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'As seedlings of God, we barely blossom on earth; we fully flower in heaven.'



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HORSCHMANN

In memory: Nearly 300 students, friends and family turned out Monday for a candlelight vigil, sharing hugs and memories of Mark Bolger, who died unexpectedly Friday night. Below, students paid tribute to Bolger on "The Rock."

Community says goodbye

Friends, family pay final respects to teen

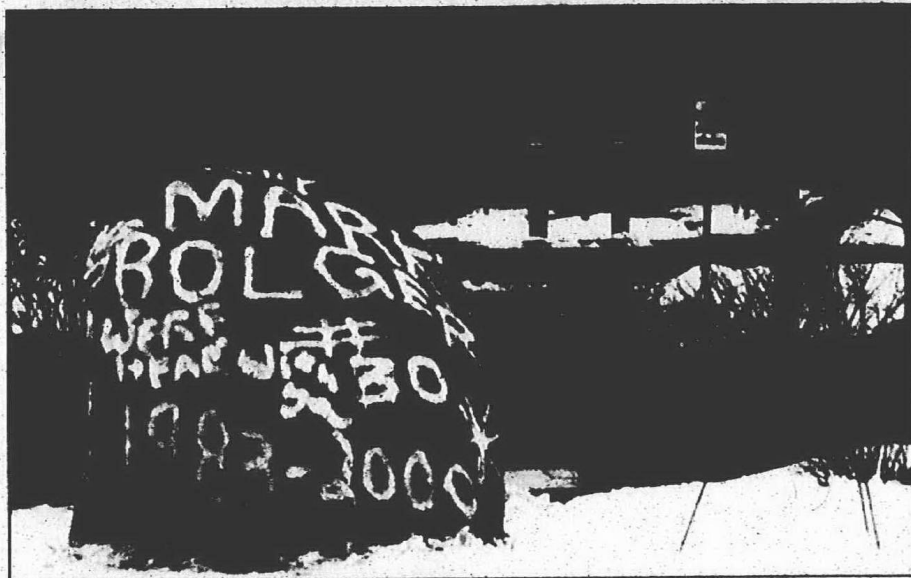
BY TONY BRUSCATO
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More than a thousand people, half of them Plymouth-Canton high school students, paid their final respects to Mark Bolger during funeral services at NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township Tuesday morning.

The hour-long memorial was a celebration of the life of Bolger, 16, of Plymouth Township, who collapsed last Friday evening during halftime of a Salem basketball game in which he had just competed. He was pronounced dead a short time later at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

"He will be missed, but never forgotten," said Pastor Brad Powell. "Every one of you who have been touched by his life, and now tragically torn by his death, will always be better for having known him. His life made an impact and will go on beyond his years."

Several of Mark's classmates paid



tribute by telling stories about him on the stage where his basketball warm-ups and school jacket represented No. 30.

"I had him help me with my personal wardrobe because he was always the best-dressed kid I ever met," said John Little, a 1999 Plymouth-Salem graduate and former cross country classmate. "Before I left for college, Mark and I went to the mall to do some shop-

ping.

"When we had team spaghetti dinners at Mark's house... he would always volunteer to hold onto the bread sticks for us. He would always eat them before we got there."

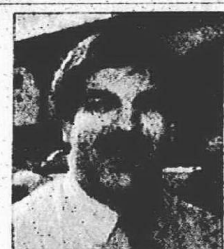
"Mark was admired by his teammates, and we all tried to emulate his confidence," said Little. "He was a total team player, and would always

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In their grief, friends, family find way to hang on

"We have no regrets as parents. We loved him fully and deeply and he knew it."

— Jeff and Pam Bolger



BRAD KADRICH

One by one, they edged toward the microphone, taking center stage for a few brief moments in a tragedy they can't understand but are forced to accept.

One by one, they spoke in halting, grieving tones, not wanting to say goodbye but determined to do it right, to do him justice.

More than a thousand people crowded into the auditorium at North Ridge Church Tuesday to pay their respects and celebrate the life of 16-year-old Mark Jeffrey Bolger. Bolger died suddenly Friday night after being stricken during halftime of a Plymouth Salem basketball game.

Hundreds of the visitors were kids, just like Mark, classmates and friends

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Library hopes to be up, running early next week

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Damages from a broken water pipe which flooded the Plymouth District Library on Main Street are expected to

reach approximately \$400,000.

That's the estimate from Frank Bellomo, the division manager for INRECON, a reconstruction company which is handling the clean-up from last Friday's incident, which has kept the library doors closed since then.

"This was a major project," said Bellomo. "There was three inches of water on the lower floor, where most of the damage occurred."

Library director Pat Thomas said she expects the facility to reopen Monday at the earliest.

The clean-up became a bit more complicated because some of the dry wall had to be replaced, and the environmental people are checking for any bacteria," said Thomas. "We're trying to save the damaged car-

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Winter cleaning: Fans, dehumidification tubes and disarray are the business of the day at the Plymouth District Library following a burst sprinkler system.



Retired banker says he'll run for supervisor

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Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy thinks competition is healthy when it comes to elections.

Good thing, because she's about to have some company.

Keen McCarthy, the two-term supervisor who announced recently she will seek a third term, will face at least one challenger, and could have others when the May 16 filing deadline for local elections passes.

Kenneth D. Currie, a retired banker who now does financial consulting, said Tuesday he will challenge Keen McCarthy.

"I haven't filed any paperwork yet, but I am going to be running," said Currie, a 20-year township resident. "I've got a record of smooth transition with growth and a strong record of financial planning. I want to con-

tinue to see this community be a good place to work and live."

State Rep. Gerry Law (R-Plymouth), meanwhile, said rumors about his intention to seek the supervisor's office are — at least for the moment — unfounded.

"I'm not interested," Law said Wednesday morning. "I'm not one of those people who says, 'Read my lips' or anything, but I haven't planned on running for that office. I haven't talked to anyone about running for the office."

Keen McCarthy, elected the first time in 1992, welcomes any and all comers.

"I think it is always good for voters to have an opportunity to look at different perspectives, so they can make an informed choice," Keen McCarthy said. "I welcome the challenge."

Currie was president and chair-

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include everyone and make sure they felt welcome. Mark Bolger never said an unkind word about anyone."

Much of the same was echoed by others who spoke.

"When you think about Mark, his character, his kindness, his competitiveness, are only part of the words to describe him," said Jeff Baker, Plymouth Salem varsity track and cross country coach.

Baker also told the gathering that Mark "will live on" because his organs have been donated to others who need them.

Steve Bernacki, friend and one of eight pallbearers, said finding out about Mark's death was the worst day of his life, but one in which he learned to remember the good times.

"His mom was so comforting ... and I began to look at the old times as the best times, and my emotions became happiness and joy," said Bernacki. "He was always so quiet, but he would break up the silence by telling a joke to make us laugh."

The service also featured a video presentation of Mark's life, and a song written for Mark which was performed by three students.

Mourners were able to view the casket, which had notes of

good-bye and farewell written all over it, one last time at the end of the service.

The funeral was the last piece of an emotional week for high school students. After Mark's death, many paid their respects at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, signing the casket and talking with the Bolger family. A good number spent time at the Bolger home, where they were comforted by the family who had just lost their son.

Nearly 300 students, teachers and parents braved windchill temperatures below zero Monday night to attend a candlelight vigil at "The Rock" in front of Plymouth Salem High School. For nearly 90 minutes many told stories, read poems, prayed and cried.

"I moved to Plymouth in second grade and Mark became my best friend," said Brian Hull of Plymouth Township. "He was a perfect kid in every way, never made fun of anyone when everyone else did. He just had a great character about him that made you want to be the best person you could be."

The Bolger family attended the vigil, overwhelmed by the show of support for their family and son.

"This is beyond what we ever expected," said Jeff Bolger,



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Show of support: Friends and teammates escort the casket of Mark Bolger from the church following Tuesday's memorial service.

Mark's father. "We loved our son and thought he was special, but we didn't know just what he meant to other people. It's just amazing to see how many people came to see us."

Bolger said representatives of Seaborn Handy, a 16-year-old Detroit teen who collapsed and died at the Wolverine Recre-

ational Center in Detroit on the same night Mark died, brought flowers and a basketball during their visit to the funeral home to express their sorrow.

Mark's cremains will be interred on the Massachusetts beach near his grandparents home, where his family visits every summer.

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bound together by feelings, by circumstances they couldn't control. Nearly 300 of them turned out Monday for a candlelight vigil, gathering in the wicked cold, warmed by memories of the friend they had lost, of the love they had gained.

Some of the memories poured out at Tuesday's funeral. John Little, a 1999 Salem grad and a two-year teammate of Mark's told of his friend's confidence, of his sagacity, of his gifts. Moments of levity lifted spirits, if only briefly.

"He was the best dressed kid I ever met," Little said. "Before I went to college, Mark and I went to the mall. Mark was a winner in sports, in school and in life."

More than 1,000 people sat in rapt attention, eyes wet, hands shaking a bit, watching a video presentation that showed Mark in situations you'd expect to find a kid who'd lived a scant 16 years: his baby picture, taking a bubble bath, playing on the beach with his dad.

The incongruity, of course, was the setting, the last place you'd expect to find a 16-year-old boy: a funeral. It's the part we don't understand, the part that keeps us up

at night, the stark realization that misfortune doesn't just happen to the other guy.

That realization must have been painful to teammates gathered at a friend's house Friday after the game, when the news came of Mark's death.

"When I was told Mark died late Friday, it was the scariest thing I'd ever heard," teammate Steve Bernacki said. "Then I talked to his mom, and she calmed me down. Now I can look back on the old times."

The old times? Sixteen-year-old kids are supposed to be talking about the future. They aren't supposed to have old times yet. It's sad when kids are forced to talk about the old times because there aren't going to be any new ones.

There were tales of Mark's personality. His fondness for the "Bench Brigade" and its dogged determination to get the seating order right when the basketball team finally started winning. His tap on a friend's shoulder everyday before sixth period, a tap she knew without looking, without hesitation, came from Mark, offering whatever small gesture that would make her feel better.

Even in death, Mark Bolger found a way

to help people. His organs are now helping others live healthier lives. He lives on in others, and in a world sorely lacking in positive energy, that has to be a good thing.

"He was a selfless and gifted young man," Pastor Brad Powell said. "All of you who were touched by his life, and are now torn by his death, will be better for having known him."

Those who love him will realize that eventually. Three friends got up and sang a song of hope, and hope will be there, too. Eventually.

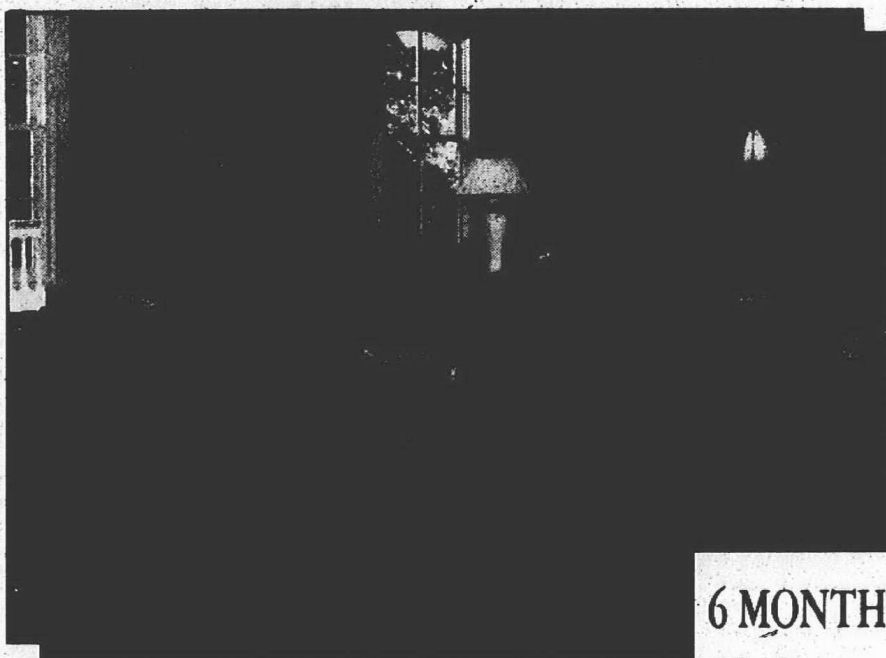
On this day, though, hundreds of friends and teammates wondered what there is to hope for. On this day, amid the tears and the bright memories of a friend gone too soon, without answers as to why, they knew one simple fact: One of their friends is dead.

Their search for answers unsatisfied, they cling to the one thing they can count on right now.

Each other.

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Scholarship forms now available

Application forms for the annual Woman's Club of Plymouth scholarship awards are now available at the offices of the Plymouth Observer, 794 S. Main.

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■ Must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA.

■ Must be attending college or university in the fall.

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A good view: Emil and Teresa Pszcolka of Plymouth look at pictures from Poland.



A tribute to culture



On display: Polish Artist Marian Owczarski poses with one of his stainless steel sculptures. The sculpture is of Popieluszko, a chaplain killed by the secret police. The Plymouth Community Arts Council, as part of its ongoing cultural diversity series, presents "Poland: A celebration of Art and Culture" now through Wednesday, March 1, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts at 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth.

Tests give students chance to earn cash

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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■ 'The state is trying everything it can to entice students to take the test and do well.'

Bob Hayes
—Director of instruction

Plymouth-Canton seventh graders have a chance to secure a \$500 state scholarship if they pass the MEAP tests that are being given through Feb. 11.

State officials say if the seventh graders score in the two highest levels, and do the same in the eighth and 11th grades, they will be awarded \$500.

It's the first year the state Treasury Department is handing out scholarships.

Last year, the state began handing out \$2,500 scholarships to juniors who pass the Michigan Education Assessment Program tests with upper-level scores.

In all, students can earn \$3,000 in scholarships to be used at any state college or university.

"The state is trying everything it can to entice students to take the test and do well," said Bob Hayes. Plymouth-Canton

Schools director of instruction. "I think they're saying to children that if they give the extra effort they can get something positive in return."

Hayes said last year, Plymouth-Canton high school seniors earned nearly \$1 million in scholarships.

The window to take this year's MEAP tests began Jan. 24 and ends Feb. 11.

Fourth and seventh graders are being tested in reading and math, while fifth and eighth graders are being measured in science, social studies and writing.

Township ready to request waste hauler proposals

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With Plymouth Township's five-year solid waste contract with Waste Management Inc. expiring, the township has decided to seek requests for proposals.

Jim Anulewicz, director of the Department of Public Services, said that about 6-10 companies exist in the metropolitan Detroit area that might be interested.

Waste Management can also bid, he said.

A pre-proposal meeting has been set for March 29 to review any questions with potential bidders with an opportunity to prepare and mail any clarifications.

Bid opening is 3 p.m. April 17.

Recommendations to the board will be submitted May 12 and the award of the solid waste contract is set for May 23.

If a new company is hired, the township will mail out newsletters to residents June 19.

"As you can see, it is a pretty aggressive timetable," Anulewicz said. "We are making no assumptions of who, what, where, and why."

July 1 will be the first operational day of the new contract.

Solid waste disposal is paid for by residents.

Service is billed separately on the quarterly water bill. "As you know, change brings with it a lot of anxiety," Anulewicz said. "My philosophy is try to be as flexible as you can without being wishy-washy."

"Flexibility comes in terms of recyclables. Pickup, deliver and get rid of it. Any profits come back to the township."

Bidders can give two figures — one where the township keeps the revenue and the other where the company keeps the revenue and indicates what savings there would be to the township.

Anulewicz said.

Bidders who want to change things like the pickup areas will have to demonstrate in their bids that there is an economic savings to making the change," he said.

The current monthly fee for single family units and condominium units is broken down to \$5.04 for solid waste, \$2.469 for recycling and \$1.09 for composting.

The township has 7,515 residential units serviced under the existing contract.

This figure does not include multi-family units that contract independently.

Services include curbside collection and solid waste disposal. Recyclables include items like newsprint, glass, tin, plastic, junk mail, catalogs, telephone books and household batteries.

Composting runs from April to November.

Getting apartments to recycle is another issue, Anulewicz said.

"Let's first deal with our contract," he said. "I see these as two separate issues. You may not. The board may want to look at it. We can always do an addendum to the contract."

Apartment dwellers can drop off their recyclables 24 hours a day in labeled bins behind the Department of Public Services building on Port Street east of Beck Road, said Chris Haas, solid waste and public service coordinator.

"Should we entertain any thought about lids?" Haas asked. "I know that Northville has gone to a lid system."

"It would just slow down the guys picking it up," said Trustee Kay Arnold.

Trustee Chuck Curmi agreed.

"People moving into Plymouth from Northville always call me and say, 'Where's my lid?'" Haas said.

■ 'As you can see, it is a pretty aggressive timetable.'

Jim Anulewicz
—Dept. of Public Services

■ POLICE NEWS

Plymouth Township police received several reports of thefts in the past week.

They included:

■ A man complained Jan. 26 that he found the rear window of his vehicle smashed and his \$2,000 sander missing after he was in the Johnson Controls Building on Halyard for about 20 minutes.

■ A Bonadeo Builders representative said Jan. 26 that someone stole 14 pre-hung interior doors from a home under construction on Glenmore Court sometime between 11:30 p.m. Jan. 24 and 3 p.m. Jan. 25.

■ A representative for Hunter's Homes reported Jan. 29 that someone stole a dishwasher, microwave, and an unknown number of lighting fixtures from a new home under construction on Hunter's Park Drive.

■ Five barbecue grills were reported stolen Jan. 25 from a storage trailer behind the Kmart store on Ann Arbor Road.

■ A Washington Street resident said that when she returned to her home Jan. 26, her rear door was open and her black chow dog was missing.

—Sue Buck



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man of what was originally First National Bank of Plymouth, which became First of America. First of America was acquired in 1998 by National City Corp., and Currie left there after 35 years.

"I retired from the bank, and I've been doing some financial advising for companies," Currie said.

Currie said he'll seek his first elected office because he's been puzzled by what he views as a township struggling with its planning.

"I've had such a great experience living and working in the community, and all of a sudden we're grabbing at straws in the planning process."

Sewer problems, the township's involvement in the Western Townships Utilities Authority and the problem with traffic at the Sheldon Road underpass all caught Currie's attention.

"Why was Sheldon Road such a surprise?" he asked. "It wasn't

that long ago we were asked to consider a millage increase, and now it's being reported there's a pretty large surplus. That got me wondering what's going on with the planning process."

Law has a history in township government, having served 18 months filling out the term of former supervisor Maurice Breen, who took a post as a Wayne County Commissioner. Law then chose to run for the state house, rather than seek an elected term as supervisor.

Law, who is term-limited and will be out of his seat after this year, said his future plans are unsettled at the moment, though he didn't completely rule out a run at Keen McCarthy.

"Frankly, I'm not sure at this point whether I'm going to run for any public office," Law said. "Would my mind change in three months? I would say it's very doubtful."

Township sets up timetable for census

BY SUE BUCK
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Plymouth Township will appeal to the community's senses to promote the 2000 census.

Shirley Barney, the township's liaison to the Census Bureau, presented a promotional plan to the township board at Tuesday's study session.

"Traditionally, the township has had a very high return rate," Barney said. "The last time it was about 85 percent. An intensive effort should not be needed."

The questionnaires expected to reach residents by mid-March must be returned to the Census Bureau by April 1.

Barney suggested a proclamation in support of the census, working with the media, hanging posters, publicizing the census help line for questionnaire assistance and distributing materials.

Building awareness of the census is the first step from mid-February to mid-March, Barney said.

"From mid-March to mid-April the township will encourage its community to fill out the questionnaire and return it, emphasizing that all answers are confidential and that foreign language assistance is available," Barney said.

From March 31 to April 11, a "Be Counted" site will open inside a township building to provide questionnaires for people who either lost or didn't receive a form, Barney said. "I offer the Community Development Department," she said.

If residents do not return forms, counters will visit those addresses.

The Census Bureau is asking local communities to help publicize the census by establishing Complete Count Committees. "There is no required structure

for the committee," Barney said. "It should be tailored to meet individual needs. For example, large cities with large homeless populations and many hard-to-enumerate areas have had active committees for some time to help reduce an undercount."

The township will review areas where addresses are most likely to be missed.

"In Plymouth Township that would be new construction," Barney said. "To that end, I have reviewed and confirmed the boundaries, the streets and the address ranges on the Census 2000 maps."

Scott Regional prison on Five Mile near Beck and group homes are areas where counts might be missed, said Trustee Chuck Curmi. "How many group homes are there, 10?" he asked.

"There's typically six to eight people. I want to make sure the prison gets counted because that's a transient population. I

don't want to leave it to some government bureaucrat."

Nursing homes, homes for the aged and people who spend winters out-state could also be missed, Curmi said.

Mueller also suggested contacting homeowners' associations.

"Isabel Rodriguez, our census partnership specialist, has been working with many township sites to increase awareness, such as the Friendship Station," Barney said.

Completing the census is only one-half of the equation. The U.S. Census Bureau is also looking for workers.

Walk-ins are welcome at Plymouth Township Hall, located at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley, at 10 a.m. every Saturday and at 6 p.m. every Monday.

For more information, call (734) 632-0300.

No charges in woman's death

Plymouth police say no charges will be filed in the death of an elderly Plymouth woman who was killed while crossing Harvey Street in the early morning hours of Dec. 13.

June Wells, 84, was struck just south of Fleet Street by a

car driven by a Northville man. She suffered head injuries after being thrown against the windshield and died a couple of weeks later.

Wells was a resident of Toniquish Creek Manor.

Middle schoolers excel in Rotary essay contest

One school, one teacher, two winners.

That's how it worked out for the Plymouth Rotary Club, which presented the winners of its annual Middle School Four Way Test Essay Contest at its Jan. 21 meeting at the Cultural Center.

East Middle School students Logan Bitter and Ya Ya Tang were the top two vote-getters in the contest, during which essays are judged for grammar, structure and content.

The contest asks four questions, which should be used when making a decision: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

All public and private middle school students in the Plymouth Canton School District were eligible to participate.

Bitter picked up a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond as the first-place winner, while Tang earned a \$50 bond for her second-place effort. Both are students of middle school teacher Karen Fry, who also received an award.

"In school there are the three 'Rs,' reading, writing and arithmetic," said East Middle School Principal Ellison Franklin. "We need to add one more — respect. We need to teach respect for others, their feelings and concerns."

Franklin cited one example of today's lack of respect when she told of a local sportscaster who repeatedly showed a video of a player squirting Gatorade on an official because the



Writing winners: Four-Way Test winners Logan Bitter (left) and Ya Ya Tang (second from right) pose with East Middle School teacher Karen Fry (second from left), East Principal Ellison Franklin (center) and Four-Way Test chair David Campbell.

player didn't like the call the official had made.

"What are we teaching our children through this example?" she asked. "If we don't have respect for authority, what can

we expect?"

"If we apply these four questions to a situation, it helps all of us make better decisions."

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by
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Board still taking names for 3rd high school

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has received seven suggestions for naming the district's third high school.

Board members are taking recommendations through Wednesday, March 1. Trustees want to have a name in place before groundbreaking this summer. The school is scheduled to open in time for the 2002-2003 school year.

Suggested names for the new high school include Kent and Lolly Buikema, Beck, Harmony, Plymouth, Plymouth Centurion, Plymouth Superior, and Plymouth Western.

In the past, the district has adhered to previous standards in naming buildings. Elementary schools are named for people who have made significant contributions to the district. The middle schools were named for directions, until Pioneer and Discovery came along. The high schools are named for the communities the district encompasses.

School board President Susan Davis said she's

'Then we would have to determine if the old school or the new one should be called Plymouth.'

Susan Davis
—School board president

received recommendations from several people that the word "Plymouth" be dropped from the names of the present high schools.

"It's not a bad suggestion considering most students say they go to Canton or Salem," said Davis. "Then we would have to determine if the old school or the new one should be called Plymouth."

Davis said the board will select several of the suggested names for a short list and eventually choose one.

Community members can submit names to the Board of Education by mail to: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Community Relations Department, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Job fair gives schools head start

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Kristen Brannan was teaching in the Wayne-Westland school district last year when she began testing the waters for a new job.

Her present employer wanted to keep her, Pinckney schools offered her a job, as did Plymouth-Canton. An enviable position for a job applicant.

Brannan, like many teachers, substitutes and college graduates, is finding out they have more choices these days because the pool of available teachers to fill openings in metro Detroit is dwindling.

"I noticed there was more interest in me, and I think part of it was due to the fewer numbers of teachers looking," said Brannan.

Brannan, a 1992 Plymouth Salem grad, is now teaching first grade at Field Elementary in Canton, the school she once attended as a child.

"I was looking for a larger school district which would allow me to grow as a teacher," added Brannan, 26. "I think Plymouth-Canton will give me that professional development opportunity. And, I think people want to teach here because it's a great school system for children, and a good community in

'We can't afford to wait and possibly lose teachers to other districts. Everybody is starting to feel the shortage.'

Errol Goldman

—Asst. Superintendent, Personnel

which to live."

Those are the kinds of attributes the district is pushing in its effort to beat other districts to the punch with a job fair scheduled for Feb. 9 at Plymouth Salem High School.

Plymouth-Canton is looking to hire 80-100 teachers next year as many educators are taking a buyout package. With area school districts fighting over the same pool of applicants, Plymouth-Canton has to find a way to stand out.

"We need to find the largest applicants for all levels and tell them why they should come here," said Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel. "We can't afford to wait and possibly lose teachers to other districts. Everybody is starting to feel the shortage."

Plymouth-Canton administrators will be posting jobs with local colleges and universities, putting information on the school's Web site, and handing out traditional printed fly-

ers. "It's a massive undertaking, but it's something we need to do," Goldman said. "We're a great place to be and we have a wonderful community. That's the approach we're taking."

Plymouth-Canton's aggressiveness is gaining the attention of private schools, like Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth, where Principal Ted Behn is well aware of the large number of openings in Plymouth-Canton.

"Our big push now is to raise teacher salaries," said Behn, noting his competition pays more. "The goal for the archdiocese is to pay our teachers about 70 percent of the public school salary. We're not quite there yet."

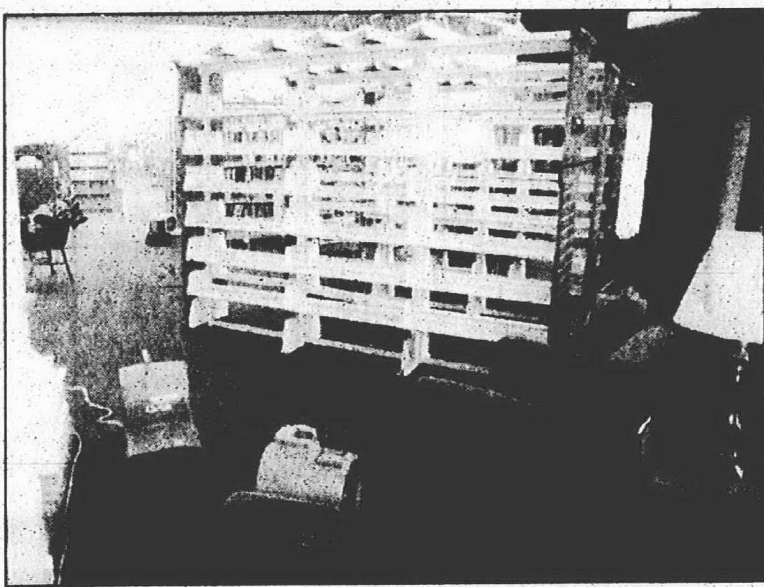
"However, our teachers have been very good about staying with us," he added. "Very few have left in the 14 years I've been here. I think we give them a reasonable salary and a nice atmosphere in which to teach."

About five years ago, Plymouth-Canton held a job fair, expecting about 200 applicants to attend. They got about a thousand.

This time they're preparing for up to a thousand, and hoping for more.

The Plymouth-Canton job fair will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at Plymouth Salem High School.

For hometown news, read the Plymouth Observer



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

What a mess: Fans, dehumidification tubes and disarray are the business of the day at the Plymouth District Library following a burst sprinkler system over the weekend. InRecon, a national insurance reconstruction company with offices in Ann Arbor, is handling the cleanup.

Library from page A1

pet." Last Friday, a pipe over the fireplace area exploded, blew a hole through the plaster, and sprayed part of the upper floor, soaking some books and magazines.

Most of the water damage occurred when the water flowed behind the walls to the lower level, resulting in flooding.

"This was a fairly big project, when you consider the books we had to dry out, computers that got wet, and the damage to the drywall and carpet," said Belomo.

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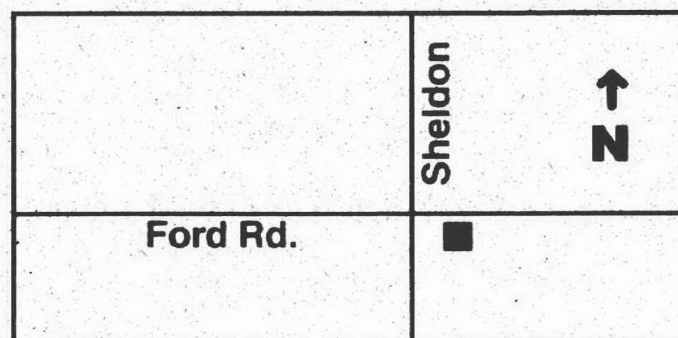
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Southeast Michigan gets lion's share of road work

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Southeast Michigan will get a lion's share of the state's road work over the next four years, according to the "5 Year Road and Bridge Program" unveiled Tuesday, Jan. 25, by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Of the \$6.4 billion the state plans to spend on road repairs and upgrades through the end of the year 2004, 35 percent will be pumped into the metropolitan Detroit region, including Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties.

Metro Detroit has the oldest freeways and bridges in the state, while the region contains the state's largest concentration of population. Metro area freeways carry almost half - 43 percent - of all the state's traffic.

"All transportation improvements included in this plan are prioritized based on need, and we are continuing to fix the worst roads and bridges first," said James DeSana, director of MDOT.

What the MDOT refers to as the "University" region of the state - areas surrounding Lansing and Ann Arbor, including Ingham, Livingston, Shiawassee, Clinton, Eaton and Jackson counties - will get another 12

percent of the state funding.

Using increased funding from the federal government, through the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), and Build Michigan II, the state will put an average of \$1.3 billion dollars into repairing and rebuilding 1,400 miles of roads and 280 bridges each year through 2004, according to the document.

The goal is to have 80 percent of the state's roads in "good condition," as opposed to poor condition, by the end 2004. The plan is to continue through the year 2007, when 90 percent will be in

the "good" category.

Although the state is using a mix of short-term and long-term solutions to Michigan's road troubles, the 5 Year plan says the proportion of "20-plus year fixes" is increasing. Thirty three percent of the money will be spent on long term repairs, according to the plan. In the early 1990s, only 10 percent of state road funding was spent on long term repair.

The program also puts the priority on repairing existing roads. Only 10 percent of the total will be spent on new roads.

One of the new roads to be

built will be in southeast Michigan - the state will complete the M-5 Haggerty Connector from Fourteen Mile Road to Pontiac Trail, but its completion date has been pushed back to 2002.

In the metro area, MDOT will concentrate on modernizing the freeways, improving border crossings, supporting economic development and eliminating choke points, the plan states.

Also on the list of projects are:

IN WAYNE COUNTY

■ I-96 from US-24 to west of M-39 will be reconstructed in the year 2004.

■ The bridge on I-96 at Merriam will get deck replacement in 2001.

■ Six bridges on I-96 will get approach work in 2001.

■ Ford Road, from Wayne Road east to Venoy, will be resurfaced this year.

■ Ford Road, from Mercury to US-12, will be reconstructed in 2004. Bridges will get deck replacements and deck patch along with it.

■ The Southfield, M-39, will see reconstruction and bridge rehabilitation in 2001.

■ Ann Arbor Road, Old M-14, will get reconstruction from Can-

ton Center to Newburgh Road this year and next.

IN OAKLAND COUNTY

■ Reconstruction of interchanges on I-96 at Beck and Wixom roads. Design work begins this year. Construction is set for 2002 and 2003.

■ Completion of an I-75 Corridor Study of the 46 miles of freeways in Oakland, its interchanges and supporting roadways.

■ I-75 from M-15 to the county line will get a "major rehabilitation" in 2003 and 2004.

High school students can sample college

High school students throughout Michigan will have the opportunity to gather for two weeks at Madonna University in Livonia as participants in the 2000 Summer Institute for the Arts, Sciences and Technology sponsored by the Michigan State Board of Education.

These students will live on campus July 9-22 and be involved in intensive lab and field experiences, discussions, research, technology and techniques, with some of Michigan's top artists, teachers, researchers and business and industry professionals. A group of 120 teens - high school sophomores and juniors - will be selected to participate.

Those interested in this experience should contact their school counselor, call the Summer Institute Office at (517)244-1249 or Madonna University at (734)432-5482 to get an application. The deadline for submitting applications is Feb. 21. Participants will be selected in April by state review teams based on their exceptional interest and/or aptitude. Each student will be asked to submit an essay and recommendation to be considered for a position.

"We are excited about the opportunity the Summer Institute provides for Michigan students. One of the greatest attributes of the program is the recognition that there are many types of talents. The students who come together from all over the state have an opportunity to interact with other young people they would probably never have the occasion to meet. Each year, the students leave with pleasant memories and educational experiences that will enrich the rest of their lives," said Sister Nancy Marie Jamroz, vice president for student services and a coordinator of the Summer Institute at Madonna University.

As one of eight institutions chosen to participate this is Madonna University's seventh year in the program. The University is offering the following intensive classes: "Internationalizing for a Global World," "Music Video Production," "Black and White Photography," "Journalism," "Sign Language and Artistic Interpretation for the Deaf," "Japanese Language and Culture," "Molecular Genetics and Genetic Engineering," "Creative Writing" and "Chemistry and Biology of the Rouge River." Approximately 10 to 12 students will attend each class.

State funds and federal dollars help to offset the total institute costs, as a result, the registration fee is \$250 for each student. Financial assistance may be available for students who can show need.

Also, the institute is offering exploratory sessions throughout the two weeks. Four sessions will be offered with a variety of topics to choose from, ranging from the arts to self development.

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Accident decline

Stepped-up police work makes the difference

STORIES BY RICHARD PEARL

Traffic accidents declined in 1998 compared to 1997 in eight of the 10 communities in Wayne and Oakland counties served by the Observer Newspapers and local police mainly credited concentrated patrols for the improvement.

Re-engineering of intersections also got some credit, as did milder weather in 1998.

The figures, released by the Michigan State Police, also showed seven of the 10 communities had fewer personal injury accidents in 1998 than in '97.

The patrol figures come from statewide community police department reports.

The 1998 figures are the latest available from the MSP. The 1999 totals are expected in the spring, the department said.

Showing a reduction in total traffic accidents, according to the state police, were (in alphabetical order) Canton Township, Farmington Hills, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, City of Wayne and

Westland.

Communities with fewer personal-injury accidents were (also in alphabetical order) Canton, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth Township and Westland.

In raw numbers, Livonia, the most populous city in the group, also had the most accidents, with 4,280 in 1998, a drop of 6 percent from '97.

Rounding out the top five were Farmington Hills with 3,055; Westland 2,072; Canton 1,950 and Redford Township 1,882.

Livonia leads

Livonia also had the most personal-injury accidents in '98 with 1,101, followed by the Hills with 833; Westland 641; Canton 469 and Redford 407.

Garden City, however, led in percentage decline of total crashes with 12 percent - from 1,103 crashes in 1997 to 970 in '98.

In terms of personal injury accidents, Plymouth Township led with a decline of 26 percent - from

300 to 212. Garden City was second with an 18 percent decrease, from 308 in '97 to 254 in '98. Westland was third with a 14 percent decline (747 in '97 to 641 in '98).

Garden City Police Lt. Mel Maier said the decline in crashes there was due both to "stepped up active patrols in high-accident areas" and working with Wayne County and the state "to improve the engineering of intersections" - in particular the installation of left-turn signals at Middlebelt and Warren Roads and Middlebelt and Ford.

Maier said the signals "cut down dramatically" on left-turn accidents, especially at Ford and Middlebelt where fewer people ran red lights or turned left into oncoming traffic.

Maier said Police Chief Dave Harvey also put Officer Loren Zetti into afternoon traffic patrol, both to respond to traffic accidents and learn what area residents and business owners see as traffic problems.

The two top accident intersections in Farmington Hills in 1998 - 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads (95 crashes) and Orchard

and 14 Mile (92 accidents) - have begun benefiting from traffic-signal timing changes and should continue improving, according to Hills Traffic Bureau Lt. Gary Hawald.

He said the reconstruction of the Grand River and Halstead interchange with M-5, which "always used to be in the top five" in terms of wrecks, also seems headed for fewer crashes.

Other police departments said stepped-up traffic enforcement efforts, most funded by grants from the state and federal governments and by overtime allotments, cut crashes.

Red runners

Canton Lt. Pat Nemecek said his Selective Enforcement Unit (SEU), working with regular patrol officers, targets intersections where drivers run red lights - most of them along Ford Road, which is the township's main east-west thoroughfare and its most congested street.

But the SEU officers also analyze the intersections to determine the type of accidents and why they're happening, he said. Such information helps the

township get improvements at intersections, he said, one of which may be a left-turn signal at busy Ford and Canton Center.

Chief Lawrence Carey in neighboring Plymouth Township said the township board in '98 approved additional funding for selective enforcement where most accidents occur - along Ann Arbor Road.

Carey said as a result, traffic stops increased from 6,820 in 1997 to 9,011 in '98, with total tickets issued jumping from 3,728 to 8,840.

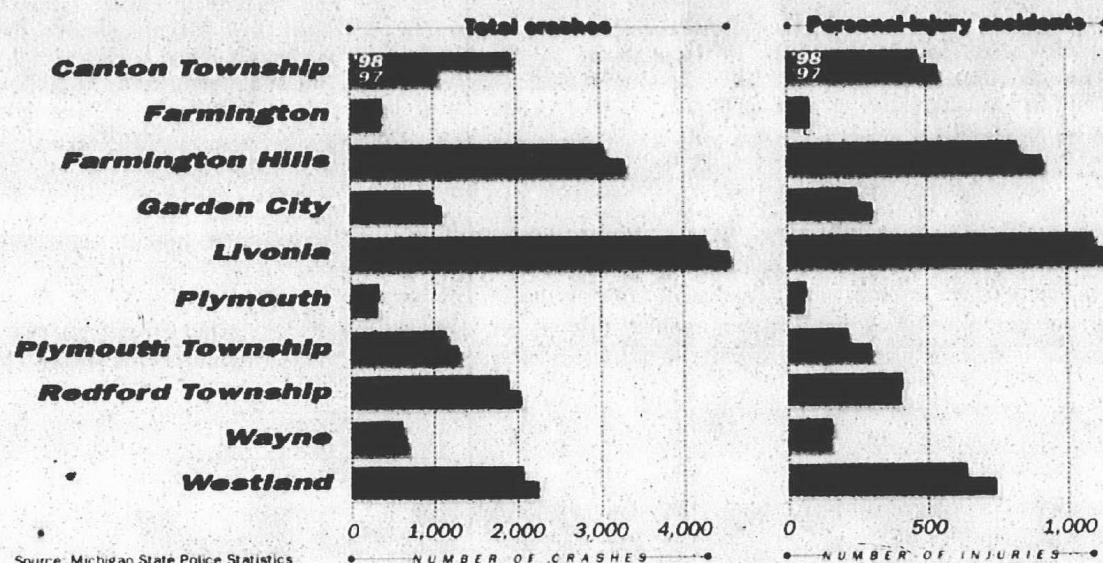
That helped township police win a traffic award for enforcement from the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police in '98. The township effort is continuing, Carey added. Some 9,811 violations were issued in 1999.

A left-turn arrow at Lilley and the repaving of Ann Arbor Road this summer also will help the situation, he said.

Livonia Sgt. Wes McKee, Redford Officer Scott Corso, Wayne Officer Ken Kapanowski and Westland Sgt. Peter Brokas also attributed the decline in crashes to aggressive enforcement.

Traffic accidents from the 10 Observer-area communities

Crashes and accidents generally declined in 1998 compared to 1997



Source: Michigan State Police Statistics

Seatbelt law takes effect March 10

Here's a "heads-up" for all Wayne and Oakland County drivers: Start getting used to wearing your seatbelt now - because stepped-up enforcement begins next week.

Although the new statewide seatbelt law doesn't take effect until March 10, police and sheriff's deputies in the two counties will conduct a "get-used-to" period running Feb. 6-19, according to Sgt. Pete Brokas of the Westland Police Department.

During that time, officers and deputies will enforce both speeding and seatbelt violations now in effect. "We'll be working with 20 other communities" in Wayne County, including the cities of Livonia and Detroit, Brokas said.

On March 10, not wearing a seatbelt will become a primary traffic violation, so next week's efforts will be aimed at educating the public toward that, he said.

When the seatbelt law becomes primary, it will mean officers can stop people for that violation alone. Brokas said: "You don't have to be speeding for us to stop you."

At present, seatbelt violations are ticketed only when discovered during a traffic stop for other violations such as speeding, registration or other violations.

During the "get-used-to" period, officers will target rush hours, mornings in particular, because police are seeing "more and more" serious

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Courtesy could lead to trouble

Think you're being courteous when you stop in traffic to wave someone out of a parking lot?

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So says Gary Goss, director of public safety for Farmington.

"That's a trap," says Goss, because you could be blocking the other driver's vision.

The so-called "good deed" came up in an interview with Goss about traffic accidents and their causes.

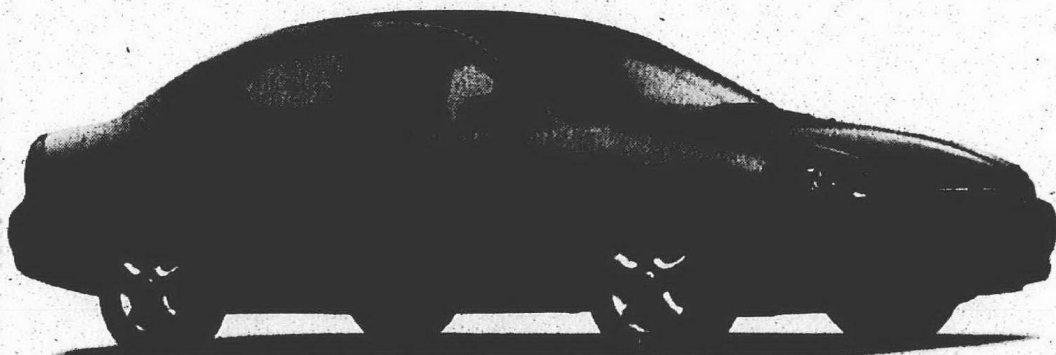
To Goss, the practice of stopping to let someone into traffic was among many of the pet peeves he's acquired in his 29 years in the police business.

For instance, there was the

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Getting ready: Christina Teran of Canton (front) and the Plymouth Salem High School Cheerleaders rehearse a segment of their dance routine Monday. The team will travel to Orlando Thursday to compete in a national cheerleading contest.



Cheerleaders hoping to shine in Florida

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Forty-six members of the Plymouth Salem co-ed varsity and junior varsity cheerleading teams are headed to Orlando, Fla., Friday morning in efforts to bring national championships back to Plymouth-Canton Schools.

The two teams placed first in their divisions at the Universal Cheerleading Association's regional competition in Ann Arbor in December, giving them an automatic invitation to compete in the National High School Cheerleading Championship this Saturday and Sunday.

This will be the eighth consecutive year the varsity has competed in the nationals. A preliminary competition is held Saturday, with the top 12 advancing to the finals on Sunday.

"The last three years we were able to make it to the finals and finished 10th, 11th and 12th," said Coach JoDee Dillon.

"This year we're really pleased with the material we have, which is a collegiate-style routine," added Dillon. "We have team pyramid building, dancing, cheering, partner stunting and several different formations.

That's a lot to do in just two minutes."

In reality, the teams are heading to Florida to compete for two minutes on Saturday. If they make it to the finals on Sunday, they'll get an additional two minutes to strut their stuff.

"But it's four minutes worth of action," said Dillon. "It's real exciting and so competitive."

That's echoed by senior Lauren Devine, 17, of Plymouth Township, who is expecting a lot from this year's squad.

"I'm more excited than I was last year because our team is much better," said Devine. "Our stunt level is more complicated this year, and we've been practicing hard."

The cheerleaders have been practicing six days a week for more than a month. Some of the male cheerleaders believe their workouts and competition are much tougher than football.

"Some of us on the cheerleading team have played football, and all of us say this is tougher," said senior Chris Elliott, 17, of Plymouth Township. "Cheerleading is more exhausting because it takes both technique and strength. In football you can get away

with one or the other."

Elliott and Harmony Howard, along with Theresa Olson and Pat Johnson, received two of the 17 invitations to compete in the partner-stunt division.

In the team competition, Howard is known as a flyer ... one of the cheerleaders who is vaulted into the air, twisting and turning, before being caught by teammates.

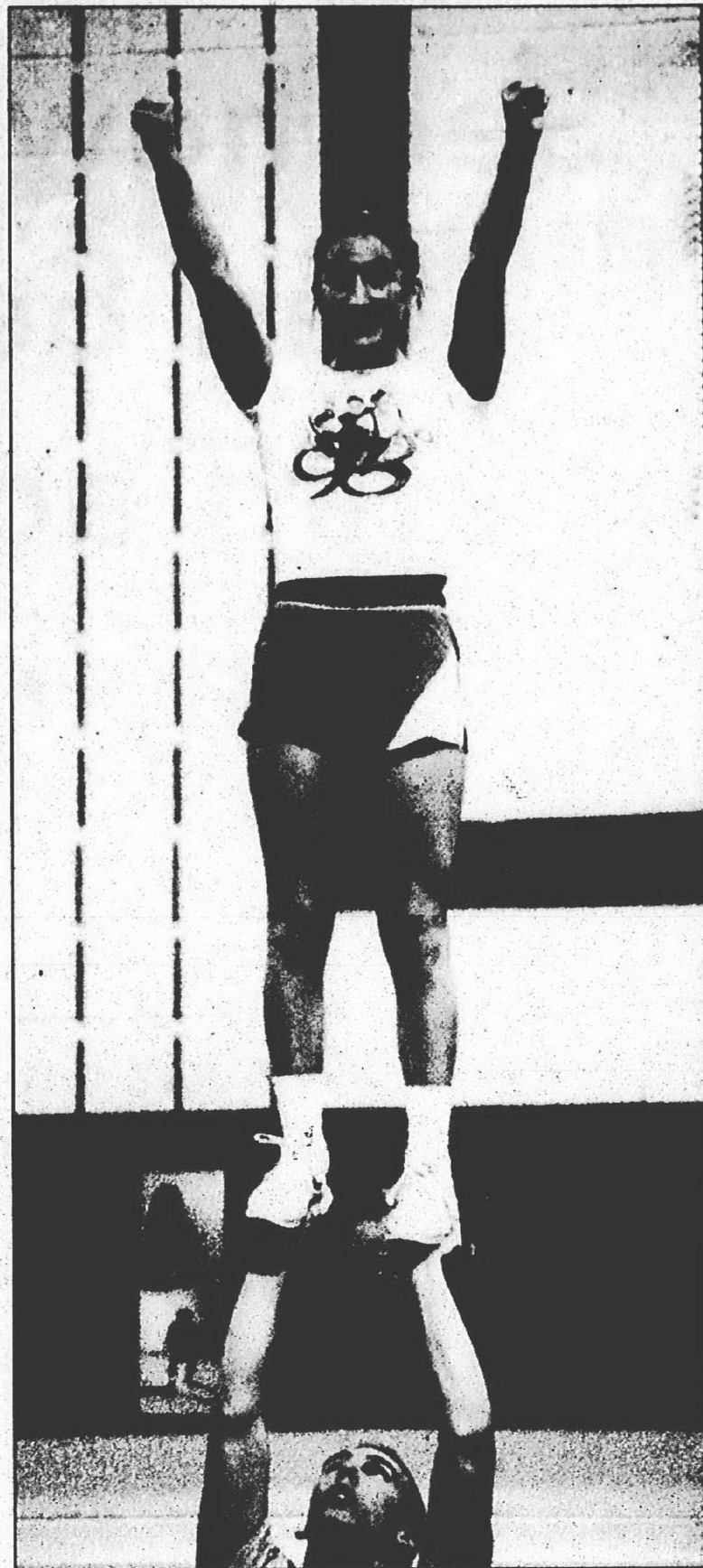
"It feels like you're flying," said Howard, 16, of Canton. "I don't think about it much because I have confidence in my teammates. The more you do the stunts, the more you trust them."

Kerri Gillespie knows the cheerleading team has come a long way. She was a member of the squad until she graduated in 1992. Now she's back helping to coach her old team.

"There are some days when I don't believe I could ever have done what the kids are doing now," said Gillespie. "It's a lot more technical and entertaining."

Dillon said fund-raisers have allowed for the cost of the trip, estimated at \$500 per student.

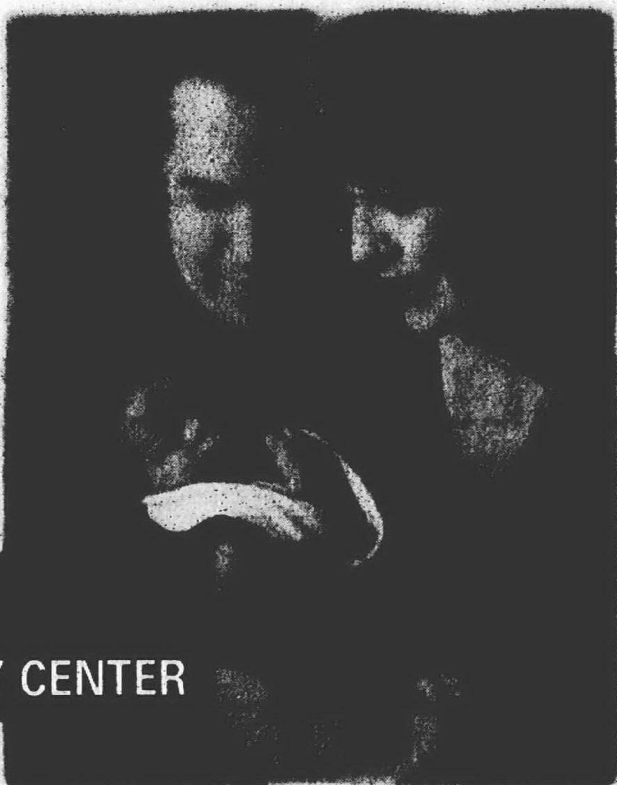
"This is such a great trip for the kids, getting to meet and compete against kids from all over the country," said Dillon.



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Getting a boost: Christina Teran of Canton is lifted by Jim Brzuch of Canton during rehearsals Monday.

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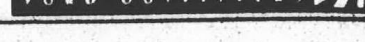
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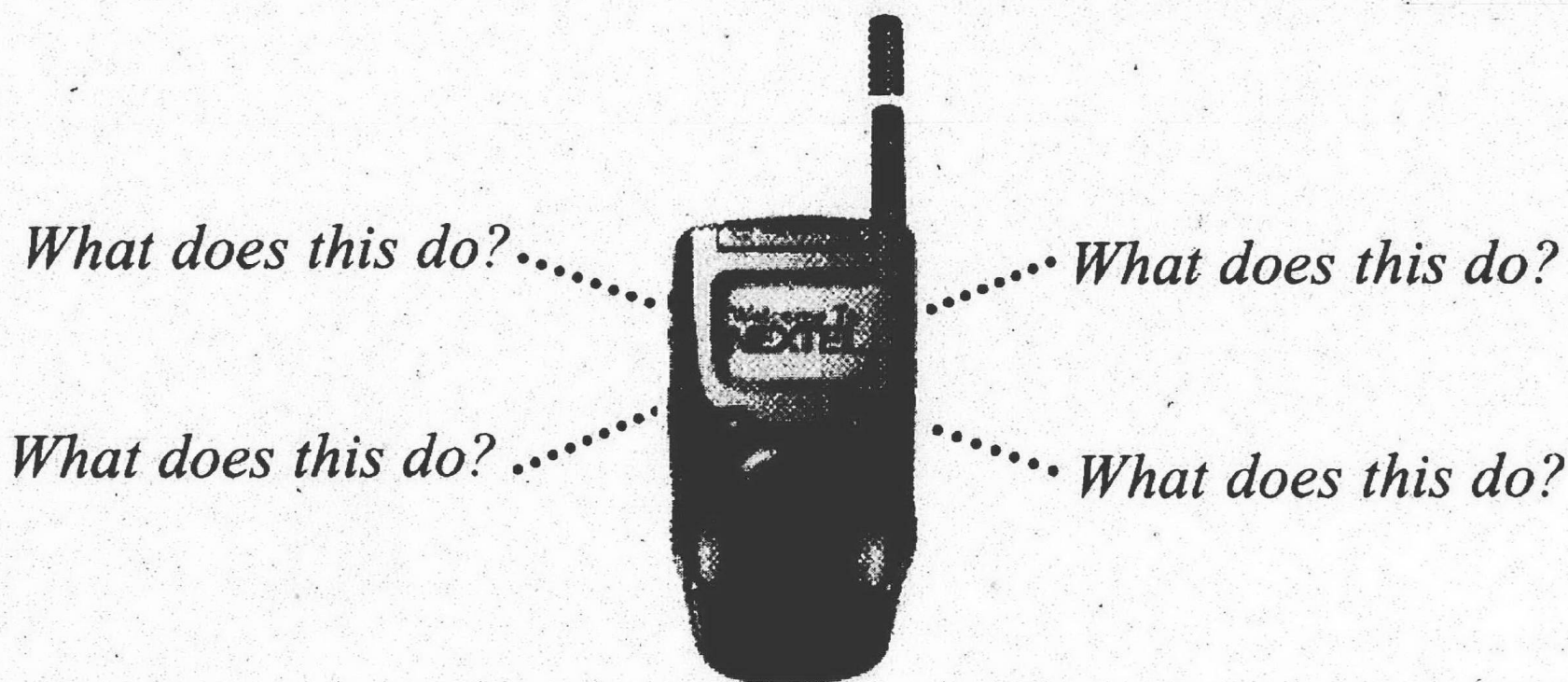
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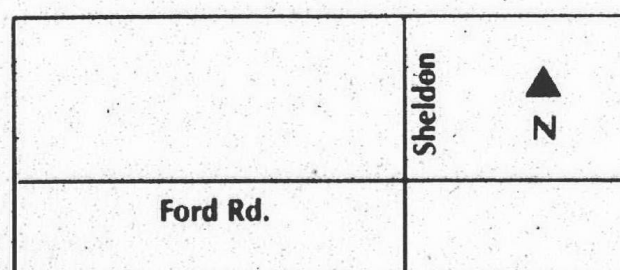
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Yazaki wants to make college a little easier

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
STAFF WRITER

Yazaki North America is looking to team up with local universities to bring college courses closer to home.

"It could happen this year," said Tom Moore, vice president of finance and information technology for the Canton Township company.

Classes would be held in the company's new Learning Center located on Haggerty Road. The site, previously used for office space, had its grand opening last Thursday. The event drew about 150 people, mostly Yazaki managers and some invited guests — including longtime TV personality Mort Crim, a guest speaker.

"All associates will also get a chance to tour the facility," he said. Tours are scheduled during a two to three hour period over the next couple of days.

The primary purpose of the facility is to develop the skills of Yazaki associates.

"Classes will be offered in supervisory skills training, managerial skills, and other things needed for their professional development," he said, adding "the executives here believe that the associates are the key to being successful."

To that end, the company is offering growth opportunities to its associates. Classes are designed to help associates gain the knowledge necessary for their jobs and/or professional advancement.

"We'll run similar classes for our suppliers, but we won't be doing much with the facility in the evening," he said.

Company officials felt this was another good opportunity to support the community and began looking into the idea of offering college classes when the facility was not scheduled for use.

The 30,000-square-foot facility boasts multiple classrooms, two main conference rooms with the newest in technological advancements and as many as 40 computers in a given location. "We can offer specific training in computers to a large group of people," Moore explained.

Lawrence Technological Institute and Schoolcraft College are possible candidates to run the night classes. Plans, however, are still in the preliminary stage.

Moore called it a nice facility, which has been actively used for training sessions despite the fact that the grand opening was held just last week.

Charter school team still plugging

Company asks permission to present revised plan for Canton school

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER
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A Grand Rapids company wishing to build a charter school at Warren and Ridge roads has asked for an opportunity to present a revised plan to the same board that voted against its proposal in January.

Jason Pater of Charter Development Company, a Grand Rapids development company, wrote a letter dated Jan. 28 to Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet. The company is working in conjunction with National Heritage Academies, a charter school management company.

"We wish to reiterate our strong desire to work closely with the township to address the concerns expressed by the planning commission relative to our proposed school development at Ridge and Warren roads," Pater's letter stated.

Residents living near the proposed development adamantly opposed the school plans at a Jan. 10 planning commission meeting. They cited concerns about traffic, wetlands, property values and the project's 10 acre size, which most said was too small for a building and adequate parking. The site is located on the southwest corner.

Residents said they would continue to oppose plans to build at Warren and Ridge.

Jim Hodgson, president of the Northwest Canton Homeowners Association, said the group is trying to help National Heritage find an alternate site.

"We're hoping to get them close to the Northwest quadrant if not in the Northwest quadrant," Hodgson said.

"I don't see anything they can do to that site to make that school acceptable," said Chuck Supnick, Pilgrim Hills subdivision resident and vice president

of the Northwest Canton Homeowners Association.

Both Supnick and Hodgson said the natural beauty road designation was a big concern. Ridge Road north of Warren was designated as such six years ago, which prevents the roadside from being disturbed by development. The school's site plan called for paving a portion of Ridge and installing sidewalks.

Pater disagreed about the Ridge and Warren location.

"...We are confident that a satisfactory solution is possible and that we can demonstrate that the subject site is, indeed, an appropriate location for our school facility," Pater wrote.

Pater requested that the Canton Township Board of Trustees refer National Heritage Academies' site plan request back to the planning commission "based on new information to be presented."

"In the event that the board

does this, we would also ask that we be permitted to have a special meeting with the planning commission. Given the wide interest of the public in this request and the length of the public hearing earlier this month, it seems appropriate to devote a meeting to this issue, alone."

Pater declined a request for comment, referring questions to Jeff Poole, vice president of National Heritage Academies.

The planning commission voted 6-0 against approving the special land use. Planning commission decisions can either be affirmed or reversed by the board of trustees.

Poole confirmed Monday afternoon that the charter school issue isn't dead yet. He would not say what has been changed about the plans.

"We're still evaluating our options," Poole said, declining to comment further.

THE LIBRARY'S CARD

The Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, offers programs for the Plymouth community. The following events are scheduled for February and early March:

■ **Contemporary Books Discussion Group, Wednesday, Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m.** — The title selected for this month's discussion is "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," by J.K. Rowling. Copies of the book are available at the checkout desk. For details, call Darlene Ursel, (734) 453-0750.

■ **Brown Bag Books Discussion Group, Wednesday, Feb. 23, noon** — Copies of this month's selected title, "Snow Falling on Cedars" by David Guterson, are available at the checkout desk. Bring a lunch, if you like; beverages provided by the library.

■ **Plymouth Writer's Club, Thursdays, Feb. 10 and Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m.** — Writers of all ages are invited to join other aspiring writers to share their work in a friendly group setting. Contact club facilitator Brian Anderson, (734) 416-0418.

■ **Your Poetry Group, Sunday, Feb. 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m.** — Bring your own or others' poetry to read aloud; short stories are also welcome. Reader's discretion is asked in the lan-

guage of the works read. Contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548 or donhewlett@aol.com for more information.

Teen Events

■ The Teen Advisory Board is a group of teens, 12 to 18 years old, who meet in the library to share ideas for improving the library's teen programs and services. Meetings are planned for 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12, and Saturday, Feb. 28. Advanced registration isn't necessary. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Contact Eva Davis, teen librarian, 453-0750, Ext. 230, or eva@tin.lib.mi.us.

■ Teens in grades six through 12 are invited to meet in the library 3:30-4:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, for making scented bath salts and body powder. Refreshments will be provided. Advance registration is required at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone, (734) 453-0750, press 4. Attendance is limited to the first 15 teens who register.

■ Teen volunteers are needed at the library to provide one-on-one tutoring for Plymouth residents unfamiliar with computers, particularly Windows 95/98 and the library's new catalog, PAC for Windows. Contact Eva Davis,

453-0750, Ext. 230, or at eva@tin.lib.mi.us for more information on becoming a teen volunteer.

Youth Events

■ **Off the Page, Thursday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m.** — The purpose of this student storyteller group is to learn how to make stories our own and how to share them in the oral tradition. All students in grades three through eight are welcome at the monthly meetings.

■ **Winter Break Movie Day, Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2 p.m.** — Come to the library for two movies: "The Rain Babies," a mystery, and "Br'er Rabbit and Boss Lion," a rollicking tale. The drop-in program will last about 50 minutes and is intended for children aged 6 to 12 years and their families.

■ **New Discoveries in Astronomy, Monday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m.** — Local astronomer Mike Best introduces the new Plymouth Astronomers Group, which is intended for ages 5 and older and scheduled to meet at the library on the third Monday of each month. Registration for the introductory program begins Monday, Feb. 7, at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by telephone at (734) 453-0750, press 4.



NOTICE TO BIDDERS CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids until 2:00 pm local time on Thursday, February 17, 2000 for the following:

Landscape Maintenance (Mowing & Trimming Services)

Specifications and Proposal Forms are available at the Office of the Administrative Services Director, 201 S. Main St., Plymouth, Michigan during regular office hours.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

CAROL STONE
Admin. Services Director

Publish: February 3, 2000

L95001

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., February 17, 2000 for the following:

WORKSTATIONS AND FILE CABINETS FOR PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: February 3, 2000

L95002

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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., February 17, 2000 for the following:

FURNISH AND INSTALL ONE (1) IRRIGATION PUMP STATION AT FELLOWS CREEK GOLF COURSE

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

Publish: February 3, 2000

L95004

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be accepted at the Office of the clerk until 10:00 a.m., February 17, 2000 for the following:

PARK REGULATORY SIGNS

Bid 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 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 BENNETT, Clerk

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L95003

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CDBG PROGRAM AMENDMENTS PUBLIC HEARING

On February 23, 2000, at 3:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Township will hold a public hearing for the following amendments to the Canton Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program: (1) Establish Community Curbside Reconstruction Program; (2) reprogram all funds from FY 1993 (\$13,213), FY 1994 (\$5,000), FY 1995 (\$14,580), FY 1996 (\$9,600), FY 1997 (\$78,200), and FY 1998 (\$220,000) Harrison Drain Improvements to curbside reconstruction; and (3) cancel drain improvements program. (4) Reprogram all funds (\$10,000) from FY 1995 Canton Commons Ballfield Improvements to curbside reconstruction; and (5) cancel ballfield improvements. Reprogram all FY 1994 First Step building acquisition funds (\$30,000) to curbside reconstruction; and (6) cancel building acquisition, (7) Reprogram funds, as necessary up to \$125,000, from FY 1999 Human Services Center Expansion to curbside reconstruction. Total funds to be reprogrammed: \$380,593 (approximate). Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Development Specialist, Resource Development Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48186, (734-397-5392).

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: Jan. 30 and Feb. 3, 2000

L95007

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

BOARD PROCEEDINGS

JANUARY 25, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 25, 2000 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Supervisor Yack deleted General Item 6, Consider Approval of Engineering Proposal for 2000 Sidewalk Repair Program. He also added Recognition Item 1, Board Recognition of Canton Employees with Twenty, Twenty-Five or Thirty Years of Service.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Canton of January 11, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Canton of January 18, 2000. Motion carried with Shefferly as the only abstained.

PAYMENT OF BILLS Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Shefferly, to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap for Board Meeting of January 25, 2000

General Fund	101	\$	505,171.03
Fire Fund	206	\$	17,958.94
Police Fund	207	\$	33,774.00
Summit Operating	208	\$	46,486.03
Golf Fund	211	\$	1,549.39
Cable TV Fund	230	\$	2,553.32
Twp (Community) Improvement	246	\$	5,740.00
E-911 Utility	261	\$	1,562.30
Auto Forfeiture (WWATEE)	267	\$	554.98
Federal Grants Fund	274	\$	4,080.90
Auto Theft Grant	289	\$	2,064.07
Downtown DEV Authority	294	\$	42,504.44
Post Employment Benefits	296	\$	13.42
Bldg Authority Construction	469	\$	37,304.62
Water & Sewer Fund	592	\$	360,140.48
Trust & Agency Fund	701	\$	5,532.50
Construction Escrows	702	\$	315.57
Koppernick Corp Park Const.	812	\$	101,312.00
Koppernick Corporate	852	\$	77.00
N Haggerty Storm Debt Service	853	\$	141.85
Tonquish Creek Storm	854	\$	98.00
N Haggerty Paving Debt Service	862	\$	195.65
E Palmer Rd Paving Debt Service	863	\$	337.50
Beck Rd Paving Debt Service	864	\$	312.50
S Haggerty Rd Paving	865	\$	175.00
Total - All Funds		\$	1,169,955.49

BOARD RECOGNITION

ITEM 1 RECOGNITION OF CANTON EMPLOYEES WITH TWENTY, TWENTY-FIVE OR THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to recognize Doris Kelly for 30 years of dedicated service to Canton, Carol Quinn, Michael Rorabacher, David Champagne, James Davison, Philip Daley and Claude Gersky for 25 years of dedicated service to Canton, Dan Durack, Robert Dates, Rene LeBlanc, Alex Wilson, Ernest Syre and Geraldine Syec for 20 years of dedicated service to Canton. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM 1 CONSIDER DEDICATING RIGHT OF WAY TO WAYNE COUNTY FOR THE BECK ROAD PAVING PROJECT Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to authorize the Township Clerk and Supervisor to execute the Warranty Deeds for (part of) parcels 071-062-99-0020-000, 071-062-99-0019-000, 071-062-99-0016-000, & 071-062-99-0017-000, 071-068-99-0020-000, granting the right of way to the County of Wayne, a Home Rule Charter County. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 2 AMENDMENT TO JOHN'S SANITATION, INC. PURCHASE ORDER Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to increase purchase order #17359 to pay John's Sanitation an additional \$1,060.50 for 1999 rentals of Porta Johns. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 3 REQUEST FOR HUNTING AREA CONTROL COMMITTEE TO INITIATE PROCEEDINGS TO CLOSE SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE TOWNSHIP TO HUNTING Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to adopt a Resolution requesting a Hunting Area Control Committee to initiate

proceedings to close specific areas of the township for hunting, bow arrow, and discharge of firearms. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR

ITEM 1 CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR VISTAS OF CENTRAL PARK NO. 2 Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the site plan for Vistas of Central Park No. 2 (Part of the Central Park Planned Development District). Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 2 GOFF/JOHNSON (SINGH) REZONING Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the request to rezone the subject property from RR, Rural Residential to R-6, Single-Family Attached Residential District. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 3 CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR FAMILY VIDEO Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to conditional approval of the site plan for Family Video to construct a 7,000 square foot video store at the northwest corner of Canton Center and Hanford Roads. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 4 FISHER/A.G.B. ASSOCIATES REZONING Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the request to rezone the identified property located on the east side of Haggerty between Palmer Road and Michigan Avenue from O-1, Office District to RP, Research Park District. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 5 CONSIDER AWARD OF PROPOSAL FOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE PROPOSED VEHICLE MAINTENANCE FACILITY Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award bid to Siegal/Tuomala Associates in the amount of \$48,200.00 to perform the work as specified by their proposal for a new Fleet Maintenance Facility. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER APPROVING FERLITO CONSTRUCTION TO COMPLETE DESIGN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SOFTBALL COMPLEX Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve Ferlito Construction to complete engineering design for the overall community improvements to the Charter Township of Canton Softball Complex site at a total cost not to exceed \$18,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER INCREASING THE BUDGET FOR THE UTILITY COVERAGE COMPONENT OF THE GIS ROUND 1 PROJECT GRANT Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to authorize an increase in Orchard, Hiltz, and McClinton's Purchase Order #16598 from \$54,641.00 to \$59,641.00 in order to purchase the Utility Maintenance Information System that will complement the utility coverage on Canton's Geographical Information System. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR AND CLERK TO ENTER AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY FOR THE ROUGE RIVER NATIONAL WET WEATHER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT GRANT FOR GENERAL STORM WATER PERMIT ACTIVITIES Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to enter into an Inter-Agency Agreement with Wayne County for the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project Grant for General Storm Water Permit Activities. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 10 AUTHORIZATION FOR FIRE CHIEF RORABACHER TO ATTEND SCHOOL OF FIRE STAFF & COMMAND Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the expenditure of \$2,000.00 tuition for Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher to attend the School of Fire Staff and Command at Eastern Michigan University. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 11 APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF JANITORIAL CONTRACT Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve a one year extension of the janitorial contract with CleanNet USA for the Summit Community Center in the amount of \$63,660.00. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 12 MERIT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FOR NON-UNION CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES' 2000 COMPENSATION Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the recommendation of the Merit Commission to increase the salaries of the non-union classified employees by 3% across-the-board and to increase the salary grades ranges for the non-union classified employees by 3%. These increases shall become effective 1/1/2000. I also move to approve the increase in the Car Allowance for Department Directors from \$250 to \$400 per month in lieu of being provided a Township vehicle. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 13 AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE 2000 CANTON LIBERTY FEST FIREWORKS DISPLAY Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to waive the formal bidding procedures and award the contract to Wolverine Fireworks in the amount of \$19,500.00 for the 2000 Canton Liberty Fest fireworks display to be held on June 24, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN Motion by Yack, supported by Burdziak, to adjourn at 10:00 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on Jan 25, 2000. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on Feb 8, 2000.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Employees earn state waterworks licenses

City of Plymouth Mayor David McDonald announced that two employees have recently completed and passed extensive exams to receive state of Michigan waterworks systems operators licenses.

The city is required to have at least one full-time employee who maintains certification as an S-2 water distribution operator. The city now has four employees who have obtained their water distribution license in accordance with state law. The purpose of the licensing requirement is to help insure the safety of the city's drinking water distribution system.

Recently, Municipal Services employee Mark Verrot passed the extensive written exams for S-3 and S-2 licenses, while Mark Hammar passed the written exam for the S-1 license.

Verrot, of Canton Township, has been with the city Municipal Services Department for nearly two years and his primary responsibilities are in the water services and landscape services divisions.

Hammar, of Westland, is an assistant director for municipal services and has worked for the city for more than 20 years.

Certification of waterworks system operators and water dis-

tribution systems is the responsibility and a requirement of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Certification of employees as waterworks system operators is based on professional experience, continuing education and extensive written examinations.

According to Assistant City Manager Paul Sincok, the certifications earned by employees is a part of a strategic plan developed for the Municipal Services Department that includes ongoing education and professionalization of employees.

"Jobs of the Municipal Services employees are becoming much more technical each year and our employees need to keep upgrading their skills in order to continue to provide a high level of service to our residents," Sincok said.

The city of Plymouth is a member of the American Water Works Association, a national organization that promotes the safety of the nation's drinking water supplies.

In addition to Verrot and Hammar, Scott Baker and Paul Dave Orr have passed examinations for waterworks systems licenses that meet state requirements.

Isbister teacher wins Extra Miler Award

Sarah Smith, a first-grade teacher at Isbister Elementary School, was awarded the Extra Miler Award at the Jan. 25 school board meeting.

Smith was recognized for her commitment to the staff and students of Isbister. School board members cited her warm and engaging personality and noted she greets all she encounters with concern, compassion and understanding.

Sarah Smith is also cited for the tremendous repertoire of tools, strategies and plans she uses to help children learn. Her self-direction and self-motivation is so strong that she inspires others to strive harder and seek excellence by her example, board members said.

"Sarah Smith is a master teacher," said Isbister parent Adrienne Davis. "She has honed and developed her skills in teaching children to a level that places her in a class all by herself. She brings such enthusiasm and zest to her classroom. It is as if she is learning everything herself and presenting in a manner that captures the very young."

"Smith has been instrumental in planning, raising money and installing equipment for the improvement of the playground at Isbister."

Principal Lee Harrison added, "Sarah is also a very active member of the District Social Studies Advisory Committee and chairs Isbister's NCA Social Studies Committee."

Smith received a certificate of

Plymouth woman wins lottery prize

Faridah Huller of Plymouth jumped up and down with glee after learning she had won a top prize in the Michigan Lottery's Big Game. She matched the first five numbers in the Jan. 15 Big Game drawing to win the \$150,000 prize. That day's winning numbers were: 13, 15, 29, 34, 41 and the Big Money Ball number was 23.

"My husband checked the winning numbers on the Lottery's Web site," the winner said. "He came to visit me at my office under the pretense that I had forgotten to bring my thermos of coffee to work with me. When he handed me the thermos he said, 'Oh, by the way, we won a few dollars on the Lottery.' When I asked how much, he showed me the ticket. I was so excited that I started jumping up and down!"

Huller purchased the winning Big Game "easy pick" ticket at Meijer Inc. #54, 20401 Haggerty Road in Northville. Meijer #54 has been a particularly lucky store for Lottery players over the past three years, a total of four top prize-winning tickets (\$1,000,000 and over) have been sold there.

STEPHEN J. MYERNICK

Services for Stephen J. Myernick, 86, of Plymouth were held Feb. 1 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. James A. Moloney officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

He was born Nov. 4, 1913, in Phillips, Wis., and died Jan. 29 in Ann Arbor. He was a general foreman.

Mr. Myernick was preceded in death by his parents, Stephen and Theresa Myernick. Survivors include his two sons, Richard (Doreen) S. Myernick of Plymouth and Dennis M. Myernick of Minneapolis, Minn.; one sister, Ann Kekel of Grand Blanc; and one granddaughter, Lynn Myernick of Costa Mesa, Calif.

Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, 2350 South Huron Parkway, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

MAURICE DONALD KIME

Services for Maurice Donald Kime, 94, of Plymouth (formerly of Winter Haven, Fla.) were held Feb. 2 at Plymouth First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dean A. Klump officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Mr. Kime was born Feb. 9, 1905, in Sturgis, Mich., and died Jan. 28 in Winter Haven, Fla. He was a chemist and shift superintendent for ELF ATO Chemicals, formerly Pennwalt Chemicals in Wyandotte. He also was a registered pharmacist. He retired in 1970. He was a native of Sturgis, Mich., before moving to Detroit. He was a resident of Rosedale Park for 40 years.

After retirement in 1975, he moved to Plymouth and to Winter Haven, Fla. He was a member of Plymouth First United Methodist Church and St. John United Methodist Church in Winter Haven.

While in Winter Haven, he was a member of the Waggoners Club, Shrine Club and Elks Lodge of Winter Haven. He was also a member of Lake Region Scottish Rite in Winter Haven and Scottish Rite in Detroit. He received his degree from the Detroit Institute of Technology (now part of Wayne State University) in chemistry and pharmacy.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte of Plymouth (formerly of Winter Haven, Fla.).

Memorials may be made to Plymouth First

United Methodist Church or St. John United Methodist Church, Winter Haven.

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

DORIS MAY FULTON

Services for Doris May Fulton, 74, of Westland were held Feb. 2 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Rosewell Fulton officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland.

She was born Jan. 19, 1926, in Detroit and died Jan. 29 in Wayne. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Fulton moved to Florida in 1976 and returned to Westland in November of 1999 to be near her family. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Plymouth Chapter 115, and while in Florida was a member of the V.F.W. 10097 Ft. Myers Beach, Cooties V.F.W. Ft. Myers Beach, American Legion 275 Ft. Myers Beach and Veterans of America of Ft. Myers.

Her hobbies included crocheting, collecting gifts for the Candlelight Kids of Ft. Myers and taking toys to the National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich. She enjoyed family gatherings and get-togethers with the Brohmans.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur; one son, David Fulton; and parents, George and Edith (Ames) Bennett. Survivors include her son, Arthur (Lynne) Fulton of Garden City; two daughters, Jacqueline (Ernest) Beckman of Garden City and Donna (Richard) Pilarski of Presque Isle, Mich.; friend, Ellsworth (Ells) Mason of Westland; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to charity.

MARK JEFFREY BOLGER

Services for Mark Jeffrey Bolger, 16, of Plymouth took place Feb. 1 at NorthRidge Church (formerly known as Temple Baptist) with the Rev. Brad Powell officiating.

He was born March 13, 1983, in Livonia and died Jan. 28 in Livonia. He was a student.

Survivors include his parents, Jeffrey and Pamela Bolger of Plymouth; one brother, Bryan Bolger of Plymouth; grandmother, Flora Kremin of Riverview, Mich.; and grandparents, Norman and Joan Bolger of Fall River, Mass.

Memorials may be made to the Mark Bol-

ger Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

LAURA ALLSHOUSE

Services for Laura Allshouse, 92, of Plymouth (formerly of Adrian) were held Feb. 2 at the Braun Everliss Wagley Funeral Home with the Rev. Geoffrey Koglin officiating. Burial was in Livonia Center Cemetery.

She was born Feb. 20, 1907, in Plymouth and died Jan. 29 in West Trail Nursing Center, Plymouth. She was retired from Goodwill Industries. She was active in senior citizens causes until 1992 when she went to live with her daughter in Plymouth. She was a loving mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands, Russell Densmore and Harold Allshouse; and one brother, Elmer Wilsey. Survivors include her daughter, Helen Griffin of Plymouth; two grandchildren, Christine Leader of Belleville and Dana Leader of Romulus; and two great-grandchildren, Danielle Leader of Hastings, Mich., and Christopher Leader of Brooklyn, Mich.

Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to the First Baptist Church.

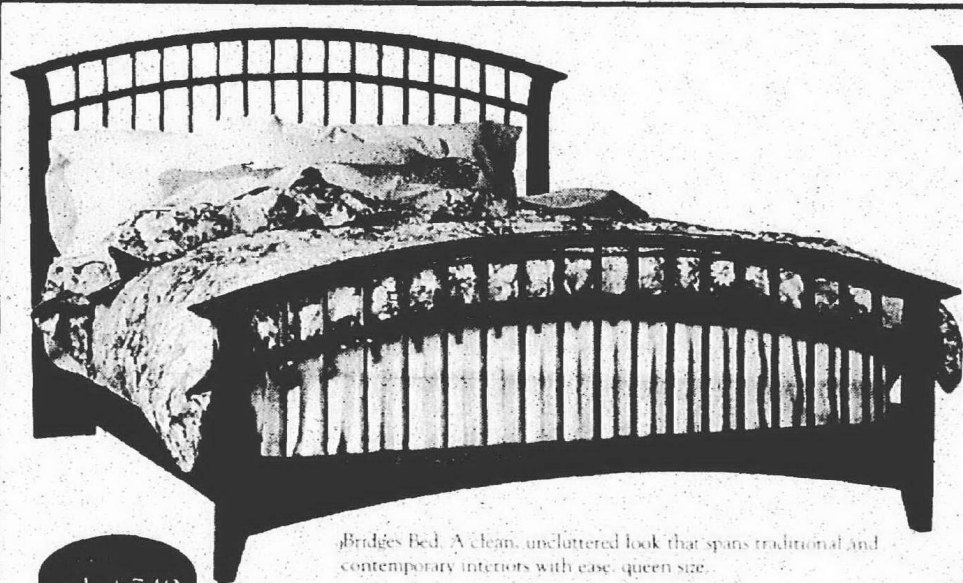
RUBY P. ARTMAN

Services for Ruby P. Artman, 83, of Ohio were held Feb. 1 at Baumgardner Funeral Home with Rev. John Helgeson officiating. Burial was in Kinsman Cemetery.

She was born July 16, 1916, in Dorset, Ohio, and died Jan. 28 in Miller Memorial Health Care Center. She was a bookkeeper and teller for Mahoning National Bank, from which she retired. She was a 50-year member of the Kinsman Presbyterian Church and also a member of the Eastern Star in Kinsman.

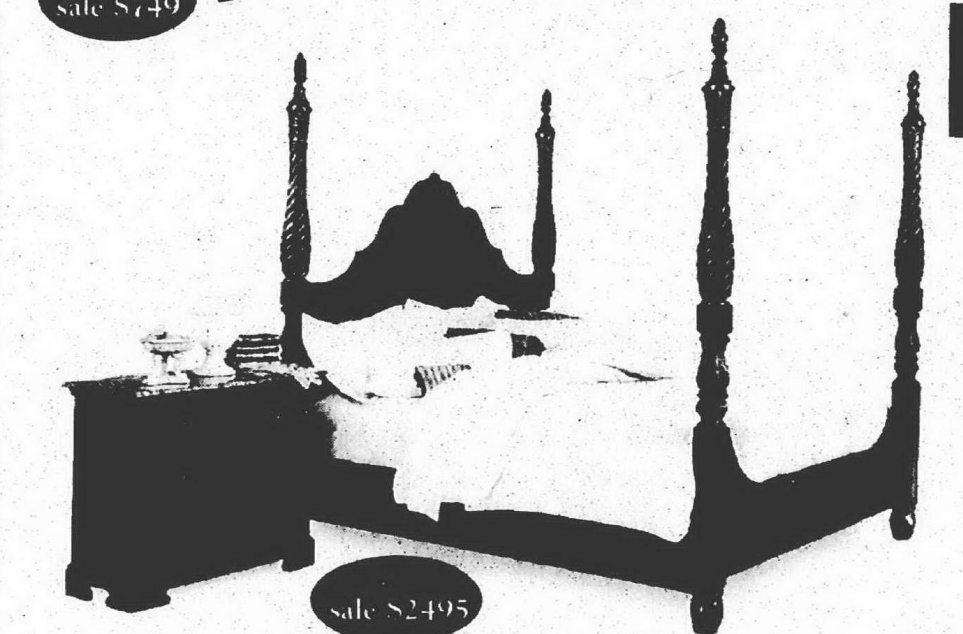
She was preceded in death by her husband, Milton H. Artman; one son, Kenneth Artman; one sister, Mary Paulson; and one brother, Clark Paulson. Survivors include her daughter, Ella Bastine of Canton; one sister, Cassie M. Haines of Dorset, Ohio; and two granddaughters, Melissa M. Bastine of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Selena J. Bastine of Canton.

Memorials may be made to the Kinsman Presbyterian Church.



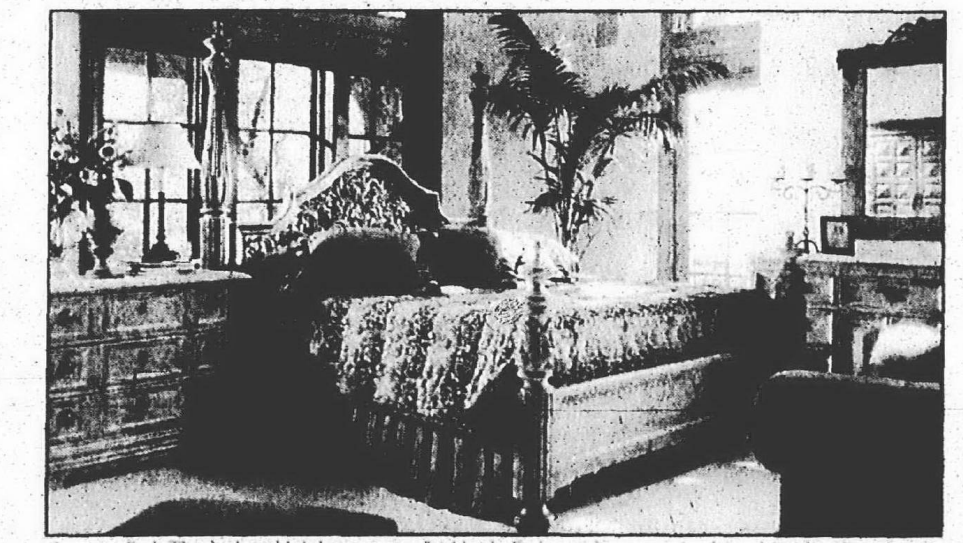
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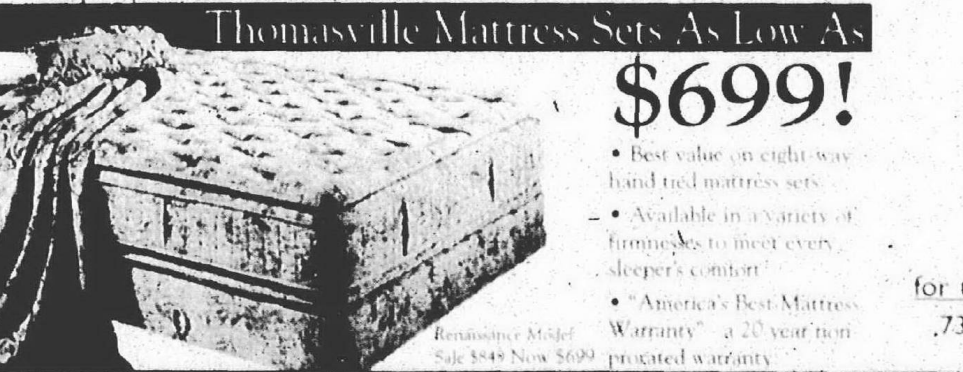


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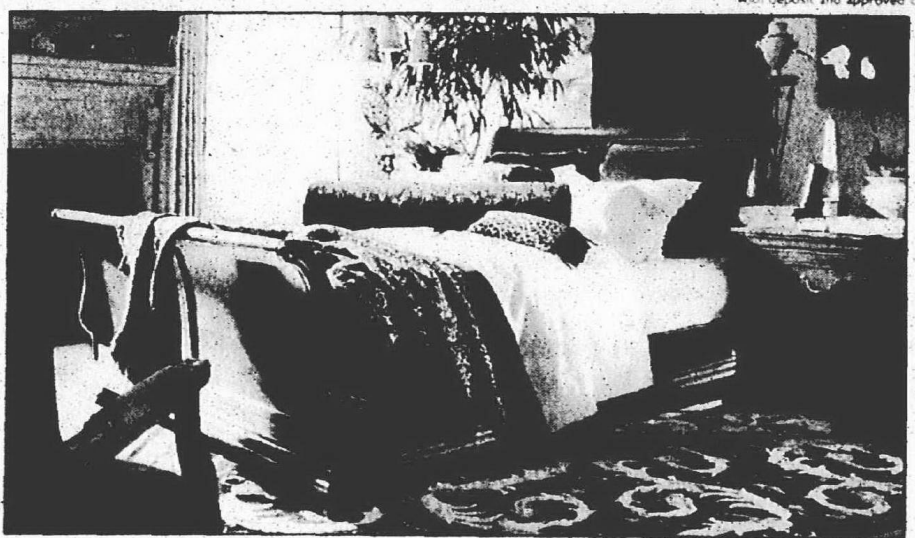
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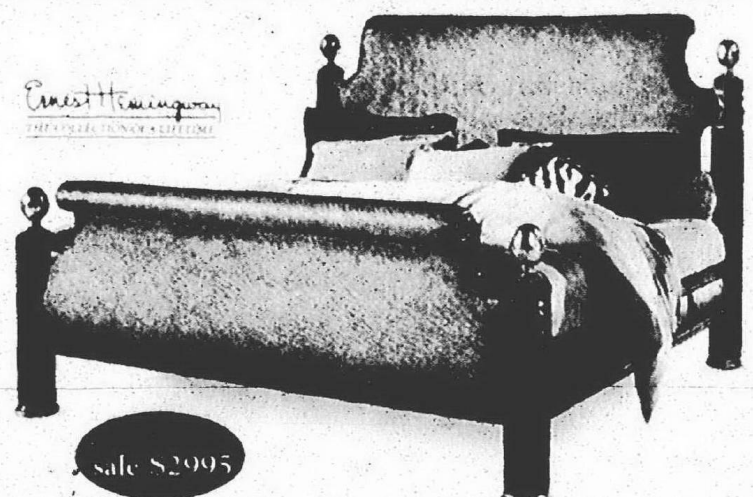
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Ice Fest

Want it local? Dig a bit deeper

If you're looking for proof of the adage about not being able to please everyone, look no further than the Plymouth ice festival.

Here's an event that has, over the years, brought international exposure to our city, not to mention tens of thousands of visitors, most of whom probably wouldn't make it inside our boundaries for any other reason. It's a time when many businesses thrive, with some calling it the best retail time of the year aside from the Christmas season.

Yet much of the hue and cry about the festival comes from some of the same businesses who are reaping the benefits of the large crowds.

The "complaint du jour" is the commercialization of the festival, with the entry of corporate sponsors like Farmer Jack, Pepsi and Southwest Airlines. A quick trip through the mathematical facts tells you the sponsors are not only necessary but should be welcomed.

According to event organizers, the festival costs roughly \$150,000 to present. Costs are met in a number of ways, among them direct cash contributions, in-trade services and the corporate sponsorships. Local businesses have the opportunity to chip in to help defray the cost of putting on an event that brings scads of potential customers to the streets of Plymouth.

But take a closer look at the numbers from this year's festival. Less than \$45,000 was made in direct cash contributions from local businesses. That means more than two-thirds of the cost was borne by outside sponsors, who don't necessarily get a direct financial benefit, at least, not the kind of benefit local businesses get.

And who's doing most of the complaining about the "commercialization?" Companies that actually made money. It strikes us as somewhat hypocritical when business owners make money off of the ice festival and don't put any financial stock into the show, then turn around and whine about it being too commercial. Of course, it's easier to be critical of something in which you have no real stake.

To be fair, we should point out that our company puts out a tabloid-sized publication showcasing the ice festival. It's designed, naturally, to make money for the company, but it is also gaining status as the preeminent information source for scads of festival goers. As a sponsor, though, the Observer is also a major contributor to the festival.

And if you want a more local show, with less corporate appeal and more Plymouth zeal, more of you are going to have to do the same.

Death reinforces safety concerns

It isn't possible to make sense out of tragic accidents, like the one that killed 7-year-old Joseph Michael Mouaikel of Livonia on Jan. 22.

Trying to make something good come from their son's death, the parents are trying to e-mail their message around the world. It's a simple message, marked with their tears of experience, and one that bears repeating: If you go sledding, put bicycle helmets on your children and yourself.

Back when many of us were kids, we didn't seem to worry as much about safety. For years, few Americans wore safety belts.

Decades of death, injury and heartache taught people that they were safer with seatbelts on, and laws followed aiming to ensure safety and reduce the public health costs.

Later, bicycle helmets moved into the forefront of the public, again through statistics and stories of injuries and deaths. Those are still optional, but strongly recommended for safe bicycling.

When it comes to bicycling or sledding, people will say, "We didn't wear helmets when we were kids and we survived."

Others will say, "We cannot put our kids in a bubble and protect them from everything." Both points are true.

But we can learn from experience and we can still enjoy the fun of something like sledding with a minor precaution that can, perhaps, save a life.

But don't take our word, listen to the words of Dianne and George Mouaikel:

"On January 25, 2000, we buried our 7-year-old son; our baby, our angel, our heart. He wasn't sick, he didn't have some horrible disease or tumor. He was, as most 7-year-olds are, a happy child full of life and love for everything and everyone.

"So how did he die? It was a horrible accident doing something that most kids love to do. He was sledding down a snow-covered hill when the sled veered off course and went

...we can learn from experience and we can still enjoy the fun of something like sledding with a minor precaution that can, perhaps, save a life.

straight into a tree. He flew off the sled and his poor little head slammed into the tree. In a little over an hour our little boy lay lifeless on a table in a nearby emergency room.

"Now then, why are we sending this e-mail?"

"We're trying to spark a reaction, a reaction that will spread fast and wide so that no other family, for that matter no other community (his church, his school, the YMCA and the many fathers and sons at that camp that were there that day, his friends, our friends, etc. ... this tragedy has touched so many here) will never face and feel what we are feeling now. The feelings at the loss of a child cannot be described unless you have lost one yourself. We hope you never do. So here is the reaction we're looking for:

"Joseph's death could have been prevented if he had only been wearing a bicycle helmet or some kind of protective helmet on his head. We realize the news media has just started talking about accidents that happen while sledding and how many children and people are hurt every year, but unfortunately sometimes it takes a tragedy to get the point across.

"So we're asking everyone ... forward this e-mail to everyone you know, we want the message to spread across the world. Please make sure that your children are wearing their protective helmets when they're riding their bikes, rollerblading, skate boarding and please, please when they are sledding too! And parents, your children love you and they need you, wear your protective helmets too."

It's a message worth thinking about.

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Cost too high

Well, I hope whoever is in charge of our Ice Festival has learned something in the past three years. We used to have around 230 sculptures on our streets, with people all over the streets taking pictures of each and looking in business windows or going in.

Now it seems like the almighty dollar is more important than our visitors, who drive miles to view these.

Our street sculptures have dropped from 230 to 58 again this year, and the main reason for that is the price for setting a sculpture in front of your business is now starting at \$350 to \$700. In the beginning, they were free and still gave prize money to the best.

Many businesses I talked to wouldn't hesitate to pay \$150 or \$200, but refuse to pay this higher amount, which is pricing our street sculptures to nothing.

Mel Bobcean
Mel's Golden Razor
Plymouth

Denial was undeserved

Passion ... Education ... Children ... It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter. On Jan. 10, my ever-so-optimistic family arrived at the Canton Township administration building.

We were going to be there when the Canton Planning Commission approved our new charter school. It was not to be.

In January of 1999, I attended a meeting hosted by National Heritage Academies. I left full of excitement and a sense of renewed enthusiasm for my children's education.

That sense of excitement and enthusiasm was reinforced again and again. The more parents, grandparents and administrators from National Heritage Academies my husband and I spoke with, the more we wanted this opportunity for our children and the children of our community.

We were not alone! The January 1999 meeting was attended by many people (stand-

ing room only) that I knew from all facets of my life: the public school my oldest daughter attends, my church, the grocery store, my neighbors.

They were all there and all excited. Five hundred people have completed and returned applications to National Heritage Academies, waiting, hoping, and waiting and hoping.

Apparently, our children are to be denied this opportunity. Why?

The property being considered is zoned appropriately for a school. National Heritage Academies met the site criteria as required by law. National Heritage Academies has worked diligently with the staff planners of Canton Township.

In fact, the staff planners recommended that the planning commission approve the application.

Yet, the planning commission denied the application.

A commissioner even stated that although National Heritage Academies has met the requirements for special use approval, she was voting against the project. Doesn't the law matter anymore?

Now that we have allowed all this growth in our community, are we not responsible for the infrastructure needed to support it?

Charter schools are public schools. However, they pay property taxes and are built without an additional tax burden to the community.

Our community is missing a great opportunity to improve our schools and add sorely needed capacity, without an increase in our taxes.

Given the opportunity, I would be grateful for a school such as this in my neighborhood and cannot even imagine denying this opportunity to my children or my friends.

I plead with the commission and the Canton Township Board of Trustees, do not let this opportunity pass our children by.

K. Suzanne Rodenbach
Canton

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"The Budweiser commercial where the dog is the star actor."
Ralph Sabatini
Canton



"I liked the cat-herding commercial."
Chad Leggo
Canton



"I liked the one with the monkey and two guys. I think it was one of the dot com commercials."
Jeremiah Newsom
Brighton



"The monkey and two old men. They said 'we just dropped \$2.5 million on this commercial.'"
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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Despite changes, outlook for downtown business district still positive

It would be interesting to know what kind of prediction would have been made 100 years ago as our city moved from the 19th to the 20th century. I doubt that any prognosticator had much more of a chance to be more accurate than I will have in this effort.

Actually, I have been asked to comment on the health of the central business district with predictions for it going into the next century. This is a somewhat narrower focus made more pretentious because of the millennium. I am reminded of the eminent scientist at the end of the last century who announced that humankind had already discovered and understood all the significant mysteries of our physical environment (and presumably the universe) and that mankind could expect few new inventions.

Of course, that was before Henry Ford, Einstein, the atomic bomb, computers, the space program, and the communication revolution.

I have been a "business resi-

dent" in the central business district of the city for most of the last four decades. When I arrived the high school and the courthouse were located in the central business district but are now gone. Also, there were grocery stores, pharmacies, hardware stores and other commodity-sales businesses, now mostly gone.

The cross-town transportation system was basically Ann Arbor Trail and Ann Arbor Road, now replaced by M-14 and I-275 directing vehicle traffic around but not through Plymouth. These changes reflect the fact that a mere 50 years ago the city of Plymouth was a separate city in reality (not just politically), serving a farm community that was near to but not yet an integral part of the



JOHN THOMAS

metropolitan complex of southeast Michigan.

We are now a suburb. We might have been a suburb even then, but the locals (the "old guard") weren't buying it. The changes occurred anyway and the "old guard" is mostly gone.

I imply nothing derogatory with the use of the term "old guard." I knew and liked nearly all of them. They had at least one common characteristic: they mostly loved, worked and played close to home. They had not adopted the new test of suburban success: work where you must, sleep where you "live," play at the cottage up north, at the condo in Florida, and float on the boat (or yacht).

This leaves little time to be an integral part of the local community. Many stayed at home in the sense they participated in and made their city a more total community and a good place to live. They are (or will be) missed. The verdict is not yet in as to whether they have been adequately replaced.

The city is still a good place to live and work with most of

the amenities of a total community. The central business district is still alive, just different.

I recall as a young man serving as president of the Chamber of Commerce, participating in an effort to find so-called anchor tenants, like Sears or Jacobson's or others, to come into the central business district of Plymouth and fill the holes being left by the so-called commodity merchants who were leaving.

This turned out to be a foolish and naive effort. I (and we) were fighting change. Our merchants can't sit back and wait for the customers to show up and buy because that had been the pattern for years, indeed generations. I also recall serving as the chairperson of a meeting scheduled by our local governments and the local merchants held in the Michigan Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Transportation to alter and change the on-off ramps on either M-14 and/or I-275 so that traffic could be directed through Plymouth. Our local

politicians and merchants feared this change. The effort was fruitless and hindsight has suggested to me that it also was a foolish and naive endeavor. We were fighting change.

Our merchants now realize they must attract their customers and create their market. We have many knowledgeable merchants who do well. The central business district has few empty stores and it looks good. The city of Plymouth (and DDA) street and improvement program (the streetscape) was a positive effort to influence change, but not fight it. More of this kind of thing is needed.

Plymouth will not have the luxury of time in the future. Events are moving too quickly and we are affected by factors locally, nationally and internationally. We will need many fingerprints in this continuous effort. However, we have many good people (even if they aren't labeled the "old guard") and I predict we will attract others.

We are still a community, with all this means and

implies, and not just a bedroom suburb. The recent changes in city parking ordinances and the resulting new commercial development are evidence of vitality and a willingness to change. The efforts of many of our retailers to sell on the Internet are an effort to reach out for customers and demonstrate a willingness to change.

We need to continuously remind all sectors of the Plymouth community - residential and business, public and private - of their respective interdependence. All these facets of our community need to adapt to change and do so more quickly than ever before. I predict we will do so.

I do believe we can influence our destiny. To do so requires we be flexible, intelligent, and quick about it. The belief that we as a free people can influence our destiny is an essential tenet of democracy. We have the resources to do so even if they need a little retraining from time to time.

John Thomas is a Plymouth attorney.

Lawmakers see no evil where gambling dangers are concerned

So just what casualty rate are we willing to accept in our pursuit of a good time?

For economic development? For tax revenues?

Those questions should have been brought into sharp focus last week when Solomon Bell, a police sergeant from Oak Park described by friends as a "recreational gambler," stepped back from a blackjack table after having lost an estimated \$15,000 to \$20,000 in four hours and shot himself in the head right there on the "high roller floor" of the MotorCity Casino.

News of the incident may have been shocking, but it shouldn't have been surprising. We've known all along that as we expand gambling opportunities in the state of Michigan we are going to expand gambling problems

too. Study after study has tied compulsive gambling to a long list of social ills - increased bankruptcies, job losses, alcoholism, domestic violence, child abuse, poverty for the children of compulsive gamblers and so on.

Suicide is only the most extreme side-effect of problem gambling. It is not, however, an unusual side-effect. Studies put the suicide rates in cities that allow legalized gambling at four times the rate for those that don't, according to Charles Nunez Jr., direc-



MIKE MALOTT

tor of Community Impact.

Bell just had the poor form to do it publicly. Most compulsive gamblers are kind enough to keep the carnage of their lives behind closed doors so that the rest of us don't have to be bothered. We can lay our wagers. The state can continue to expand legalized gambling without distraction.

Just a week before Bell took his life, The Evaluation Center at Western Michigan University released its 1999 "Survey of Gambling Behaviors in Michigan." Even before the Detroit casinos opened, it estimated there were 220,000 problem gamblers in this state. Some 85,000 of them, the study concluded, were "probable pathological" - that is severely compulsive about their gambling. And the numbers are on the rise.

The study contained an interesting side note. For all we heard in the last legislative session about the need to crack down on Internet gam-

bling, the study found that less than 1 percent of Michigan residents - 0.6 percent to be exact - have ever gambled over the Internet. Compare that to the 75 percent who have bet on the lottery, 62 percent who have played in a casino, 45 percent who have played at charitable events and the 30 percent who have bet on horses.

But then, lawmakers have not figured out yet how to tax Internet gambling either. The state does get revenue from all those other forms of gambling - including charitable gaming. According to a House Legislative Analysis, the state netted \$6.7 million on fees and revenues from charitable games in 1995. The state's take from "millionaire parties," bingo games and the like in 1998 was \$8 million.

Charitable gaming has been off in recent years. Fund-raising groups report that the overall take from charitable games has dipped about \$20 million annually since 1992. The problem is attributed to competition from other forms of gambling, like casinos and high stakes bingo jackpots.

So in March, Michigan will again expand gambling. Through a law

already passed by the Legislature, the state will raise the limits on charitable gaming. In bingo, the limits come off the jackpot. Groups will be able to band together to create what the new law refers to as the "Michigan Progressive Jackpot." For each bingo event included, the jackpot continues to grow when no one hits the number. The prize cap at millionaire parties will be raised from \$2,000 to \$15,000.

Last year, the federally sponsored National Gambling Impact Study Commission called for a moratorium on new games, concluding that researchers still don't know the full extent of the problems likely to result from our expanding gambling industry.

Michigan lawmakers aren't listening. Acting like compulsive gamblers themselves - and even with the beginning of a body count from the Detroit casinos - state legislators seem unable to stop themselves.

They say "Just one more game." Mike Malott reports on the local implications of state and regional events. He can be reached by phone at (248) 634-8219 or by e-mail at mmalott@homecomm.net

No racism in Detroit CEO vote

It ain't necessarily so. Things seldom are what they appear. The things that you're liable to read in the Bible - they ain't necessarily so.

In the aftermath of last week's failed search for a CEO for the Detroit schools, you'd think Michigan Treasurer Mark Murray is at the very best a racist puppet in Gov. John Engler's scheme to deny the citizens of Detroit their civil and political rights.

Here's a sample, attributed by the Detroit Free Press to Wayne County Commissioner Bernard Parker: "Mark Murray doesn't understand a community that fought for its rights. I feel like a slave; I feel like my master just told me what to do." (Wild applause.)

What all the fuss is about, of course, is Murray's vote against Dr. John Thompson to be the new school CEO. As Gov. Engler's representative (and, as such, given veto power over selection of the CEO by the legislation that created the appointed board), Murray thought Dr. Thompson's career showed no measurable improvement in academic performance. The vote was 5-1 for Thompson, so Thompson lost.

The whole episode is a perfect illustration that surface appearances in complex political events seldom provide insight into what really goes on.

Before I get to that, however, I want to set the record clear about Mark Murray. I've known Mark, now 45, for years, just as I knew both his parents. He doesn't have a racist bone in his body. In fact, he's one of the most principled, moral people I know.

His distinguished career in public service included stints with Govs. William Milliken and James Blanchard before becoming state treasurer and chief policy adviser to John Engler. Over the years, Murray has become one of the most respected people in Lansing.

So how does somebody as smart and experienced as Mark Murray get involved in what looks like a very embarrassing train wreck?

In the first place, why didn't Murray signal to his colleagues on the board that he couldn't support Thompson before things got to the 5-1 vote/veto that exposed the board's disarray in public and set at risk any subsequent search?

In a conversation last weekend, Murray told me he made it clear he didn't favor Thompson from the start. He was prepared to let Thompson be on a short list of four candidates (all black, incidentally) in hopes that the search firm would provide evidence that students in districts led by him improved their test scores. No such evidence was forthcoming, and so Murray voted against Thompson.

So what really happened?

First, the search firm engaged by the board, H.C. Smith, really screwed up. Asked to suggest "non traditional candidates" (i.e. people with business or military backgrounds but demonstrated leadership skills), they offered up educators only. Moreover, it turns out the firm's back-



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ground checks on the candidates it did suggest were inadequate.

Second - and this is an informed guess on my part - it looks like the majority of the board decided to play an early game of chicken to see if Murray would blink. He didn't. Now the board can get on with its work with a clearer understanding of whose spine is stiff.

The third factor has to do with Detroit deputy mayor and school board chair Freeman Hendrix. Hendrix is smart, energetic and ambitious. It's no secret that he's interested in taking Mayor Dennis Archer's place when the time comes. And the highly publicized events and complex racial politics surrounding the search for a new CEO for the Detroit schools are a perfect place for a smart, ambitious politician to do his stuff.

In a radio interview after the vote, Gov. Engler charged Hendrix with being too narrowly focused on trying to find an "African-American" CEO. Hendrix responded that the law giving the governor's representative veto power over the board majority was the equivalent of former Alabama Gov. George Wallace standing in the schoolhouse door. Score one for Hendrix in publicly standing up to Gov. Engler.

Last week the board in a relatively safe and productive meeting decided to conduct a new search, using a new search firm. "We're back on track," said Murray, who added that "I believe that being African American would give a candidate a substantial advantage in being an effective CEO. I would expect that the final results would yield an African American leader for the Detroit schools."

So score two for Freeman Hendrix in setting the stage for a unanimous vote of the board he chairs to hire a (presumably) capable school CEO whose ethnicity is a plus with the voters in the city he hopes to lead.

It isn't what it looks like on the surface, but it's not bad for a couple of weeks' work.

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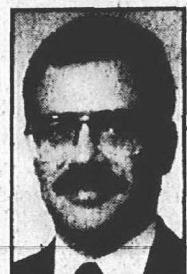
New program sends smoking teens to the 'dog house'

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Some 21 teenagers from several Wayne County communities began learning this past week-end that "if you smoke, you might go to the dogs."

So says Sheriff Robert A. Ficano, whose department is conducting "Operation Dog House," a program aimed at reducing teen smoking by discouraging youths from buying cigarettes and thereby breaking the law.

Under the program, teens caught buying smokes by undercover deputies are given a choice: Go to court with their parents, pay a fine and possibly have a juvenile record, or attend



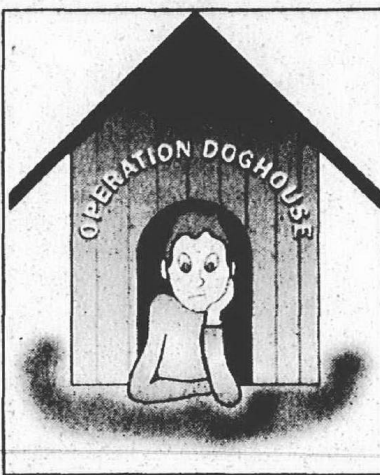
Robert Ficano

a smoking cessation program and do some community service with the Michigan Humane Society.

The 21 teens who chose the latter were among 25 from Livonia, Garden City, Plymouth, Redford Township and Taylor caught buying cigarettes since the undercover operation began Dec. 13, according to Ralph Kinney, sheriff's department deputy chief of staff.

They were caught by undercover deputies who were staking out retail stores near high schools five days a week, either Mondays through Fridays or Wednesdays through Sundays, Kinney said.

On Sunday, they began the Operation Dog House alternative, attending an eight-hour tobacco cessation program sponsored by the Wayne County Health Department and performing 16 hours of community service by cleaning the dog kennels at the Humane Society,



Ficano said.

"Parents love" Operation Dog House, said Kinney. "Most parents are shocked" to find out their child is smoking.

They also find out their offspring come up with some interesting excuses, Kinney said.

"One told officers he was given the cigarette by his parents, but

that he had to go outside to smoke," said Kinney. "His parents said that was not true."

"Another told his parents he was 'only holding the cigarette,' that it wasn't lit," Kinney related. "But when his parents asked, 'So why were you holding it?', he said he didn't know."

Some parents are even coming down with their kids for the community service portion "to emphasize the importance of it all," Kinney added.

The "parents are not happy to be having to do that on a Saturday," but they're doing it anyway, he said.

Operation Dog House is a pilot program by Ficano's department, which is the lead unit in a seven-county task force called Operation Nic-Net (Nicotine Net).

The task force, operating under a federally funded, state administered grant enabling sheriff's deputies from Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lenawee,

Washtenaw, Monroe and Jackson counties to concentrate on retailers selling tobacco to minors, found retailers wanted the sheriffs to "look into youths smoking cigarettes, so we have been looking at places where kids are smoking cigarettes and try to get them into cessation programs," said Ficano.

"With children, (our intent is) to rehabilitate them and let them see how dangerous smoking is," the sheriff said.

Tobacco is "a legal product for adults and nobody is going to infringe on that," Ficano said. "But at the same time, it's a health issue for teens and eventually it becomes a health issue for insurance and everything else on down the line."

Although it's a \$50 misdemeanor for a minor to buy cigarettes, "We're not trying to build up (arrest) records, we're trying to educate youngsters, and this (Operation Dog House)

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is a much more compelling way to do it," Ficano stated.

"Parents seem to be enthusiastic about" the alternative because "it doesn't create any (juvenile) record for youths, but at the same time it has a positive reinforcement of the consequences of their actions," the sheriff said. "If you smoke, you might go to the dogs."

Ficano added that one phase of Operation Nic-Net educates merchants about selling tobacco to minors while another phase covers enforcement, with undercover deputies going into stores with underage decoys who attempt purchases.

"At one time (non-compliance by merchants) was as high as 70 percent in Wayne County," the sheriff said. "Now it's close to 40 percent."

Program will answer questions about teaching programs

Persons interested in teaching as a career should plan to attend a meeting of the Future Teachers' Club at Schoolcraft College 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Representatives from five area

colleges will explain their programs and answer questions. Students currently enrolled in the programs will share their perspectives.

The colleges are: Madonna University, Eastern Michigan

University, University of Michigan, Dearborn, Wayne State University and the University of Detroit Mercy.

The session will be held in McDowell Center, room 200 and light refreshments will be

served.

The meeting is free and open to anyone in the community interested in teaching. For information, call Sylvia Vukmirovich at (734) 462-4400, ext. 5203.

Golf outing set for June 26

The Sixth Annual St. Louis Center Celebrity Golf Outing will take place 1 p.m. Monday, June 26, at the Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.

Golfers will play on the Golden Fox Championship Course. The

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Excess and access mix

My daughter has been traveling across Asia this last year, enjoying the lush countryside of Vietnam and Cambodia, the emerald green waters off Thailand and the majestic splendor of Nepal and Mt. Everest. And, as a bonus, she's become acutely aware of how little it takes to thrive, and thrive happily.

Upon her arrival last May, she quickly saw that she needed to pare down her lifestyle to the bare essentials, if she planned to trek around through the various countries. Her backpack seemed twenty pounds lighter after she discarded extra sweaters, blue jeans, tennis shoes and even her towel. The reformed but super-improved pack now carries a dish towel (for drying off) two pairs of shorts, one pair of long pants, two shirts, a poncho, sandals and hygiene necessities. Her luxury was a mini-C.D. player until a monkey in India grabbed it and threw it off a rooftop. But even that she doesn't miss.

And what she carries on her back is even far more than most people have, she reports. But to her amazement, they seem happier than their counterparts here. Is less better? Why is it that in this country, when we have access and excess, we don't seem to be a generally content population?

As I sit here wondering how many work days it will take me to pay off my Christmas bills, access and excess seem glaringly out of whack. Any item you want can now be bought on the Internet. E-Commerce made access to most anything easy this holiday season. At Christmas, after my niece and nephews flew through no less than 30 gifts apiece, the excess seemed blatantly decadent.

"He didn't even look at the computer game I bought him," I thought.

The adage, the more we have, the less we value, came to mind. I admit that my children grew up with too many things, themselves. I watched how they took care of their toys and became increasingly annoyed at their nonchalant attitude. This is why so many of their things were taken to the Salvation Army.

It wasn't until I started giving away their so-called valued toys that they began to change. It wasn't until then that they began to put clothes away and toys in their place. But in retrospect, I wish I had been more frugal about how much I had given them in the first place.

Busy filling our lives with "stuff," we have forgotten the true meaning of why we are here. Are we happier because of all the stuff we have? In the Far East, where life is free of the gizmos we take for granted (phones, pagers, computers, stereos, microwaves, etc.), many people live simple lives, with the goal of enjoying

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A doll story

Collector shares love of international figures



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Rigmor Cuolahan looks for the beauty in life. She's found some of it in the art of collecting dolls.

"I used to play with dolls a lot when I was little," she said, standing behind an array of detailed dolls from around the world. "Maybe that's how I got started (collecting). I don't know. Dolls are pretty ... In anything in life, you can find something pretty."

Cuolahan, dressed in an intricately detailed Norwegian costume which was embroidered for her by her aunt, looks like something of a doll herself. Her gentle voice and sweet sense of humor brought life to this look at her favorite possessions. While she admitted to not being an expert on the subject, she relayed stories and fables with interesting detail and light-heartedness. Imagine a trip around the world in 30 minutes, guided through the eyes of a doll.

Born, raised and educated in Norway, Cuolahan became a world traveler. It was a trip to Chicago at age 28 that made her destined to live in the United States. On her way back to Norway, she met a man she knew would become her husband. She refers to it as a "shipboard romance." Four years later, she wed the Lansing native, and later moved to Wayne County. Cuolahan lived in Livonia for 28 years before moving to her current home in Northville.

Through all of her travels, to all corners of the world, Cuolahan has collected dolls as souvenirs. From those tinier than a fingertip to some several feet high, each doll carries a personal story and a history of its homeland.

She showed about one-third of her extensive collection Friday, Jan. 28, at Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center Luncheon Series.

"There's a certain connection with all the countries through the dolls," said Cuolahan, who has served on the board of directors for Detroit's International Institute. For example, most countries have a "harvest doll." Some of her "corn" dolls are thought to have been

made at the beginning of harvest season to preserve the spirit of the harvest for future years.

Other dolls in the collection were created in the image of figures like Duke Ellington, Henry VIII and Napoleon. Some represented Sami (Norwegian nomads), trolls and angels. Materials included stone, clay, terra cotta, porcelain, wool, paper, glass and even banana fiber.

And each has its own meaning. Cuolahan owns what she believes is the smallest nativity scene ever made, and a doll she found while traveling in Iowa, which happened to have been made in her small hometown in Norway.

What draws little girls into owning and collecting dolls? The mother instinct, said Cuolahan. She remembered when her mother would sew clothes for her dolls, that is, until her younger brother destroyed many of them while playing "surgeon." The rest of her early collection was given away during the German occupation of Norway, when no dolls were being sold. Her mother convinced her to give them to children who did not have any.

She's more than made up for those she lost. "You can learn so much from them, history, culture and so forth," said Cuolahan.

When Marlou Groud of Livonia found out Cuolahan would be speaking at the luncheon, she spread the word to her friends at St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.

"I just think it's fabulous," she said of the presentation. Though Groud's husband is Norwegian, she learned some things about the culture she never knew.

"I still have my childhood doll,



Interest: Donovan Rhead, 7, and his mother Linda inspect a table filled with Rigmor Cuolahan's doll collection.



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Unique: Rigmor Cuolahan displays one of several dolls she has collected over the years from around the world. She recently spoke at a luncheon at the Women's Resource Center lecture series at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Becky," said Groud. "They're just a friend, a companion." Like so many other children, she remembered talking to her dolls as a child, whenever she was sad.

Nancy Remick is a peer counselor at the Women's Resource Center and a Plymouth resident. She was looking

forward to the luncheon because her daughter makes dolls. She thought it was most interesting to see the different costumes the dolls wore, representing different cultures.

Collecting, said Cuolahan, is a way of learning more about an object and its history. "If you're interested in something, you might look it up and read about

it." That's practically her motto. "I don't collect expensive dolls," she added. "Anyone can start collecting."

Sally Oas of Novi learned something at the event. "I have all sorts of dolls. I didn't know where they came from until now," she said.

Groud said she wished more people knew about the Women's Resource Center luncheon series because "it's right in our backyard."

"I just think this is very informative," she said.

The next two Women's Resource Center presentations in the series will be "The Daybreak Gray and Dim," on the Civil War and 19th century medicine, Friday, Feb. 25, and "Museums Past and Present and Their Role in Society" with Mary Louise Majewski, Friday, April 7.

Seating is limited for the series and pre-registration is required. Lunches cost \$14 and are held at 11:30 a.m. at Schoolcraft College's Waterman Campus Center, Haggerty Road south of Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4143 for information.

Dance marathon benefits recovery efforts

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Dan Ott plans on staying up all night Saturday, Feb. 5. He'll be on his feet for at least 30 hours, he said, and it's for a good cause.

Ott, a Livonia resident, is just one of hundreds of University of Michigan students preparing to participate in the third annual Dance Marathon, "Making Kids Smile Maize and Blue Style." The marathon benefits children who have suffered life-threatening illnesses to help them recover physically, mentally and socially.

The money raised is donated to programs at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor and Royal Oak's William Beaumont Hospital. Last year, more than \$86,000 was raised from this event alone.

For Ott the dance marathon means more than just those facts and figures.

"My brother had cancer and was treated at Mott," he said. Now it's his time to return the favor and help other children in need.

Last year Ott participated as a "moraler," working shifts to keep the dancers going.

"From a moralers perspective, you can kind of tell that the dancers get a lot out of it." This time around he'll hit the dance floor and won't stop moving until Sunday evening.

"I'm sure I'll be a little uncomfortable at some point," said Ott. But he's more concerned about being well-rested and having enough time to prepare for upcoming midterms.

No experience necessary

Fellow Livonia native Beth Peterson is also in her second year at U-M and ready for her second run as a dancer in the marathon. While she said she hasn't any formal dance experience, and sometimes feels uncoordinated, she wouldn't pass up the chance to dance for charity.

"Different student groups come in," said the

Stevenson High School graduate. "Last year the Indian American student group taught some dances and (there was) country line dancing. They do have moralers and they get three-hour shifts." Moralers motivate dancers with massages or by jumping in on the dance floor. Even the school's marching band stops by to pep up the crowd.

Peterson said she really starts getting tired around the 26th hour of the marathon, but by the end she's gotten back her second wind.

"It's great to see the kids you're helping," she added. Some of the children visit during the event. "It's neat to see how much it makes a difference."

Sophomore and Livonia resident Ani Shehigian said it's gratifying to complete 30 hours of dancing. Having danced last year, she knows how important it is to stretch weeks before the marathon. Last time she was pretty sore after the marathon. But she's proud to say the event is fully student-organized and student-run.

"It's just amazing to see," added Shehigian.

Mark Sgriccia, a second-year junior at U-M and a Livonia native, agreed. He said in his three hours of catering the event last year, he was inspired to try dancing this year. He called it a spectacle that has to be seen to be believed.

"It appeals to a number of student organizations because it's for a good cause," he said. The marathon brings U-M students together.

Bringing in the band

Pj Jakobs, bassist for the band Olupus, is excited that his band will be performing at this year's

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marathon. Olupus will play a late set to help keep everyone's feet swaying. This is his first experience with the event.

"I'm not much of a dancer," admits the Farmington Hills resident.

The band takes the stage at 1 a.m. and is expected to perform its "Wildside" cover medley, a 35-minute musical rendition with a "good groove to it."

Dancers must raise about \$200 each, but past participants said it's not as difficult as it sounds. Activities throughout the year help them raise the money and foster relationships with the kids involved. A Charity Ball, dating auction and other events help with funding.

Shehigian has been raising her portion of funds on her own, receiving a lot of support from family and friends. She said it's not too hard. "It depends on how much support you get and how involved you are."

Participants agreed on one aspect of this event: It's a wonderful cause. Peterson recalled that "30 hours goes by pretty quickly. Anyone can do it."

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Music series to feature renowned U-M organist

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia will continue its yearly music series with an organ concert by Michele Johns, who holds a doctorate in fine arts, representing the University of Michigan Organ Department faculty. The concert will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 at 14175 Farmington Road (north of I-96) in Livonia.

Johns has specialized in his-

toric keyboards and their music literature. Her 22 European tours have resulted in multimedia lectures covering more than 200 historic and modern organs. Organ solo appearances in North America and abroad feature music of the 18th century as well as music of the 20th century. She is the author of "Hymn Improvisation" (Augsburg Fortress) which has

received critical acclaim and continues to enjoy popularity with organists at all levels of experience.

The Feb. 6 concert on the Casavant organ will feature music of the season of Epiphany. A "Renaissance to Rag" section will highlight many of the features of this new and exceptional pipe organ as well as giving honor to the great composer, J.S.

Bach. The audience will be invited to join in the singing of various hymns creatively accompanied by Johns at the organ. Charles-Marie Widor's famous Toccata from his Fifth Symphony will close the concert.

The event is open to the public and admission is complimentary. Refreshments will be served. For information please call (734) 522-6830.

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relationships. As you travel into more affluent areas, you see that they, too, are busy buying up things. Every fourth person on the street in Tokyo has a cell phone to their ear.

When children see that life is only made up of accruing loot, they're going to have an empty life, void of the important things in life. Their goals will center around making more money to get more things. You can believe that I find the bumper sticker,

"He who dies with the most toys, wins!" very annoying.

What do our elders find important? My father-in-law captured it very succinctly when he said, "The most important things in my life today are my family, my community and God ... what else is there?"

I leave you with this profound anonymous statement, that I wish I'd written myself: *Happiness can be thought, taught, and caught — but not bought.*

WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

4:00 P.M., MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2000

Regular meeting called to order at 4:10 p.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Kathleen A. Keen-McCarthy, Karen Woodside.
Agenda - adopted.
Minutes of regular meeting of December 20, 1999 - approved.
Minutes of special meeting of January 6, 2000 - approved.
Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$627,723.29 - approved.
Operations & Maintenance Report for December 1999 - received and filed.
Operations Manager's Report for January 2000 - received and filed.
WTUA Audit; FY ending 9/30/99 - approved.
OMI Annual Report - received and filed.
Amendment; Miss Dig Membership Agreement - approved.
Request For Bids; Alarm System maintenance and Monitoring - approval to advertise for bids.
WTUA Business plan update - approval to continue negotiations with YCUA.
The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:55 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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PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2000 7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2000 at 7:00 PM, in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

SITE PLAN APPROVAL:
ADDITION TO EXISTING BUILDING:
Plymouth Historical Society
155 S. Main St.
Zoned: O-1, Office
Applicant: Virgil Krueger & Sons, Inc.

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Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator
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Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

All interested persons are invited to attend.
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WESTERN TOWNSHIP UTILITIES AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR BIDS ALARM SYSTEM MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE

Western Townships Utilities Authority is requesting bids for alarm system monitoring and maintenance services for its Middle Rouge and Lower Rouge facilities. This work includes maintaining a continuous surveillance of the properties via modem using the existing Honeywell equipment, annual cleaning and inspection of all system components, along with various reports as outlined in the bid documents.

Companies or individuals who desire a copy of the bid documents should contact:

Ma. Sandy Forrest
Western Townships Utilities Authority
40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187
(734) 453-2793

All submittals must be received by February 22, 2000 at 11:00 a.m. A public opening of the bids will immediately follow the closing at the Middle Rouge offices located at 40905 Joy Road.
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ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Cheal-Ripperda

Robert Cheal and Sharon Barbara of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Gina Barbara, to Terence Vaughn Ripperda of Mountainview, Calif.

The bride-to-be is a University of Michigan senior majoring in cell and molecular biology. She works at the Kresge Hearing Research Institute in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé, son of Christine Ripperda of Austin, Texas, is a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in computer science. He works at Silicon Graphics Inc. in California.



A January wedding is planned in 2001.

Schwesing-Batchelder

Ron and Leslie Schwesing Jr. of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Joanne, to Jason Andrew Batchelder.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the Detroit College of Business and works as an area supervisor at Kohls Department Store.

Her fiancé, son of Margo Shields of Fort Wayne, Ind., has an associate of criminal justice degree from Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia. He works for GKN Center Metals in Romulus.



A June wedding is planned at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia.

Zarza-Puda

S. Ann Zarza of Livonia announces the marriage of her daughter, Teresea Ann, to Joseph K. Puda of Livonia.

The bride is a 1993 Madonna University graduate who is pursuing her master's degrees in nursing and business. She works as clinical manager at Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit.

Her husband, son of Harry and Marie Puda of Olean, N.Y., graduated from Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y., in 1987, and from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., in 1989. He works as a mechanical engineer at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn.

The couple wed on Oct. 16 at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia before the Rev. Gerald K. Flannery. Susan Platt was the matron of honor and bridesmaids included Kathryn Baughman, Margaret Hoban, Tammy Fox, and Flower Girl Alyssa Selasky. The bride's brother, Rob Zarza, escorted her down



the aisle.

Tim Puda served as best man and groomsmen included John Puda, Gerry Candeloro, Greg Marcellin, ushers Ray Miller, Jr. and Sebastian Puda and ring bearer Matthew Puda.

The couple received guests at the Italian American Banquet Center in Livonia and took a wedding trip to Australia. They are making their home in Livonia.

Kimmel-Zaske

Jim and Kate Kimmel of Ypsilanti announce the marriage of their daughter, Michele Christine, to Matthew Robert Zaske.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Western Michigan University. She works at B.F. Goodrich Aerospace in Grand Rapids.

Her husband, son of Robert and Carolyn Zaske of Livonia, is a 1996 graduate of Western Michigan University and also works at B.F. Goodrich Aerospace in Grand Rapids.

A November wedding was held at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia before Pastor, Luther Wirth. The matron of honor was Beth Seiler, and attendants included Charleen Long, Christine Coleman and Lillian DiGiacomo. The groom's brother, Todd Zaske was best



man and his attendants included Brian Kimmel, Scott Mackencher and Michael Oleskowicz.

A reception was held at the Meeting House in Plymouth. The couple took a trip to Los Cabos, Mexico and will make their home in Grand Rapids.

Stuebben-Hughes

Ronald and Margaret Stuebben of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Coleen Rita, to Thomas George Hughes.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Franklin High School and is employed at Comerica Bank.

Her fiancé, son of Burton Hughes of Westland and Janet Chapman of St. Clair Shores, graduated from Lutheran High North and Macomb Community College. He is employed at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

An October wedding is planned at Faith Lutheran Church.



Harrison-Levine

Gregory and Judy Harrison of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Louise, to Andrew Levine of Shingle Springs, Calif.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She obtained her bachelor's from Michigan State University and a master's degree in Anthropology from Kent State University.

Her fiancé, son of Roland and Nyla Levine of Scottsdale, Ariz., is a graduate of Fort Lewis College in Colorado and obtained a master's degree from the American Graduate School of International Management in Phoenix, Ariz.



An August wedding is planned at Weller's Carriage House in Saline.

Bargowski-Van Horn

Donna and Richard Bargowski of Canton announce the wedding of their daughter Jennifer Leigh Bargowski to Matthew John Van Horn, May 8, 1999 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia. The ceremony was officiated by the Reverend Dennis M. Bux.

The groom is the son of Ronald and Gail Van Horn of Petoskey and Clark and Cathy Keller of Northville.

The bride asked Cristi Blue-Wickens to serve as matron of honor and Carolyn Bill, Nicole Drake, Kendall Geesei, Sue Knight, Jill Mouton, Melissa Napolitano, Julie Oberhansly, Amanda Reuther and Amanda Van Horn as bridesmaids. Megan Reuther was the junior bridesmaid and Kelli Bargowski was the flower girl.

Brian Van Horn served as best man with Jim Anderson, Christopher Bargowski, Craig Bargowski, Dennis Bargowski,



Jeffrey Bargowski, Rich Bargowski, Greg Brown, Neil Carter, Steve Novak and Nate Scudieri as groomsmen. Richard Bargowski and Nicholas Bargowski were ring bearers.

The couple received guests at a reception at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia before leaving on a honeymoon to Hawaii. They are making their home in Plymouth Township.

Knapp-Hebert

William A. and Susan Knapp of Grand Rapids announce the engagement of their daughter Laurie J. to Scott Patrick Hebert of Gladstone, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1998 graduate of Grand Valley State University. She is currently working as a tournament assistant for the senior PGA Foremost Insurance Championship in Grand Rapids.

Her fiancé, son of Joe and Mary Hebert of Gladstone, is a 1987 graduate of Escanaba High School and earned his bachelor's degree from Ferris State University in 1992. He is a professional



golfer employed by Fairways Only, Inc. in Gladstone. An August wedding is planned in Leland, Mich.

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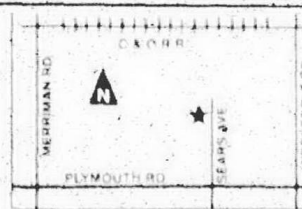
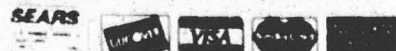
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INSTRUCTORS
■ The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is seeking part-time basketball instructors, floor hockey instructors and referees. Candidates must have good knowledge of sports and ability to instruct and lead youth ages 6-15 and preschoolers ages 4-5. For more information, call the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904 for an application.

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.

SPRING SPORTS
■ Registration for the spring 2000 baseball, softball and T-ball season for all Canton and Plymouth residents from ages 5-18 years, will be 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29. For more information, call (734) 453-2040 or (734) 981-5170.

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 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 his first birthday must have a ticket). Registration ends Friday, Jan. 28. For more information, call 397-5110.

SOFTBALL REGISTRATION
■ Girls Fast-pitch Softball Registration will be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at Summit on the Park in Canton. All girls from the age 19 and under are welcome. For more information, call (734) 981-5170.

50TH ANNIVERSARY
■ Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Plymouth is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year with a variety of events. A dinner dance will be held from 7 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Admission is open to all and tickets include dinner, music and open bar. For more information or to make a reservation, call 453-3053.

ARTS COUNCIL
■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council, as part of its ongoing cultural diversity series, presents "Poland: A celebration of Art and Culture" Sunday, Jan. 30 through Wednesday, March 1, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts at 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. The opening reception is scheduled from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30. At 2 p.m. the Wawel Dancers will perform Polish folk dances in traditional costumes. The Three Brothers restaurant in Plymouth and the Culinary Arts department of Salem High School will be providing samples of Polish cuisine. Hours of the exhibit are from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday, and 9 a.m. until noon Thursday and Friday. All events are open to the public and free of charge. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION
■ The Starkweather Education Center/Alternative Education will offer in the second semester, beginning Jan. 31, "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.

STUDENT MUSEUM
■ New Morning School presents its "27th Annual Student Museum," open house/auction preview from 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at New Morning School, 14501 Haggerty Road, Plymouth. A discussion for interested families will be held at 3:30 p.m. For more information, call (734) 420-3331.

INFORMATION MEETING
■ Hands Across the Water, a licensed adoption agency, is holding a free information meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9. Come learn about the options available to you in international adoption. Hands Across the Water is at 2300 Washtenaw, Suite, 103B, Ann Arbor. For more information or to register, call (734) 913-0831.

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE
■ Celebrate Valentine's Day by attending the Canton Knights of Columbus ninth annual Daddy-Daughter Valentines Dance. The dance will be 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at the St. Thomas a'Becket Family Life Center, 555 Lilley, Canton. This night will feature danceable music, a flower corsage, refreshments and a 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? Girls 3-13 may 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.

DOLL SHOW
■ The "We Love Barbie" fashion doll show returns from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, to the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Admission is \$5, kids 4-12 years are \$2. The show will feature vintage and collectible Barbie dolls and their accessories as well as custom designed Barbie's created by doll artist. There will be Valentine Barbie door prizes given every hour. For dealer information, call (734) 455-2110.

CARP TAX-AID
■ The AARP is sponsoring free federal and Michigan income tax preparation for elderly persons at the locations listed below. Work is performed by counselors qualified by the IRS. An appointment is required. Assistance is available 9 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m. on Tuesdays at Canton Recreation Center, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton, by appointment at (734) 397-5444; from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m. on Tuesdays at Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady, Northville, by appointment at (248) 349-4140; and from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 233 S. Main St., Plymouth, by appointment at (734) 453-1234.

SERVICE CENTER
■ The Michigan Works Service Center provides the Employer/Employee Connection for Washtenaw County. Job-seeking assistance is provided daily from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Face-to-face job fairs with instant interviews are held from 9:30 a.m. until noon, Thursday mornings. Free services include distribution of job position information, candidate referrals, resume preparation, interviewing assistance along with Internet access, computer use and free faxing. For more information, call (734) 481-2517.

Better than a century



Getting a glimpse: Kathie Gornick of Plymouth is looking at a handmade Lowicz Dance Dress from central Poland at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. It's all part of the "Poland: A celebration of Art and Culture" exhibit that runs through Wednesday, March 1, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts at 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth.

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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 per 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 at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

M.O.M. MEETING
■ Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents 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 Couriers. Entrées include beef tenderloin, stuffed chicken and orange roughy. 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 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 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 on Main Street 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

COMMUNITY HOSPICE
■ Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. (CHHCS) is offering "Connections" a six-week series to help children and their parents/guardians "connect" with their feelings and better work through the death of a loved one. The series will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 25 and running through Feb. 29. There is a \$20 registration fee with sponsorships available as needed. For more information about "connections" and its location or any other services offered by CHHCS, call (734) 522-4244.

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 goods 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 at 14501 Haggerty, just north of Schoolcraft.

■ 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 volunteers are needed in the community. Those interested in becoming a part of this volunteer program may attend Tuesdays With Hospice from noon through 3 p.m. at Individualized Hospice in Ann Arbor. Evening training sessions may also be available.

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

OPUS
Joanne Randinitis, a Hope College senior from Plymouth, has work included in the winter 1999 "Opus." The "Opus" is the college's literary

magazine, which gives students an opportunity for expression by presenting their prose, poetry, photography and art work. The "Opus" board reviews materials submitted for publication and publishes on a regular basis. In addition, "Opus" sponsors regular artistic forums throughout the year, giving students and faculty a chance to read their words as well as hear those of others. Randinitis' photograph, titled "Peace

in the Woods," is the cover photograph for the magazine winter edition. Randinitis is the daughter of Edward and Georgia Randinitis of Plymouth. She is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

PRESIDENT'S LIST
Nicole Denise Hrycyk of Canton was named to the President's List at North Central College. She is the daughter of Nicholas D. Hrycyk.

DEAN'S LIST
Kevin M. Clemons of Plymouth was named to the Dean's List at Coastal Carolina University. To qualify for the dean's list, freshmen must earn a 3.25 grade point average and upperclassmen must earn a 3.5 grade point average. Students must be enrolled full-time to qualify for the list. Kathryn Irene Murinas of Plymouth was honored with publication of

the Fall 1999 Dean's List at Vanderbilt University. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Murinas of Plymouth. Emily Stachura of Canton was named to the Dean's List at Hillsdale College. She is a junior majoring in education. Stachura is the daughter of Gregory and Jean Stachura of Canton. She is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

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NEW VOICES

■ **Wayne Peal and Melissa Matthews-Peal** of Bloomfield Hills announce the birth of their son, **Matthew Wayne**, on Dec. 19 at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. His grandparents are Clayton and Patricia Peal of Fairfield Glade, Tenn. and John Matthews of Redford Township.

■ **Julie and Michael Weaver** of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter **Melissa Beth**, born June 1, 1999 at Providence Family Birthing Center in Southfield. Melissa joins siblings Jessica, 14; Kristina, 12; Amanda, 10; Andrew, 7; Hannah, 4; and Benjamin, 2. Grandparents are Marilyn and Gene Weaver of Dearborn Heights and Carole and the late Abraham Karam of Warren.

■ **Amy and James Harkins** of Canton announce the birth of their daughter **Olivia Rose Marie**, Oct. 1 at Huron Valley - Sinai Hospital. Grandparents are Kathy and John Harkins of Livonia and Sharron and Douglas Hoyer of Livonia. Great grandparents are Rita Harkins of Plymouth and Juanita Mott of Calif.

■ **Don and Tracy Halbritter** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter **Savannah Lynn**, Jan. 12 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Savannah joins siblings Tylder, 4 1/2; and Tressa, 3. Grandparents are Bernie and Becky Pintar of Wayne and Marie Halbritter of Taylor.

■ **James and Amanda Duvall** of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter **Emily Victoria**, Jan. 11 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Emily joins sister Margaret Anne, 16 months. Grandparents are Dennis and Diana Brusinski of Westland and Nancy and Jim Merriman of Plymouth.

■ **Stephen and Sheila Maloney** of Redford announce the birth of their daughter **Niamh Anna**, Jan. 10 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Niamh joins siblings Sinead, 8; and Brona, 2. Grandparents are Thomas Maloney of Co. Mayo, Ireland and Anna Victory of Redford.

■ **Jason and Amy Highland** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter **Ashley Marie**, Jan. 9 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Ashley joins sister Alicia Nicole, 1 1/2 years old. Grandparents are Joe and Eraina McMillan of Canton, Linda Highland of Livonia and Dave Highland of Livonia.

■ **Matthew and Kristen Yule** of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter **Makena Alyssa**, Jan. 6 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Don and Judi McLellan of Livonia and John and Evelyn Yule of Livonia.

■ **Randy and Deanne Richter** of Westland announce the birth of their son **Mitchell Scott**, Jan. 5 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Mitchell joins siblings Heather, 15; Ryan, 12; Colin, 11; Samantha, 4; and Jaelyn, 3. Grandparents are Marcy Grabiec of Westland and Ron and Kathleen Richter of Lincoln Park.

■ **Sarah Nicole Renner** of Redford announces the birth of her daughter **Lexus Monique**, Jan. 5 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Lexus joins sibling Daija Janay Bosman, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Michelle Marie Renner of Elk Rapids.

■ **Chad and Kathy Grunewald** of Garden City announce the birth of their son **Colton John**, Dec. 31, 1999 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are William

and Mary O'Nan of Livonia and Linda Grunewald of Green Bay, Wisc.

■ **Wendy Stachowski and Jeff Allen** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter **Faith Olivia Allen**, Dec. 29, 1999 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Jim and Margaret Allen of Westland and Judi and Joseph Stachowski Jr. of Westland.

■ **Michael and Kelly Salter** of Westland announce the birth of their son **Ryan Perry**, Dec. 21, 1999 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Jack and Sally Salter of Garden City and William and Florence Majeske of Sterling Heights.

■ **Jeffery and Bobbie Griggs** of Canton announce the birth of their son **Brennan Allen**, Dec. 21, 1999 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Brennan joins siblings Miranda, 6; and Courtney, 4. Grandparents are Bob and Helen Chote of Livonia and Bob and Bette Wicker of Westland.

■ **Michele Buford and Erik Kallio** of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter **Shannon Marie**, Jan. 19 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Shannon joins siblings Cheryl Ann, 19 months; and Brandy Lynn, 17. Grandparents are Tanya Kallio of Livonia; and Cheryl Wilston of Florida.

■ **Hugh and Michele Griffin** of Van Buren Township announce the birth of twins **Meghan Elisabeth and Drew Alexander**, Jan. 7. Grandparents are Jeanne Guilfoyle of Westland; Thomas Daniel of Farmington Hills; and Ronald and Catherine Griffin of Waterford.

■ **Matt and Sue Winther** of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter **Emily Susan**, Dec. 31, 1999 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Emily joins siblings Mary Elizabeth and Steven Winther. Grandparents are Bill and Esther Green of Estes Park, Col., and Ed and Marilyn Bossardet of Oxford.

■ **Ron and Angie Rousseau** of Coffeyville, Kansas, announce the birth of **Gabrielle Grace**, Dec. 14, 1999 at Jane Phillips Hospital in Oklahoma. She joins Whitley, age 6.

Grandparents are Fred and Jeanette Rousseau of Redford and Linda Hanigan of Coffeyville, Kansas. Great-Grandparents are Charles and Grace Clemons and Evelyn Rousseau, all of Farwell, Mich.

■ **Rick and Lisa Rousseau** of Redford announce the birth of their daughter, **Laura Jean**, August 15, 1999 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She joins sisters Rebecca, 10; Jessica, 8; and Melissa, 4. Grandparents are Fred and Jeanette Rousseau and Richard and Wanda Lyskawa, all of Redford. Great-grandparents are Charles and Grace Clemons and Evelyn Rousseau, all of Farwell, Mich.

■ **Doug and Kathi Darden** of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter **Ashley Laura**, Jan. 17 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Dan and Madeline Wyrsta of Plymouth and Betty Darden of Lomita, Calif.

■ **Heather and Timothy Goodchild** of Canton announce the birth of their son **Ethan Jacob**, Dec. 23, 1999 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are Ellsworth and Mary Stout of Ann Arbor and Keith and Susan Goodchild of Canton.

SINGLES MINGLE

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

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. 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 and 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; Lighthouse Cafe, a coffee-house 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.

SINGLES WELCOME

Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance to divorced or separated Christians. Call (734) 981-4553 about the divorce recovery workshop. Monthly meetings are held the third Saturday of every month at 8 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Church, Haggerty Road (south of 5 Mile Road).

■ On Friday, Feb. 4, Bethany Suburban West will host a dinner at Northville Downs. Call (734) 421-3011 for information. Saturday, Feb. 5 marks the Singles Dance, 8:30 p.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford. The \$8 charge includes refreshments. Proper attire required.

■ Every Sunday, the singles organization offers breakfast at 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn on the northwest corner of 5 Mile and Beech Daly roads in Redford, followed by mass at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Catholic Church on Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 729-1974.

SKI THE SOO TRIP

Attention all single skiers. Join the Farmington Singles Professionals group for an extended four-day weekend getaway Feb. 18 through the 21st to ski in Sault Ste. Marie, Canada. Cross country skiers will enjoy Stokley's while downhill skiers will love the runs at Searchmont. Package includes four day and three nights at the Water Tower Inn (two people per room); use of the Club Cabana recreational area including outdoor sauna, heated pool and indoor/outdoor hot tubs. The cost is \$199 for members and \$234 for non-members. All levels of skiers welcome. RSVP by calling (248) 851-9909 or www.fsp.org

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

Parents Without Partners, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the single-parent family. A Singles Dance is scheduled from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4 at the Grotto (2070 W. Stadium in Ann Arbor). 60-90s music will be played by a disc

jockey. Cash bar. Non-smoking dance area. \$5 members; \$7 non-members. Call (734) 973-1933.

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WEDNESDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES

Wednesday Suburban Singles Dance Parties Inc. meet every Wednesday at The Warren Chateau Banquet Center (10 Mile Road one block east of Mound) in Warren from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Open to the public - ages 21 and up. Proper attire is recommended (no jeans). The Single Mingle Dance costs \$5; \$4 before 8:30 p.m. For information call the hotline at (313) 842-0443.

SUNDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES

Sunday Suburban Singles Dance Parties Inc. meet every Sunday at The Warren Chateau Banquet Center (10 Mile road one block east of Mound) in Warren from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Event is open to the public for ages 21 and up. Proper attire is recommended (no jeans). Cost is \$5; \$4 before 8:30 p.m. For information call (313) 842-0443.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single (30 years and older) and feeling alone? Coming join us. Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Rd., west of Haggerty in Northville) invites you to join over 550 single adults each and every Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. For information

or a newsletter call (248) 374-5920.

FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS

A non-profit social group for singles ages 25-45 who share common interests and look to form new friendships. All events are open to non-members. Call (248) 851-9909 or visit www.fsp.org. Upcoming events include:

■ Playing wallyball Tuesdays at Racquetball Farmington on Nine Mile. Check in starts at 6:45 p.m. and court time at 7 p.m. sharp. New players welcome. Courts are designated recreational, intermediate and advance. Cost is \$5 for one hour.

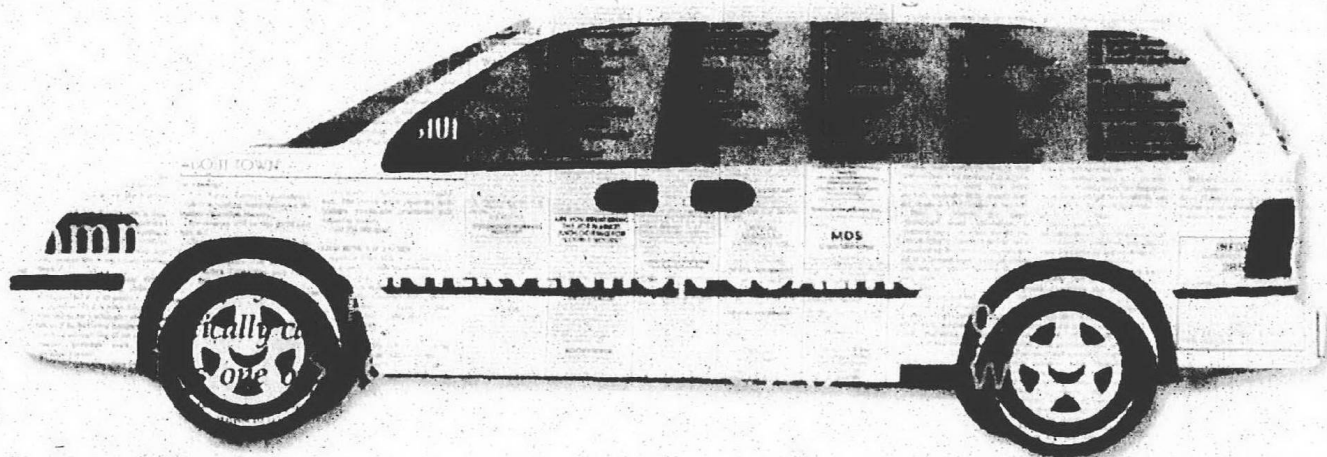
■ Join us Thursday for "Fun and Fine Dining." Our goal is to provide members and friends with a sampling of some of the best and most interesting dining places in the metro Detroit area. Each week the restaurant will differ in style, ambiance, price range and menu. We meet every Thursday anytime between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

■ Singles Mingles Dances - locations vary weekly. Call (248) 851-9909 for specifics.

■ Co-ed bowling leagues is held every other Sunday starting at 5:45 p.m. at Drakeshire Lanes (located on Grand River east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills). Substitute bowlers are needed most weeks. Leagues start at 5:45 p.m. bowl three games.

EUCHRE-PINOCHLE

Euchre and pinochle are planned every Monday and dinner is served from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Cowley's Old Village Inn. Cost is \$4 for Single Professional members and \$5 for non-members.



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RAILRODIANA

Buy and swap toys and trains from noon to 4 p.m. March 5 at SS. Simon and Jude Church located at 32500 Palmer Road in Westland. To register for tables, phone Norm at (734) 595-8327 between 5 and 11 p.m. Pre-registered tables are \$12; tables at the door if available are \$20. Admission is \$2 per person or \$4 per family.

NEW BEGINNINGS

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia offers a year-round grief support group and this new Thursday speaker

series, beginning with "The Grief Process" with the Rev. Chuck Sonquist Feb. 3; Del McPherson and "The Healing Power of Humor," March 2; the Rev. Kurt Stutz of Botsford Hospital with "Healing Grief" April 6; the Rev. Phil Seymour on "Dreams, Visions and Images" May 4; and Warren Gilbert's "Managing Memories" June 1. The series is free and open to the public. Call (734) 422-6038.

HEALING SERVICES

The Rev. Gary Seymour offers healing services for the series titled "Rise and Come Forward" the third Wednesday evening of each month at the Church of the Risen Lord, 821 N. Newburgh Road in Westland. Call (734) 397-7132.

CONCERT

The Tubbs Family will perform 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 at Clarenceville United Methodist

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Contemporary Service 9:30 am
Sunday School (Children & Adults) 9:30 & 11 am
Wednesday Night Service 7 pm
Rev. Dr. Robert J. Schultz Rev. Merle Weishauser

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN
Church & School 5835 Venoy
1 Blk. N. of Ford Rd., Westland 425-0260
Divine Worship 8 & 11:00 A.M.
Bible Class & SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.
Monday Evening Service 7:00 P.M.
Gary D. Headapohl, Administrative Pastor
Kurt E. Lambart, Assistant Pastor
Jeff Burke, Principal/D.C.E.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSOURI SYNOD
25630 GRAND RIVER at BEECH DALE
532-2265 REDFORD TWP.
Worship Service
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.
Nursery Provided
Rev. Victor F. Halboch, Pastor
Rev. Timothy Halboch, Assoc. Pastor

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NATIVITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
9435 Henry Road at West Chicago
Livonia 48150 • 421-5406
Rev. Donald Lintelman, Pastor
9:15 a.m. Adult Classes
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
and Youth Classes
Nursery Care Available
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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA
Timothy Lutheran Church
8820 Wayne Rd.
(Between Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road)
Livonia • 427-2290
Rev. Carla Thompson Powell, Pastor
9:00 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)
10:00 a.m. Family Worship (Nursery Avail.)
<http://www.timothyivonia.com>

HOSANNA-TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
9600 Levee • So. Redford • 313-937-2424
Rev. Lawrence Witto / Rev. Steve Eggers
Sunday Morning Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Thursday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Christian School: Kindergarten-8th Grade
313-937-2233

LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD
PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
9415 Meridian • Livonia
Sunday Worship Service
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:45 a.m.
School Grades • Pre-School • 8
Church & School office:
(734) 422-6930

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
17810 Farmington Road • Livonia • (734) 261-1360
May thru October • Monday Night Service • 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Bible Classes For All Ages 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship Services
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Pastor James Hoff
Pastor Eric Steinbrunner
(734) 422-6930

Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Church & School
14750 Kinloch • Redford Twp.
313-532-8655
Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
School Grade K thru 8
Phone for Enrollment Info
WLQV 1500 SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
16360 Hubbard Road
Livonia, Michigan 48154
421-8451
Mon-Fri 9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 8:00 P.M. Dinner & Classes
Saturday 5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
Sunday 7:45 & 10 A.M. Holy Eucharist
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CHRISTADELPHIANS
Sunday Memorial Service 10:00 A.M.
Sunday School 11:30 A.M.
Bible Class - Wednesdays 7:30 P.M.
36516 Parkdale, Livonia
428-7810

FAITH COVENANT CHURCH
14 Mile Road and Drake, Farmington Hills
(248) 661-9191
Sunday Worship
9:30 a.m. Contemporary
11:00 a.m. Traditional
Sunday School for all ages
Wednesday Supper (6:00 p.m.)
& Programs for All Ages
Youth Groups • Adult Small Groups

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45081 Goddard Road, Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-0357
New Service Times
Sunday Worship Services - 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday - Family Night - 7:00 p.m.
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201 E. SPRING ST.
2 Blocks N. of Main • 2 Blocks E. of MI
SUNDAY
Bible School 10:00 A.M.
Worship 11:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.
(Nursery Provided in A.M.)
Pastor Frank Howard • Ch. 453-0323
WEDNESDAY
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10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth
5 Miles W. of Sheldon Rd.
From M-14 take Gottfredson Rd. South
734-459-9550
Dr. Wm. C. Moore - Pastor
8:00 Prayer & Praise Service
9:30
Lifeline Contemporary Service
11:00 Traditional Service
SUNDAY SCHOOL (NURSERY PROVIDED)
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SERVED
8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages

WARD Evangelical Presbyterian Church

40000 Six Mile Road
"Just west of I-275"
Northville, MI
248-374-7400
Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor
**Worship Services,
Sunday School
8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A.M.**
**Contemporary Service
8:50-9:45 A.M.**
**Evening Service
6:00 P.M. in the Chapel**
Nursery Provided
New On The Radio 8:30 a.m.
Sunday - WYUR 1310 AM

PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)

ST. TIMOTHY CHURCH, USA
16700 Newburgh Road
Livonia • 734-464-8844
Sunday School for All Ages: 9:30 a.m.
Family Worship 11:00 a.m.
"Very Early in the Morning"
Rev. Dr. Janet Noble-Richardson, Pastor
<http://www.unidial.com/~sttimothy>

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
5835 Sheldon Rd., Canton
(734) 459-0013
Sunday Worship & Sunday School
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Education For All Ages
Childcare Provided • Handicapped Accessible
Resources for Hearing and Sight Impaired

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Main & Church • (734) 453-6464
PLYMOUTH
8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Dr. James Skimins, Pastor
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9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI
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Rev. Ruth Billington, Associate Pastor
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Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.
Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M.
NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN: 455-3196

Orchard Grove
Community Church
Sunday, 10:30 A.M.
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.
Chris Cramer, Pastor
Located in OLD ORCHARD THEATRE
28125 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills
248-324-1700

UNITED METHODIST
ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST
30900 Six Mile Rd. (Between Meridian & Middlebelt)
Chuck Songquist, Pastor
10:00 A.M. Worship & Church School
11:15 A.M. Adult Study Classes
Nursery Provided • 422-6038

Clarenceville United Methodist
20300 Middlebelt Rd. • Livonia
474-3446
Rev. Jean Love
Worship Services 10:15 AM, 6:00 PM
Nursery Provided
Sunday School 9 AM
Office Hrs. 9-5

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Worship at
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Nursery at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Cry room available

February 6
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422-0149
Worship Services
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Reading Room - 445 S. Harvey, Plymouth
Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. • Thursday 7-9 p.m.
453-1676

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29015 Jamison Ave. • Livonia
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MASS: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 9:00 a.m.
Tues. 7:00 p.m. • Sat. 5 p.m.
Sun. 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon
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Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia.

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.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DAY

Church Women United of Suburban Detroit-West will host International Student Day, with a carry-in casserole luncheon 12:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard Road in Livonia. International Students will speak about their homeland. The program is sponsored by the Livonia Rotary Club. Bring one casserole for each three persons attending and paper products for the First Step Program. Call (313) 537-5251.

BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

This is a Bible Study for women who want to live holy lives and are always on the lookout for help to spiritual maturity. "Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People" will be offered from 7-8 p.m. for 10 weeks (started Feb. 2) at the Plymouth Church of Nazarene located at 45801 Ann Arbor Road. Each week we will explore down-to-earth answers for problems related to making things right with others, forgiving those who have hurt you, conquering impure thoughts, winning the battle with pride and selfish ambition, learning to be totally honest and transparent. Call the church office at 453-1525.

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. 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 and 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; Lighthouse Cafe, a coffee-house 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.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross will be operating a blood drive 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 at St. Edith's Parish, 15089 Newburgh Road in Livonia. Walk-ins welcome.

VEGAS NIGHTS

St. Edith Church will sponsor Las Vegas Nights, 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5 at the church, 15089 Newburgh road, Livonia. Admission is \$1 and maximum payout will be \$500, under license number F23263. Proceeds go to general fund. Call (734) 464-1222.

St. Theodore Parish will host it's Las Vegas Nights 6 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5 at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road in Westland. Admission is \$2. Parking is free. Beer, food and refreshments available. The program is presented by St. Theodore Men's Club & Fraternity of Christian Women under the license number F23265. Play Black jack, Easy Craps, Roulette, and the Money Wheel. Maximum win is \$500 per person. Call (734) 728-0607.

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.

EVENING FOR ST. GENEVIEVE

St. Genevieve Church of Livonia will host "An Evening for St. Genevieve" from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18 at the Italian American Club (Five Mile west of Newburgh). The event will include dinner, raffle, dancing and silent auction. \$45 per person includes dinner, dancing and open bar. Tickets available after Mass and from the Rectory Office - Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Reservations and information can be provided by calling Dan Blaske (734) 625-3780 or Jack Farrow (734) 464-7843. St. Genevieve Church is located at 29015 Jamison Ave. in Livonia.

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 & FAMILY

Marriage and family will be

taught by Father George Shalhoub, pastor of St. Mary Orthodox Church in Livonia. The purpose of these series of classes is to take an in-depth look at the necessary characteristics that play vital roles in marriage and family life. They are available to both these couples either considering marriage or presently married. Single or divorced individuals are also encouraged to attend this 10-week class that meets from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18100 Merriman Road in Livonia. Call (734) 422-0010 to register. Topics include: The Institutional Family; The Process of Developing Healthy Relationships; What is Love?; Marriage: Why it is a Sacrament; and more. Series begins Feb. 3 and concludes March 30.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Miriam Jerris, M.A. and Rabbinic Candidate with the Birmingham Temple will lead a 1-2 hour session workshop and support group to celebrate and strengthen your relationship. The class is open to married couples (of any faith), newly married couples, couples married for many years or engaged couples who want to learn the skills necessary for a healthy and satisfying relationship. Cost is \$150 per couple. Classes begin Feb. 29. Call now to register, (248) 543-7496.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other. Feb. 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/wmpe. Listen for "The Marriage Journey" 8:30-9 a.m. Sundays on WCAR 1090 AM.

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 more information, call Stacy Cole at (248) 374-5912.

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, Plymouth. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call the store at (734) 459-1250 or e-mail the church at fpcc@juno.com.

RITE OF INITIATION

Adults interested in joining the Catholic church are invited to "inquire" at the ongoing Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Theodore of Canterbury Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The process is open to any interested adult including baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation with First Communion and/or Confirmation. For more information, call Lorraine Short, pastoral minister, at (734) 425-4421.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church offers an early childhood program, a day care program for toddlers age 18 months to 3 years. The program is available full or half days Monday through Friday. Children have organized and spontaneous activities - all hands-on and interactive. The program is state-certified and offered at the church, Farmington Road, north of I-275. For more information, call (734) 513-8413.

HISPANIC CHURCH

The Hispanic Pentecostal Church holds worship 2 p.m. Sundays. Call (248) 471-5282.

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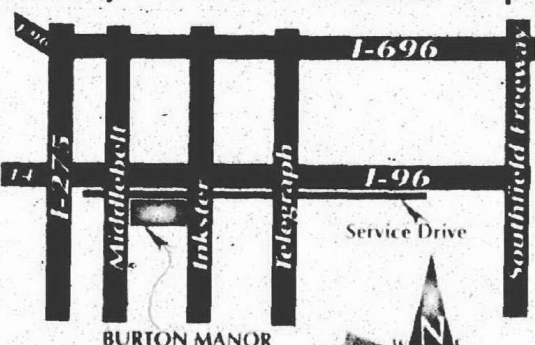
Burton Manor Livonia Wednesday March 29 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

We continue to receive many positive comments about our first three Job Fairs and want you to experience personally how effective they are. If you've participated in the past, you've already discovered their value to your recruitment program. We're pleased to offer you this opportunity to be part of our fourth Job Fair and save at the same time!

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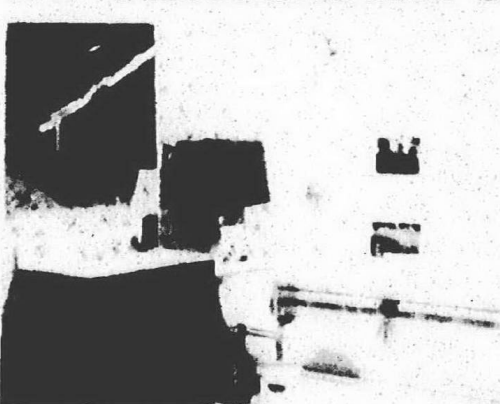
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Technology can be very useful in learning about different denominations

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PASTOR CARLA THOMPSON POWELL

If you feel like you're missing something in your life these days, maybe you are. Many people describe their lives as endless repetition of the "same stuff - different day" or as a roller coaster that won't stop.

We all need to take time from the hustle and bustle and connect with a spiritual or religious center, worshipping God in whatever way we find meaningful. Today's technology has provided a unique opportunity to explore issues of religion, spirituality, and faith before we even step foot in a church, synagogue, mosque or temple.

One of the broadest religious sites available today is www.beliefnet.com. It includes information on all major religions including Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism. Although it's thorough, it might be a little overwhelming if you don't know what to look for.

Two sites could act as launching pads for a whole host of topics:

www.crosswalk.com ("Where faith intersects with life")

www.tbcl.com (The Best Christian Links - "a Christian directory to the best Christian Web sites")

Both offer e-mail, chat forums, movie guides and news. Crosswalk offers a web filtering program to screen you children's Internet experiences. TBCL features web hosting, free digital postcards and cartoons. Both offer channels for every aspect of Christian life and search engines for anything related to Christianity.

Another place to start is www.sharingfaith.org. This site

is hosted by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (E.L.C.A.) and contains information for people seeking faith. Sharing Faith has answers to basic life questions, stories of faith from individuals, ways to get involved in exercising your faith, public bulletin boards for youth and young adults, daily devotions, Bible study and a link to ELCA's homepage.

The American Bible Society offers www.forministry.com "equipping the church online." It has a directory of congregations

and denominations in the United States. Not all congregations are listed, but all major denominations are itemized and most have congregation locator tools.

Wealth of resources

If you are looking for details about a particular Christian denomination, check out their official sites. Some examples include:

www.ecusa.org (Episcopal Church in the USA)
www.elca.org (E.L.C.A.)
www.lds.org (The Mormons)

www.pcusa.org (Presbyterian Church - USA)

www.umc.org (United Methodist Church). Most offer outlines of what they believe, directories of congregations, faith statements and links to official ministries.

Many congregations today have Web sites that outline their ministries, programs, mission statement and upcoming events. Most include information about the staff and frequently include upcoming or previous sermons.

Some ever offer general help or spiritual inspiration. The Web site Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia maintains can be found at www.timothyLivonia.com. You'll find all of these features plus weekly devotions, newsletter and a special section for families, kids and teens. What a congregation chooses to put on or leave off their Web site can tell you a lot about the atmosphere there.

Once you've done some online investigating, don't stop there. Faith and spirituality are meant to be shared and experienced in

community. Your personal religion can only take you so far. After exploring online, choose a place to attend and find out all you can to prepare yourself. Do some soul-searching on your own and then get out and try it. Your soul is worth it!

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Professor to speak on imaging God

Professor J. Richard Middleton of Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y., will present "Created in God's Image: A Biblical Perspective" at Trinity Church in Livonia. A professor of Old Testament Interpretation, Middleton will speak from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Trinity Church.

Middleton will explore issues in three parts. The morning session,

"Imaging God ... in the World-view of Genesis 1," will be followed by an extended time for discussion. After lunch, the topics

"Imaging God ... in Exile" and "Imaging God ... as an Ethical Calling" will be considered.

Middleton will also preach on "The Feast of Fools" 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the church. The sermon is open to the public.

Middleton is currently working on a book titled "The Liberating Image" on humanity as the image of God. He and co-author Brian Walsh completed "The Transforming Vision: Shaping a Christian World View" (InterVarsity Press, 1984) and "Truth is Stranger Than It Used to Be: Biblical Faith in a Postmodern Age" (InterVarsity Press, 1995). The latter won a 1996 Book of the Year Award from Christianity Today magazine.

Tickets for the conference cost \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

Students and members receive a \$5 discount. Groups of 10 or more may purchase tickets in advance for \$12 each. Lunch is not included.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

1st-place finishes

Oakland University's women's swim team completed the home portion of its dual-meet season by beating Kenyon University 171-118 last Friday. The win improved OU's record to 10-4.

Among those to earn an individual first-place finish for the Golden Grizzlies was Yvonne Lynn, a Plymouth Salem graduate. Lynn captured top honors in the 100-yard backstroke in 58.13.

Lynn also combined with former Salem teammate Kellyann Williams in the 200 medley relay, which was a winner in 1:49.03.

Fast-pitch softball

For girls interested in playing fast-pitch softball in the Western Wayne County League this summer: Registration is from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 12 at Diamonds Restaurant in the Canton Softball Center, located on Michigan.

The 14-game season begins June 1. Girls 12-and-under, 14-and-under and 16-and-under are welcome to register; tryouts will be this spring, when weather permits.

For further information, call Dave at (734) 737-9968.

T-Ball registration

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will conduct registration for its 5-6 year-old T-Ball League from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. April 3-21 at the Recreation office, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center (525 Farmer).

Birth certificate is required. Children must be born between July-December 1993; January-December 1994; January-July 1995.

The season runs from June 24-Aug. 12 (no games July 1).

For more information, call the Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620, or check the web at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Hockey clinic

Suburban Hockey Schools will conduct its one-day Mid-Winter Clinic for ages 6 and up on Monday, Feb. 14, at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

The clinic will cover stick handling and puck control from 10 to 11:50 a.m., a shoot-to-score session from noon to 1:50 p.m. and a defense clinic 2 to 3:50 p.m.

The cost of the clinic is \$40 per play per session. Class size is limited to 32 players. Players will be grouped by skill and experience level. Full hockey equipment is required.

Call Suburban Hockey Schools at (248) 478-1600 for more information.

Winterfest Run

The Riverview Winterfest, a four-mile run sponsored by the Downriver Runners, will be 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Seitz Junior High in Riverview.

The \$14 entry fee (before Feb. 6) includes pancake breakfast, long-sleeve shirt, raffle, awards and mailed race results.

Late registration (Feb. 7-12) is \$15 at Total Runner in Southgate. Race day registration is \$18 at Seitz, located on the corner of Williamsburg and Kennebec (between Pennsylvania and Sibley, and Allen Road and Fort Street).

Prize money will be awarded to the top three male and female finishers, along with the top two male and female masters runners.

Last year's champions were Keith Stopen in the men's (20:03) and six-time women's champion Laurel Park (22:55).

Booster club meeting

The Canton Football Boosters Club will have its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, in Room 165 at Plymouth Canton HS.

All parents of Canton football players, and parents of incoming freshmen who plan to play football, are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Dan Murphy at (734) 416-8117.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Salem nudges past Churchill

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Make that five straight. Plymouth Salem's volleyball team remained unbeaten in the Western Lakes Activities Association, but it was by the narrowest of margins as they survived a strong challenge from Livonia Churchill, winning 16-14, 16-14 Monday at Salem.

The Rocks improved to 21-6-1 with the victory, their seventh in their last eight matches. Churchill is 16-5-2 overall and 4-2 in the WLAA.

It wasn't the steadiest of performances by Salem. Serving, normally a strongpoint, was erratic. The Rocks did have nine service aces, led by Liz Gizicki with three.

"But it was our downfall, too," noted coach Tom Teeters. "We had four errors per game. We missed the game-point serve in both games, and we missed serves after timeouts."

"In doing so, we couldn't take advantage of their weakness, which was serve reception. And (Churchill) did very well on defense, which is what you expect from a Mike Hughes-coached team."

"They hustled well and were able to block us."

What kept Salem a notch ahead was the strong play of senior Amanda Suder — again. A team strength all season, Suder paced the Rocks with 10 kills, with a .450 kill percentage. She also had two service aces, serving nine times without an error.

Others who proved instrumental, according to Teeters, were Michelle Ginther, who served 10 times without an error; Mary Lou Liebau, who provided some strong play in the middle (three kills in three attempts), and setter Jill Dombrowski.

Dombrowski, another of those the Rocks have come to count on, finished with two kills, 15 assists to kills and eight digs, and also served eight times without an error.

"The players we have to depend upon really stepped up," said Teeters. "For us, we squeaked it out."

Other key contributors were Denise Phillips with three kills, two aces, three digs and four blocks, and Kelly Jaskot with two kills and seven digs.

Colleen Guardiola served 15 points for the Chargers, while Amy Cadovich contributed eight kills. Corey Mack added four kills.

"Both games we were tied 14-all and Salem was able to win both," Churchill's Hughes said. "It was a very tough match. I thought our team blocked very well."

This weekend will provide a stern test for the Rocks. They will be one of 32 teams competing at the 27th Annual Schoolcraft College Volleyball Invitational Saturday.

The tournament is divided into eight four-team pools. The top two teams in each pool advance to the 16-team championship round of play.

Teeters, who also serves as the Schoolcraft coach, didn't exactly make it an easy road for his Rocks. In their pool are Livonia Ladywood (where Teeters coached prior to taking the job at Salem last year), Livonia Franklin (also unbeaten in the WLAA) and Redford Thurston, one of the better Mega Conference teams.

"Salem could get knocked out (in pool play) easily," he said. "Anyone who wants to flip a coin as to who comes out of there, go ahead."

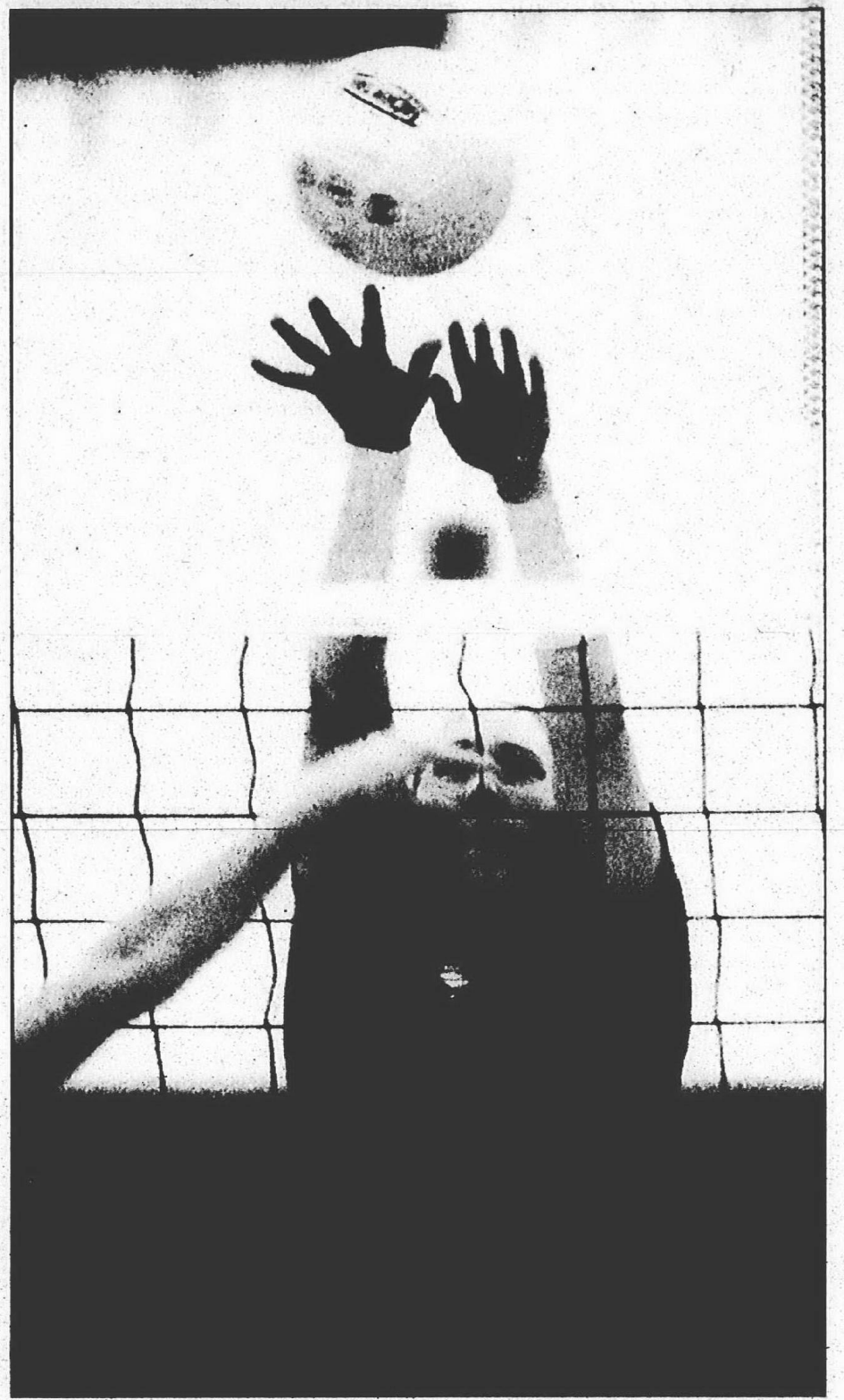
"I hope it's us."

To reach the point of contention for a tournament title, Salem "is definitely going to have to beat a Livonia Franklin and a Livonia Ladywood. If we don't win our pool, it's going to be tough to do because we'll draw a very tough team right away (in the round of 16)."

"It won't be impossible, but it will be much more difficult."

Any one of a dozen teams has a chance to reach the finals. At the top of

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Big at the net: Denise Phillips was instrumental at the net in Plymouth Salem's win over Livonia Churchill Monday. Phillips had four blocks as the Rocks edged Livonia Churchill. The victory kept them unbeaten in the WLAA.

Closing run dooms Canton

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

With just over four minutes remaining and the score tied, 43-43, Tuesday night's Farmington High-Plymouth Canton basketball game had "down-to-the-wire, buzzer-beating finish" written all over it.

That is, until the Falcons got their erasers out.

Energized by a full-court press that forced Canton into committing 23 turnovers, Farmington outscored the Chiefs 12-3 down the stretch and went on to post a 55-46 victory in Canton's gym.

The triumph boosted the Falcons' record to 10-2 overall and 5-1 in the

BASKETBALL

Western Lakes Activities Association. Canton fell to 4-8 overall and 3-3 in the WLAA.

Farmington coach Denny Mikel singled out a change in defensive strategy as the primary reason his team was able to overcome a deficit that had reached seven points midway through the third quarter.

"We started out the game in a man-to-man defense, but Canton was beating us off the dribble and getting a lot of easy baskets," Mikel said.

"At halftime, we realized they

weren't hitting many outside shots, so we switched to a zone defense and a box press. I think it may have got them out of sync a little bit, and we were able to get back into the game."

Forced to turn to their perimeter game when the Falcons packed in their zone, the Chiefs connected on just two of 14 fourth-quarter shots after shooting a sizzling 55 percent (15-of-27) from the floor in the first three quarters.

"I told the kids we had a great chance to win this game, but we just couldn't get the ball to go down in the fourth quarter," Canton coach Dan

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Determined Eagles win

The future is always difficult to predict, but in three months time this game's significance may skyrocket off the charts for Plymouth Christian Academy.

The Eagles came into the season brimming with confidence, and with good reason: They'd reached the Class D regional final while winning 21 games last year, and they had the bulk of their starting lineup returning.

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Double winner CC wins 2nd straight; Chiefs 4th

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Redford Catholic Central's team victory Saturday in the Ninth Annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament was especially significant for the Shamrocks.

CC achieved a record fourth championship and became only the second school to win back-to-back

titles since Livonia Stevenson did it in 1994-95.

"This tournament is a highlight for us," CC coach Mike Rodriguez said. "I never realized how much this means to the boys, to be in their own backyard and to win something where everybody knows you instead of going down to Ohio."

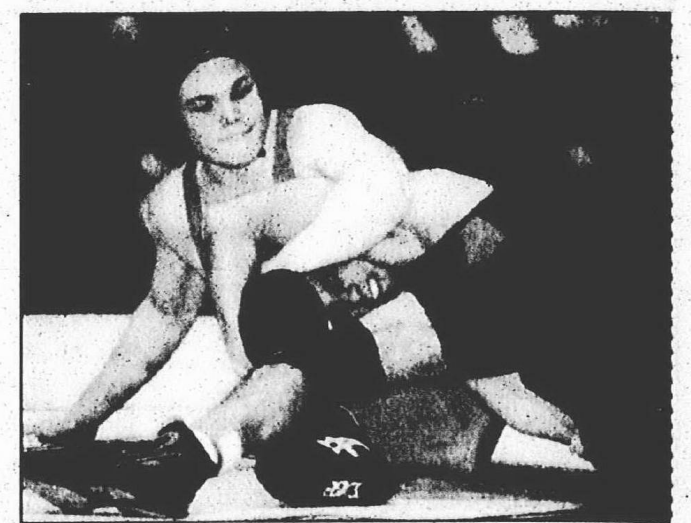
It's the first tournament the Shamrocks have won this season, and they're hoping to use it as a springboard to greater success.

"We're looking to go up to state and make some noise," Rodriguez said. "The well has been dry too long. This will give us a boost to get ready for states."

With five wrestlers in the championship finals, the Shamrocks had a 24-point lead over Livonia Stevenson, 211-187, and the title virtually locked up before the individual bracket winners were decided.

CC finished with 231 points and Stevenson 199. Plymouth Canton had its best showing since being the 1992 runner-up, finishing third with 195 points. The top five included Plymouth Salem (161) and host Livonia Churchill (124).

"I think we wrestle the toughest schedule in the state of Michigan," said CC senior Mitch Hancock, who won his second-straight title and was named the most valuable wrestler in the upper weights (160-275).



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Runner-up: Canton's John Pocock beat Garden City's Josh Fee in the 140-pound semifinals.

"This is a big stepping stone. The guys realize as a team we can come through and do anything. We knew we were going to win it. We've worked hard and we're peaking at the right time going into the long stretch."

In addition to Hancock, CC had three other champions — junior heavyweight Aaron Parr, 135-pound senior Jeff Wheeler and 171-pound junior Ryan Rogowski.

Parr was seeded second and pinned No. 1 Josh Rose of Clarenceville in the final. Parr also pinned his first two opponents in less than two minutes.

"He's just starting to come around," Rodriguez said.

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A winner: After beating CC's Jay Abshire, Salem's Josh Henderson won the 140 title.

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adding Parr was pinned by Rose in an earlier meeting. "I knew, if he got a second shot at him, he might do better."

"Working with (former two-time state heavyweight champ) Casey (Rogowski) is starting to pay off. He started out slow and little by little he started winning some matches."

Top-seeded Wheeler won an 8-2 decision over No. 2 Steve Dendrinos of Salem, but the score was just 4-2 until late in the match when Wheeler got a takedown and nearfall.

Hancock, who won at 152 last year, breezed through the 160-pound bracket with a technical fall in his first bout and two pins. His record this season is 32-0; his career total is 172-13.

"What I'm doing is just preparing myself for the state," he said. "I want to wrestle a state championship match every match."

"I didn't want to give up any takedowns; I wanted to wrestle my offensive style. I gave them all escapes and then took them down. It was a fun tournament; I enjoyed it."

In the last three Observerland finals, Hancock faced future college wrestlers in Stevenson's

Katsuhiko Sueda and Dan Seder, both at Michigan now, and Churchill's Brandon LaPointe.

Hancock, who was a state runner-up last year, hasn't made a college commitment yet.

"I'm wide open right now," he said. "I still have a state championship to win, and that's what is on my mind right now."

Stevenson had the other two MVWs for the second year in a row. Senior Josh Gunterman won that honor again in the lower weights (103-130), and junior Imad Kharbush was recognized by area coaches in the middle weights (135-152).

"It was nice to do it again," said Gunterman, who repeated as the 112-pound champ. "I was fairly confident I was going to win it. I wasn't sure I'd get MVP; that was an added bonus."

A year made a big difference for Gunterman, who came out of nowhere to win last year but was the obvious No. 1 seed this year.

"Last year it was a surprise," he said. "Last year I beat a few kids I wasn't supposed to beat and won it. This year (CC's Chris) O'Hara was the only one I hadn't wrestled."

Gunterman faced O'Hara, who knocked out No. 2-seeded Dan Tondreau of Clarenceville, in the final and won a 10-4 decision over the taller wrestler.

"It's hard to beat a kid like that, because you can't really get leverage on him," Gunterman said. "That's why it was tough riding him. I pinned the other two, but the final match was pretty tough."

Gunterman is 26-0 and hoping to repeat his state-meet success of a year ago. His Observerland victory was a springboard to an eventual state championship in 1999.

"I'd love to be an undefeated state champion," he said. "That's my plan, my goal. Last year, after I won (at Observerland), my confidence was way up. It really got me going. This was pretty much the spark last year."

The 152-pound final pitted defending champs Kharbush (29-2) and Churchill's Mike Carter (27-2) against each other, with Kharbush winning decisively on a 9-3 decision.

Kharbush, who won at 135 last year, had been anticipating the matchup ever since he learned he and Carter, who was the

champion at 145 a year ago, would likely meet sometime.

"I'd been waiting for that match since the start of the season; I wanted to prove everybody wrong," said Kharbush, who was ranked and seeded second behind Carter.

"I was so pumped up for that match, because I've been waiting to wrestle him so long. I couldn't sleep last night. Even in my other matches I wasn't that focused. It was all geared toward my final match."

Kharbush, who pinned his first two opponents, was in control of the championship bout all the way and used his upper-body strength to his advantage.

"When I took a shot, I wanted to make sure I finished it solid and quick, because he has a nice defense," Kharbush said. "When he took a shot, I wanted to kick my legs out as fast as I could and get out as soon as I could, because I knew he could finish it."

"The key to beating him was to score off his shots and make sure he didn't. That was my game plan."

Kharbush qualified for state last year but didn't place. His goal is to place as high as he can

this year.

"This is definitely motivation," he said. "Whether I go 52 or 60, this definitely makes me feel closer and closer to that goal."

Stevenson and Salem had three champions apiece. Chris Cooperider also won for the Spartans at 145. The Salem winners were Ron Thompson (119), Rob Ash (125) and Josh Henderson (140).

Canton's Kyle Pitt (103) and Phil Rothwell (189) won titles as did Westland John Glenn's Jeff Albrecht (130) and Wayne Memorial's Nick Smith (215). Pitt improved his record to 30-0.

Henderson had a close match with Canton's John Pocock in the finals. A stalling point for Pocock put him within a point of Henderson, 5-4. The Chiefs thought Pocock should have been given takedown points, but the official ruled time had expired.

"I thought (CC) wrestled great and deserved to win. So did Stevenson, in finishing second," Canton coach John Demsick said. "I don't think we got seeded up to our ability, but we didn't wrestle to our ability, either. But having 10 guys who placed is still a solid performance."

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the list has to be East Kentwood, the defending champ and a team that has beaten Salem twice this season, and Temperance Bedford, Class A state champ in 1998 and winner of five of the last seven Schoolcraft titles.

Other possibilities are Birmingham Marian, Dearborn, Farmington Hills Mercy, Fenton, Churchill, Walled Lake Central (a tournament finalist last year), Northville, Franklin and Ladywood.

There may be others, but Teeters admits he doesn't have scouting reports on every team — which is why he likes hosting this tournament.

"We'll get a good look at some teams from our conference and others we might see in the state tournament that we normally wouldn't see otherwise," he said.

Play begins at 8:45 a.m. The championship round will begin at approximately 2 p.m., with the title match starting at about 7 p.m.

OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING STATISTICS

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Team standings: 1. Redford Catholic Central, 231; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 199; 3. Plymouth Canton, 195; 4. Plymouth Salem, 161; 5. Livonia Churchill, 124; 6. Farmington, 115; 7. Garden City, 106 1/2; 8. Clarenceville, 94; 9. Wayne Memorial, 90 1/2; 10. Redford Union, 66; 11. Livonia Franklin, 56; 12. Westland John Glenn, 51; 13. North Farmington, 48 1/2; 14. Lutheran High Westland, 41; 15. Redford Thurston, 27; 16. Farmington Harrison, 12 1/2.

275 pounds: 1. Aaron Parr (CC)

pinned Josh Rose (Clarenceville), 2:26; 3. Derek McWatt (Canton) pinned Dan Hine (Stevenson), 2:13; 5. Tony Martinez (Franklin) pinned Carl LaLonde (Thurston), 0:56.

103: 1. Kyle Pitt (Canton) pinned Kyle Malo (Churchill), 2:41; 3. Adam Stacey (CC) pinned Mike Goethe (Salem), 2:35; 5. Jason Fischer (Stevenson) dec. Jacob Davis (Garden City), 11:8.

112: 1. Josh Gunterman (Stevenson) dec. Chris O'Hara (CC), 10:4; 3. Dan Tondreau (Clarenceville) pinned Chris Smith (John Glenn), 4:34; 5. Ramis Bajrami (North Farmington) by technical

fall over Brian Clement (Churchill), 3:00.

119: 1. Ron Thompson (Salem) dec. Jon Simmons (Farmington), 13:6; 3. Pat Sayn (Garden City) dec. Paul Goyt (Wayne), 6:3; 5. Doy Demsick (Canton) dec. Tim Mulroy (CC), 9:4.

125: 1. Rob Ash (Salem) pinned Hosey (Canton), 4:35; 3. Jon Gregg (Wayne) by technical fall over Shannon Simon (Garden City), 4:58; 5. Billy Bullock (Stevenson) dec. Josh Pranschke (Lutheran Westland), 14:10.

130: 1. Jeff Albrecht (John Glenn) dec. Vinnie Zoccoli (Garden City), 7:5; 3. Greg Musser (Canton) by disqualification over Jesse Stevens (RU), 5. Bryan

Marsh (Wayne) dec. Nate Rodriguez (CC), 10:6.

135: 1. Jeff Wheeler (CC) dec. Steve Dendrinos (Salem), 8:2; 3. Brandon Templeton (Garden City) dec. Lev Merigan (Churchill), 7:0; 5. Jamie Bair (RU) dec. Mike Siegrist (Canton), 16:5.

140: 1. Josh Henderson (Salem) dec. John Pocock (Canton), 5:4; 3. Jay Abshire (CC) dec. Josh Fee (Garden City), 6:2; 5. Trevor Clarke (North Farmington) pinned Matt Radley (Stevenson), 2:39.

145: 1. Chris Cooperider (Stevenson) dec. Steve Abar (Churchill), 5:3; 3. Joe Foran (Canton) by injury default over

Jeff Usher (Thurston), 5. Mike Werner (CC) dec. James Clarahan (Farmington), 11:5.

152: 1. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson) dec. Mike Carter (Churchill), 9:3; 3. Mark Ostach (Farmington) dec. Scott McKee (Canton), 3:0; 5. Andrew Bennett (Salem) dec. Chris Craciolo (CC), 6:5.

160: 1. Mitch Hancock (CC) pinned Mike Falzon (Stevenson), 1:35; 3. Erik Toska (Franklin) dec. Mike Murtland (Farmington), 11:1; 5. Eric Kelley (RU) dec. Brian Jones (Churchill), 11:2.

171: 1. Ryan Rogowski (CC) dec. John McFarland (Stevenson), 11:6; 3.

Ben Lukas (Farmington) dec. Craig Medos (Garden City), 11:1; 5. Jose Aguilar (Clarenceville) dec. Matt Navarro (Franklin), 11:8.

189: 1. Phil Rothwell (Canton) pinned Mike Popeney (Salem), 3:45; 3. Eric Puninske (Stevenson) pinned Steve Rotenbeber (Clarenceville), 4:04; 5. Tim Grzecki (Wayne) pinned Matt Markowicz (CC), 4:11.

215: 1. Nick Smith (Wayne) dec. Kyle Domagalski (Farmington), 11:4; 3. Ollie Muscarella (RU) won by forfeit over Kalen McPherson (Clarenceville), 5. Tom Vandenbossche (Churchill) pinned Matt Williams (CC).

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Canton falls *from page C1*

Young said.

"We had open looks down the stretch, but we had a couple go in and out and Farmington made its shots. We couldn't buy a three (point basket) in the fourth quarter."

Young said his team's 23 turnovers was the result of the Falcons' in-your-face defensive pressure.

"You can't turn the ball over that many times and expect to beat a good team like Farmington," Young reiterated. "But (the Falcons) were the reason we turned the ball over so much. They're quick and they have long arms, which makes it difficult."

Senior forward Chad Seaborn engineered the Falcons on the offensive end of the court, scoring 16 points, including three triples.

Justin Milus was Farmington's go-to guy in the paint, racking up 14 hard-earned points inside along with a team-high six rebounds.

"I was especially pleased with the job Justin did defensively against (Jason) Waidmann," Mikel said. "He made (Waidmann) work for everything he got."

Canton junior forward Kenny Nether turned in a solid effort, pouring in a team-high 15 points while grabbing a game-high 10 rebounds. Waidmann excelled, too, netting 13 points, nine boards and four assists.

Canton senior forward Dan McLean was well on his way to having a huge night before suffering a strained knee with 5:11 left in the first half.

McLean, who tallied six first-quarter points, did not return after being assisted off the court by Canton coaches.

Paced by McLean's offensive exploits, Canton led 14-7 after one quarter. The Chiefs' biggest lead of the night came 25 seconds into the second quarter when Waidmann muscled in a layup to put his team up, 16-7.

Sparked by Seaborn outside

and senior center Brian Davies inside, the Falcons stormed back to take a short-lived, 21-20 lead with 30 seconds left in the first half. But two free throws from Nether gave the Chiefs a 22-21 halftime advantage.

A Waidmann layup put Canton up, 34-27, at the 4:19 mark of the third quarter, but Farmington answered with a momentum-changing, 10-0 flurry.

Milus accounted for half of the points in the key run, igniting it with a three-point play and finishing it with two free throws.

Two Nether free throws with 4:04 left tied the game at 43, but Farmington spoiled any hopes Canton had of pulling off the mild upset by scoring the next six points.

Seaborn started the game-winning barrage with a 10-foot jumper off the glass with 3:20 left to give the Falcons a 45-43 advantage.

Chief guard Jimmy Reddy had visions of tying the game with just under two minutes to go when he grabbed a loose ball at mid court and drove down the lane. As he elevated to shoot the ball, he ran into Falcon guard Matt Mikel and was whistled for an offensive foul.

Milus hit a short jumper from the baseline seconds later to put the Falcons up 47-43, but it was too little, too late.

The Falcons shot 35 percent (17-of-58) from the floor and 62 percent (15-of-24) from the charity stripe.

The Chiefs hit 41 percent of their field goals (17-of-41) and 60 percent (9-of-15) from the free-throw line.

Canton outrebounded Farmington, 29-21, but committed more than twice as many turnovers, 23-10.

Nether buried a long three with 25 seconds left to bring Canton to within 51-46, but it was too little, too late.

Basketball *from page C1*

But a slow start to the 1999-2000 campaign, punctuated by a 15-point loss to Adrian Lenawee Christian — the team that eliminated PCA from the state tournament last season — left the Eagles struggling.

Things have started to turn around recently. On Tuesday, PCA hosted its nemesis again, fourth-ranked Lenawee Christian, in a non-league game.

And this time, the Eagles soared.

"We played the game of our lives," said PCA coach Doug Taylor after the 76-60 dismantling of the Cougars. "This is the first time we've beaten Lenawee since I've been here. We just played phenomenal."

"This is just huge for us." PCA improved to 7-4 overall. Lenawee lost for the first time this season; it is 11-1.

One major turning point for PCA came during halftime. All season, the Eagles have jumped out to big leads, only to squander them in the second half.

Not this time. The first half was a dogfight, with the Eagles clinging to a 28-27 advantage.

But the second half was all theirs. "Our kids were so pumped up," said Taylor. "Everything went well for us. Everyone brought their 'A' game."

Including Taylor. Although his team was playing solid defensively in the opening half, he opted to change things up after the intermission, going from a man-to-man to a 1-2-2 half-court trap.

It worked. The Cougars managed just 10 third-quarter points and trailed 47-37 going into the last period. They never caught up. PCA outscored them 48-33 in the second half.

Dave Carty scored a career-high 27 points to lead PCA; he also hit 4-of-6 three-pointers and played stifling defense on one of Lenawee's top threats, Ben Brown, limiting him to three points while he guarded him (Brown finished with 14).

PCA also got 15 points from Derrick Isensee, 11 from A.J. Sherrill and 10 from Mike Huntsman.

For Lenawee, Doug Gray led with 22, 11 coming in the fourth quarter when the outcome was decided. Trevor Faust added 13.

Agape 60, Macomb Christian 34: A strong first quarter by Canton Agape Christian made certain Macomb Christian would remain winless this season.

The Wolverines outpointed Macomb 23-2 in the opening

period and cruised from their Monday in a game played at Westland Stevenson Middle School. The win boosted Agape's record to 7-3; the Crusaders are 0-10.

Paul Anleitner turned in a strong all-around game, collecting 22 points, seven rebounds, seven assists and seven steals. Julian Wettlin added 16 points and 10 rebounds, and Mike Johannes and Mike Wargowsky accounted for six points apiece.

Macomb got 21 points from Joe Nothdurft.

Borgess 88, CC 85 (OT): Senior guard Donald Didlake blistered Redford Catholic Central, and when he didn't, junior guard George Toles did.

Didlake scored 35 points Tuesday night to lead Redford Bishop Borgess to an overtime victory over host Redford Catholic Central.

Didlake scored five of his 35 points in the overtime while Toles scored six of his in the extra time. Toles banked in a three-pointer, stole the ball and whistled in a triple at the buzzer to decide the game.

The Shamrocks built up leads of 19-11 and 40-30 at the end of each of the first two quarters but the Spartans chipped five points off the margin in each of the last two periods.

Catholic Central scored and held Borgess off at the end of regulation to earn an overtime.

Borgess avenged a 105-83 loss in the schools' first meeting this year. The Spartans (7-4) are 4-3 in the Central Division of the Detroit Catholic League while the Shamrocks (7-6) are 5-2 in the division.

Junior guard Ryan Cieskey paced a balanced Catholic Central attack with 16 points. Senior guard Rob Sparks contributed 14, junior guard Mark Willoughby 13 and junior guard Anthony Coratti scored 12. Senior guard Rod Hunt had 10.

The Shamrocks missed four free throws in the overtime (compared to four shots made) after going 19-for-22 in regulation. The Spartans made 18-of-26.

Salem postponed

Plymouth Salem's basketball game, scheduled for Tuesday at Farmington Harrison, was postponed until Wednesday due to the funeral of Mark Bolger.

Bolger, a member of the Rocks basketball team, passed away Friday during halftime of the Salem vs. Livonia Stevenson game. His funeral was Tuesday.

The following is a list of the best Observerland boys swimming times and diving scores. Coaches should report updates to Dan O'Meara by fax at (734) 591-7279 or voice mail at (734) 953-2141.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

North Farmington 1:42.22
Livonia Stevenson 1:42.52
Redford Catholic Central 1:44.54
Plymouth Salem 1:44.76
Farmington/Harrison 1:50.32

200 FREESTYLE

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:48.36
Brandon DiGlia (N. Farmington) 1:51.84
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 1:53.54
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 1:53.92
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 1:54.84
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 1:55.26
Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:55.28
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 1:55.44
Jim Ross (Salem) 1:55.66
Dany Price (Farm. Unified) 1:55.96

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 2:00.17
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 2:06.69
Eric Lynn (Salem) 2:07.43
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 2:07.45
Brad Nelson (Canton) 2:08.22

Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:09.51
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 2:10.33
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 2:11.00
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:11.38
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 2:11.46

50 FREESTYLE

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 22.72
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 22.98
Brandon DiGlia (N. Farmington) 23.11
Eric Lynn (Salem) 23.22
Dan Zoumbaris (John Glenn) 23.29
Mike Johnson (Salem) 23.43
Dan Jones (Salem) 23.69
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 23.73
Brad Buckler (Stevenson) 23.74

DIVING

Chris Totten (Garden City) 295.00
Greg Brazunas (Redford CC) 260.80
Jeff Tallman (Wayne) 249.65
Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 238.05
Dave Sutton (Redford Union) 225.60
Greg Kubitski (Salem) 219.45
Scott Clark (John Glenn) 207.55
Joe Rohde (Redford CC) 199.25
Mark Moretto (Redford Union) 188.00

100 BUTTERFLY

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.29
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 55.02
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 55.53
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 55.75

Ben Dzialo (Salem) 57.45
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 57.99
Brandon Truscott (Stevenson) 58.33
Eric Lynn (Salem) 58.47
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 58.63

100 FREESTYLE

Brandon DiGlia (N. Farmington) 50.39
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 50.64
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 51.42
Brad Buckler (Stevenson) 51.47
Mark Witthoff (Salem) 51.82
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 51.93
Brad Nelson (Canton) 51.94
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 52.30
Sermet Alver (N. Farmington) 52.71
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 52.79

500 FREESTYLE

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 4:55.41
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.86
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 5:06.06
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.80
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 5:10.83
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 5:13.96
Robert Cambridge (Stevenson) 5:14.36
Dany Price (Farm. Unified) 5:14.84
Jim Ross (Salem) 5:16.18
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 5:16.48

200 FREESTYLE RELAY

Plymouth Salem 3:25.02
Livonia Stevenson 3:29.50
Redford Catholic Central 3:31.10
North Farmington 3:31.39
Farmington/Harrison 3:36.04

Redford Catholic Central 1:34.95
Livonia Stevenson 1:35.87
Farmington/Harrison 1:36.50

100 BACKSTROKE

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.62
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 56.46
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 56.53
Eric Lynn (Salem) 57.12
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 59.75
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 59.81
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 1:00.07
John Kern (N. Farmington) 1:00.45
Kevin Ryan (Redford CC) 1:01.16

100 BREASTSTROKE

Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:01.69
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:04.11
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:04.86
Chris LaFond (Redford CC) 1:05.73
Jon Zaid (N. Farmington) 1:07.64
Jason Rebarich (Salem) 1:08.27
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 1:08.54
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:08.62
Dan Zoumbaris (John Glenn) 1:08.87

400 FREESTYLE RELAY

Plymouth Salem 3:25.02
Livonia Stevenson 3:29.50
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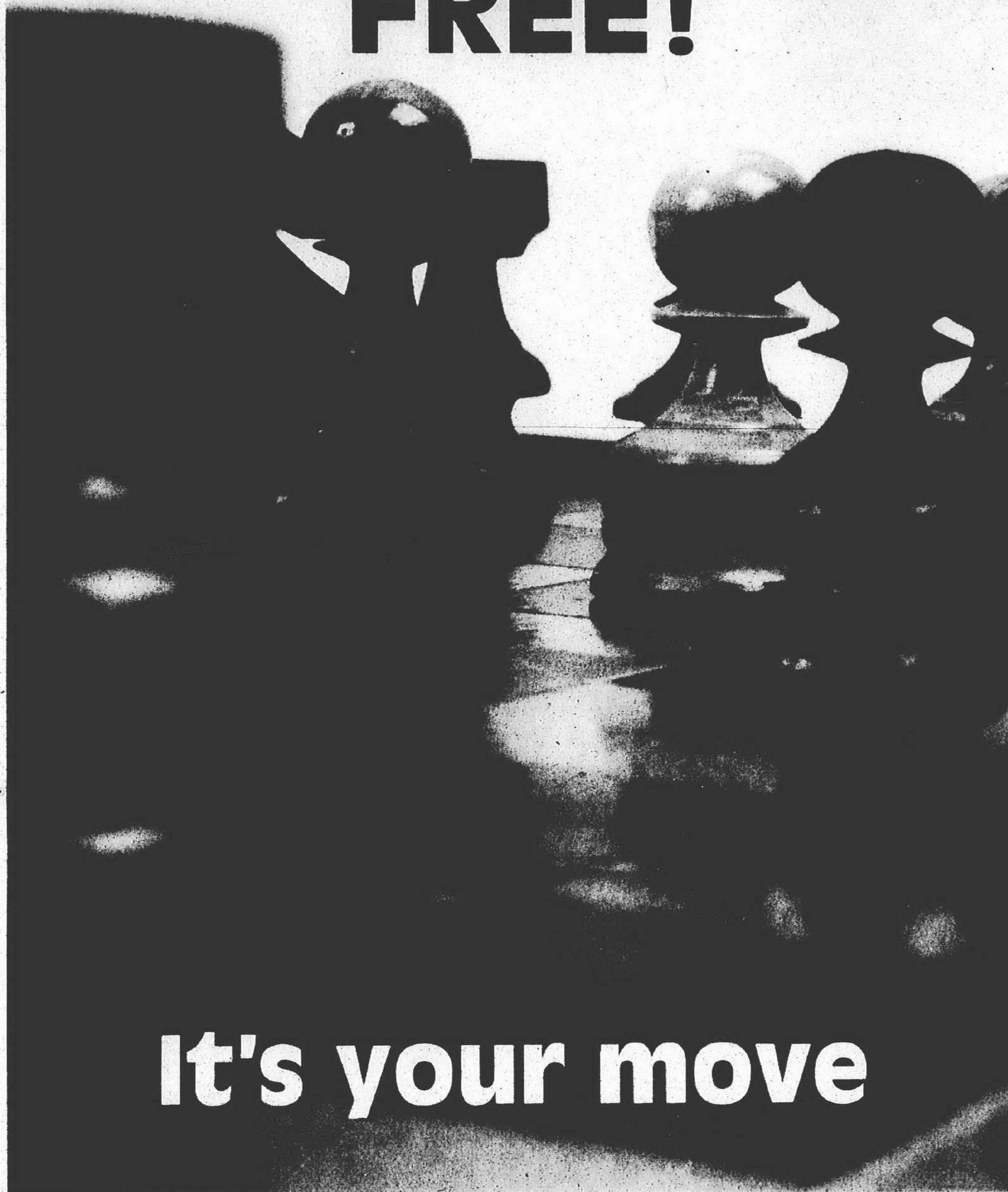
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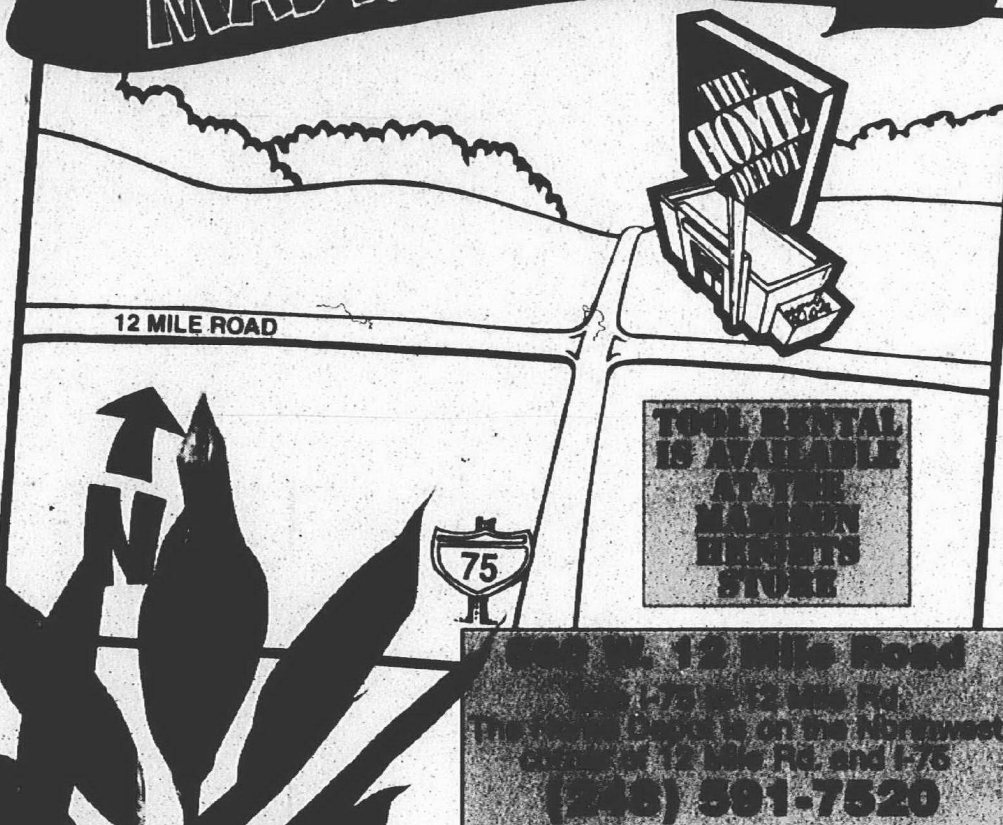
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Charlie (Liam Neeson, left) an undercover DEA agent, is suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome and finds relief with Judy Tipp (Sandra Bullock, right) in "Gun Shy," a dark comedy opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



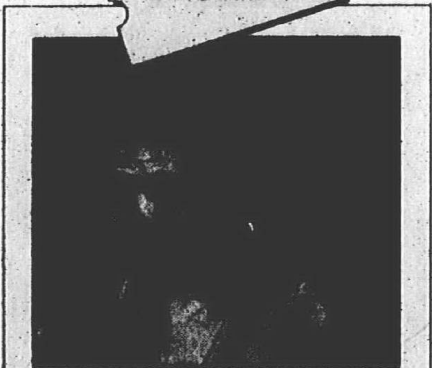
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SUNDAY



Howard Paige serves up samples of delicious food noon to 4 p.m. at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn during the museum's celebration of Black History Month, weekends through Sunday, Feb. 27. Call (313) 271-1620 for information, or visit the Web site, www.hfmgv.org

HOT



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Never reaching the end:

Rock band continues successful journey

Graeme Edge's quick British wit comes as a surprise. The Moody Blues' drummer lost his father in early January, and has been caring for his mother who has Alzheimer's. It's the ability to balance personal lives with their musical career and write songs about those experiences that have made the Moody Blues popular with generations for the last 35 years.

"I'm not really sure why we've continued to be popular," said Edge during a phone interview from his Florida home. "We've never been arrested for anything and we've always sung in tune."

With "Strange Times" the Moody Blues will continue as one of the best-selling recording groups of all times. The new CD goes back to the roots of Moody Blues sound blending orchestral, spoken word and rock. It marks several firsts for the group, including the fact that it was recorded at Studio Mulinetti in Genoa, Italy.

On Sunday, concert goes at Hill Auditorium will be treated to tunes from "Strange Times."

Please see **MOODY BLUES, E2**

WHAT: The Moody Blues perform songs from new as well as old favorites.

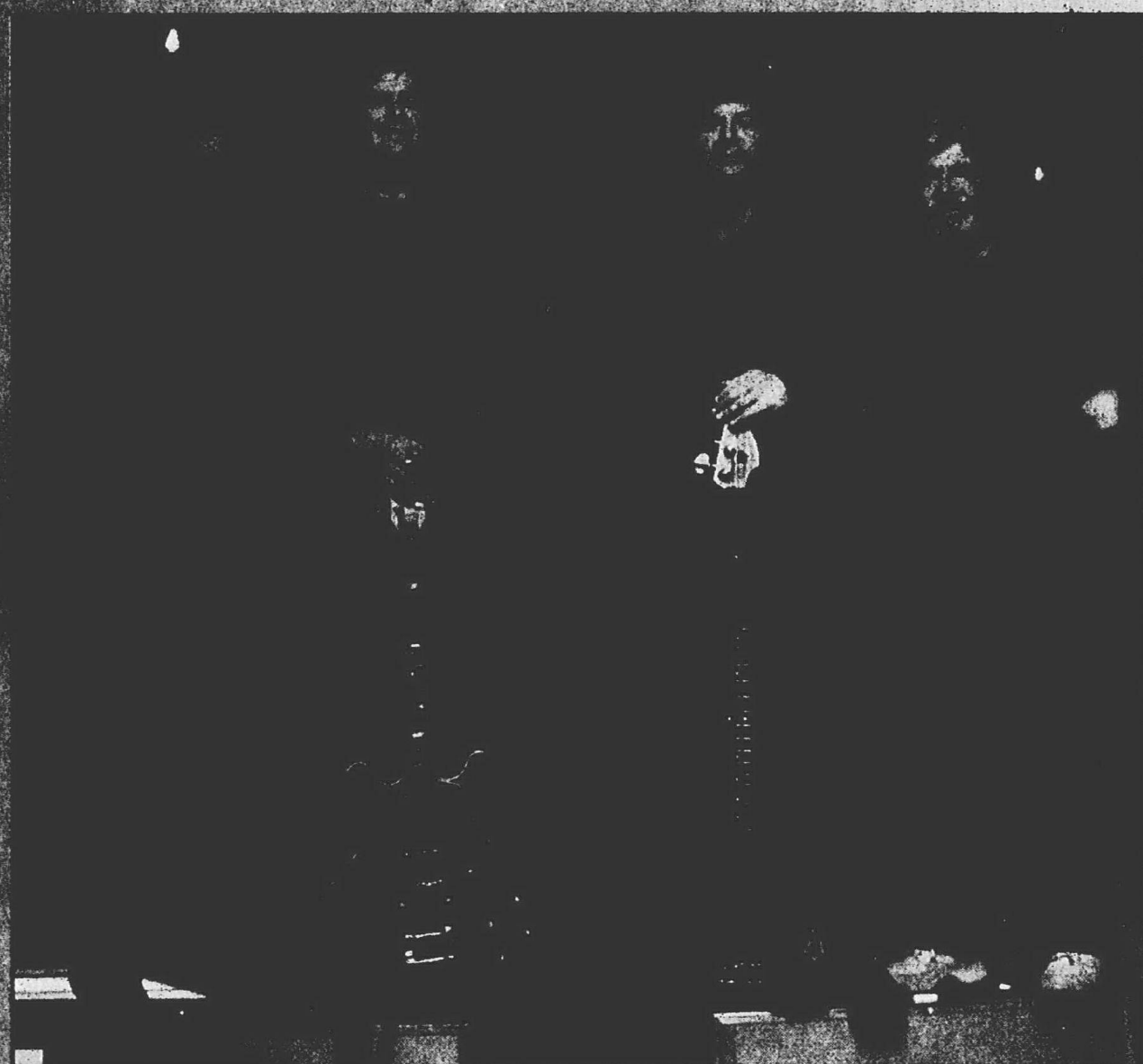
WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6.

WHERE: Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor.

TICKETS: \$39.50 and \$29.50. Call (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666.

THE Moody Blues

STORY BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN



On tour: The Moody Blues are returning to the Detroit area to perform songs from their new CD, "Strange Times," and some old favorites.

POPULAR MUSIC

Olupus aims arrows at Valentine's Day

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Beneath the bronze glow of Xhedos Cafe's luminescent sign, with left-over holiday icicle lights dangling above their heads, four musicians take the small coffee shop stage before a crowd of fans and friends who've huddled into the cozy space. What brings them all to the Ferndale hang-out on this night isn't the cappuccino, it's the music.

Olupus, an alternative folk-pop quartet whose members live in Wayne and Oakland Counties, knows how to evoke a response from their audience. The

WHO: Olupus, with special guests Psyfunk

WHEN: 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11

WHERE: 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac

TICKETS: \$10.

Call the Cupid's Night Out Hotline at (248) 848-0366 for more information.

Tim Berlinghoff in high school. By 1996, bassist P.J. Jacokes had joined in and the newly-named Olupus wrote and recorded their first CD "Passing Ships."

Almost four years later, there's one thing to expect from an Olupus show — unpredictability. That might have something to do with Jacokes' experience with improvisational comedy on the Second City stage in Detroit. The Farmington Hills native's sense of humor translates into randomly cracking jokes and imitating Muppet voices in song. But he said, it's the band's stage presence that keeps the audience entertained: "I've been told that we really seem to know how to relate to the audience as a whole. We are up there to play our music, but we try and make sure that everyone enjoys themselves. I think a lot of bands have solid music, but they get into trouble expressing it live."

"Plus we write pop gems, which is helpful."

'Romance is going out of your way, for really simple things. Like picking out a bouquet, rather than buying what Meijer's already had prepared ... It's honest. Real feelings. It's time alone — spent together. It's catching the other person off guard with an "I love you" or a gift. Any fool can buy flowers February 14th, but buying them June 10th, that's romantic.'

— P.J. Jacokes
Bassist, Olupus

Those gems will convert into a virtual shower of musical valentines during the second annual Cupid's Night Out, a festival featuring Olupus and guests Psyfunk Friday, Feb. 11. All it took was one song, "(My Favorite) Valentine," to spur the idea. "We wrote the Valentine's song and we decided we wanted to do a huge show on Valentine's Day for the song," said Davidson, a Redford resident and Bloomfield Township native.

Miller, also a Redford resident, added: "Every other holiday had songs to go with it. We wanted to do something to go with ours." And so they have succeeded. It's a night out for cupids and anti-cupids alike, set to a soundtrack of freewheeling love songs.

Please see **OLUPUS, E2**

Baritone makes music come alive

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Erik Chalfant chats nonstop about his recital on Sunday at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills as if it were the most important one of his career.

The New York baritone likes to fuse a variety of musical styles into his programs to expose audiences to as many cultures and life experiences as possible.

During his recital on Sunday, Feb. 6, the audience will hear everything from Brahms' "Lower Rhine Folk Song" in German to

Please see **BARITONE, E3**



Erik Chalfant

"Songs of Night & Day"

WHAT: Erik Chalfant sings works by composers ranging from Faure to Sondheim. Admission is free.

WHEN: 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6. A light reception precedes the concert at 2:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

WHERE: Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, west of Mid-diebt, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860 for information.

Moody Blues from page E1

The Moody Blues' first new recording since 1991, and classics such as "Nights in White Satin" and "I'm Just a Singer (In a Rock 'n' Roll Band)." The Ann Arbor concert is part of a tour that takes the Moody Blues through the U.S. and England until the end of April. A legend in pop history, the group is in much demand. Members will be lucky to have one day off a week during stops in the Midwest.

"None of us really live in England anymore though we maintain homes there," said Edge. "We were turning up in Soho (London) and making albums like a bunch of Troglodytes when one of us went to do some work on someone else's album at Studio Mulinetti. It was set on a cliff and (studio engineer) Danilo Madonia's mother made us great Italian food."

Like the old days

"It was more like the old days. And it was the first time we produced ourselves. We were conscious of not putting strains on the bands. We worked in two to three week stretches of time over the last two years with regards to our waistlines. For our last album we went in and worked three months straight. Another first was whoever wrote the song got to produce it. The rest of us could throw in ideas and they were used or not. It didn't bother us if they weren't because you

realized when it was your song, you'd get to produce it."

Nothing changes

The Hill Auditorium audience will hear Edge's poem "Nothing Changes" in the second half of the program along with oldies like "Your Wildest Dreams." Edge had been carrying the poem around for some time before he arriving at Studio Mulinetti in Italy. Ominous lyrics speak of winter's war and a dark future if we do not change.

"We've got the toys now to screw things up," said Edge. "We're standing at the crossroads. I have an optimistic heart, but a pessimistic brain. The Internet is breaking down the barriers. The positive side is we'll be a mono-culture."

Musical family

Born in Birmingham, England, Edge grew up listening to everything from Chopin to Caruso so it came as no surprise to his parents when he chose a musical career.

"My father was an untrained opera singer who used to sing in Music Hall as it's called in England. You know it as Vaudeville here in the States," said Edge. "Mom was a pianist, mostly for silent movies. At age 11, I heard Bill Haley and the Comets play '10 Little Indian Boys' and got interested in rock 'n' roll from there. In my early days, I played

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Graeme Edge
Drummer, Moody Blues

snare in a marching band (at church) then my parents bought me a drum kit and put up with it."

Edge moved to London at age 22 to play with the R & B Preachers, and the Silhouettes until joining with Ray Thomas and Mike Pinder to form the Moody Blues. Justin Hayward and John Lodge joined them shortly thereafter. Released in 1966 their ground-breaking album, "Days of Future Passed," remained on Billboard charts for more than two years. Recorded in stereo and with a symphony orchestra, it was one of the very first concept albums.

"I started playing for \$25," said Edge, who during the Moody Blues' four-year sabbatical in the mid 1970s recorded two solo albums - "Kick Off Your Muddy Boots" and "Paradise Ballroom." "You don't gradually work your way up. You get a break or not. I've been with the Moody Blues 35 years, but worked as a profes-

sional drummer for 38 years. My dad's definition of a professional musician is somebody who would rather play than starve."

Intense schedule

Edge is looking forward to returning to Ann Arbor even though he's only been home nine days since Aug. 13 due to his intense touring schedule and family illness. He's always liked playing in Ann Arbor, at Pine Knob and other places in metro Detroit with the Moody Blues. As a thank you to their fans, the group will do two one-hour sets that will include many oldies. Edge never tires of playing the songs from "In Search of the Lost Chord," "On the Threshold of a Dream" and "Seventh Sojourn," to name a few of the Moody Blues' top-selling albums.

"I know what it's like to be a fan. I went to see Elton John six or seven years ago and was disappointed because he didn't do any of the old material, only the new," said Edge. "That's why I like doing the old material. I never get fed up performing on stage and watching people enjoy themselves."

Olupus from page E1

Olupus-style.

"We try and make Cupid's night out a very interactive experience," said Jacques. "Most of our shows have interaction, but not as grand as C.N.O." Those still Valentine-less need not worry. Just enter Olupus' "Favorite Valentine Contest" by writing 49 to 51 explaining why you should be the band's Valentine. Expect a barrage of surprises, including a handful of new songs to the set list - a mix of covers and originals.

"This year we are debuting at least three brand new songs," Jacques added. "They become Valentines for the fans who know our stuff well. We stick to the relationship songs for this show, the boy-meets-girl songs. Some of them are love songs. But we also realize that, for some people, Valentine's day is a good

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P.J. Jacques
Bassist, Olupus

day to be bitter about defunct relationships, so we play a fair share of love-gone-wrong songs."

There's something for everyone. But those who dare sit in the front row, better be fans of Barry White-style crooning and close contact; Davidson draws his energy from the audience, giving those off-stage a chance at the limelight. "I love our audience," he said. "I love fans. There, that's the performance high," he said, pointing off-stage as the lights fade.

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Stephen Sondheim's "Tomorrow" from "Annie." Midway through the first half of the program, Chalfant will follow an evening prayer by Charles Gounod with Charles Ives' dissonant "Sunrise." The audience will receive translations for the songs sung in Italian, German and French.

"Ives may sound strange after hearing Gounod, a 19th century French romantic," said Chalfant. "Ives is an American 20th century rough and tough, angular sound."

The title of the program, "Songs of Night and Day," comes from the theme of the repertoire and from Chalfant's approach to recital singing.

"I want to invite someone familiar with classical and art songs to hear musical theater and to those who like musical theater, to reveal to them poems about night and day in art songs. To my mind, the musical theater I'm singing is much more suited

to a classical singer. Porter and Rodgers and Hammerstein were written for piano and voice and have the same kind of impulse as an art song — a poem and a lyrical melody."

Ties to metro Detroit

This is Chalfant's second recital at the church. He first appeared there in June after his aunt, Martha Chalfant, suggested he perform in the church's music series. Erik visited metro Detroit often as a boy.

"My aunt was instrumental in my early development," said Chalfant. "We always went to Cranbrook and to see productions in Detroit. We visited the museums. I loved it."

Linette Popoff-Park will accompany Chalfant on piano for a second time at the church. Violinist Veklda Kelly is also joining them for the recital.

"One of Erik's many talents is to design a varied program from

arts songs to Broadway," said Popoff-Park, chairman of the music department at Madonna University in Livonia.

The son of a Protestant preacher, Chalfant had plenty of opportunity to sing in church and church theater. He learned to sing and play piano at a young age. His mother was a pianist who began instructing her son at age five.

"My father was in front of people all the time," he said. "I learned from him to communicate to an audience."

Childhood

A native of Chicago, Chalfant grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a piano major in college until attending Tanglewood Institute where he met noted American soprano Phyllis Curtin. Chalfant moved to New York four years after completing graduate studies with Curtin at Boston University. It was

Curtin's prompting that led him to New York from Boston, where he'd been teaching voice and had a faculty appointment at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Mass.

"She told me if he wanted to perform, I'd have to move to New York to find opportunities for recitals," said Chalfant. "She also told me that while she enjoyed her career making a living off dead composers, we have a responsibility to give the composers of this day their voice."

Chalfant's followed both pieces of advice. He has premiered songs of Boston composer Brian Cobb at the Berklee School of Music, and Sara Doncaster's six "Biblical Sonnets" with orchestra on the New Music at Brandeis University Concert Series.

Recital singing

Chalfant rides himself on being a recital singer, equating it to the "big art form of opera but

instead of all the flamboyant costumes and props there's one person standing there in the curve of the piano."

"An audience member may be more familiar with a Beethoven Sonata and not as familiar with a Brahms song or Gabriel Faure. You have to have the ability to be involved with the poetic essence and have an honesty with the material at hand and be familiar with the music and literature. That's what brought me to recital singing. Well-performed music is something not being done by rote. You have to put intention and meaning into what you're singing. You have to make music come alive to people."

Honesty is the reason Chalfant traveled to the Paris Conservatory for private diction coaching and to refine those aspects of his singing that would be detected by a Parisian ear.

"It all goes back to my theme of honesty. I have to be as profi-

cient as possible with the language and that includes not only French but Italian and German. I have a fascination with French culture but it goes back to maintaining an honesty in my singing," said Chalfant, who also has a degree in French literature. "When I sing a recital I have to be polished. When we go to another country, we don't expect to ask for the bathroom in English. You have to make an effort. It involves active listening. That's part of the joy. It's like going to France and Germany with these three or four poems. The more they travel, the richer the experience. By exploring something different, you learn humanity is all the same. Listening to a love song in German as English. It's all about a boy and girl finding each other and falling in love."

In the future, let's remember artists who tell our story

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

Are you one of the many who received the gift of a millennium time capsule over the holidays? If so, it's likely storing a fruitcake or some other item that you haven't figured out what to do with yet.

The intent, of course, is to gather items that reflect your family experience at the turn of the century. The hitch is that if the item is practical, you're still using it and probably don't wish to tuck it away now. If trendy, you don't consider it significant enough to be preserved. I'm not sure I want to saddle my ancestors with the responsibility of trying to figure out Pokemon when I don't understand the craze myself.

As we face the challenge of assembling our personal or family history, we realize the innate flaws of any chronicle of people, culture, and events. George

Washington and Abraham Lincoln will be remembered this month, but we aren't getting the full story unless we gain a perspective of the people and issues of their times. Imagine the obstacles in developing an accurate history of African Americans.

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al tool, with over one hundred schools throughout the Detroit area and the nation using it as a curriculum supplement.

The challenge of gaining historical perspective is to reach beyond the biographical. George Washington and Abraham Lincoln reflect just a snapshot of our young nation. A generation ago,

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The research, talent and passion of Walter Allen Bailey is now making the whole story available, not just for students,

but for us all.

A Detroit area turn-of-the-century time capsule might include corporate headquarters, a new stadium of two, and even a casino.

Let's make sure it also makes space for the work of Walter Bailey and other artists who vividly tell our story.

DINING EVENTS

Send dinner specials, menu changes, restaurant renovations, and other items for consideration in the Entertainment section to: Keely Wygonik, Assistant Managing Editor, Features Group, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homedcomm.net.

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MT. ZION THEATRE: "The Celestial Helix and Other One-Act Plays," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Feb. 4-5 and 11-12, interpretation for the deaf Feb. 4, at the Mt. Zion Center for the Performing Arts, Waterford. \$8 advance, \$10 at door, \$7 students/seniors/groups of 20 or more. (248) 673-5432

MORRISCO ART THEATRE: "The Lady's Not for Burning," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 3-5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Ann Arbor Civic Theatre. \$15, \$12 students/seniors. (734) 996-2549

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY: "A Soldier's Play" opens 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 (\$10) and continues through Sunday, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 6 p.m. Sundays, at Detroit's Holistic Development Center. \$15-\$18. (313) 872-0279

STAGECRAFTERS: "Cinderella," through Feb. 6, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays (except Thursday, Feb. 3), and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. \$14-\$16. (248) 541-6430

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM: "Oliver," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, at the theater, Birmingham. \$14, \$12 students under 18 and under. (248) 644-2075

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

LITTLE PEOPLE PLAYERS: "The Frog Prince," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Novi Civic Center Stage. \$10, \$8 advance. (248) 347-0440

MOSAIC YOUTH THEATRE: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5 and 11-12, at Planet Art Theatre, Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 365-4948

SPECIAL EVENTS

BOAT, SPORT & FISHING SHOW: 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Pontiac Silverdome. \$7, \$3 children. www.ShowSpan.com

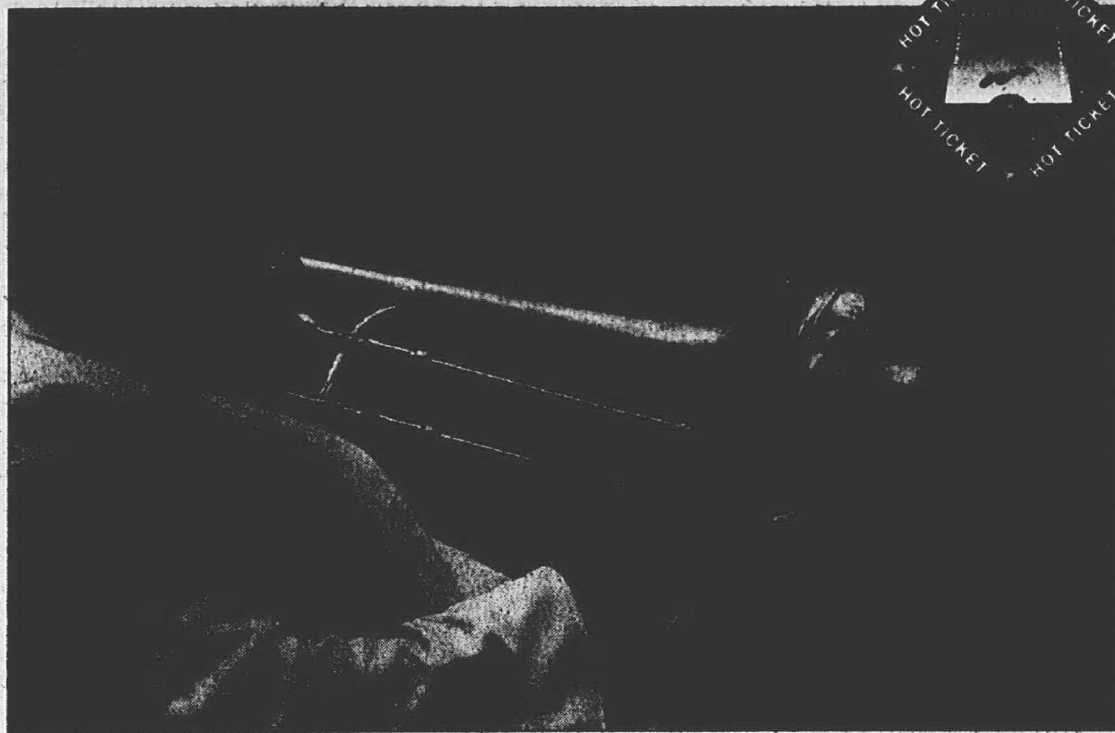
DADDY-DAUGHTER DINNER/DANCE: Dance 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 (\$6), dinner 5:30 p.m. (\$7), at the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, Feb. 2 (248) 354-9603

DAVID COPPERFIELD: "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

FOUR FRESHMEN/ROCHESTER SYMPHONY: Greater Orchestra Performing Arts Council presents The Four Freshmen with the Rochester Symphony, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, Lake Orion Performing Arts Center. Tickets \$14, (248) 693-5436

HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOW: 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 3-4, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, until 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Novi Expo Center. \$6.50, \$4.50 seniors, \$3.50 ages 6-12. (248) 862-1019 or www.builders.org

VISIONS TO REMEMBER ANTIQUES SHOW: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, in the Activities



Jazz: Wycliffe Gordon and other members of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Sextet will perform music ranging from Ellington to Monk and Jelly Roll Morton 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. \$18-\$36 for the Feb. 4 concert; \$20 adults, \$10 children for the family performance on Feb. 5. Call (734) 764-2538 or visit the Web site at www.ums.org

Center at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Grosse Pointe Shores. \$6. Preview Party 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 to benefit the visually impaired. (313) 824-4710

WALLED LAKE ICE FESTIVAL: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, until 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, on the grounds of the Walled Lake Community Education Building. (248) 926-9004

WESTLAND WINTERFEST: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, activities begin at noon, fireman breakfast, concert by Harpbeat, Mask Puppet Theater, magician juggler Ben Spritzer, and arts and crafts.

VALENTINE'S DAY

DINNER DANCE: Featuring the Farmington Community Band, Friday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m. buffet dinner followed by dancing until midnight, at Glen Oaks Country Club, Farmington Hills. \$40. (734) 261-2202/(248) 489-3412

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: And guest conductor Jerzy Semkow perform symphonies by Mozart and Bruckner, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at Orchestra Hall. \$14-\$50. (313) 576-5111

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "Deja Vu-I Love You," 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, in the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium. \$10. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741

REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY: 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Hilbert Junior High School, Redford. Free.

SOUTHFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Concert featuring classical compositions by African-American composers, and the Brazel Dendard Chorale, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$12, \$9 students/seniors. (248) 557-2085

NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Concert singer Erik Chalfant, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 at the church in Farmington Hills. Light reception precedes concert at 2:15 p.m. (248) 476-8860

POPS/SWING

MUSICAL REUNION: Tom Saunders' Surfside Six and Eric Mannering's Imperial Jazz Band, 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Monaghan K of C Hall, Livonia. \$10 advance, \$12 at door. (248) 476-2674/(248) 476-8383

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: "Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through November, at Andiamo Italia West, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

ALTO 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, Detroit. No cover. (313) 965-0200/(248) 354-1194

AUDITIONS

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE: Auditions for West Side Story 6-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11 and 1-5 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 12-13, at the theater, Grosse Pointe. For performances May 4-20. (248) 594-9673/(313) 884-0196 or www.gpt.org

JAZZ & SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE: Auditions 3 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 5 and 12, and 11 a.m. Sundays, Feb. 6 and 13, at the Northwest Activities Center, Detroit. (313) 862-0966

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: Youth auditions for "The King & I," noon Saturday, Feb. 5 (registration begins at 11 a.m.), at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. For performances May 12-14, 18-21, and 25-31 and June 2-4. (248) 541-4832

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA

REDFORD: 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.

VOCAL COMPETITION: Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan is looking for entrants for its sixth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School Students, finalists will be selected from cassette audiotape auditions of each contestants singing submitted through their respective high schools, deadline for entry is Saturday, Feb. 19. Each of the 10 finalists perform before a live audience at a concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at the Italian-American Cultural Center in Warren. (734) 455-8895

CHORAL

MEASURE FOR MEASURE: Presents a concert 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at First United Methodist Church, Plymouth. \$8, \$5 students/seniors, and will be available at the door 30 minutes before the concert. For advanced ticket sales or more information about this concert or other concerts in the Noteworthy Concert Series, call (734) 453-5280

JAZZ

TODD CURTIS: Thursdays, at Elie's, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

MAYNARD FERGUSON: And his 10-piece band Big Bop Nouveau perform as part of Detroit Symphony Orchestra's jazz series 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$16-\$62. (313) 576-5111

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

RICH K. TRIO: 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With trumpeter Bill Lucas 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, with vocalist Barbara Ware 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. \$5

cover. Reservations recommended for the Jazz Room. (734) 762-7756

ROBERT PENN: 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 and 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

STRAIGHT AHEAD: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, in Kresge Hall at Madonna University, Livonia. Free. (734) 432-5541

JANET TENAJ TRIO: Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahne, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

PAUL VENTIMIGLIA: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

ED WELLS: The pianist performs 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

WILL DANFORTH: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at Green Wood Coffee House, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8558

LONESOME AND BLUE: Perform as part of Folk Vespers 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at First Baptist Church, Birmingham. (248) 644-0550

THE MOLLYS: Play a mix of Irish, Mexican and American folk music, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$11. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666/(734) 761-145

MUSTARD'S RETREAT: 8 p.m. Saturday, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666/(734) 761-1451

JACKIE ROUSH: The punk-folk artist performs 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Coffee Studio, Plymouth. Free.

www.JackieRoush.com

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

THE MACGUFFIN: An Open House to learn more about The MacGuffin literary journal, 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, in room 200 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, Livonia. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5292 or e-mail at alinden@schoolcraft.cc.mi.us

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. (734) 762-7586

DANCE

BALLROOM DANCING: 9 p.m. Saturdays, at the Dance Scene, Centerline. \$6. Also swing and Latin classes. (810) 757-6300

BIG BAND DANCING: 8-11 p.m. every Friday, free dance lesson 7-8 p.m., at The Amber House, Warren. \$5. (810) 754-3434

CONTRA DANCE: 8 p.m. (7 p.m. waltzes) Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$7 (734) 665-7704

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at the Ann Arbor Art Center, in conjunction with "Collective Memories" art exhibit which runs to Feb. 19.

(734) 994-8004, ext. 101
GENDER FREE CONTRA DANCE: 8 p.m. (7 p.m. waltzes) Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$6, \$5 students. (734) 975-2312

HUNGARIAN FOLK DANCE: Language and zither lessons. (248) 352-0927/(734) 946-6261
LORD OF THE DANCE: Tuesday-Sunday, Feb. 8-13, at the Fox Theatre. \$10-\$60. (248) 433-1515/(248) 645-6666

MACOMB BALLET COMPANY: "Coppelia," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township. \$14 advance, \$12 students/seniors advance, \$15 at door, \$13 students/seniors at door. (810) 286-8300

DONALD MCKAYLE: And University of Michigan choreographers featured in U-M Dance Company's concert, "Worldwide Rhythms," Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 3-6, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$14 and \$18. (734) 764-0450

POLISH ALLIANCE DANCERS OF DEARBORN: Dance and language classes for ages 3 to adult have begun Saturday mornings at Prince of Peace Church, Dearborn. (313) 581-3181

POLKA BOOSTER CLUB: Dance with music by the Varitones, 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Pvt. John Lyskova Post, Dearborn. Hgts. \$9. (313) 937-1316/(313) 561-8389

STARDUST BALLROOM: Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, Southfield. \$8. (248) 356-5678

WORKSHOPS ON DANCE MUSICIANSHIP: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. (3:30 p.m. band rehearsal) Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. free. (734) 769-4220

COMEDY

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Comedy's top cop Ross Amicucci with Mario and Dee Profit 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, at the club, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

FOX THEATRE: "Comic View All-Star Comedy Jam," with Sommore, Earthquake, Bruce Bruce, Shucky Ducky and Lester Barrie, 8 p.m. Sat. Feb. 19. Tickets \$27.50-\$35. (248) 645-6666

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Kevin Meany, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5; Mary Ellen Hooper Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 10-13, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Phil Perrier Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 3-5; Bob Zany and Tim Rowlands Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 10-12, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: Offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, 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 INSTITUTE OF ARTS: First Friday activities include the music of Peru, senufo fabric paintings, drawing in the galleries, ceremonial mask carving demo, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at the museum, Detroit. Recommended donation \$4, \$1 children. (313) 833-7900

DETROIT ZOO: Mosaic Youth Theatre performs works about amphibians 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays through March 25 in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery Theater at the zoo, Royal Oak. \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students. \$4.50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: Celebrates Black History Month, at the museum, Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Valentine's Dinner Saturday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m. reception and tour of the hall, and 8 p.m. dinner (\$65); 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

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM: "A Stitch in Time" quilt exhibit continues through Saturday, Feb. 26, at the museum, 1005 Van Hoosen Road at Van Hoosen Farm, Rochester Hills. \$3, \$2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663

U-M MUSEUM OF ART: 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, lecture by Marshall Wu, curator of Asian art at the University of Michigan Museum of Art on "The Orchid Pavilion Gathering," a exhibit of 60 Chinese works spanning nearly 900 years continues to Sunday, March 26; Chinese Lantern Festival features hands-on activities and performances to celebrate Chinese art and culture 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Free, but a \$5 donation is suggested. Call (734) 764-0395 or visit the Web site at www.umich.edu/~umma/

LIVE MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and over (blues)

LORI AMEY: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Borders Books and Music, Utica. (810) 726-8555; 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Espresso Royale, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-2770; 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Borders Books and Music, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-7652; 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Coffee Beanery, Royal Oak. (248) 543-6653; 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, Borders Books and Music, Novi. (248) 347-0780

MARC ANTHONY: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Ticket price to be announced.

FIONA APPLE: 7:30 p.m. showtime, Friday, March 10, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Ticket price to be announced. (248) 645-6666

APOLLO FOUR FORTY: 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$8.50 advance/\$10 day of show. (248) 645-6666

ASTRAL PROJECT: 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$15 advance. (734) 662-8310

ANTHONY B: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$15 advance, 18 and over. (313) 833-9700 (roots reggae)

THE BACON BROTHERS: Starring Kevin and Michael Bacon, with Jeffrey Gaines, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$20. (248) 645-6666

BECK: 7:30 Thursday, Feb. 3, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. All ages. \$22.50. Call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-TKTS.

BENNY AND THE JETS: Tuesdays with Karaoke Cowboy Robert Murphy, Reiser's Keyboard Lounge, Westland. www.bennyandthejets.com

BLACK OCEAN DROWNING: Featuring Dead By 28 and Degenerative Velocity, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$7. (248) 645-6666

BLACK SHEEP: Featuring Das Efx, Mountain Climbaz, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15 advance/\$18 day of show. (248) 645-6666

BLUE FLOYD: With members of Gov't Mule and Black Crowes, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$20 advance. (313) 833-9700. (bluesy Pink Floyd covers)

BLUE RAYS: 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Arbor Brewing Company, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and over. (734) 213-1393

BRANDED: With PT's Revenge and Sugar Pill, 10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, Cross Street Station, Ypsilanti. \$5, 18 and over. (734) 485-5050; 10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. No cover, 19 and over. (734) 996-8555

THE BROTHERS CREEGAN: Features current and former members of Barenaked Ladies, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. \$10. (248) 645-6666

BROTHERS GROOVE: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

THE BUSINESS: Featuring Beer Zone, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, The Shelter, Detroit. \$10 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666

CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL: Featuring Calypso/Soca band Krostyah and Pans of Joy, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb.

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5, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$15 includes Caribbean cuisine, Limbo, costumes, steel drum music. (248) 645-6666

SCOTT CAMPBELL: Will host an acoustic open mike jam every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Carbon, Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. Free admission, free parking, 18 and over. (313) 366-9278 or www.scottcampbell.net.

CASH MONEY MILLIONAIRES: Featuring Juvenile, The Hot Boys, 'Lil Wayne, B.G. and The Big Tymers, RuffRyders with Eve, DMX, Lox ad Drag-On, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, The Palace, Auburn Hills. (248) 645-6666.

CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

CHISEL BROTHERS FEATURING CHEF CHRIS: 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free, 21 and over (blues).

CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND: Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Beale Street Blues, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.

BRUCE COCKBURN: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$26.50. (248) 645-6666.

COLD AS LIFE: With Turmoil, Haste, Himsa, 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$7 advance. (248) 645-6666.

PAULA COLE: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Clutch Cargo's, Pontiac. All ages. \$15. (248) 645-6666.

CARL CRAIG & KENNY LARKIN: With the 4-turntable tag team, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

ROBERT CRENSHAW: 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

THE CRO-MAGS: With All Out War and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT.

CUBANISMO: 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$25 advance. (248) 645-6666.

LISA CUNNINGHAM: 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. Free Thursday, \$5 Friday and Saturday performances. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856.

DEEP CUT: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday Feb. 4-5, Wayne Brewery, Wayne. (734) 722-7639 (classic rock)

DENNIS CYPORYN: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5089 (bluesgrass)

DJ SKRIBBLE: Will host "Global Beach Party" Friday, Feb. 4, at La Boom teen nightclub, Walled Lake. (248) 962-1000.

THE DONNAS: With The Snugglers, The Plus-Ones, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8 advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.

DREAM THEATER: With Dixie Dregs, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$26.75 advance. (248) 645-6666.

ELECTRIC BOOGALOO: 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com; 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

FAT WRECK CHORDS TOUR: With No Use For A Name, Mad Caddies, Frenzal Bomb, Consumed, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$10 advance, \$12 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

FEMI KUTI: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$13 advance/\$15 day of show. (248) 645-6666.

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.

THE FLOW: Smokestack and Blissfield, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

LESLIE FREDERICK: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (folk)

THE FROGS: With The Witches, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$9 advance, 18 and over. (313) 833-9700.

FUNKTELLIGENCE CD RELEASE PARTY: With All That, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

GRAYLING: CD Release Party with Cromwell and The Lanternjack, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$5. (313)

961-MELT.

GRUESOMES: With Soot and the Sex Machines, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

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, Feb. 3, Fox and Hounds, 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.

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS: 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, The Cavern Club, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900.

MICHAEL HILL'S BLUES MOB: 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Sisko's, Taylor. (313) 278-5340.

HOT WATER MUSIC: With Elliot and Inside Five Minutes, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 1, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$8. (248) 645-6666.

H2O: With Saves the Day and Kill Your Idols, 6 p.m. Friday, March 17, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$10 advance/\$12 day of show. (248) 645-6666

IMPACT 7: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. Free on Thursday, \$5 cover on Friday and Saturday. 21 and over. (248) 305-5856.

ALAN JACKSON: With Lonestar, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$32.50 and \$25.50. (248) 645-6666.

THE JAZZ BUTCHER: Featuring Pat Fish, Max Eider, Kevin Haskins and Owne Jones, 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over, \$12. (248) 645-6666 or (313) 833-9700.

THE JAZZ MANDOLIN BAND: Featuring Jamie Masfield and Jon Fishman, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, 7th House, Pontiac. \$15. (248) 645-6666.

JILL JACK BAND: With Give, Tripper, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6 cover.

JOCELYN B: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. \$5. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856.

JO NAB: 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 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.

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.

K-CI AND JOJO: With Ginuwine, Donell Jones and Ideal, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$35 and \$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

KINA: 7 p.m. Friday, March 10, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. Free. www.961melt.com

KINSEY REPORT: 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Sisko's, Taylor. (313) 278-5340 (blues-funk)

KORN: With Staind, 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$29.50, reserved or general admission. (248) 645-6666.

DONNA KRALL: 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$35, \$25. (248) 645-6666.

KUNG FU DIESEL: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

STEVE LACY & ROSWELL RUDD QUARTET: 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday Saturday, March 31-April 1, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. \$20 advance.

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

SHEILA LANDIS TRIO: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Borders Books and Music, Rochester Hills. Free. (248) 652-0558; 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. (248) 335-5089. See Landis and Rick Matle every other Wednesday at Woodruff's Supper Club, Royal Oak. Free. Call (248) 586-1519 for details. (jazz)

THE LAREDOS: With Reflections, Deuce Coupe Band, 50s Style Valentine's Dance, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Stilettoes Club, 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte. \$22 donation includes food, drinks, door

prizes. 21 and over. (734) 229-0678

LFO: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. All ages. Tickets \$19.31 on sale now. (248) 645-6666.

LIT: 22 Jacks, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15. (248) 645-6666.

LONG BEACH DUB ALL STARS: Featuring Jungle Brothers, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, St. Andrews, Detroit. All ages. \$17.50. (248) 645-6666.

LORDS OF ACID: With Genaside 2, Praga Kahn, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, State Theatre, Detroit. Clutch Cargo tickets will be honored for this change of venue. \$18.75 advance, \$19 day of show. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

MACY GRAY: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15. (248) 645-6666.

MAZINGA: With The Triggers and Cobra Youth, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

BRIAN MCKNIGHT: With Eric Benet, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, Fox Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$47.50 and \$40. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com.

JAMES MCMURTRY: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. \$12 advance. (248) 645-6666.

PAT METHENY TRIO: With Larry Grendier and Bill Stewart, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Royal Oak Music Theatre. \$37.50. (248) 645-6666.

METHODS OF MAYHEM: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$16.50 advance/\$18 day of show. On sale Feb. 19. www.ticketmaster.com or (248) 645-6666

METROPOIX: With Cloud Nine and Liquid 9, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

MOTOR CITY SHIEKS ELECTRIC BLUES: 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, Arbor Brewing Company, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and over. (734) 213-1393.

MOXY FRUVOUS: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$19. \$24. (248) 645-6666.

MORRISSEY: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

MOSS: With Forge and Diety, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$3. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

PETER MURPHY: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$21 advance/\$23 week of show. (248) 645-6666

STEVE NARDELLA BLUES BAND: 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, Arbor Brewing Company, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and over. (734) 213-1393.

THE NEPTUNES: With Cloud Car and Brendan Benson, Saturday, Feb. 5, Club Bart, Ferndale.

NEW BOMB TURKS: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over. \$10 advance. (313) 833-9700.

KERI NOBLE: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (acoustic)

OLUPUS: With Psyfunk, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, 7th House, Pontiac. Tickets \$10. (248) 335-3540

ORIGINAL BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF LOVE: 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, Arbor Brewing Company, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and over. (734) 213-1393.

PLANET OF FUN: Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 3-5, 10-12. Wagon Wheel Tavern, Lake Orion. (248) 693-6789.

POWERMAN 5000: With Chevelle, Friday, Feb. 25, Harpo's, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

THE PRETENDERS: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29, The State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Ticket price to be announced.

PRIME MINISTERS: With Cloud Car

(248) 645-6666. (alternative).

KRISTYN SMYTH: 10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011.

SNO CORE 2000: Featuring Mr. Bungle, System of a Down, Incubus, Tuesday, Feb. 8, State Theatre, Detroit. (248) 645-6666.

BRITNEY SPEARS: With LFO, Bosson, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$34.50. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com.

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 2, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

STEEL PULSE: 9 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. 18 and over. \$20 advance. (248) 645-6666

STROKE 9: With Vertical Horizon, Radford, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, 7th House, Pontiac. \$10 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

THE STILL: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

SUBLIMATION: With Strut and Rhudabega, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

SUBMACHINE: With The Booked, 9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$5 advance. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700. (punk)

SUN MESSENGERS: 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. Free. (248) 305-5856; 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

TANGERINE TROUSERS: 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, Arbor Brewing Company, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and over. (734) 213-1393.

THE TEMPTATIONS: With The Spinners, Sunday, Feb. 27, Fox Theatre, Detroit. Tickets on sale \$32.50-\$40. (248) 433-1515 or www.ticketmaster.com

THIK AND GIT-UR-FIX: With Capstone, Tempered and Flowmind, 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$8. (248) 645-6666.

3 SONGWRITERS, 3 STOOLS, 1 STAGE: Ani DiFranco, Gillian Welch and Greg Brown, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$25 tickets on sale Feb. 5. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666

TINA TURNER: With Lionel Richie, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale Saturday, Feb. 5 for \$85.25, \$55.25, \$35.25. (248) 645-6666

TURNTABLE LOUNGE: With Kristiva DJ Dusty Fingers, poets, 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, 313 JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. (313) 962-7067.

U-ZIQ: Luke Vibert, also known as DJ Wagon Christ, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Shelter, Detroit. \$12, 18 and older. (248) 645-6666.

THE VOLCANOS: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29, Magic Stick, Detroit. Free performance follows War of the Poor bartender competition, open to public. (313) 833-9700.

WARMTH: With Sky Pilots, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$3. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

WCBN FUND-RAISER: With U! The Lonesome Organist and Sweep the Leg Johnny, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

THE WHITLAMS: 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (248) 645-6666.

ANDRE WILLIAMS: With The Lovemasters, Bootsy X, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$9 advance, 18 and over. (248) 645-6666. (r&b)

BROOKS WILLIAMS: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10, with discount for members. (734) 464-6302.

HANK WILLIAMS III: 8 p.m. Thursday, June 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15 advance, \$18 day of show. www.ticketmaster.com for details.

WILLHAVEN: Featuring Turmoil, Haste, Himsa, 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$8 advance. (248) 645-6666.

MARTY WILSON PIPER OF THE CHURCH: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, 7th House, Pontiac. 18 and older. \$15 on sale March 11. (248) 645-6666.

YO LA TENGO: With Lambchop, 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12, 18 and over. (313) 833-9700.

CLUB CIRCUIT

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.tcom.com

ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: Latin dance night, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tuesdays, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free, 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com

THE ARK: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587

ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST: Features Jim Paravantes and Company's "Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the restaurant, 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.

BIRD OF PARADISE: 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

BLIND PIG: "Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons, dancing, 7 p.m. Sundays at the club, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: Acoustic night with Pakistani Tambourine Mondays; Karaoke with DJ Eric Tuesdays; Bridge performs Thursday-Sunday; After-work party with Joint Venture 6-9 p.m. Fridays, all at the club, 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477

CARBON: Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278

CAVERN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET: "Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older; Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or www.961melt.com

COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616

COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

EDISON'S: Downstairs from 220 at 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

ELIE'S: 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS: 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

FLYING FISH TAVERN: See Larry Arbor live 7 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, at the tavern, 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL: 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609

FOX THEATRE: 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611

FOX AND HOUNDS: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800

GOLD DOLLAR: Hip-hop and dance hall reggae dance night with DJ Chino, 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the club, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www.golddollar.com

GROOVE ROOM: 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly, 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com

HILL AUDITORIUM: 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538

JOE LOUIS ARENA: 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6606

JO'S KEY CLUB: 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337

KARL'S CABIN: 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB: Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the club, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9960

LONELY HEARTS CLUB: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506

LOWERTOWN GRILL: 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213

MAGIC BAG: 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030

MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY: Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441

MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER: "Good Sounds," with music by The Tonehead Collective and images by Thomas Video, 9 p.m. Fridays at Magic Stick; 18 and older, Free; "Work Release," Rock 'n' Bowl happy hour with bowling, music and complimentary food from the Majestic Café, 5-8 p.m. Fridays at Garden Bowl, \$6, 18 and older; "Rock 'n' Bowl" with DJ Del Villareal, 9 p.m. Fridays and DJ Guttenberg, 9 p.m. Saturdays at Garden Bowl, Free, 18 and older; "The Bird's Nest," punk rock night with live performances, 9 p.m. Mondays at Magic Stick, Free, 18 and older; "Soul Shakedown" with DJ Big Andy, 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Magic Stick, Free, 21 and older. (313) 833-9700

MEMPHIS SMOKE: 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

MICHIGAN THEATRE: 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397

MOTOR LOUNGE: "Back Room Mondays," service industries employee appreciation night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays, Free, 21 and older; "Family" with DJ's Derek Plasiak, Echo and Deep, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays, 18 and older; "Maximum Overload" on Fridays, 10 p.m. \$6, 18 and older; "Big House," 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays, \$6, 21 and older, all at the club, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com

MR. B'S FARM: 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7035

THE PALACE: 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com

PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATRE: 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac

PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE: 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

ROCHESTER MILLS BEER COMPANY: 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE: 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610

THE SCARAB CLUB: 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250

ST. ANDREW'S/SHELTER: "Three Floors of Fun" 9 p.m. Fridays, \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 afterward, 18 and older; X2K dance night, 10 p.m. Saturdays, "Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays in The Shelter, \$6, 21 and older, St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

7TH HOUSE: 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540

STATE THEATRE: "Ignition" dance night, 10 p.m. Saturdays at the club, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheatre.com

24 KARAT CLUB: 28949 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

313 JAC: Upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush, Detroit. (313) 962-7067

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: 36840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for members. (734) 464-6302

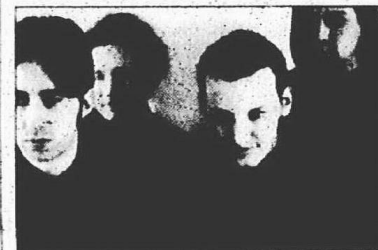
VELVET LOUNGE: 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

WAGON WHEEL TAVERN: 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-6789

WOODRUFF'S SUPPER CLUB: 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519

XNEDOS CAFE: Sista Otis performs 8-10 p.m. Sundays at the club, 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale. All ages. Free. (248) 399-3946

ZIM'S IRISH TAVERN: 1350 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467



and Sights, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over, \$7 at door. (313) 833-9700.

PRIME NUMBERS: With Paradime and Diverse, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

RACHEL AND KAPP: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

RAEKWON: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$18 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666

THE REEFERMAN: 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922; 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

ROLLINS BAND: 6 p.m. Friday, March 31, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$12 advance. \$15 day of show. (248) 645-6666

ROTATION: 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, The Shelter, Detroit. \$8. (313) 961-MELT.

ROYCE: 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. Free. (248) 305-5856

THE RUINERS: With The Krinkles, Driftweed, 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 313 JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. (313) 962-7067.

RUSTY LUNCHBOX: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, U.S. 12 Bar and Grill, Wayne. (734) 722-7639 (alternative)

THE SAMPLES: With Push Stars, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 7th House, Pontiac. 18 and older. \$15. (248) 645-6666.

STEPHANIE SCHINDLER: 8 p.m. Friday, March 10, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (jazz)

SIX CLIPS: 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

SMALL BROWN BIKE: With Quixote and Capture the Flag, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 996-8555, www.blindpigmusic.com

SMALL CRAFT SIGHTING: CD Release Party with Saltwater and Fedora, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

SMASHMOUTH: With Luscious Jackson, 22 Jacks, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, EMU Convocation Center, Ypsilanti.

'Angela's Ashes' evokes spirit of McCourt's best-seller

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Within the pages of Frank McCourt's immensely popular memoir, "Angela's Ashes," emanates the musty dampness, smell of stale whiskey and scent of lukewarm tea, which never quite chases away the ever-present chill of the poverty of mid 20th-century Ireland.

In tone, the film version of McCourt's Pulitzer Prize-winning coming-of-age story brings the book to life. The film was released in local theaters on Friday.

The lanes of Limerick and

McCourt's father Malachy, a Protestant from the north with "the odd manner," are evoked with great detail from the best-selling book. The film, however, offers a somewhat sanitized depiction of the day-to-day torment of the life in the lane.

"Angela's Ashes" is hardly a film about the triumph of the human spirit. As the opening narration points out, the triumph of the story is that young McCourt survived his childhood at all.

Immediately, we are introduced to the hunger and sorrow that is a way of life for the McCourt family with the death of the newborn baby Margaret. The death of the second McCourt

child, shortly thereafter, sends Malachy to the pub for consolation, where Frank finds him using his brother's coffin as a table to rest his pint upon.

As Frank struggles to survive illness, the depths of poverty and the tyranny of the Catholic Church, embodied by his ever-holy grandmother, we are left to hope, "Will it ever get better for this family?"

It doesn't.

There is no Hollywood happy ending, no lesson learned, no joy in Frank's eventual escape from the chains of poverty. But true to the memoir, the film is dark and haunting with bits of comic relief mostly centered around the



Pensive: Emily Watson (Angela) and Robert Carlyle (Malachy) portray Frank McCourt's mother and father in the film based on the author's memoir "Angela's Ashes," which opens Friday.

church's rules and rituals.

Missing from the film is the literary description of the slices of life that seduce readers into thinking in the same lyrical tones as the Catholic wives "tsk,tsk-ing" by the fire. Also absent in the film is the genuine and hilarious bewilderment of the rules of the church, as interpreted by a child.

"Jesus is in my backyard," cries Frank's grandmother, after Frank vomits up his First Communion breakfast. She promptly takes him to confession twice — once to confess vomiting up the body of Christ and a second time to ask whether it should be washed away with regular or holy water.

As he grows up, ambivalent young Frank comes to idolize his

father, despite the fact that "the drink" leaves him unable to keep a job and unable to feed his family. Frank seems determined to keep his faith, unlike his martyred mother, Angela.

In one scene, she complains to her husband about the lack of opportunities for the Irish working class, saying that God hasn't been seen lately in the lanes of Limerick. When Malachy reminds her that she could go to hell for saying something like that, she replies, "what if we are already there?"

"Angela's Ashes" is worth watching for those who enjoyed the book and anyone of the Irish, particularly the Irish Catholic persuasion. They will identify with the family bonding ritual of telling embellished stories 'round

the fireplace and the wait for imminent doom after impure thought or deed. Many will identify with the culture of alcoholism, the proud but guilty hard-drinking man, and the nervous, scornful woman it makes of many Irish husbands and wives.

Non-Irish folk may leave the film thankful for the comfort of their lives.

CLARIFICATION

"Topsy-Turvy" is a film by a film by Mike Leigh. It was incorrectly reported in the Jan. 27 edition of Entertainment that it was a film by Mike Lynch.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 4

GUN SHY

Black comedy starring Liam Neeson, Sandra Bullock, Oliver Platt, and Andy Lau follows Neeson who plays a DEA agent trying to solve one last case before retirement.

THE BIG TEASE

Kevin Allen directs a comedy film about the world of celebrity hairdressing. When a gay, Scottish hairdresser travels to Los Angeles for the Superbowl of hairstyling competition, he finds that luck, charm, guts and a really good hairdryer are the keys to success. Stars Craig Ferguson, Frances Fisher and David Rasche.

SCREAM 3

The final chapter of the "Scream" trilogy brings back the original cast of characters from the films that changed the way viewers thought about modern horror flicks. Stars Neve Campbell, Courtney Cox Arquette, David Arquette, Jenny McCarthy and Parker Posey.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 11

THE BEACH

A young American sets off on an exotic adventure in Thailand, only to discover that the modern-day paradise hides some disturbing secrets. Stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Robert Carlyle.

THE WHOLE NINE YARDS

Nicholas "Oz" Oseransky is a nice dentist living in suburban Montreal. His new neighbor Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski is a hit man in hiding. Oz and Jimmy find themselves with something in common, someone's trying to kill them. Stars Matthew Perry, Bruce Willis and Rosanna Arquette.

REAR WINDOW

Re-release. In this restored version of Alfred Hitchcock's 1954 thriller starring James Stewart and Grace Kelly, Stewart becomes obsessed that he may have witnessed a murder.

SNOW DAY

Chevy Chase, Chris Elliott, Pam Grier and Iggy Pop star in this family comedy about possibilities, friendship and young love. A lovelick teenager declares his affection for the girl of his dreams, a downtrodden employee defies his tyrannical employer, a 10-year-old tackles the scariest villain of his life and plastic action dolls suddenly come to life. Or do they? Anything can happen on a snowy day.

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Exotic adventure: From left, Francoise (Virginie Ledoyen), Richard (Leonardo DiCaprio) and Etienne (Guillaume Canet) ponder the distance they must swim to reach the secret island paradise known as "the beach" in "The Beach" scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 11, at metro Detroit movie theaters.

competitions. On his arrival, he learns that luck, charm, guts and a really good hairdryer are the keys to making his dreams come true. Stars Craig Ferguson.

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Kung Fu meets hip hop on the seedy waterfront of Oakland California, when a shaky truce between Asian and African American crime gangs disintegrates. Stars Jet Li and Delroy Lindo.

THE WHOLE NINE YARDS

Nicholas "Oz" Oseransky is a nice dentist living in suburban Montreal. His new neighbor Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski is a hit man in hiding. Oz and Jimmy find themselves with something in common, someone's trying to kill them and they have to find a way to work together to avoid untimely ends. Stars Matthew Perry, Bruce Willis, Rosanna Arquette and Kevin Pollack.

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The Push Stars bring sparkle back to 7th House



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

For anything that Chris Trapper can't conjure up images of in his mind, he has songs. For all he's dreamt about while gazing out of his window, he has music.

The singer-songwriter and guitarist of Boston-based trio, the Push Stars, writes expressive lyrics and music draped in vivid imagery. Complemented by the creativity of Ryan MacMillan on drums and Dan McLoughlin on bass and keyboards, the Push Stars are beaming with praise of music industry moguls, critics and fans alike.

Countless references to "the next big thing" were tossed around three years before their Capitol Records debut, "After the Party," was released last May. And the album, produced by Jack Joseph Puig (The Verve Pipe) and Gavin MacKillop (Toad the Wet Sprocket), has already generated two distinct singles: "Any Little Town," and "Drunk is Better Than Dead."

Everything truly seems to be shining for this band.

Despite nearly non-stop touring for eight months, Trapper had a few days off when he called from his Boston home on the evening of Monday, Jan. 24, just before the band's return to Pontiac's 7th House. The Push Stars headlined a show there

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Chris Trapper
Push Stars

last November. "It was a casual night as I recall," said Trapper. "I had no idea what to expect. People actually came out."

Those humble words come from a man whose music has matriculated from the dressing rooms of Gap stores, to George Clooney's final episode of "ER" on prime time television, to the mega-successful film "There's Something About Mary."

Perhaps the Push Stars sound finds its way into popular culture so easily because it speaks to the common person. But it does so with a certain elegance. Lyrics like "So smash all your mirrors/And look into me/Cause you're the most beautiful thing/I'll never see" ("Too Much Pride") reveal the delicate beauty in the band's music.

To think it all started in Trapper's New York home. He began writing songs at age 14. His brother taught him how to play the "Batman" theme song on his sister's acoustic, which she hardly played. He was first inspired to write his own song after being picked on in school. Many songs and a college degree later, Trapper moved to Boston seeking

stardom with another band. "There was a big scene. We crumbled very quickly."

So he took a job at a hotel, but continued to write songs — sometimes on wine boxes in the storage room of the hotel. With the encouragement of his parents, Trapper decided to give music one more shot and began performing at coffee houses, open mike nights and poetry readings. At one of those gigs, he met MacMillan. All it took was one promise from the drummer — "If I play with you, I'll get you a major label (deal) in two weeks" — and they were a team.

Enter Dan McLoughlin, whom Trapper met through a college friend. McLoughlin worked at Dreamland Studio and agreed to fill in on bass for a few songs on a recording. The result came to be known as the Push Stars.

The name itself alludes to the bandmates' perseverance in pushing to attain their dream. While Trapper said he feels they are three "nice guys in a cut-throat business," the Push Stars music reflects his sentiment of "choosing a dream and dreaming about where it's going."



Stellar: Chris Trapper, Dan McLoughlin and Ryan MacMillan are pushing for the stars.

Most songs on "After the Party" were written before Trapper had ever toured, written while sitting in his room fantasizing about the lives of different people. "I'm an escapist at heart," he mentioned. "All people are. All people wish they could be richer ... making the most of their daily life and personal relationships."

"Every song captures a major realization, a point in my life," he added. A writer, he said, is some-

one who "sits in the corner and watches the party go on." "After the Party" flaunts that polished insight with evocative style.

That sensitive, story-like songwriting deserves to be showcased on stage, where the band emanates an approachable style — something like watching your friends perform. And what a stellar performance it will be.

Listen for The Push Stars single "Drunk is Better Than Dead," during the opening credits of

"Gun Shy," a film starring Sandra Bullock opening Friday.

Catch them shine as they open for The Samples 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 7th House, Pontiac. 18 and older. \$15. (248) 645-6666. Check out www.pushstars.com.

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STAY TUNED

Calling all metal-heads: **Hip-O Records** remembers how much those '80s power ballads meant to the listening public. That's why they've released a collection "Heart of Metal" containing 12 selections that will make sentimental fans bang their heads once again. The collection includes Cinderella's "Don't Know What You Got (Till It's Gone)," L.A. Guns "Ballad of Jayne," Extreme's "More than Words," and Meat Loaf's "I'd Do Anything for Love (But I Won't Do That)." Rock away.

Reel Big Fish has a real big announcement, the band is re-releasing "Everything Sucks," the first hard-to-find recording. The album was originally released independently in May 1995. The re-released version includes two "lost" recordings "Superhero #5" and "I'm Her Man." This should satisfy Reel

Big Fish fans until they begin the follow-up to the 1998 release "Why Do They Rock So Hard."

Just in time for Valentine's Day Hip-O Records has released "Heart of Soul: Classics" with songs like Montell Jordan's "Let's Chill," Brian McKnight "Your Love's Supreme," and Boyz II Men's "50 Candles." Grab a copy, light some candles and find out what it means to be romanced on the most lovable holiday of the year.

Moonshine Music has a lot to talk about these days. The label will release progressive trance albums for DJ Micro and Christopher Lawrence. DJ Dara and Dieselboy will release new drum n' bass CDs. And DJ Dan is set to give fans a follow-up CD titled "Another Late Night" in March. For more about Moonshine check their site at www.moonshine.com.

Online film, music festival reaches industry moguls

PRNewswire — A diversity of prominent entertainment industry managers, producers, directors, actors, agents and entrepreneurs will serve on the Advisory Board for the StreamSearch.com Internet Film and Music Festival, Sunday, Feb. 20-Monday, March 20, 2000.

The first-of-its-kind online festival will allow participants worldwide to view and vote on a combination of full-length feature films, short films, animated features and music titles from new and established artists.

The Advisory Board appointments signify powerful support from prominent film and music industry leaders for StreamSearch.com's objective of creating unparalleled entertainment events to demonstrate the potential of audio and video streaming.

Each member will help guide the launch and implementation of the Internet Film and Music Festival, serve on the primary Selection Committee for video and audio entries, participate in informative consumer-oriented

online chats during the event, and recommend future improvements.

The StreamSearch.com Internet Film and Music Festival Advisory Board members include: Steve Collins, Vice President, Film & Music, Chrysalis Music; Dan Cox, Journalist, Variety; John Fitzgerald, American Film Institute and

Kevin Foxe, Producer, "The Blair Witch Project."

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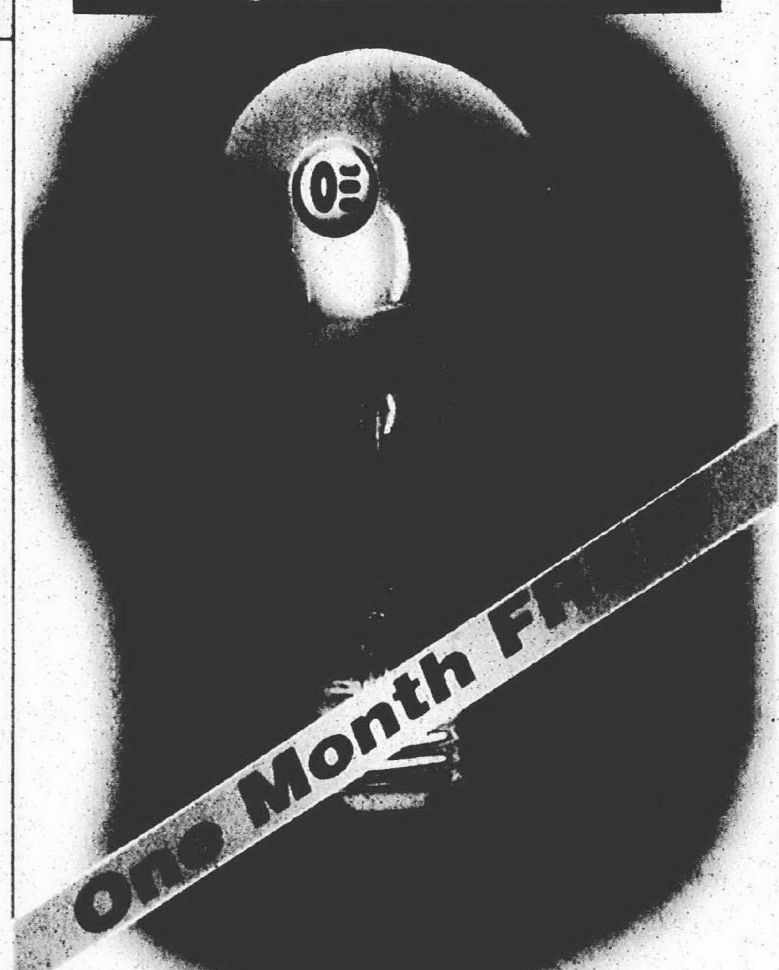
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Romantic restaurants

Play Cupid, woo your Valentine with a lovely dinner

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Roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet ... but not as sweet as dining with you!

We've spared no expense (yours) to find the most romantic, fine-dining spots in town to wine and woo your favorite Valentine. If the atmosphere doesn't seduce you, the food will. All you have to do is make reservations quicker than a heart-beat.

■ **Cafe Bon Homme** - 844 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 453-6260. **Cost:** Four-course prefixed dinner, \$45 per person. **Dinner hour:** Begins 5 p.m. (last reservation 9 p.m.)

Owner Greg Goodman promises to "pull out all the stops" for Valentine couples dining in his comfortably elegant little restaurant, which he describes as a "chic, upscale, Left Bank bistro."

Goodman doesn't know all the delights Chef Jeff Condit will prepare for the Valentine Day weekend, but they will have a French influence with lots of "shoot-from-the-hip" American imagination. Dessert will definitely be chocolate enough to cause heart palpitations.

■ **Cafe Cortina**, 30715, W. 10 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 474-3033. **Cost:** About \$100, excluding wine. **Dinner hour:** Begins 5 p.m.

Good cooking is like love, simple yet divine, said Adrian Tonon, who co-owns the restaurant with his mother, Rina.

Since 1976, lovers have wined and dined at Cafe Cortina, especially in the fireplace room. "It's very cozy, warm and welcoming.

There's something in the air that's so romantic," says Tonon.

Tonon suggests starting with an antipasti of bruchetta, a portabella mushroom au poivre, and sliced zucchini with fresh mozzarella and tomato. For pasta, maybe something with fresh tomato, cream and a hint of goat cheese. For the main entree, why not a braised leg of lamb sliced at your table? Dessert, of course, will be chocolate.

■ **Emily's** - 505 N. Center, Northville, (248) 349-0505. **Cost:** Appetizers, \$7-\$18; dinners, \$19-\$35. **Dinner hour:** Begins 5:30 p.m.

Small and intimate, Emily's is in a Victorian-style house. There's room for just 50 diners, some of whom will be lucky enough to sit by the fireplace. "We're a romantic restaurant with really, really wonderful French-inspired cuisine," said owner and chef Rick Halberg.

Suggestions: An appetizer of champagne lobster ravioli with butter-poached scallops, an arugula salad with cured foie gras, and an entree of roast duck with vanilla-flavored sweet potatoes. For dessert? A chocolate truffle tart with macadamia praline and a port wine caramel.

■ **La Bistecca Italian Grille** - 39405 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 254-0400. **Cost:** About \$100 for two, excluding wine.

Dinner hour: Begins 5 p.m.

"The atmosphere is really conducive to a special evening because of the food and our extreme attention to detail and service," said owner Jerry Costanza. La Bistecca specializes in Piedmontese beef, considered by many chefs to be the most tender.

Suggestions: Gamberi con Asparago (a shrimp-and-asparagus appetizer for two) followed by a sampling of homemade ravioli and an entree of fillet mignon, lobster or a surf 'n turf. Dessert must be tiramisu, made from the chef's own heart-throbbing recipe. Top it off with a cappuccino.

■ **Marco's** - 32748 Grand River, downtown Farmington, (248) 477-7777. **Cost:** Entrees \$15-\$27. **Dinner hour:** Begins 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

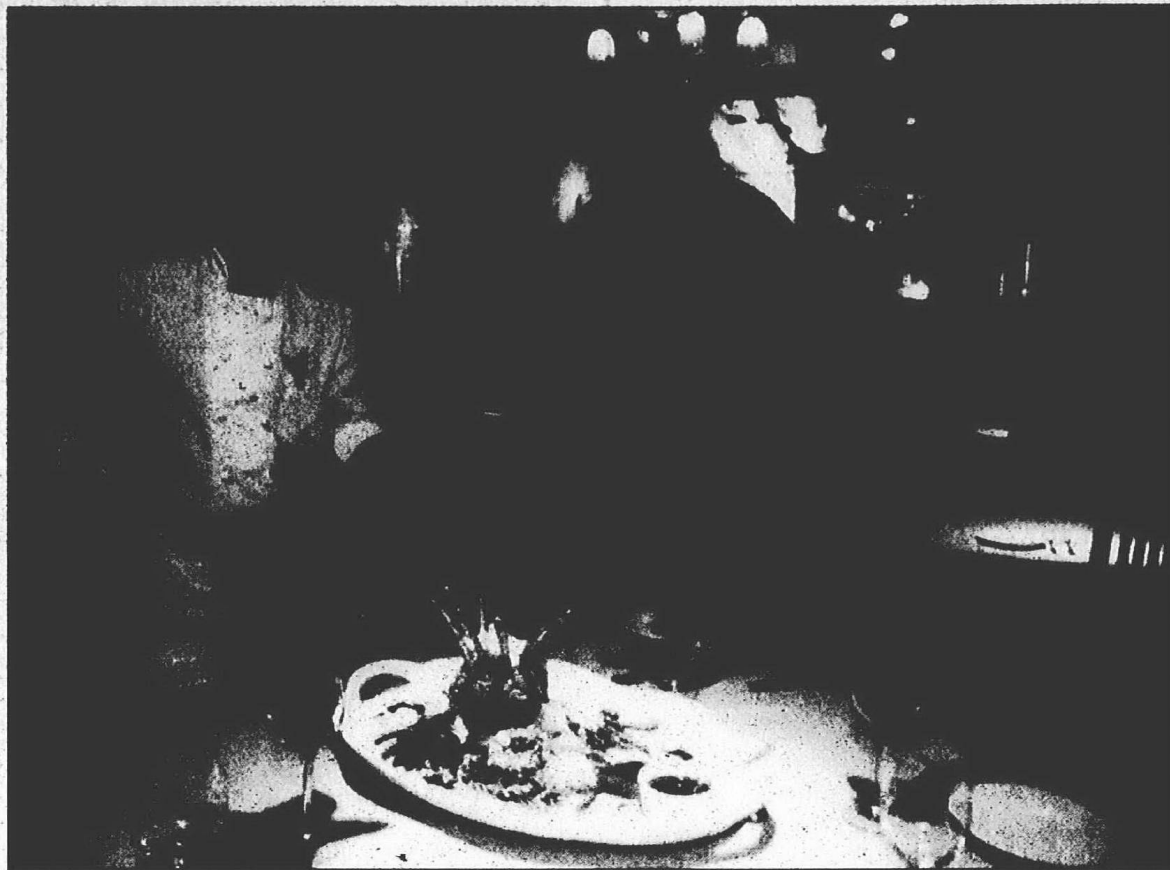
Marco's is small, just 20 tables for up to 80 lucky diners. "It's a very romantic place - candlelight, white linen tablecloths and fresh flowers all over the place. It's very intimate, dimly lit, with soft music in the background," says owner and chef Marco Conte.

Conte suggests teasing your appetite with pan-sautéed calamari tossed with lemon. Next, try the Fillet a la Gargonzola or Cherry Hazelnut Chicken, a succulent breast sautéed with Michigan dried cherries and a splash of Frangelico. For dessert, it's definitely the heart-shaped creme brulee with fresh strawberries.

■ **MacKinnon's** - 126 E. Main, Northville, (248) 348-1991. **Cost:** \$100 for two. **Dinner hour:** 5-10 p.m.

For 20 years, the restaurant's brick walls, lace curtains and Tiffany lamps have charmed countless diners. "We are a small, romantic family-owned restaurant in a quaint Victorian town," says owner Tom MacKinnon.

Suggestions: The appetizer



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Irresistible: Bon Homme chef and owner Greg Goodman (right) and chef de cuisine Jeff Condit present the perfect dinner for two - crown rack of lamb with pistachio crust and golden chanterelle mushroom risotto.

platter for two, which includes crab pasta, French tacos, escargot, the house pate, shrimp cocktail, oysters and crab-stuffed mushrooms. Next, an entree of rack of lamb with black currant sauce. For dessert, there are choices: A towering chocolate mousse with fresh strawberries, chocolate sauce and a chocolate roof or Banana Wellington, a puffed pastry with caramel sauce, walnuts, brown sugar, and

rum.

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