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ENTERTAINMENT

Family fun: Introduce your children to theater this weekend. Several local performers, including Lisa Andres of Livonia, are featured in Dearborn Family Theatre's production of "Bye, Bye Birdie." / E1

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Husband arraigned in murder

Fieger's firm steps in; suspect held without bond

Schwartz: 'No case' — page A2

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth police say a specially trained dog detected the scent of human remains in the Roe Street home of Azizul Islam, which led them to arrest the biochemist for the murder of his wife, Tracy, whose remains authorities believe are the body parts found in Dearborn and in Allen Township, Ohio.

During a video court arraignment Sunday, Islam, 50, was remanded to the Wayne County Jail on charges of first degree murder, punishable by life in prison, and mutilating a dead body, which carries a maximum sentence of 10 years. A preliminary exam was scheduled for Jan. 21.

In a statement read at Islam's arraignment, Plymouth police Lt. Wayne Carroll said that on Jan. 7 "a cadaver dog made a positive hit in the basement of the home ... at a paint can, roller and pan, floor area near the clothes dryer and other areas indicating trace evidence of human remains."

Carroll also indicated blood was found "under the fresh paint on the concrete and other areas of the basement."

Also during Sunday's arraignment, Carroll testified Islam said "he arranged for others to harm Tracy, but she was not supposed to be killed or dismembered."

Carroll said at one point Islam was crying in the lockup in Plymouth Township and said "I'm a criminal. I did a bad thing."

Islam's attorney, the high-powered Michael Schwartz, objected to his client being charged with murder.

"The body has not been positively identified," said Schwartz. "It's not

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN
Suspect arraigned: Left, Azizul Islam (center) is led from the Plymouth Township police station Sunday for transport to Wayne County Jail, following his arraignment via closed-circuit television. Escorting him are Plymouth Township police Sgt. James Jarvis (left) and Plymouth Lt. Wayne Carroll. Above, someone left this floral display in a tree outside the Islam home on Roe Street.

Better late than never

Warm temps
delay start of
ice spectacular

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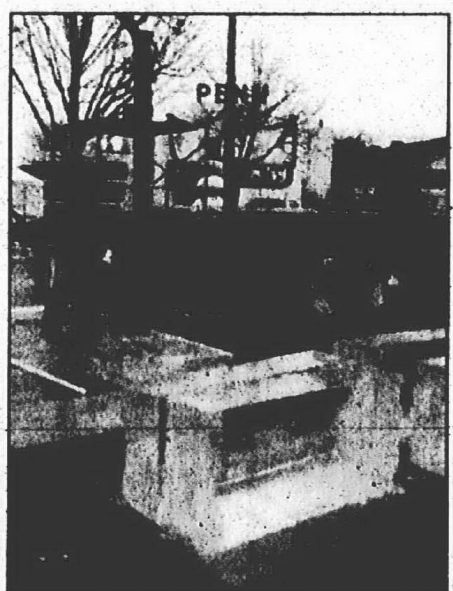
The ice was ready. The city was ready. Plymouth Ice Spectacular organizers were ready.

But somebody apparently forgot to check with Mother Nature, and the result was a one-day delay in the start of the 2000 show.

Unseasonably warm temperatures forced the start of the annual ice sculpture spectacular, originally scheduled to have opened Wednesday, back a day to a Thursday start. Problems with moving the 400-pound blocks of ice in those kinds of temperatures caused organizers to make the decision.

"We lost Sunday and Monday (for preparation) because of the weather," director Mike Watts said. "We have to move a thousand blocks of ice around, and it's very difficult to do that with a lot of people around."

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN
Preparations: The carving team from Japan gets ready to roll as the opening of the 2000 Ice Festival approaches.

Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Schedule of Events

Thursday, Jan. 13

- Festival opens with display of more than 100 street sculptures on pedestals throughout downtown Plymouth.
- Major multiblock displays under construction.
- The Farmer Jack "Icy Toyland," and the Bud Light show begin.
- "Celebrate the Centuries" exhibit 1-4 p.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 115 S. Main.

- Celebrity charity carving competition 5:30 p.m. in the Gathering.

Friday, Jan. 14

- 20-hour, two-person professional and amateur team competition 6 p.m. through Saturday afternoon in Kellogg Park.

Saturday, Jan. 15

- Individual amateur competition 8-11 a.m.
- Food and beverage demonstrations at Sideways Gifts on Forest Avenue.
- 20-hour, two-person professional and amateur team competition continues in Kellogg Park.

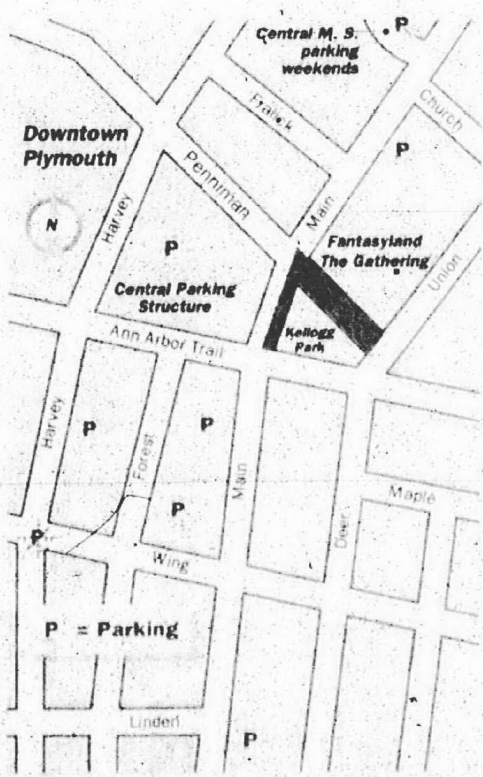
- Individual college and high school competitions noon to 4 p.m.
- "Celebrate the Centuries" exhibit 1-4 p.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 115 S. Main.
- Hot cider and dulcimer performance by Betsy Beckerman 1-5 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Arbor Health building, corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey.

Sunday, Jan. 16

- Individual professional competition 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Kellogg Park.
- Two-man student team competitions 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Kellogg Park.
- Food and beverage demonstrations at Sideways Gifts on Forest Avenue.
- Skate with the Whalers 5:30-7 p.m. at Compware Arena, 14900 Beck. Admission \$5. Skate rental \$3.

Monday, Jan. 17

- Award presentation to the winners of the Plymouth Observer middle school art students ice sculpture design contest 4 p.m. in Kellogg Park.



Red area on map: Northbound Main Street between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman between Main and Union will be closed from 8 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12 - Noon Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Central Parking Structure:

- Individual professional competition
- Individual amateur competition
- Individual college competition
- Individual high school competition

Kellogg Park:

- Professional teams competition
- College teams competition
- High school teams competition
- Japanese carvers displays

Fantasyland:

- "Icy Toyland"
- Celebrity carving competition

Charter review could go to committee

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It appears discussion on possible changes to how the mayor is selected in Plymouth will be put in the hands of a charter review committee.

Commissioner Sean FitzGerald, who has been the driving force behind the discussion, proposed at a special meeting Tuesday night that ballot language be written and the issue be put before voters. FitzGerald wants to change the charter, allowing for a popular vote for the mayor to coincide with the election of city commissioners.

However, after nearly an hour of sometimes heated debate on the merits of changing the way the mayor is chosen, FitzGerald rescinded his motion. The likelihood is that a charter review com-

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What do you think?

Plymouth City Commissioner Sean FitzGerald wants a revision of the city charter changing the way the mayor is selected, and the Plymouth Observer would like your opinion.

The mayor is currently elected by a vote of commission members and serves a two-year term. FitzGerald would rather see the mayor elected by a popular vote of the citizens.

Here's our question: Do you agree with him?

Vote by e-mailing Observer editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net, or by calling him at (734) 459-2700.

We are also in the process of setting up a link on our website so on-line voting can be tabulated. More information about that will be in our Sunday, Jan. 16, edition.

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Variety Is the spice of life



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Getting ready: The Canton Chieftettes practice a routine Monday during a rehearsal for their annual variety show, "Kickin' Into the Millennium," which will be presented Saturday at the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Defense: 'My client ... not guilty'

Schwartz contends there's not enough evidence to detain husband

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Attorney Michael Schwartz, a partner of flamboyant litigator Geoffrey Fieger, said he was called by a sister of Azizul Islam to represent the Plymouth biochemist in the murder of his wife.

Following Sunday's arraignment on charges of first degree murder and mutilation of a dead body, Schwartz said he briefly talked to Islam and doesn't believe there's a case against his

client.

"If we were to go to trial today, the prosecutor couldn't prove Tracy Islam wasn't alive, let alone Dr. Islam has something to do with her death," said Schwartz. "I don't think they can establish that Dr. Islam is guilty of anything at all. My client is holding up the best he can, given the circumstances that he's sitting in jail on a horrible charge of which he's not guilty."

Schwartz said the couple had been estranged and planned to see a divorce attorney Dec. 20

when Tracy Islam disappeared.

"She had given him a quit claim deed to the house, and on the 20th they were to go to a lawyer for an uncontested divorce," he said. "People don't go for an uncontested divorce and then go out and kill somebody. I'm sure we have a situation here where Dr. Islam isn't guilty of any crime at all."

In fact, Schwartz believes the cadaver dog that picked up the scent of human remains in the basement of the Islam home might not be correct in its findings.

"I understand there was a man who owned the house before them (the Islams) who was a hunter and had a lot of animal carcasses he brought there to

clean," said Schwartz. "I don't even know if it was human blood. Nobody has been able to match up the blood from what they found in the basement from what they found on the torso."

And, despite police testimony Sunday that Islam appears to have admitted committing a crime, Schwartz isn't ready to give up on the case.

"Anybody who has been charged with a crime and taken away from his family and put into jail may have all sorts of horrible feelings," he said. "I don't think the mere fact he was crying is different from what any innocent person would have if they were sitting in jail and all of a sudden charged with a heinous crime."

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possible for the prosecutor to tell the court that Tracy is in fact dead, or the person who was found."

Authorities are conducting DNA testing to determine if the arms and legs found in a Dearborn A&W restaurant Dumpster on Dec. 22 match a torso found Dec. 31 in Allen Township, Ohio.

According to Carroll, records from Dick Scott Dodge in Plymouth show Islam rented a white Dodge minivan on Dec. 23, the day after the first of the body parts was found in Dearborn, and returned it the same day after adding 213 miles on the vehicle.

"Witnesses report a male subject fitting the description of Azizul Islam in the same area of the field (in Allen Township) where the torso was found, near a light-colored sport utility vehicle," said Carroll. "Witnesses describe the subject as a well-groomed man in a dark overcoat standing in a muddy field."

Authorities say Tracy Islam, 35, left her husband in August and returned to England, where she had previously lived and first met her husband. She flew back on Dec. 16 to visit their two children, Joseph, 16,



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

In custody: Azizul Islam (right) is being held without bond in the Wayne County Jail.

and Anna, 14, for the holidays, staying at their home on Roe Street.

Carroll testified the Islams had an argument Dec. 19 after Azizul overheard his wife talking on the telephone to a male friend in England.

The next day, Azizul reportedly told his children their mother had left.

Carroll told the court Tracy Islam "never boarded a return flight on Dec. 24 to London and the ticket has not been cashed in."

On Christmas day, the friend from England called Plymouth police to report that Tracy Islam had never made it to England.

Azizul Islam is a vice president at Plymouth Plating Inc., on Joy Road, where he has worked for the past 10 years, the same amount of time he has lived in the area. Schwartz used that argument in an attempt to keep his client out of jail on a personal recognizance bond.

"Dr. Islam has substantial roots to the community. He has two children who go to high school and they represent his entire life," said Schwartz. "His roots are here, his entire life is here, his children are here, he has a sister who lives in the area. His risk of flight is not particularly great."

The judge decided otherwise, and Islam is being held without bond in the Wayne County Jail.

Plymouth police say they expect the Jan. 21 preliminary exam to be delayed because DNA testing to determine the identity of the body won't be completed by then.

McKinnon speaks

Former Detroit Police Chief Isaiah McKinnon will be the guest speaker when the Tonquish Economic Club meets for its monthly luncheon next week.

McKinnon's speech will be the centerpiece of the club's meeting Wednesday, Jan. 19. The club meets at the Plymouth Manor, 345 N. Main, at noon. Tickets are \$20. For more information call 453-2920.

E.G. Nick's sneak peek

E.G. Nick's of Plymouth hosts an open house during the International Ice Spectacular Friday through Sunday. The restaurant will serve complimentary hot chia (a

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tea-based hot chocolate and spice drink) and cookies, giving guests a look at what stage the restaurant project stands and pick up a menu for the new restaurant.

E.G. Nick's is located at 500 Forest. Doors open for the open house at noon Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

'Celebrate the Century'

Students from the Advanced Placement History classes at Salem High School present the final "Celebrate the Century"

program for the Plymouth Historical Society tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. in the Central Middle School cafeteria.

The students, under the direction of teacher Beth Savalox, have researched and written a program which looks at the past, present and future of the nation.

The public is welcome. Immediately following the program, visitors are invited to the museum for one last look at the "Celebrate the Century" exhibition and refreshments with a "century" theme.

Museum Ice Fest hours

The Plymouth Historical Museum will be open during the Ice Festival. The museum will be open today (Thursday) from 1 to 4 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students ages 5 to 17 (children under 5 free), and \$7 for families.

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Township on 'path' to update of recreational park amenities

BY SUE BUCK
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Visitors to Plymouth Township Recreational Park located at Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha Roads can soon enjoy barrier-free walking paths of different lengths within the 150-acre park.

By summer, the township will also install a barrier-free floating fishing dock adjacent to the existing pond along with the installation of an interpretive signage system along the pond.

The changes represent more than \$150,000 in improvements, according to township information.

"When restoration is completed this spring, visitors walking along the paths will feel like they have always been there," said Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township director of public services.

All resident and non-resident groups who expect to rent the two shelters and pavilion will be given maps of the paths. Path lengths range from one-third of a mile to almost a mile. The paths flow naturally, blending in with the contours of the landscape.

Anulewicz and his staff were responsible for securing two approved grants. One was a Community Development Block Grant specifically earmarked for providing barrier free access at the fishing dock.

The other grant, from the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project, provides funds for public education, water quality enhancement and protection. It will be used to design and install five interpretive sign stations. There will be pictures of wildlife and plant life, along with species names.

The project uses federal funds to address wet

weather pollution problems ranging from controlling combined sewer overflows to storm water runoff in the Rouge River.

Plymouth Township Park is located entirely within the Rouge River Watershed and is bisected by the South Branch of Tonquish Creek, a major tributary of the Rouge River.

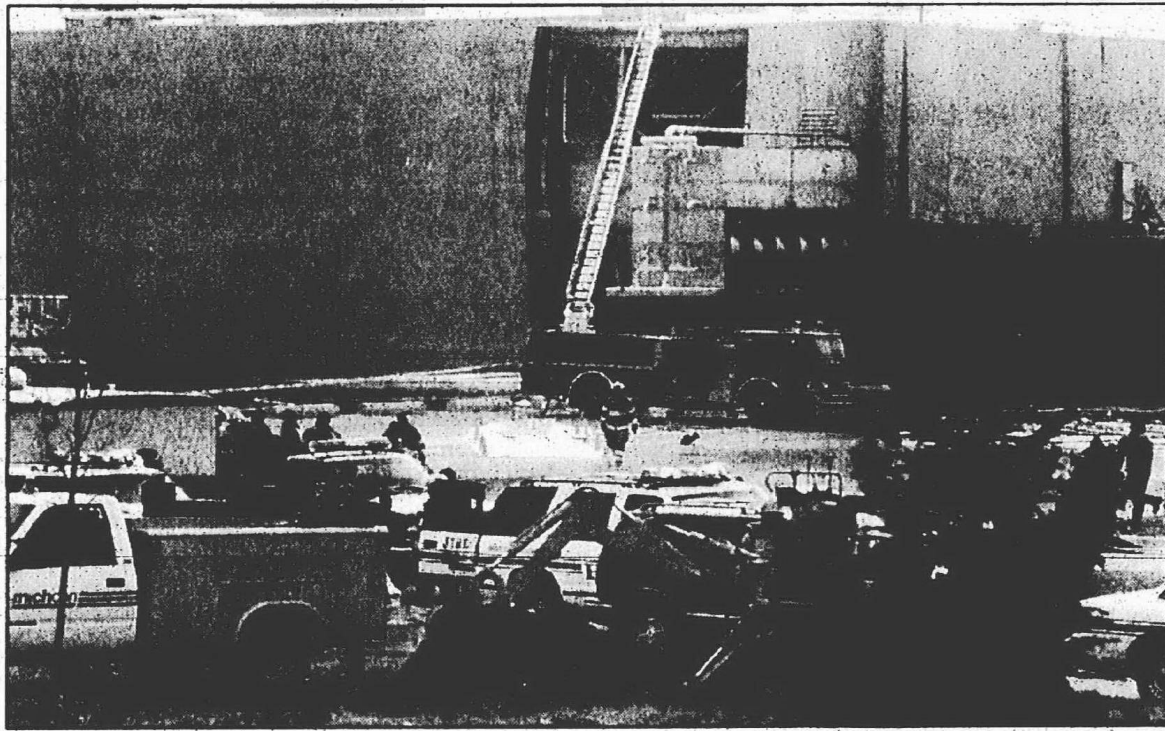
The pond was created to control stormwater runoff from upstream areas in the township. During periods of heavy rainfall the pond acts as a natural reservoir, storing excess stormwater and releasing it at a rate that reduces impacts downstream.

Silt and sand which would clog the creek settle to the bottom, allowing water in the pond to filter slowly into the groundwater system. If the pond didn't exist, large quantities of stormwater would contaminate the creek and destructive flooding would take place downstream, officials say.

Anulewicz considers Tonquish Creek an artery of the Rouge River and compares its importance to how arteries work in the human system.

"You can be miles away from the Rouge River but what takes place in the Rouge system can be traced to its arteries," Anulewicz said.

(Reservations for the park shelters and pavilion during the period of April 15-Oct. 15 must be made in person from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Services Building, 46555 Port Street. Reservations can only be secured after an application has been filed and appropriate fees paid. Payment must be made by check or money order only. Plymouth Township and city of Plymouth groups have precedence in reserving dates until April 30 of each year. However, if that same date is requested by a resident group, the group has precedence until April 30.)



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Explosion: MichCon workers dig underground to reach a safety valve in front of the Norquick food storage plant on Haggerty, south of Joy, where a Wednesday morning explosion and fire led to an ammonia spill.

Ammonia leak injures 3

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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An ammonia leak at a Haggerty Road business sent two workers and a Canton firefighter to the hospital and caused an explosion early Wednesday morning.

Township firefighters were called to Norquick Distributing on Haggerty Road just south of Joy at 6:53 a.m. and discovered two male employees overcome by fumes. The men were subsequently transported to Ann Arbor Hospital in Wayne.

"Their injuries appear to be non-life-threatening," said Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher.

Michael McManamon, 41, of Redford suffered first-degree burns on his hands and ears and reported difficulty breathing. Benjamin Brand, 22, of Mount Clemens reported minor respiratory problems.

In addition, Canton firefighter Jerry Lica, 34, was treated for inhalation of fumes.

A build-up of ammonia fumes caused a violent explosion at approximately 7:50 a.m. A 20-

■ **'Their injuries appear to be non-life-threatening.'**

Mike Rorabacher
—Canton fire chief

foot wide hole in the building's northwest corner was opened as a result. A small fire followed. Township firefighters were able to quickly douse the flames, however.

Western Wayne County's Hazmat team was called to the scene. Rorabacher said utilities had to be shut off before Hazmat could enter the building and stop the leak. That was accomplished by early Wednesday afternoon.

"We're taking a very methodical approach to this," he commented. "We want the utilities secured before they go in to eliminate the possibility of any more explosions."

Firefighters sprayed water on the building throughout the morning to keep ammonia fumes from concentrating.

The leak came from a large

storage tank inside the building, Rorabacher said.

Stoneybrooke Apartments sit directly behind Norquick. Rorabacher said the atmosphere was being monitored for ammonia but he didn't believe an evacuation would be necessary.

Norquick is a cold storage facility. It freezes and stores food products for Farmer Jack and Kroger. Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said.

The company started up in Detroit in 1970, according to township tax abatement documents. It then moved to Livonia in 1976 and finally to Canton in 1998.

Norquick operates a \$6.7 million, 77,000-square foot facility on 17 acres between Joy and Koppernick roads.

The company is owned by William P. Connor. Both Connor and workers of Norquick declined to comment on the leak Wednesday.

It was the first such incident at Norquick, Rorabacher said.

"Ammonia leaks are not uncommon in that business, from what I understand," he added.

Dan LeBlond, president of the Plymouth Historical Museum, worked with Fitzgerald and the students as a resource person, and technical advisor on the project.

This is the second such partnership for the museum and Schoolcraft students. In 1998, the museum acquired the Abraham Lincoln Collection, and the computer graphics class designed the fund-raiser brochure for the project.

The completed books will be available in the spring.

Museum, college publish Civil War items

The Plymouth Historical Museum and Schoolcraft College students have partnered to edit and publish Civil War materials from the museum's archives.

Students from Schoolcraft's Computer Graphics Technology Quark Xpress class taught by Plymouth resident Margaret Fitzgerald use real projects to teach technical graphic design concepts.

The museum archives hold a variety of information related to Plymouth in the Civil War. The students, compiling museum

resources, created booklets about two local men who were part of the 24th Michigan Regiment, Lucius Shattuck and Emil Mettetal.

These booklets will be used for museum research, school classes and will also be available in the museum gift shop.

Students participating in the project were Sherry Bailey, Debra Liddy, Jeane Thomas, Erin Bawulski, Judy Berlinski, Sandra Liano, Adam Missing, David Morgan, Yueqi Zhang, James Auquier and Jason May.

Dispatchers get high-tech help

Police: Computer system will upgrade operations

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Plymouth police dispatchers are about to get a helping hand from high technology.

The CLEMIS Computer-Aided Dispatch system, set to begin operation in March in the new Plymouth Communications Center, will improve the efficiency of dispatch operations and records management, police say.

The center, located in the Plymouth Township Police station, was formed in conjunction with a Nov. 1 merger of emergency dispatch operations that services both the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

CLEMIS — Court and Law Enforcement Management Information System — provides map-based computer-aided dispatch, mobile data dispatching, LEIN and messaging and GIS-based reported analyses, according to police information.

■ **'The system we have now is failing.'**

Larry Carey
—Plymouth Township Chief

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees approved the computer hardware purchase of \$10,184 at its regular board meeting Tuesday. Trustees Chuck Curmi and K. C. Mueller were absent. The purchase is made through the Oakland County Purchasing Division and was the result of a competitive bid, Plymouth Township Police Chief Larry Carey said.

"The system we have now is failing," said Carey. "This allows us to track our city calls separately, the township calls, and fire department calls, and other geographic communities. It gives us 16 CAD reporting fields... We can have access to any other CLEMIS-reporting agency."

The center will also be able to

directly receive emergency calls placed by cellular phone users when that capability becomes available, said Plymouth Township Lt. Robert Smith. When cellular phone users call E-911 now, the calls go first to the Michigan State Police, who then reroute the calls to the proper police agency.

It will make the center a primary service answering point or the first answering point, Carey said.

Only a few Wayne County communities have joined the CLEMIS consortium that has high Oakland County membership. The other Wayne County communities include Northville and Northville Township, Harper Woods and Garden City, Carey said. Garden City installed their system last week, he added.

Carey spent 14 years as the Troy police chief. That community was part of the CLEMIS system.

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mittee will look at that issue, along with many others, as possible changes to the city charter.

Even before being elected in November, Fitzgerald talked about politics getting in the way of selecting a mayor. As the process now stands, the first commissioner to garner four votes (among commission members) becomes mayor. Political maneuvering to elect the mayor generally begins minutes after the polls close in November.

"Under the current charter, the very first decision we (commissioners) had to make is not how to spend the taxpayer's money... but a political decision, which among us is fit to be mayor," Fitzgerald told his fellow commissioners. "It's a political decision that carries with it great danger to create factions on the commission as the very first thing we do."

"We conduct exhaustive searches for city manager and chief of police... but we don't give public scrutiny for the mayor," he said. "We should have direct election of the mayor to provide scrutiny, and the dis-

■ **'The very first decision we had to make is... a political decision.'**

Sean Fitzgerald
—City Commissioner



cussion over the qualities and qualifications that should go into the mayor, to eliminate factionalizing of the commission."

The biggest opposition came from Mayor Dave McDonald and Mayor Pro-Tem Colleen Pobur.

"There must be a reason the creators of the charter in 1951 decided this was the best way to handle election of the mayor," said McDonald. "I think it was to take the politics out of it."

"The purpose of the mayor is to chair meetings and be the ceremonial head of the commission... occasionally give Santa Claus the keys to the city, cut a ribbon, marry people..." said Pobur. "He has no veto power and no more authority than any one of us. I will not support a change."

Fitzgerald appears to have commissioners Michele Potter

(who seconded Fitzgerald's motion). Dan Dwyer (who said "yes" to being open to changing the manner of the mayor selection) and David Byers in his corner. However, unlike a simple majority (4-3 vote) needed to pass most resolutions, any changes suggested by a review committee would have to be approved by three-fifths of the commission, or a 5-2 vote, before being put to voters.

Commissioner Bill Graham said he'd like to see a review committee, not a sub-committee of commissioners, make a recommendation.

Commissioners will discuss additional items the charter review committee should address at the next regular meeting, which is Tuesday, Jan. 18.

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Starting new job brings first impressions

When you start a new job, as I did here in November, it's natural to form first impressions about your new surroundings.

It's just as natural for the new surroundings to form a first impression of you. For instance, I was called a "cub reporter" recently, even though I've been doing this for a very long time. Seems the speaker wasn't pleased with something I'd written.

I have filled many notebook pages with thoughts that have occurred to me in my first two months on the job as the editor



BRAD KADRACH

of the Plymouth Observer. I share some of them with you now (listed in no particular order):

- What a great downtown!
- When the football boosters start showing up at band competitions, then we can start a real discussion about support for the various teams.
- I called one of my best friends, who happens to be a school superintendent, about Kathleen Booher, who starts the end of this month as superintendent in Plymouth-Canton. She said Booher is very "kid-oriented." What higher praise can there be for an educator?
- I told our schools reporter the minute he mentioned the cheerleaders as part of the problem in the recent ringworm outbreak that they were going to

take offense. How right was I? Story came out Sunday, e-mails poured in Monday.

Truth is, I've been involved in wrestling for a long time, and I don't think there's been a season when ringworm wasn't a problem. It's not a matter of placing blame; it's simply a matter of taking care of the problem.

■ I haven't hyphenated Kathleen Keen McCarthy's name once yet.

■ Someone somewhere has to get our cops better-looking cars to ride around in. They do a great job, but Barney Fife's squad car was more police-looking.

■ I'm really looking forward to this week's Ice Spectacular, which will obviously be my first. In the town I covered last, getting the community together on anything was like pulling teeth. To witness a community event like the ice show will be a nice change.

■ Good thing I'm trying to keep my pear-shaped figure, because it's tough to lose weight in this town. I haven't had a bad meal yet, from the Box Bar to Station 885. I've eaten at the Penniman Deli twice, Dunleavy's twice and several other restaurants.

E.G. Nick's offers a preview this weekend. Can't wait.

■ There's still time to get on our Citizens Advisory Committee. We're looking for four or five more people, and we'd love to hear your opinions.

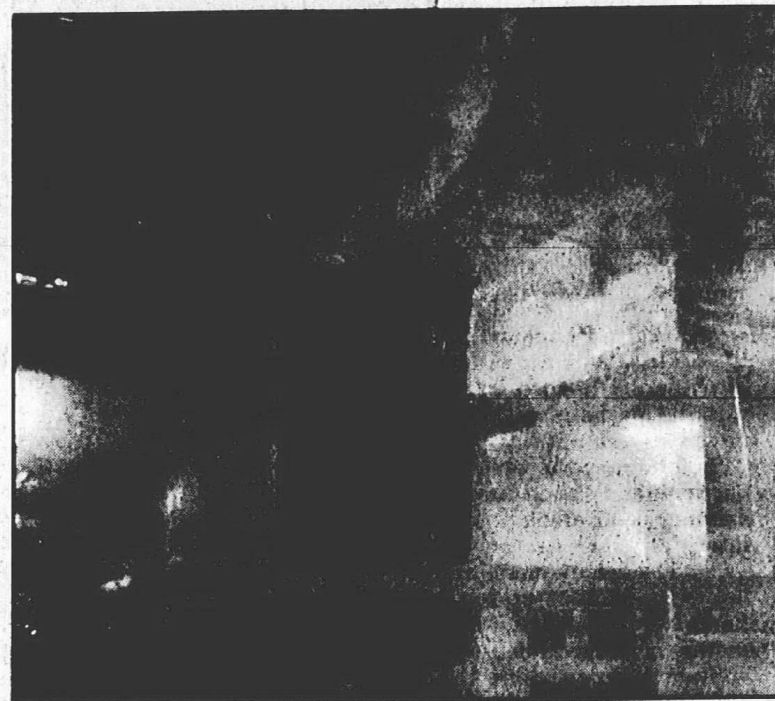
Of course, we'd love to hear what you think even if you're not on the committee. E-mail me at bkadrach@oe.homecomm.net, or just give us a call.

■ We're trying to tell more stories about the people in our community, not just what happens at the meetings. If you've got an idea for a human interest story, or about anything at all, feel free to call.

■ The Tonquish Economic Club luncheons are among my favorite places to hang out. Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm spoke at my first one, and attorney Geoffrey Fieger was supposed to be the speaker last month.

This month, it's former Detroit Police Chief Ike McKinnon, Jan. 19 at noon at Plymouth Manor. I ordered front-row seats.

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Digging In: Carver Jim Bur of Sterling Heights attacks his blocks of ice, preparing to carve Cinderella's carriage for the 2000 Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular, which runs through Sunday.

Ice show from page A1

The delay didn't cost the show any of its events. The only casualty on the schedule was the Celebrity Carving event, which had been scheduled for Thursday evening. All other events will proceed as scheduled.

On Wednesday, people were busy scurrying around getting the food booths, the blocks of ice and business-sponsored street sculptures ready for the show's opening.

Temperatures hovering around 30 degrees were making the carving a little easier.

"This is good," carver Jim Bur of Sterling Heights said. "Actually, I'd like to see it more like 15 or 20. That's warm enough so you don't have to wear a lot of layers (of clothing) but it's still cold enough to carve. But this is good."

With all of the events still on schedule, Watts said he didn't think the delay would hurt the show's attendance at all. In fact, Watts said, the delay may actually help.

Last year's festival drew an estimated 700,000 people, and Watts is hoping to do better this

year.

"I expect people will come later in the week, and there will be more for them to see because there will be more carving going on," he said. "I think we'll get bigger crowds and they'll stay longer because there will be more for them to see."

Big crowds can often make things a little tougher, but the carvers themselves don't mind seeing them.

"That's why we do it, for the people who come down here," Bur said. "When I'm carving I have blinders on, but then you take that break and look around at all the people and you think, 'Wow.'"

The festival continues through Sunday.

n Road closed — Northbound Main Street will be closed from Ann Arbor Trail to Penniman for the duration of the festival. Other road closures will be considered depending on the volume of traffic and the size of the crowds.

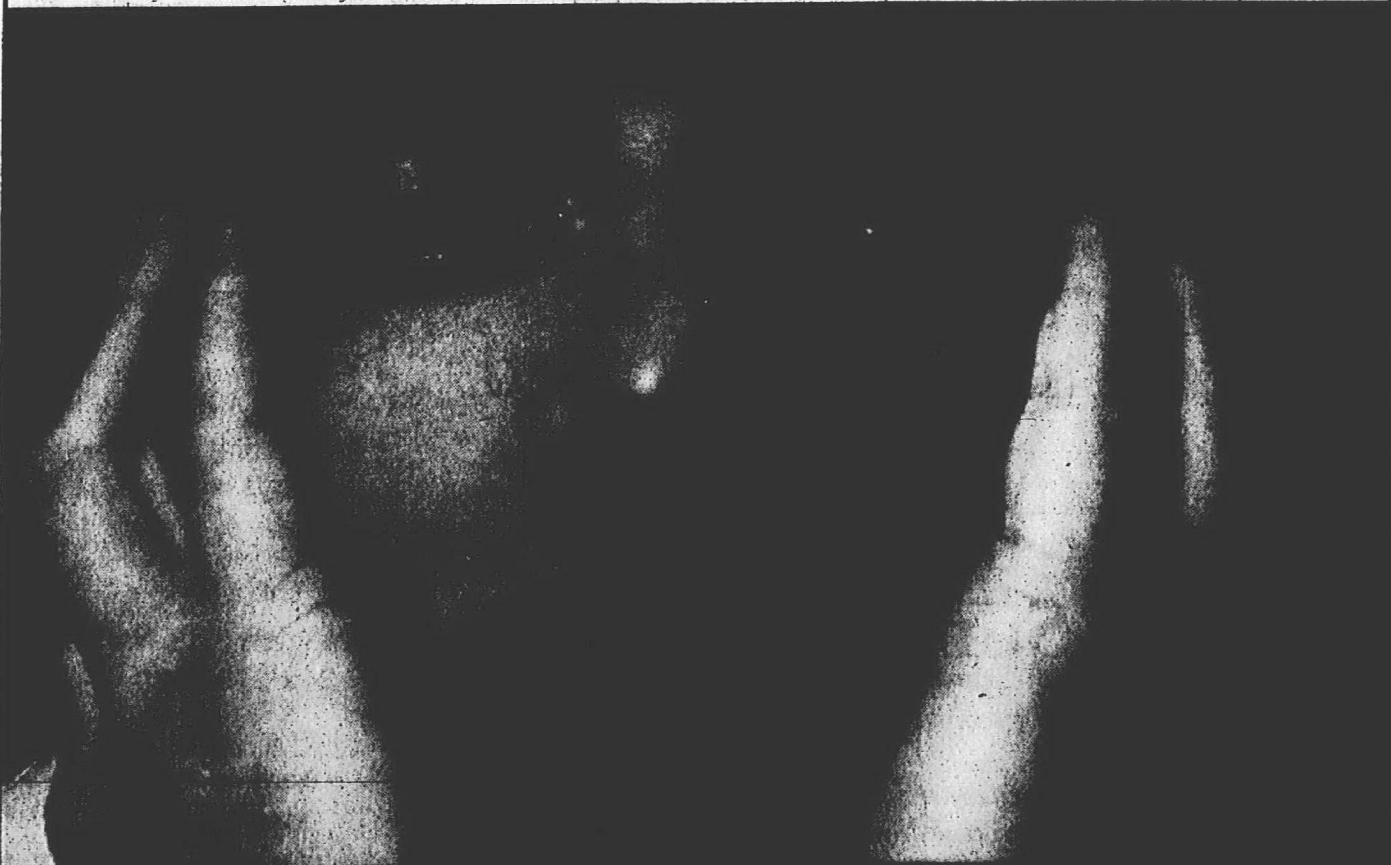
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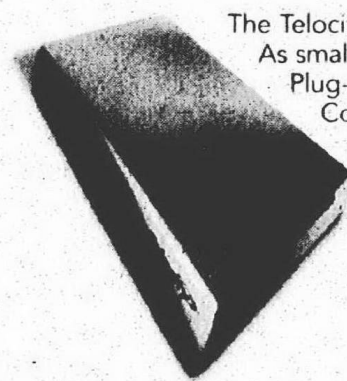
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Canton planners deny charter bid

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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Residents and planning commissioners said they experienced déjà vu Monday when a company wanting to build a charter school in Canton presented a second set of plans.

The planning commission voted 6-0, with Bob Wade absent, to deny Grand Rapids-based National Heritage Academies' request for special land use approval. Commissioners said the project was too small for the amount of land and was not much different than the company's first proposal last March.

The charter school management company's request was to build a two-phase, 650-student school on a 10-acre site at Ridge and Warren roads. Ann Arbor, Pontiac, Jackson, Grand Rapids and Flint are among the cities in which National Heritage operates schools.

The commission nixed National Heritage Academies' earlier attempt to build a charter school on Beck Road, east of Hanford by a 4-0 vote.

Location, location

Opponents' main concerns were with the project's size, increased traffic, the vinyl siding exterior, jeopardizing Ridge Road's Natural Beauty Road designation and fears of decreased property values.

In short, opponents said it was a bad location.

"There is no real change in their request — other than moving the location of the site from Beck and Hanford to Warren and Ridge," said resident Chuck Supnick, vice president of the Northwest Canton Homeowners Association.

"The site is too small," Ridge Road resident Fred Andres said. Wetlands along Fellows Creek, easements and setbacks leave only 4.78 buildable acres, he said.

The school's plan to re-sod the roadside, install a sidewalk and pave a small portion of Ridge Road would violate the road's natural beauty designation, Andres added.

Ridge Road north of Warren received Natural Beauty Road status from the state six years ago, which protects roadside soil from being disturbed. The homeowners' efforts were in reaction to Detroit Edison plans to clear cut easements along Ridge to install overhead electrical lines.

Resident Linda Leone said she objected to the vinyl siding exterior. She cited the brick Taco Bell on Ford and the Rite Aid on Canton Center at Ford as examples of Canton's high building standards.

"Hold these people to the same standards," she said, referring to the Taco Bell as a "Taj Mahal" development. "There is no beauty in this school."

Supporters want choice.

Charter school supporters, virtually absent during the first approval attempt, said alternative education was important.

"I've researched this school and have found them to be excellent," Canton resident Cassandra Cobb said. "If they meet the regulations and stipulations, then let them build."

Canton resident Rose Lang agreed.

"Charter schools give us the opportunity to give children an academic challenge," said Lang, whose children attend Agape and Plymouth Christian Academy.

The commission echoed residents' sentiments about déjà vu, yet most expressed a desire to welcome a charter school to Canton.

"I guess I'm dumbfounded that you'd be back before us with the same (proposal)," said commissioner Karl Zarbo.

Commissioner Sue Dodson said she understood residents' desire for a charter school.

"I worked two jobs to send (my children) to private school," she said. "But this site's just not big enough to accomplish what you're trying to do. We hope you'll be back — because we're in favor of what you're trying to do."

Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin agreed.

"It just really breaks my heart that we're at this stage — we hoped this site would be a good site."

Try, try again

Jeff Poole, vice president of

marketing for New Heritage Academies, said they're not giving up on finding a Canton site. They are also eyeing Romulus and Taylor as school sites.

"We're extremely disappointed," Poole said following the board's decision. "The parents are also disappointed — they want to be able to offer students a choice."

Bulldozer heist

A Caterpillar bulldozer valued at \$35,000 was reported stolen from a construction site at St. John's Golf Course, 44011 Five Mile in Plymouth Township, sometime between Dec. 22 and Jan. 5, according to a police report.

Stolen scaffolding

An employee reported scaffolding stolen Jan. 8 from a construction site on Landers Drive

in Plymouth Township.

A worker said that when he returned to the site, someone had cut the chain and removed the scaffolding, according to a police report.

Loud party

Plymouth Township police ticketed two Canton men for possession of alcohol and another Canton man for hosting a loud party when they were called to the Quality Inn, 40455 Ann Arbor Road, about 5 a.m.

Jan. 1.

The desk clerk called police to complain about a loud, all-night party in a motel room, said Plymouth Township Officer Jamie Senkbeil.

The responding officers found a messy room, with beer spilled on the carpeting, the bed sheets stripped, and a broken bathroom door mirror, Senkbeil said.

Cash box missing

An employee at Molded Materials, 44650 Helm Court, said

that on Jan. 3 he discovered the cash box gone, according to a police report.

There are no suspects or witnesses, Senkbeil said.

Car damaged

A Postiff resident reported to police that he found the left driver's side window broken out and a tire missing on the driver's side when he checked his car the morning of Jan. 3.

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Wastewater dispute nears resolution

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The Western Townships Utilities Authority expects to decide on Jan. 24 how to proceed in its dilemma over future wastewater flows.

Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships have been involved in a two-year dispute with the Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority over the timing, breadth and control of facility expansion.

Such an expansion or a completely new treatment plant will take a minimum of five years to build. WTUA leaders must decide now which path to follow or risk running out of capacity for wastewater flows.

"We have had a good working relationship with YCUA," said WTUA Operations Manager Tim Faas. "But negotiations over the past few years have started to

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Tim Faas

—WTUA operations manager

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On Thursday, WTUA's board met to discuss the situation. Faas outlined what he feels are the authority's three options:

■ Continuing to negotiate with YCUA on expansion.

■ Force a WTUA only expansion.

■ WTUA builds its own facility.

The authority's board went into closed session to discuss the legal ramifications of each option following Faas' summary, according to a source who spoke

with the Observer on the condition of anonymity.

The source said no decision was made but that WTUA's board will act on Jan. 24. No indication was given by the source as to which direction the board was leaning.

Mark Butler, an attorney for Detroit-based Wise & Marsac, Hometown Communications legal counsel, said the WTUA board's move into closed session was illegal Thursday. He said the board violated Michigan's Open Meetings Act in two instances.

"Attorney-client privilege" was cited by the board as its reason for moving into closed session. Butler said the board must be facing "pending litigation" to use the privilege. There is no current litigation against WTUA from YCUA or any of its representatives.

After returning to open session, the board voted unani-

mously to "proceed as discussed" in closed session in regards to its stance with YCUA. Butler called the move patently wrong.

"You have to announce what you are voting on in open session," he said. "It's absurd."

WTUA currently sends about nine million gallons of waste water to Ypsilanti. Other flows go to Detroit.

YCUA's plant, located in Ypsilanti Township, has a current capacity of 29 million gallons per day. WTUA's flows are expected to rise well beyond that capacity within five years.

The local authority has been left with the options of helping Ypsilanti expand or build its own treatment facility.

In September, WTUA voted for the latter at a cost of about \$130 million. But those plans were put on hold for a last-ditch negotiation effort with Ypsilanti.

Talks have been on-going since then, but yielded few results.

RESA sets up teacher scholarship program

Wayne RESA, the county intermediate school district, has established the Future Teachers Scholarship Program to help put the best and brightest teachers in Wayne County's classrooms.

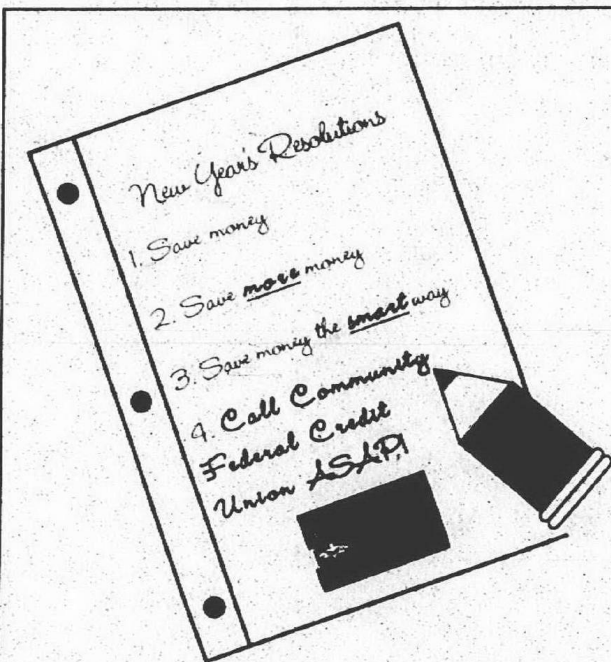
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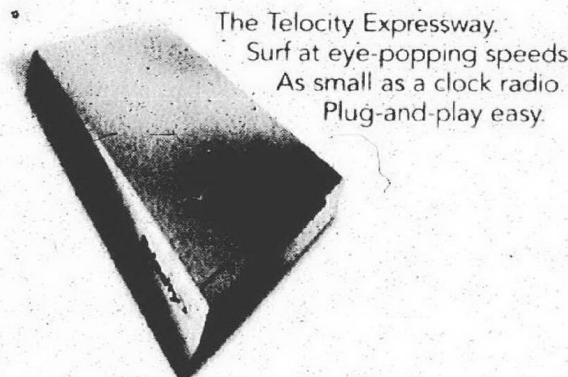
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Maida says vouchers may be a tough sell

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Detroit Cardinal Adam Maida supports school vouchers but believes the issue will be tougher to galvanize support among Catholics than the assisted suicide question on the state ballot two years ago.

If enough signatures from registered voters are obtained on petitions, a ballot proposal will ask Michigan voters this year to approve a voucher system for parents to use if they reside in a school district with a graduation rate lower than 66 percent. Those vouchers could be used at any public or private schools.

During an interview for the Catholic Television Network's show "Dialogue," Maida, the archbishop of Detroit, was asked whether a school voucher proposal would obtain the same kind of support from Catholics as the physician-assisted suicide issue. The physician-assisted suicide ballot question was a "clearcut, moral" issue, Maida said.

"We just didn't want people killing other people," Maida said. Vouchers will be more of a political issue, Maida said. "Reasonable people could come out differently," he said.

Maida supports vouchers and believes the state constitution should be changed. Prohibiting religion from public life "is bad policy and it makes for a society that is not healthy," Maida said.

"That (constitutional) language is bigoted. It's another way to isolate religion out of the way of public life. I feel strongly that religion is the soul of society, whatever religion it is. Every society needs to have a spiritual soul."

Maida believes it is "terribly unjust" for monopolies — school districts — to dictate to parents where children should attend school. Parents need choices of where they can send children to school, Maida said.

Public schools need to be challenged, Maida said. He compared education to cars. When foreign automakers created better cars and created competition for American car companies, that competition helped the Big 3 automakers create better products.

"Today we're as good as any car built in the world. Competition is good and it's healthy. Any of these monopolies (for schools) are destined to be mediocre at best," he said.

Maida also discussed Catholicism in the Detroit area, including the following items:

■ For the 300th anniversary in 2001 of Catholicism in Detroit, beginning when the area was a French fur-trading post, Maida wants parishioners to return to old churches to visit "their spiritual homes" for pil-

grimages and prayer. Historical churches, such as St. Anne's, will be conducting commemorative services, while the Archdiocese will release videos, books and documentaries. Events are in the planning stage, Maida said.

Maida expects that the Archdiocese of Detroit will be joining other denominations and other faiths to celebrate.

■ Maida said balancing needs of the innercity parishes and the suburban ones is difficult. Suburban churches are generally newer and the resources greater

for those communities, while most innercity parishes struggle with poverty and racial injustice, Maida said.

"One of the great challenges is how do you take these resources and make them (suburbanites) aware of the problems like poverty," Maida said. "People of the city may be poor and they may or may not be Catholic, but we can reach out to them and try to help them."

■ The Catholic Church welcomes new technology, such as the Internet, but it will not

replace the one-on-one contact between priest and parishioners. "The Internet is very impersonal, while our faith is very personal, so to that extent, the Internet can only go so far," Maida said.

■ Maida foresees a day when Catholics celebrate the liturgy and possibly sacraments with other faiths.

Maida was asked whether an Episcopalian attending Catholic Mass eventually could receive Holy Communion at those services. "I think we're well on our way in dialogue toward that hap-

pening," Maida said. "We had a wonderful result in discussions with Lutherans in looking at theological problems we had in the past."

"It will be a slow process, it will eventually evolve."

But he added that he didn't know if that would happen in his lifetime. "We would hope that somewhere, somehow we can come around the table of the Lord, because that is the ultimate sign of unity."

"Christ prayed, 'Let's all be one,'" Maida said. "Let's hope so."



Cardinal Adam Maida

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High tech

Auto show is ultra modern with computers and TVs

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Regular visitors to the North American International Auto Show will notice a visible increase in the presence of high tech gadgets in the vehicles and in the displays.

For example, flat-screen TV sets and computer monitors can be seen everywhere but in the bathrooms at the Cobo Center.

The computer monitors, usually with touch-screen controls, are used to convey product information to customers, or, in the case of Polk Co., to conduct an on-site survey of visitors regarding the auto show.

The flat-screen TVs are mounted on pedestals or in the floor. At Isuzu and Nissan exhibits, one can watch the TV while standing on top of it. The Saab exhibit has TVs built into a bartop. Volvo built TVs into the sides of a special car.

The auto show has always conveyed a sense of "Here is the future," but that impression is stronger this year. Ford has even produced three versions of a concept car that is based on the Apple computer. If you could sit in some of these vehicles you'd feel like George Jetson or James T. Kirk.

Regular visitors will likewise notice that the GM has copied Ford in bringing all its brands into a coherent, contiguous

exhibit. "The GM Experience," located upstairs, resembles a museum, what with its display of a 1903 Oldsmobile, a 1957 Chevy and a wall-mounted montage of GM history. Kids will probably enjoy the Yukon exhibit, featuring Disney's Bill Nye the Science Guy and a host of contraptions surrounding a Yukon SUV.

Several manufacturers are touting electric vehicles this year, including Corbin Motors, better known for its custom motorcycle seats. The one-seat Corbin Sparrow is so popular that the company sells them as soon as they're made, said salesman Chuck Gang.

Even the Sparrows on display will be shipped to waiting customers after the show, Gang said.

If you're looking for something to do besides examine the vehicles, a slot car track downstairs will host races during the show, and Michelin has a short 3D movie to show you.

Saturn has a giant, circular fish tank and a display of letters from satisfied customers.

The show is open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, through Saturday, Jan. 22, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23. Admission is free for people up to age 12 (when accompanied by a parent), \$10 for people age 13-64 and \$5 for people age 65 and up. Orders of 24 tickets or less may be purchased through Ticketmaster.

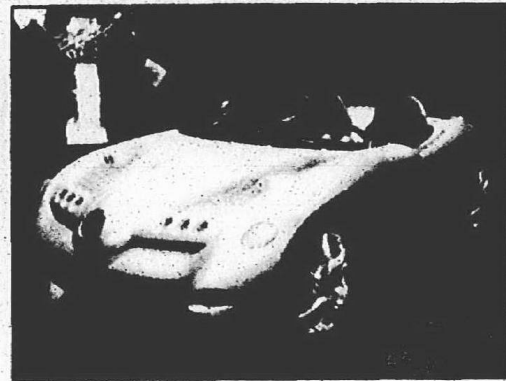


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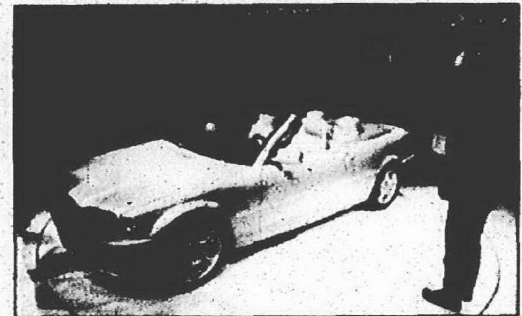
A grand opening: Upper left, Ford president and CEO Jacques Nasser talks about Ford's new Think Group of electric and environmentally friendly cars at the auto show. Above, Ford Motor Co. unveils its Ford 24.7 concept at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Sunday, Jan. 9. "The new Ford Motor Co. will put the Internet on wheels," CEO Jacques Nasser said. "We will do nothing short of transforming our cars and trucks into portals to the Internet."



Outdoor excitement: The Chevrolet Avalanche sport utility vehicle at the General Motors' media preview at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.



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McCotter, Patterson declare Bush clear debate winner

BY MIKE MALOTT
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George W. Bush was the clear winner of Michigan's GOP presidential primary debate, at least according to the party faithful who were on hand to witness the exchange Monday evening at Calvin College in Grand Rapids.

Bush showed "grace under fire," said State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia).

"I endorsed Gov. George Bush in May of 1998," said Rep. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton). "He com-

ported himself well. He is recognized as the front-runner. He is a person who can articulate his ideas. He was the focus of most of the attention during the first hour. I think he handled himself well."

"I thought it was a terrific night for Bush. Bush looked very presidential. He was substantive. He had an effective use of humor. He looked very comfortable," Gov. John Engler said.

But there were those with a different view.

"Those are mostly Bush adher-

ents," Sen. John Schwarz (R-Battle Creek) said. "Definitely, John McCain was the most substantive. Bush ran up some style points. He was looser, less uptight. But when John McCain got a question, he gave a straight answer. If that's what the American people want, style over substance, they can repeal the 22nd Amendment and re-elect Bill Clinton."

All six candidates still in the race for the GOP presidential nomination showed up for the debate, sponsored by the Kent

County Republicans and the state party. They included Texas Gov. Bush, Arizona Sen. McCain, Family Research Council President Gary Bauer, former president of Citizens Against Government Waste and founder of National Taxpayer Action Day Alan Keyes, Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch and Forbes Magazine publisher Steven Forbes.

Before a crowd of 1,200, the candidates were grilled for an hour and a half by Grand Rapids-area reporters, moderator Tim Russert of NBC, Calvin College students and each other.

State a winner

The majority of Republican said there was another obvious winner - the state of Michigan.

The candidates are paying more attention to the state in this year's contest, in large part because of lawmakers' decision to move up Michigan's Republican primary election from late March to Feb. 22. That was evident from the number of Michigan-specific questions asked and answered Monday night.

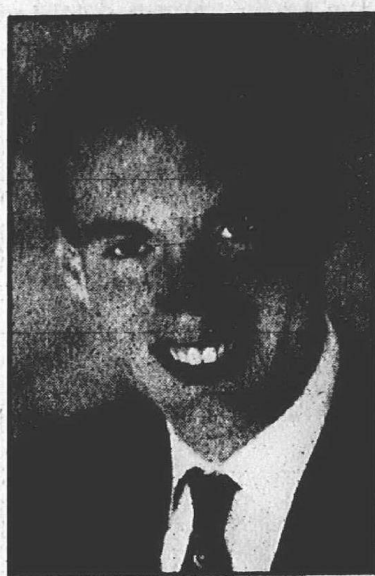
Russert noted that the application of sales taxes to goods bought over the Internet has been an issue in Michigan and pointed out that the state will ask taxpayers to voluntarily claim those purchases with their income taxes this year.

When Forbes said such taxes have already been judged to be illegal by the Supreme Court, Russert asked if Forbes was encouraging Michigan residents to break the law by refusing to pay. The candidate stopped short, saying he did not know the law in Michigan.

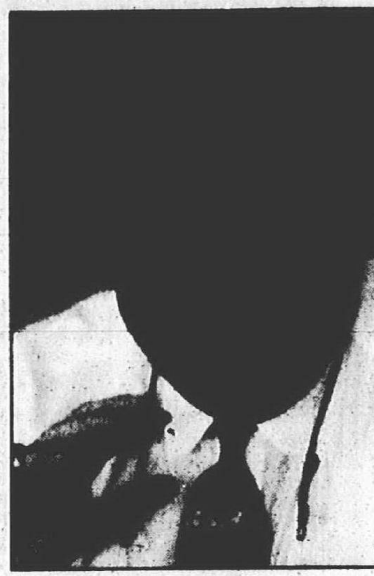
Bauer cited a General Motors plant in Flint which had been closed and reopened in Shanghai. He was leading into a question directed at Forbes about whether Forbes would "worship at the altar of international trade."

As intended, the earlier GOP primary is getting prominence for Michigan voters.

"Michigan's being moved up in the process is the key to these



State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter



State Rep. Bruce Patterson

people paying more attention to us," House Speaker Chuck Perricone said. "We are going to be center stage in February. That was the intent. We will actually have a voice in who the nominee is that is selected. And that is the way it should be."

"The Legislature, in deciding to hold a primary in Michigan in February, has given the state visibility and vitality in this whole primary process. I think we saw that tonight," said Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Nowi).

Schwarz agrees the early primary makes Michigan more important.

"Michigan is going to be one of three or four determining states in the whole country when it comes to who the nominee will be," he said. "If McCain can win in New Hampshire, Michigan is going to be an absolute dog fight, I don't care what the poll numbers say. There is a poll coming out that shows McCain is climbing from 7 percent to 25, while Bush is falling from 71 percent to 50. That's the way I like it."

Again, there is another view.

Democrat view

There were political reasons for moving up the primary, says

state Democratic Party Chairman Mark Brewer.

"They are scared of McCain. They want to provide some comfort to Bush. And that may backfire on them," he said.

Engler has called Michigan a "firewall" for the Bush campaign against early strong showings by McCain. Engler, Cassis noted, has stated that Michigan - the first large, industrialized state to cast ballots this year because of the moved-up primary - will serve to counter the effect if the Arizona senator does better than anticipated in the first two primaries in New Hampshire on Feb. 1 and South Carolina on Feb. 19.

The candidates addressed a variety of topics. Bush touted his tax cutting record and promised tax reductions. McCain said the current budget surplus should be used to pay down the national debt. Forbes criticized Bush's tax cutting effort in Texas.

"It was kind of like what we did with Proposal A. We cut property taxes and raised sales tax to offset it," Garcia concluded. "So most of us saw through that. He (Forbes) did pick out points of it to make his point."

Bill McMaster, a Birmingham resident and the president of Taxpayers United, disagreed. "When Bush talks about his

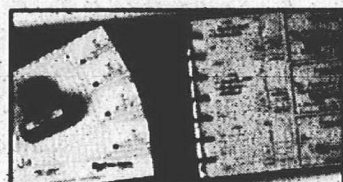
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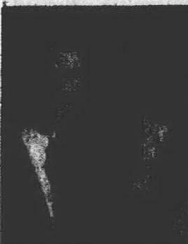
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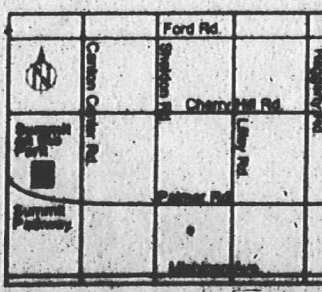
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Ford Motor makes unprecedented donation to arts

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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On the same day last week when the auto industry reported a year of record-breaking sales, Ford Motor Co. made an unprecedented donation to four, regional cultural institutions.

In contrast to the billions in reported year-end corporate revenue, the \$12.7 million gift from the Ford Motor Company Fund might have appeared somewhat paltry.

But there wasn't anyone complaining from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Zoo, Henry Ford Academy and Detroit Science Center, recipients of the auto giant's generosity.

The formal announcement was held Thursday at the Detroit Science Center featuring top executives from Ford, Wayne County, Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and representatives from the recipient organizations.

The DSO and Detroit Zoo will receive \$5 million each, while the science center and Henry Ford Academy will be given \$1.5-million and \$1.2-million, respectively.

The money will support educational programs at the various cultural institutions. A symbol,

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history as being a tax cutter, I don't think he is really being honest," he said. Based on U.S. Department of Labor statistics, McMaster said, "In Texas, total state tax collections increased at a faster rate than any other state last year. Michigan was number two. It is not unlikely that Gov. Bush would find Gov. Engler a willing running mate since they both are on tax and spend sprees."

"Gov. Bush handled that very well," Rep. Susan Tabor (R-Delta Township) said. "He said, 'We cut taxes in the state of Texas and then got re-elected because of it.' And that is really what I think people want to know."

Hatch advocated requiring libraries to install filtering software on their Internet-linked computers to keep pornography out of the hands of children.

"Some people look at that as we are starting to delve into an area of freedom of speech. The difference is that these are our kids. They are not grown ups. They are children. So I think we have to draw a line somewhere," Tabor said.

Cassis noted that Michigan leads the nation on this issue because it has already instituted laws enabling libraries to put filters on computers.

Bush and McCain, prompted by a question from a college student, pledged to avoid negative campaign ads. McCain even walked across to shake hands with Bush when he made the pledge.

"That's fine. Bush believes in the 11th commandment," Engler said. "That doesn't mean they will be blowing each other kisses for the rest of the campaign. There are issues we can talk about. That's not negative. What Forbes has done, however, is put an extra edge on it. I haven't seen his ad. It doesn't go where he went with Bob Dole, but I think we have seen enough of Forbes to conclude he is a repeat offender."

Still, for GOP stalwarts, the night seems to have gone to Bush.

"I think it was George W. Bush. Clearly, he was the target. He stood right there and took all the shots," Perricone said.

"I have a soft spot in my heart for Alan Keyes," McCotter said, while agreeing Bush still won the day. "While (Keyes) can't win, he is allowed to be philosophical instead of presidential."

Democrat Brewer had another view. "The winner tonight? Gary Bauer. He got audience reaction. He was coherent. I thought Bush was under attack all night and on the defensive. But the real message that people will carry away from this is that these people are not talking about issues that are relevant to me. I mean, what does the average American care about gays in the military? What does the average American care about China? They are not talking about the issues the American voters say are important. What about health care? What about education? I have to educate my kids. What about Social Security for me and my parents?"

■ 'It's a gift, contribution and an investment and we expect a return (on our investment). Making connections with the community leads to strong, successful enterprises.'

Jac Nasser
President, Ford Motor Co.

according to Ford Chair William Clay Ford, Jr., of the corporate giant's commitment to providing educational opportunities to the

800,000 school-age kids in the region.

In recent years, corporations have moved away from funding

cultural events toward supporting educational initiatives and community outreach programs.

"It's a gift, contribution and an investment, and we expect a return (on our investment)," said Jac Nasser, president of Ford. "Making connections with the community leads to strong, successful enterprises."

Clearly, positive public relations with the community translates into good business for corporations. Yet dollars from the private sector shouldn't be con-

sidered a substitute for ongoing public funding to support operating budgets for the region's cultural institutions.

"Private funding complements other types of funding," said Peter Cummings, chair of the DSO. "Ford is enabling institutions that are already engaged in outreach (programs) to attain a higher level of service."

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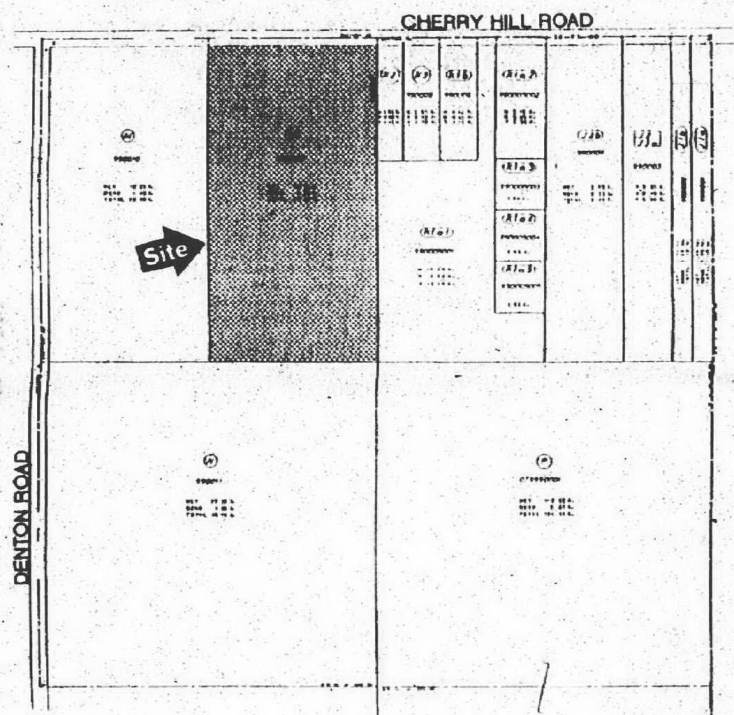
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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AND ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1959 and Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 7, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance:

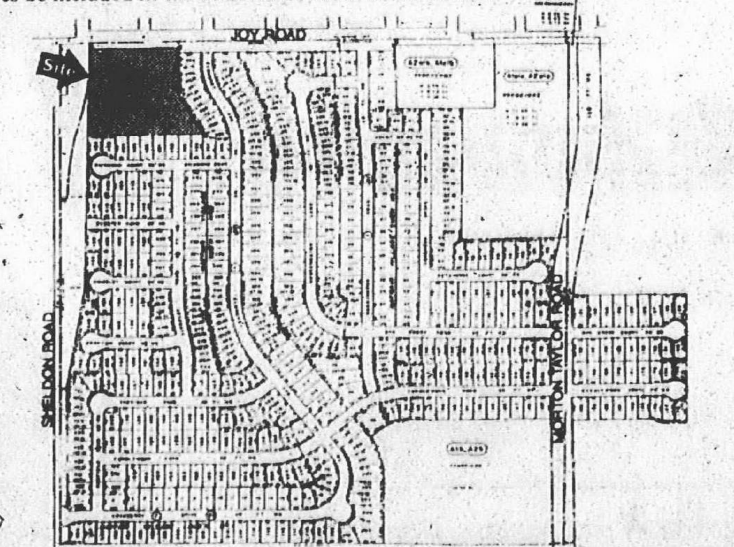
CONSIDER REQUEST FROM R & R DEVELOPMENT TO MODIFY THE MOORE CONSENT JUDGEMENT TO DESIGNATE THE PARCEL ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS "OFFICE SITE NO. 1" FROM ITS CURRENT DESIGNATION ALLOWING FOR UP TO 30 SINGLE FAMILY CONDOMINIUMS TO LOCAL SHOPPING USE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A DRUG STORE ON PARCEL NO. 009 99 0003 001.

R & RMIDWEST FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR PARCEL NO. 009 99 0003 001 FROM MEDIUM-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO LOCAL SHOPPING.

R & RMIDWEST REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 009 99 0003 001 FROM R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL, TO C-1, VILLAGE SHOPPING.

Property is located on the southeast corner of Joy and Sheldon Roads.

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

SHIRLEE HAYS

Services for Shirlee Hays, 64, of Plymouth will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at St. Michael's Church in Canton.

She was born Aug. 7, 1933 in Altoona, Pa. She died Jan. 1 in Colorado Springs, Colo. She was a police dispatcher in Plymouth.

Survivors include her two sons, Bruce Whitley of Plymouth; James B. Hays of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one daughter, Glenda Whitley of Colorado Springs, Colo.; five brothers, James Freeman of Plymouth, Glenn Freeman Jr. of Plymouth, Richard Freeman of Plymouth, Jack Freeman of Plymouth, William Freeman of Plymouth; mother, Esther Freeman of Plymouth; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

ERNEST ADOLPH AHONEN

Services for Ernest Adolph Ahonen, 85, of Plymouth were Jan. 10 at Gramer Funeral Home with the Rev. James Mickelson officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit.

He was born Feb. 24, 1914, in Baltic, Mich. He died Jan. 6 in Cherrywood Nursing Center, Sterling Heights. He attended Painesdale High School. He was a machinist with Burroughs for over 30 years and retired at the age of 62. He enjoyed winters in Florida, golfing, bowling, hunting deer and fishing. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed classical music. He attended monthly luncheons with fellow

retirees from Burroughs.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise. Survivors include his sister, Miriam (Walter) Kyllonen of Troy.

Memorials may be made to Parkinson Foundation or the Painesdale Apostolic Lutheran Church in Painesdale.

GREGORY JON PERRI

Services for Gregory Jon Perri, 37, of Plymouth were Jan. 11 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Mallia officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, Southfield.

He was born March 24, 1962, in Pittsburgh, Pa. He died Jan. 7 in Redford Township. He was a respiratory therapist at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He started his career at Oakwood in high school, and that is where he met his wife, Maureen Llewellyn. He took a medical retirement after he became ill but continued to work as a volunteer at the hospital. He came to the Plymouth community in 1996 from Dearborn. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth. He loved to travel, work with stained glass, work with wood and do crossword puzzles. He loved candy and sweets and enjoyed watching cooking shows on the TV. He often went to the men's retreat at St. Paul of the Cross in Detroit.

Survivors include his wife, Maureen L. of Plymouth; mother and step-father, Karen J.

(James) Aiello of Redford; father, Fred Perri of Battle Creek, sister, Beth (Tim) Holme of Redford; brother, Kevin (Tamara) Perri of Dearborn; parents-in-law, Margaret and Robert Llewellyn of Rapid City, Mich.; six nieces; and three nephews.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

THEODORE A. FORTIN

Services for Theodore A. Fortin, 83, of Plymouth will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Steven Schafer officiating.

He was born Dec. 22, 1917, in Highland Park, Mich. He died Jan. 1 in Elgin, Ill. He retired December 1979 from General Motors Corp., Fisher Body Fleetwood Division, Detroit. He came to the Plymouth community in 1978 from Livonia. He was a member of the U.A.W. in Livonia. He loved golf and watching sports on TV. He also enjoyed traveling, especially going south for the winter. He was a handyman and enjoyed having a project to do.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Shannon Billings. Survivors include his wife, Frances of Plymouth; one daughter, Carol of Plymouth; one son, Dean of Portland; one brother, Bernard (Barney) Fortin of Clinton Township; and one granddaughter, Jennifer Braver of St. Charles, Ill.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association of

Michigan.

DORIS E. MCTURNER

Services for Doris E. McTurner, 62, of Plymouth were Jan. 8 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with pastor Phil Rogers officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

She was born April 17, 1937, in Garden City. She died Jan. 6 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker. She was a bookkeeper for L&M Trucking (owned by Doris and W.C. McTurner). She also was a cashier at Danny's for 10 years. After Danny's she was a cashier at Beyer Rexall Drugs in Plymouth. She lived in Plymouth her whole life. She loved and was devoted to her family. She enjoyed bingo, arts and crafts, and square dancing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, W.C. McTurner; and one brother, Robert Glass. Survivors include her four daughters, Roxanne (Ronald) Gill of Canton, Judy (James) Gagleard of Canton, Jacqueline (Jeffrey) Horton of Plymouth, Pamela (Ronald) Ryan of Plymouth; one son, William (Jody) McTurner of Canton; four sisters, Carol Lilley of Westland, Irma James of Florida, Dorothy Lee of Plymouth, Donna White of Plymouth; four brothers, Wayne Glass of Livonia, Carl Glass of Canton, Gary Glass of Ypsilanti, Ronald Glass of Arizona; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Individualized Home Nursing Care Hospice, 3003 Washtenaw, Suite 2, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., January 27, 2000 for the following:

PURCHASE, LEASE/PURCHASE OR LEASE OF EIGHTY GOLF CARS WITH TOPS

Bid specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bidder name, address and phone no., date and time of bid opening. Canton Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed bids will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. Bids must be enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the bidder's name, address and phone no., date and time of bid opening and be received no later than **3:00 p.m., Thursday, February 3, 2000**, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

Water Main installation on Lilley Road, south of Joy Road. Improvements to include clearing and grubbing, installing 150 lineal feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main, Class 54 pipe, connection to existing water mains, abandonment of existing water main, installation of new fire hydrant, and restoration.

Bid documents are available to pick up at Canton Township Administration Building, Finance & Budget, 3rd Floor at the following address: A nonrefundable fee of \$10.00 will be charged for the bid packet. Any questions in regards to the bids can be directed to Public Works, (734) 397-5405.

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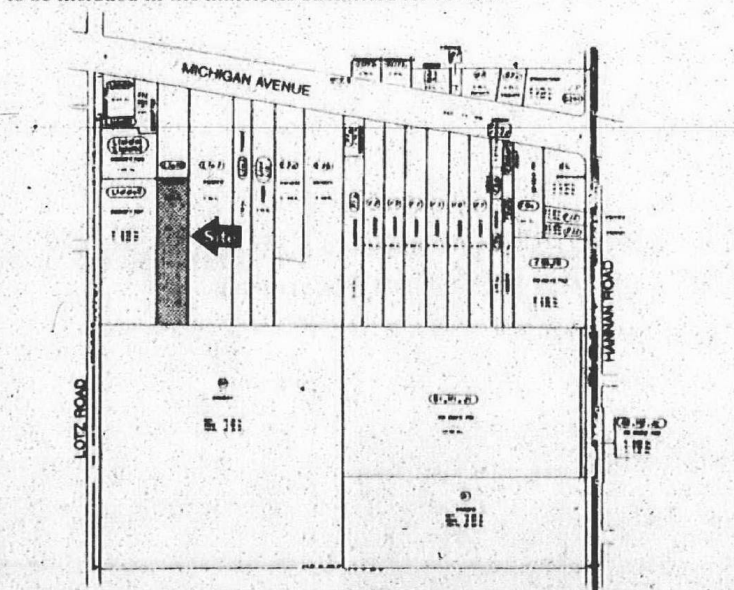
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MCDONALDS/DEMBS ROTH REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE THE SOUTH 796.38 FEET OF PARCEL NO. 141 99 0028 000 FROM C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL, TO LI-2, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL. Property is located on the south side of Michigan Avenue between Lotz and Hannan Roads.

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., January 27, 2000 for the following:

THERMAL IMAGING SYSTEM

Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. 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.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BIDS

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Housing Rehabilitation: Three (3) single-family detached homes Each project must be bid separately. A bond is required for any separate bid of \$25,000 or more.

Questions may be directed to Resource Development Division, (734) 397-5392. This program is funded by CDBG, Department of HUD. Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to reject any and 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.

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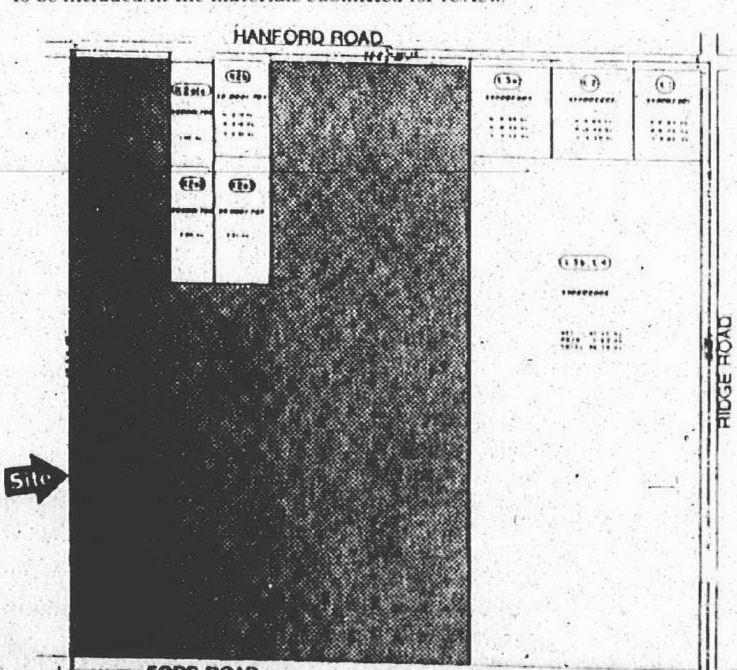
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BERRY/SINGH REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 028 99 0001 001 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL, TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the south side of Hanford Road between Ridge and Napier Roads.

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Rouge River cleanup may receive new federal money

By KEN ABRAMCZYK
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The Rouge River may be the beneficiary of more federal money to help remove pollutants and improve the river's quality.

The Rouge was named as one of eight Michigan lakes and rivers and 31 areas of concern in the Great Lakes region that would benefit from President Bill Clinton's proposed \$80 million effort to clean up the most polluted waterways in the Great Lakes watershed.

The money was announced Monday as part of Clinton's proposed 2001 budget, expected to be released in its entirety on Feb. 7. That budget year begins Oct. 1.

While the money still must be approved by Congress, it was

welcome news to state environmental officials and supporters of the Rouge cleanup, who are concerned about the future of federal funding for the cleanup.

Cathy Bean, coordinator of the Rouge River remedial action plan for the state Department of Environmental Quality's surface water quality division, was surprised because there were recent discussions and concerns expressed about the future of the RAP.

If the money is approved, Bean would like to see it earmarked toward removing river sediments near the Ford Rouge plant in Dearborn. "There's been years and years of heavy industrial discharges, creating sediment and presenting problems for the fisheries and fish swimming upstream," Bean said.

DEQ officials have discussed creating a fish ladder in Dearborn to assist the fisheries efforts on the Rouge and its tributaries, and a sediment cleanup would help with those efforts, Bean said.

Discharges from the Ford plant aren't "as bad as they were in the early 1900s," Bean said, and Ford officials have expressed interest in cleaning up the Rouge plant, including land along the Rouge River.

Local communities in the Rouge watershed in Oakland and Wayne counties may want the money to control and study stormwater runoff and water quality improvements. Under Clinton's proposal, the Environmental Protection Agency would provide \$50 million to state and local governments. They would

propose projects and have to fund at least 40 percent of their cost, meaning the total spent would equal about \$80 million.

Bean thought there would be Clean Michigan Initiative monies available for stormwater runoff improvements. Michigan voters approved that money in 1998 for brownfield cleanups and

water quality improvements.

"I'd really like to see the sediment taken care of and get more habitat created," Bean said.

Other Michigan "areas of concern" named on the list were the Clinton River, Deer Lake in the Upper Peninsula, the Kalamazoo River, the Manistique River, Torch Lake in the Keweenaw

Peninsula, White Lake in Muskegon County and Muskegon Lake in Muskegon County. These areas of concern were identified in 1987 by the International Joint Commission, a U.S.-Canada binational organization charged with water quality oversight in boundary waters.

Workshop will explore soil erosion issue

Builders, developers, engineers, local government officials and community organizations who work in communities in the Rouge River watershed can participate at a workshop Feb. 8 on soil erosion and sedimentation issues at the Northfield Hilton in Troy.

Sponsored by the Department of Environmental Quality, the Rouge Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Group and 25 additional organizations, the

workshop will review state soil erosion requirements and the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System storm water permit for construction activities.

Participants will learn about environmentally friendly site plans, communication tools and activities. Other topics are good sedimentation design, creative control techniques, alternatives for problem sites, how to save money and regulatory enforce-

ment.

Leading suppliers of soil erosion control equipment and related products will be on hand to showcase services.

Cost of the workshop is \$50, which includes continental breakfast, lunch, workshop materials and entrance into exhibits. For information or to register, contact the DEQ's Environmental Assistance Center at 1-800-662-9278.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2000

Let's talk about it

Youth ideas deserve hearing

The question of whether the city of Plymouth is "youth-friendly" is currently being debated around town.

And this despite the best efforts of some city commissioners not to discuss it at all.

Commissioner Michele Potter has tried, without success, to get the five ideas of the Plymouth Youth Forum before the commission for some sort of consideration, if not action. The Plymouth Youth Forum, you'll recall, was formed several months ago after a youngster was ticketed for allegedly obstructing a downtown sidewalk. That wasn't the only issue, but it was the genesis of the forum.

Potter came closest at the last commission meeting, when members seemed to agree only two of the five proposals should even be discussed by the city. For education purposes, we present the five recommendations one more time:

n Developing an education program designed to encourage youth to serve on not-for-profit boards and policy-making commissions.

n Encouraging the 35th District Court to look at the differences in laws relating to youth.

n Endorsing the concept of a community skate park.

n Asking the school district to keep Central Middle School open 3-9 p.m. five or six days a week.

n Consider ways to keep Kellogg Park open past its current 10 p.m. closing time.

At its last meeting, commissioners appeared to be in agreement that the only two of those five recommendations the commission should consider were the first and last. The last is certainly the easiest and appears to be favored by most of the commission.

But listen to Mayor Dave McDonald talking about the first one, putting youth on boards and commissions:

"The charter prohibits us from appointing

youth to boards and commissions, and even if it didn't, I wouldn't appoint them because of past experience. Attendance is usually sporadic, and they lose interest."

There are a couple of things wrong with the mayor's argument: No. 1, there's nothing in the charter that prohibits youth from having a non-voting role, and there's certainly nothing wrong with taking their opinions into account. No. 2, it's our experience that, given an active, important role in something, today's youth is largely energetic and supportive.

Perhaps McDonald's assessment will turn out to be prophetic if the commission gives youth nothing but window dressing. Appear to give them a role, then turn a deaf ear to anything they have to say, and interest will certainly — and rightly — wane.

Actually allow them to play a part, assess their opinions with a willing ear and an open mind, and we believe commission members will be pleasantly surprised by what their own youngsters have to say.

Why throw out the other three recommendations without regard? Sure, the skate park has liability and level-of-use issues, but that doesn't make it a bad idea. Extending the hours at Central Middle School is already in the works, though not at the behest of the commission.

And why isn't the idea of encouraging the 35th District Court to take a look at the laws worthy of commission consideration? Because they don't have "jurisdiction"? What would prohibit Mayor McDonald from penning a simple letter to the court, with the wording of a resolution simply asking the court to consider the idea?

Potter's request needs to be part of the commission agenda. We think several of the Youth Forum recommendations have merit, but perhaps we're wrong. Without healthy, public debate, we'll never know, will we?

King Day deserves proper respect

U.S. Rep. John Lewis spoke at the University of Michigan Monday as Raoul Wallenberg lecturer and medalist.

As a young man, Lewis was one of the central figures in the civil rights movement of the 1960s. The son of a poor south Alabama sharecropper, Lewis founded the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee. Lewis felt the blows from Sheriff Jim Clark's night-stick and spent many nights in Southern jails.

Yet over time he learned to forgive his oppressors, and he has continued to contribute to society as a distinguished congressman from Atlanta, Ga.

On Monday we celebrate the courage of John Lewis and his fellow "revolutionaries" in the civil rights movement by marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.

Many "holidays" are designated with the best of intentions. On Memorial Day, we are admonished to remember those who died in battle defending the principles our country represents. On Independence Day, we are urged to remember those founders who chose liberty over tyranny. On Labor Day, we are supposed to pay homage to the working person and the struggle for economic justice.

As we all know, Memorial Day is the first good day to hit the beach, Independence Day means a barbecue and fireworks, and Labor Day is the last good day to hit the beach.

In this racially divided and often antagonistic metro area, it is especially important that

we don't let this holiday lose its meaning. It is important that our communities and schools take time to offer programs that draw our attention to what has been accomplished and what still needs to be accomplished.

Livonia is holding its fifth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day program Monday at Stevenson High School. The program's sponsors, People of Livonia Addressing Issues of Diversity (PLAID), have the right idea about what should be done to mark this important day.

This year's theme is "Many Peoples — One World," and the programs are meant to stimulate the thinking of students and adults about diversity and cooperation in a troubled world. High school choirs will sing. Middle-school students have written essays.

Though we have a long way yet to go to right wrongs and change hearts, Rep. Lewis would offer some encouragement that we have come a long way. He told the audience that when young blacks tell him they don't think the '60s accomplished anything since nothing changed, "I say to them, let me take you back to the South in the 1940s and '50s and then tell me things haven't changed."

He summed up his view of what he and his compatriots accomplished, "We led a revolution of values, a revolution of ideas. We live in a better country. We are a better people."

That deserves remembrance and celebration.

GEOFF BROOKS



LETTERS

Opinions are to be shared: We welcome your ideas, that's why we offer this space for your opinions. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity we ask that you provide a contact telephone number and if mailing or faxing a letter, please sign it. Letters can be mailed to: Brad Kadrich, 794 South Main, Plymouth, MI 48170, faxed to Brad at (734) 459-4224 or emailed to bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net.

Rude treatment

This note is intended for the owner of Three Brothers restaurant in Plymouth:

Thank you for the way I was treated in your restaurant — very poorly.

You should take a few tips from Station 885 on how to treat your customers.

Iva Kaminsky
West Bloomfield

Don't tolerate prejudice

I have been following the recent outbreak of prejudice that has struck Plymouth-Canton.

As a future teacher I am outraged that children's rights can be violated so easily because of the fear of a small group of people.

As teachers and community members, we should all be irate. It is a teacher's job to protect the rights of ALL students. It is not relevant if you approve morally of a student's choice.

It is a teacher's job to create a safe environment where all students "can learn and succeed."

Yes, this means African American, Asian, Catholic, Jewish, gay or straight. In a public school especially, it is important to support diversity.

We do not have to teach "gay" issues to let students know that school is a safe place.

Do we not know that intolerance breeds intolerance? Are we not aware that all students deserve, have the right, to express themselves?

Teachers, you are bound to protect all students. If a student walked into your room and called a black student a racial slur, the child calling names would be disciplined, even suspended.

Why do we tolerate gender or sexual orientation bashing? Do we think this is OK? Obviously, listen to how many times your students say, "That's gay" or "faggot" in one day, not to mention other insults.

This prejudice is here because we allow it, tolerate it (and if Mr. Walcott had stayed on) endorsed it. To ignore that kind of behavior is to endorse it.

Do not fool yourself, you are a part of the problem if you ignore it in your home or class-

room.

Stand up for the rights of children, all children, it is your job, no, your duty to encourage diversity. You don't have to teach anything — but tolerance.

It only takes a few people to not tolerate prejudice, to not live in the fear and to encourage the rights of children to express themselves freely to change the social consciousness of the world. Let it start here.

Sheena Harris
Former Plymouth-Canton student and employee

Poor judgment

In the Community Life section of the Dec. 30 paper, the Observer ran a story about "home-brewers," those who legally brew their own beer in the confines of their home.

At the same time, who knows how many drunken drivers killed and maimed innocent lives across this country on New Year's Eve.

Not only that, the millions of broken homes, many in our own beloved community, increase daily due to the ugly curse of strong drink.

Perhaps the article will likely induce someone to try this wicked home-brewing practice and, down the line, another home is ruined beyond repair, those with beaten wives and terrified children.

Maybe next week, the Observer can obtain the services of a home-growing marijuana expert or even better, a crack addict can explain in detail how to cut the rock and smoke it in the correct manner.

How about a heroin junkie explaining just the proper way to find that best vein where the possibly contaminated needle can rightly be stuck?

The list goes on. This was extremely poor judgment of management at the Observer. Shame on you! The next alcohol-related tragedy could be on your hands.

The Voice of Reason,

Steve Jeffers
Westland

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

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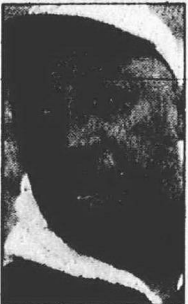
"(We just bought) basically water, so we'll just drink it."

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"I had an idea nothing was going to happen."

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"I really didn't get too many supplies."

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POINTS OF VIEW

Life isn't so fleeting that it can't just end one sunny day

BY CYNTHIA RICH
GUEST COLUMNIST

The pavement is smooth and empty in the mid-afternoon light. Realization of what is happening . . . of what has just happened . . . has not yet arrived, and I watch the uniformed officer darting into the middle of the intersection in a haze. This is a busy intersection. And he's running after a scrap of paper, less than an inch long, with a date scrawled on it — a piece of paper that has just been pulled out of my hands by the wind.

I'm looking in Sarah's purse for her license — she's holding her mouth, red staining her hands. Shaking, I pull out the small card, remembering — was it only weeks ago? — when we

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had gone to the bank, and she had made every effort not to let me see her picture. It doesn't matter anymore.

There's glass everywhere, and noises, and I know it. But I can't hear any of them. The numb, shocking silence came with the impact — at least that's what I assume — and is receding slowly, allowing me only waves of sound, louder and louder, like the ripples in a pond. But it was no stone that hit us.

A truck is parked at the side of the street. Only seconds ago — or was it minutes, or hours? I looked up to see that truck barreling toward me. Not the car, not the passenger side, not my door — me. And now it rests,

empty, unreal, but decidedly solid, and deserted. And there is Sarah's car, in the middle of the intersection, surrounded by the glass of my window and puddles of eerily bright engine fluids. It's crushed.

They take us to the ambulance, have us sit down, cleaning Sarah up and giving her an ice pack for her bleeding lip. They ask us questions, over and over. How old are you? Are you sisters? Name? Address? Phone number? Parents?

There's confusion. We realize our books are still in the car and I get out, the strong, uninjured one, wondering if I can walk, wondering if the shaking will keep me from moving. I ask the tow truck driver if he can help me. The little blue Neon's already up, diagonal, comically positioned

for its trip to the next destination. He pops the trunk, and I gather all I can — a PreCalc book, and then another, and a Chemistry book, then more, until my trembling arms are piled with reminders of reality. This must be a nightmare.

Only the books are real. "I've seen people walk away from worse than this," he says, appearing to think it will comfort me. I smile outwardly and grimace inside. What sort of comfort is that?

The last thing I see of Sarah's car as it's pulled away is the tie-died Beanie Baby in the back window. It looks so alone. I turn and return to the ambulance with my armload, thankful that, unlike the solitary Beanie Baby, at least Sarah and I have each other. They take us to the emer-

gency room, then, because we're minors, and we wait there for our parents. Sarah's aunt gets there, and then my mom, and I leave with the promise of a phone call from Sarah. Her last words are ones I've heard an almost infinite number of times from her swollen mouth the past hours: "Are you sure you're OK? I'm sorry . . . I'm so sorry."

The thing is, it wasn't her fault. The big truck — the one I looked up to see and still shudder to remember — was running a red light. My point? I'm not sure. But he was a teenager, too.

I guess what I'm really doing is sending out a cry to my own generation. When we're behind the wheel of a car, nobody can keep us from destroying life — both our own

and the lives of others. We need to take the initiative. We need to do the right thing. We need to be careful.

Something really big happened that day — something so big that a man could run into the middle of an intersection after something as insignificant as a scrap of paper. That something could have been prevented.

Please, be careful. Drive safely. And never take for granted the life that you have. Just like that . . . one sunny afternoon . . . it could be taken away.

Cynthia Rich is a Canton resident and student at Salem High School. The accident occurred in October at the intersection of Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads. Rich says everyone has recovered.

Changes to transform Metro into world-class airport

(Second of two columns on the future of Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport.)

Lots of predictions have been made for the new millennium. But here's a truth. Early in this new century of ours, metro Detroit is slated to open a world-class airport.

A new terminal, a new four-mile, six-lane airport roadway and a fourth runway all will take off late in the year 2001.

Actually, Metro Airport is steadily improving its service, ambiance and cleanliness. But a facility built in the '60s to handle 800,000 passengers a year, despite expansions, is inadequate to fully service 30 million travelers annually. Airport director Dave Katz proudly took me along the new road, pointed out the new runway and got us pretty close to the steel outlines of the new Midfield Terminal.

Then we went atop the control tower, from which the airport appears

as a tale of two cities. To the north the three current terminals, parking deck and roadways are a hub of activity and color. To the south, stark construction cranes, steel beams, trucks, temporary buildings, a traffic-less road and a huge mountain of cement are the promise of tomorrow.

Right now what will eventually be a mile-long building featuring 99 gates, 18 luggage carousels, an 11,000-space parking garage (largest in the world) and an automated people mover is a huge construction site.

"It's the biggest single construction project the state has ever been involved with," Katz says. "It has its own cement plant."

Northwest Airlines has the lead



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role in the new terminal, as part of a public/private partnership with Wayne County. When it opens, Northwest will move its entire operation out of the International, Davey and Smith terminals.

The statistics are mind-boggling: The terminal contains 104 ticketing positions, a state-of-the-art baggage handling system (sure to be a most scrutinized aspect), and a Federal Inspection Service facility to handle 3,200 passengers an hour.

A connecting link to its East Concourse includes a 19,000-square-foot WorldClub and 15 shops and restaurants. The concourse itself hosts 66 jet gates including 10 international gates, 31 shops and restaurants, two smaller WorldClubs and an Automated People Mover.

A pedestrian tunnel with moving walkways connects the East to the West Concourse, with its eight jet gates, 25 commuter gates, a dozen shops and food concessions, and a

fourth, even smaller, WorldClub (3,200 square feet).

What about amenities such as public art, kids' playground, and overall ambiance?

All still up in the air (pun intended), but Katz gave me some clues. "We are looking to tell the Detroit story." So murals dedicated to Detroit's history in the fields of manufacturing, civil rights, sports, entertainment and corporations may well adorn its walls.

Restaurants and specialty shops could be part of a Woodward Avenue stage set. Instead of awarding an overall contract to only one or two concessionaires, officials are offering individual contracts to create a blend of stores and eateries with a local theme.

He promises a children's play area, which he also is looking to install somewhere in the current terminals. We didn't talk about it, but no doubt you'll see a business center, more extensive than the new Laptop Lane — a series of technology-equipped cubi-

cles plus conference area available for rent in the Smith Terminal.

Speaking of the Smith, what happens to the older terminals when Northwest moves out? Katz hopes other airlines will take over most of the gates. "If each of our 16 current carriers took one-two more gates, that would about do it," he said. "We have the capability of adding 300 more flights per day."

The added runway makes that possible. "Of all the projects we're doing, that's the most significant," he says. It will give Metro six runways, including two east-west.

For metro Detroiters, tired of having their airport labeled the worst in the nation, all of this will come about none too soon.

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Candidates miss the big picture

Republican presidential candidates George W. Bush, John McCain and the four dwarves went at it Monday night in Grand Rapids.

The event kicked off in earnest the presidential primary season in Michigan. Republicans vote Feb. 22 in a primary election, while the Democrats gather in caucuses on March 11.

Presented with the opportunity to cover a big-time national story, the Michigan news media fell all over themselves in trying to out do their national brethren in pontificating about the big questions. Can the charismatic insurgent McCain overcome all of Bush's money and institutional support from Gov. John Engler on down? Can Bush take a punch? Is Bush smart enough to know he's been hit? Is Michigan really a firewall for Bush in the event he loses the primary in New Hampshire?

I'd add one. Is all we are doing merely rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic?

Look at it this way. We are plop in the middle of the greatest surge of technological change since the Industrial Revolution in the 18th century. The Internet is a present reality, and the enormous range and scope of future innovations stemming from the application of information technology are sure to bring fundamental changes to our entire society.

Yet are these the questions the news media pose and the candidates debate? Perish the thought! Instead the political system contents itself with petty arguments about piddling subjects: Taxes (to cut or not to cut), subsidies to ethanol (of interest only to Iowa farmers), abortion (which is on the way down, anyway), family values (everybody, including Hillary, is running away from Clinton) and so on.

Great political leaders have always had the capacity to look over the horizon and focus attention on the big issues that might not be so apparent at the time but which eventually shake the roots of societies. Ronald Reagan concentrated on Russia and the Cold War. Franklin Roosevelt reconstructed America in the wake of the Great Depression. Winston Churchill early saw the danger of Hitler.

I believe the next decade is going to be as revolutionary and creative as any period in American history. And I think a presidential campaign that ignores these issues is a sad and wasteful exercise in futility.

Here are just a few questions Michigan voters might want to raise with presidential candidates.

■ Taxes. E-commerce was the big winner this Christmas season. Most sales over the Internet are not taxed. But most states and some cities rely on some form of sales tax. What's going to happen when governors and mayors discover their tax base is being lost to untaxed Internet commerce? A national sales tax, almost certainly. This, in turn, will provoke a complete re-



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ting of the relations between cities, states and the federal government.

■ Safety net. Certainly, saving Social Security is important, but in the age of the Internet, access to information technology is going to be as fundamental a need as a fixed income on retirement. Should everybody be guaranteed access to the Web as a right, like Social Security?

■ Education. The basic technologies of teaching and learning — lectures, note taking and reading — are all survivals of the Middle Ages. The Internet and information technology are opening the door for fundamental rethinking of the ways children and adults learn. We have yet to start talking about the consequences for our entire system of education.

■ Government. A persistent problem in late 20th century advanced countries is the inefficiency of governments in delivering services to taxpayers, coupled with confusion about the proper responsibilities of our three-layered (local, state and federal) system of government. Why stand in line for hours to get your license renewed when you can get it done in seconds on the Internet? Why rush to file your income tax return at midnight on April 15 when you can file instantaneously on the Web?

■ Politics. Citizens are increasingly cynical about the political system. Voter turnout is low and getting lower. Certainly, there is room for debate about the ways special interest money infests our politics. But could information technology sweep aside the secret deals and revitalize citizen involvement in the political process? Or will the Internet merely open the door for a scary sort of mobocracy?

I doubt well-scripted sound bites or carefully programmed candidates will be able to handle these and other similarly far-reaching questions. But they desperately need to be asked.

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Democrats use caucus to pick candidate

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If local voters sometimes find presidential primary politics confusing, there is a reason. Just casting your vote in the upcoming Michigan ballot can be an intricate process.

The state's primary will be split this year, with Republicans participating in an "open primary" election Feb. 22. The primary operates like any other election. Voters just have to remember to register by Jan. 24.

Democrats have a much more complicated process for selecting their candidate - Vice President Al Gore or former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley. They'll host caucuses on March 11.

Democrats across the state will gather in local meeting halls across the state for "Iowa style" caucus sessions. Beginning at 11 a.m., the party will hold meetings asking members to vote by raising their hands. An old-fashioned round the room count will tally the results. The caucuses are expected to take no more than two hours, according to party officials.

For the first time this year, Democrats will be able to vote by mail, much like using an absentee ballot. Once they've voted by mail, they cannot attend a caucus session.

Local caucus sites

Wayne County
VFW Post 345
27345 Schoolcraft Road, Redford
(for Redford Township)

Livonia Library Auditorium
3300 Civic Center Drive, Livonia
(for the City of Livonia, 11th Congressional District portion)

Plymouth Cultural Center
525 Farmer, Plymouth
(Livonia, 13th Congressional portion; Canton Township; Northville; Northville Township; Plymouth; Plymouth Township)

Wayne Public Library
3737 W. Wayne Road, Wayne
(for Wayne)

Maplewood Community Center
31735 Maplewood, Garden City

(for Garden City, Dearborn Heights, 13th Congressional portion)

Marshall Middle School
35100 Bayview, Westland
(for Westland)

Inkster Recreation Center
2025 Middlebelt Road, Inkster
(for Inkster, Romulus)

Sheraton Community Center
12111 Pardee Road, Taylor
(for the entire 16th Congressional portion of Wayne County)

Oakland County
Farmington Hills City Hall
City Council Chambers
31555 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills
(for the cities of Farmington Hills, Farmington, Novi, Northville and South Lyon, Lyon and Novi townships)

Voters don't have to be members of the Democratic Party to participate, they must only be willing to declare themselves to be Democrats.

The purpose behind the caucus

is to eliminate "crossover" voting, where members of one party vote in the other party's primary to "cause mischief," according to Democratic State Party Chairman Mark Brewer. They run up

■ 'Democrats should not participate in raiding. We don't like it where people can crossover like that.'

Mark Brewer

Democratic State Party Chairman

numbers for a weaker candidate.

If the purpose of a primary is to select the best candidate from that party, such "raiding" should not be allowed, Brewer said.

"Our official policy is that we discourage it. Democrats should not participate in raiding. We don't like it where people can crossover like that," he said.

The last time Democrats participated in a presidential primary election in Michigan was 1992, when voters were required to declare their party preference. Without that declaration, the Democratic National Committee has concluded that state parties should use caucuses rather than elections, state party Communications Director Dennis Denno explained.

Once voters cast their votes for their favorite candidates, delegates to the Democratic National Convention will be apportioned on a percentage basis from the local congressional districts.

according to the results on May 6 and for the state as a whole on May 20.

All told, the state will send 157 delegates, 22 alternates and 18 convention committee members off to the national convention in Los Angeles this August.

To vote by mail, Democrats must fill out an application. Forms are available through local party organizations or by contacting the state office by phone at (517) 371-5410, by fax at (517) 371-2056, or by sending a letter to 606 Townsend, Lansing, MI 48933.

Applications can also be obtained by e-mail at MIDEPARTY@aol.com, or on the party Web site at www.mi-democrats.com.

Ballots must be returned by March 10.

To vote in person, Democrats must go the caucus meeting for their area. Registration that day will begin at 10 a.m.

County begins campaign for Census 2000

Wayne County commissioners will be encouraging public participation in the U.S. Census through activities and programs designed to increase public awareness.

Wayne County Commissioner Christopher Cavanagh, who chairs the commission's subcommittee on Census 2000, unveiled a new decal Tuesday to be used to urge residents to participate in the census.

The decal uses a "Census Count" logo with a check mark and reminds residents "Don't Be Left Out." It will be used on correspondence and distributed at public gatherings.

Cavanagh said a full count is important because the federal government uses census figures to distribute more than \$100 billion every year to local governments for roads, housing, schools, senior and youth programs and community services.

"After computers, the true test of Y2K readiness will be ensuring the full participation of residents in the census," Cavanagh said. "A full and accurate count is essential to starting off the new millennium in the right way."

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Living happily ever after has ripple effect

Recent research shows that couples who stay married are more likely to raise children who hit fewer teen land mines, and more importantly, become healthy, productive adults themselves.

In a book called "Living Happily Ever After" by Wagner, Rausser and Collier, couples who have been married 30 to 60 years talk about what has kept them together. Their stories should inspire all of us.

Helma and Benno Schneider overcame incredible obstacles by escaping from a German concentration camp and lived in a forest for a year, only to then learn that 123 people in Benno's family had been killed by the Germans. Helma says the overriding principle for their marriage is, "We don't live for each other, we live with each other."

Another couple talked about a ritual they had of sitting together on the edge of the bed each morning and talking about what they were thinking or feeling. Peggy, the wife, reports that she needs to tell her husband her feelings, not waiting until it's gotten to the point where she is so hurting and so self-protecting that her anger frightens him. John, her husband, says he likes this method because it gets the problem "aired" before it gets to the stage "where I used to slip to the side and disappear."

Emmanuel and Sylvia Siegel have been married 64 years. Today, he has to dress, cook and clean her because of a stroke she had six years ago. But Emmanuel says that one of the secrets of long-term marriages is to do something to make the other person happy all the time.

"I don't do it so that she's better to me in bed or anything, I do it because I love her." Another couple explained that compromises *must* be made by both parties if the marriage is going to work.

Many years ago, one of my clients made a poignant comment about

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Harry Potter – friend or foe?

Have you gotten wrapped up in the latest trend of mystery novels — J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" series? So far, the series includes "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," and the latest installment "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban."

Do you think the books are a way to promote reading among young people, or do they show too strong a connection to sorcery or witchcraft?

Whether you're a fan or foe of the series, and you live in Wayne County (particularly: Garden City, Westland, Livonia, Redford, Plymouth or Canton), please contact Stephanie Angelyn Casola to discuss the books for an upcoming article. Call before Friday, Jan. 21, at the Observer Newspapers. Call (734) 953-2130 or e-mail scasola@oe.homecomm.net



Prison visits renew inmates spirits

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

There's no mistaking the identity of the Robert Scott Correctional Facility, a multi-level security women's prison in Northville Township, an area of expensive subdivisions and open fields.

The 35-acre site on Five Mile and Beck Roads is surrounded by three 12-foot fences topped with razor-ribbon wire, gun towers and electronic detection systems. Armed staff constantly patrol the road that wraps around the facility's perimeter.

June Clark of Plymouth, a prison ministry volunteer, has been there many times.

She still remembers a cold Christ-

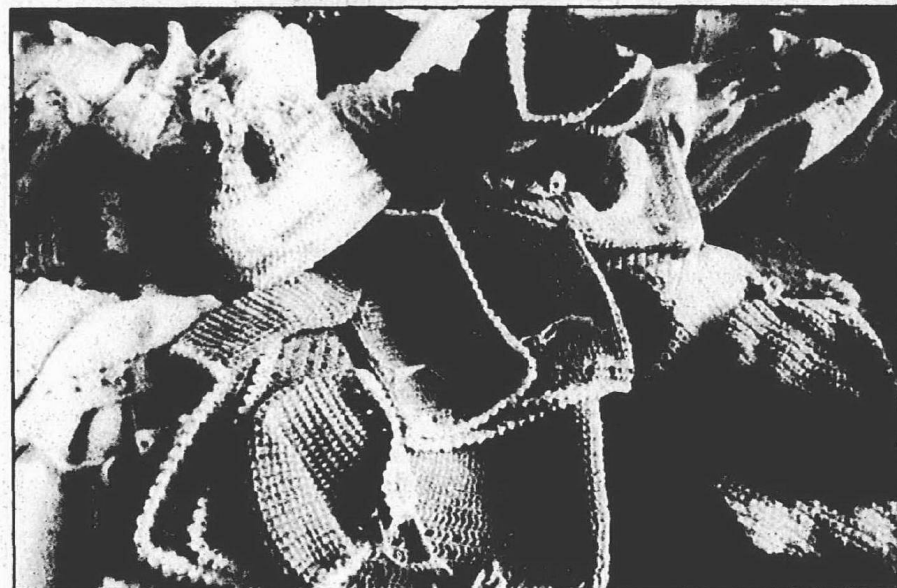


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mas Eve several years ago when she set out from an office Christmas party to visit an inmate at Scott. Although she had visited other inmates at other times, this was different. This was Christmas.

"I got in my car and started for the prison. Then it hit me like a splash of cold water. I said, 'What can I say to this woman (inmate)?' I can't say Merry Christmas or Happy New Year. She's in for life."

Clark began her prison ministry 10 years ago. Through her late husband, Jim, she met the Rev. Art Lovely, a Jesuit priest at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Detroit who visit-



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

For baby: This collage of crocheted baby clothes comes from the talents of the inmates involved in the lap robe program at the Robert Scott Correctional Facility. Left, June Clark of Plymouth, a prison ministry volunteer, displays an afghan made by an inmate. Clark manages the prison's lap robe program.

ed the Wayne County jail every day, walking the half dozen long city blocks.

"He was bent over and stooped with osteoporosis, and he had bad legs and feet, but he walked every day," she said.

Lovely encouraged Clark to become a prison ministry volunteer. Through the Archdiocese of Detroit's prison program, she began three days of training at Sacred Heart Seminary. She has never regretted her decision.

"They told me, 'if you're looking for a pat on the back, don't go into prison ministry. You'll never see the fruits of

your labor.' If people ever knew the joy I've experienced, they'd be beating down the door at Scott's."

Soon Clark was visiting prisoners, both men and women, in facilities across the state, concentrating on those inmates who didn't have family or friends. Some, she said, had not had a visitor in 15 years. These people crave visits from anyone, she said.

"It could be Ronald McDonald. They don't care. They're just so lonely. They just want someone to care about them."

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Female inmates find a way to give back

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Deanna Nunn, 60, an inmate at Scott Correctional Facility since 1995, is affectionately called "Mother D" by the other inmates. She is an artistic, soft-spoken woman and an expert crocheter. She also loves to give.

"Even before I came in here, I have always been a person who did things for others," she said.

About a year and half ago Nunn was seeking ways to say thank you to the Salvation Army for its frequent gifts of much-appreciated toiletries. She and three other inmates approached June Clark during one of her visits. Could she get them some yarn?

Clark's church, Our Lady of Victory in Northville which sponsors the prison ministry program, donated \$200. Clark bought 200 skeins and some plastic crochet hooks. (Knitting needles or metal crochet hooks are not allowed at Scott.) The women soon made 30 lab robes to be distributed to nursing homes.

The lap robe program has since grown to over 200 inmates who make afghans, hats, scarves, gloves and baby items. Many of the items go to St. Leo's soup kitchen in Detroit. Clark collects donated yarn and delivers it to the prison. "You can't see a driver. My car is full of yarn," she said.

Nunn crocheted a beautiful christening dress over five feet long. It took her more than six months to complete. The dress has an underskirt made out of new thermal under-



Baptism beauty: Geraldyn Quick holds her baby daughter, Bryce, as she awaits baptism. The child is wearing Nunn's crocheted christening gown. Godmother Jennifer Kline looks on.

wear trimmed in crocheted yarn. It is looped in satin ribbons and has booties to match. She donated it to Our Lady of Victory for use by parishioners.

"Oh, it's just gorgeous," said Geraldyn Quick, whose baby daughter,

Bryce, was baptized in the gown Dec. 19. "We got so many compliments on the dress. They thought it was handed down from grandmothers."

Inmate Patricia Lickfeldt, 50, said, she's "in love with June and the lap robe program." She has seen the positive affect the program has had on the inmates. "It gives them a good feeling without anyone thinking they have another agenda. Once they find out they can create something useful, it leads them to do other constructive things."

Lickfeldt said there is a need for atonement in prison. "It doesn't matter what the crime was, no matter how heinous, or if you're from a good family or bad. It only matters that you give to others."

Melvina Smith, 56, was reluctant to join the lap robe program. She didn't know how to crochet. "I just sat around lookin' and lookin' and said I don't want to do that."

Gradually, she was drawn into the program as she learned to crochet. "It was so interesting and mind-soothing. If I stay right with it, I can make an afghan in two weeks, a great big afghan."

Smith now reads patterns and often orders yarn from a catalog. She's made afghans for her mother, daughter, grandson, nephew and sister. And, since she couldn't attend her son's wedding, she made him an afghan.

"It has given me a sense of peace that I'm still able to do something," she said. "I felt lost when I came here. I wasn't accomplishing anything. Now I'm accomplishing some-

thing."

Forgotten population

At Scott, the women face an abundance of time and noise. They also have no choice when it comes to a room partner. The lap robe program has quieted people down, Clark said, and encouraged friendships between younger and older women.

However, prison life is still a harsh reality. Many times children stop visiting their parents. The inmates are the community's invisible neighbors.

"Part of being a prisoner is being disposed of. For the time we're here we don't exist to the world. If they have to be conscious of us, they have to be concerned," said Lickfeldt, who has earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and business administration while in prison.

Prison life has made Nunn an observer. "You know, when you're home and have a family and housework and a husband, sometimes a person doesn't have the time to sit back, look and listen. (Prison) has given me a whole new insight into things," she said.

"I feel people on the other side of these walls feel there's violence here, that the women are crude, rude people. It isn't like that. If people could just come in and visit some of the women... There are women in here who don't have anyone to visit them. It would be so nice. If they could come in once, they'd see how wrong their perception of prison women is."

Pat Ernst, director of adult educa-

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Convention Bureau Red Coats help at Auto Show

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Of all the work generated by the North American International Auto Show this year, Marilynn Compton's responsibility is to make the visitor's day a little brighter.

For the past 10 years, the Livonia resident has worked as a "Red Coat" for the Metropolitan Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau. If there's a big convention in town, chances are Compton's been there, working and chatting with visitors.

The bureau, which was the first of its kind established in 1896, aims to promote Detroit in the best possible light so the city's visitors can have an enjoyable time.

Red Coats — a title derived from the uniform they are recognized by — are part of the bureau's temporary staffing service: They register convention-goers and assist with information and program booths, cashiering, typing and

VOLUNTEERS

selling merchandise.

"We make the experience as pleasant as possible," said Compton. "If registration is pleasant, it can turn (a person's) whole attitude around."

This is the first year the Red Coats have been asked to help out for the full run of the Auto Show, an event that attracts car lovers and car-makers from all over the world.

In the past Red Coats have helped with the charity night that kicks off the show, but this year men and women sporting that signature item of clothing can be seen selling merchandise, programs and giving directions and information. It's all part of helping the show run smoothly, and Compton said she's happy to do it.

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Greeter: Marilynn Compton is a Red Coat volunteer.

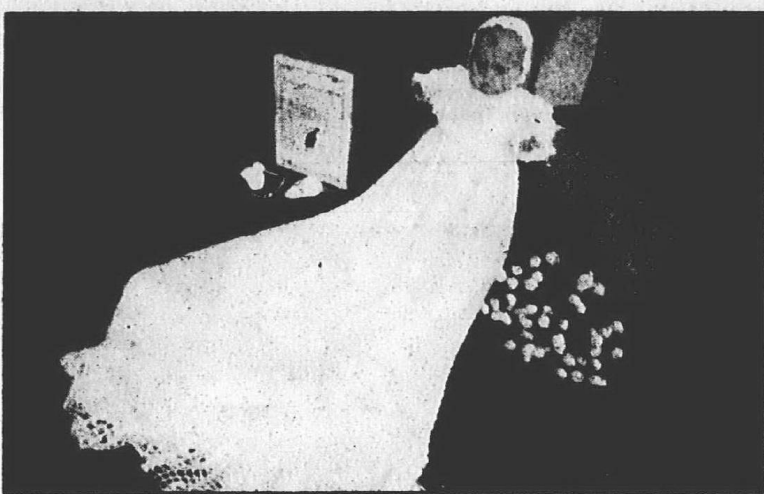
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She now focuses her ministry on the women at Scott. The prison houses 844 inmates, ages 14 to 80, serving sentences for both violent and non-violent crimes. It is a multi-level security prison, since there aren't enough female prisoners to warrant separate facilities. Only 4 percent of Michigan's prison population is female.

She never asks them about their crimes.

"I have tunnel vision. When I go in to meet a woman, I care about her. If they don't want to tell me what they did, I don't ask. I feel that I have the same relationship with them as a lawyer or doctor. I don't disclose. People say everybody finds God in prison. What they tell me, I believe."

"You encourage them to continue parenting to the degree they can. You encourage them to take advantage of every educational tool available. You encourage them very subtly in their spiritual journey. Each person is



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Artistry: Deanna Nunn, an inmate at Scott Correctional, crocheted this christening gown.

different. You go in as if you were going to someone's home for a quiet evening. You ask them to tell you about themselves."

Clark is recuperating from a serious back injury and has been confined to her home for the

past several months. She hopes to resume her visits to Scott soon. She misses the women, whom she calls her "girls."

The inmate she visited on that long-ago Christmas Eve once told Clark her visits were like God knocking on the door of her soul to tell her she was not forgotten. When asked what she has received in return for her visits, Clark quickly responded.

"Oh, my God. I can't begin. I have a million stories about the gifts they have given me."

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tion and social ministry at Our Lady of Victory, has visited Nunn. "Her heart goes into everything she does," she said. "She does an enormous amount of work within the prison. She mentors younger women. She teaches them that time in prison can be spent productively. That's probably her chief ministry."

Nunn prays to be free one day but has learned patience. "God isn't done with me yet in here. When he's through it will happen. I've had more time to listen to God's instruction. I no longer say 'later.'"

Meanwhile, the women look forward to Clark

visiting once again. They hope it's soon. They want to give her a "recognition" party when she returns. "It's a way of saying thank you for supporting the lap robe program and thank you for alleviating our loneliness and letting us know someone cares," said Lickfeldt.

"Everyone has to have one person who believes they're valuable just because you exist. If they think I'm worthwhile, maybe I am."

Volunteers are needed to collect and organize the yarn at Our Lady of Victory Church for the lap robe program. If interested, contact June Clark at (734) 354-9427 or Pat Ernst at (248) 348-8650.

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"It's a very nice job," she said after her first press day at Cobo Hall. "It's not a profession. You're free to decline anything."

That sense of freedom is one reason Red Coats stay with the bureau. Heather Chase, event staffing manager, said many of her 150 employees have been with the bureau for a decade or so.

"It's something people start doing and they love it," she said.

The bureau is always looking for Red Coats. An outgoing personality and customer-service skills are useful, said Chase. Cashiering experience helps but is not mandatory.

On her first day at the Auto Show, Compton estimated that 7,000 journalists milled around Cobo Hall, many of them purchasing souvenir shirts and merchandise for their families. And this isn't even the busy season.

What does it take to be a Red Coat? One word — personality. Compton admits that, yes, she is a people person, and that's an important attribute for this sort of work. "We work for the client and secondly we represent the metropolitan Detroit area and be as helpful as possible," said Compton.

She couldn't be happier. "They're really the nicest group of people, a very diverse group."

They all work together and help each other out, especially during those hectic times when there are a lot of people waiting for assistance.

But it's the people who might just be passing through town who truly make her job worthwhile. "It's the little conversations. When they leave your station, it's sort of like you've made a friend. They have a different attitude."

For more information on becoming a Red Coat, contact the Metropolitan Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau at (313) 202-1991. They are always looking for additional help.

Western Township Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners Special Meeting Synopsis 4:00 p.m., Thursday, January 6, 2000

Special meeting called to order at 4:06 p.m.

Present: Thomas Yack, Kathleen A. Keen-McCarthy, Karen Woodside

Agenda adopted.

WTUA Business Plan Update Report received and filed.

Closed Session-Discussion regarding attorney/client letter and memorandum on real property/plant expansion.

WTUA Business Plan approval for WTUA's attorney to proceed as discussed in closed session.

The special meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Chairman,
THOMAS J. YACK

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2000 INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR MOTOR CITY MOLD, INC.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2000, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider Motor City Mold, Inc.'s request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. The request includes their new facility located at 14875 Galleon Court, Plymouth Township, Wayne County and new machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures.

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

The public hearing, commencing at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, January 25, 2000, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meeting. Telephone number: (734) 354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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what changed in his marriage which had nearly derailed into divorce court. And what might that have been? Less selfishness and becoming more "other-centered." That's what turns OK marriages into excellent ones.

Jacque Martin-Downs is the

coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail her at: downs@jmail.resa.net.

SYSCO FOOD SERVICE OF DETROIT NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

SYSCO Food Services of Detroit Inc. 41600 Van Born Road, Canton, MI 48188 will conduct an informational meeting as required by recent federal legislation. The purpose of this meeting is to comply with federal law Chemical Safety Information, Site Security and Fuels Regulatory Relief Act (PL-106-40). A brief presentation describing the local implication of the Risk Management Plan submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as required under the Section 112 (r) Clean Air Act Amendments. The meeting will be held at 41600 Van Born Road, Canton, MI on Jan. 24, 2000 from 8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

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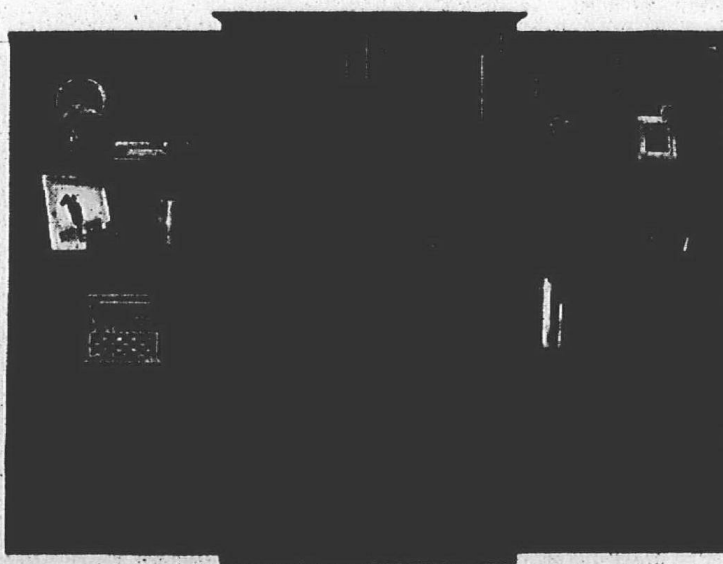
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ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Conner-Long

Kirk and Luddie Conner of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynette, to Octavio Long, the son of Rosie Long of Lansing.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as a human resources specialist while pursuing her master's degree in communication at MSU.

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of Lansing Sexton High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University. He is currently employed as a clinical counselor for the Michigan Department of Corrections while pursuing a master's degree in counseling



education at Western Michigan University.

A June wedding is being planned.

Browne-Dunne

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Browne of Sao Paulo, Brazil, formerly of Redford Township, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to James Patrick Dunne, the son of William and Regina Dunne of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of arts degree in English literature and De Paul University with a master of business administration degree in international finance. She is employed as a management consultant in the Chicago area.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree in



electrical engineering. He is employed as an electrical engineer.

A May wedding is planned at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Detroit.

Birk-Kain

Leroy and Julie Dewstow of Plymouth and Randall Birk of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Joy, to Michael Bernard Kain, the son of William and Shirley White of Clawson.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and is a senior, majoring in English, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed as a student worker in the CASL Office of Advising and Records at the university.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Berkley High School and is attending Oakland Community College. He is employed as a sales representative at Milliken



Millwork in Sterling Heights. A June wedding is planned at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.

Miller-Hochstein

Barb Miller of Livonia and Paul Miller of Myrtle Beach, S.C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Ann, to Michael William Hochstein, the son of Virginia Tate of Texas and Bill Hochstein of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He is employed at Plastomer Corp. of Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. He is the owner of Climbers Tree Service.

An April wedding is planned at St. Genevieve Catholic



Church in Livonia.

Phillips-Nashlon

Allyn and Carolyn Phillips of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Alison Marie, to Scott Michael Nashlon, the son of Edward and Marie Nashlon, also of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and pursuing a bachelor's degree at Madonna University. She is employed by Decision Consultants Inc. in Southfield.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High Schools. He has a bachelor's degree in computer science from Eastern Michigan University. He also is employed by Decision



Consultants Inc. in Southfield.

A June wedding is planned at Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton.

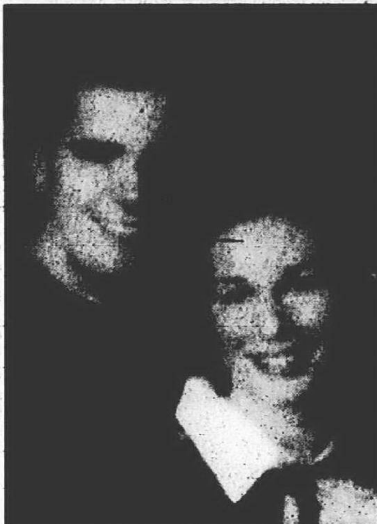
Hardie-Wojtak

Dr. and Mrs. James Hardie of Brooklyn, Mich., formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Laurie Ann, to Gregory Joseph Wojtak, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wojtak of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1999 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with degrees in business administration and communication.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He is currently completing a degree in computer science at Wayne State University. He is employed by Canton Township as a technology specialist.

An October wedding is



planned at St. Joseph Shrine in Brooklyn.

NEW VOICES

■ William and Jamie Fielhauer of Westland announce the birth of William James Jr. Oct. 1 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Jim and Pat Fielhauer and Jeff and Lydia Goins. Great-grandparents are William and Shirley Ringo.

■ Phil Davidson and Kim Herriman of Livonia announce the birth of Nicholas Grant Davidson Oct. 1 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Ed and Suzy Davidson of Westland and Russ and Pat Herriman of Livonia.

■ Michael and Linda Baldwin of Plymouth Township announce the birth of Timothy Gerald Oct. 9 at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital. He joins brother James, 2. Grandparents are Gerald and Gertrude Bazner of Dearborn Heights and Gerald and Kathleen Baldwin of Brooklyn, Mich. Jeanette Bazner of Dearborn Heights is his great-grandmother.

■ Daniel and Sheri Thielemann of Canton announce the birth of their son, Dylan Chase,

Oct. 10 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins siblings Matthew, 14, Amanda, 6, and Austin, 20 months. Grandparents are Darryl and Jenny Bartlett of Westland, Jim and Marlene Findley of Wayne. Great-grandmother is Irene Kalosky of Vero Beach, Fla.

■ Kevin and Holly Yarber of Garden City announce the birth of their son Brandon Scott Oct. 28 at Garden City Hospital. Brandon joins brother Nicholas Anthony, 4. Grandparents are Jim and Marcy Twardzicki and Bob and Carol Yarber of Garden City.

■ Courtney and Kathie Hodge of Belleville announce the birth of Courtney John Oct. 29 at Garden City Hospital. Courtney joins sisters Nicole, 11, and Rebecca, 7. Grandparents are Dennis and Barb Frye of Westland and Courtney Sr. and Betty Hodge of Pennsylvania.

■ Gary and Caroline Vega of Taylor announce the birth of Sarah Euretta Nov. 3 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins 10-year-old

brother Albert. Grandparents are Kathrine Lechel of Lincoln and Lucy and Albert Vega of Taylor. Her great-grandmother is Emma Vega of Garden City.

■ Greg and Sherri Bell of Romulus announce the birth of Brittany Ellen Nov. 8 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Dave

and Regina Bailey of Westbranch, James and Beverly Bell of Detroit, Lou and Pat Rizzo of Farmington, and John and Doris Lassi of Taylor.

■ Eric and Kelly Kovacs of Livonia announce the birth of Sage Janice Nov. 8 at Garden

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RACQUETBALL LEAGUE

■ Canton Parks and Recreation sponsors a men's winter racquetball league at Body Rocks Racquetball of Livonia. Players will be divided into divisions based on ability. Court times are 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays. Cost is \$100 per person. No residency requirements. Call (734) 397-5110.

JUDSON CENTER

■ Make a difference in a child's life. The Judson Center is seeking families or persons who are interested in caring for children either through foster care or adoption. The next orientation training is scheduled from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13. For more information, call Jennifer Solack at (248) 443-5000, ext. 109.

VARIETY SHOW

■ The Plymouth Canton High School Chieftettes Pom-Pon Squad presents its annual Variety Show entitled "Kickin' Into the Millennium." The show will be held at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Salem High School Auditorium. Tickets cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and children. Tickets can be purchased from any Chieftettes squad member or at the door before the performance.

HISTORY PROGRAM

■ There will be a Natural History Program at Proud Lake Recreation Area at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at 3500 Wixom Road, Commerce Township. Learn about hibernating wildlife in Michigan on this 1 1/2 hour walk. Meet at Annex parking lot. A Michigan State Park motor vehicle permit is required for entry. Proud Lake Recreation Area is located three miles southeast of Milford. From I-96 take the Wixom Road exit and go north six miles to the park entrance opposite Garden Road.

COLLECTOR SHOWS

■ Plymouth's "Toy Show" and "Collectibles Show" will be held from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, and Sunday, Jan. 16, at the Cultural Center at 525 Farmer Street. The Toy Show features new, used, antique and collectible toys of all kinds. The Collectibles Show features Beanie's, Pokémon, Furby, Barbie, action figures, etc. Admission is \$5, kids 4-12 years old are admitted for \$2. For more information, call (734) 455-2110.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY WEEK

■ Evola Music hosts "Friends and Family Week," Monday, Jan. 17, through Saturday, Jan. 22, at 7170 N. Haggerty in Canton. Visit a group class for free during the Open House Week. For more information, call (734) 455-4677 for a listing of classes and times. Now taking registrations for group classes in Kindermusik, piano, violin, and organ. Winter/Spring session begins Jan. 30.

ME & MY SHADOW

■ New Morning School has openings for its winter 2000 "Me & My Shadow" program. This is an introductory class for children 2-4 and their parents. Parent and child participate in music, play activities, art and readiness projects, snack and story time. Two Saturday morning sessions begin Jan. 15 and one Monday evening session begins Jan. 17. Call (734) 420-3331. New Morning is located at 14601 Haggerty, just north of Schoolcraft Road.

REVIEW

■ The Princeton Review holds free practice full-

length DAT, GMAT, GRE, LSAT, and MCAT tests 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at The Princeton Review, 1220 South University, Suite 209, Ann Arbor. Call 800-2-REVIEW, or (734) 663-2163 to register.

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

■ Canton Project Arts will hold its second annual family storytelling festival, "Storytelling Through the Ages," from 1-2:30 p.m. and a family concert from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Summit on the Park. The event will provide hands-on workshops and concerts for children and adults. Mother Goose will delight young children with a visit. Magician and folklorist Marc LeJarett will perform dazzling magic tricks. Storybook character "Madeline" will also be present. Award winning storyteller Debra Christian will conduct a workshop for children on Creating Creepy Tales. Adult workshops will also be held. Individual tickets for the entire day and evening event are \$5 or \$15 for a family of three or more. For advanced tickets reservations or information, call (734) 397-6450.

SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

■ Vermeulen Funeral Home offers a free monthly Grief Aftercare Support Group meeting for those who have recently experienced the death of a family member or close friend. The next meeting begins at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23. Each meeting is led by Wes Baldwin of Pointe Care Counseling. All meetings are held at the Plymouth location on West Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck. Call (734) 459-2250.

YMCA

■ The 38th annual meeting of the Plymouth Community Family YMCA begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. The purpose of the meeting is to renew terms for board members, elect officers and conduct other business that may come before the members, including a proposal to convert the Plymouth Community Family YMCA from a membership basis to a directorship basis.

SEMINARS

■ Plymouth Independence Village hosts a free seminar beginning 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25. Hoppy Hanson and Alan D. Marx of All America Financial will discuss long-term care insurance and senior estate planning. Call Bryan Neal at (734) 453-2600.

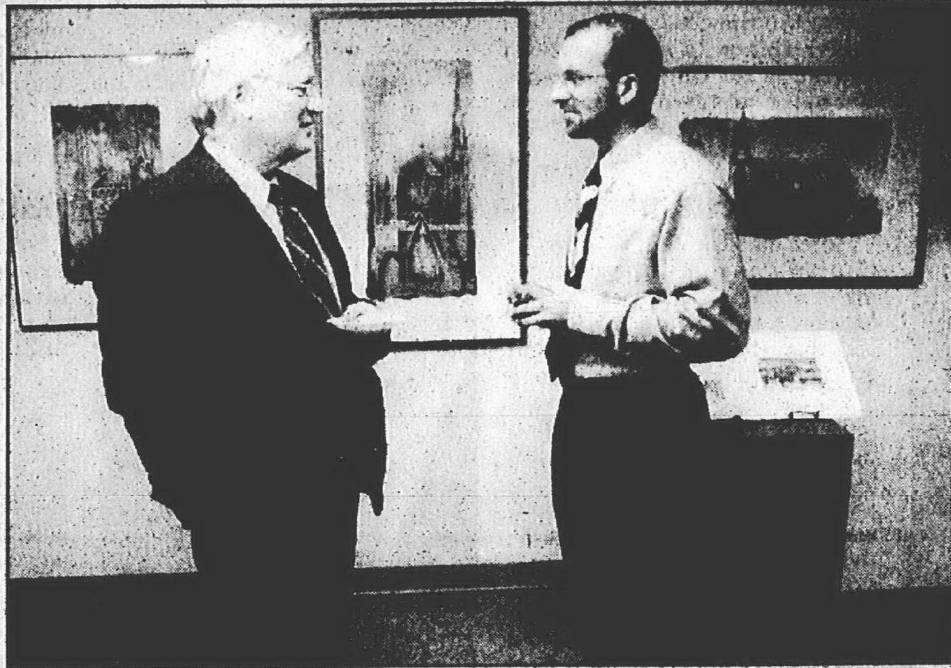
EXHIBIT

■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council features "Spirit Earth," the recent watercolors of Todd Marsee, through Jan. 26 at the JWH Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Friday and weekends by appointment. Call (734) 207-3918.

SESAME STREET LIVE

■ Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a family trip to Sesame Street Live "When I Grow Up" show on Saturday, Jan. 29, at the beautiful Fox Theater. Come and join a fun-filled family show with no worries of driving, as attendees will ride a chartered bus to the Fox Theater. The bus leaves Summit on the Park parking lot at 12:30 p.m. and returns at approximately 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person (any child who has celebrated their first birthday must have a ticket). Registration ends Friday, Jan. 28. For

Artistic discussion



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Todd Marsee (right) talks with his father-in-law, Steve Jarick, of Tecumseh, at the opening of Marsee's watercolor exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The exhibit, which features recent works in various sizes and themes, runs through January 26 at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts on Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

more information, call 397-5110.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

■ The Starkweather Education Center/Alternative Education will offer in the second semester, beginning Jan. 31, "School of Choice." As a "school of choice" any Wayne County resident who was 16 by Sept. 1, 1999, may apply to enroll in the high school completion program at Starkweather. Interested students should call (734) 416-4901 to make an appointment to register.

WORKSHOPS

■ Financial consultant Paul Leduc presents a free "Advanced Living Trust Workshop" 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Northville Public Library, 212 W. Cady, Northville. Call (248) 540-8710.

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

■ Celebrate Valentine's Day by attending the Canton Knights of Columbus 9th Annual Daddy-Daughter Valentines Dance. The dance will be held from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at the St. Thomas a'Becket Family Life Center, 555 Lilley Road, Canton. This special night will feature danceable music, a flower corsage, refreshments and a unique gift so dad and his date will remember the evening. If dad has more than one date, how about inviting an older brother, uncle or grandpa, so each girl will have a partner. So dad bring your little valentine from ages 3-13 to celebrate this memorable evening. Tickets will be available after all masses at St. Thomas a'Becket or by calling Ralph at (248) 344-1956 or Mary at (734) 397-1359. Tickets are \$12 per couple and \$16 for dad and two dates. Space is limited.

CENSUS 2000

■ The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring enumerators for the 2000 census. Enumerators spend most of their time locating addresses and conducting door-to-door interviews. They work evenings and weekends. This temporary job will last up to two months next spring. Census workers are paid \$13-\$15/hour and are reimbursed for mileage. Bonuses are available. Call (888) 325-7733.

MOPS MEETING

■ The Plymouth Baptist Church holds mothers of preschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mothers with their children, kindergarten-age and younger, may attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Childcare is provided. The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

M.O.M. MEETING

■ Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) invites you to join it for guest speakers and discussion 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Baby-sitting is provided. Call Kim at (734) 459-7035 or Shannon at (734) 354-0191.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

■ The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

DINNER/AUCTION

■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council's annual dinner/auction, "Escape To The Caribbean," begins 6 p.m. Saturday, March 11, in the Mayflower Meeting House, Plymouth. Auction items include trips, dinners, clothing, furniture and art. Dance music will be provided by the Cour-

iers. Entrées include beef tenderloin, stuffed chicken and orange roughly. Tickets are \$55. Call (734) 416-4278.

KIWANIS CLUB

■ The Plymouth Kiwanis Club meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the new City Limits Bar & Grill on Ann Arbor Road. Call Charlene Miller at (734) 455-4782.

NURSERY SCHOOL OPENINGS

■ Garfield Co-op has openings in programs for children 18 months to 5 years. The school is located in Livonia at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, South of Six Mile and West of Farmington Road. For more information, call (734) 462-0135.

■ Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op has openings left in its 3- and 4-year-old classes. Call (734) 455-6250.

■ First Baptist Church of Plymouth-Canton Kindermusik has openings for its winter session enrollment. Call (734) 354-9109.

■ Garfield Co-Op has openings for people age 18 months to 5 years. Garfield Co-op is located at Case Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 462-0135.

■ The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool has openings for its 3-year old program from 9:30-11:20 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The school is located on Main St. in Plymouth. For more information, call Peggy Blaisdell at (734) 453-5464.

VILLAGE MUSIC

■ Village Music is registering students for Kindermusik classes beginning the week of Jan. 24. Kindermusik is music education and joyful learning for the whole family, not just for young children. Call now for classes for people

up to age 7. Call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

SUPPORT GROUPS

STARTING OVER

■ Starting Over is a group for widowed men and women younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church of Christ. Call (734) 662-5999.

ARBOR HOSPICE

■ Arbor Hospice sponsors grief support programs. To sign up, call (734) 662-5999.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

■ Community Hospice and Home Care Services has a drop-in grief-support group that meets 6:30-8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month. Call Becky Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

COUNTERPOINT

■ Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people age 10-17 and their families. Call (734) 563-5005.

ANGELA HOSPICE

■ Angela Hospice offers free monthly grief support groups for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. All groups meet at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia. For meeting dates and times, call Ruth Favor, (734) 464-7810.

VOLUNTEER WORK

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

■ Plymouth-Canton Head Start, in Central Middle School, is looking for volunteers to help in the classroom with large-group activities, to assist children during recess, participate in the Learning Centers and assist during meal times. If you have a morning or afternoon free Monday through Thursday, call 416-6196.

■ Angel Care, a volunteer organization, is looking for volunteers to sew, crochet, knit, etc., blankets and burial gowns to donate to local hospitals for infants who have died. Contact Mary Piontek for patterns and information, (313) 534-6496.

■ Hospices of Henry Ford Health System needs volunteers in Canton and Plymouth. Volunteers can help by visiting patients, either at their home or a nursing home, to offer emotional support, companionship and comfort. Call (313) 582-2382.

■ William Beaumont Hospital Hospice is looking for volunteers to support the care of people with terminal illnesses and their families. Call (248) 853-8931.

■ Head Start needs volunteers to help in the classroom with large-group activities, to assist during meal times and participate in the learning centers with subjects such as art, computer and library. If you have a morning or afternoon free Monday through Thursday, call (734) 416-6196.

■ Volunteer drivers are needed for New Morning School's Swim/Gym program at the Livonia YMCA 8:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays. Volunteers may also help in the pool if desired. Call (734) 420-3331. New Morning School is located at 14501 Haggerty, just north of Schoolcraft. n Henry Ford Hospice seeks volunteers to work with patients, to assist in the office, or to assist with special projects. Volunteers will receive training.

Call Sharon Cain at (734) 354-3372.

INDIVIDUALIZED HOSPICE

■ Individualized Hospice volunteers are needed in the community. Those interested in becoming a part of this volunteer program are invited to attend Tuesdays With Hospice from noon through 3 p.m. at Individualized Hospice in Ann Arbor. Evening training sessions may also be available. Hospice volunteers are trained to be compassionate, skilled listeners and often are a significant support to both the patient and family. Day-

time patient care, overnight caregivers for "11th hour," and office volunteers are presently needed. For more information, or to register for the training please call Rev. Nancy Doty at (734) 971-0444.

■ n First Step has been active in the effort to end violence in western Wayne County and downriver communities for over 20 years. Committed and dedicated volunteers are needed in several communities for the assault response on-call program. Training is provided and opportunities in western Wayne County and downriver communities are available for women and men at least 18 years old. For more information, call (734) 416-1111, ext. 223.

CANCER SOCIETY

■ American Cancer Society needs volunteers. Call (248) 557-5353, ext. 336.

ALZHEIMER'S

■ The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers to provide companionship to people experiencing memory loss. Call Adam Sterling at (248) 557-8277 for information.

CLUBS

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

■ The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Call Barb at (734) 207-5224. Play group meets every other Tuesday. Call Sue at (734) 459-9324 for information.

HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP

■ The Human Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Paulette at (734) 416-9288 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

COUNTY CONNECTION

■ County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, a women's chorus singing four-part harmony barbershop style, is always looking for new members. Rehearsals take place 7 p.m. every Tuesday in Ypsilanti. Call (734) 480-8843.

STAMP CLUB

■ Meetings of the West Suburban Stamp Club begin at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of the month at The Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The Web site is www.oeonline.com/~pnj/wasc.html

CALENDAR FOR

The Plymouth Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional Info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

New voices from page B3

City Hospital in Garden City. Sage joins brother Spencer, 2. Grandparents are Charles and Janice Wells and Edward and Felicia Kovacs, all of Garden City.

■ **Jason and Michelle Kunka** of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of **Hailey Rose** Nov. 9 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins sister Brittany, age 7. Grandparents are Alan and Amelia Kunka of Dearborn Heights and Suzanne Mason of Westland.

■ **Paul and Anne McGuffin** of Detroit announce the birth of **Alexis Heliadore** Nov. 10 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Megan Peterie of Detroit, Joe Sobieraj of Bloomfield Hills and Dave and Lisa Bunker of Livonia.

■ **Michael Nunnally** and **Nichole Berckley** announce the birth of their son, **Zachary Noah** Nov. 12 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. He joins siblings Richard Duane, Heather Nichole, Christian Nicholas and Elizabeth Paige. Grandparents are Richard and Nancy Nunnally of Novi and Donna Berckley of Harrison.

■ **Brian and Christine Nelson** of Wixom announce the birth of **Paige Elizabeth** Nov. 12 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Mack and Sue Nelson, Richard Novak and Janet Tunis all of Garden City.

■ **Michel and Teresa LaSage** of Garden City announce the birth of **Blayne Michael** Nov. 13 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins siblings Jessica, 13 and Christopher, 7. Lorraine Rosko of Garden City is his grandmother. Great-grandparents are Bob and Olga Wetzel of South Rock Wood.

■ **Christopher and Stephanie Shasser** of Westland announce the birth of **Sydney Ann** Nov. 13 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Bob and Kathy Shasser of Westland and Dave and Pat Beech of Canton.

■ **Steven and Marisa Battagin** of Dearborn announce the birth of **Darien Renee** Nov. 15 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Judith DeGolyer of Garden City, Raymond DeGolyer of Knoxville,

Tenn., and Luigi and Amelia Battagin of Dearborn Heights.

■ **Sandra Kay Pennington** of Inkster announces the birth of her daughter **Faith Ann** Nov. 19 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Faith joins siblings Ellisha, 5, Shana, 3, and Autumn, 2. Grandparents are Herhall and Brenda Pennington of Garden City.

■ **Howard and Tammy Cooper** of Inkster announce the birth of **Rebekah Ann** Nov. 23 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins siblings Christina, 12, Amber, 10, Robert, 8, Steven, 6, and Virginia, 3. Grandparents are Pat and Gary Slater of Westland, Jim Underwood of Wayne and Dorothy Campbell of Taylor.

■ **Jason and Dawn Burke** of Garden City and Inkster announce the birth of **Brittany Lee** Nov. 24 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Ted and Sandra Longsdorf of Inkster and John and Sheila Burke of Garden City.

■ **Kirk and Heidi Gamman** of Garden City announce the birth of **Colby Kreutzer** Nov. 25 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Colby joins brother Andrew, 5, and sister Breanna, 2. Grandparents are Dennis and Sally Kreutzer of Chicago and Bob and Arlene Gammon of Utah.

■ **Mark and Jenny Rice** of Plymouth announce the birth of **Brandon Mark** Nov. 25 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Bud and Shirley LeBlanc of Plymouth and Tom and Yvonne Rice of Livonia.

■ **Alicia Lynn Spencer** of Garden City announces the birth of her son, **Nicholas James** Nov. 30 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Her grandmother is Allen Joan Spencer.

■ **Michael Puddock** of Westland and **Amanda Sergeant** of Wayne announce the birth of **Jonathon Scott** Dec. 1 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins brother Michael Scott Puddock, 3. Grandparents are Larry and Tina Quiggins of Westland and Wayne and Joe and Ethel Witkowski of Newport.

Teens earn Girl Scouting's highest honor

WAYNE COUNTY

Six Western Wayne County teens have received the highest award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award.

Jennifer Seguin, Kathleen Meszaros and Michelle Mitoraj, all of Garden City, and Gabrielle Raemy Charest, Quinette Tell and Danielle Anne Swan, all of Livonia, were among 34 girls in the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council to receive the award.

A senior at Garden City High School, Seguin has been a Scout for nine years. A student at Michigan State University, Meszaros has been a Scout for 11 years. Majoring in chemical engineering at Wayne State University, Mitoraj has been a Scout for nine years. They are all members of Senior Girl Scout Troop 2323.

The threesome teamed up on their Gold Award project, making and donating 100 stuffed animals to the city fire department and staging a program for younger Girl Scouts and their families to learn about fire

safety and awareness.

"I and my troop felt very proud to put on a project that affected so many people and in such a way that someone's life could be saved because of what they learned at our program," said the 16-year-old.

For Meszaros, 18, the project made her "aware of the world around me," while it made Mitoraj "feel good."

"I'm glad to do something for the community where the younger Girl Scouts enjoyed the fire safety day," the 19-year-old added.

A student at Albion College, Charest has been a Scout for 10 years. She is a member of Senior Girl Scout Troop 2553.

For her project, Charest, with the help of local Scout troops, made small crafts and, with the help of high school volunteers, visited and distributed the crafts to the residents of a nursing home.

"I learned that I can become an effective leader and can offer a good example to younger Girl Scouts," said the 18-year-old. "I also learned that a little kindness goes a long way, especially to those who are in long-

term care facilities."

A student at Schoolcraft College, Tell has been a Girl Scout for 12 years. She is a member of Senior Scout Troop 761.

For her project, she designed a pioneer garden at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

"My project made me feel better as a person and helped educate people in the community," the 19-year-old said.

Swan, who plans to major in special education at Eastern Michigan University, has been a Scout for 14 years. She is a member of Senior Girl Scout Troop 640.

For her project, she organized a bike and safety rally where she taught younger girls safety and crafts.

"This project showed me that I can be organized and finish whatever I start," said the 19-year-old.

The Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council is the fourth largest council in the United States, providing leadership and cultural development opportunities for more than 41,000 girls in Wayne and Oakland counties.

Maid of Erin pageant looking for local contestants

A call has been issued to young women ages 17-23 to compete in the annual Maid of Erin pageant that will be held Feb. 26 at the Gaelic League.

The pageant, sponsored by the United Irish Societies, serves as the kickoff to the annual St. Patrick's Day festivities.

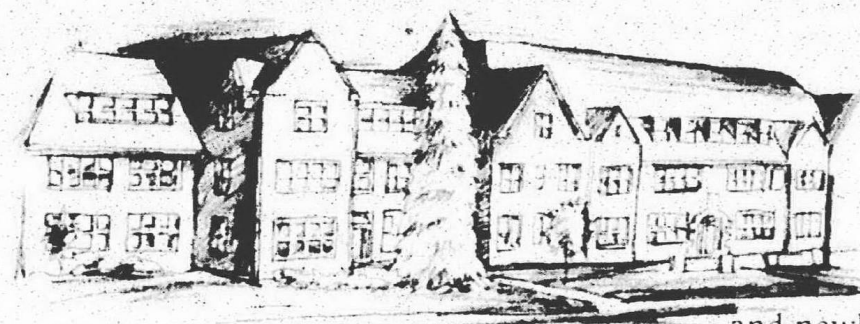
Contestants must be of Irish heritage. The winner will win a free trip to Ireland and will participate in Irish functions

throughout the year.

For more information about the pageant or to enter, call Birdie Flynn at (734) 464-8556.

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Listings for the Religious News 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.

FAMILY WEEK PROGRAM

Paul and Nicole Johnson will bring their original drama to Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16. The couple, who have been featured on such programs as "Focus on Family" and "Family Life Today," will reflect real life in their powerful drama. Call (248) 374-5956.

RELIEF EFFORT

The Archdiocese of Detroit, in partnership with Catholic Relief Services, is collecting monetary donations for the people of Venezuela, devastated by flooding that has left thousands dead or homeless. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Archdiocese of Detroit-Venezuela Relief and sent to Christian Service Department, 305 Michigan Avenue (G5), Detroit, MI 48226-2605. For more information, call (313) 237-4689.

ANDY GRIFFITH NIGHT

Plymouth Church of the Nazarene will screen favorite episodes of the "Andy Griffith Show" Sunday, Jan. 16. Brush up on your Andy trivia to win a prize. Refreshments will be served.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES

Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in Knox Hall in Ward Church. On Jan. 14, Pastor Paul Clough will be the speaker. Coffee and cookies will be served; Ministries Showcase 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Sanctuary at church. Hear Phillips, Craig and Dean, a free concert. Offerings accepted; Single Parenting Ministry meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the parlor, room C317/C319, at the church. A free meal is served before the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Speakers or open discussion in a friendly, supportive and encouraging atmosphere. Free child care provided; Light-house Cafe, a coffeehouse setting, is offered 7-10 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month in Knox Hall. The cost is \$5; all events provided by Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

THE GATHERING OF THE EAGLES CONFERENCE

The Detroit Chapter of the Ministry of the Watchman International hosts this fourth annual event dedicated to renewing the strength of the people of God, 7 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Jan. 28-30 at VanDyke Park Hotel and Conference Center in Warren. Speakers include Barbara Williams, president of the Ministry, and Allen Wilson of Eagles Nest Church in Calif. Reservations are \$100 per person, \$15 for lunch. Call (800) 560-9240 to make reservations or obtain a

complete schedule.

LET'S TALK

Interfaith Connection is sponsoring this three-part series for interfaith couples where one partner is Jewish. Sessions are held 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday Jan. 13, 27, and Feb. 3 at the Agency for Jewish Education, 21550 W. Twelve Mile Road in Southfield. The cost is \$5 per session and childcare is available. Call (248) 354-1050 for information or to register.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit organization, is forming new, beginner Tai Chi classes, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia, St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bloomfield and Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Observers welcome. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281.

Tai Chi is a complete and integrated exercise which works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for persons of all ages and conditions of health.

NEW SERIES

Canton Friendship Church is now offering "What's the Difference," a series on World Religions in the Light of Christianity, 10:30 a.m. Sundays in January. Topics are "Hinduism and Latter Day Saints in the Light of Christianity" Jan. 16, "Unity and New Age in the Light of Christianity" Jan. 23 and "Secular Humanism in the Light of Christianity" Jan. 30. Call (734) 451-2100.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Calvary Baptist Church will have a women's retreat, "Choosing to Be God's Woman," Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, at the church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Sessions include "Choosing to Be God's Woman," "Choosing to Trust," "Choosing to Be What God Wants Me to Be" and "Sharing Christ in Familiar Places." The retreat will be held 7-9:15 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The \$20 ticket price includes all of the seminar sessions, snack, continental breakfast and a boxed lunch. To register, call (734) 455-0022.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each Feb. 11-Feb. 13 and March 10-12 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit this Web site: www.rc.net/detroit/wme.

HEALING SERVICE

The Church of the Risen Lord presents a healing service at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the church, 821 N. Newburgh Road, south of Ford Road, Westland. The service, led by the Rev. Gary Seymour, is part of the series of healing services, "Rise and Come Forward."

For more information, call the church office at (734) 397-7132.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Garden City Presbyterian Church is offering a contemporary worship service at 9:15 a.m. the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads, Garden City. The contemporary service offers upbeat music and an informal atmosphere.

CHURCH FUND-RAISER

Clarenceville United Methodist Church is selling Entertainment

passbooks to raise money for the church. The coupon books cost \$40 and are available by calling Jim Robinson at (248) 347-1535 or the church office at (248) 474-3444.

REMARIED GROUP

The Remarried Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville offers an informal, drop-in support group for those struggling with the issues of a blended family. The group is hosted by the Rev. Paul Clough and meets 7-8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Room

C309 of the church, 40000 Six Mile Road at Haggerty Road. There is no cost and registration isn't necessary. For information, call Stacy Cole at (248) 474-5912.

CONFIDENTIAL HELP

Have a problem? Need to talk? Life Care Ministries of Livonia offers a free, confidential and anonymous Christian telephone listening service 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Call (734) 427-LIFE.

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of

Plymouth, has opened a new location at 494 N. Mill St., one block north of Plymouth Road. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. For information, call the store at (734) 459-1250 or e-mail the church at fpcp@juno.com.

LITURGY ON TAPE

The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is available on videotape for \$18 from Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, Livonia 48152.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Sharks corrected

In the Sunday edition of the Plymouth-Canton Observer, some of the information provided regarding an item in the Sports Briefs column on the Great White Sharks was incorrect.

First and foremost, a player's name was omitted. Matthew Rodgers was also a key member of the title-winning team.

Also, the team the Sharks defeated 4-2 for the championship was the Whalers, a Mini-Mite team from Dearborn. The Sharks, a Mini Division team from Plymouth-Canton, was playing down an age group.

Ten Star hoop camp

Applications are being evaluated for the Ten Star All-Star Basketball camps for boys and girls (ages 7-19).

Nearby camp locations include Fort Wayne, Ind., Canton, Ohio, and Georgetown, Ky. For an evaluation form, call (704) 372-8610.

Baseball clinics

•The Wayne State University Baseball Winter 2000 Development Hitting Camp, conducted by the school's baseball coaching staff, is open for all baseball hitters in grades seven through 12 who reside within 100 miles of WSU.

The philosophy is to teach and develop secondary school hitters in the fundamentals of hitting.

There are three sessions held on four consecutive Saturdays: Jan. 22 and 29 and Feb. 5 and 12. Session I: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Session II: 10 a.m. to noon; Session III: Noon to 2 p.m.

Each session is limited to 20 campers on a first-come basis. Cost is \$100 per camper. Call (248) 477-6590 for more information.

•Avery's All-Star Hitting Camp, conducted by Oakland University coach Mark Avery, is for ages 11 through 18. Wooden bats will be used.

The camp costs \$210 per player and runs five consecutive Saturdays or Sundays, beginning Jan. 15 or 16.

Bruce Fields, a former Major League player now managing the Grand Rapids Whitecaps Minor League team, is one of Avery's instructors.

There is a four to one camper-to-coach ratio.

Call Avery at (810) 523-1953 or Andy Fairman at (248) 672-1819 for more information.

•Westland John Glenn will host a mid-winter pitching and catching clinic Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 22-23 at the school's gym (located at 36105 Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads).

Ages 8-13 will meet from 1-3 p.m., while ages 14-18 will meet 3:30-5:30 p.m.

The cost is \$50 per player. Payment must be received no later than Wednesday, Jan. 19 to guarantee a spot. Walk-in registration the first day of the clinic is \$60.

Pitchers will receive instruction on proper form, balance, release point and velocity. Catchers will receive instruction on stance, receiving, blocking and throwing mechanics.

For more information, call John Glenn varsity baseball coach Todd Duffield at (734) 721-5127.

Skate with Warriors

Wayne State University's first-year men's hockey program is giving the public a chance to skate with the players after the Warriors' game against SUNY-Brockport, which starts at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at the State Fairgrounds.

All skaters need is to bring their own skates. In addition to skating with the players, 1,000 free team photographs will be given to the first 1,000 children (17 and under) attending the game. The players will be available to sign the photographs.

Fans who bring cameras may take pictures with the WSU players.

For ticket information, call (877) WSU GOAL.

Cougars need coaches

Garden City High School needs coaches for the following positions: varsity boys track, junior varsity baseball and freshman softball.

Call athletic director Bob Dropp at (734) 762-8363 if interested.

Make it 7 straight wins for Whalers



How long can this last is the question. Whalers players, officials and fans all hope the answer is forever. The Whalers won for the 15th time in 17 games Saturday; their current win streak is at seven.

The Belleville Bulls got a goal with 19 seconds left in the second period and added a second just 6:20 into the third — but by then, it was already too little, too late.

The Plymouth Whalers roared to their seventh-straight win by scoring

three first-period goals and adding another in the second en route to a 4-2 triumph over the Bulls Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Defenseman Shaun Fisher, named the game's No. 1 star, and teammates Justin Williams and George Nistas

each accounted for a goal and an assist, and goalie Rob Zepp turned away 26 of 28 shots for Plymouth.

The Whalers improved to 23-14-3 and moved into a tie for second place with the Windsor Spitfires in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division; both teams have 50 points (the Spitfires have played two fewer games, however). Belleville is 22-14-1.

Damian Surma got Plymouth going, scoring at the 6:29 mark of the first period, with assists from Williams and Fisher. Fisher made it 2-0 at 14:14 of

the first period, Nistas and Eric Gooldy assisting.

Nistas' power-play goal at the 18:07 juncture of the first increased the Whalers' lead to 3-0; Gooldy got his second assist of the game, with Tomas Kurka also assisting.

Williams unassisted short-handed goal at 3:15 of the second period made it 4-0 for Plymouth. The Bulls narrowed the margin with a goal from Randy Rowe late in the second and

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Nothing easy

PCA wastes lead in loss to Inter-City

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When you compile a 21-4 record and advance to the regional finals in the Class D state tournament like Plymouth Christian Academy did last season, you might as well stencil a giant bull's-eye on the back of your uniforms the following year.

"When you're on top," PCA coach Doug Taylor explained, "everybody's gunning for you."

Using an arsenal that featured a relentless full-court press, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist overcame a 15-point first-half deficit and dropped the Eagles, 79-75, Tuesday night in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

PCA, which entered the season with most of last year's starting line-up intact and realistic hopes of improving on last year's sterling record, fell to 2-3 overall. The Chargers improved their overall record to 4-3.

"It was a Jekyll-and-Hyde performance," Taylor said, shaking his head. "In the first half, we followed the game plan perfectly. We broke their press, and then worked the ball into our big guys to take advantage of our height. As a result, we got a lot of lay-ups."

"The second half was a different story. We got away from the game plan and started taking too many outside shots."

The game's final shooting statistics confirmed Taylor's point. The Eagles shot 61 percent (19-for-31) in the first half and 30 percent (9-for-30) in the final 16 minutes.

In addition, leading scorer Mike Huntsman was held to four second-half points after scorching the net for 22 in the first half.

Huntsman and teammate Derric Isensee, a third team All-State performer last season, were both plagued by foul trouble in the second half before fouling out in the game's final three minutes.

"It hurts when you lose an All-State player like Derric and a player like Mike in the fourth quarter of a close game," Taylor said. "But I have to give a lot of credit to our bench. They kept the game close when Derric and Mike fouled out."

The Chargers' second-half comeback was led by senior forward Jim Prencipe, who finished with a game-high 35 points and eight rebounds. Prencipe was equally efficient in the paint and outside the three-point arc, nailing three triples.

"Jimmy's a phenomenal player," said



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Big factor: Mike Huntsman led Plymouth Christian to an early lead with a 22-point first half, but the senior center got just four points in the second half before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

Inter-City Baptist coach Mark Kraatz. "He's not flashy, but he makes plays. He broke his leg his sophomore year and came back last year a little overweight. But this year he has been outstanding."

A track meet broke out in the first

quarter, as both teams raced up and down the court with not much regard for defense. The Eagles, who consistently shrugged off the visitors' baseline-to-baseline pressure, led 29-21

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VOLLEYBALL

Salem goes unbeaten to finish 1st

Straight sets.

That's how Plymouth Salem played its own Five-Team Volleyball Invitational: in straight sets, beating all four of its opponents in the minimum number of games required — 10.

The four match wins boosted the Rocks' record to 12-4 and got them back on the winning track, which is where they started the season at the Midland Invitational last month, winning six-straight matches without losing a set.

Salem took a slight detour at the Portage Northern Invitational Dec. 30, going 2-4. Two of those defeats came in three-set matches.

It was different last Saturday at Salem. The Rocks ripped North Farmington 15-5, 15-2; Farmington 15-2, 15-6; Livonia Clarenceville 15-6, 15-9; and Trenton 15-11, 15-7.

Amanda Suder and Jill Dombrowski carried much of the offensive load through the tournament. Suder led Salem in kills with 20 and service aces with 29 (3.6 per game played); she was also second on the team in assists to kills with 28 and in digs with 12.

Dombrowski was second to Suder in kills for the tournament with 15. She added five service aces and 32 assists to kills.

Other standouts included Michelle Ginther with nine kills (with a .438 kill percentage), with a team-high in digs with 14 and blocks with three; and Denise Phillips with 10 kills (a .269 percentage) and 14 service aces.

For the season, Suder leads Salem in kills with 57 (2.59 per game), service aces with 40, and digs with 60; she's second in assists to kills with 58.

Dombrowski is tops on the Rocks in assists to kills with 107 and is tied for first with Ginther in blocks with 13; she also has 41 kills (a .245 average), 32 digs and 10 aces.

The Rocks travel to the Comstock Invitational Saturday, then host Walled Lake Central at 7 p.m. Monday.

Fast start ignites Rocks

BASKETBALL

Why wait?

On Tuesday against visiting Riverview, Plymouth Salem's basketball team didn't. The Rocks didn't allow the Pirates to get a lead and then make full use of their vaunted delay style of offense.

Instead, Salem broke out quickly and never let, eventually burying Riverview 72-51 in a non-league game played at Salem.

The win boosted the Rocks' record to 3-4 overall. The Pirates are 4-5.

"We took them out of it from the get-go," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We never let them run their delay game."

"Once they get the lead, they can dictate the tempo. That's what I was afraid of."

Riverview never got that opportunity because Salem never trailed. The Rocks led 6-2 to start the game and kept pulling away, making it 17-6 by the end of one quarter and 38-18 by halftime.

Matt McCaffrey and Nick Tochman did a good deal of the damage, although there was a long list of con-

tributors. McCaffrey scored 10 first-half points, Tochman eight.

It didn't get any better for the Pirates in the third quarter — the Rocks outpointed them 21-8 to push their lead to 59-26 entering the last period and make Riverview's 25-13 final-quarter run meaningless.

Andy Kocloski and McCaffrey paced Salem with 14 points apiece; McCaffrey also grabbed 11 rebounds. Tochman finished with 10 points, and Ryan Nimerguth and Jeff Haar netted eight apiece. Ryan Cook scored four and dished out six assists.

All 12 Rocks scored in the game.

Kyle Stiff topped Riverview with 25 points, including seven three-pointers.

Agape 66, Franklin Road 54: The one-two backcourt punch of Paul Anleitner and Julian Wettlin wrecked Southfield Franklin Road Christian Tuesday in

lifting Canton Agape Christian to victory.

The Wolverines trailed 8-5 after one quarter, then took command with a 26-12 second period to make it 31-20 at half. Franklin Road managed to trim that deficit to 44-36 entering the fourth quarter, but could not overtake Agape.

Anleitner and Wettlin combined for 51 of Agape's points. Anleitner, a junior guard, scored 26, hitting four three-pointers; he also had five steals. Wettlin, a senior guard, poured in 25 and grabbed 12 rebounds.

Brandon Edwards led Franklin Road with 19 points.

A.A. Huron 79, Redford CC 66: Ann Arbor Huron won a non-league game on Tuesday at Redford Catholic Central, outscoring the Shamrocks in the fourth quarter, 30-18.

Rodney Williams had a game-high 34 points to lead Huron, 5-2 overall. Imami Wilson added 25.

Senior guard Rob Sparks had 14

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Contributor: Salem's Jeff Haar scored eight in Tuesday's win.

Canton 2nd at Royal Oak

Really, the outcome was nearly perfect, as far as Plymouth Canton wrestling coach John Demsick was concerned. The Chiefs finished a solid second, for the second-straight year, at the Royal Oak Tribunal Tournament, hosted by Royal Oak Dondoro HS last Saturday.

First place in the 13-team field went to Holly with 242.5 points; Canton scored 209.5, followed by Royal Oak Kimball with 149 and Dakota with 98.

A year ago, the Chiefs placed second — again to Holly — but there were only eight teams competing. Which means they've

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made progress, just being able to maintain their position in a bigger tournament.

"I'm real proud of our guys," said Demsick. "They really are hanging together as a team and are hungry to win."

And yet, as well as they performed, not placing first left them thirsting for something better. "It was still a good win even though we really wanted first place," said Demsick. "Holly beat us out, two years now. They are a team we hope to see again."

Canton had three tournament champions: Kyle Pitt at 103 pounds, Greg Musser at 130 and Derek McWatt at heavyweight. Chris Hoseny at 125, John Pocock at 145 and Phil Rothwell at 189 all finished second.

Dustin Armer (112), Scott McKee (160), Shahein Rajae (171) and Ozzie Wagner (215) all came away with fourth-place finishes.

The Chiefs host Livonia Churchill at 6:30 p.m. tonight in a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division match, then they travel to the Ypsilanti Lincoln Invitational at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Shamrocks' Hancock still undefeated

Sure as John Hancock put his signature on one of the most important documents in U.S. history, Redford Catholic Central wrestler Mitch Hancock is bound to win an individual state championship this year.

His coach, Mike Rodriguez, predicts it.

Hancock improved his record to 23-0 by winning the 160-pound weight class, highlighting the Shamrocks' efforts Saturday at their Wrestling Invitational.

Davison, a contender for the Division I state title, won the team title with 237 points; Holt was second with 131.

The Shamrocks had the best performance of three Observerland teams in the 14-team field, taking sixth place (92.5). Livonia Stevenson was ninth (84.5) and Westland John Glenn came in last place (25).

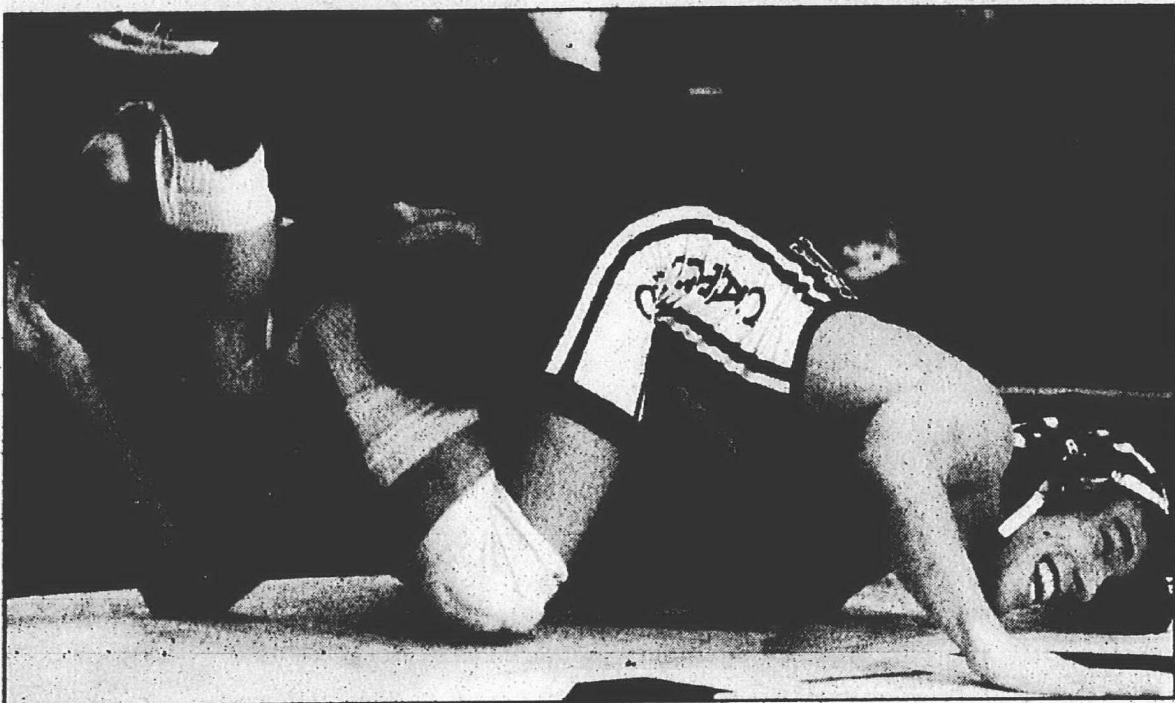
Hancock beat Fruitport's Kevin Lee, 7-3, in the championship round.

He reached the finals with a bye in the first round and an 18-3 win over Warren Lincoln's Jamie Palomo.

"I don't think he's going to lose," Rodriguez said of Hancock. "He's on target, focused this year."

The sixth place finish as a team was disappointing for Rodriguez, who thought a top three finish was possible.

"We're not ready yet," he said.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

A champion: CC's Mitch Hancock (right) gets the best of Oxford's Joel Vasquez en route to the 160-pound division title at Saturday's Catholic Central Invitational.

"Some should have won that lost. Davison is going to walk away with the state title. Nobody out there can stop them."

"We have another month to go. By (the) Observerland (Meet) we're going to start flying."

No other CC wrestler won a flight but Jeff Wheeler, Ryan

Rogowski and Chris O'Hara reached the semifinal round.

Wheeler pinned Romeo's Tony Schuster in 4:54 for third place at 135.

Rogowski lost to Oxford's Jake Shagena, 14-5, in the consolation round at 171 pounds. O'Hara also finished fourth, losing his

consolation match to Warren Lincoln's Caiman Munsell, 9-3.

Rodriguez believes Rogowski, the younger brother of former CC two-time state heavyweight champion Casey Rogowski, will have a strong remainder of the season and career.

"He's going to be his own man," Rodriguez said. "Sometimes he goes at 160 and Mitch goes at 171. He's a terrific back-up to Mitch."

OBSERVERLAND MAT RANKINGS

TEAM: 1. Redford Catholic Central; 2. Plymouth Canton; 3. Plymouth Salem; 4. Farmington; 5. Garden City.

INDIVIDUAL WEIGHT CLASSES

103 pounds: 1. Josh Gunterman (Livonia Stevenson); 2. Kyle Pitt (Canton); 3. Kyle Malo (Churchill); 4. Scott Massey (GC); 5. Harry Leiptz (North Farmington).

112: 1. Chris O'Hara (Redford CC); 2. Dan Tondreau (Livonia Clarenceville); 3. Chris Smith (Westland John Glenn); 4. Steve Lenhardt (Livonia Churchill); 5. Chris Usher (Redford Thurston).

119: 1. Ron Thompson (Plymouth Salem); 2. Jon Simmons (Farmington); 3. David Teets (John Glenn); 4. Pat Sayn (GC); 5. Bill Bullock (Stevenson).

126: 1. John Mervyn (Franklin); 2. Rob Ash (Plymouth Salem); 3. Jon Gregg (Wayne Memorial); 4. Vinnie Zoccol (Garden City); 5. Chris Hoseny (Canton).

130: 1. Jeff Albrecht (John Glenn); 2. Jesse Stevens (RU); 3. Brian Marsh (Wayne); 4. Brian Reed (GC); 5. Greg Musser (Canton).

135: 1. Jeff Wheeler (Redford CC); 2. Brandon Templeton (GC); 3. Steve Dendinos (Salem); 4. Jeff Murphy (Luth. Westland); 5. Allen Waddell (John Glenn).

140: 1. Josh Henderson (Salem); 2. Josh

Fee (Garden City); 3. Jon Pocock (Canton); 4. Jay Abshire (Redford CC); 5. Trevor Clark (N. Farmington).

145: 1. Jeff Usher (Redford Thurston); 2. Steve Abar (Churchill); 3. Sean Bell (Redford CC); 4. Matt Barker (John Glenn); 5. Chris Coopider (Stevenson).

152: 1. Mike Carter (Churchill); 2. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson); 3. Mark Ostach (Farmington); 4. Chris Wolfgang (John Glenn); 5. Scott McKee (Canton).

160: 1. Ryan Rogowski (Redford CC); 2. Eric Toska (Franklin); 3. Eric Kelley (RU); 4. Mark Murland (Farmington).

171: 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford CC); 2. Craig Medos (GC); 3. James Molnar (Lutheran Westland); 4. Matt Vesanto (Wayne); 5. Dustin Gress (Farmington).

189: 1. Ben Lukas (Farmington); 2. Kalen McPherson (Clarenceville); 3. Eric Puninske (Stevenson); 4. Phil Rothwell (Canton); 5. Matt Conlan (Redford CC).

215: 1. Ollie Muscarella (RU); 2. Nick Smith (Wayne); 3. Steve Rotenheber (Clarenceville); 4. Kyle Domagalski (Farmington); 5. Ozzie Wagner (Canton).

Heavyweight: 1. Brian Brinsden (Farmington); 2. Derek McWatt (Canton); 3. Josh Rose (Clarenceville); 4. Kevin Packard (Lutheran Westland).

WRESTLING RESULTS

Redford Catholic Central Wrestling Invitational

Team standings: 1. Davison, 237 points; 2. Holt, 131; 3. Oxford, 111; 4. Clarkston, 108; 5. Romeo, 96; 6. Catholic Central, 92.5; 7. Anchor Bay, 89; 8. Warren Lincoln, 86; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 84.5; 10. Fowlerville, 78; 11. Howell, 61.5; 12. Birmingham Brother Rice, 59; 13. Fruitport, 49; 14. Westland John Glenn, 25.

heavyweight: Eric Ghiacius (Ox) decided Nic LaFear, 5-3; **consolation:** Derek Stansbury (Ro) won by default over John Robinson (Cs); **fifth place:** Aaron Parr (CC) dec. Adam Barr (HT), 5-3.

103 pounds: Josh Gunterman (LS) dec. Keris-ton LaBelle (Dv), 9-2; **consolation:** Andy Puyear (Ht) dec. Russ Bohlinger (Fi), 14-1; **fifth place:** Jeremy Steiner (AB) pinned McIlwreth Netto (BR), 1-44.

112: Brooks Cozart (HW) dec. Shawn Newton (Dv), 7-4; **consolation:** Caiman Munsell (WL) dec. Chris O'Hara (CC), 9-3; **fifth place:** Steve Storrs (Ox) dec. Ken Schultz, 13-7.

119: Craig Trombly (AB) dec. Jack Scott, 5-4; **consolation:** Dave Teets (JG) dec. Craig Zube (HW), 6-2; **fifth place:** Billy Bullock (LS) pinned John Whitman (Dv), 1-42.

126: Chase Metcalf (Dv) pinned Brian Sullivan (BR), 4-45; **consolation:** Manuel Garcia (Ht) dec. Mike Mendoza (WL), 4-3; **fifth place:** Dan Siedzik (Ro) dec. Glen Paul Murray (AB), 14-7.

130: Charlie Myer (Ox) pinned Clint Montgomery (WL), 5-59; **consolation:** Matt Ghastin (Ht) dec. Jeff Albrecht (JG), 9-3; **fifth place:** Dave Endrezi (Cs) pinned Clint Randall (Ro), 3-32.

135: Joe Whitman (Dv) dec. Dave Welanko (Cs), 15-7; **consolation:** Jeff Wheeler (CC) pinned Tony Schuster (Ro), 4-54; **fifth place:** Drew Osterhouse (Ht) dec. Justin Nielson (WL), 4-2.

140: Scott Norton (Ro) dec. Chad Roush (Dv), 6-4; **consolation:** Tom Kleinschmidt (Fi) pinned Dave Beste (AB), 4-8; **fifth place:** Jay Abshire (CC) dec. Jason Harrison (BR), 1-0.

145: Kevin Henneman (AB) dec. Jimmy McFall (Dv), 8-7; **consolation:** Derek Stabley (Ro) pinned Sam Cooper (Fi), 2-21; **fifth place:** Clint Der-ringer (WL) dec. Eric Steckling (BR), 7-2.

152: Clint DeGarin (Cs) dec. Imad Kharbush (LS), 7-1; **consolation:** Kevin Harrington (BR) dec. Tim Polidan (Dv), 11-9; **fifth place:** Billy Johnson (Fi) dec. Jason Herbert (Fi), 7-0.

160: Mitch Hancock (CC) dec. Kevin Lee (Fi), 7-3; **consolation:** Casey Streeter (Dv) dec. Jamie Palomo (WL), 9-5; **fifth place:** Zach Heilner (Fi) dec. Mike Falzon (LS), 3-1.

171: Jon Phillips (Dv) dec. Chad Cleaves (Ht), 10-6; **consolation:** Jake Shagena (Ox) won on major dec. over Ryan Rogowski (CC), 14-5; **fifth place:** John MacFarland (LS) dec. Kevin Jenks (Cs), 10-4.

189: Scott Philburn (Fi) dec. Willie Breyer (Ox), 17-11; **consolation:** Ben Tecmire (HW) pinned Adam Wilmoth (Dv), 4-3; **fifth place:** Eric Puninske (LS) pinned Frank Mathias (CC), 2-28.

215: Pat DeGarin (Cs) dec. Jacob Dungey (Ht), 8-3; **consolation:** Kyle Tucker (WL) dec. Derek Lehr (Dv), 9-4; **fifth place:** Ryan Tiseo (Ro) dec. Tim McCarthy (LS), 7-2.

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Quick strikes doom Salem

A few minutes here, a few minutes there

That's the best way to sum up the first half of Plymouth Salem's first-ever hockey season. The Rocks can seemingly skate with just about anybody for a period of time, but then there's that few fateful minutes in the game when their fate is decided.

And it hasn't, for the most part, been a good outcome.

The Western Lakes Activities Association games played against Livonia Stevenson Saturday and Northville Monday added to that legacy. Salem saw its record dip to 1-11 overall with an 8-2 loss to Stevenson at the Plymouth Cultural Center and a 6-2 defeat against Northville Monday at Novi Ice Arena.

"We were in the game, we had some opportunities," said Salem coach Fred Feiler regarding the Stevenson game.

Salem trailed 2-0 after one period and 3-1 after two. A goal by Steve Nagel (assisted by

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Mike Thackaberry and Mark Nagel) with 13:12 left in the last period kept the Rocks within striking distance at 4-2.

That's when the pivotal few minutes came into play. The Spartans (7-4 overall, 5-1 in the WLAA) scored twice in a 30-second span, then got two more in the last 10 minutes from Mike Ventimiglia to win going away.

"For whatever reason, we can't shake that habit," said Feiler. "We played a little better (Monday) night (against Northville). But the puck didn't bounce our way."

"These guys are improving, though."

Salem's first goal against Stevenson, scored with 10:22 left in the second period, came from James Pawlica (assisted by Steve Lyons).

Ventimiglia finished with three goals and an assist for the Spartans. Mark Nebus added two goals and an assist, and Mike

Peraino had a goal and two assists.

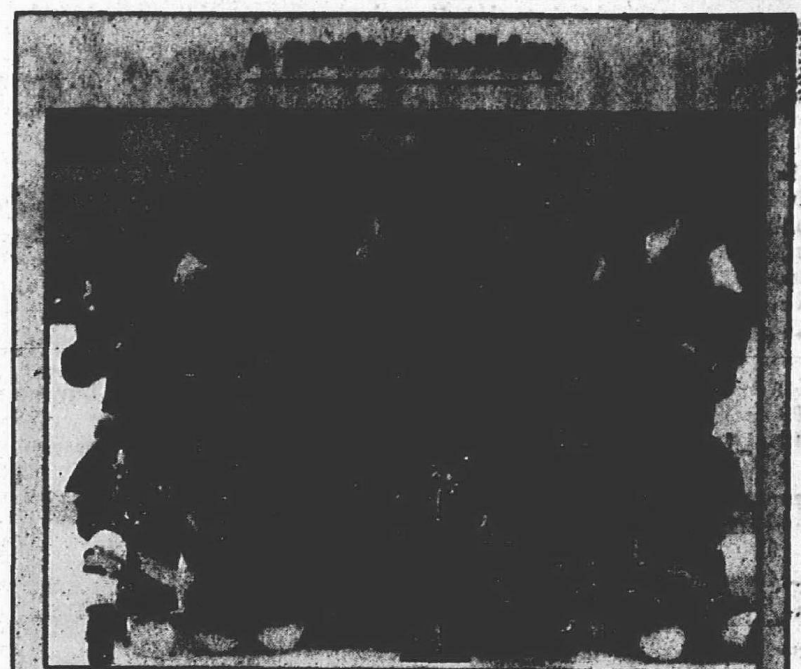
Sophomore goalie Rob Grisius made 13 saves in his first varsity start for Stevenson. Salem goalie Steve Steckel was bombarded by 64 Stevenson shots, 28 coming in the last period.

The Northville match was similar to the game played two days earlier. Salem trailed 3-1 after two periods, getting a goal from Mark Nagel (assisted by Scott Morrison and David Bida) with 7:16 left in the second.

The Rocks' bad stretch came in the first few minutes of the final period, when the Mustangs' Scott Schueler and Rob Ryan scored doubled their team's lead. Steve Nagel scored for Salem with 6:00 left to narrow the gap, but Tim Hillebrand's second goal of the game iced it for Northville.

Schueler, Ryan and Hillebrand — Northville's top-scoring line — each had two goals and three assists.

Stukel was in goal for Salem. Josh Block was in goal for Northville.



Championship team The Plymouth Cultural Center Mitey Mite Power Sharks hockey team posed in front of a banner (L-R) posing in the third annual Mitey Mite Memorial Tournament at the end of last month in Royal Oak. Goals: Zach Clark (second), assistant MVP honors, allowing three goals with two assists. Team members pictured are, from left: Ben Symonow, Ryan Rose, Brenden Blair, Zach Clark, Shawn Lyons, Joey Beard, Kyle Zink, Jordan Henry and Zach Clark. Standing, from left: Josh McGuire, Andy Small, Patrick Patis, Shawn Rasmussen, Zach Vukobratovich and Nick Patchell. Ryan McCarthy is not pictured. The head coach is Eugene Patis (back, center); assistants are Jim Clark (right) and Matt Blah (left). Assistants Dan Symonow and Paul Kaczmarek are not pictured.

Shamrocks face traditional state powers

This is one of the marquee weeks on the Redford Catholic Central hockey schedule.

The Shamrocks have two challenges against perennial state powers, including an 8 p.m. Saturday face-off against rival Trenton at Redford Arena.

A big crowd is expected for the game between the two state powerhouses.

"A lot will miss a good game if it's not (sold out)," CC coach Gordie St. John said.

CC also was scheduled to play at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, a traditionally strong team in Class B-C-D, on Wednesday, ending a two-week layoff.

The Shamrocks, 8-1 overall, had been idle since Dec. 29 when they won the championship game of a two-day tournament in Milwaukee, Wis.

What was supposed to be a 10-day layoff between games turned into 14 days when St. Thomas Aquinas in Ontario canceled out on a schedule visit last Saturday for a game at Redford Arena.

The Shamrocks have picked up a game in place of that cancellation, scheduling the Ice Dogs, a Triple A team, on Saturday, Jan. 22.

Trenton was the only team to

beat CC last year. The other meeting ended in a tie but it was remembered more for the fact that a Trenton player nearly lost his life after being slashed in the neck accidentally by a skate.

The game was called with the score tied and not resumed.

CC coach Gordie St. John, who missed several practices last week because of the flu, knows full well what these two games mean to the Shamrocks.

"It's going to be intense," St. John said. "We had a layoff and that always hurts you. I'm worried about Wednesday in particular because you don't want people looking ahead to Trenton."

"We've had a history of playing tremendously competitive games against Trenton. They've got to be good, ranked third or fourth in the state."

Trenton is led by defenseman Andy Greene, one of the best players in the state regardless of class or position.

"He's a real player," St. John said. "You've always got to know where he is. He's certainly one of the best."

After juggling his lines most of the season, St. John likes the combination he's found on his top two with Dave Moss, Brett

John and Jim Spiewak occupying one and Brian Williams, Brandon Kaleniecki and Joe Moreau the other.

There are no assurances they'll remain the same, however, he said.

"We keep moving them around and it's good for the kids to learn to play with each other," he said. "We tweak it when kids get complacent and bring in someone else. It keeps them sharp."

Williams leads the Shamrocks with 18 points (eight goals and 10 assists) and Kaleniecki has 14 points (eight goals, six assists). Moreau (six goals, seven assists) and Moss (six goals, seven assists) are tied for third on the team with 13 points each.

Senior goaltender Ben Dunne has a goals against average of 0.903.

"I like our work ethic," St. John said. "I don't like the fact we've had as long a layoff as we've had. It wouldn't have been bad if we hadn't lost the one game to St. Thomas canceling on us. I could have gotten along with that. Right now these boys are tearing each other apart in practice. They're frustrated not having played games, whacking each other. We want to make

sure they don't get hurt."

The Shamrocks still aren't at full strength. Junior defenseman Derek Genrich is out at least another month with an ankle injury, junior forward Ryan Lasecki is out for the season with a chest injury and freshman forward Eric Giosa remains out with a hand injury.

Junior defenseman Sean Genrich is playing despite a sore foot. The Shamrocks are hoping for the return this week of freshman Andrew Eggert, who missed the Milwaukee tournament with a groin injury.

"We've been hammered with injuries," St. John said.

Compuware Arena may be available with Birmingham Brother Rice no longer playing there but St. John said the Shamrocks are happy at Redford.

"We're pretty loyal to Redford and they've been loyal to us," St. John said. "It's nice to be part of the community the school is in. Bill McSweeney (Redford Unified assistant coach who helps run Redford Arena) has been very cooperative. He's a hockey guy, I've known him a long time and we get along very well together."

Blazers blank Kingswood

Machrina Fallon and Katie O'Dea each scored a pair of goals Tuesday as Livonia Ladywood improved to 10-1 overall and 9-1 in the Women's Michigan High School Hockey League by blanking Bloomfield Hills Kingswood 4-0 at Plymouth's Arctic Pond.

O'Dea also contributed two assists in the victory. Jana Beumel assisted on Fallon's first goal, 47 seconds into the game.

Ladywood added two goals in the second period, both by O'Dea, and another in the third.

Goaltender Megan Shefferly posted the shutout.

Churchill 3, Farmington United 1: The defense supplied by defensemen Nate Jakubowski and Sean Szostak carried Churchill to victory in the West-

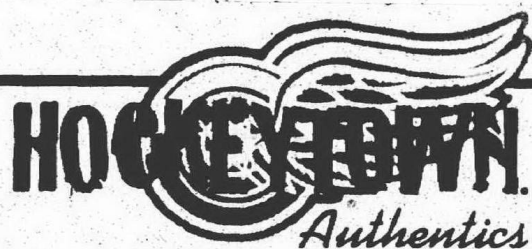
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ern Lakes Activities Association matchup against Farmington United Friday.

Churchill (7-3-1 overall) is in first place in the WLAA with a 6-1 mark. Farmington (7-2) is 4-2 in the league.

Szostak got the Chargers started with a slap shot past Flyers' goalie Logan McLean at 11:52 of the opening period. Heraghty, from Brian Marion, evened the score for Farmington with two seconds left in the opening period.

Krug broke the tie on a power play at 4:35 of the second period. Tom Sherman's empty-net goal clinched the victory.



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Shorthanded Ocelots stop St. Clair

How important is depth? Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team showed how significant a factor it could be on Saturday at St. Clair County CC, when the Ocelots lost one of their top players, Lamar Bigby, to foul trouble.

Going up against an opponent that was unbeaten in three previous games in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference, and on their floor, it figures SC coach Carlos Briggs

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would need all of his weapons to be available.

SC's quality depth, however, proved to be the decisive factor. The Ocelots, who led 45-35 at the half, maintained that cushion and posted an 81-68 victory.

"That was a big win," said Briggs. "We beat a tough team on their floor, and they have some shooters."

"Defensively, we stepped up,

and the guys stepped up when Lamar went out."

Keys to the victory were SC's superior rebounding (a 36-28 edge on the boards), turnovers (SC had 13, St. Clair 18) and free-throw shooting (SC: 27-of-36, 75 percent; St. Clair: 6-of-12, 50 percent).

Robert Brown paced the Ocelots with 23 points and 14 rebounds. Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial), whose game has taken a turn for the better since the start of the conference season, added 14 points and seven assists; Nick Evola scored 13; and Quentin Mitchell netted 11.

Jim Campbell's 16 points was best for the Skippers.

SC is now 9-4 overall, 2-0 in the conference. St. Clair CCC fell to 9-6 overall, 3-1 in the conference.

Madonna rally falls short

Certainly, Madonna University didn't allow visiting Tri-State University to leave for home Saturday without knowing it had been in a game.

After falling behind by 10 at the halftime break, the Fighting Crusaders battled back against the bigger, more experienced Thunder, a team that came into the game boasting an 11-6 record (compared to Madonna's 2-15).

With 4:53 left in the game, a basket by Madonna's Chad Put-

nam (from Redford Thurston) knotted the score at 51-all. But Tri-State answered with a 10-2 run over the next three minutes, and the Crusaders couldn't recover, eventually losing by a 66-58 margin.

The loss kept Madonna winless in two Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference games; the Crusaders are 2-16 overall. Tri-State is tied for first in the WHAC at 2-0; the Thunder are 4-12-6 overall.

Madonna trailed 34-24 at the half and 46-31 with 14:01 left in the game. But the Crusaders launched a comeback, outscoring the Thunder 16-1 over the next 6:24 to eventually tie it at 47-all on a Dan Kurtinaitis basket.

It was still tied (51-each) with 4:53 remaining when Tri-State, behind Jared Boll's and Joshua Treesh's four points apiece, took control for good with its 10-2 run.

Madonna was led by Putnam, who totaled 12 points, five rebounds and three steals. Mike Massey and Trevor Hinshaw contributed 11 points each; Hinshaw also had six assists and three steals. Jason Skoczylas added 10 points and seven rebounds.

Tri-State got 20 points from both Treesh and Boll; Treesh also had three assists and three steals, while Boll grabbed six rebounds. Chad LaCross added 11 points.

Turnovers ruin Crusader hopes

The effort was there. Unfortunately, so were the turnovers.

That, ultimately, was what cost Madonna University's women's basketball team Saturday in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game at Tri-State University.

The Lady Crusaders battled the Thunder evenly in almost every statistical category except turnovers: They had 30 to Tri-State's 18, which resulted in 15 more shots for the Thunder, nine more baskets, a 24-9 edge in points scored off turnovers — and a 64-54 victory in Angola, Ind.

The loss dropped Madonna to 0-2 in the WHAC, 6-8 overall. Tri-State improved to 1-1 in the conference, 11-5 overall.

The Crusaders had the advantage through the first half, building a 31-26 lead thanks in great part to solid free throw shooting: They were 10-of-13 from the line (76.9 percent) compared to Tri-State's 1-of-2.

That changed in the second half. The Thunder outscored Madonna 38-23, making all four of their three-pointers and 15 of their 25 floor shots (60 percent). Madonna was 8-

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of-22 in the second half (36.4 percent) and 17-of-43 for the game (39.5 percent).

Kristi Fioreni, a junior forward from Plymouth Canton HS, led Madonna with 18 points, 11 rebounds, three steals and two assists.

No other Crusader, however, reached double figures in anything. Chris Dietrich was next-best scorer with nine points; she also had five steals and four assists, and Carissa Gizicki had seven points, five assists and two steals.

Tri-State got 12 points from Sarah Zimmerman and 10 from Karen Reinhart.

There was some good news for Madonna: Lori Enfield, one of the trio of inside players who had been injured, returned to action. Enfield, the Crusaders' starting center who suffered a severe finger injury against Wayne State Dec. 16, played 16 minutes and scored four points.

St. Clair tops Schoolcraft

Schoolcraft College couldn't overcome a bad first half, although the Lady Ocelots gave it a good effort in the last 20 minutes Saturday at St. Clair County CC.

Trailing 39-25 at the half, SC trimmed the deficit to six with 3:05 left to play but could draw no closer in losing, 77-66.

The loss evened the Ocelots' record in Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference play at 1-1; they are 2-7 overall. St. Clair is 3-1 in the conference, 7-8 overall.

"We were within six, but we couldn't quite get over the hump after making up the deficit," said SC coach Karen Lafata.

Four players reached double figures in scoring for the Ocelots, led by Angelica Blakely with 20 points; she also grabbed 10 rebounds. Janelle Olson added 18 points, Antone Watson scored 14 and Carly Wright netted 12.

Kara Jackman's 20 points was best for the Skippers.



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another by Kyle Wellwood early in the third, but they could get no closer.

Corey Batten made 30 saves in the game for Belleville.

Last Friday at London, defense ruled and Plymouth's defense proved more dominant as the Whalers blanked the London Knights, 2-0.

Top scorers from both teams were held pointless, but Plymouth had some others step up when needed. Rob McBride got his third goal of the season (and second in as many games), chasing down a puck sent into the corner in London's end of the ice by James Ramsay.

McBride then cut in front of the Knights' goal and lifted a backhander over the glove of goalie Gene Chiarello.

It would be the only goal Whalers' goalie Bill Ruggiero would need, as he recorded his first-ever OHL shutout against the team he once played for: Ruggiero had 21 saves in the game.

Jamie Lalonde added some insurance when he pounced on a Knights' turnover in

front of their net and wristed a shot past Chiarello. Chiarello stopped 32 of 34 Whaler shots.

London was 10-21-5 through the weekend.

Ambassadors get 5 stars

Five members of the Compuware Ambassadors — four of them starters — will be on the ice for the North American Hockey League's 2000 All-Star Game, which will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 22 in Geneva, Ill.

A sixth member of the Ambassadors, coach Mike Vellucci, will serve as an assistant to the East team's head coach, Joe Shawhan of the Soo Kewadin Casino Indians.

Forward Michael Smith, defenseman Andy Burnes and goalie Craig Kowalski will start for the East squad. Also on the East team are Compuware forwards Steve Swistak and Alex Sawruk.

Teams were selected by a vote of the coaches within their respective divisions. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own players.

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Kingston Frontenacs	25	11	3	54
Belleville Bulls	22	14	1	45
Peterborough Petes	19	17	4	42
Oshawa Generals	17	17	3	38
Central Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Barrie Colts	22	12	5	50
Sudbury Wolves	18	18	4	41
North Bay Centennials	15	19	5	36
Toronto St. M. Majors	11	27	2	25
Miss. Ice Dogs	5	32	1	12
West Division	W	L	T	Pts.
SSM Greyhounds	24	15	3	55
Windsor Spitfires	24	13	1	50
Plymouth Whalers	23	14	3	50
Sarnia Sting	18	17	6	42
London Knights	10	21	5	27
Midwest Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Erie Otters	20	19	1	43
Brampton Battalion	16	18	5	39
Kitchener Rangers	14	20	4	35
Guelph Storm	16	19	1	34
Owen Sound Platers	11	25	3	29

Salem stumbles

There were some good things that came out of last Saturday's Plymouth Salem Invitational, according to Salem gymnastics coach Melissa Hopson.

The performance of the Rocks' team wasn't exactly one of them.

Brighton finished first in the 17-team field, scoring 137.95 points. Second went to Rochester with 137.35, followed by Troy (136.525), Holt (135.55), Free-land (132.375), Adrian (131.65), Jackson County Western (130.3), Ann Arbor Huron (130.075), Grosse Pointe North (129.5), Hartland (128.45), Ann Arbor Pioneer (126.95), Plymouth Salem (126.3), Fraser and Saline (115.5), Birmingham Seaholm (115.35), Midland (112.75) and Walled Lake (111.3).

Salem's 12th-place finish was somewhat predictable, considering the injuries that have sidelined some top performers: sophomore Emily Nicolau, out two weeks with a hyper-extended knee, and junior Ashley Heard, who has two bad wrists and two bad ankles.

Heard could compete this weekend at the Rockford Invitational, but she'll be restricted to the balance beam and uneven parallel bars.

And yet, Hopson had hoped for something a bit more. "It was a good meet," she said. "We got a good look at some other teams."

"My girls did OK. We didn't have the best meet of our lives. (Our score) was lower than it was against Walled Lake (Jan. 4). We could score 128, 129 with these girls."

Only team scores — not indi-

viduals — were kept, and Salem did not place in the top five as a team in any of the four events.

The Rocks did get solid performances from April Aquinto, who scored 9.2 on floor exercise, 9.05 on beam, 8.2 on vault and 8.1 on bars, and from Bethany Bartlett, who posted a 9.1 on floor, an 8.95 on vault, an 8.3 on bars and an 8.3 on beam.

Other good scores, according to Hopson, came from Kara Dendrin on vault (7.55) and floor (7.45); from Kelsey Ensor on floor (8.05) and beam (7.75); from Ann-Marie Zelinski on vault (7.6); and from Danielle Teper on beam (7.15).

"We had a bad bar day," said Hopson. "Once we get everyone back, what I'd like to see is this team score in the 132s by season's end."

"All I can look for is improvement."

Against Walled Lake Jan. 4, the Rocks rolled to an easy 126.4-109.65 triumph in their first Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet of the season.

Bartlett led Salem with a 34.00 all-around total, scoring 9.05 on vault, 8.7 on bars, 8.7 on floor and 7.55 on beam. Aquinto was next best with a 33.05 all-around; she had an 8.85 on floor, 8.8 on bars, 8.4 on vault and 7.6 on beam.

Other top scores were posted by Ensor on floor (8.1) and beam (8.0); Dendrin on floor (7.95) and vault (7.75); Teper on floor (7.75), vault (7.7) and beam (7.2); Zelinski on vault (7.9); Valerie Quigley on floor (7.4); and Stephanie Olli on beam (7.15).

Hoop

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points to lead four Shamrocks in double figures. Senior forward Matt Loras added 12 and junior guards Mark Willoughby and Ryan Celeskey had 11 apiece.

Huron led 20-15 after one quarter before the Shamrocks gained a 32-31 halftime lead, outscoring the River Rats 17-11 in the second quarter.

Huron had a 49-48 lead through three quarters before dominating the fourth.

Huron finished 14-for-24 at the free throw line while CC was 10-of-13. The loss dropped the Shamrocks to 3-5 overall.

PCA basketball from page C1

after one.

PCA continued to work the ball in for easy baskets in the second quarter and led 52-37 at the half. Huntsman was unstoppable, hitting all eight of his first-half field-goal attempts and all seven of his free throws.

The Eagles came out in the third quarter as if they had spent the intermission in a giant freezer. Their once sizzling shooting touch turned ice cold as they connected on just 3-of-14 shots from the field.

The Chargers, on the other hand, were turning turnovers produced by their press into uncontested layups. As a result, they cut their once meaty deficit to 60-58 heading into the final stanza.

Eagle senior forward Randy

Elenbaas deposited an offensive rebound into the basket one minute into the fourth quarter, boosting PCA's lead back up to 64-58. However, the Chargers stormed right back and scored the next seven points, taking their first lead of the game, 65-64, at the 5:46 mark on Prencipe's two free throws.

PCA junior forward P.J. Woodman gave his team its final lead of the night, 72-71, when he sank one-of-two free throws with 3:39 left. However, Huntsman fouled out 18 seconds later and Isensee committed his fifth foul one minute after that, putting a damper on the home team's scoring punch.

Following Woodman's free throw, Inter-City Baptist scored the next six points to ice the win.

The Chargers' all-out press forced the Eagles to commit 21 turnovers. "That's way too many," Taylor said.

Dave Carty turned in a solid effort for PCA, netting 17 points while pulling down six rebounds. Isensee finished with 14 points and 10 boards.

Huntsman was the Eagles' top rebounder, grabbing 12 missed shots.

Besides Prencipe, the Chargers had two players score in double figures: Jared Garner and Jake Milner, who netted 10 points each.

PCA shot 45 percent (28-of-61) from the floor and 56 percent (14-of-25) from the charity stripe.

The Eagles outrebounded the Chargers, 35-25.

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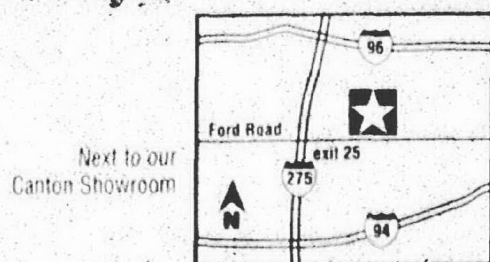
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Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in South-

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SHOWS

SILVERDOME BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING

The 17th annual Silverdome Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be Feb. 2-6 at the Pontiac Silverdome. The show features over 300 boats from more than 75 manufacturers, fishing tackle, fishing trips, charter captains, virtual fishing, trout ponds, seminars, casting demonstrations and more. Show hours are 3-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 2 and 3; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6. Admission is \$7 adult, \$3 for children ages 6-14 and children under five will

be admitted free.

DETROIT BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING SHOW

The 42nd annual Detroit Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be Feb. 12-20 at Cobo Center. The show features the 2000 premiere showing of new model boats, motors, trailers, accessories and more. Some 1,000 boats will be available for viewing including fishing boats, ski boats, pontoons, cruisers, inflatables, personal watercrafts, canoes and kayaks.

SPORTFISHING EXPO

The 12th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo is set for Thursday through Sunday, March 2-5, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. An all-star lineup of seminar speakers is already scheduled. The show also features exhibitors, merchandise booths, casting and fishing activities and more. Show hours are 4-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 2-3; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4; and 10

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SPRING BOATING EXPO

The eighth annual Spring Boating Expo is scheduled for March 16-19 at the Novi Expo Center. The show features some 200 exhibitors with new boats and watercrafts, motors, trailers, docks, accessories and more.

ARCHERY

LIVONIA RANGE

The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for additional information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

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A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. the first Saturday in November at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

CLUBS

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.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at

Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

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 information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for information.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 14

Harper Wds. at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Luth. W'sid at Luth. North, 7 p.m.
Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Franklin, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Canton, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Northville, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Willow Run, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.
Wyandotte at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Borgess at U-D Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at St. Alphonsus, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Brother Rice, 7:30 p.m.
PCA at Southfield Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Agape at Macomb Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Warren Zee at Marshall M.S., 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Jan. 13

Mercy at Bishop Foley, 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Divine Child, 7 p.m.

St. Agatha at Borgess, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 14

Harper Wds. at Luth. W'sid, 7 p.m.
Agape at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 15
Comstock Tournament, 8 a.m.
Wayne Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Whitmore Lake Tourney, 9 a.m.
Midland Tournament, 9 a.m.
Macomb CC Invitational, TBA
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, Jan. 13
Ply. Whalers at Windsor, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 14
Ply. Whalers vs. S.S. Marie at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 15
Ply. Whalers vs. Brampton at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Thursday, Jan. 13
Redford Unified vs. Birm. Unified at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 14
Northville vs. Franklin

at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

Salem vs. Farm. Unified at Farm. Hills Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Novi vs. Canton at Ply. Cultural Center, 8 p.m.
Churchill vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 15
Churchill vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 5:20 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Canton at Ply. Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Trenton at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
Redford Unified at Dearborn, 8 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 15

Schoolcraft at Wayne Co. CC, 3 p.m.
Madonna at Spring Arbor, 3 p.m.
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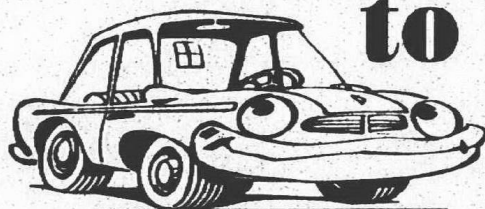
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dren, who enjoys dancing, quiet
dinner, art shows, theater. One-
on-one relationship. #1109NATURAL & CHARMING
GROWN-UP DWF, 56, blonde/
green, two grown children, seeks romantic
white gentleman, 49-60, fairly
sophisticated, financially/em-
otionally secure, interested in fun
times and sports. #1112

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

SACF, 43, 5'5", enjoys simple
and fine things in life. Seeking
an honest, open-minded
SAWPCM, 43-50, financially
emotionally secure, with good
morals. #1389ACT NOW
Attractive SWF, 5'6", blonde/
blue, enjoys laughter, sharing,
dancing. Seeking secure, out-
going SWM, 39-50, with a warm
smile and a big heart, who is
committed/married. #1390R U HONESTLY
HANDSOME?
Honesty, pretty SWF, 45, 5'4",
130lbs, enjoys canoeing, fish-
ing, Harleys, camping, comedy
clubs and more. Seeking truly
handsome fit, respectable male
who enjoys romance, snugg-
ling, deep conversations, with
ability to express emotions.
#5755SINGLE SENIOR
DWF, 63 years young, 5'6",
blondish-gray, N/S, N/D, almost
retired, loves travel, fine dining,
theater, music. Seeking intel-
ligent SWM, 60-65, N/S, with
variety of interests, sense of
humor, possible relationship.
#1057SPONTANEOUS,
SENSUOUS,
romantic, intelligent SF, 52, and
fun! Medical professional,
wrapped up in a great looking
package. Searching for a N/S,
HW proportionate, professional
guy, for good times and maybe
more. #1031HOPELESS
ROMANTIC
Energetic, beautiful SBCPF,
5'5", 145lbs, honey brown com-
plexion, enjoys exercising, travel-
ing, entertaining, movies.
Seeking prosperous Christian
gentleman with similar inter-
ests, n/s, height/weight propor-
tionate for relationship. Southfield
area. #1262HO HO HO,
MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Dreaming of sharing Christmas
with a nice young lady. I'm 39,
look young, 5'3", 130lbs, hard
worker, in good shape, finan-
cially secure, N/S, very light
drinker. Seeking special lady.
30-45. #1142IN OR OUTGOING
Retired male, 37, father of 3, in-
dependent, financially secure,
likes movies, fun, dancing,
going out, basketball, baseball,
football. Seeking beautiful, nice,
compassionate woman who
likes to have fun. #1066BLEND INTO ME
Attractive SWF, 35, 5'11", profes-
sional, seeks sweetheart who
make coffee, I'll turn on the
music. Get closer, blend. #1263TRUE
ROMANCE
Employed male, 28, brown/
brown, college student, enjoys
cuddling, amusement parks,
order mls, vacations, music.
Seeking SF, 22-31, for friend-
ship first, and possibly more.
#5309BELLEVILLE AREA
Attractive, fit SWM, 38, 6'2",
brown/blue, enjoys fishing,
camping, dining, movies, more.
Seeking slender, attractive
SWF, 34-42, for committed LTR.
Kids ok. #1175FIT & FUN
Attractive male, 37, 5'9",
160lbs, blond/hazel, business
owner, likes sports, working out,
skiing, reading, cooking, mov-
ies. Seeking fit, attractive,
mature female who likes having
fun. #1310CALLING
FOREIGN NATIONS
Attractive SWM, early 30s, 6'2",
dark/blue, enjoys concerts,
sports, movies. Seeking attrac-
tive, foreign female for relation-
ship. #1349VERY
GOOD-LOOKING
Very outgoing, employed
SWPM, 28, 5'11", 175lbs, brown/
blue, seeks attractive, outgoing
SWF, 22-35, HW proportionate,
who enjoys sports. #5377PROFESSIONAL & REAL
Charming, down-to-earth SWPM,
32, enjoys movies, theater, travel,
candlelight and fun. Seeking an
attractive woman who enjoys life!
#1327FOREVER IN
BLUE JEANS
Good-looking DWM, 44, spiritu-
al, down-to-earth gentleman,
with integrity seeks SDF, 30-
50, who enjoys the simple plea-
sures in life for friendship first,
then see what develops.
#1030NOT
COMMODITY
Affectionate, spontaneous, out-
going, faithful SWM, 40, 6'1",
enjoys concerts, movies, long
walks, cozy fires. Seeking a
down-to-earth, honest SDF, 30-
40, with similar interests, for
possible LTR. #1366LOOKING
FOR SOULMATE
SWM, 55, enjoys singing, walk-
ing, card games, board games.
Seeking SF, 40-55, for LTR
possible LTR. #1050SMART & SEXY
Honest, easygoing, fun-loving
DWM, 45, smoker, N/D,
N/Drugs, likes rebuilding hous-
es, cars, motorcycles, camping,
swimming and the beach.
Seeking a similar female for
relationship. #1321EARTH, WIND & FIRE
Early retired, widowed WM,
49, 6'2", 205lbs, N/D, N/S, seeks
SWF, 40-50, active, secure,
proportionate to conjure up
warm, cozy fires. Seeking a
possible LTR. Redford. #5696HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Handsome, witty, sweet SM,
47, seeks SWF, 40-50, N/S,
for dating, dining, dancing,
friendship for possible LTR.
#5970LOOKING FOR
NEW BEGINNING
Affectionate, honest, easygo-
ing, hard-working DWM, 45,
5'6", 160lbs, brown/blue, N/D,
N/Drugs, smoker, who likes
camping, fishing, swimming, is
looking for a new relationship
starting as friends, possible
LTR. #5840MY CHRISTMAS WISH
Successful businessman, N/S,
N/D, short, well-educated.
Seeking one sweet woman, 35-
45, N/S, short, HW proportion-
ate to call my own. Should be
financially secure, confident.
#1091WESTLAND AREA
Attractive SWF, 5'10", 175lbs,
new hair, bright brown eyes,
N/S, no dependents, employed
homeowner, seeks slim, attrac-
tive WF, under 48, #5357DOWN-TO-EARTH
Single, fit, witty, college edu-
cated DWM, 42, 5'9", 160lbs,
enjoys nature walks, dining out,
movies, theater, quiet evenings
at home. Seeking secure SWF
with similar interests for loving
LTR. #1234HELLO LADIES
Humorous yet intellectual, ac-
tive outgoing SWM, 40, 5'10",
190lbs, enjoys reading, writing,
outdoor activities, theater,
movies. Seeking friendly, outgo-
ing S/DWF, 34-48, N/S, small
petite build, for possible rela-
tionship. #5519RUGGED
JOCK TYPE
Rugged, athletic, tall, muscular
SWM, 40, 6'3", 235lbs, brown/
blue, clean-cut, degreed, enjoys
Las Vegas, road trips, outdoors,
good sense of humor. Seeking
friendly SF for companionship.
Age/Area open. #4018ROMANTIC WARRIOR
Intelligent, creative, college-
educated, athletic, adventure-
ous, open-minded attractive
SBM, 32, 5'7", enjoys getaway
weekends, summer breezes,
dancing, romantic jazz, breezes,
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SF for LTR. #1348BE MY
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est communication, mutual
trust. #1213ATTRACTIVE BLONDE
WF, 51, 5'7", medium build,
seeks commitment-minded
kind WM, 45-55, for LTR.
Livonia. #1080Men
seeking WomenBAREFOOT
ON THE BEACH
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Adventurous, honest, slim,
romantic DWM, 46, N/S, light
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CONSERVATIVESWPM, late 30s, travel, plays
golf, goes North. Seeking com-
pact, first with independent
sincere, honest, caring
and SF, 24-40. #1330SBPM SEEKS SWF
SBPM, 53, 6'3", in search of
athletic, good-looking SWF, 35-
50, adventurous, likes to cud-
dle who enjoys life, appreciates
a real man. Call me. #1324SEARCHING
FOR MY SOULMATE
Dad, 46, 6', 180lbs, brown/
green, glasses, clean-cut, smok-
er, very down-to-earth, auto-
motive professional. Enjoys
golf, bowling, movies, sports,
walks, romance. Seeking new
best friend for loving, caring,
sharing relationship. #1172WHAT IS LOVE?
Successful, good-looking, sexy
SM, 28, 6', 220lbs, brown/
brown, athletic build, enjoys
movies, dining out, and more.
Seeking petite, attractive, intel-
ligent, funny woman, 25-32.
#1282ABOUT
NEW YEAR'S EVE
Just in time to meet a humble,
humorous, handsome SWM,
45, to ring in the cheer and start
a new year. Seeking attractive
dear, 36-48. #1261THE FINEST THINGS
SWM, 45, average height/
weight, enjoys long walks, the-
ater, fine dining. Seeking attrac-
tive, slender SWF, 35-45, to
share the finer things in life with.
#1242ROMANTIC MAN
SWM, 49, enjoys bowling, travel-
ing, dining, dancing, dancing.
Seeking romantic woman for
dating, possibly more. Race-age unimportant.
#5454FOREVER IN
BLUE JEANS
Good-looking DWM, 44, spiritu-
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If you don't have to pay it back, it's actually FREE MONEY!

How To Get U.S. Government Grants & Low-Interest Loans For First-Time Home Buyers, To Start A New Business, Expand A Business, Buy New Equipment or Invest In Real Estate!

Detroit, MI—What is FREE Money and how can you get it?

- **Kimberly Willis** got \$43,500 of FREE money to purchase her home.
- **Louis Wilson** got \$50,000 of FREE money to buy equipment for his construction company.
- **Ernest & Catherine Curione** got \$148,000 of FREE money to fix up their investment property.
- **Walt Vanderweel** got \$25,000 of FREE money and a \$50,000 low-interest loan to build his business and sold it for \$1.6 million!
- **John & Lillie Wright** just qualified for a home loan of \$91,200 at 3% interest!

If you are looking to start your own business, expand your existing business, buy investment property or if you are interested in becoming a first-time home buyer, the answers to these questions will surprise you. They could also make a big difference in your net worth, your bank balance and your over all success in life.

It's FREE — But You've Got To Work For It!

As we all know, the best things in life are free, and the rest we have to pay for either by working hard or laying out cash. When it comes to government grants, you really can get FREE money. However, you will have to qualify and work for it. Sometimes you'll have to work hard and sometimes all you have to do is properly fill out the paper work and it comes easy.

You see, through the government grant, loan and subsidy system, it is possible to buy your own home, even though you don't have a down payment. You might also be able to start your own business or expand your existing business even though you don't have the money you need.

This free money comes from the federal, state and your local city government grant, loan and subsidy systems. These systems can (if you qualify) help you to become a real estate investor, even though you don't have any money, or the knowledge to do it. Or if you're already a real estate investor, you might be able to get free money to fix up your property and never have to pay it back.

Sound too good to be true? Read on. It gets better!

There is one organization in particular that teaches how to find free money, low-interest loans and subsidies offered by the government grant, loan and subsidy system. They provide reference materials about all the programs available in your local area and guide you to which ones you might qualify for receiving a grant, loan or subsidy.

The company is called the **National Grants Conference (NGC)** and they are on a mission to educate local business people, property owners and individuals who are sincerely interested in learning how to get free money from the government. The introductory conference attendees discover little known programs that offer free government money, low-interest loans, subsidies and great financial opportunities in their local community.

Get Money To Start Your Own Business!

For anyone who's in business or even wants to start their own business, you can get a \$6,000, or more, subsidy, courtesy of the U.S. Congress, that you never have to pay back every year for the rest of your life, as long as you're in that business. NGC shows you how to get this. The U.S. Government will provide grants for you to start that business.

Sandy Botkin,
Attorney & CPA,
Former IRS Trainer

Availability, terms and amounts of grants and loans vary. You must meet eligibility requirements to qualify.

Not Just For Poor People

There's a myth going around that only poor people can take advantage of free money grants, subsidies and low-interest loans. But really, some of the most famous people that have taken advantage of them in the past are the super wealthy. People like Donald Trump, his father Fred Trump and Ross Perot, to name just a few. Did you know that Lee Iacocca got \$1.5 billion for Chrysler and Stephen Jobs got money from the government to start Apple Computer? It's true.

In fact, most of the programs that people can qualify for actually fall in an income bracket that encompasses the majority of the American people. There are grant programs available in this area for people making as little as \$1,500 a month.

Mid-Income Range

NGC specializes in helping people get government grants, low-interest loans and subsidy programs for those in the middle income range who make between \$20,000 a year on the low end, and up to \$300,000 a year on the high end.

\$110,000 Free Money To Expand Business!

"We applied and were very surprised because in less than 30 days we obtained our first grant for \$110,000. The grant is free. We don't have to pay it back!"

Bob Willman
Director Of Sales
Manufacturing Company

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Is it Really FREE Money?

If you don't have to pay the money back, it's actually free. However, you do have to meet eligibility requirements to qualify and grants are subject to conditions that vary. And in some cases, re-payment may be required if the program conditions are not met. But if you can live with all that, this really is FREE Money!

All this sounds great, but why is the government doing this?

Better Life & More Taxes

Benefit number one is that as more people become home owners, they have a pride of ownership in their houses and they tend to be more productive members of society. They also pay property taxes and tend to be more stable in employment because they've got to make their house payment to maintain their investment.

Grant Money To Revitalize Communities

That's why the government also provides grant money for investors to revitalize communities. They offer grants and low-interest loans to property owners to take the properties that are in bad shape, that have been run down and re-build them and make them available for subsidized housing for the low to moderate income, as well as the elderly.

More Jobs & More Taxes

The government also has programs for small businesses. The reason for this is because the small businesses drive the American economy. Most of new jobs are created by small businesses. We've seen the future in big corporations. They're downsizing. It's the small businesses that are giving the economy a big lift and providing more jobs.

Programs For Women

There are special programs for women to get into business. The facts and figures about women in businesses are growing in this country and their success rate is extraordinary.

At the Conference, many opportunities for businesses and women have been identified and various local, state and federal

programs will be targeted that many people may be interested in and may be able to qualify for.

Local Free Money

NGC has a team of research specialists with offices in Chicago, Illinois and Rochester, New York. These specialists conduct daily research on every government grant, loan and subsidy program available in every major U.S. City as well as all programs that are nation wide.

In almost every case NGC is able to provide a wide variety of different programs that local people can take advantage of.

\$100,000 For Your Business

There's one particular loan program that's really exciting. It's called the 'Low Doc Program.' This is for individuals who want to start or grow a business. And there's a simple one-page form you have to complete. With this form you may be able to qualify for up to \$100,000 for your business. It's a fabulous program that cuts through the red tape.

\$50,000 Research Grants

If you have a great idea and are thinking... "If I just had the money..." — You will be interested to know that there is a research program, which allows up to \$50,000 if you have a great innovative idea on technology. The Government may give you six months of money for research.

Resources For Small Businesses

As a small business owner you can apply for government funding. You can use the money for equipment, for purchasing equipment, for getting technical help, as well as for your inventory and to even purchase the real estate too.

In a sense, by using these programs the government helps you create the American dream: owning real estate and owning your own business.

Who Should Attend?

If you are thinking that you don't want to work for a boss anymore, or you're sick and tired of your job or you don't want to commute any more, attend this conference.

Or maybe you simply don't have a sense of security working for somebody else. Take the time and effort and come to this local conference. Learn about these programs. If you have a great idea, you may be able to get the money for a new business or real estate investment and start to depend on yourself.

Look at all the examples on this page. People who've changed their lives and now have successful businesses and own their own homes and investment properties. These are examples of their own personal experience. Your experience may be different. It may be worse or it may be even better. The only way you'll ever know is if you try. Call and make your reservation today to attend the conference in your local area.

Bad Credit Is Not A Block

Bad credit is not necessarily an obstacle any more because many lending institutions have made it easier to qualify for a loan and there are various programs for people in this situation.

Bankruptcy Not What It Used To Be

Also, bankruptcy is no longer the kind of problem it used to be. That's because 1.3 million Americans filed for Chapter Seven protection last year. Banks understand that you can only go bankrupt once every seven years.

If you don't have a job, a business or a regular source of income or are in the process of declaring bankruptcy, it is doubtful that this program will be able to help your situation.

Participate On Any Level

The beauty in these programs is that you can participate on any level you want. If you just want to be a home-owner, there are programs available that may be able

Local Conference Tells Where Government Money Is & How To Get It!



Free Grant Money To Buy A Home

"I got an actual grant of \$35,000 towards the purchase of my home, plus \$2,500 to make the house energy efficient, and \$6,000 at closing time to pay for my closing costs (I received \$43,500!). The grant is free. I just have to reside in the home."

— **Kimberly Willis***
Child Support Examiner

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FREE \$50K Grant To Expand Business

"I went down and applied for grants. They gave me \$50,000. With that \$50,000, I was able to buy better equipment and with the better equipment, I was able to get bigger jobs. I made a lot of money after that and I didn't have to pay that grant back."

— **Louis O. Wilson***
Construction Company Owner

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Free Grant Money To Fix Up Property

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— **Catherine & Ernest Curione***
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Availability, terms and amounts of grants and loans vary. You must meet eligibility requirements to qualify.



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— **Chirlane Murray,**
National Grants Conference Student

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— **WALT Vanderweel,**
Retired Relative of National Grants Conference Exec.

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*Individuals shown are recipients of Government Grants and/or loans and are not national Grant Conference Students. Personal Experience, Yours may vary.

to help you get the down payment grants and loans to provide the down payment, to buy your home.

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



James Spader stars as Nick Vanzant, the pilot of a deep space medical vessel who must uncover a destructive force that threatens the ship, in "Supernova," a science fiction thriller opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



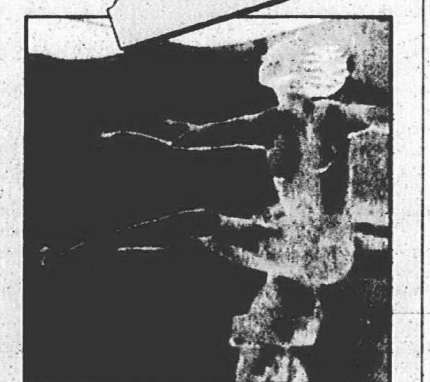
The Stuttgart Ballet makes its Detroit debut 8 p.m. at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets are \$17-\$62. Call the box office (313) 237-SING or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

SUNDAY

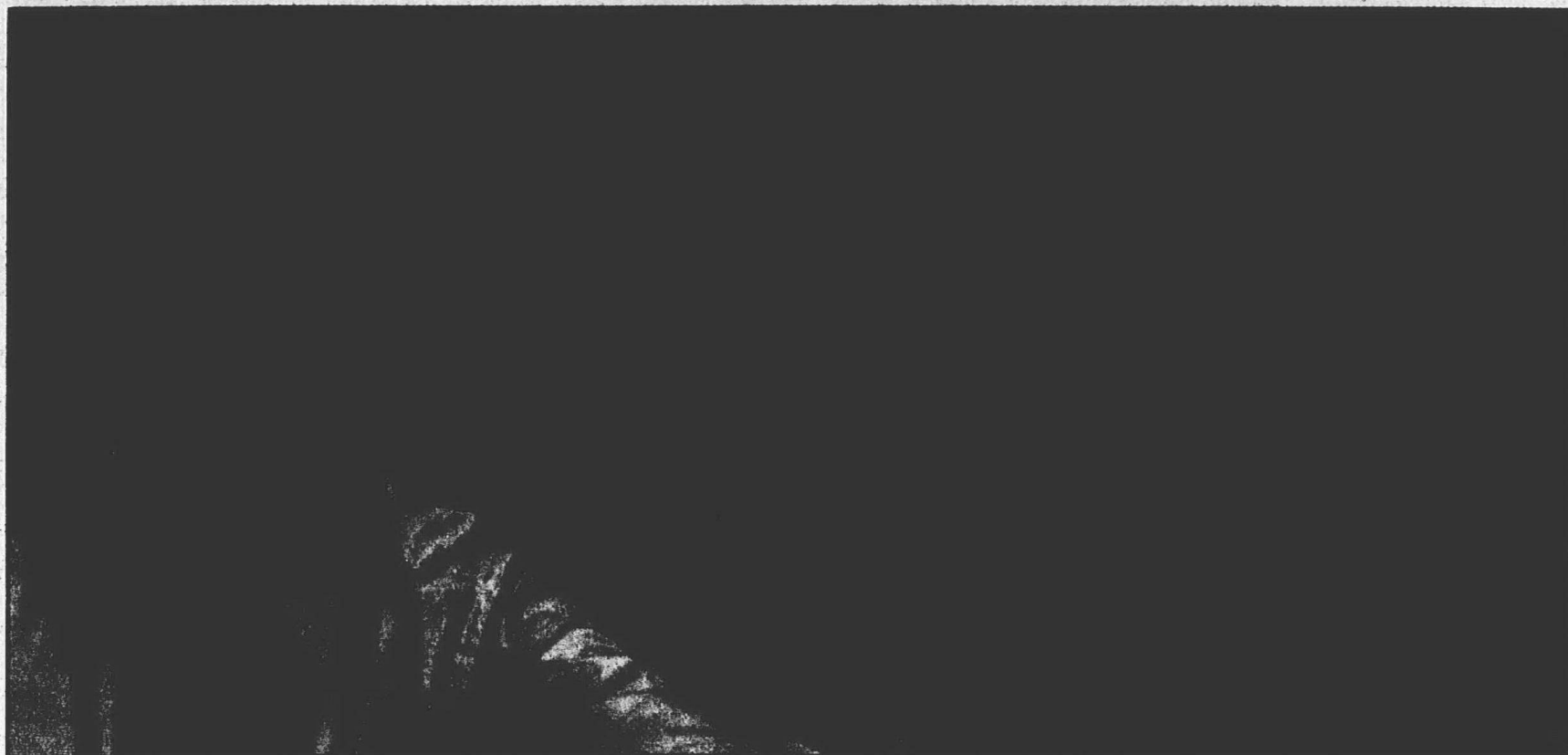


B.B. King performs classic blues with special guest the Bobby "Blue" Bland 8 p.m. at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Avenue in Detroit. Tickets \$27.50-\$50. Charge by phone at (248) 433-1515 or (248) 645-6666.

HOT TICKET



Hot Ticket Item: "The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, through Monday, Jan. 17, in downtown Plymouth, features ice carving competitions, an "Icy Toyland," and other surprises. Open 24 hours a day, for more information or directions, call (734) 459-9157 or visit the Web site at www.oeonline.com/plymouthice.



On stage: Jack Willis (left to right), Judd Hirsch and Cotter Smith star in the Tony Award winning play, "Art."

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

"Art" is about an artist the way "Fiddler on the Roof" is about a musician.

That is to say, it isn't.

The Tony Award-winning Best Play of 1998, which runs through Jan. 30 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit, deals with friendship, power and values.

Specifically, the aesthetic and monetary worth of an abstract painting, a large white canvas with some white stripes and nothing else. Starring Judd Hirsch, Cotter Smith and Jack Willis, "Art" is billed as a comedy.

Speaking by phone from Charlotte, N.C., the tour's stop before opening on Tuesday in Detroit, Smith took issue with that label.

Enjoyable

"The wonderful thing about this play is that it's so enormously enjoyable," he said. "And yet, it's also very serious and deeply moving. It's quite extraordinary."

Smith appeared on the ABC TV series "Equal Justice" and as Robert Kennedy in the mini-series "Blood Feud." In "Art," Smith plays Serge, one of three middle-aged, middle class Americans living in Paris. Recently divorced, Serge pays 200,000 francs (approximately \$40,000) for the abstract painting. His longtime friend Marc (Hirsch) takes one look and calls it something that won't get printed here but will get laughs at the Fisher.

A third friend, Yvan (Willis), is called in as mediator. In trying to appease the other two, he ignites

WITTY, MODERN 'ART'

A PORTRAIT OF FRIENDSHIP

Art

WHEN: Through Sunday, Jan. 30 at the Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Blvd. at Second, Detroit.

CURTAIN: 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 7 p.m. Sunday. No performances on Mondays.

TICKETS: \$25-\$47.50, available at the box office, and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets, or (313) 872-1000 for information.

the quarrel that forces all three to re-examine their friendship.

"Art" was written by French author/actress Yasmina Reza and is directed by Matthew Warchus.

"To me the play is about the art of friendship," said Smith. "These friends, ostensibly over a piece of art, all of a sudden begin to uncover trouble in their relationship and how fearful they are of losing each other."

Author Reza drew on men she knew to craft the play, which enjoyed success in 25 countries before opening on Broadway two years ago. She has insisted that it remain set in Paris no matter where it runs, with some minor Americanisms substituted in the English translation for clarity.

Story meaning

One member of the audience who found the story very clear was nine-year-old Madeline Smith, Cotter's daughter.

"I was curious what it would mean to her," said Cotter Smith. "She said, 'At first I thought you guys were ridiculous. I couldn't figure out what you were so upset about, why you were fighting over this painting.' And then she took a pause and said, 'But then I realized that you weren't fighting about the painting, that you were really very upset with each other about something else.' And I thought, that's

how powerful the play really is, that she actually got that at the age of nine."

Smith cautions against bringing children to "Art" because of adult language, but says "it's a great play to take teenagers to because I think it will excite them about the theater." The play runs 90 minutes, with no intermission.

The three stars had not worked together before "Art." Hirsch is best known for his starring roles on "Taxi" and "Dear John," but has twice won Tony Awards ("I'm Not Rappaport" and "Conversations With My Father," both by Herb Gardner). Hirsch starred in "Art" in London and then on Broadway, where Jack Willis (currently appearing on screen in "The Talented Mr. Ripley") joined the cast.

To prepare for the national tour, Hirsch invited his co-stars to his home in upstate New York. As Smith tells it, "he hired a cook and we hung out together; it was really wonderful. We all get along so well; it would be a mess on a nine-month tour if we didn't."

A founding member of the Matrix Theatre Company in Los Angeles, Smith derives more satisfaction from his stage work than from lucrative film and television offers.

"We don't have to wait 10 hours until they get the lights right and do every line 50 times," he said. "To me, theater is very primitive as it goes all the way back to sitting around a campfire. You really do sit in a dark room and tell a story to a breathing audience. There's nothing quite like that."

FAMILY FUN

Get in on the act, spend an evening enjoying theater

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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This is a good weekend to introduce your children to the magic of theater.

The Rising Stars, a repertory theater for young people in grades six through nine, ages 10-14, is presenting "Pride and Prejudice," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 13-14, at Andover High School on Andover Road in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$3 per person. Call (248) 433-0885.

Several local performers, including Lisa Andres of Livonia, are featured in Dearborn Family Theatre's production of "Bye, Bye Birdie," Friday-Sunday, Jan. 14-16, in the Adray Auditorium in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on the main campus of Henry Ford Community College, Evergreen south of Ford Road in Dearborn. Performances are 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, with an additional show at 2 p.m. on Jan. 16. Tickets are \$10, senior citizens \$9. Call (313) 943-3095.

"Cinderella" opens Friday, Jan. 14, and continues through Sunday, Feb. 6,

at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak. Tickets are \$14-\$16, all seats reserved. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 541-6430.

Presented by Stagecrafters, "Cinderella," with music by Richard Rodgers/book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, features a cast of 27 people from all over metro Detroit. Karl Miller of Troy stars as the prince who sweeps Cinderella off her feet.

The Rising Stars

"Pride and Prejudice" is based on Jane Austen's classic novel. The play centers on Mrs. Bennet's determination to see her daughters married well. It is an age when a woman's future depended on who she married. Headstrong Elizabeth, the second eldest of the Bennet clan, resolves to marry for love, or not at all. Her refusal to do what is expected of her brings Mrs. Bennet to the "end of her nerves" in this romantic comedy set in the early 1800s.

The play features 22 actors from Bloomfield Hills, Pontiac, Sylvan Lake, Waterford, Clarkston and other cities in Oakland County. Rising Stars is sponsored by the Bloomfield Hills Parks and Recreation Department. In addition to putting on five shows per season, the group studies improvisation, monologue delivery and other aspects of theater.

"Pride and Prejudice" is directed by Thomas Logan of Pontiac and Danielle Paccione of Rochester Hills.

In March the group will present "The Little Luncheonette of Terror." May brings "The Hobbit" and "The Skin of Our Teeth" is the scheduled summer production. For more information about The Rising Stars, call (248) 335-1788.

Dearborn Family Theatre

Celebrating its third year, under the direction of founder and artistic director Mary Bremer, Dearborn Family Theatre is presenting "Bye, Bye Birdie," Jan. 14-16.



Acting: Shaina Yorke (left to right), Erin Biebuyck, Kaitlin Hoke, and Erica Lardo in a scene from the Rising Stars presentation of "Pride and Prejudice."

Please see FUN, E2

Meadow Brook's obsession with playing it safe

"Dangerous Obsession," a psychological thriller runs through Sun day, Jan. 30 at Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills. Performances Wednesday-Sunday, curtain times vary. Tickets \$19.50-\$35, call (248) 377-3300, or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

By FRANK PROVENZANO
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The most telling feature of "Dangerous Obsession" at Meadow Brook Theatre is that the on-stage drama doesn't attract the slightest interest until the uninvited house guest pulls out a

handgun. He points it to force confessions and to demand nothing less than the truth from his unsuspecting hosts — or else. (No need to point the gun at a critic.)

That gun-toting premise, by the way, can be found in easy formulas for television dramas and insipid soap operas. Need a boost of dramatic urgency? Point a gun. Not exactly an original idea. And unfortunately, that bit of dramatic trickery comes at the end of the interminable first act, whereby the only anticipation is how many alcoholic drinks can be imbued by the cast before intermission.

Once it's clear that the visitor,

REVIEW

John Barrett (Robert Morgan), has arrived with a mission to confront the couple who he and his wife met at a business conference, the road ahead is painfully predictable.

Barrett is an annoying inquisitor searching for answers about the relationship between Mark Driscoll (John Biedenbach) and his own wife. The screw turns as it's revealed that Barrett's wife was in a "tragic" car accident. Who's to blame? Where's justice to be found? And for that matter, where was Mark Driscoll on that

fateful night?

Barrett has his own ideas. He has arrived carrying a briefcase filled with bits of evidence to prove his case. Of course, he enforces his right to make a case by shooting off his gun every now and then and holding the Driscolls hostage to his plan. Barrett's intention straddles the line between an obsession and self-righteousness, but is never altogether believable.

Meanwhile, Mark and Sally Driscoll (Tracey Copeland) are coaxed into discussing their own tenuous bonds of marriage. And soon, it's their own relationship that's on trial. The notion of

mutual trust has long been discarded.

But can the truth save them or bring on their demise? Never mind any statement about love, suspicion and the human condition. This play's resolution is something borrowed from a poll taken at a dinner theater production.

Dressed up as a domestic play about revenge and a psychological thriller, ultimately "Dangerous Obsession" suffers from a lack of plausibility.

The problems aren't with the production or the acting, but with N.J. Crisp's script filled with one too many cute and

neatly arrived at revelations.

It doesn't help that Meadow Brook attempted to make the play more intimate by localizing several of the locations within the drama. Apparently, noting that the Driscolls are from Grosse Pointe Park and that Barrett is from Royal Oak is intended to make the story appear less unlikely. Doesn't work.

Overall, "Dangerous Obsession" suffers from being overly neat and tidy, which makes it all too safe and predictable. Just like a made-for-TV movie. All that's missing are the commercial breaks.

Fun from page E1

Lisa Andres of Livonia plays Rose Alvarez, the leading female role, while her daughter, Brooke, is cast as Kim MacAfee. Stephen Sell of West Bloomfield stars as Kim's dad, Harry MacAfee.

Stephanie Travis of Southfield is in the teen chorus. Children's chorus members include Kandace Carr, Tabetha Tyberca and Darlene Vangel of Redford, and Kelsey Stewart of Westland.

"Bye, Bye Birdie" opened on Broadway on April 14, 1960. The music was written by Charles Strouse. Lyrics are by Lee Adams, the book is by Michael Stewart. The show ran for 607 performances on Broadway.

Here are some other family shows that are now playing at metro Detroit theaters:

■ "Annie Jr." is presented by Tinderbox Productions, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 22, 29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, 23, 30, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre.

■ "Bye, Bye Birdie" opened on Broadway on April 14, 1960. The music was written by Charles Strouse. Lyrics are by Lee Adams, the book is by Michael Stewart. The show ran for 607 performances on Broadway.

Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. Tickets are \$5. Call (313) 535-8962.

■ "Jack in the Beanstalk" continues at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main, downtown Northville, through Sunday, Jan. 16. Tickets are \$7. Call (248) 349-8110 for show times.

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

You've heard the expression, and maybe even used it. "I may not know everything about art, but I know what I like."

Traditionally, it has been uttered as a polite way to suggest that a particular work is unappealing

and devoid of meaning. In recent years, the expression seems to have evolved a bit. Now it's more like: "Get that worthless piece of trash out of here." Diplomacy and civility just may be a vanishing art.

That's why "Art," Yasmina Reza's Tony Award winning comedy, is a play for the times. The clash between modern art and old-fashioned friendship is so contentious that it presents a

challenge to the actors to preserve the story's comedic intent. The current production, which runs through Jan. 30 at the Fisher Theatre, stars Judd Hirsch, Cotter Smith and Jack Willis. The furor in "Art" is over the value of an expensive piece of modern art that Hirsch considers just a waste of white on canvas. If that backdrop seems a bit tepid for such heat between the two, remember how Detroit got so piqued about polka dots.

In the next edition of Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, airing at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 16, series producer Mark Nathanson provides a behind-the-scenes look at the production with Cotter Smith and Jack Willis.

Debate

The value of art is rarely a consensus, whether it's exhibited in a museum, gallery, or on a Detroit Public TV arts series.

Even though some of the Detroit area's most knowledgeable observers of the arts scene help select the attractions to be featured on BACKSTAGE PASS, there's often what I like to call a healthy debate about the segments used.

I'm sure there was a time when purists questioned the value of photography as an art form. The new techniques and powerful works of photographers throughout the 1900s squelched that notion.

Among them is Sandy Skoglund, featured in *Life* magazine as one of the world's top 100 photographers. The fact that she is also internationally known for her sculptures, installation pieces, and work in alternative media is further evidence of her stunning versatility in creative expression. Skoglund's work is being exhibited through Feb. 4 at the Elaine L. Jacob Gallery on the campus of Wayne State Uni-

versity. "Misbehaving! Works from the Studio of Sandy Skoglund" includes photographs and sculptural elements from various installations in a career retrospective.

Marsha Miro hosts a feature story about the exhibit and the artist on the Jan. 16 edition of BACKSTAGE PASS.

Cyber art

Cyber art is now the new frontier. While some artists are skeptical, others see it as the medium of the future. Certainly, it is a simple way for artists to exhibit their works.

Good and bad art will always be in the eye of the beholder. There are those who believe even the atrocious stuff deserves special merit. Browse the Museum of Bad Art (www.moba.com) for an eyeeful.

I know what I like, and sometimes it's a good laugh.

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JET captures the 'Prisoner of Second Avenue'

Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents the "Prisoner of Second Avenue" through Sunday, Jan. 23 in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday; 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday. Tickets \$15-\$25, call (248) 788-2900.

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Melvin Edison is a 47-year-old throw rug ready to unravel. Burned out at work and bummed out at home, he comes apart at the seams the way only a Neil Simon can orchestrate it. As a local production, "Prisoner of Second Avenue" is played out as only the Jewish Ensemble Theatre can play it.

There is a dearth of area actors who are the right age for "Prisoner" and who can speak Simon lines, pause Simon pauses and look Simon looks. JET doesn't have this problem. It brings out the best local talent or it brings them in. With "Prisoner" they did both.

On a sweltering summer night in Manhattan, the heat rises from the street fourteen floors below. So does the stench of garbage. Dogs are barking, neighbors are partying, the air conditioner keeps blasting and the toilet keeps running. Such is the stuff of which New York nervous breakdowns are made. For Mel (John Siebert), the clock is most definitely ticking.

"(We) live like some kind of a caged animal in a Second Avenue zoo," he moans to his patient wife. When she suggests an analyst, he answers, "I'm disappearing, Edna. I don't need analysts; I need Lost and Found." After being fired he concludes, "miracles don't happen when you're 47. When Moses saw the burning bush, he must've been 23, 24 the most."

Siebert captures that East Coast kvetching rhythm wonderfully, although a bit too fast at times. Michigan native Roxanne Wellington was brought in from New York to play Edna, and brings off the role-reversal very nicely. Forced to go back to work, Edna dutifully hurries home to make Mel lunch while he grows

more paranoid about "The Plot" that only people stuck home listening to radio call-in shows know about. Watch as he cautiously unscrews the phone to check for bugs.

After the breakdown, Mel's successful older brother and three daffy sisters arrive to help out. Brother Harry suggests they each chip in X dollars for doctor bills. "Is it a big X or a little x," they first need to know.

There aren't three more-perfect actresses in town for these roles than JET's Artistic Director Evelyn Orbach, Henrietta Hermelin Weinberg and Rochelle Rosenthal. They look like they've already lived through every word. However, they also give us unscripted business (cutting an apple, fussing with sofa pillows) that comes across more like one-upmanship than something to do. As Harry, Fred Buchalter competently deals with the crisis of Mel's illness and the burden of having those three as sisters.

Director Mary Bremer misses the mark only twice. When the siblings come to call, Mel shows too little of the effects of the sedatives he's on (note to Edna:



On stage: John Siebert (left to right) as Mel, Rochelle Rosenthal as Pauline, Evelyn Orbach as Jessie, and Fred Buchalter as Harry in "The Prisoner of Second Avenue."

it's pronounced "VAL-ee-um," not "VAL-yoom"). In the final scene, with the breakdown behind him,

he should be a somewhat kinder and gentler Mel as a contrast to Edna's now being the breadwin-

ner. By returning him totally to his old self, the last gag loses its impact.

Learn about 'The making of a Steinway'

PRNewswire - Miles Chapin, a fifth generation descendant of Henry Englehart Steinway, founder of Steinway & Sons, will appear at local Hammell Music locations on Saturday, Jan. 15 to present "88-Keys: The Making of a Steinway."

Chapin's presentation will combine aspects of the family's history with facts about the design and manufacturing of Steinway pianos.

Two lectures have been scheduled. Chapin will speak at Hammell Music's Livonia location at 15630 Middlebelt, North of 5 Mile road at 11 a.m. The program will be repeated at Ham-

mell Music in Bloomfield Hills, 4110 Telegraph, South of Long Lake Road, at 2 p.m.

There is no admission charge, however seating for both lectures is limited. Phone reservations are being accepted by Hammell Music at (800) 742-4544.

Chapin, who resides in New York City, is an accomplished actor with many television appearances and more than eighteen motion pictures to his credit. His hardcover book, from which the lecture is drawn, was released in late 1997 and is currently in its fifth printing.

Fans of the Martha Stewart

television series may recall an episode in which Chapin appeared to discuss the process of rebuilding Stewart's 1920s Steinway player grand.

A classic American success story, the saga of the Steinways and their flagship product is sure to please music lovers, history buffs and anyone who cares about elegant engineering and design. Crafted by hand in Long Island City (NY), the Steinway stands alone at the pinnacle of the piano-makers art. Made up of over 12,000 parts, the Steinway grand piano has rightly been called "the most complicated piece of machinery made by hand in the world today."

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CENTURY THEATRE

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DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Valley Song," opens Thursday, Jan. 13 to Sunday, March 19, 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 2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"Dangerous Obsession," continues to Sunday, Jan. 30, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (\$19.50-\$24 previews Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 5-7). (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

WSU BONSTELLE

"Before It Hits Home," explores how people and families change and grow when outside situations hit home, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 21-22 and 28-29, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 23 and 30, at 3424 Woodward, Detroit. \$8-\$10. (313) 577-2960

WSU HILBERRY

"Our Town" through Saturday, April 15, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 14-15, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, and 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, family night 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 (\$15, \$5 children); "Some Americans Abroad," through Saturday, Feb. 5, at the theater 4743 Cass, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS

"Made in the USA: Encore," a musical review showcasing the past century of American song and dance, Jan. 14-16, 21-23 and 27-29, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$15. student/senior/group rates available Thursday and Sunday performances. (248) 608-9077

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

"Weekend Comedy" by Jeanne and Sam Bobrick, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 14-15 and 21-22, and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. \$11. (248) 625-8811

DEARBORN FAMILY THEATRE

"Bye, Bye Birdie," 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Jan. 14-16, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, in Adray Auditorium at the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, Evergreen Road, south of Ford Road, Dearborn. \$10, \$9 seniors. (313) 943-3095

PHOENIX PRODUCTIONS

Present two comedies "Lone Star" and "Private Wars," Thursdays-Sundays through Jan. 16, show time is 8 p.m. except for 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16 performance, at the Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. \$12, \$10 students/seniors/veterans. (313) 581-7544

PLAYER'S GUILD OF DEARBORN

"Jake's Women," Jan. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at 21730 Madison, South of Outer Drive and East of Monroe, Dearborn. \$11. (313) 561-TKTS

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

"Deathtrap," Jan. 14-16, 21-23 and 28-30, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sundays, at 205 W. Long Lake, between Livernois and Crooks, Troy. \$11, \$10 seniors/students. (248) 988-7049

ST. DUNSTON'S GUILD OF CRANBROOK

"The Foreigner," Jan. 21-23 and 27-29, at the theater on the campus of Cranbrook Education Community, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-0527

STAGECRAFTERS

"Cinderella," Jan. 14 to Feb. 6, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays (except Thursday, Feb. 3), and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$14-\$16. (248) 541-6430

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM

"Oliver," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 21-22, 28-19 and Feb. 4-5, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 23 and 30, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, south of Maple, Birmingham. \$14, \$12 students under 18 and under. (248) 644-2075

DINNER THEATER

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Cool festival: The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, through Monday, Jan. 17, in Kellogg Park, The Gathering and the Central Parking Structure in downtown Plymouth, features ice carving competitions, an "Icy Toyland," and other surprises. Open 24 hours a day, for more information or directions, call (734) 459-9157 or visit the Web site at www.oeonline.com/plymouthice. Visit the warming center in Flagstar Bank on Ann Arbor Trail at Harvey. The Plymouth Whalers are hosting an ice skating party 5:30-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at Computware Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth. Tickets are \$5 at the door, reservations not necessary.

Johnson's," a hilarious comedy opening Saturday, Jan. 22, Saturday nights only, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner (show follows), at Fox Hills Golf Club, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. \$29.95. (734) 453-7272

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

ANNIE JR.

Runs 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 16, 23, 30, and 8 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 15, 22, 29, Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. \$5. (313) 535-8962

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

"Jack and the Beanstalk," a musical puppet show for children, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 29-30, at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. \$5. (248) 625-8811

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Jack in the Beanstalk," through Sunday, Jan. 16, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. \$7. (248) 349-8110

MOSAIC YOUTH THEATRE

"Everybody's Talking," a new musical play about love, social image and hearsay, 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 15-16, at the Trueblood Theatre, in the Frieze Building on the corner of Huron and State Street, Ann Arbor. \$15, \$7 student with ID. (734) 764-0450

PUPPETART

"Close the Window...or Chelm's Law," 2 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 22 and 29, at the Detroit Puppet Theatre, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

SPECIAL EVENTS

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Friday-Sunday, Jan. 14-16, meet for mer Red Wing star Alex Delvecchio 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, in the Food Court at Wonderland Mall, Plymouth Road and Middlebelt, Livonia. (734) 522-4100

"CLASSICS ON THE LAKE"

The series continues with the CutTime Players presenting "Peter and the Wolf" narrated by former Detroit Chief of Police Isaiah McKinnon, and "Suite for Flute and Jazz Septet" with Alexander Zonjic as guest flutist, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, in the shrine chapel on the campus of St. Mary's College, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake and Commerce roads, Orchard Lake. \$15, \$10 children ages 12 and under. (248) 683-1750

COLLECTIBLES SHOW

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. \$5, \$2 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

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"Journey of a Lifetime" Tickets on sale now for five magical performances, March 24-26, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$45. Call (248) 645-6666

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PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL ICE SCULPTURE SPECTACULAR

Open 24 hours a day from Wednesday-Monday, Jan. 12-17, the 18th annual winter festival features ice carving competitions for professionals, amateurs, and high school and college students, an "Icy Toyland" which includes Pokemon and other cartoon characters, and a celebrity charity carving competition, in Kellogg Park. The Gathering and Central Parking Structure in downtown Plymouth. (734) 459-9157 or visit the Web site at www.oeonline.com/plymouthice. Plymouth Whalers ice skating party 5:30-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at Computware Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth. \$5 at the door.

SESAME STREET LIVE

"When I Grow Up," Jan. 19-30 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit. \$25, \$16, \$14, \$10. (248) 433-1515

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Canton Project Arts holds its second annual storytelling festival Saturday, Jan. 22, "Storytelling Through the Ages" provides hands-on workshops and concerts for children and adults throughout the day and evening, children's show takes place 1-2:30 p.m. and a family concert 7-9 p.m. at the Summit on the Park Community Center, Canton. Tickets for the entire day and evening event are \$5, \$15 for a family of three or more. For advanced ticket reservations, call (734) 397-6450

TOY SHOW

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. \$5, \$2 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

BENEFITS

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Perform John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" to benefit Capuchin Soup Kitchen 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, \$50, includes a theme dinner after the show. (248) 553-2955

CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE

A salute to the National Federation of Music Clubs, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates. Free. (248) 335-7160

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Brahms' Second Symphony, Torke's Javelin and Hindemith's Mathis der Maler Symphony, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 14 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15; special concert of spirituals and gospel selections

honoring the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr., features bass-baritone Simon Estes 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. \$14-\$66. (313) 576-5111

ARTHUR GREENE

Plays the complete Scriabin Sonatas, Part II, 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, with introductory commentary by Jim Leonard at 2:30 p.m., at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With the Madonna University Chorale, Beethoven's "Symphony No. 9" with introductory commentary by Jim Leonard at 2:30 p.m., at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

YO-YO MA

The cellist performs 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$55, \$45, \$35, \$20. (734) 764-2538

PRELUDES WEST

DSO musicians Greg Staples (violin), Pauline Martin (piano) perform works by Mozart, Ernest Bloch, William Kroll, and a Helfitz arrangement of the March from Prokofiev's opera "The Love for Three Oranges," noon Friday, Jan. 21, at Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills. \$25, \$10 children. (313) 576-5154

FLAVIO VARANI

The pianist performs French and Russian compositions, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. \$15, \$10 students/seniors. (313) 882-5330

POPS/SWING

JUST FRIENDS ENSEMBLE

8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$20. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666 (classical pop to Broadway)

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY

"Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through November, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

ALTURO SHELTON

The musical impressionist sings "A Motown Tribute," voices include Stevie Wonder, Sammie Davis, Jr., Redd Fox and Nat King Cole, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Pontchartrain Hotel, Washington Blvd. and Jefferson, Detroit. No cover. (313) 965-0200/(248) 354-1194

AUDITIONS

BLUE LAKE BALLET

Auditions for middle and high school students who want to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp's

dance program in summer of 2000, noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Wayne State University, 3226 Old Main, Detroit. Students unable to audition may send a video. (800) 221-3796

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

Auditions for "A Case of Libel" by Henry Denker 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 17-18 at the Depot, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. (248) 625-8811

COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS

8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 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) 426-0241

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING

7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the Chapel Hills Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158 or eba@umich.edu

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Auditions for 12 men and 12 women for Cole Porter's "Kiss Me Kate," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 626-8767

FIRST THEATRE GUILD

Auditions for "Pied Piper of Hamelin," a youth production for school-age children through high school, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham. (248) 644-2087, ext. 151

FREEDOM DANCE: XPRESSIONZ

Auditions for hip-hop flavored dance companies Friday, Jan. 21, ages 6-12 5:30-7 p.m., ages 13 to adult 7:30-10 p.m., at the studio on the second floor at 229 Gratiot, Detroit. (313) 964-8497

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

Auditions for the youth orchestra will be held Saturday, Jan. 22. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (734) 591-7649

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Auditions will be held 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 18 and 25, and Feb. 1 by appointment, tenors and basses are especially needed by there are some openings for sopranos and altos, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY

Rehearsals began 7:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, selected works to be performed are "Te Deum" by A. Bruckner, "Magnificat" by J. Rutter and "Coronation Anthems No. 1 and 4 by G. F. Handel, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-8353

SESAME STREET LIVE

Auditions for actors who can dance and dancers who can act for national touring stage productions, 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit. (612) 375-9670, ext. 704 or www.sesamestreetlive.com

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Auditions for all voice parts, in room 530 of the Forum Building, at the college, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. (313) 937-0975

SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION

The Bohemians Club (also known as The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), hosts its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college students ages 16-22), must submit performance tape by April 1. For application, e-mail CoufLinks@aol.com

STAGECRAFTERS

Auditions for "Barefoot in the Park," 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 17-18 (registration begins 6:30 p.m.), in the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances March 24-26 and 29-31, and April 1-2 and 6-9. (248) 541-4832

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA

Is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford.

ORGAN

W. MICHAEL BRITTENBACK

Performs on the historic Aeolian Skinner organ 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at All Saints Episcopal Church, Williams and Pike streets, Pontiac. \$10. (248) 334-4571

"MUSIC FOR MEDITATION" SERIES

David Wagner plays the music of J.S. Bach: Trio Sonatas and Individual Works Part II, noon Thursday, Jan. 20, at St. Michael's Church, Livonia, and noon Friday, Jan. 21, at St. Paul's Church, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free/

JAZZ

AMIGO

8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

JOHNNIE BASSETT & THE BLUES INSURGENTS

8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at Edison's 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

BESS BONNIER

With-Paul Keller as part of the B' Jazz Vespers series, 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits and Bates, Birmingham. A free will offering is taken for musicians. (248) 644-0550

RON BROOKS

9:30 p.m. 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, January 15-16, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 662-8310

TODD CURTIS

Thursdays, at Elie's, 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

BILL GAFF

8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

FRONDE QJERSTAD TRIO

Part of the Jazz at the Edge series, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor. \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

JEFF HASS TRIO & FRIENDS

With Marcus Belgrave 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-8587

RICH K. TRIO

8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With vocalist April Tini 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, with saxophonist Chris Collins, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren, east of Middlebelt Road, Garden City. \$5 cover. Reservations recommended for the Jazz Room. (734) 762-7756

BILL MORRISSEY

8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$12. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666 (blues)

TONY POPE'S N'ORLEANS SIX

3-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at Steak and Ale, 32750 Concord, across from Oakland Mall, Madison Heights. \$4 cover. (248) 588-4450

STRAIGHT AHEAD

9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at Edison's 2

8 days a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279

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\$17.50. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666

RFD BOYS

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members/students/seniors. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666 (blue-grass)

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN

Workshop for poets looking for more members, 2-4 p.m., third Tuesday of month, in the Jenkins rooms on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. (734) 762-7586

DANCE

ADVANCED ENGLISH FROLIC

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$7. (313) 937-1552

BALLROOM DANCING

9 p.m. Saturdays, at the Dance Scene, 25333 Van Dyke, Centerline. \$6. Also swing and Latin classes. (810) 757-6300

COUNTRY LINE DANCING

Lessons, dining and dancing 5-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, in the Food Court at Wonderland Mall, Plymouth Road and Middlebelt, Livonia. (734) 522-4100

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE

Hosts West Side Story Dance Workshops, learn actual choreography to be taught from the dance numbers in the theater company's spring production, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 11, 18, 25 and Feb. 1 and 8, at the theater, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe. (248) 594-9673/(313) 884-0196 or www.gpt.org

HUNGARIAN FOLK DANCE

Language and zither lessons. (248) 352-0927/(734) 946-6261

MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOC.

Lesson 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16 (\$3, free for members), Boogie Woogie class, dance 4-8 p.m. \$6 members, \$8 non-members, at The Amber House, 7012 E. Nine Mile, between Van Dyke and Mound, Warren. (248) 926-5484

BEBE MILLER COMPANY

8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Power Center, 121 Fletcher Street, Ann Arbor. \$32, \$30, \$22, \$16. (734) 764-2538

O'HARE'S IRISH DANCERS

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, south of I-696, Farmington Hills. \$12, (248) 471-7667

POLKA BOOSTER CLUB

Inaugural Ball 4-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, doors open at 1:30 p.m., dinner at 2:30 p.m., at Pvt. John Lyskova Hall, 6828 Waverly, Dearborn. Heights. (313) 561-8389/(248) 471-2963

STARDUST BALLROOM

Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. \$8. (248) 356-5678

STUTTGART BALLET

8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 13, 15, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway. \$17-\$62. (313) 237-SING/(248) 645-6666

COMEDY

DOWN HOME COMEDY SUPERSTAR TOUR

Featuring D.C. Curry, Joe Torry, Sheryl Underwood, hosted by Bobo Lamb 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$37.50, \$29.50. (248) 433-1515

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB

Mark Sweetman with Dee Proffitt, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 14, 15, at 2869 N. Pontiac Trail, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

"Darwin Hines through Saturday, Jan. 15, Mike Green, Wednesday-Saturday, Jan. 19-22, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturdays, 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

Diane Ford, Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 13-16, John Pinette Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Dan Grueter, also Keith Ruff, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 13-15; Jim David, also Rob Little, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 20-22, at the club, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY

"Phantom Menace to Society" Wednesday-Sunday, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Mainstage comedy acts: \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM

Offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, 220 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

"On the Air! Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30: "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, 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 younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Mexican artist Alejandro Garcia Nelo creates a large-scale paper altar in Rivera Court using the traditional Mexican folk art of papel picado, Saturday, Jan. 15 to Sunday, Feb. 13, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23 Garcia Nelo will give a demonstration of papel picado techniques, at the museum, 5200 Woodward Avenue. Free with recommended museum admission of \$4, \$1 children. (313) 833-7900

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM

Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

MEADOW BROOK HALL

Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sundays, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

"Celebrate the Century" exhibit continues at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth. \$2, \$5 kids, \$5 family. (734) 455-8940

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM

"A Stitch in Time" quilt exhibit continues through Saturday, Jan. 29, at the museum, 1005 Van Hoosen Road at Van Hoosen Farm, east of Rochester Road off Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. \$3, \$2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663

SPIRIT OF FORD

Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, NASCAR Pit Stop Challenge, Turbo Tour full-motion simulator ride, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily including the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday Monday, Jan. 17, at 1151 Village Drive, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5-seniors, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

POPULAR MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS

7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

LORI AMEY

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, Borders Books and Music, Rochester Hills, 1122 South Rochester Rd. All ages. (248) 652-0558

ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL

Featuring Shawn Colvin, Matt Guthrie, Great Big Sea, Arto Watroba and more, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$30, \$25. (248) 645-6666

ASTRAL PROJECT

8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. \$15 advance. (734) 662-8310

BECK

7:30 Thursday Feb. 3, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave. in Ann Arbor. All ages. \$22.50. Call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-TKTS.

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE

7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BOY SETS FIRE

With Reach the Sky, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$7. (313) 961-MELT

B'JAZZ VESPER

With Bess Bonnier and Paul Keller, 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, First Baptist Church, Birmingham. Features "The Women of Jazz." (248) 644-0550

BOTTLE ROCKETS

Wednesday, Feb. 16, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

BROTHERS GROOVE

10 p.m. Tuesdays in January, Fifth Avenue, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 735-4011; 9:30 p.m. Thurs. Feb. 3, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Godfredson Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

BUMP N' UGLIES CD RELEASE

With Teenage Frames, Gutterpunk, The Outsiders, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$5 advance/\$7 day of show. (313) 961-MELT

SCOTT CAMPBELL

Will host an acoustic open mike jam every Thursday at 8 p.m. beginning Jan. 20 at Carbon, Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. Free admission, free parking, 18 and over. (313) 366-9278 or www.scottcampbell.net

CHAIN REACTION

10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, Token Lounge, Westland. (734) 513-5030

CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Godfredson Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

ALEX CHILTON

8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$13, \$5 advance. (313) 961-MELT

CHISEL BROTHERS FEATURING CHEF CHRIS

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and over (blues)

CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Beale Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900

COMPANY OF STRANGERS

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 14-15, Cowley's, Grand River at Farmington Road, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

COWBOY JUNKIES

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$20, \$25 on sale Jan. 31. (248) 645-6666

THE CRO-MAGS

With All Out War and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT

CROSBY, STILLS, NASH AND YOUNG

8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$76, \$51, and \$40.50 reserved. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

CUBANISMO

7:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$25 advance. (248) 645-6666

THORNETTA DAVIS

7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 14-15, 28-29, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

DETROIT BLUES: THE DELTA MEETS DETROIT

Featuring The Butler Twins, BB Queen and more, 2:40-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, The Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. Free. (313) 831-1250

DESNUDO.

Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 13-15, Wagon Wheel Tavern, 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-6789

DJ SKRIBBLE

Will host "Global Beach Party" Friday, Feb. 4, at La Boom teen nightclub, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail,

Walled Lake. (248) 962-1000

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS

With Cloud Nine, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555. www.blindpigmusic.com

FAN MAIL TOUR

With TLC, Christina Aguilera, 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$39.50 and \$29.50 on sale. (248) 645-6666

FINVARRAS WREN

Featuring Jim Perkins, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Cowley's, Grand River at Farmington Road, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

THE FLATLANDERS

Featuring Joe Ely, Jimmie Dale Gilmore, Butch Hancock, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$20 advance. (248) 645-6666

FREED

5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292

THE GREENHORNS

With Come-ons, Babykillers, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$7 cover. (313) 833-9700

GORDON BENNETT

10 p.m. Wednesdays in January, also Friday, Jan. 14, Fifth Avenue, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 735-4011; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

ALVIN YOUNGBLOOD HART

7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$10 advance. (248) 645-6666

HARRINGTON BROTHERS

7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, 25, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

COREY HARRIS

8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$12 advance. (248) 645-6666

ROY HAMILTON JR. & THE GOLDEN BOYS

7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, 20, 27, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

WAYNE "THE TRAIN" HANCOCK

With Big Barn Combo and Driftweed, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12.50 cover. (313) 833-9700

JEFF REALEY BAND

8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, Magic Stick, Detroit. Tickets \$12.50 on sale now. (248) 645-6666

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, Arbor Brewing Company, Ann Arbor. No cover. (734) 213-1393

IMMIGRANT SUNS

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$7 cover. (313) 833-9700

ALAN JACKSON

With Lonestar, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$32.50 and \$25.50. (248) 645-6666

JAH RULE AND THE MURDERERS

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$15 advance. (313) 961-MELT

JAZZHEAD

9:30 p.m. Mondays in January, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

JIANIS

With Warmth and Soul 360, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$3. (734) 996-8555. www.blindpigmusic.com

JIMMIE'S CHICKEN SHACK

With JoyDrop and Sumac, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$8 advance, \$10 day of show. (313) 961-MELT

JO NAB

9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

THE JUDDS

With Jo Dee Messina, 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 18-19, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale for \$65, \$32.50 and \$25. Group discount available for March 19. Call (248) 645-6666 or (248) 371-2055 for group tickets

JUMP LITTLE CHILDREN

With Sugar Pill, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$8 advance, \$10 at door, 21 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

JUST THE SAX

Featuring Paul Taylor, Gerald Albright, Marion Meadows and Kim Waters, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$36.50. (248) 645-6666

KNEE DEEP SHAG

With Park, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555. www.blindpigmusic.com

DONNA KRALL

'The Hurricane' will win over audiences

BY BOB THOMAS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — The fictional Rocky Balboa found his vindication in the ring. The real-life boxer Rubin "Hurricane" Carter achieved his in the courts after 20 agonizing years, and he had to do it from prison.

Norman Jewison's "The Hurricane" bears little resemblance to "Rocky" except that the protagonists of both are prizefighters facing long odds. "Rocky" was a heartwarming tale of an unknown who makes an unlikely climb to become champion. "The Hurricane" tells of a contender whose career is ended when he is snared in a legal trap of revenge

and bigotry.

Rubin Carter, whose slashing style earned him the name Hurricane, seemed destined for the middleweight title in the early 1960s. Then in 1966, he and a fan were arrested and charged with the shooting of three people in a New Jersey bar. The sole evidence was the testimony of an ex-con who claimed to have seen the pair fleeing from the bar with guns.

Even though they had been exonerated by the police and a grand jury, Carter and the fan were convicted and given three life sentences. After years of trying to prove his innocence, Carter was aided by an American youth and Canadian social

activists. They helped win his freedom.

Obviously this is first-class film material. The wonder is why it took so long to reach the screen.

"The Hurricane" traces Carter's life from his early days, when he fights a pedophile who preys on slum kids. A bigoted cop named Della Pesca (Dan Hedaya) accuses Rubin (Mitchell Taylor Jr.) of attacking a pillar of the community, and the boy is sentenced to a juvenile detention prison.

As an adult, Carter (Denzel Washington) transfers his anger into boxing, and his ferocity wins him victories and the adulation of the crowd. But at the peak of

his career, he is again hounded by Pesca, the relentless Javert to Carter's Jean Valjean. The detective falsifies evidence and Carter is convicted.

Carter remains aloof from the other prisoners, sleeping by day and educating himself by night. His efforts for justice fail, even after his book, "The Sixteenth Round," is published. Pleas from Bob Dylan — who championed Carter in a song he wrote — and Muhammad Ali fail to sway the courts.

An underprivileged city boy (Vicellous Reon Shannon) living in Toronto is inspired by the book and he makes contact with the prisoner. He also induces his three Canadian mentors (John Hannah, Deborah Kara Unger and Liev Schreiber) to help uncover evidence that would free Carter.

Having trained for a year and shed 35 pounds, Washington looks every inch the professional boxer. He is convincing in the ring and brings forceful emotion to Carter's long struggle for freedom. Shannon as the idolizing youth plays a perfect counterpoint to the anguished fighter, saving him from despair at his lowest moments.

The rest of the cast, most of them unfamiliar faces, perform admirably. Rod Steiger, who won an Academy Award for Jewison's



Fight of his life: Rubin "Hurricane Carter" (Denzel Washington) is a boxer sentenced for a crime he didn't commit in "The Hurricane."

"In the Heat of the Night," makes a brief but stirring appearance as the federal judge who recognizes the long injustice to Carter.

Jewison is at his best in social dramas such as "In the Heat of the Night," "... And Justice for All" and "A Soldier's Story" (Washington's first starring role as an adult), and he proves his talent again with "The Hurri-

cane." Arman Bernstein and Dan Gordon wrote the script, which was based on Carter's book and "Lazarus and the Hurricane" by Sam Chaiton and Terry Swinton.

The Universal Pictures release was produced by Jewison. Arman Bernstein and John Ketcham. Running time is 140 minutes.

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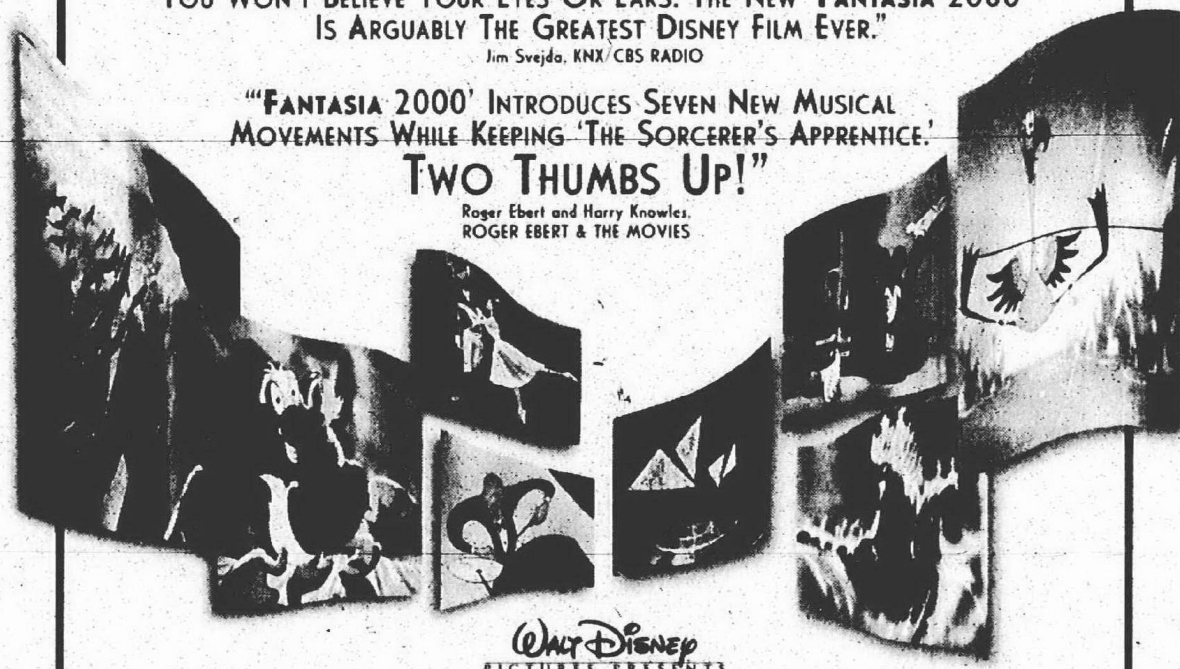
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'Turnaround' and catch this local blues quartet

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My earliest memory of music in my life is a hard one to admit to. As a little girl, I grew up watching The Monkees on television. Davy, Mickey, Mike and Peter ran around singing songs and getting into mischief, and I didn't want to miss a minute of it — even if the show was already in re-runs.

When my family moved from our home in northern Indiana to Rochester, Mich., I couldn't have been older than 5. I vividly remember asking my mom if "The Monkees" would be on TV at our new house. That was the one thing I wanted to take with me.

It seems Jeff Franchi shared a similar experience. I didn't ask the guitarist whether his favorite Monkee was Davy Jones, but I did ask him for his earliest musical memory. And watching "The Monkees" was it.

Franchi, guitarist and vocalist for The Turnarounds — a Wayne County-based blues band — grew up surrounded by music. His father played the accordion, and his older brothers played in rock bands who often practiced

in the basement of the family's Farmington home. Franchi remembers setting up his toy drum set in the basement and playing along with the band when he was a little boy. It was a big deal when his brother let him sit behind The Real drum set. He played percussion for years, throughout his time at Farmington High School, but also took up the guitar, which he's now been playing for 20 years.

"There was always music around," he said. "It was almost like I didn't have a choice."

Almost three years ago, Franchi made a choice. He joined four other musicians who share his passion for blues and formed a band — The Turnarounds. After one year of recording on and off at Circle Sky in Farmington and The Loft in Saline, the band is ready to release its first CD, titled "Are You Ready?" In 15 tracks, The Turnarounds combined catchy originals with covers like Stevie Wonder's "Superstitious."

Initially called The Blues Shakers, the band consists of Franchi, guitarist Todd Best, a former Westland resident who attended Livonia Franklin High School, bassist and lead vocalist David Gondoly, a former Canton resident, and drummer Bill Henrikson, a Redford resident and

Redford Union High School graduate. To avoid confusion with other bands in the area, they changed the name to The Turnarounds.

Franchi and Best are co-workers at Joe's Music in Livonia, where they both play guitar. Best, who grew up listening to his brother's ACDC records, also acquired an affinity for playing music at an early age. He remembered making a cut-out of a guitar in third grade. He and his friends used it at a lip-synch performance of Pink Floyd's "The Wall" at school. Since that early stage experience, Best has grown used to performing. He met Gondoly while studying music at Wayne State University. And Best knew Henrikson from working with him in other bands over the past decade. They all came together to form The Turnarounds.

"We're just a bunch of friends playing music together," said Best, who admits he's always been interested in blues music. "It's really expressive."

Franchi agreed. "One of the reasons (the blues) attracted me is the fact that you can improvise. I don't like playing Top 40, being a human jukebox." He gets bored playing songs the same way. With blues, the music is open to ever-changing interpretation.



ARTISTIC IMPRESSIONS

Bluesmen: David Gondoly, Bill Henrikson, Todd Best and Jeff Franchi are The Turnarounds, a Wayne County-based blues quartet.

Both Franchi and Best agreed the best music derived from life experiences and true emotions. While the band performs regularly, and can be seen at places like Lowertown Grill in Plymouth, Franchi said live music in the Metro area isn't as easy to find as it used to be. Best agreed that more bars and clubs rely on DJs for entertainment, which makes it hard to find places to perform.

"If you do Top 40, you get more work," Franchi added. "I'm personally willing to put up with

that limitation."

Best said blues music is something everyone can relate to. By adding elements of rock, jazz, pop, and even a little country, the music can draw in listeners who never thought they'd become blues fans. "We really mix it up."

Franchi has a saying for those who question The Turnarounds' style: "If you come in and see us and you don't like the song, stick around. It'll change."

Like the weather, The Turnarounds perform unpredictable blues Friday, Jan. 14, The Taproom,

Ypsilanti, Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, The Alibi, Farmington, and will host a CD Release Party for "Are You Ready?" 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Lowertown Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Call (734) 451-1213. More information and CDs are available at <http://turnarounds.hypermart.net>.

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STAY TUNED...

Look out **Jenny Jones**. The talk show maven has taken a liking to the musical stylings of Kalamazoo's **Knee Deep Shag**.

The band will return to the "Jenny Jones" show on Tuesday, Jan. 18. The topic is "prove your talent."

CD REVIEW

Methods of Mayhem
Methods of Mayhem
MCA Records

No doubt shocking old fans, former Motley Crue drummer Tommy Lee has assembled hip-hop heavyweights like Snoop Dogg and Lil Kim to help out on the self-titled debut record by his rap-metal band, Methods of Mayhem.

Give Lee credit for that, because the D-O double-G and the Queen Bee add spice and credibility to what could have amounted to a rip off of Limp Bizkit, Korn or any other rap-metal band of the moment.

Lil Kim heats up the track "Get Naked" with her typically trashy talk and, along with guests Fred Durst, George Clinton and Mix Master Mike, helped Lee find his way to alt-rock radio. The earnest delivery and bludgeoning beats make it easy to forgive the disposable lyrics.

Snoop Dogg rescues "Who The Hell Cares," while Kid Rock boosts "New Skin." Surprisingly, Methods of Mayhem manage to capture Roni Size's drum 'n' bass — without his help — on the closing cut, "Spun."

The lesson here is that Methods of Mayhem have released an acceptable record because they brought in the right people and made their rip-off-of-others' music sound somehow fresh.

Even so, the lyrics here are to be mostly avoided. Tommy Lee fires off like some angry juvenile at news reporters, police officers and others who have, it seems, conspired to make his life miserable.

On "Narcotic," the lyrics reach a new low with "Forget about rehab. Give me more."

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DINING

Hockeytown Cafe scores with Red Wings fans

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Ed Kroninger foresees a bright future for Detroit's Hockeytown Cafe.

The Farmington Hills resident attended the opening of the Red Wings-themed restaurant last fall.

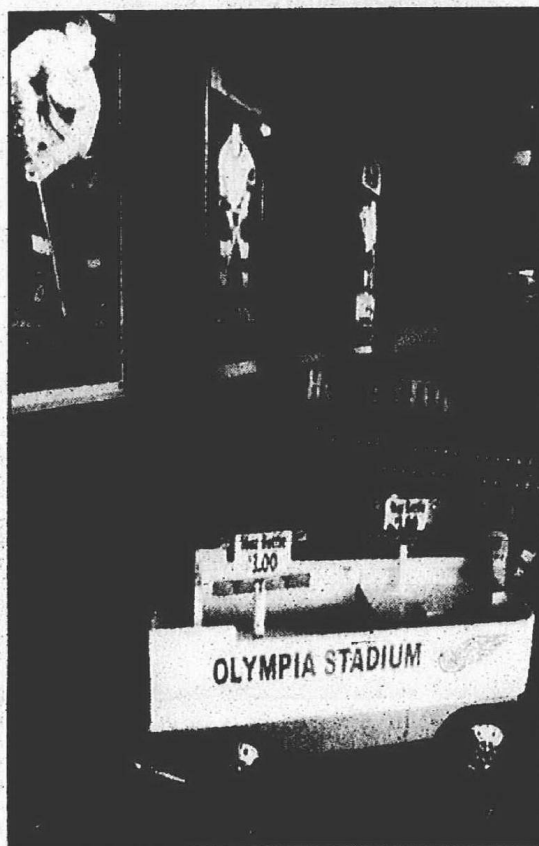
"I think it's fantastic. What an unbelievable location. It's gonna be great all year long. It's a goldmine waiting to happen."

The restaurant on Woodward Avenue in the Second City building shows off Red Wings memorabilia from Hockey jerseys and photographs to an actual Zamboni parked in the entrance. Who needs a Hard Rock Cafe in Detroit? The restaurant just reassures fans and visitors alike that this is still "hockeytown."

Valarie Bollard said she was never a hockey fan until she joined the staff. "I love working here," she said. "Everyone's very friendly."

One trip to the bar will prove

Sports fans:
Hockeytown
Cafe is decorated
with a lot of
Red Wings
memorabilia.



Hockeytown Cafe

Where: 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit — inside the Second City Building, (313) 965-9500.

Open: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday-Saturday.

Menu: American favorites including ribs and burgers with an eclectic mix of entrees such as Spinach and Brioche Encrusted Whitefish.

Cost: Appetizers, \$5.95-\$9.95, sandwiches \$5-7, pasta, \$11.95-\$15.95, entrees, \$13.95-\$21.95.

Reservations: Recommended for dinner

Credit cards: All majors accepted

Highlight: For information about reserving the restaurant for groups, or dinner/show packages, call (313) 965-2222.

that. Hockeytown bartenders chat with those who stop in for a beverage or meal. They mix up cleverly-named beverages like the Most Valuable Margarita or creamy drinks like a Break Away, which is made with vanilla ice cream, Chambord, Creme De Cocoa and rum.

Non-alcoholic specialties include a Wild Berry Breeze, for a strawberry and raspberry frozen treat, or a Squeeze Play, a lemonade carrying a raspberry

kick.

Drinks are placed on a strip of ice that stretches all the way around the bar, just another reminder of that special sport of choice. Hockeytown Cafe features eight domestic and imported bottled beers. The wine list shows nine varieties of white wine, 12 reds and four types of champagne or sparkling wine. Most are available by the glass or bottle.

Three levels

Dress up or dress down. Bring the kids or a date; it's suitable for any occasion. The dimly-lit restaurant offers dining on three different levels, so even when the place is packed, it's possible to enjoy a meal with space and comfort.

But Hockeytown Cafe is more than atmosphere for sports fans. The menu offers a mix of traditional favorites and eclectic entrees fit to satisfy the hungriest food connoisseurs.

Leave the hockey sticks and pucks behind and start off with an unusual appetizer, like Hoisen-Sesame Chicken Skewers or Crab and Risotto Cakes. Those with light appetites might go for a Cobb or Classic Caesar Salad.

If the goal is a hearty sandwich, Hockeytown's got it covered. From a Chicken Focaccia



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sandwich with roasted peppers and provolone cheese, to a Grilled Portobello Mushroom Sandwich or Hockeytown's signature burger, choices are plenty. Sandwiches come with potato chips, but may be substituted for french fries and cole slaw for a nominal fee.

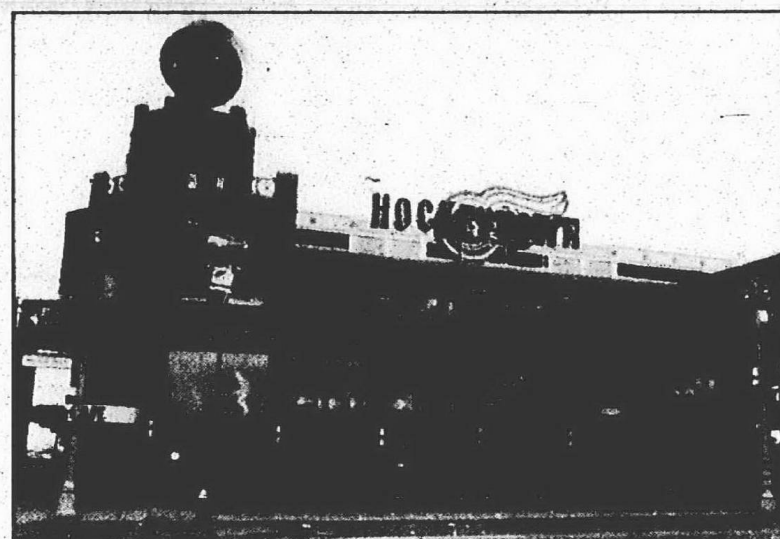
Entrees range from a slab of Baby Back Ribs to a Spinach and Brioche Encrusted Whitefish. Dinner entrees cost between \$13.95 and \$21.95 and include a starch and vegetable.

The Filet of Beef is prepared with a Traverse City Cherry and Walnut Crust and a Port Wine Sauce, giving a hearty Northern Michigan appeal. Pork Chops take the tastebuds south when served with a Caribbean Barbecue Glaze and Mango-Cilantro Salsa.

Pasta

If pasta is your pick, try Cannelloni with Ricotta and Spinach or Blackened Cajun Beef Pasta, served with roasted peppers, tomatoes and a creole sauce.

To satisfy any sweet tooth, the



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In the city: Hockeytown Cafe is inside the Second City building on Woodward Avenue, close to the Fox and State theaters.

restaurant offers six desserts and seven varieties of sweet coffee drinks. Try an Apple Cobbler with a scoop of French Vanilla Ice Cream, or Rocky Road Cheesecake with an enticing chocolate glaze. Dip into a Raspberry and White Chocolate

Creme Brulee or taste the Almond Cherry Tart, which is baked in a sugar cookie crust.

Whether the goal is to stop in before a game at Joe Louis Arena or grab a bite after a show at Second City, patrons won't leave Hockeytown Cafe hungry.

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