Shayna Munson buried a hit to return the momentum to Bedford. Eight side-

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# PCA repels 'Skins rally

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cjrisak@oe.hom

In retrospect, it's perfectly understandable

Here the goal embedded in the young minds of the Plymouth Christian Academy Eagles was clearly visible, dangling enticingly before them. All that separated them from it was a 32-minute

stretch of basketball. It would be easy to look beyond those four quarters to what lay ahead. But that's not what PCA did in its Class D regional semifinal against Camden-Frontier Wednesday at Hillsdale College.

The Eagles played some tough, unbeatable basketball - for the better part of two quarters, anyway. Then their vision shifted.

And it very nearly cost them. At the end, however, PCA regrouped and managed to hold off the Redskins for a 49-46 triumph.

The Eagles, 21-3 overall, now have the opportunity to fulfill their pre-tournament goal: They go up against Adrian Lenawee Christian at 7 p.m. Friday at Hillsdale for the regional title. Lenawee is 23-0 on the season and ranked second in Class D.

"Our team goal at the start of the tournament was to try and get back to the regional final and play the No. 2-ranked team again, said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "I mean, how many teams get a chance to play a team that good? chance to play a team that good?

"They're a great team. They do everything well." The two regional finalists aren's strangers. PCA lost to the Cougars 65-51 Dec. 29, giving the Eagles their first loss of the season. A 12-game win streak followed for PCA, with a league; championship and a first-even state district title. Still, that loss to Lenawee Christian lingered.

Lenawee Christian lingered.
But to get to the Cougars, the Eagles had to get past Camden-Frontier. Initially, that did not look to be a problem. PCA roared out of the gate against the small? er, slower Redskins (now 11-12); indeed, it appeared this game; would degenerate into an early blowout. The Eagles blanked C-F. 15-0 in the first quarter; it was 19-2 with less than 4 1/2 minutes left in the half, with the 'Skins' making just 1-of-8 floor shots and committing nine turnovers.

But on a team noted for its three-point shooting, such surges can be quickly reversed. "We just wanted to tease them," said C-F coach Dave Follis. "Actually, we had a lot of mental mistakes for our team. And we came out real tight in the first quarter."

With all five PCA starters onthe bench, the 'Skins started their comeback with 2:30 left in the first half, facing a 28-10 climb They started their trek by scoring the last eight of the half to make it 28-18 at the break.

By the end of the third period C-F had made it a six-point game, thanks to eight points from Chad Heller. When the senior forward nailed two more shots to start the fourth quarter, it was a one-basket game — and the young Eagles (just two seniors) were rattled.

Aaron Smith took over for Heller after that. His two baskets the second a triple, in a 40-second span put the 'Skins ahead, 43-42," with 3:33 left in the game.

If players are defined by such situations, PCA found a few. The Eagles wasted no time in retaliating, with Mike Huntsman scoring consecutive baskets and Evan Gaines making a steal and score ing. The six-point run put them up 48-43 with 1:52 left.

It wasn't over - not yet. Smith nailed another three to narrow the gap to two with 1:07 to go, but rebounding by Derric Isensee and Huntsman, and the quick hands of Jordan Roose, sealed the out come. Roose hit the first in a oneand-one free throw situation with seven seconds left to increase PCA's lead to three; after C-F's Heller rebounded the miss, Roose stole the ball and time ran out.

Roose finished with 13 points and seven assists, while Hunts man had 13 points and eight rebounds. Isensee totaled 11 points and seven boards, and Gaines had 10 points. Heller finished with 18 points; Smith had

# Salem matmen solid at state

For two of the three Plymouth Salem wrestlers who advanced to compete in the Division I state individual wrestling championships last weekend at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena, it was a good showing.

For both heavyweight Charlie Hamblin and 112-pounder John Mervyn, it started out well, too. Hamblin, a senior who finished second in the state to Redford Catholic Central's Casey Rogowski last year, beat Nic LaFear of Davison 6-4 in his opening match.

Mervyn, a junior, enjoyed similar success with an opening-round 13-2 triumph over Adam Cross of Rochester Adams.

But both lost their next matches, Hamblin getting pinned by Utica's Aaron Lambert in 1:07 and Mervyn losing to eventual champi-

on Eric Gervais of Grand Haven 7-5. Salem's third competitor, Ron Thompson, another junior who wrestled at 112, got off on the wrong foot but fought his way back

# STATE WRESTLING

with a strong finish. Thompson lost his opener, 19-4, to Scott Walker of Flushing.

In the Wrestleback bracket, Thompson excelled, pinning Harry Durbin of Royal Oak Kimball in 2:00 and Brooks Cozart of Howell in 4:14. That put him up against Mervyn, who defeated Brian VanEman of Rochester 9-6 in his first Wrestleback bracket match.

Mervyn beat his Salem teammate, 11-8, which left him in the running for a possible third-place finish. But he lost to Flushing's

Mervyn did win his final match, however, besting Craig Shutick of Rockford 7-0 to place fifth. Thompson was also successful, bouncing back from his loss to Mervyn to pin Randy Jackson of Saginawoin 4:25. Thomp-

son finished seventh.

Mervyn's final match record is 45-7; Thompson finishes at 47-16.

Hamblin's stay at state was shorter. He lost his first match in the Wrestleback bracket 7-3 to James Pack of Rochester Adams and was eliminated. Hamblin ended up with a 32-10 record.

Rogowski, meanwhile, captured his second-straight heavyweight state title and kept his unbeaten match record alive, beating Kyle Croskey of East Lansing, 11-6 in

CC teammate Mitch Hancock reached the final at 152, but lost to Brad Anderson of Forest Hills Central in the final, 8-6 in over-

Also, Livonia Stevenson's Josh Gunterman ended up with a state title at 103, beating Jordan Earley of East Kentwood 2-1 in the

# STATE SWIM RESULTS

# Salem finishes 12th at Class A state meet

Just like the Western Lakes Activities Association season.

The three boys swimming powerhouses in the WLAA weren't among the top teams in the state, it's true, but they made it interesting in a battle between themselves - and Livonia Stevenson won this time, placing 10th at last Sat-urday's Class A state final, hosted by Oakland University.

The Spartans scored 39 points to edge WLAA rivals North Farmington, which was 11th with 36 points, and Plymouth Salem, which placed

12th with 35.
The Rocks had one swimmer reach the individual championship finals: Andrew Locke, who qualified with the secondfastest time in the 50-yard freestyle (21.19). However, in the finals, Locke placed sixth in 21.97 in a race that separated second and sixth by .85. North's Matt Zald was fifth in

Locke was 17th in the 100 free (48.49).

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Salem did score in two of three relays. The Rocks' 200 free relay team of Mike Johnson, Aaron Shelton, Matt Casillas and Lock was fifth in 1:27.29. Their 200 medley relay team of Eric Lynn, Paul Perez, Locke and Shelton placed 10th in 1:40.07.

Other state qualifiers for Salem were Casillas in the 200 free (29th, 1:50.08) and Brian Mertens in the 500 free (21st, 4:59.23). The Rocks' 400 free

relay team was disqualified.
Plymouth Canton failed to score. Its 200 medley relay team was 20th (1:41.90), its 400 free relay was 17th (3:19.67) and its 200 free relay team of Kurtis Hornick, Justin Allen, Don LeClair and Chad Williams finished 15th (1:30.19). Individually, Hornick was 20th in the 50 free (22.55) and Aaron Reeder was 29th in the 100 backstroke (56.27).

## STATE INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING RESULTS

STATE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS **AREA WRESTLERS RESULTS** 

March 11-13 at Joe Louis Arena DIVISION I

Casey Rogowski, heavyweight, Redford Catholic Central (1st place): pinned Andy Iszler (Grand Ledge), 5:04; decisioned Ted Bowersox (Northville), 19-4; dec. Jim Kilcoyne (Portage Central), 7-3; dec. Kyle Croskey (East Lansing), 11-6. Final record: 46-0.

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Charlie Hamblin, heavyweight, Plymouth Salem (did not place): defeated Nic LaFear 2:44. Final record: 45-7. (Davison), 6-4; pinned by Aaron Lambert (Utica), 1:07: lost to James Pack (Rochester Adams), 7-3. Final record: 32-10.

John Mervyn, 112, Plymouth Salem (fifth place): defeated Adam Cross (Rochester 4:14; lost to John Mervyn (Salem), 11-8; Adams) 13-2: lost to Fric Gervais (Grand Haven), 7-5; defeated Brian VanEman record: 47-16. (Rochester), 9-6; defeated Ron Thompson (Salem), 11-8; lost to Scott Walker (Flush-

ing), 7-0; pinned Craig Shutick (Rockford),

Ron Thompson, 112, Plymouth Salem (seventh place): lost to Scott Walker (Flushing), 19-4; pinned Harry Durbin (Royal Oak Kimball) 2:00: pinned Brooks Cozart (Howell), pinned Randy Jackson (Saginaw), 4:25. Final

Mitch Hancock, 152, Redford CC (runnerup): dec. Chris Schuyler (Saline), 16-1; dec.

(Romeo), 10-5; lost to Brad Anderson (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central), 8-6 (OT). Final record: 47-4.

Brocc Naysmith, 215, Redford CC (3rd place): p. Jon Rugenstein-(Bay City Western), 4:12: dec. Josh Adams (Temperance Bedford), 7-3; lost to Pat DeGain (Clarkston), 17-4; dec. Vic Moya (Bay City Central), 17-4; dec. Mike DeLorge (Flint Carman-Ainsworth), 8-2. Final

# Shamrock star secures 2nd-straight title

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER skowalski@oe.homecomm.net

The next championship Redford Catholic Central's Casey Rogowski and East Lansing's Kyle Croskey vie for will be of the team variety when they

Central Michigan University. But on Saturday, they battled only for themselves in the Division I individual state wrestling tournament at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena

become football teammates at

Rogowski secured his secondstraight state championship and two-straight undefeated seasons with an 11-6 win over Croskey in the finals of the heavyweight division.

Each finalist has accepted foot-

ball scholarships to CMU, which

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gave this match a subplot. Croskey has a playing weight

of about 285 pounds in football which means he had to cut weight just to be eligible for the 275-pound division.

Rogowski dismissed Croskey in methodical fashion. The two were tied 0-0 after the first peri-

Rogowski will be glad to have him as a college teammate.

"He's the biggest guy I've ever wrestled," Rogowski said. "You think 285 pounds and you think fat, but he wasn't. He was about 6-2, 6-3 and really put together."

Rogowski is 91-0 over the last taken down on his back," Arena. two years, including 46-0 this

From day one, he was the prohibitive favorite to defend his championship. He surprised the field in his junior year, winning the state title despite not being ranked No. 1 throughout the sea-

"It's just like a great relief that it's over, I accomplished all I wanted and all my worrying is done," Rogowski said. "It's a lot harder being the favorite."

Rogoveski is the Shamrocks' ninth repeat state champion.

"He's an awesome wrestler and so were the other eight before him," said CC coach Mike Rodriguez, who shed tears while hugging Rogowski afterward. en vou're close to a voung man like Casey it's just tearful."

"I was too tired to cry," he

none of the tears fell.

Rogowski was teary-eyed but

To reach the finals, Rogowski had to beat a familiar opponent, Portage Central's Jim Kilcoyne, in the semifinals. After falling behind early, Rogowski rallied

for a 7-3 victory. "He got ticked because he got

Rodriguez said. Rogowski beat him earlier in

the year, too.

"He was more prepared this time, knew what was coming, what I had," Rogowski said. "He came out more fired up, used more stuff the second time."

Rogowski began the three-day tournament with a pin in 5 minutes, 4 seconds against Andy Isler of Grand Ledge and a 19-4 technical fall victory over Northville's Ted Bowersox. The first match was delayed

about 4 1/2 hours because Joe Louis Arena had to be cleared due to an asbestos scare. The wrestlers bided their time next door at Cobo Arena.

Rodriguez said the long delay on the first day of matches hurt Rogowski more than his oppo-

"If you are a state champion and all I'm thinkking about is getting at you, it's to the underdog's advantage," Rodriguez

said. "It's a head game." This is the first year the finals were held in Detroit and though attendance records were set Rodriguez liked the old two-day

He's not alone.

"Three days dragging it out is

way too much," Rodriguez said. "Just get it over with." Rogowski is a three-sport star

for the Shamrocks, spending spring on the baseball team. He took up wrestling as a freshman as something to do between sea-

Then he started to like it.

"I took it up just as an in between thing to keep in shape, he said. "It helped with my balance. When I got in the room I decided I wanted to be a threetimer (three-time state champi-

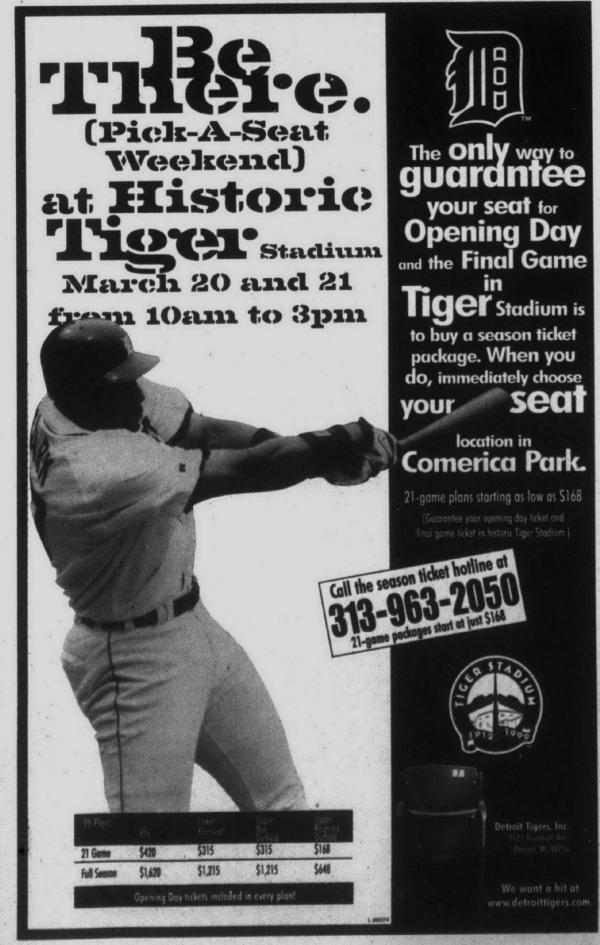
Rogowski had to settle for being a two-timer after failing to make the state tournament as a 189-pounder in his sophomore

When asked if he'll ever have another wrestler like Rogowski, Rodriguez said "Yeah, his broth-

Ryan Rogowski is a freshman on the CC wrestling team and

big brother thinks he has a promising future. "He saw what I did so I told

him it's his turn next year," format at Battle Creek's Kellogg Casey said.





STATE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

# **Double-winner**

# CC wins title; Rowe is top player

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER skowalski@oe.homecomm.net

Redford Catholic Central senior Keith Rowe will take home a trophy from the 1998-99 season but the one he'll cherish most is the one that will stay in the school's trophy case.

Shortly after the Shamrocks defeated East Kentwood 2-0 in Saturday's Class A hockey championship at the Flint IMA, Rowe learned he won this year's Mr. Hock-

The trophy honoring the year's top senior will look nice at home but he'll look forward to returning to school on occasion to get a glimpse

at the state championship hardware. Rowe also played on CC's 1997 state champion team when he was more of a follower than leader.

"This year I was more a part of it as a leader," said Rowe, who led the Shamrocks in assists and was fourth in goals scored. "What I took more pride in is my leadership skills. I matured as a person, not just as a hockey player. I think we have the hardest working team in the state and it shows. We worked through the summer, running hills in 90 degree weather."

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Rowe said his biggest influence in hockey growing up in Redford Township was Joe Job, his coach for five years with the Detroit Diesel Power travel teams. A 3.1 student who

scored 22 on his ACT, Rowe plans on playing either for a junior A program or attending a prep school next

Former CC player Scott Curtin was the Mr. Hockey recipient two years ago.

"It's really an honor and I'm happy for it," Rowe said. "Team awards come first but I'll take individual awards, too.

Jim Spiewak, a sophomore sensation, scored both CC goals, which weren't easy to come by against East Kentwood's senior goaltender Gary

Olson stopped 39 shots and was helped a couple times when CC shots rang off the goal post.

"They're a good team, real fast, and have done it all year," Olson said. "They deserved it. I'm very exhausted. I can hardly walk right

East Kentwood, which lost a nonleague game to the Shamrocks 4-2 earlier in the year, managed only 10 shots at CC junior goalie Ben

As dominant as CC was, East Kentwood nearly tied the score at 1-1 with 4:16 left in the second period when Dunne made brilliant saves on a breakaway by Eric Jensen and the rebound shot by Mike Lenhertz.

After a scoreless first period the Shamrocks opened the scoring with a goal by Spiewak, assisted by Todd Bentley and David Moss 41 seconds

Spiewak finished the two-on-one after taking a perfect pass from Bentley and firing the puck over Olson's outstretched legs.

"I skated into the zone, the defenseman faded off to Bentley, the goalie went down and I just chipped it over him," said Spiewak, who finished the season with 11 goals and 19 assists.

Spiewak added an insurance goal at 13:11 of the third period, picking up a loose puck and driving a wrist shot past Olson from close range.

Bentley had the assist on that goal, too.

"To be honest with you I didn't see the second one go in," Spiewak said. "It was a little luck."

This was the Shamrocks third state championship in Gordie St. John's six seasons as coach, and the school's fourth overall. They finished the season with a 29-1-1 overall

East Kentwood finished at 23-7-1.

"This goalie did a great job, held them in the game, but right to the end we were very patient tonight," St. John said. "It was frustrating that we couldn't put it in and we hit the pipe a couple times. Tonight we played three solid 15 minute periods. I was throwing four lines at them and they had two and a half for 45 minutes and that makes a dif-

# Whalers clinch 1st



the Spitfires Sunday.

Let's just get to the play-

The win over the Windsor Spitfires last Thursday proved to be pivotal for the Plymouth Whalers - at least considering the cir-

cumstances that followed over the weekend. The Plymouth Whalers came up flat in a pair of performances, losing twice at home — 3-1 to the Guelph Storm Saturday and 6-1 to

The losses dropped the Whalers to 50-13-4 overall, but they remained atop the overall Ontario Hockey League standings with 104 points (two more than the Barrie Colts) and, with one game remaining, clinched the top spot in the upcoming OHL playoffs.

Guelph, first in the OHL's Midwest Division, is 43-21-2; Windsor, last in the West Division, is 23-38-6.

Unfortunately, it did mean Plymouth's term at the top of the Canadian Hockey League polls was short-lived. The Whalers dropped to third.

Robert Holsinger made 17 saves in goal against Guelph, but gave up a power-play goal to Eric Beaudoin in the first period and second-period goals to Kevin Mitchell and Joe Gerbe. Jamie Lalonde scored for Plymouth on the power play in the third period, ruining the shutout bid by Storm goalie Craig Anderson (40 saves).

In the loss to the Spitfires, Holsinger surrendered three goals in the first two periods and Rob Zepp allowed three more in the third. They combined to make 21 saves. Ron Vogel allowed one goal and made 45 stops for

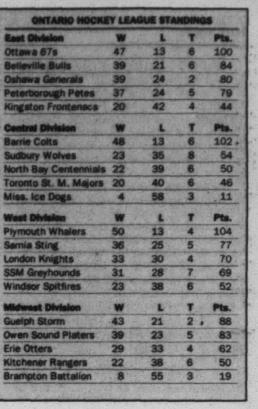
Nikos Tselios scored Plymouth's only goal, in the third period. Jasono Polera and Jeff Martin each scored two goals for the Spit-

The Whalers final game of the regular sea-

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Josh Bowers collected a goal and an assist, and Mark Mink, Pat Brush, Nick Schrader and Rob Globke added single goals for the Ambassadors, who host the Indians in a showdown for first place Saturday and Sunday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.



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## BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER

-Southfield-Lathrup turned up the defensive pressure on North Farmington in the second half and turned a close basketball game into a rout Tuesday.

". The Chargers outscored the Raiders 40-14 after halftime and coasted into the final of the Class A regional tournament at Birmingham Groves with a 65-41 victory.

"We let (the Raiders) get too comfortable running their offense in the first half," Lathrup coach Mike Avery said. "It was standstill defense instead of pressuring the ball. They got confident because -we weren't guarding like we normally do. "It was a good team effort on everybody's part as far as stepping up their game in the second half."

Lathrup (21-3) will play another Western Lakes Activities Association team, Plymouth Salem, for the regional championship at 7 tonight.

The Rocks (19-4), who lost twice to North during the regular season, were 70-68 winners over Detroit Northern in the other semifinal contest Tuesday.

"It's going to be a tough ballgame," Avery said, adding the Chargers "welcome the challenge. They have a good outside shooting team. You have to get on the perimeter and play some defense."

Lathrup senior Brandon Edwards scored 15 of his game-high 21 points in the second half when he was 11-of-12 shooting free throws.

Solomon Edwards, a 6-foot-2 senior who has signed with Wagner, a Division I school in New York, had seven of his nine points in the second half and 6-4 junior Ken Moore six of his nine.

"He's our senior captain (Solomon Edwards) and he's called upon to do a little bit of everything - shooting,

rebounding, pushing the ball up the floor and leading our defense," Avery said. "He does whatever it takes to win. He got us going defensively, but we like to see all five doing the same thing."

Senior guards Kim Bell and Antoine Johnson tossed in 10 and eight points, respectively, for the Chargers, who shot 50 percent (12-of-24) in the second half.

The Chargers tightened their perimeter defense, taking away what enabled the Raiders to hold a 27-25 halftime lead, and still guarded the post well while putting more pressure on the ball. North had just four second-half field goals.

"Our defense in the second half became our offense," Avery said. "(The Raiders) are pretty solid and did a good job rebounding. But in the second half we did a good job keeping them off the

We got hurt on second shots and by their pressure," North assistant coach Pete Mantyla said. "They're quick and they're physical with their pressure.

"The teams that have hurt us have been ones who've gone after us man-toman. (The Chargers) have a big quickness advantage

Mantyla was filling in for North head coach Tom Negoshian, who was in Idaho to see his son Todd's team, Cornerstone College, compete in the NAIA national tournament.

North junior Phil Watha scored all of his team-high 14 points in the first half, but Lathrup shut down his three-point shooting in the second. Junior center Emir Medunjanin had 11 points and senior Albert Deljosevic nine.

The turning point occurred late in the third quarter with the score tied, 31-31. Medunjanin, while taking a lob pass

into the low post, suffered a bloody nose in a collision with Moore and had to leave the game.

Shortly after that, North junior Adrian Bridges received his fourth foul and went to the bench, too.

Medunjanin returned with 2:43 remaining, but the Raiders (18-5) missed Bridges, who was a strong defensive rebounder and a big help in breaking the Lathrup press.

"As a coach, it's a tough position to be in," Mantyla said. "Do you play a kid with a minute left when he's tired with four fouls? If I could take it back, I wouldn't have taken Adrian out.'

Moore made the free throws to put Lathrup ahead following the Bridges foul. With North's presence in the post reduced, the Chargers quickly upped their lead to 41-31 at the end of the quar-

"That was the swing point of the game right there," Mantyla said. "Once they got it up to 10, it was a fight for us to get it back, although we still had opportunities to knock it down."

Deljosevic made two free throws to keep North within eight, 45-37, but Lathrup went to a delay offense, resulting in Brandon Edwards making four straight free throws.

Deljosevic was ejected with 3:12 to play after protesting a no-call situation. Edwards made all six technical foul shots, and the Chargers turned the game into a rout with 16 unanswered points to lead 61-37.

In the first half, Lathrup grabbed an 11-3 lead, but Watha hit four threes and junior Brian Shulman one to put North back in the game and on top at halftime.

The Chargers shot 45 percent (23-of-51) for the game and the Raiders 30 percent (14-of-46). Lathrup was 17-of-26 at the line and 2-of-8 shooting threes; North was 6-of-10 and 7-of-20, respectively.

## ference was, on our offensive end, taking care of the basketball and being

patient.

The result: The Rocks had 16 turnovers (the Jay Hawks had just nine) but only six in the second half, and their patience led to good shots and they nailed them.

In the first half they were 16-of-21 from the floor (76.2 percent). For the game, they connected on 25-of-42 (59.5

Northern used the same formula to stay in the game that it used in beating Detroit Pershing for the district title last Friday. The Jay Hawks shot, then crashed the offensive boards with a vengeance.

Which meant that despite Salem's impressive first-half shooting, the Rocks had just a 39-36 lead at the intermission because the Hawks were getting two, and often three, shots at the basket each trip. Although they converted just 39 percent from the field in the first half, they had 12 more shots than Salem (13-of-33). "And that was one of our main objec-

tives coming in, not to let them kill us on the boards," Brodie said. "I thought as the game wore on, we did a better job blocking them out." True, the Rocks did, but their first-

half 'X' factor - Rypkowski - wasn't as big a factor in the second half, at least not offensively. That's more an acknowledgement of

how incredibly dominating he was in the first two quarters than a criticism of his last two. Rypkowski literally carried Salem through the first half, pumping in 20 points on 8-of-9 floor shooting - including three threepointers.

"I was just open," the 6-foot-2 senior swingman explained. "They weren't covering me and I was finding the openings in their zone. If I feel it, I take it."

Rypkowski and Jones, who scored Salem's first six points, led the early charge. The Rocks rattled off 11straight points in the opening quarter to go up 15-5, and those two accounted for 10 of them. Salem led 19-12 after one period.

The Hawks never caught the Rocks in the second quarter, but they trimmed the deficit to three with their crash-the-boards style of play. Northern then scored the first three points of the second half to knot it at 39-all. and it was a battle from then on, with neither team leading by more than five. Rypkowski's fourth triple of the game with 50 seconds left in the third gave Salem a four-point cushion, but the Hawks' Jones - who was dominating inside - got a layup with seven seconds left to slice Salem's lead to 58-56 after three. The final quarter was ebb and flow

for the first seven minutes. Northern's Marvin Vaughn tied it at 60-all with 6:01 left, then Salem scored fivestraight to match its biggest lead of the second half.

Which led to the turning points. Rob Jones netted 16 points for the Rocks, and Tony Jancevski had 10. Wilson scored seven - none more important than those last two from the stripe.

Solomon's 17 topped Northern. Jones had 16, White scored 15 and Chris Laws finished with 14. The Hawks, however, were 9-of-20 from the line (45 percent), including a 1-of-7 performance in the fourth quarter. Salem was 15-of-18 from the line (83 percent), including 8-of-10 in the fourth. "The next game will be tough," pre-

dicted Rypkowski. "We're just going to try and go as far as we can (in the tournament)."

# After a slow start, Bishop Borgess pulls away from Gabriel Richard for easy regional win

## BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER skowalski@oe.homecomm.net

With 4:29 left in the third quarter of Tuesday's Class C boys basketball regional semifinal at Petersburg-Summerfield, a rare timeout was called

Rare because of what happened off the court, not on it. Just as Riverview Gabriel Richard

# **CLASS C REGIONAL**

coach John Verdura started waving his arms and questioning a referee's call, a fan inexplicably walked within arm's length.

We know that because Verdura accidentally knocked a bag of popcorn out of the fan's hands, sending the contents all over the coach's box and onto the floor.

The only way the night could have been worse for Verdura is if the man asked him to pay for another bag.

Borgess led 33-17 at the time and things didn't get better for the Pioneers, who ran into foul trouble and out of gas, falling to the Spartans 52-42.

"That just exemplifies the whole night," said Verdura, managing a laugh. "The referee makes a bad call, I turn around and have a bag of popcorn on

The win sends the Spartans, 13-11 manding 41-23 lead. Borgess attempted overall, into the regional championship at 7 p.m. Friday.

Young finished with a game-high 20 points and teammates Curtis Allen and Donald Didlake added seven each. Allen also had seven assists and five steals.

Borgess led 15-14 midway through the second quarter before ending the half with a 10-2 run for a 25-16 lead

The Spartans outscored the Pioneers 16-7 in the third quarter to take a comeight free throws, making six, in the third quarter to none by Richard. Two of Richard's players fouled out

and the Pioneers finished with 23 fouls to Borgess' 18. The final score is deceiving because

Richard scored the last nine points when reserves were playing.

Junior Jon Ochmanek scored all 11 of his points in the fourth quarter to lead the Pioneers in scoring.

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John Glenn: Amanda Bell; Stevens Kristi Copi, Kelley Hutchins, Cassie Ehlendt, Brenda Pedersen: W.L. Central: Erin Rishell, Sara Schreiber, Colleen Saldana; Farmington: Emilie Villemonte, Tricla Krause, Lyndsy Howard, Meghan O'Rear, Jamie Jakacki; North Farmington Melinda DiVito, Colette Burcar; Salem Andrea Pruett, Jill Dombrowski, Erica Stein, Michelle Ginther

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Western: 1. Franklin; 2. Churchill; 3. Northville: 4, W.L. Western: 5, Canton: 6.

# Salem

outs later, a Salem error made it 14-10 and Sarah Oleszczuk served an ace to close it out.

Munson is one of just four seniors on Manore's team - but it's a team which won the state title last year.

The frustrating part for Salem was having kills attempts by Sillmon, Pruett and Amanda Suder blocked back over the net.

That's the best we've blocked all year," said Manore, whose team takes a 74-7-3 record into Friday's semifinals at Western Michigan. "They have a couple of people they have to go to more often than not.

"We can spread it out, which makes it easier. We knew they had to get the ball to Angie."

Munson had six kills in the first game plus four key kills at the end of the second. She also had two solo blocks plus three shared blocks.

Valerie Lyczkowski had five kills in the first game plus two in the second while Melissa Meinhart was strong at the net, getting three blocks in the first game plus a solo and a shared block in the second.

Linda Bankowski was outstanding as the setter.

Ten Salem errors contributed to Temperance-Bedford racing out to a 13-0 lead in the second game. Sillmon, Pruett and Suder teamed up to bring the Rocks back to 13-6 before a Lyczkowski kill put them on the brink.

Salem fought off five match points but Munson finally buried the winner despite some good returns by the Rocks.

Pruett split nine kills between the two games while Sillmon notched eight and Suder four. Sillmon also had three blocks.

"They're a talented team," Teeters said. "You've got to give them credit.

Teeters' Livonia Ladywood teams had been ousted by Temperance-Bedford in recent years. He's always made it a point of playing the Kicking Mules during the regular season, too.

Salem played Temperance-Bedford once this year, winning a game but not the match in the finals of the Kicking Mules' tournament.

The Rocks were strong defensively at the start of the match, taking leads of 2-0 and 5-3 before the Kicking Mules ran off four straight points on Bankowski's serve and three more in a row later to take a 10-5 lead.

Temperance-Bedford had a run of nine points in a row while Olesczuk was serving in the sec-

ond game to go up 13-0. The Rocks kept the ceiling from caving in. But they'd come to the end of the road.

## **MADONNA BASEBALL**

# Slow start, fast finish

# Crusaders win final 4 games in their Florida trip

Call it climate adjustment.

Leave one weather zone during a snowstorm and arrive at another where it's 80 degrees and sunny, and the natural response is to relax and soak it up. But that isn't the best attitude to start an 11game spring baseball trip with, even if it

Throw into the mix a couple of games against the No. 1 team in the NCAA Division II, a team that had played the Tigers just a week earlier, and a few others against teams that already have several games under their belt and the outcome is understandable

Madonna University spent nine consec-utive days in Florida, but it seemed more like two different trips. The start was an ominous one for the Fighting Crusaders: six games, six losses, 71 runs allowed, three shutouts suffered.

Then came the turnaround. It started with a 5-5 tie, March 10 at Webber College in Babson Park, Fla. After that came a strong finish — fourstraight wins, with 17 runs allowed and

Madonna returned with a respectable 4-6-1 mark. It's next two games are scheduled for Friday at Walsh University in North Canton, Ohio.

That March 10 turnaround started out badly for the Crusaders. They matched

Webber in hits, but not in runs, losing 3-0. Aaron Shrewsbury, who enjoyed a phenomenal trip (.333 batting average with five home runs and 10 runs batted in), collected two of Madonna's six hits. Bob Mason (from Westland) suffered the loss (0-2, 7.94 earned run average for the trip), allowing three runs on six hits and four walks, with three strikeouts in 5 1/3

That's where Madonna's slide ended. In the second game against Webber, the two teams battled through 11 innings before the game was halted with the score tied at 5-all. Dave O'Neill slugged a three-run home run in the sixth inning to put the Crusaders up 4-2; Jeff Warholik (.313, four RBI for the trip) and Daryl Rocho (.314, four doubles, one homer, 10 RBI) each had two hits and an RBI.

James O'Connor (Redford Catholic Central) started and worked 6 2/3 innings, giving up four runs (two earned) on five hits and two walks, with eight strikeouts. Jeremy Stevens hurled the last 4 1/3 innings, surrendering one run on four hits and a walk, with three Ks.

Madonna followed by beating Baltimore City 8-4 on March 11; Ohio Valley 7-6 and Washington University (Mo.) 8-4 on March 12; and Ohio Valley again 5-3 on March 13. All four games were played at

Shrewsbury provided the offensive punch in the win over Baltimore City, slugging a double and two solo homers while going 3-for-3 at the plate. Bob Hamp added two hits and an RBI; Rocho had a double and two RBI; and Jason Brooks had two hits. E.J. Roman was the winning pitcher, allowing four runs on seven hits and six walks in 6 2/3 innings.

The first win over Ohio Valley required a three-run rally to tie the score at 5-all after five and two more to win it in the sixth. Mike Butler evened his record at 1-1 by giving up four earned runs in six innings, on eight hits and four walks, with three Ks. Hamp slugged a two-run homer for Madonna, with Derrick Wolfe and Hamp adding two hits and an RBI

A two-run homer by Delano Voletti Westland/Dearborn Divine Child) highlighted an eight-hit attack in the win over Washington. Rocho added two hits and two RBI, O'Neill had a double and two RBI, and Warholik had two hits (including a double) and an RBI. Stevens got the victory in relief of starter Mike Fisher (Lutheran Westland); Stevens worked 4 2/3 innings, surrendering one unearned run on eight hits and a walk, with five strikeouts. The game ended after five innings.

The last game of the spring trip, a 5-3

win over Ohio Valley, featured homers by Voletti (solo) and Rocho (two-run); a ruhscoring double by Brooks; and two hits by Warholik (one a triple) and Neil Wildfong (Plymouth Canton). Warholik was the winner, giving up three runs on four hits and a walk, with eight strikeouts, in 5 2/3

The first half of the trip was dismal, record-wise. Madonna was no-hit by Rollins College 12-0 on March 5; was edged by Eckerd College 12-11 on March 6; lost twice to Florida Southern, the No. 1-ranked team in NCAA II, 6-0 on March 7 and 10-7 on March 8; and was beaten by Rensselaer Poly 18-7 March 8.

The Crusaders gave up 66 hits in those five losses (more than 13 a game) and committed nine errors. But against Eckerd they got a single, a double and a home run with two RBI from Wolfe; a homer and a single with four RBI from Shrewsbury; four hits from O'Neill (.364, one homer, six RBI for the trip); three hits from Todd Miller (Farmington Hills/Birmingham Brother Rice); two hits and two RBI from Rocho; and two hits and one RBI from both Voletti (.244, three homers, nine RBI) and Warholik.

Shrewsbury had another two-homer day in the 10-7 loss to Florida Southern, both of them solos. Voletti added a tworun blast in the loss.



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# **FUND-RAISERS**

Southeast Michigan Bowhunter Chapter of Safari Club International will hold its eighth annual fund-raiser banquet and outfitter's party beginning at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The banquet features a family-style dinner, open bar, outfitters, manufacturer booths, auctions, raffles, hunting and fishing equipment and much more. Tickets will be sold at the door. Call (248) 585-1415 more information

**METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS** 

Metro-West Steelheaders will hold its annual fund-raising dinner/dance beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Westland. Activities include raffles, art work sales, dinner, and a silent auction. Tickets are \$20 per person. Call (810) 476-7145 or (248) 366-9527 for tickets and more information.

**DRAYTON NATURE CENTER** 

The Drayton Plains Nature Center is holding a bowlathon fundraiser, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Century Bowl in Waterford. Proceeds from the event will be used at the nature center, which features 137 acres and is open to the public. Call (248) 674-2119 for more information.

WHITETAILS UNLIMITED

The Clarkston Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited will hold a fundraising banquet beginning at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, at the Deer Lake Athletic Club in Clarkston. The event will feature a buffet dinner, an auction, door prizes, sporting equipment, limited edition wildlife and outdoor art, Whitetails Unlimited collectibles and much more. Proceeds from the event will be used for conservation and youth related projects. Tickets are \$55 each, \$95 for couples and \$35 for juniors 15 and under. Deadline to purchase tickets is March 29. To order tickets or for more information, call Tom Bushong at (616) 781-8430.

The Pere Marquette Chapter of the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association will hold its annual Wild Turkey Festival on

Saturday, March 27, at Baldwin High School. The festival features seminars on calling, gear, the use of decoys and other hunting techniques. There will also be door prizes, raffles and giveaways. Proceeds from the event will be used exclusively for MWTHA's winter feeding program. For more information call Jim Maturen at (616) 832-2575.

**TURKEY HUNTER'S WORKSHOP** The Traverse Bay Chapter of the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association will hold its annual spring workshop on Saturday, April 10, at the Northland Sportsman's Club in Gaylord. The workshop will feature presentations by the DNR's new upland gamebird specialist, Al Stewart, local wildlife biologists and veteran turkey hunters. There will also be door prizes, raffles, a kids calling contest and more. Proceeds from the event will be used exclusively for MWTHA's winter feeding program. For tickets and more information call Rick Riley at (616) 549-2179.

## **FISHING TOURNAMENTS**

SALMON STAKES The 21st annual River Crab Salmon Stakes charity fishing tournament and raffle will be held Saturday April 24. Money raised through the sale of \$10 raffle/entry tickets will benefit the Blue Water Mental Health Clinic and other programs that help troubled children, adults and their families statewide. Raffle prizes include a trip for two adults and two children to Mackinac Island, use of a private suite for a Detroit Tigers baseball game, a weekend for two in Chicago, \$500 in gift certificates to Chuck Muer restaurants, and a limousine ride and dinner for two at a Chuck Muer restaurant. Ticket stubs are also good for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at participating Chuck Muer restaurants. There are also cash prizes for the anglers, boats and clubs who catch the biggest salmon and trout on tournament day Tickets are available at Charley's Crab in Troy, Meriwethers in Southfield, Muer's Sea Food Tavern in West Bloomfield, Big Fish in Dearborn, Big Fish Too in Madison Heights, Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor, or by calling the River Crab at

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STEELHEAD FISHING

Metro-West Steelheaders will present a free seminar on steelhead fishing beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at Garden City High School. The seminar will include discussion on river and lake fishing, trolling, drift boats, planer boards and other offshore tactics. The seminar is held as part of the regular monthly meeting of the Metro-West Steelheaders fishing club and the public is welcome to attend. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

YOUTH FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will host its annual Youth Fly Fishing School from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center. Cost is \$25 per person and class size is limited. To register and for more information call Dale Ross at (734) 420-2233.

**FLY TYING** 

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

# ACTIVITIES

HIGHLAND HIKE Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a moderately paced hike thor-ough the woods of Highland Recreation Area on Sunday. March 21. Participants are asked to meet at 11:30 a.m. in the shopping center parking lot behind McDonalds on Telegraph Road, about 1/2-mile north of Square Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills. Call (810) 294-7789 for more information.

PAINT CREEK HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a six-mile hike along the Paint Creek Trail on Sunday, March 28. Participants are asked to meet at noon behind the Michigan National Bank on 14 Mile Road, just east of I-75, in Troy. Call Mike Scanlon at (313) 884-2214 for more information.

## SHOWS

SPRING BOATING EXPO

The 7th annual Spring Boating Expo will be held March 18-21 at the Novi Expo Center. Sponsored by the Michigan Boating Industries Association, the show features hundreds of new and used boats, motors and trailers, more than 150 exhibitors, on-the-spot financing, food and entertainment for the entire family. Show hours are 2-9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, noon-9 p.m. Saturday and noon-7 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6.50 adult and children under 12 will be admitted free. Call (800) 224-3008 for more information.

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**CLINTON VALLEY BASS** 

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

ETRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

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The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information. FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

**HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS** 

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more informa-

**BASS ASSOCIATION** 

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club. meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for information.

## **MEETINGS**

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, April 7-8, at the Four Pointe Sheraton, 4960 Towne Center Road, Saginaw. The commission will be taking public comment on 1999 deer season regulations. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

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Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Road. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12 -5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Road. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

# METROPARKS

**METROPARK REQUIREMENTS** Most Metropark programs are

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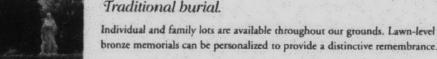


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Your physical therapy evaluation will include your history and observation f your posture and movement. Other tests may include muscle strength, range of otion and more. Your physical therapist will then plan a treatment program geared meet your individual needs. Treatment can include mobilizing stiff joints and tissue, cercise, stretching, heat or ice, as well as other modalities and education. The goal of tysical therapy is to restore or achieve optimal movement and function and relieve pain.

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erapist can treat your existing problems and provide preventive health care for a ariety of needs. This information has been brought to you in the interest of better ealth by Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists located at 9368 Lilley in lymouth Township, phone 416-3900 and at 30691 Wixom Road in Wixom,

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Dr. Mark Alsager \* Dr. Judi Fleischaker \* Dr. Trish Madsen

Alsager Animal Care Center is becoming more important each day to the veterinary concerns of this community. The reason for this is they combine a good atmosphere for treatment with all the knowledge and skill of the veterinary medical profession. Dr. Mark Alsager, Dr. Judi Fleischaker and Dr. Trish Madsen are dedicated to improving the quality of life for your pets; providing the finest care available. Their philosophy is to work with their clients to keep their pets healthy. They encourage regular preventive care which avoids more expensive and serious problems later on.

Alsager Animal Care Center is located at 44262 Warren Road (just east of Sheldon) in Canton, phone 459-5070. This full service veterinary hospital is open 7 days a week. They offer high quality medicine, surgery and dentistry for cats, dogs and exotics. Dr. Mark Alsager has a special interest in feline medicine, as does Dr. Trish Madsen in orthopedics. Alsager Animal Care Center are members of the American Animal Hospital Association and the American Association Feline Practitioners. They are continually making changes in order to keep up with the rapid developments in the veterinary medical field. Every year they reach out to serve an ever expanding area. They will continue to guard the health and welfare of the animals in our community. We compliment Alsager Animal Care Center for it's fine service to the animals of our community. Call 459-5070 for an appointment. Accompany this article and receive \$5.00 off your next visit.

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Margaret Exner (left to right), Mary Jane Pories, Mary Vinette and Nyima Anise Woods in "Impeachment and Cream," 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. at The Second City-Detroit. Tickets \$17.50, call (313) 965-2222.

## SATURDAY



David Copperfield brings his show "U" to the Fox Theatre, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets \$45, \$37.50 and \$27.50, available at all Ticketmaster outlets, or call (248) 433 -1515.

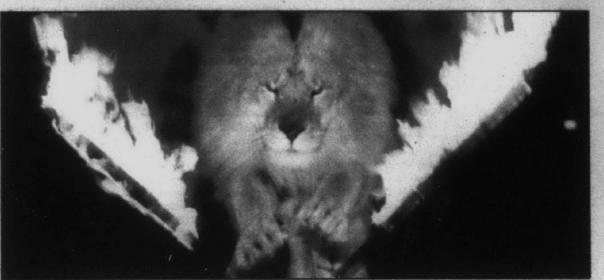
SUNDAY



The musical "Annie" returns to the Masonic Temple Theatre, direct from Broadway. Performances 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$19.50 to \$49.50, and are available at the Masonic Temple Theatre and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call (248) 645-666 to charge tickets, or (313) 832-2232 for information.



You can tune in the Academy Awards Ceremony on TV to find out if "Private Ryan," (pictured) wins the Oscar for Best Picture, or watch it with others at "Starry, Starry Night," 8 p.m. Sunday, March 21 at the Star Southfield Theatre. Tickets \$40 per person, or \$70 per couple. Proceeds benefit the Detroit Area Film & Television's scholarship fund, call (248) 547-0847 for tickets.



Hot act: All eyes turn to Andre when he steps into the ring with his Serengeti Lions.

# Clowning aside, Shrine Circus is serious fun

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

he Shrine Circus - "The Circus with a Heart" is celebrating its 91st year bringing laughter joy and smiles to children of all ages

This year's spectacle begins with a multi-colossal light show of amazing animations, thunderous songs and 3D laser beams zapping through the air featuring the circus on parade.

You'll see Andre and his Serengeti Lions, Circus Elephants, the Flying Redpaths, and Boitchanivis, Bulgarian teeterboard specialists who take to the skies from four spring-

There's always something amazing going on in the three rings. Other highlights include, California Benni's trampoline comedy, Justino the Juggling Genius who performs with authentic machete knives, hoops and flaming torches, and human cannonball David Smith-Captain

"It's our biggest fund-raiser,"

# **Shrine Circus**

WHEN: Continues through Sunday, March 28

WHERE: State Fair Coliseum, Michigan State Fairgrounds, Woodward Ave. at 8 Mile Road, Detroit. PERFORMANCES: 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 à.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday; 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

TICKETS: \$6, \$10, \$12, and \$14, available at the Shriner's Circus Ticket Office, (313) 831-1620, the Michigan State Fairgrounds Box Office, (313) 366-6200 and all Tick etmaster outlets, (248) 645-6666. For more information, call (313) 831-1620 or (313) 366-6200. To purchase tickets online, visit the web site, www.shrinecircus.net



Clowning around: Friends will hardly recognize "Howie" Howard Zimmerman, one of the members of the Shriner's Clown

said Larry Ode, Potentate of the Moslem Shrine Temple and circus ceo. "The money from the circus is for the running of our temple, which enables us do our work.

Shriner's have a soft spot for children, especially those that

are handicapped or burned. Through the generosity of the Shriner's and various community organizations, which sponsor school groups, thousands of under-privileged children, whose families can't afford the price of a ticket, get to see the circus.

"The tickets are very inexpensive," said Ode. "We want people

John Thornhill of Farmington Hills, Assistant Rabban, will be Potentate, and in charge of the circus in the year 2001.

"It's for the children, we have fun and raise money," he said. "There's nothing that means trapeze.

more to a Shriner than seeing a kid who was on crutches being able to walk."

Thornhill has been attending the Shrine Circus since he was a Boy Scout in the 1940s. "I give the clowns a lot of credit," he said. "They're all Shrine Clowns, and they work hard every year as part of the circus.'

Hugh Laird of Redford enjoys ov/ning around as "Racer." A teacher for 17 years, and administrator for 20, Laird loves kids and nothing makes him happier than to see them laugh and smile.

The best part of being a clown is "I can be with kids, and I don't have to mark report cards," he said. A white face clown, Racer "always has fun, he loves kids and to play tricks on them," said Laird who retired five years ago from the Redford Union School District.

"You know the saying - when you grow up you want to run away and join the circus. Fortunately we get to in Detroit," said

# Please see CIRCUS, E2



Aerial magic: The Flying Redpaths display one of the most daring aerial presentations ever witnessed on the flying

# Gypsy caravan brings celebration of culture, music

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

In the past Gypsy caravans would travel across Europe in brightly colored wagons. The Gypsies were both romanticized as vagabonds of the road and persecuted as thieves and "outsiders," victims of the churches, the Nazis and the Communists alike.

On March 26 another kind of Gypsy caravan comes to the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor, a celebration of the culture and music of the Gypsies or Rroma, the people who originated in

Rajasthan, India, and began moving across Europe in the Middle Ages. Their music is instantly recognizable for its speed, its lilt, its dancing spirit. And yet it is as varied as the lands where the Gypsies settled and the cultures they absorbed.

The Yuri Yunakov Ensemble plays a style called "wedding music."

"Wedding music is a style that became popular in Bulgaria in the 1970s and incorporated other styles of music. The new elements included music." Western instru-

mental influences, rock, jazz ..." said Carol Silverman, a folklorist and cultural anthropologist who sings with the

**Band leader:** 

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The music is rhythmically complex, incredibly fast and joyously upbeat. Silverman acted as translator during

a telephone interview with saxophonist and band leader Yuri Yunakov.

Yunakov began winning a wide following in the 1970s when he joined with Bulgarina clarinet player Ivo Papasov, modernizing traditional Bulgarian dance music with western instruments and outside ethnic influences, which landed Yunakov in jail twice during the Communist era.

"Well, it was because of politics," Yunakov said. "Politics was tied to all of this music. At that time, the government prohibited Turkish and Rrom (Gypsy) music. ... The only kind you could play was Bulgarian and Russian. The government wanted to remove foreign impurity from the music.

But wedding music became too popular for government resistance. Yunakov and his band would play scores of weddings, attracting as many as 2,000 people, some standing outside in the street just to hear the music.

By the late 1980s, the government began to embrace the music and even held contests

Ironically, the situation for wedding musicians has deteriorated with the end of Communism.

# Please see GYPSY, E2

WHAT: Gypsy Caravan: Gypsy Culture from India to Eastern Europe and Iberia, featuring Taraf de Haidouks (Romania); Kolpakov (Russia); Kalyi Jag (Hungary); Yuri Yunakov Ensemble (Bulgaria/Macedonia): Antonio Pipa's Flamenco Dance Company (Spain); and Musafir (Rujasthan, India)

WHERE: The Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor

WHEN: 8 p.m. Thursay, March 25

TICKETS: \$22-\$34. Call (734) 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229

# MAGIC

# Guns, gorillas and bunny rabbits in store for Penn and Teller fans

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO cfuoco@oe.homecomm.net

The ever-quiet Teller isn't mum about the highlights of he and partner Penn Jillette's stint at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts.

"We're going to start a religion in which I am the messiah," Teller said matter of factly. "My proof of divine power is that I am capable of healing polyester with my mind. We'll move on from that to take you backstage in a sleight-of-hand routine, show you all the ins and outs of cigarette tricks."

"Get an audience member on stage and throw knives around him or her. I'm not telling you everything. There's a lot that goes on there. We're going to make a bunny rabbit disappear by throwing it into a chipper shredder. It's a splashy trick. Audience members don't get splattered. I'm not saying anything about me.

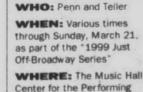
Just like the Energizer bunny, Teller keeps on going. As if he's reading from his agenda, Teller recalls calling the spirit of Houdini, a meeting with Mofo the Psychic Gorilla ("It's a talking gorilla head attached to a fax machine"), and a seemingly impos-

"We'll stick Penn in a very small barrel and ram him full of conduit in a way that, well, it's earned Penn the nickname 'the amazing rubber boy.'

In a daring game of chance, Jillette and Teller will shoot at each other.

"I suppose the most spectacular thing is we'll have a couple audience members up on stage and, unlike many other traveling shows we don't use any plants ever, and we usually ask for police people or military personnel or target shooters who examine some ammunition, load some guns, mark the ammunitions and hand the guns to us," Teller explained.

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Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave.,

HOW: Tickets are \$22, \$25, \$27, \$32 and \$37 and can be purchased at the FoxTheatre and Music Hall box offices and all Ticketmaster locations. Discounts for groups of 20 or more are



available by calling (313) 471-3099. For information about show times, call Olympia Entertainment guest information at (313) 983-6611.



Gypsy band: Taraf de Haidouks plays music that combines medieval ballads and Turkish-flavored dance tunes. The name of the group translates as "band of brigands."

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"The situation in Bulgaria little less frantic. today is really terrible since 1989," Yunakov said. "The economic situation is so bad that people are not celebrating weddings which in the past was the basis for community organizing. There is hardly any work for wedding musicians."

He said where once 1,000-2,000 people would gather for a wedding to hear a live band, now weddings use recorded music. He said in the Thrace section of southern Bulgaria the musicians would play for six or seven hours while the people danced.

Listening to Yunakov's recent CD "Balada: Bulgarian Wedding Music" (Traditional Crossroads) the tempos are so fast and the rhythms so complex, it seems almost too fast for dancing.

When asked about this, Yunakov laughed heartily.

You've heard our CD and those are concert pieces," he said. "At a wedding, I keep the tempo down so people can dance to it. There are different repertoires for concerts and weddings where people dance."

Yunakov's band was constantly working weddings. Silverman said the band was sought after by everyone. Since 1994, Yunakov has lived in the United States where his schedule is a

"He works many places and has played for three years at The Turkish Kitchen, an excellent restaurant in New York at 22nd Street and 3rd Avenue,' Silverman said.

Yunakov plays a variety of ethnic events as he is proficient in Arabic, Turkish, Rrom and Albanian music.

"He really likes a lot of different kinds of music, any music that's played well." Silverman

That includes jazz. Yunakov said he relaxes by listening to sax player David Sanborn's "Smooth Jazz" radio program. He has even played with Sanborn on a television program. But Yunakov believes music is a two-way street.

"He listens to jazz a lot and takes elements from many sources but is not a jazz musician," Silverman said. "He said it would be good for jazz musicians to take elements from his music as well. Bulgarian music is not to be thrown out."

The Gypsy Caravan is carrying the music of several cultures to 16 cities on the current tour. The Gypsy musicians bring their individual sounds from Russia, Hungary, Roumania, Spain, Bulgaria and from the Gypsy homeland of India.

RENE SIMARD

# 'Annie' teaches strong life lessons

"Anne of Green Gables," a production of the First Theater Guild of Birmingham, runs 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20 and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in Knox Auditorium at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 Maple, between Southfield and Cranbrook Roads, Birmingham. Tickets are \$7 adults, \$5 seniors / students, (248) 644-2087, Ext. 151. By LIBBY PRYSBY SPECIAL WRITER

The First Theater Guild combines a classic children's novel, enthusiastic actors, humorous dialogue, and a valuable lesson to produce an entertaining production- one that all will enjoy and learn from. "Anne of Green Gables" is a must see for all ages, even if the theater-goer has never read this timeless tale. It is easy to follow and enjoyable to watch from opening to closing

Many have read the story of Anne (with an "e") Shirley, a

Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert and comes to live with them on their farm, Green Gables. The Cuthberts and all the other townsfolk of Prince Edward Island learn to love Anne and all her mannerisms and actions, even though she can be a little eccentric. The audience as well develops a liking towards Anne and is immediately drawn to her charming personality. There is never a dull moment in Anne's adolescent life, which is filled with tea parties, classroom lessons and roof climbing.

personality would not be as impressive without the talent and acting ability of Christine Wearney, who brings her alive. Wearney, a freshman at Rochester High School, is delightful as Anne with her heartwarming gestures and pleasing voice. Wearney's character development is so good that the audience experiences Anne's growth from a jovial girl to a

Anne's dynamic character and

of this, Wearney becomes a won-derful role model for aspiring actors and actresses as well as those who look up to Anne.

Helping Wearney create a heart-warming atmosphere at Green Gables are John Paul Andree III (Matthew Cuthbert) and Kirsten Eklund (Marilla Cuthbert).

Alexandra Grossi plays the "bosom buddy" to Anne, Diana Barry, and also does a fine job in portraying her character. With Wearney she creates a delightful and entertaining atmosphere for the audience in their moments together. Sara Lennox, who plays Josie Pye, Birmingham residents Meg and Kate Mathis, who play Ruby Gillis and Jennifer Taylor, who plays Prissy Andrews, all add to the classroom and tea party scenes with humor and smart remarks.

Other actors who enhance the roduction are Jessica Mchann, Billy Dixon, Blair and Lane Brettschneider, Julie Cronk,

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mature young woman. Because Betsy Cypert, Rebecca Hyke, of this, Wearney becomes a won-Harold MacDonald, Megan and Katharine Smith, Jackie Klein, Sara Tennent, Jason Smith. Craig Hemming, Jimmy Tobias, and Amanda Walters.

With the help of these young. talented actors, humorous dialogue is delivered faultlessly and with enthusiasm, while the kids have fun on stage. This feeling helps theater-goers enjoy themselves as well.

The audience leaves with happy hearts and a life lesson. "Anne of Green Gables" teaches audience members that anything is possible and, above all, one must be true to himself before he can be true to anyone else. Anne demonstrates this when she conquers obstacles to accomplish her goals and begins to accept herself. What can be better than attending an enjoyable play and, at the same time, learning that everyone of us is valuable and important. That's the lesson in "Anne of Green Gables."

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Laird. "We perform in the circus and do two acts. That's very unique, to actually be allowed to perform. Every once in a while we get to be in the center ring, that's the ultimate."

Laird and his fellow clowns are serious about one thing helping children in burn centers. "All clowns support burn research," he said. "That's our big thing."

Charles Miller of Livonia "Chaz" directs the Shrine Clown Unit for the metro Detroit area.

"For clowns, their biggest joy s working with kids, entertaining kids, especially handicapped kids," he said. The circus isn't the only show in town, these clowns are busy all year. "We do 10 or 11 parades in the summer. birthday parties and union picnics" said Miller. "At the circus, we deal with a lot of kids and sign thousands of autographs. I like mainly to just walk around and mix with the kids and have

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WINSTON MILLER

man "Howie" of Garden City, is someone kids relate to, "because I'm at their level," he said.

For him, "just being able to make the children smile," is reward enough. "So many children who come to the circus are under-privileged. It makes you At 4-foot-11, Howard Zimmer- feel good inside to know you

helped them smile and have a good day."

There's a lot of news to report, and Winston Miller of Farmington, photographer for the Center Ring, the world's smallest newspaper, always has his eyes open for a photo.

Bill Green of Livonia is the editor of Center Ring, and Don Petty of Clarkston and Harry Postoian of Southfield write articles, which include profiles about the volunteers. There's a joke in every issue.

"It's strictly for the Shriners," said Petty. "It tells the Shriners what's going on, and they can take it home to their wives so they know where they are. We try to get a lot of people's names in."

While the circus is going on in the auditorium, the guys have their own Center Ring going on as they work to put the paper together. It's a fun department, and they enjoy the camaraderie.

"I wouldn't miss the circus for the world," said Miller. "We just love it. When you work for Center Ring you get to know a lot of

# Magic from page E1

We then go to opposite ends of the stage and (sides) fire the guns at each other's faces and the bullets end up between our teeth. I believe it's the best magic trick that anybody in the audience has ever seen. It's fooled very knowledgeable magicians. It's a deeply amazing and wondrous sort of trick. It's a trick that had its origins in the bullet catch which is a trick that has killed off over 12 magicians in the course of history. We won't be killed, of course."

# Longtime "team"

The duo met April 10, 1974, and performed together Aug. 19 to Sept. 3, 1975, during the Minnesota Renaissance Festival. Since then, they have become regular guests on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "The Late Show with David Letterman," and "Live! With Regis and Kathie Lee." In addition to that, they have recurring roles as Drell and Skippy on "Sabrina, The Teenage Witch," and as attorneys Fenn and Geller on

"The Drew Carey Show."
On Aug. 10, Penn and Teller kicked off their weekly variety series, "Penn & Teller's Sincity Spectacular," which airs at 10 p.m. Fridays on the FX cable

Penn and Teller were offered the television show based on the assumption that they could take a variety show "someplace it has-n't been before," Teller explained. "I think we've done that," he

added with a laugh. And it took plenty of brainstorming to achieve that.

"You don't come up with an hour's worth of material every week for 24 weeks without just ringing your brain dry of ideas," Teller said.

Teller explained that performing live and in front of a camera are two totally different animals. "It's just different because on

TV the camera makes the choice of what you're looking at. In the live theater, you get to make the choice," he said. In between bites of a chocolate

bar, Jillette said he enjoys performing in two media - television and live.

"As the cliche says, a change is better than a rest. Doing live and doing TV are very very different. I love them both. It's really good. I have no trouble doing just live. I did it for years. It's what I intended to do. I would have a lot of trouble just doing TV," he said. "When you're doing a live show like Penn and Teller, which of course you're not, I am, you're becoming very big fish in a tiny little pond. There is nothing to get through to be able to do what you want. FX gives us complete power and anonymity. They don't bug us at all but still you're working with a team of 120 people. It's wonderful and terrific. But it's also nice to go back to a team, which Penn and Teller is, of six people. So I like both very much. It's nice that it works out.'

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., and Greenfield, Mass., respectively, Teller and Jillette now reside in Las Vegas. Teller has lived there for five years and recently flew home from a performance to see Bob Dylan's show. "He's sort of regal and goofy at the same time," he said.

Jillette prefers to lay low. "How great is it?" Jillette said of Las Vegas. "I'll tell you if you don't drink - which I've never had a drink in my life - if you don't do drugs and you don't gamble, which none of those things I do, it's the perfect city. It's a cheap holiday on other people's misery, to quote Johnny Rotten. Your living is subsidized by bad math. People who are bad at math fly here and spend money. It's a great city where you can live really really fancy rich for no money."

Of course, he does make an exception to his strict lifestyle when he comes to Detroit. "Where's Detroit?"

"I don't really look forward to going anywhere. I love being on the road, I love doing shows. But the way I've become perfect at being on the road is by not seeing cities as different from one another. I spend most of the time in my hotel room. I read, I play with my computer and go in and I do the show. There are exceptions to that. I think Detroit has good strip clubs in Windsor and so on. I do enjoy that now and again. I'll find good restaurants and so on. People think that when you're on the road doing a show, you're traveling around the world as a tourist. You're really kind of not."

Teller said there's only one thing about which to be excited on the road. "It makes us very happy to bring a brand new package wrapped in bows," Teller

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# Village Players put heart into 'Fiddler on the Roof'

Village Players of Birmingham presents "Fiddler on the Roof," March 19-21 and 26-27. Performances 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. Tickets \$14, call (248) 644-

BY MARY JANE DOERR SPECIAL WRITER

As far as musicals go, the Village Players seems to have become enamored with the creative team of Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick this year.

Last fall they produced a light hearted "She Loves Me." New the company is presenting a heart-felt production of "Fiddler on the Roof,"

Keeping the fiddler on the roof is a delicate show biz balance between the harsh realities of the show and its romantic senti-

Director Barbara Anne Gowans dwells on the personal relationships of the four love stories, down playing the cruel scenes between the soldiers and the Anatevka Jews.

The show centers on the families and not as much on the volatile politics of 1905 Russia.

There is little thrown around by the Russian soldiers during the ransacking scene that breaks up the wedding dancing, and few actions to physically create the reality of the coming Revolution, just a real sense of warmth between the couples

Perhaps, it is because Gowen has cast vibrant young actors and actresses to play Tzeitel and Motel, Hodel and Perchik, and Chava and Fyedka.
Concetta La Macchio (Tzeitel),

Rachel Cantor (Hodel), and Courtney Thomasma (Chava) quickly win over audiences in their harmonious "Matchmaker." Later, Rachel Cantor sings a beautiful "Far From the Home I Love" turning what has to be one of the most heart wrenching scenes in all musical theatre into an understanding of the depth of love. Her fiancé, Perchik, is portrayed by a convincing Paul Bernstein. Together they elicit a "made for each other" impres-

The other couples has the same appeal. Courtney Thomasma is a soft Chava that matches up with Joey Bybee as Fyedka. Concetta La Macchio is well paired with Nate Topie as Model.

Even though her matching proved fruitless regarding these three couples who marry for love, Diane D'Agostino as Yente, the Matchmaker, is a penetrating character with her dominate and clear voice. Barry V. Levine has the same ability with a pronounced and humorous Rabbi. George D. Cirilli's Lazar Wolf, the butcher, makes its hard to understand why Tzeitel turns

Cirilli handles the bar room scene and the wedding scene with a sense of humorous timing. Both scenes are enhanced by Debra Bernstein-Siegel's simple but appropriate choreography, especially in the bottle dance which the moveable set design leaves as much stage space as

Liz Walters has the difficult part of playing Golde and she does it with a strong voice singing "Sunrise Sunset." Her Golde is a softer one than we are used to, in keeping with tone of this production. One of the best scenes in the show is the dream scene with Ann Stevenson as

The nine member orchestra supports well from the back of stage pit. Good placement for the

Walter's role is made even more difficult because she must play opposite the inimitable Dan Castle. More than anything this show belongs to Dan Castle who plays and sings Tevye with a very fine voice. This time Castle has traded his traditional comedy for a no adlib, no shenanigans, no fiddling around role. From time to time, Castle throws a few sideways glances at the audience, drawing more humor out of the lines, but it is never out of keeping with the role or out of place. Perhaps "If I were a Rich Man" is a little low for his range but the later songs bring out a lovely richness. He plays the very kindly Tevye whose musings with God reflect our questions about life but with a kindly attitude toward his

With his humor and warmth as Tevye, his style of interaction with the daughters and Golde, more than anything else, Castle keeps this fiddler fiddling on the



ple: Dan Castle (Tevye) and Liz Walters (Golde) in a scene from the Village Players pros duction of "Fiddler on. the Roof."

**Grace and Glorie:** Gloria, Elizabeth Bradford of Plymouth (left) and Grace, Laura Gumina of Redford, play two women from opposite backgrounds who struggle with issues of

living and dying.



# Trinity House tackles tough issues

Trinity House Theatre presents Tom Ziegler's "Grace and Glorie" 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through March 28 at the theater, 38840 West Six Mile, west of 1-275, Livonia. Some adult language. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for groups of 10 or more, (734) 464-6302. BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

Trinity House Theatre's touching and heartwarming production of "Grace and Glorie" has the potential to be their sleeper hit of the season. Don't be scared off by it being a play about death: the dialogue-driven play is more about life and the choices one makes. Director Trudy Mason has been blessed with a strong, believable cast, a compelling script and a talented technical team. "Grace and Glorie" is community theater at its finest.

Gloria is an agnostic, Harvardbred New York business woman turned hospice volunteer, whose lawyer husband relocated them to the laid-back pace of Appalachia after the devastating loss of their 12-year-old son in a

Appalachian woman who has the hospital and its well-meanoutlived her husband and five ing but condescending staff.

sons, never traveled more than 50 miles from her home, and is unable to read. However, her profound faith and her simple yet remarkably insightful observations about life allow Grace to help Gloria confront and understand her own personal demons. Elizabeth Ladd Lee of Hazel

Park plays the efficient yet insecure Gloria with her heart on well-tailored sleeve. Although Gloria tries to maintain the aloof, detached composure she developed as a business woman, she ends up receiving more from Grace than she could have possibly imagined. Lee plays the role with both nervous energy and gentle compassion. Impeccably costumed and made up, she's both likable and annoying, and convincingly real.

Laura Gumina of Redford is outstanding in the role of Grace, weary yet regal, a queen holding court in her small Appalachian cabin with a homemade quilt as her mantle and Walkman headphones as her crown. A fall and a broken hip led her to the unexpected discovery of cancer, and she has gone home to spend her last few days in her rustic cabin Grace is a simple yet profound to escape the antiseptic smell of

The chemistry between Lee and Gumina cements the strength of the budding relationship and provokes the liveliest dialogue. Grace brings Gloria down to reality by reminding her that "Glorie, honey, you didn't come here to see me through this, you came here to see me

As Gloria helps Grace with her physical needs, Grace helps Gloria deal with her emotional conflicts, reminding her that "each life is like one stitch in a sweater. If one stitch is gone, the whole thing is gone."

The set is a homey and comfortable rustic cabin with a working pump sink, an offstage oven that billows smoke when Gloria forgets to open the flue, and amazing attention to details through the props.

The sound effects are a major component of the play, as they create the realistic backdrop of encroaching bulldozers eager to level Grace's beloved farm.

# Theatre Guild's'Little Foxes' is a well-cast production

Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford presents Lillian Hellman's "The Little Foxes," March 19-21, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile, Redford. Tickets \$10, \$9 seniors/students, call (313) 531-

BY MAGGIE BOLEYN SPECIAL WRITER

Greed, lies and warped family values. No, not 1999, but 1900 is the setting for Lillian Hellman's unsettling play "The Little Foxes." Presented by The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, under the direction of Cranbrook graduate Peter Sonnberg, the turn of the 20th century set is a delight as we turn to the

The set showed great care and attention to details such as the pitcher and wash basin as well as period photographs hanging on the walls.

The costumes are equally imaginative, with cast members working with Sonnberg to create their outfits. A feathered pink dress worn in the first scene is a real eye popper.

The cast members are all seasoned community theater performers, and were well cast in Giddens, portrays a young who watch them."

Annette Hissong as Addie the maid presented a solid performance as one of the few wholesome characters in this play. Morris Goodman, an attorney by day, was convincing as Cal the butler. Connie Fox, in the role of Birdie Hubbard, was very believable as the sad captive of her abusive husband Oscar Hubbard, played to perfection by theater veteran Thom Hinks. Hinks has a fine voice, and puts it to good use on stage as well as lending his time as a reader for the Detroit Radio Information service (a reading service for the blind). Hinks also serves as an Audio Describer for blind patrons at Meadow brook The-

Joshua Ebi, in a marked contrast to his previous roles as Tiny Tim and Linus, was able to pull off the role of young wastrel Leo Hubbard quite well. The role of William Marshall, unsuscting business partner of the Hubbard family, was well played by Dennis Day. Jeff Bartos is marvelous as Benjamin Hubbard, brother of Oscar. He has the smiling Southern civility routine that barely disguises hostility down pat.

Kristen Mudge as Alexandra

'Steel Magnolia" type, the only who has the gumption to stand up to the whole dysfunctional Hubbard family. Mudge works at Hancock Fabrics and put together very attractive costumes for her character.

Matt Eskola, in the role of Horace Giddens, Alexandra's father, a true Southern gentlemen in very poor health. His make-up and demeanor was quite convincing.

But, Lorreta Wilson, as Regi-/ na Giddens (nee Hubbard), wasthe show stopper in both costume and character. Sister and business partner of Oscar and Benjamin, she is a Gibson Girl gone gonzo with greed. The twisted family and business. relationships all center around this grasping character. Whether she's leaving her ailing husband, Horace, to flounder on the stairs, or is flirting with William Marshall, Regina Giddens is always impeccably dressed and the clear matriarch of this scheming family. The complex relationships of the entire cast are a real treat to

To paraphrase a line from the play: "There are those who act upon a stage, and those of us



Edsel Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts by Karim Alrawi

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DETROIT OPERA HOUSE Sunset Boulevard," Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical starring Petula Clark as Norma Desmond, continues to March 21, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, at the opera house, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$32.50-\$65. (248) 645-6666

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE "Camp Logan," Celeste Bedford Walker's play about the 1917 Houston riot and court martials, through 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), 868-1347 **GEM THEATRE** 

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," runs through June 27 at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 or (248) 645-6666.

"Anne Frank and Me" continues to March 26 at 10:30 a.m. for students \$(5), general public 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21 (\$10, \$5 students), at the Millenium Theatre Center, Southfield (248) 788-2900 or http://comnet.org/jet

**MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE** "Annie" featuring Sally Struthers, Brittny Kissinger as Annie, and Conrad John Schuck as Daddy Warbucks, through Sunday, March 21, at the theater, Detroit. \$19.50-\$49.50. (248) 645-6666/(313) 832-2232

**MEADOW BROOK THEATRE** 

"A Gift of Glory: Edsel Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts." Karim Alrawi's play about the relationship between Edsel Ford and the politically controversial artist as the Detroit Industry mural were being created at the Detroit Institute of Arts, runs to April 4, at the theater, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

OPERA

VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF MICHIGAN Presents a concert of solo arias and duets from "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "I Pagliacci," 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, Dearborn. (734) 455-8895

COLLEGE

**EMU THEATRE** 

"35 Miles from Detroit." a one-man drama about one black man's life in the latter half of the 20th century, starring Ricardo Pitts-Wiley, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in the Sponberg Theatre on the campus of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. (734) 487-1221 SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Neil Simon's hysterical farce "Rumors" 6:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 19-20 and 26-27 (\$19 includes dinner and 8 p.m. show), and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 2-3 (\$8), at the college,

18600 Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (734) 462-

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE

Moss Hart's comedy "Light Up the Sky" continues in rotating repertory to April 1, and "The Playboy of the Western World," a literary classic from Ireland about a playboy who cons his way into becoming the romantic hero of a small peasant village, runs through May 8 in rotating repertory, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER **AVON PLAYERS** 

"The Children's Hour," Lillian Hellman's adult drama, March 18-20, at the the-

ater, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. \$13. (248) 608-9077 **BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS** The musical "Fiddler on the Roof,"

March 12-14, 19-21 and 26-27, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$14. (248) 644-2075 **BLOOMFIELD PLAYERS** "Wizard of Oz," 8 p.m. Fridays-

Saturdays, March 19-20 and 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 21 and 28, at Andover High School theater, Andover and Long Lake roads, west of Telegraph. \$10, \$8 under age 12. (248)

433-0885 FIRST THEATRE GUILD 'Anne of Green Gables," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 19-20 and 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 21, in Knox Auditorium at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 Maple, between Southfield and Cranbrook Roads. \$7, \$5 seniors/students. (248) 644-2087, ext. 151 JACK-IN-THE-BOX PRODUCTIONS "Cahoots," a comedy thriller about a group of friends who get together for a quiet dinner that ends in murder, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20 and 26-27, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's recreation and organizations center, Evergreen Road between Ford and Michigan, Dearborn. \$8, \$5 seniors/students. (734) 797-JACK

'Quilters," March 19-21, and 26-27, at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit. \$10-20. (313) 531-0431

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN "I Remember Mama," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 19-20, and 26-27, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the theater, 21730 Madison, southeast of



Drama: Gwyneth Paltrow and Joseph Fiennes in "Shakespeare in Love. nominated for a Best Picture Oscar. You can watch the Academy Awards Ceremony on TV Sunday, March 21 or celebrate with others. Here are a few events to consider, Starry Starry Night, a benefit for the Detroit Area Film & Television scholarship fund, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 21 at the Star Southfield Theatre, 24333 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield. Tickets are \$40 per person, or \$70 per couple, call (248) 547-0847. Detroit's third annual Oscar Night America party will be held 7 p.m. Sunday, March 21 at The Second City and Risata Restaurant. Tickets are \$125 per person, proceeds benefit the Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts, call (313) 833-0247. Excalibur Restaurant, 28875 Franklin Road, Southfield, will have a live telecast of the Academy Awards ceremony and Oscar Derby. Call the restaurant, (248) 358-3355 for reservations / information.

Monroe and Outer Drive, Dearborn. \$11. (313) 561-TKTS/(313) 277-5164 PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY "The Trial of One Shortsighted Black Woman vs. Mammy Louise and Safreeta Mae," continues to March 28, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 18-19, 25-26, and 6 p.m. Sunday evenings, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American

ONTIAC THEATRE IV "Educating Rita," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 19-20 and 26-27, at Pontiac Northern High School, 1051 Arlene, \$7, \$6 seniors/children, (248) 624-3187/(248) 682-1165

History, 315 E. Warren at Brush,

Detroit. (313) 872-0279

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS "Beau Jest," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Crooks and Livernois, Trov. \$11, \$10 students/seniors on Sundays. (248)

ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK

"Dearly Departed," a comedy about a group of Southerners brought together by the death of a family patriarch, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, and 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 25-27, at 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$12, \$10 seniors/students. (248) 644-0527

**SRO PRODUCTIONS** 

988-7049

"Eat Your Heart Out," Nick Hall's comedy about an out-of-work actor paying the bills as a waiter, March 19-21 and 26-28, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at The Burgh, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. \$8, \$7 senior/child. (248) 827-0707

STAGECRAFTERS "Light Up the Sky," runs Fridays-Sundays, through March 28, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafavette. Royal Oak. \$10-12, (248) 541-6430: Special dinner/theater package available from Illustions Bar and Grill in

Royal Oak. (248) 586-1313

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD Lillian Hellman's "The Little Foxes, March 19-21, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile, Redford. \$10, \$9 seniors/students. (313) 531-

0554 TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

"Grace and Glorie," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 19-20 and 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 21 and 28, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile, (west of I-275), Livonia. \$10, \$8 for groups of 10 or more. (734) 464-6302 WEST END PRODUCTIONS

Saucy Bossy and Burlesque," a hysterical comedy capturing the robust spirit of the jokes of the vanished era, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through April 3, March 27 sold-out benefit performance. at the Wunderground Theatre, 110 S. Main St., south of 11 Mile above ACE Hardware, Royal Oak. \$12. (248) 541-

DINNER THEATER

BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wedding songs, has an open-ended run, at

the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Wednesdays-Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

YOUTH ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE'S JUNIOR

A futuristic version of "The Emperor's New Clothes," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 18-19, 3:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the theater, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. \$6 adults, \$5 children. (734) 971-2228

**MARQUIS THEATRE** "Velveteen Rabbit," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through April 25, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 5-9, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$7. (248) 349-8110 PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

'Jack and the Beanstalk," runs Saturdays-Sundays to May 23, 1 p.m. Saturdays (lunch at noon) and 2 p.m. Sundays (lunch at 1 p.m.), at the Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougall across from Harbortown, Detroit. \$7.50, includes lunch and show. (810) 662-8118

PHOENIX THEATRE COMPANY 'Thespis," an humorous and romantic operetta by Gilbert, Sullivan and Nodus about a group of mortals who take over the tasks of the gods on Mt. Olympus for a year, performed by gifted high school students, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18, and 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20, at the International Academy, 1020 Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$5, \$4 advance. (248) 645-4820

SPECIAL EVENTS

"COLLAGE" CONCERT Featuring 250 of Henry Ford Community College's best musicians and singers performing everything from jazz to classical favorites, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall. \$15, proceeds help defray the performing expenses for Henry Ford Community College music students as well as other group activities. (313) 576-5111/(313) 845-6470 DAVID COPPERFIELD

Five performances, Saturday-Sunday, March. 20-21, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50-\$45. All ages. (248) 433-1515 THEATRICAL EVENING

In honor of Women's History Month, Lynette Brown takes on the role of midnineteenth century women's rights activist Elizabeth Cady Stanton 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St. Free. (734) 453-0750, press 4

FAMILY

CASEY & MAC

The dynamic duo combines storytelling with music and song, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 20-21, at Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Free with musuem admission of \$12.50. \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, free for members and children ages 4 and

vounger. (313) 271-1620 KIDS CONCERT

Features traditional Irish storyteller Gerald Maloney reciting the tale of "The Tinker of Tamlach" 1:30-2:15 p.m. Saturday, March 20 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, south of 10 Mile. \$3.25. (248) 424-9022 SUPERFAIR

Carnival rides and midway attractions. Friday-Sunday, March 19-28, 4-11 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon to 11 p.m. Saturdays and until 10 p.m. Sundays, at the Pontiac Silverdome. \$8 Monday-Thursday, \$12 Friday-Sunday. (248) 456-1600

WIGGLE GIGGLE STUDIO 1-3 p.m. Saturday, March 20, presented in conjunction with the new African American Portraits of Courage exhibit, at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward. \$5 per child. Call for reservations (313) 833-1262

BENEFITS

"CREATIVES FOR A CURE" Benefit for the Karmanos Cancer Institute featuring a performance by Stewart Francke, his first since undergoing a stem cell transplant for treatment of leukemia five months ago, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$35 mezzanine, \$100 open bar on the ground level and table seating. (800) KARMANOS MORRISCO ART THEATRE

"Bye-Bye Love," a musical-theatrical review to raise funds for the Ann Arbor MorrisCo Art Theatre, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 18-20, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$20, \$12. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

CLASSICAL

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** With Conductor Neeme Jarvi and violinist Julian Rachlin, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, March 19, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20: With Jarvi and pianist Garrick Ohlsson, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, March 26, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48, and a limited number of box seats for \$40-\$60. (313) 576-5111 REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY

**ORCHESTRA** Plays well-known music by Strauss. Haydn and Rimsky-Korsakov 3 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at Thurston High School in Redford, Free. **GRIGORY SOKOLOV** 

The renowned planist performs as part of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit series, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313)

TAKACS QUARTET Performs music of Haydn, Bartok and Dvorak, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$18, \$22, and \$24. (734) 764-2538

ORGAN

DETROIT THEATER ORGAN SOCIETY Concert by Chris Elliott, 3 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the Senate Theater, 6424 Michigan Ave., at Livernois, Detroit. \$12. (313) 894-0850 MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN

Winter Movie Series continues with "The Quiet Man" starring John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara and Barry Fitgerald, 8 p.m. Friday, March 19 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 20 (organ overtures start 30 minutes earlier, guest organists all performances Dave Calendine), at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

POPS/SWING

COUNT BASIE TRIBUTE Johnny Trudell's Big Band featuring Teddy Harris Jr. is joined by trombonist Al Grey, 3-5 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Clarenceville High School auditorium, Middlebelt south of Eight Mile, Livonia. \$15, proceeds to benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival and the Clarenceville Foundation. (248) 474-2720/(734) 459-2454

"FRESCHETTA MIRROR BALL TOUR" With New Morty Show, Alien Fashion Show and Blue Plate Special, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com (swing) THE PRO'S

The 17-piece orchestra with female vocalist performs 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, beginner swing lessons start at 8:30 p.m., at the 24 KT Club, 28949 Joy Road, east of Middlebelt, Westland. (734) 513-5030 SHAKEN NOT STIRRED

9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Karl's, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

1 p.m. Sunday, March 21, during the

Detroit Rockers game at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 645-6666 (western swing) II-V-I ORCHESTRA 9-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Soup

Kitchen, 1585 Franklin, Detroit, (313) 259-1374; 7-9:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Heidelberg, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 663-7758

AUDITIONS

**BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND** Now in its 26th year, the band is looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass and especially percussion players) of all ages, rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Groves High School, Birmingham. (248) 474-4997 **NOVI THEATRES** 

Auditions for ages 13-college for "Picnic at Hanging Rock" 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18, once cast all Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile. For performances May 14-16. (248) 347-0400 RADIO CITY ENTERTAINMENT'S

"WIZARD OF OZ"

Holds open auditions for Munchkins for Fox Theatre performances of "The Wizard of Oz," 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 22, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Candidates must be girls and boys between the ages of 8-14, or little people no taller than 4'10." Height will be measured upon arrival. Six selected Munchkins will have walk-on roles in one of three designated performances of "The Wizard of Oz." (313) 596-3288

THE SECOND CITY The Second City is looking for new, talented actors by hosting limited auditions by appointment only, Monday-Wednesday, April 5-7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call backs April 9th. Candidates (non-equity and equity) must have stage and performance experience, strong writing skills and be able to sing. Walk-ins will not be accepted. To register, (313) 964-5821 by April 1.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE HONORS RECITALS

The college auditions planists Friday-Saturday, March 19-20, and those who play other instruments and sing, Saturday, March 20, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Students in elementary through high school grades are eligible for the piano competition; students in grades 5-12 may enter the instrumental division; and students in grades 9-12 may compete in the vocal category. Judges will select winners from the various categories, and winners will receive cash awards ranging from \$50 for elementary piano to \$250 for winners in the senior voice competition. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218 SHOCK WAVE DANCE TEAM

The Detroit Shock's dance team hosts open auditions for youths ages 13-17 (male and female) to perform at WNBA Shock games, 4 p.m. Monday, March 22, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. (248) 377-8696/(248) 377-0132/(248) 377-0199 SHOWBIZ EXPO

Accepting applications from boys and girls ages 3-18 for Michigan's 12th

annual Showbiz Entertainment and Photogenic Expo, March 20-21. Portions of all proceeds to benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation. (248) 650-1741/(810) 977-2741

JAZZ 3

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 25, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass trio) **CALVIN BROOKS** 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, March

19, Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Free) 21 and older. (248) 223-1700 JACK DRYDEN TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 18, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (bass/piano/drums trio) TIM FLAHARTY TRIO

With Nancy K., 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, March 26, Club Bart, 22726 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 548-8746 (classic jazz. ERIK FRIEDLANDER Jazz cellist who performed with the

rock band Hole during MTV's

"Unplugged," performs with his quartet Topaz, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Kerrytown Concert Hall, Ann Arbor. \$10 and \$15. (734) 769-2999 **GROUND.EFX** Live dub and jungle featuring former members of Larval and Butterfly, 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, as part of Mood

Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older (734) 662-8310 NATE GURLEY 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-

27, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St. Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD

8-11 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, at the No.VI Chophouse & Lobster Bar in the Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road,

Novi. (248) 305-5210; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 305-7333 JAZZHEAD 9 p.m. Saturday, March 20, Alvin's,

5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (funk/jazz) "JAZZ IN THE STREETS" The series continues with Straight Ahead, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401

Woodward, \$20, (313) 833-1262 for reservations VANESA JOHNSON AND FRIENDS 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 19-20 and 26-27. Tom's Oyster Bar, 29106

Franklin Road, Southfield. (248) 356-8881 **BETTY JOPLIN** 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St. Ann Arbor, \$5, 21 and older, (734) 662

8310 **EILEEN KELTER TRIO** 

1 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Jewish Community Center, Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Free, tickets are required. (248) 967-4030 KATHY KOSINS TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays, March 19 and 26, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass trìo) SHEILA LANDIS AND RICK MATLE 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays in March,

Woodruff's, 212 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 586-1519 KEIKO MATSUI With Eric Marienthal, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, and with The Ken Navarro Group, 8 p.m. Thursday,

March 25, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$28.50. 21 and older. (248) 546-7610 With saxophonist Paul Vornhagen

Thursday, March 18, with trumpeter Marcus Belgrave Thursday, March 25, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington, \$5 cover waived with dinner order. (248) 474-4800 M.A.S. (MUTUAL ADMIRATION

SOCIETY)

8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 18-20, and Wednesday-Saturday, March 24-27. Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit, Reservations recommended. (313) 831-3838 PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND

2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Hall (M-59) and Garfield roads, Clinton Twsp. \$24, \$22 students/seniors, \$70 family of four. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737 **CHARLES SCALES DUO** 8 p.m. Mondays in March, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther

recommended. (313) 831-3838 GWEN AND CHARLES SCALES 8 p.m. Tuesdays in March, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Reservations recommended. (313) 831-3838 STRAIGHT AHEAD

King Boulevard, Detroit. Reservations

B'Jazz Vespers presents the popular African American women's jazz group 6 p.m., Sunday, March 21, 20 minutes of worship interlude celebrating Women's History Month, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits at Bates, Birmingham. Freewill offering is taken for the musicians. (248) 644-0550 PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 20. Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax and vocal/piano/bass trio) URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

WORLD MUSIC

BLACKTHORN

6 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at First Baptist Church, Birmingham. Free. (248) 644-0550 or http://www.blackthorn1.com (Irish)

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8:30 p.m. to midnight Friday, March 26, The Alley, 215 Main St., Rochester, \$3. 21 and older. (248) 652-6620 (reggae) LIZ MOMBLANCO 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Saturday,

March 20, at Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., Chelsea. Free. (734) 327-2041 (Asian and Hispanic) **NEW ORLEANS KLEZMER ALL STARS** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1800 JIM PERKINS

9 p.m. Wednesdays in March, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060; 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, inside the Starry Night Lounge in Van Gogh's, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (Celtic folk)

# FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

Performs on open mike night for new talent, 8-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, new acoustic and spoken word talent wishing to perform must arrive before 7:15 p.m., at the Angel Caravan Coffeehouse in the Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Free, suggested donation \$5. (734) 327-

PHIL COOPER AND MARGARET NELSON Sing new and traditional songs from Britain and North America ranging from bloody murder ballads to comic songs and serious social comment, also Paul Goelz amd Cindy Simmons on hammered dulcimers, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of 1-94, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 769-1052

DAVID GRISMAN QUINTET 8 p.m. Friday, March 19, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$25. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (bluegrass) JAN KRIST

8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20. Smitty's, 222 S. Main St., Rochester. Free, All ages. (248) 652-1600 RICHARD LAWRENCE

8-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, with Celtic music by Sean Henne, at the Angel Caravan Coffeehouse in the Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor. Free, suggested donation \$5. (734) 327-2041

CARRIE NEWCOMER 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

DAVID OLNEY 8 p.m. Saturday, March 20, La Casa Music Series, 1039 Woodward Ave.,

Bloomfield Hills. Tickets at the door. HARVEY REID 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, in the Offth-Wall Acoustic Coffee House at St.

Lake behind the Dairy Queen. \$10, \$20 family, \$7.50 student. (248) 624-1421 PETER ROWAN AND TONY RICE 8 p.m. Friday, March 19, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All

ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (bluegrass) ROSALIE SORRELS

8 p.m. Thursday, March 25, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$11 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org "A WINTER'S EVENING WITH

CAMPBELLS" With Sarah Elizabeth Campbell and Kate Campbell, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 24. The Ark 316 S. Main St. Ann Arbor. Free with a can of Campbell's soup or any other canned good for distribution to the Ann Arbor Homeless Shelter. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

## POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

THE WRITER'S VOICE

Featuring nationally acclaimed lowa poet Robert Dana, editor of Gargovle Review Richard Peabody, and Lansing non-fiction writer michael Steinberg. 2:30 p.m. Sundayday, March 21, at YMCA Arts and Humanities Center, 51 W. Hancock, west of Woodward on Wayne State University's campus. Detroit, Free, Robert Dana will also conduct an intermediate to advanced poetry workshop in the same location hoon to 2 p.m. the same day (\$15 members, \$20 general public), (313) 267-5300, ext. 338

## DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE Minimal walk throughs, many dances will not be taught or walked through at all, to music by the Contrapreneurs, 8 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-

ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20, and 4 p.m. Sunday, March 21, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121' Fletcher St., Ann Arbor, \$18, \$28, \$34, \$38. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org

**COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS** All dances taught, all dancers and never-before-dancers welcome, no partner needed, music by the Pittsfield

Union Jam Band, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 20 (open jam for string band musicians of all levels 4-6 p.m., free), at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-8863/(734) 426-

DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY Dance program featuring Judith Jamison and senior company members of the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater, discussion and excerpts from "Cry," one of Ailey's most outstanding choreographic pieces, 2 p.m. Saturday, March 20, in the Main Library's Friends Auditorium, 5201 Woodward, north of Warren Avenue Free. (313) 833-4042/(734) 764-2538

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING 7:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, to live music, at Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

RADOMIANIE POLISH FOLK DANCE ENSEMBLE

The dance ensemble hosts their annual performance and Polish Easter Brunch (Swieconka), 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, 750 N. Beech Daly Road, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads, Dearborn Heights. \$16, includes brunch and 2:30 p.m. performance. No tickets available at the door. Deadline for reservation is March 21. (734) 427-8640/(734) 522-6560

Friday-Sunday, March 12-21, at the Fisher Theatre, Detroit. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays. (248) 645-6666 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM

OF ART "The Mindless Crowd: New Studies in Theater and Dance Based on the Work of Magdalena Abakanowicz" brings together community performers inspired by the Polish artist's sculptures, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18 in the muse um's Apse 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$7, available in advance at the museum gift shop. Seating limited. (734) 647-0521. The installation of Abakanowicz's headless sculptures continues to May 2. (734) 764-0395 or http://www.umich.edu/~umma/

## COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

John Bizarre, Thursday-Saturday, March 25-27 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S Friday-Saturday, March 19-20 (\$20, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 21 (\$10, \$22.95

Jason Stuart, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. dinner show package); John Hope, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25 (\$8, \$20.95) dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package). 7 p.m. Sunday, March 28 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE Rich Hall, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18 (\$10), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 19 (\$12), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, March 20 (\$12); Kivi Rogers, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 26 (\$12), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, March 27 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Tim Lilly and Keith Ruff, Thursday.

March 18; Carol Leifer, Friday-Saturday, March 19-20 (\$17.50), and Sunday, March 21 (\$15); Mike Bonner and Keith Ruff, Wednesday, March 24, and Sunday, March 28; Richard Jeni and Hall Spear, Thursday, March 25 (\$20), Friday, March 26 (\$22.50), and Saturday, March 27 (\$25), at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or

http://www.comedycastle.com SECOND CITY

"Impeachment and Cream," through May, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays. and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-

## MUSEUMS AND TOURS

**CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM** 

Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science," featuring four artists' projects representing an ongoing exploration of a specific area of science, some incorporate specimens from Cranbrook Institute of Science, an Eastern Box turtle, satellite broadcasting prototypes, and a chicken coop. through April 3, at the museum, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Museum hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays. Sundays, until 9 p.m. Thursdays, \$5, \$3 students/children/seniors. (248) 645-

http://www.cranbrook.edu/museum DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM 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; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, 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 younge Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org
DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

"Breaking Through: The Creative Engineer," an exhibit exploring creativity in engineering everything from rollercoasters to Colorado's Hanging Lake Viaduct, continues to April 30 in the Exhibit Hall; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, and multiple showings of "Everest" and "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun\* 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 HENRY FORD ESTATE- FAIR LANE Visit the estate of the automotive pioneer including the restored riverside powerhouse and Henry Ford's personal

garage and cars, see giant generators placed by Ford and Thomas Edison that still generate electricity today, travel the underground tunnel to the 56-room mansion with elaborate carved woodwoork and personal artifacts, hours are 1-4:30 p.m. Sundays, 1:30 p.m. weekday tours through April, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Family Fun Month "Swings into Spring" with musical performances, swing dancing, yo yo demonstrations, puppet shows and more, March 20-21 and 27-28, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors. \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620 CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY Watch and learn "free tapestry" weaving techniques of Senegalese artist/weaver Abdoulage Kasse 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday through March 31, in conjuction with exhibit "Senegalese Threads of Beauty: The Free Tapestry of Abdoulaye Kasse," which features 11 of the artist's original works (on display to April 11), at the museum, 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit. Free with museum admission of \$5, \$3 children. (313) 494-5800

# POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS

9:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Re Westland, Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, The Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free, 21 and older, (248) 349-9110 (blues) BAMBU

With Bumpus and Sugar Buzz, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$4, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock) **ROB BASE AND DJ E-Z ROCK** 

8 p.m. doors with 11 p.m. showtime Friday, March 19, La Boom, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, \$10 in advance. All ages. (248) 926-9960/(248) 645-6666 (rock) JEFF BECK

8 p.m. Friday, March 26, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$32.50 and \$40. All ages. (248) 433-1515. (rock)

BIG SAM

9 p.m. Friday, March 19, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. \$3. 21 and older. (248) 652-6620

THE BIZER BROTHERS.

8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday. March 26-27, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 567-4400 (pop) BLACK BEAUTY

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guest Thornetta Davis, 8 p.m. Saturday. March 20, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rocka-

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE" With Silent Type, Mansell and Drum

Elixir, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety) BLISS

With Centrifuge, 9 p.m. Friday, March 26, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock **BLUE ROSE** 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27,

Nancy Whiskey's, 2644 Harrison St., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. 313) 962-4247 (blues) **BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS** 

9 p.m. Friday, March 19, Bad Frog, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) (blues) BONNE TEMPS ROULLE 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, Rochester

Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free. 21 and older. (248) 65-5060; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 20, Atwater Block Brewery, 237 Jos. Campau, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 393-2337 (R&B)

7 p.m. Saturday, March 20, Mr. Mugs. 217 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. \$2. All ages. (734) 484-4049 (rock) BROKEN HALO

With Out of Reach, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, March 19, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (rock) JONATHA BROOKE

7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Borders Books and Music, 612 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-CALLIN MARVIN

9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rock)

DAWN CAMPBELL AND BLUE FUSION 9 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-6911; 10 p.m. Friday, March 19, Shark Club, 6650 Highland Road, Waterford. Free. 21 and older. (248) 666-4161; 10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (R&B)

SCOTT CAMPBELL 8-10 p.m. Friday, March 19, Borders

Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 737-0100 (rock) CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND

9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Karl's, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 CHISEL BROS. WITH THORNETTA DAVIS

9 p.m. Saturday, March 20, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (R&B) **CLOVIS MINOR** 7 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 18, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road,

Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (acoustic rock) THE DISCO BISCUITS With The Element, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$7 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or

http://www.99music.com (jam rock) DOMESTIC PROBLEMS With Sugar Pill, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older.

(734) 996-8555 (rock) STEVE EARLE AND THE DEL MCCOURY

In-store performance and CD signing, 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, Borders Books and Music, 612 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor, Free, All ages, (734) 668-7100: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24. Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$21.50 in advance. 18 and older. (734) 99-MUSIC

**ECONOLINE CRUSH** 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.99music.com

GLEN EDDIE

9 p.m. Friday, March 19, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-

EL TOPO With Taproot and Trauma Coil, 9 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

ELIZA 9 p.m. Saturday, March 20, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (pop) FAT CATS

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, March 20, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (rock)

FATHERS OF THE ID With Eloise, 9 p.m. Friday, March 20, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-

6873 (rock) FEAR FACTORY

With Spineshank, System of a Down, Hed (pe), 8 p.m. Friday, March 26, Harpo's, 14238 Harper, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster, All ages. (313) 824-

1700 (rock) PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS 9 p.m. Friday, March 19, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101

FUEL With Zebrahead and Mayfield Four. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress Detroit, \$10 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

GORDON BENNETT 9 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Gameworks

inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (rock) 9:30 p.m. Friday Saturday, March 19

20. Bogev's, 142 Walled Lake Road. Walled Lake. Free, 21 and older, (248) 669 1441; 10 p.m. Sunday, March 21, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St. Royal Oak, Free, 21 and older, (248) 543-4300; 8:30 p.m. Wednesday; March 24, Oxford Inn. 43317 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (rock)

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS 9 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Arbor Brewing Company, 116 E. Washington, Ann Arbor, Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 (blues) LISA HUNTER

8 p.m. Friday, March 19, Coffee Beanery, 307 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 650-3344 or http://www.lb.com/onemanclapping/li sa.htm (acoustic rock) JILL JACK

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Drama: Chris DeOni (Diego Rivera, left), Dan Kremer (Edsel Ford) and Kirsten Giroux (Eleanor Ford) are featured in "A Gift of Glory."

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# Meadow Brook finds its role with 'Glory'

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER fprovenzano@oe.homeco

"Gift of Glory: Edsel Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts," written by Karim Alrawi and directed by Debra L. Wicks. Through Sunday, April 4. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, except 6 p.m. Saturday, March 27; 2 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday; and 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Tickets: \$19.50-\$35, (248) 377-3300.

Few plays accomplish something before the curtain rises. But Karim Alrawi's "Gift of Glory: Edsel Ford and the Diego

Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts" is that rare original work whereby the promise of regional theater pays

Before the play opened at Meadow Brook on Saturday, Alrawi's story about the struggle behind the famous murals had already raised the quality of discussion about the integral role for regional theater as a place where local stories are dramatized.

That's hardly a small feat.
"Gift of Glory" is set in Detroit during the economic depression of the 1930s, a time of unprecedented discrepancies of wealth. Another striking discrepancy is the emotional differences between Henry Ford and his only son, Edsel, who, at the time,

was president of Ford Motor Co. When the elder Ford approves the action taken by his personal henchman, Harry Bennett, to shoot protesters at the gates of the Rouge Factory, the differences between father and son become irreconcilable.

Around the same time, DIA Director William Valentiner has asked Rivera to paint a mural at the museum. The Mexican-born Rivera is an avowed Marxist who is intrigued by the machinery of the Ford plants and the struggles of laborers.

Alrawi speculates that it was the Rouge incident where five workers were killed that served as the catalyst for Edsel Ford's financial and emotional support for the murals.

In essence, Rivera's mural is more of a mirror that reveals the

soul of the working man. And it's no less of a capitalist than Edsel Ford who appears as Steinbeck's Tom Joad in a three-piece suit.

While the opening-night performance, at times, lacked the polish of a seamless drama, the play presented many layers for audiences to ponder.

To his credit, Alrawi doesn't flinch in rubbing away at the bigotry and ideological zealotry of the likes of Henry Ford, Harry Bennett and Father Coughlin, who were all opposed to the mural for their own reasons.

Ultimately, "Gift of Glory" isn't about a "painting," but the universal struggle between ruthless materialism and benevolent humanitarianism.

Ironically, this type of serious discourse has been strikingly absent at Meadow Brook, even though the theater is located on a university campus where academic freedom supposedly thrives. Alrawi's vigor and intellectual breadth is both challenging and refreshing.

In general, Alrawi's message is delivered with warmth, humor and at times, the tone of a history lesson. Sometimes explanations of historical details seem a bit starchy, yet at other times, the playwright masterfully blends information into a breezy

New Yorker Chris De Oni as Rivera constructs a larger-thanlife character whose lust for painting and fairness for the common man provides the play with a sense of urgency. Alrawi has created an utterly unlike-

able antagonist in Bennett, played with an icy cruelty by Hollis Huston.

But ultimately, the play's success depends on whether Dan Kremer's portrayal of Edsel Ford can rise to the level of inspira-

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In the quieter scenes, Kremer proves up to the task. But in the confrontations with Bennett. Father Coughlin and Henry Ford, too often Edsel doesn't show the kind of backbone to justify being the center of the drama.

Despite several wrinkles, "Gift of Glory" will encourage audiences to think more deeply about the manufacturing culture that many of us have mistaken for a more meaningful culture about aesthetics, ethics and social purpose. The culture in Detroit, as Alrawi boldly points out, is inextricably bound to the art of making automobiles.

Beyond Alrawi's drama of the mural lies the struggle within Detroit's first family, the power of art to represent the truth, and the polemics of the greatest social upheaval in U.S. history. A discussion that seems extraordinary compared to today's pabu-

That Alrawi was able to incorporate so many subplots into his story is both the play's strength and weakness. But on balance, "Gift of Glory" is one of the most compelling pieces of "regional theater" in recent years.

Perhaps Meadow Brook will begin to explore other stories that lie in the heart of the collective soul called Detroit.

# Bullock, Affleck hold their own in amusing 'Forces of Nature'

BY JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER

Let's all agree on one thing: Sandra Bullock looks a lot better in her underwear than the late John Candy did in his. Any other over "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" are also in the eye of the beholder.

"Nature" takes the "I've got to be somewhere soon, but this kook I've been thrown together with is making it-awfully hard" concept and gives us two beautiful people (Bullock and Ben Affleck) doing the work of two comedians (Candy and Steve Martin). Do they hold their own? Interestingly, yes

Ben Affleck plays Ben, an uptight groom-to-be headed from New York to Savannah, where the bride (Maura Tierney of "Liar, Liar") and her parents are busy putting up tents and mixing mint juleps. In the background we hear broadcast reports of a hurricane apparently bearing right down on their backvard.

While sitting in the plane writing his vows on a laptop, who should plunk down beside him but wild child Sarah (Bullock), a woman of such energy that one wonders why she needs a plane

When the jet skids off the runway, Ben inadvertently saves Sarah's life, setting them on a course into troubled water. He couldn't wait for the next plane, no ... off they go in a rented Geo with a guy named Vic. When that ends with a police bust in Virginia, they board the train. When that ends with the train going the other way, she finagles them onto a Miami-bound bus of condo-hopping seniors. And with each succeeding disaster we learn more about what's waiting for the eccentric Sarah in Savannah, while Ben considers what's waiting for him there as well.

Along the way, they are beset

velous moment that mixes real by hail, fire, rain, lightning and the aforementioned hurricane, much of it computer-generated by the team that gave us "Twister." But the thing that takes the most beating in this film is the institute of marriage.

but he is continually deluged by storm warnings from the matrimonially burned around him. From his own grandfather to fellow passengers, we are led to believe that there isn't a single happily married person on the East Coast. It also doesn't help Ben's wedding bell blues when songs like "The Tender Trap" and "Love the One You're With" are playing nearby. Most of all, Sarah is quite an irresistible force herself.

Ben may end up soaking wet,

To quote that famous forecaster Bob Dylan, "you don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows," and in a martime and slow-motion, Ben is blown in his life's direction at

Bullock is a whirlwind. Equally at home in thrillers ("Speed," 'The Net") and romantic comedies ("Practical Magic," "While You Were Sleeping") she's unafraid to look like she just came in from the rain, and that attribute will keep the welcome mat out for some time to come. Affleck was cast in "Nature" before "Good Will Hunting" was released; talk about forecasting. Broad comedy may never be his thing, but he's just fine doing the straight conservative guy who pulled into the maelstrom.

Together, they're an appealing pair who we'd enjoy seeing in further adventures. Let's secmaybe he's an astronomer an she's a dancer and there's this meteor coming. ...

# Stagecrafters 'Light Up the Sky'

Stagecrafters is presenting the comedy "Light Up the Sky," by Moss Heart through Sunday, March 28 at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette in downtown Royal Oak.

Tickets are \$10-\$12, all seats reserved. Call (248) 541-6430. A special dinner/theater package is available from Illusions Bar & Grill in downtown Royal Oak by calling (248) 586-1313.

In "Light Up the Sky," an idealistic young author (Wayne Dossin) is surrounded by the emotional people who have had a hand in getting his first play produced. The action takes place in the self-affectionate star's (Rosemary Gass of Southfield) hotel room before and after the play's out-of-town opening.

Reeling through the hilarious scenes at a crazy pitch of ner-

vousness are the star, her assertive stage mother (Maureen Cook of Beverly Hills), a director (Marc Mege) whose reactions teem from his tear ducts, the irascible producer (Mark Hammell of Lathrup Village) and his iewel collecting wife (Linda Hammell and the real life wife of Mark Hammell).

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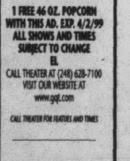
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# Grammy-winner Alanis Morissette happy, peaceful

Wearing a red shirt, deep blue denim jeans and sitting cross-legged on the floor, Alanis Morissette confessed she's relieved that the loneliness has lifted.

"It feels heartening," Morissette said Wednesday, March 10, about her fans' deep understanding of her music. "I leve that. When I write about my own experiences, especially when Jagged Little Pill' first came out and people related to it, it was comforting because a lot of times I felt like I was going through what I was going through on my own. It was very isolating. To realize I wasn't alone, it was beautiful."

Morissette held court with a small group of her fans who won passes to a "Town Hall" meeting sponsored by WXDG-FM (105.1) "The Edge," held hours before her show with Garbage at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Fans were chosen based on questions they would like to ask Moris-

One of those listeners was Sandy Robinson, 36, of Farmington Hills. She wanted to know if Morissette, whose "Jagged Little Pill" spoke bitterly of relationships, believes in soul mates. Prior to meeting Morissette. Robinson was curious to see how she treated fans.

"I want to see how she presents herself in front of a bunch of regular people," she said.

During the "Town Hall," the

diminutive Morissette came across as spiritual and pensive vet slightly nervous.

Multiple Grammy winner Morissette, who's enjoying success with her sophomore album

"Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie" (Maverick), has been involved in the arts since she was 7, the age during which she

took her first dance lesson. "When I was little I really loved dancing. I started dancing when I was 7. My first dance class I had a broken arm, I just went in. I was really scared, but

She moved onto songwriting at age 9, seeing it as the best way for her to express herself. Her early inspirations, as a child growing up in Europe and Canada, were "anything my father and mother were listening to" including ABBA, Bob Dylan and

Carole King. "When I was younger I remem-ber driving in the backseat in the car with my family and hearing her voice and just really connecting with her."

As she grew older, she read books about psychology and then eschewed reading for fear of being influenced.

"I love writing probably more than I like reading other people's art. Some of the reasons for that may be that I don't want to be overly influenced perhaps and when I'm inspired I need to get it out of my system and I probably would watch more films. I would watch more films before I would read a poetry book I think. Leonard Cohen, I think is amazing. Joni Mitchell, after 'Jagged Little Pill' I started reading her lyrics," she said of her platinumselling debut.

Besides reading Mitchell's lyrics, Morissette indulges in snowboarding and yoga.

"(Snowboarding) is a very

humbling experience especially when I was first starting to learn. It reduced me to being an 11-year-old again and allowing myself to not know what I was doing and to keep conceptually and literally falling, and just very free and zen. Just being up in the mountains there's so much clarity and fresh air and snow."

Clarity is what's important to Morissette nowadays. After the rigors of touring in support of "Jagged Little Pill," Morissette skipped the Grammy Awards and went to India to learn yoga.

"I stopped thinking, which is a big one because there's always been a lot of kinetic energy around all the time and a lot of movement. For the first time ever when I stopped after the last tour, and went to India and learned a bit of yoga I stopped for the first time in my life and was able to be still and connect with who I believe God was and connect to friends and family in a way that I never have been able to before. Yoga was just a part of it for me to be in my body and see it as the instrument that

## Boredom setting in?

Sitting around doing consecutive interviews can get old pretty quickly. To ease the boredom, Silverchair drummer Ben Gillies is all for getting a laugh - even at a writer's expense. Gillies answers the phone and begins chatting about the previous night's show in an accent that's a strange amalgamation of Australian, English and Dixieland.

"I'm only joking. That's not my accent," Gillies said.

On Tuesday, the once-teen phenoms Silverchair released its third album "Neon Ballroom" which has already spawned the obvious 1999 hit, the Def Leppardesque, yet hipper, "Anthem for the Year 2000."

Guesting on the song "Emotion Sickness" is David Helfgott, the pianist who inspired the Oscar Award-winning film "Shine," and the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. He described Helfgott as "nice" and "affectionate."

"Daniel (Johns, guitarist/singer) wanted him on the song. He really wanted a manic piano player. I think we all just kind of decided that David Helfgott was the best guy for the job," said Gillies who said he falls asleep every time he tries to watch "Shine."

Already bored with the interview, Gillies is surfing the net. He tries to persuade a reporter to check out a Web page but doesn't offer any information except for the address. Later, it reveals cartoon characters doing what comes naturally, generally in a restroom.

"It's so fricking funny."

Silverchair and Lit perform Friday, March 19, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. The show is sold out. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT or visit www.961melt.com. Silverchair's Web site is www. chairpage.com.

## Joy and pain

Frat party heroes Rob Base and DJ E-Z Rock return to the Detroit area on Friday with a full arsenal of hits including "Joy and Pain" and "It Takes Two" -

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Anthemic: Australia's Silverchair - from left, drummer Ben Gillies, bassist Chris Joannou, and vocalist/guitarist Daniel Johns.

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and a new single.

"We do have a new single that we pressed up ourselves and put out that we probably will be performing that night," DJ E-Z Rock said of "Ready to Party."

A new album is in the works with a European producer, but it may see the light of day in the United States "eventually."

"Ready to Party" carries the same feelgood mentality of the rap duo's early hits.

We still party. It's still the same party feel."

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Rob Base and DJ E-Z Rock perform at 11 p.m. Friday, March 19, at La Boom, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Tickets are \$10 in advance. For more infor-

mation, call (248) 926-9960 or (248) 645-6666.

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

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A new spaper reporter discovers proof than an innocent man is about to be executed and has only one day to save him. Stars Clint Eastwood, Frances Fisher, Sydney Poitier, James Woods, Lisa

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"monster" of Lucky Duck Lake and his burning desire to take Patti Mayonnaise to the school dance.

Film about a video store clerk who agrees to be filmed all day, every day, by a 24-hour cable Network. Stars Jenna Elfman, Woody Harrelson, Ellen DeGeneres, Elizabeth Hurley.

"THE MOD SQUAD" A feature film version of the hit TV series about three rehabilitated juvenile delinquents who become undercover

cops. Claire Danes. "THE HARMONISTS"

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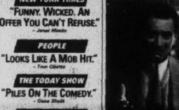
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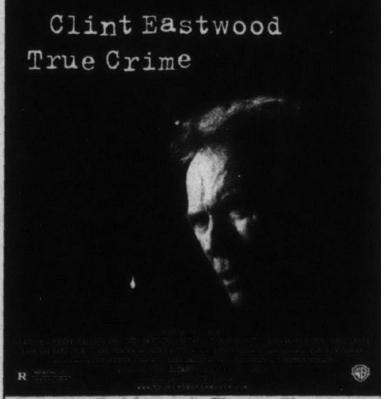
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# Escape to New Orleans at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Mardi Gras is over, but New Orleans is still a nice place to escape. For those of us who can't just hop on a plane and go, it's a good thing there's Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe.

With locations in Detroit, Southfield and St. Clair Shores, Fishbone's is about as close to New Orleans as you can get in metro Detroit.

"It's a place where we like to have fun, it's a restaurant with energy. It's not necessarily a quiet place," said John Furbush, general manager of the Southfield restaurant. He recently · moved to the Detroit area from New Orleans. "We're trying to provide a dining experience. I have the music shipped in from New Orleans. Right now you're hearing vintage Louis Armstrong from the 1920s. We try to make it as authentic as possi-

Fishbone's offers plenty of atmosphere, from the lace curtains in the windows, to the murals on the wall, and potted palms. You'll feel like you stepped into another world. It's easy to get comfortable at one of the tables or booths, and forget it's Michigan and below freezing

For those unfamiliar with New Orleans cuisine, Furbush recommends the brunch where you can try a little bit of this, and that. The brunch also offers an omelet station, waffles and other traditional breakfast fare.

"We have a number of stations at brunch - a hot line, dessert and salad," he said. "It's an opportunity to go after real New Orleans style dishes such as deep fried Cajun turkey, collard greens, and candied yams. If you

Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe

Where: 29244 Northwestern Highway, (just north of 12 Mile Road), Southfield (248) 351-2925, fax (248) 351-2919.

Hours: Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight Friday; noon to midnight Sunday; 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday brunch, 2-10 p.m. regular menu.

Menu: Taste of New Orleans, including Seafood Gumbo, Jambalaya, seafood, steaks, chops and chicken. Salads and sandwiches also available. Some vegetarian items.

Cost: Moderate. Sandwiches \$5.95 to \$8.95; Entrees \$9.95 to \$21.95.

Reservations: For parties of six or more Credit cards: All majors accepted

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went down South you'd be in heaven with this type of brunch." The cost for brunch is \$16.95 adults, \$8.95 children under age 12, and \$2.95 for children under

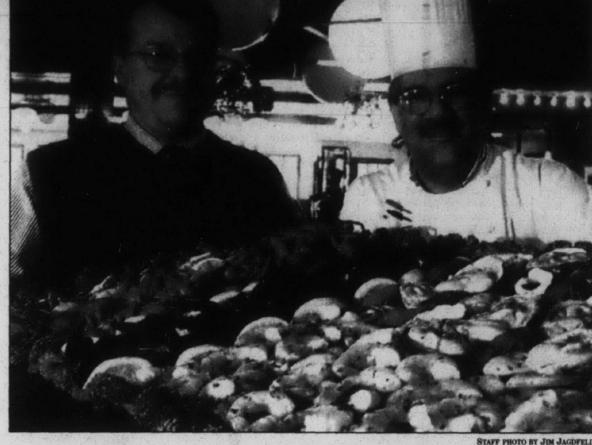
Starting with appetizers on the main menu, Furbush recommends New Orleans Bar-B-Que Shrimp served with a spicy butter/pepper sauce. Fresh crawfish, flown in from Louisiana, are also available. Catfish Beignets and Crab Cakes are other often requested appetizers. You can also order Crab Cakes as an entree. They're served with a lemon caper dill sauce.

Moving on, you've got to try

the Seafood Gumbo, "it's guaranteed to warm you up a little bit," said Furbush.

Fishbone's offers a selection of grilled "bronzed" steaks including Filet Mignon, Ribeye and Porterhouse. Scallops, catfish, snapper, pork chops, lamb chops and chicken are on the menu too. Bronzing is Fishbone's method of blackening food. They use a mild, flavorful blend of spices and

Crawfish Etouffee is a Fishbone's specialty along with Shrimp Creole, Zydeco Chicken, Chicken & Sausage Sauce Piquant, and Jambalaya. The Creole Baked Eggplant is a vege-



Cool crustaceans: General manager John Furbush and Executive Chef Faiz Albanna at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe in Southfield.

tarian eggplant casserole baked with jalapeno jack cheese and marinara sauce.

Fishbone's is known for its Whiskey Ribs served with Dirty Rice and a vegetable. They also offer a variety of fried seafood selections such as shrimp, oysters, scallops, and catfish served with homemade fries and Charleston Slaw. If you can't make up your mind, try the Combo Mombo - a platter of fried shrimp, catfish, crab fingers and oysters.

For lunch, Furbush points to the Po-Boy sandwiches - fried shrimp, catfish, chicken, pork, or fried chicken. Another favorite is the Muffuletta sandwich - layers of Genoa salami, ham, Mortadella and Provolone topped with an olive salad on a large bun. "I'm a big fan, and our's is pretty close to what you'd find in the French Quarter of New Orleans," said Furbush.

If you're hungry for just a salad, Fishbone's aims to please with Galvez Shrimp Salad, Fried Crawfish Salad, Pirate's Alley Olive Salad, and the familiar Caesar, Grilled Chicken, and Greek Salad

Save room for dessert, made by Fishbone's own pastry chefs -Bourbon Street Bread Pudding. Banana Foster Sundae, Pecan Pie, Key Lime Pie, and Peach

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# Epoch Enterprises restaurants maintain ownership

BY ELEANOR HEALD SPECIAL WRITER

Epoch Enterprises owns high-profile Tribute restaurant in Farmington Hills, also Too Chez in Novi and Forte in Birmingham. Negotiations related to sale of Larry Wisne's Progressive Tool and Industries automotive-allied company fueled speculations about the Wisne family's other business, Epoch Enterprises.

In the March 31, Wine Spectator now in distribution, Tribute and Executive Chef Takashi Yagihashi became the first Detroit metro-area restaurant to receive expansive three-page coverage in this widely read wine and lifestyle periodical. Forte's executive chef Tim Voss is being touted in restaurant and lifestyle magazine cir-

cles as a rising star. Too Chez restaurant's Greg Upshur has received recognition by Food Arts and Nation's Restaurant News, a weekly trade publication for the restaurant and food

Epoch's restaurants are now being represented by a Santa Monica-Beverly Hills public relations/advertising agency and this added to the rumor

mill. Does such publicity enhance the sale of Tribute and its sister eateries?

While Epoch president Toni Wisne remained unavailable for comment, Tribute's Maitre d' Mickey Bakst was willing to squelch rumors.

"I say this with the utmost certainty," he said. "Epoch is a complete and separate entity from Progressive Tool.

"Epoch is opening Latitude, it's new

Up North restaurant in the Bay Harbor complex. A chef is in the process of being hired. Epoch is also aggressively involved in the Lion's stadium project in Detroit.

"Tribute is like the Wisne family's baby. All the restaurants are an important part of the family's business ventures. The Wisnes are not selling any of their restaurants at this time."

# WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygonik@ oe.homecomm.net

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