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# ENTERTAINMENT

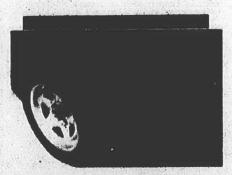
On Stage: Gillian Eaton of Plymouth helps broaden awareness of violence against women in a play at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills on Monday. / E1

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Plymouth, Michigan

Court nails dealership embezzler

■ Prosecutors credit township police for the quick reaction that. helped catch an area man who took \$750,000.

A Garden City man who was charged in both civil and criminal embezzlement cases in Wayne County

Circuit Court pled guilty to stealing more than \$750,000 from Blackwell Ford accounts in Plymouth Township, according to Plymouth Township police and Wayne County assistant prosecutors.

Mark Patterson, 31, a former office manager, is expected to be sentenced May 12 to a work release program with possible fines in the criminal case that ended last week, they said. The money taken from the Plymouth Road auto dealership will be returned in full with interest following settlement of the civil case last week, police said.

"Plymouth Township police did a good job," said

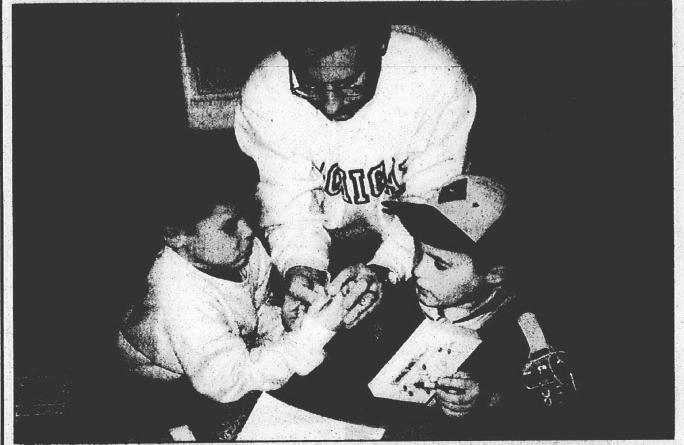
Ron Robertson, general manager for Blackwell Ford. He declined further comment until after Patterson's sentencing in May

Assistant Wayne County prosecutor Nancy Alberts applauded the diligence of the Plymouth Township Police Department.

"Usually, the police are not as quick to react," Alberts said. "This police department acted quickly to freeze the money before it could be spent. Most of the time the defendant spends his money on gambling and women."

Please see EMBEZZLE, A2

Crystal clear



Learning curve: Pack 858 leader Steve Graylin and his sons Alex (left) and Nicky get a close look at some of the parts during their lesson on how to build crystal radios. More than 30 area youngsters spent Sunday afternoon at the Plymouth Historical Society Museum learning the basics of radio.

# Young hams get their start in radio

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER

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With antennas set up on the roof of the Plymouth Historical Society Museum, more than 30 area children - many Boy Scouts - learned the basics of

Members of the Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society spent the afternoon with the children who built and tested their own crystal radio sets. The group included 13 Boy Scouts and 14 amateur radio operators, called "hams," who worked closely to complete the kits.

Ralph Moote, who works at the museum located at 155 South Main in Plymouth, has been an amateur radio operator since 1954 and helped to set up

The kids got to test their own radios," Moote said. "We tuned into three different radio stations - WWJ, WJR and WXYT. The kids even got a piece of wire to take home for an antenna."

The activity brought back memories for Moote. "Long before there were Walkmans, Discmans, or Pokemons, there were crystal radio sets to fire the imagination of American kids," Moote said. "In fact, I think almost all of our club's members were first introduced to radio by building their own crystal sets, usually with the help of a local neighbor. Our ham radio operators really liked returning the favor Sunday with these kids."



Never too young: Four-year-old Jessica Blanchard enjoys the day with her grandmother, Nancy

# City closes owner's back taxes

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

It's taken 20 years, but Plymouth City Manager David Rich is close to recapturing more than \$3.6 million in delinquent property taxes, penalties and interest owed the city by a single land owner over the past 20 years.

Rich used a few tricks of his own in securing the deed to the 18-acre parcel at 100 S. Mill Street, forcing the hand of A&E Holdings and its owner, Wendell Flynn, which reportedly kept circumventing efforts by the city to collect the money by jumping through legal hoops.

We've got the deed, and maybe now their attention," said Rich.

Many longtime city residents know the area as Bathey Manufacturing Co., although that company filed for bankruptcy in 1983 and eventually returned as BMC, which is still operating on the site.

They're playing a shell game ... to try and avoid the liability for the taxes," said Rich. "Part of their game is changing the names of the company

Please see TAXES, A3

# Local leaders split on MML petition drive

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The issue-by-issue erosion of local control isn't new to local government

Three officials expressed their concern about the Michigan Municipal League's announcement last week that it intends to run a statewide petition drive to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot this November regarding local control. Since none of the local leaders had seen the language on the petition, they had reservations.

"The best and most responsive government is the one closest to the people," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy. "I haven't seen the exact wording on the petition. In the last year-and-a-half, I have seen an attack greater than the entire time that I have been in office. It's an onslaught. I am seriously concerned that the Legislature thinks it knows better than the citizens about

Please see AMENDMENT, A3

# Honor students suspended for alcohol use

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

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The Plymouth-Canton school district has permanently suspended two high school students, and given nine students five-day suspensions, for the dis-tribution and drinking of alcohol dur-ing a recent National Honor Society field trip to Chicago.

The drinking violations occurred during an enrichment field trip by 44 NHS students the weekend of Jan. 21.

The two students who were given permanent suspensions for buying and

distributing the alcohol, Niraj Patel and Nick Stonerook, will not be allowed to attend classes or any other activities at their respective schools. However, they will be allowed to attend classes in another district to achieve the necessary credits to get a diploma from Plymouth-Canton

If either violates any of the conditions of permanent suspensions, their high school records will be changed to reflect an expulsion.

And, according to one source, the. boys will have to give five presenta-

tions to other students by June 1 about the impact of their actions leading to the suspension. The other nine students had five-day

suspensions that included four out-ofschool days plus one day in school with substance abuse counseling.

Patel's father, Vinod Patel, said his senior son was wrong in purchasing the alcohol, but called the permanent suspension "an expulsion without calling it an expulsion.

Vinod Patel said he'd like to make sure future trips don't end up with the same results.

"I believe the supervision was lax, there was no curfew, and the kids weren't specifically told of the consequences of bad behavior," he said.

Stonerook's mother, Teri, believes the penalty for senior son was a bit,

"My kid made a mistake," she said. "I think the punishment was a little

Patel is taking courses at Belleville High School, while Stonerook has yet to decide how to finish his senior year. One female student was taken to a

Please see SUSPENSION, A3

# empeten eyes erivers with unbuckled children

Onless will be sending

tough-love message to parents end caregivers who don't buskle up their children, said Plymouth Township Sgt. Robert Antal.

There is a perception that people take extra care and caution to ensure children are buckled up," Antal said. Unfortunately, that is not case. We know that beltrates are surprisingly low r children ages 4 to 15. e children are often forgatten once they out-grow child restraint devices. That is the sale is a sing-talgrams Brank We Will take no

In conjunction with the National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week, hun-dreds of Michigan law enforcement agencies are stepping up enforcement of child passenger safety laws, Antal said. The effort is part of a long-term, ongoing effort to increase restraint use by infants, children and teens,

Operation ABC Mobilization is sponsored by the Air. Bag and Seatbelt Safety Campaign in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation's Buckle Up America Campaign, Antal

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

Plymouth attorney John Stewart has thrown his hat into the Republican race for the 20th District State Representative seat being vacated by Gerry Law

(R-Plymouth). Stewart, 50, from Plymouth Township, said he expects to file his papers by the end of the month.

He joins a field which includes Plymouth Mayor Dave McDonald, 35th District Court Magistrate Eric Colthurst, plus Teresa Folino and Matt Cowles, both of Northville.

Stewart comes from a family of public school educators, including two sisters who have each taught for 25 years. So, it's no secret that public education



issues are at the top of his priority list.

"I believe in the public school system, and I'm tired of the badmouthing it gets," said Stewart.

When it comes to vouchers, Stewart firmly said, "No thank you. Period. We've got to revive a sense of community to support our public school system."

Stewart said if he's elected, he

won't vote to increase taxes for vouchers or charter schools.

And, while Stewart didn't commit as to whether he would favor a charter school for Plymouth or Canton, he did note he likes the legislative cap on the number of charter schools and would like to see more accountability from them.

"They are for-profit companies using my tax dollars. I think I have a right to see reports on their finances and academics," said Stewart.

Stewart, who has run his own business in Plymouth for 23 years, would also like to see business taxes lowered ... including workers compensation, the single business tax and personal property taxes.

"Taxes in general are too high," added Stewart. "I'm in

complete agreement with Gov. Engler in his lowering of taxes. Maybe we could accelerate that

a bit." Stewart also said he will fight to re-prioritize state funding for personnel in the Wayne County Friend of the Court to collect child support from "deadbeat"

dads. While the field appears to be getting crowded, 13th District Republican Chairman Carl Berry believes the more competition the better.

"The large field brings out more issues and different positions on those issues," said Berry. "What it really will come down to is the voters will determine who is the best candidate to represent them."

# Embezzie

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Working in conjunction with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Plymouth Township police secured search warrants for Patterson's house and froze the accounts, Plymouth Township Sgt. Steve Rapson said.

Patterson was a day trader on the stock market, according to Rapson.

There was a security company that he was working with out of New York," Rapson said. "The way he did it was complex. He embezzled the money by switching the money around in the accounts. He would use that

money in the accounts to pay off his debts.'

Marc Hart, Patterson's attorney, didn't return telephone

Patterson embezzléd account money from July 1998 through November 1999, Rapson said.

"Blackwell Ford had a couple of accounts and Mr. Patterson was somehow handling the accounts," Rapson said. "Blackwell Ford called us and told us that they had a couple of transactions that were suspicious in nature. The farther they dug,

us Nov. 29, 1999."

Patterson was arraigned Dec. 6, 1999, before 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald. Bond was set at \$10,000 personal bond and he was released. He waived his preliminary exam, Rapson said.

Because Patterson pled guilty, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge William Cahalan told Patterson what his sentence would likely be in the criminal case.

"I was informed that he pled guilty to embezzlement over \$20,000 at Wayne County Cirthe more they found. They called cuit Court," Rapson said. "He

agreed to an eight-month work release program. A work-release program is one in which he is confined to his home unless he is working. There will be fines. He can be fined up to three times the amount he embezzled. The \$750,000 that was embezzled was given back to Blackwell plus interest. He has been made whole."

Because the Plymouth Township police acted so quickly, Patterson was unable to benefit from the embezzlement money, Rapson said.

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# Tax payments due

The final day to pay 1999 winter tax bills is Monday, Feb. 14, and the Plymouth Township treasurer's office is trying to make it easier.

Treasurer Ron Edwards' office will be open Saturday, Feb. 12, from 9 a.m. to noon for taxpayers.

The office will also stay open until 7 p.m. on Monday.

# **Blood drive**

The Plymouth Post Office conducts its semi-annual blood drive Feb. 29 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Beck Road Post Office.

Appointments can be made by calling

Barb at 453-6110, and walk-ins will also be welcome.

# DAR awards

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Plymouth-Northville Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, hold their annual DAR Youth Tea at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 21, at St. John's Episcopal Church, Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

The tea honors the Good Citizen Award and American History Award winners. All DAR members are welcome.

# Coffee with Rivers

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers (D-Ann Arbor) has scheduled coffee hours in Plymouth 8:30-10 a.m. Friday, Feb.11, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, Plymouth. All constituents of the 13th Congressional District are encouraged to drop by, have a cup of coffee and discuss their concerns with her.

For directions or further information, call Carrie Auster in Rivers' district office in Ann Arbor at (734) 485-3741.

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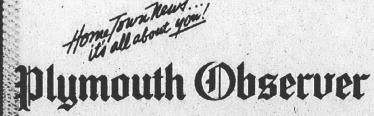
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On Monday, February 21, 2000 qualified absentee voters shall receive their ballots and must complete them in the Clerkis Office until 4:00 p.m. Emergency absence ballots ONLY will be issued on Election Day February 22, 2000. All absence ballots returned in person must be returned to the Clerk's office by 4:00 P.M. on February 21, 2000.

Handicapped Voters with an inaccessible polling place (that being Precinct 6, Royal Holiday Clubhouse, 39500 W. Warren Rd.) are eligible to vote without notice at the Clerk's Office until the close of voting at 8:00 p.m. on

If you are unsure of your voting location, please refer to your voter registration card or contact the Clerk's office at 397-5452. TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

# Read Plymouth Observer sports

# **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON** PUBLIC NOTICE OF ACCURACY TEST

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the automatic tabulating equipment to be used for the Presidential Primary election on Tuesday, February 22, 2000. The test will take place on Thursday, February 17, 2000 at 3 P.M. in the Clerk's Office, Township Administration Building, 1150 South Canton Center Road. This test is open to interested parties. For further information contact Clerk's Office at 397-5452.

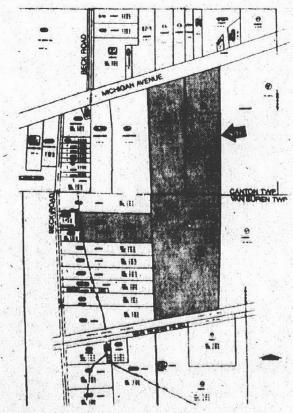
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 6, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, February 24, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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High steppin': The Plymouth Salem Rockettes went down to the nationals in Orlando, Fla., and came home with the third-place trophy.

# Kickin' it

# Rockettes roll at Disney World

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

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Coach Aileen Balatico knew last May that her Plymouth Salem Rockettes dance team was something special.

"After tryouts I knew this team had the talent, it was only a question of whether or not the girls had the dedication to be good," said Balatico. "Well, they proved it.

The Rockettes finished third in the nation in the high kick division during the Universal Dance Association National Championships at Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

"I had a really good feeling, but I didn't expect third place," said smiling senior Jessica Sandoval of Plymouth Township, who also competed in the nationals as a freshman. "I thought our routine was really original and we really worked well together. It was a lot of hard work and dedication, but we all wanted it.'

The Rockettes have qualified for the nationals every year since they last performed in year's team fit the bill

# Cheerleaders finish 12th in nation

The Plymouth Salem varsity cheerleaders competed in the National High School Cheerleading Championship last weekend in Orlando, Fla., finishing 12th nationally.

The past four years the Plymouth Salem cheerleaders have finished 10th, 11th, 12th and 12th in national competi-

It's the eighth consecutive year the varsity has competed in the nationals. Preliminary competition was held on Saturday, with the top 12 teams advancing to the finals on Sun-

1997. But Balatico said she'll only take those squads that have a chance of doing well against national competition. And this

"It's a big expense, so I want to make sure I have the right team that's going to be dedicated enough to work six days a week and has the talent to compete at the national level," said Balatico. "This year we certainly made a name for ourselves."

The Rockettes started the trek to Orlando last July when they became Grand Champions and collected a first place trophy at the UDA dance camp at Michigan State University.

The Salem team then choreographed the kick line routine last August, consisting of 50 high kicks within a two-minute-15-second routine.

The Rockettes also competed in the pompon category, finishing 13th nationally.

"Winning third was really awesome," said Laura Novkov, 17, of Canton. "Once you make the final round you know you're going to place, but you don't want 10th. Finishing third was really exciting."

The Rockettes routine can be seen as part of the Universal Dance Association National Championships on ESPN Friday, April 28, from 1-2 p.m.

# Cops to try tickets for parking

# Bus drivers say parents causing school problem

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township Police plan to enforce no-parking zones at Farrand and Bird elementary schools in Plymouth Township if

warning letters that will be distributed to parents this week don't resolve parental parking problems. The police department has received several complaints and

concerns from Plymouth-Canton

school bus drivers, with regards

to parents parking in the posted

"The ... parking of vehicles obstructs the ability of the buses to perform."

Jamie Senkbeil -Plymouth Township Police

No Parking Zone area on Greenbriar and in front of Farrand School and along Ann Arbor Trail and in front of Bird Elementary School," said Jamie Senkbeil, Plymouth Township community resource officer.

"The standing and parking of vehicles obstructs the ability of the buses to perform their direction of travel and required

If the parking problem persists, officers in marked cars will ticket the violators, she said.

"The traffic engineer has determined and designated this zone where stopping, standing, or parking is prohibited due to hazardous conditions that may exist, or where conditions do exist, that will cause undue delay to traffic," she said.

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what is best for each local community.

To put the question before voters, supporters will have to gather 303,000 signatures by July 10. Petitions were printed and put into circulation Feb. 3.

If the proposal makes the ballot, voters would be asked to approve the change, requiring a two-thirds vote from the Legislature, rather than the simple majority required now, whenever it attempts to pass a law that "intervenes ... in the municipal concerns, property, or government of a city, village, county, township, or any municipal authority.'

Keen McCarthy, who has served more than seven years as Plymouth Township supervisor, said that local control is in danger of being usurped on the federal level also. She mentioned a bill that has been introduced in Washington, D.C., that could abolish a community's zoning rights. That concerns her.

"A developer who doesn't get his way with zoning could sue you in federal court," she said. Our zoning is set by our planning commission that is made up of our local citizens who decide what the zoning should

Likewise, Keen McCarthy crit-

"The best and most responsive government is the one closest to the people. I am seriously concerned the Legislature thinks it knows better than the citizens.'

> Kathleen Keen McCarthy -Plymouth Township Supervisor



icized any attempt by the state Legislature that would return road weighmaster fines to the state rather than having the local community benefit by the

State Rep. Gerry Law (R-Plymouth) said he too hadn't seen the petition or the language.

"I'm not sure what the language says and what people will interpret it to be," Law said. "Unless you read it, you don't know if it is good or bad and if it constrains things. I can understand the Michigan Municipal League's frustration with all the number of bills. I'm sympathetic with them. But, I'm not sure this is the best way to go. I'm not sure if the two-thirds vote is something that the Michigan Municipal League will regret."

Though the city of Plymouth is

a member of MML, Plymouth Mayor Dave McDonald said he is personally "very guarded" about the petition drive and doesn't support it. He believes that the move by MML was initiated specifically because of the recently passed law that changes municipal residency rules. In December, state lawmakers voted to ban municipal residency requirements.

Some lawmakers have noted that if a two-thirds vote had been required in the case of the residency rule, it would have fallen short by eight votes.

McDonald doesn't think changing the state constitution is the answer.

There should be a happy medium," McDonald said. "I believe in the art of compromise and negotiation.'

# Suspension from page A1

and suspended for five days. She didn't have any complaints about her suspension, but feels the two boys weren't treated fair-

"I think the school board is looking at it too black and white," she said. "They made a decision without everything they should have taken under consideration, like their past grades, involvement in school activities. They've done much more positive things in our school than negafirst offense is a four-day suspension from school and a one-day in-school suspension.

Policy on distribution of alcohol for a first offense is a recommendation for expulsion, and that's what was suggested to the school board by high school administrators after a pre-expulsion hearing.

However, the two board members who heard the expulsion request, Judy Mardigian and Darwin Watts, decided in favor of permanent suspension.

The board determined a

Chicago hospital for treatment and consumption of alcohol for a response slightly different than the recommendation," said Superintendent Kathleen Booher. "The determination is being made in this case based on the circumstances surrounding the field trip on which the incident occurred and does not set a precedent for future distribution

> "This incident has caused the district to evaluate field trip enrichment experiences and to review the purpose of various field trips," she added.

# District policy on possession

and the owners of the company to avoid accountability. The changes are legal, but not paying the taxes isn't.'

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The only comment by Farmington Hills attorney Marc Drasnin for his client, A&E Holdings, was, "It's my client's intention to resolve this matter

According to attorney Richard Connors of Plunkett & Cooney, who is representing the city, ownership of A&E Holdings, Bathey and BMC is split among Flynn, his wife, son and son-in-

When we did the title search, we found they were all owned by the same people," said Connors. "They keep changing the owners, so when we try to give appropriate notice of delinquency it's difficult to find the right people."

Rich said he worked with his contacts in Lansing to finally get the deed to the property.

"It's usually a year-long pro-

# We want them to pay the property tax in its entirety or forfeit the property.'

Dave Rich Plymouth City Manager

cess, but it took us much less than six months," he said.

Connors said the city was awarded the deed to the 18 acres. last December from the state for just \$300.

"However, A&E is contesting the deed transfer, as well as the amount of taxes and penalties owed," said Connors. "There's a hearing next month in which the circuit court judge could rule to give the property to the city or tell the company to pay the back

Either way, Rich is ready to

keep battling.

"If they're able to find some technicality to delay, I'm going to persevere," he said. "I'm going to make sure they're responsible and accountable for the taxes. We have a responsibility and duty to our residents to recover lost taxes or get it sold and developed."

Connors said of the \$3.6 million owed, about \$1 million dollars is taxes, with the rest interest and penalties.

Rich said, of the total amount, the city would get between \$300,000-\$400,000 with the remainder going to the Plymouth-Canton school district and Wayne County.

"We want them to pay the property tax in its entirety or forfeit the property so we can put a business in there that would enhance the state equalized value of the property

"The clock is ticking."

# Group performs at Plymouth church

"Measure for Measure," an Ann Arbor-based men's choral group, performs Feb. 13 at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

The 80-member group performs at 7:30 p.m. Tickets - \$8-for adults, \$5 for students - will be. Territorial Road in Plymouth. For more informaavailable at the door.

The group travels around the area doing about 10 engagements a year. Last year, the choir was invited to an international engagement in Laos.

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Canton woman bound over for trial

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER sdaniel@oe.homecomm.net

A Canton woman charged with brutally stabbing her husband to death last month

will stand trial. Kinnari Sutariya, 20, was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court by 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald Monday. The action came as part of a preliminary examination at the Plymouth court.

She is accused of cutting and stabbing her newlywed spouse, Ramesh Sutariya, 28, nearly two dozen times in the early morning hours of Jan. 22. The incident occurred at the couple's apartment in the Carriage Cove complex at Lilley and Warren roads.

This court is of the opinion that open murder was committed and that probable cause does exist to bind this defendant over," said MacDonald.

Open murder carries a maximum sentence of life in prison without parole.

Sutariya will be arraigned Feb. 18 at the circuit court. She is currently being held without bond at the county jail.

The couple had been married Dec. 24 in India and returned to the United States Jan. 10. It was an arranged marriage.

Defense attorney Andrea Lyon was overruled twice by MacDonald in attempting to lower Sutariya's charge to second degree murder and obtain bail.

The assistant University of Michigan law professor argued that premeditation hadn't been shown in the evidence presented. Lyon also said only circumstantial evidence had

"All the facts lead to second degree," she

"This court is of the opinion that open murder was committed and ... probable cause does exist to bind this defendant over.'

John MacDonald -35th District Court Judge

told the judge. "What you have here are bookends of a case with no books."

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Dan Less countered, saying premeditation doesn't need to be shown in an exam. He further argued that Sutariya shouldn't be granted

"I think we have a tremendous flight risk," Less said, noting that Sutariya is a native of India. "There's nothing to keep her here in the U.S. She's a flight risk beyond all flight risks."

Less presented five witnesses during the nearly three-hour exam.

Nayna Kaylathia, a cousin of Ramesh's, went grocery shopping with Kinnari Sutariya the day before the murder. While at Super Kmart in Canton, they picked up several routine items and a set of three

knives, she testified. The knives were to be used for cutting

pineapple, Kaylathia added. "She said she had a small knife, but not one that was big enough," Kaylathia said.

Canton police Detective Lou Stevens testified that four knives - including the ones purchased at Super Kmart - were used in Ramesh Sutariya's murder.

One was found on the apartment's tile foyer. Stevens said the knife was bent at about a 90 degree angle.

A second knife was found in the living room next to a metal chair with rope tied to it. The knife, Stevens said, was broken with the blade adjacent to the chair and the handle a few feet away.

A third bloody knife was found in the kitchen sink and a fourth shoved to the back of a utensil drawer, Stevens testified.

Wayne County Assistant Medical Examiner Leigh Hlavaty told the court that Sutariya was cut and stabbed a total of 22

Several blows were delivered to the 28year-old's head, back, chest and abdomen. Sutariya's lung had been punctured as well as his bowel.

"These wounds were not immediately fatal," Hlavaty testified. "Death occurred because of accumulated blood loss.'

She also noted that Sutariya had no defensive wounds to his hands or arms as is typical in a stabbing attack. Less suggested that was because he was tied to the metal chair.

"The wounds would be consistent with him sitting," Hlavaty testified.

Lyon expressed frustration that she couldn't present evidence on her client's behalf.

She said it would've given MacDonald a more complete picture of the incident and possibly influenced his decision on binding . Sutariya over for circuit court trial. Lyon said the 20-year-old isn't guilt of first-degree

"It was self-defense," she commented after the exam. "She was trying to protect herself. He started it."

In court: Kinnari Sutariya, charged with murdering . her husband, will stand trial after a district court judge ruled Monday "probable cause does exist" to bind her over.

# Men steal Pine Street resident's snowblower

Though a Pine Street resident yelled, she could only watch in frustration as two men described as being in their late thirties picked up her snowblower about 5 p.m. Feb. 6 and put it in what she described as a "dirty sport utility vehicle.'

The men in the truck, who she said looked at her before getting. into her truck, were last seen driving north on Ridge, according to a police report.

The snowblower was at her daughter's house, also on Pine Street, when it was stolen, the woman said.

Among other thefts reported to Plymouth Township police were: ■ A person at ZF Industries on Anchor Court in Plymouth

Township told police Feb. 2 that someone removed more than \$38,000 worth of company equipment from a pallet.

The equipment included a Dell docking station for 7500 series laptop computers, a monitor, mouse and keyboard, and 220 prototype ball joints, according

# **POLICE BEAT**

A witness told police that a man stole a cart full of groceries about 8 p.m. Feb. 2 from the Kroger Store, 44525 Ann Arbor

She relayed the man's license plate on his Buick Regal to police who say he is from Hollywood, Fla.

The man didn't take all the groceries, though. He left behind two bags of dog food, one case of beer and one gallon of milk, according to the police report.

A person complained that he parked his vehicle in the Mitsubishi lot on Commerce Center Drive and returned to find the door lock punched, the steering wheel damaged, and the GPS system missing.

A woman told police that money was removed from her purse during a Jan. 29 hockey game at the Compuware Arena. -Sue Buck

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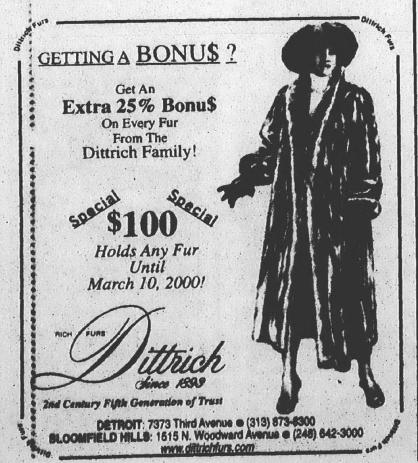
dren's Dental Health Month, and to mark the occasion the Michigan Dental Association and Crest are sponsoring a statewide coloring contest. Children in kindergarten through sixth grade are eligible for the contest and prizes will be awarded. The contest runs through

There is no purchase necessary and no cost to participate. Children are encouraged to be creative by using crayons, pencils, markers, beads, or even paint to color the special coloring

Rebruary is National Chil-sheet. All entries must be received by March 6.

"Healthy Smiles Are Out of This World," is the theme for this year's National Children's Dental Health Months.

For a copy of the coloring contest picture and entry form, contact a Michigan Dental Association member dentist, or contact April Stopczynski at the Michigan Dental Association: 230 N. Washington Square, Suite 208, Lansing, MI 48933-1392; phone (517) 372-9070, ext. 417; e-mail at us@michigandental.org.

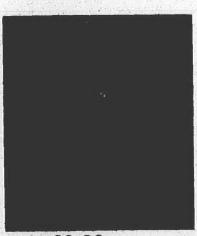




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Redford's 16 Head Start workers will be pinkalipped partly because the program is now run by Wayne County.

There has been a change in who is operating the grant for funding," explained Michelle Gaynier, communications manager for Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency, which had been running the program. "Wayne County became the grantee at the end of August

As a result, Head Start students across the county could be moved to a new facility, with new teachers as soon as the next school year. This could affect 92 students just in Redford.

Head Start is a federally funded pre-preschool program for at-risk children 3-5 years old. To be eligible for the program, children must come from a low-income family or have impairments which would affect their readiness for K-12 public education.

The federal government allocates \$17 million annually for Head Start programs to be used in Wayne County communities other than Detroit.

That money was going to Wayne County RESA, which then distributed the money to the various entities in western Wayne County.

They include school districts such as: Redford Union, South Redford, Livonia, Clarenceville, Plymouth-Canton and Wayne-Westland.

Head Start employees, who were paid by the school district in which they worked, were eligible for benefits provided by the schools, but were also accountable to school district officials. That is about to change.

"When Wayne County took over, they nesigned Starfish Family Services to be the delegate," said Bonnie Berker, parent of a Redford Head Start student. "We've heard that as of May 1, Head Start is cutting all time with the school district."

According to Ouida Cash, chief executive officer for Starfish Family Services, that was the date they had not to take over the reins of Head

'It was scheduled for May 1, but that would have been too chaotic since school is still in session, she said. "So June 30th is when the change will take place."

As of July 1, everyone who works with Head Start children in western Wayne County will be employed by Starfish Family Services of Inkster.

It's still undecided what facility these children will be in and how they will receive the special services they may need. Services include speech therapy and activities for the deaf or hard of hearing.

"I'm hoping the schools will continue to provide the space and the buses," said Cash. "But I have to be honest, it is expensive and the schools may decide they can't afford to do that

Parents are concerned about all the changes because their children have grown accustomed to the staff at their particular site, as well as the

"I know this is frightening to the parents, the staff and the children," Cash said, "but we're trying to make the transition as smooth as pos-

# Planners agree to hear revised charter school plan

BY SCOTT DANIEL daniel@oe.homecomm.net

Canton Charter Academy will get at least one more chance to pitch the idea of an elementary school at Warren and Ridge

The township planning commission will consider special land use for the National Heritage Academies' project on Feb.

Despite resident opposition, Canton Trustees referred the matter back to the commission Tuesday.

"We believe there should be choices in the township," Northwest Canton Homeowners Association Vice President Chuck Suppnick said. "Our problem is with this site. The location of the school is on a natural beauty

"We feel that's grounds enough to deny it."

Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik said changes to National Heritage's plan should be fully explored before a final decision is made, however.

"They should be given the same opportunity that others

"Our problem is with this site. The location of the school is on a natural beauty road. We feel that's grounds enough to deny it.'

> Chuck Suppnick -NCHA Vice President

would get," he told the board.

The planning commission rejected National Heritage's most recent plans on Jan. 10. Parcel size, traffic concerns and potential impact on the beauty road status of Ridge were cited by commissioners.

The Grand Rapids-based company first proposed a charter school for Beck and Hanford. Similar concerns led to a commission denial last March.

Tim Stoepker, an attorney for National Heritage, said his firm has addressed issues raised by the commission.

He thinks special attention to maintenance and landscaping will preserve Ridge's natural beauty road status.

Stoepker said a 50,000-squarefoot school will work on the 10acre parcel.

"We believe this still to be an excellent site for us and Canton

Township," he added. While most residents dis- sites in Canton."

agreed, the charter school did have a handful of supporters in the audience Tuesday. Jeannette Toth said National

Heritage has been denied simply because residents don't want

a charter school. But she said such a school would alleviate overcrowding in

the Plymouth-Canton district. "Another elementary would help," said Toth, who works as a bus driver in the district. "I

think we need this school." Rose Lang said the charter school wouldn't affect the value of adjacent homes.

"There's no data to support the idea that the school would

devalue that property," she said. Comments against the charter were typified by that of Ridge

Road resident Eric Krupp. He said because of wetlands and other issues, the school would be compacted into five acres on the site.

"Canton needs another school," Krupp added. "But this particular site is just not good for it."

Suppnick agreed. He thinks the charter school should be held to a high standard.

"Lets make sure National Heritage Academies does their homework," he said. "We'vealready given them a second chance and they blew it. They have to know there are better

# Housing grants available for disabled home buyers

People with disabilities will have housing opportunities available, thanks to two new grants totaling up to \$772,000 awarded to Springhill Housing Corp., a local non-profit organization located in Birmingham.

The first grant of \$672,000 is from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to acquire and renovate two houses for people with disabilities and provide rent subsi-

"Each home will provide longterm supported housing for three people," said Marc Craig, Springhill executive director.

The second grant is a "challenge grant." Donors Joseph and Betty Erwin of Milford have offered to match other donations to Springhill, dollar to dollar, up to a maximum of \$100,000.

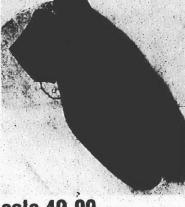
"We are hoping that both people and businesses will respond added. "Our goal, depending on exempt, as allowed by law

the money coming in, is to provide eight houses a year for people with disabilities for the next five years.

Springhill was formed in 1990 to create desirable housing for people with disabilities and to assure long-term availability and affordability of homes. Currently, Springhill owns and manages 16. locations, providing homes to about 100 people. Springhill has no paid staff, and money raised goes directly into

Springhill is continuing to accept donations of cash, real estate, and vehicles to match the funds under the challenge grant. For more information about Springhill or to help in raising funds for the challenge grant. call Marc Craig at (248) 276-8011 or mail donations to Springhill Housing Corp., P.O. Box 1661, Birmingham, MI to the challenge grant," Craig 48009. All donations are tax-





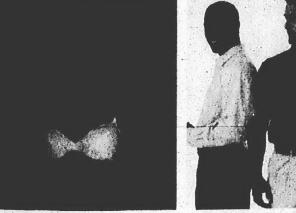
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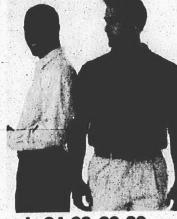
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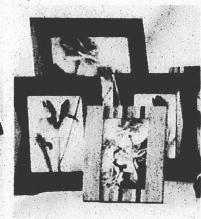
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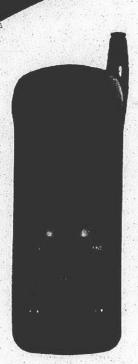
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# Metro Airport set a new record for passengers in 1999

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@oe.homecomm.net

Metro Airport, led by another increase in international traffic, apparently has again broken its all-time passenger record.

According to preliminary statistics released Thursday, more than 34 million passengers arrived or departed the airport in 1999 - an increase of 7.9 percent over the previous year.

International traffic led the way with an increase of 15.3 percent over 1998, solidly rebounding from that year's atypical 7.8 percent decline, airport officials

Additionally, December's record 2.76 million passengers meant Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport has topped its all-time passenger records in 72 of the past 77 months. It also has set annual marks the last eight consecutive

The records also mean Metro is likely to move up a couple of notches on the list of North America's 10 busiest airports.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara credited the strong economy and improvements in capacity at the airport - including six new gates on

Concourse A - for the growth.

However, he said, while more domestic service "is important for our local business and pleasure travelers, the international growth is the most encouraging.

Increases posted by British Airways, Lufthansa and Northwest Airlines to Europe and the Far East have a far greater impact on the local economy," McNamara said.

Each time an international 747-400 passenger jet lands, it generates \$1 million in economic benefit to the community, according to a 1991 study by U.S. Airports for Better International Service cited by Barbara Hogan, Metro's deputy director for external relations.

"That's from travelers staying in the area at hotels, renting cars, going to restaurants, Hogan explained.

Officials said 1999 saw almost 3.4 million international passengers, compared to 2.9 million in '98. That year's decline, which Northwest Airlines spokesman John Austin generally attributed to the pilot strike Aug. 29-Sept. 15, was the first since

"For 15 days, nothing was moving," Austin said. "And there were not a lot of reservations being made then either."

December's overall passenger total increased 3 percent over December '98, when 31.5 million customers passed through Metro's gates.

Metro landings and takeoff operations increased 3.8 percent over 1998 for a total of 559,547,

an average of 1,533 per day.
Officials anticipate that, when all final 1999 numbers from airports worldwide are tallied, Metro will move up in the rank-

They note that a report published in December by the Geneva, Switzerland-based Airports Council International showed Detroit Metro had risen from 10th to eighth among North American airports based on passenger counts through August

airlines posting Other increased passenger traffic for 1999 at Metro include Continental and Continental Express, Northwest Airlink, Spirit, America West, Comair and Sun Coun-

try.
"These numbers dramatically illustrate our need to aggressively continue the airport's expansion projects," said Metro Director David Katz.

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nal, a new south access road, a sixth jet runway and many other smaller projects currently under way will assure that Wayne County and the airlines keep pace with passenger demand,

now and in the future," he said. Metro officials noted that the 34 million passengers is more than 3 1/2 times Michigan's population.

They also noted that Metro's daily passenger count alone is

"the rough equivalent of the populations of Garden City, Grosse Pointe, Highland Park, Romulus and Riverview combined."

Here are the December 1999 and year-end statistics:

■ Total passengers Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1999: 34,038,381, up 7.9 percent from 31,544,426 in 1998;

■ Total international passengers for same periods: 3,391,375, up 15.3 percent from 2,940,762;

■ Total passengers (revenue and non-revenue) handled in Dec. '99: 2,764,561, up 2.9 percent from 2,687,315 in Decem-

Operations Jan.-Dec. '99: 559,547 takeoffs/landings, up 3.8 percent from 539,053 in

Operations for Dec. '99: 46.436, down 0.2 percent from 46,518 in December '98.

# Rouge group to discuss flood plains, reorganization at Feb. 16 meeting

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@oe.homecomm.net

Flood plain information and a reorganization proposal are on tap for the first Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council meeting of 2000.

Also on the agenda at the 1:30 p.m. Feb. 16 meeting in the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road in Westland, will be issuance of the Rouge Report Card, which gives the status of the condition of the Rouge watershed.

The flood plain information was sought in response to the Dec. 15 tabling by RRAC of a motion urging the state to make flood plain permit restrictions in the Rouge watershed, while the proposed reorganization seeks to make RRAC meetings more efficient and get more members involved, according to Bill Craig, RRAC's new vice chairman.

Representatives of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Land and Water Management Division will report on the condition of the Rouge watershed flood plain.

"We're just trying to get the facts" about what is now happening to the flood plain, "what is expected to happen due to increasing impervious surface development, what is happening to habitat and wildlife and what efforts are being taken to protect the flood plain," said Craig, who also is a leader of the Holliday Nature Preserve Association in Westland.

Craig explained that "impervious surface development" refers to buildings and parking lots, both of which create runoff from their hard surfaces.

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More such construction, he

said, means there will be "more to volunteer by April to serve on floods, higher floods and longer (lasting) floods."

The habitat committee, which proposed the restrictions, is concerned about high water flows, he said, because with them, "we lose land, drown or displace animals" in the area and kill off the

However, he said, the restrictions also raised questions such as how big a problem flood plain. filling is in the Rouge; what if homeowners living in the flood plain want to make improvements; whether streambank stabilization falls under the guidelines of "no alterations to the flood plain;" and just what are the regulatory issues and who oversees flood plain manage-

Craig said RRAC, which aims to protect, restore and enhance the Rouge, is revising its Remedial Action Plan for 2001 because "we want to make it a-

better plan. But "the hardest thing to do is preserve the land," Craig noted, "necessary." However, "We want to see restrictions" in place.

Kurt Heise of Dearborn Heights, newly elected RRAC chairman, will propose a sixcommittee structure for the council - both to spur participation by RRAC members and also to accelerate input and deliver a "realistic RAP revision on time," Craig said. The revision deadline is December 2001.

Proposed committees are habitat and wildlife, pollution control, financing, public education, watershed management and public policy, Heise said.

Under the proposal, he said, each RRAC member would need







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# Librarians take heat for tardy state tax forms

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER

A conspiracy, a mistake, or just some cost-cutting?

The Michigan Department of Treasury's tardiness in distributing 1999 state individual tax forms to libraries in metro Detroit and elsewhere – along with fewer copies being shipped – is raising all sorts of questions from irate library patrons and librarians.

As of noon Tuesday, forms still had not been received by the majority of Observer-area libraries – almost three weeks late, according to librarians.

However, Bridget Medina, a spokeswoman for the treasurer's office in Lansing, said Tuesday that forms should be in "most libraries by the end of the week."

The delays have caused rumors of a Treasury Department conspiracy.

"I heard unofficially that the state deliberately delayed" sending out the forms "hoping people would use e-file," the electronicmail tax-filing system, said Bev Papai, head librarian of the Farmington Community Library.

Barbara Lewis, Livonia's head librarian, said she heard a Y2K glitch had delayed the printing and shipping. "'Adjusting' was the word they were using," she

Carol Harrison, head librarian

How to obtain tax forms

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The department still mails preprinted forms to previous year's filers, but it is changing toy it does business, both to be current and to cut coats, a spike-remain said Tuesday.

For example, those who used a professional taxpayer service

a professional taxpayer service last year will only get a postcard this year, according to Bridget Medius of the treasury department.

The card, which says no forms are being mailed to the taxpayer, will in some cases save the department almost \$127,600 over mailing the forms, she said.

If you still need forms, call 1-

at Livonia's Alfred Noble branch,

said there were difficulties last

"It's been a huge problem,"

acknowledged Jean Tabor, head

librarian at Canton Township,

which finally received a ship-

ment Monday afternoon after

year, too, in getting tax forms.

partment of 800-FORM-2-ME (367-9263) and request they be mailed, she 1999 indirms to pub.

Perms also can be requested

Perms also can be requested through Fax on Demand (517-241-8730). Completed forms may be filed by fax, too, Medina said.

New this year: If you filed paper EZ forms in 1998, you'll be sent an encoded number this year by which you can file on the telephone, she said. About a half-million of the state's 5.5 million taxpayers will be affect-

If you have access to a computer, you can both get forms and file them electronically, Medina said. To download state tax forms from the Internet, log onto www. treasury.state.

Computerization offers faster refunds (about seven days), 24-hour accessibility, security and an on-line error-correction system, she said.

fielding some 40 inquiries from

angry patrons that morning.
"It makes us look bad and we have no control," Tabor said. The treasury department is "always

The only other Observer-area facilities to get shipments Mon-

late," she said.

day were the Farmingtons and the JFK Jr. branch in Dearborn Heights.

A spokesman for Michigan state Rep. Bob Brown (D-Dearborn Heights) said Tuesday Brown's office would deliver a case to the Redford District Library that evening.

Libraries elsewhere which have gotten reduced shipments already have run out, said Debbie Gallagher, the Michigan Electronic Library government information specialist and the tax forms distribution program liaison between librarians and the Treasury Department.

# No communication

On Tuesday, Gallagher announced the creation of a task force to look into what she called "the lack of communication" with the Treasury Department.

The Ann Arbor-based librarian said Treasury Department representatives never contacted her or other librarians about the delays until Jan. 27, almost 12 days after the forms normally are shipped.

Gallagher said Floyd Schmitzer, administrator of the department's individual taxes division, then kept giving her later and later delivery dates, with shipments never material-

At one point, Schmitzer called to say "there had been another glitch," and that he "was putting everybody on OT (overtime) to get the forms out" by Monday, Feb. 7, Gallagher said.

Each time, she passed the information on to other librarians, who in turn told their patrons.

On Feb. 7, Gallagher said, "without asking us, without conferring with us," Schmitzer told her that fewer forms were being shipped. He said it was "because so many people are taking advantage of e-file and tele-filing," she said.

Gallagher said she has asked the office of state Sen. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia), chairman of the senate's government operations committee, for a senator to serve on the task force. "I'm going to call the governor's office if I don't get anywhere with McCotter," she said.

McCotter said Tuesday he thought the task force "would be helpful."

The freshman senator also noted "not everybody has a personal computer," which weakens treasury's argument for e-mailing tax returns.

Although the Treasury Department "gets swamped with requests" for forms by such agencies as the U.S. Postal Service, he said it's still "not fair fpr librarians (to be put in the position) to get yelled at" by angry patrons.

McCotter said he believes treasury, in its haste to ship, erred in not paying enough attention to librarians

to librarians.

But, he said, treasury staffers "didn't sit around thinking of

ways to get people to do e-filing.
"I'd never want to confuse a
mistake for a conspiracy," he

Medina of the treasury office said the same thing: "We just don't have that much time on our hands to think up conspiracies."

As for e-filing, treasury department figures show that, from 1993, the first year it was available in Michigan, to last year, it grew from a mere 117 filings to 623,000.

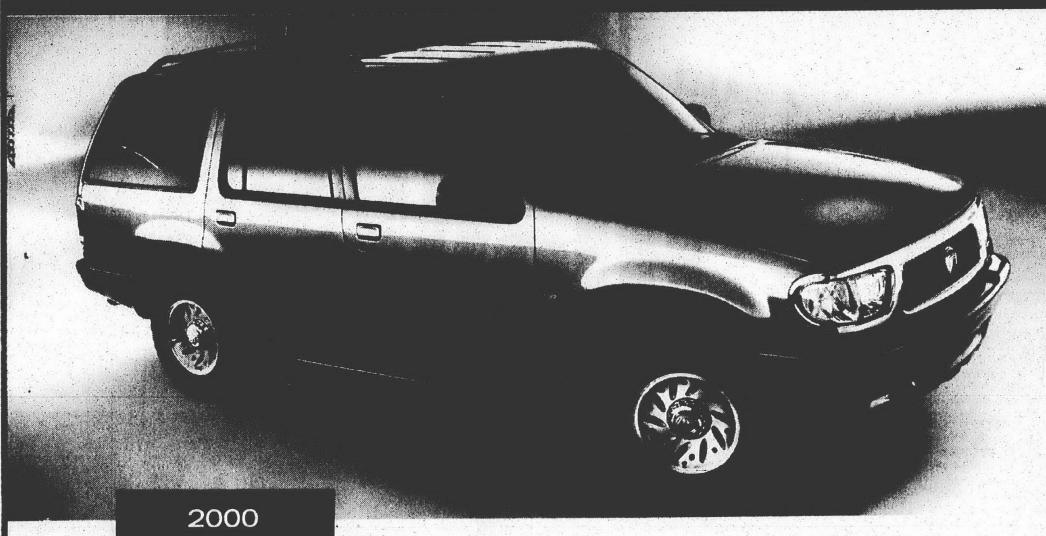
Medina said 1999's e-filings saved the department \$300,000 in "processing costs." The money was "redirected into more automation processes," including more telephone lines for receiving both automated and operator-assisted calls, she said.

As for shipment cuts, Medina said distribution-site databases were updated to correct for previous overages or shortages in

the shipments.

U.S. Postal Service branches in the Observer communities had received state tax forms as of Tuesday, according to spokeswoman Elizabeth Nita of the Detroit office.

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Break a leg: Plymouth, Canton women continue tradition of bringing children's theater to the stage

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

he fairy tale of the illtreated stepdaughter who, with the help of her fairy godmother, finds her prince will come to life on the stage at Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium Thursday-Saturday, March 2-4.

The Plymouth-Canton branch of the American Association of University Women is continuing a longstanding tradition of performing children's theater with five performances of "Cinderel-

Showtime will be 7:30 p.m. March 2-3 and 10 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. March 4 at the high school, 6500 Middlebelt Road, north of Ford Road.

Tickets cost \$4 each and go on sale at all Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Tuesday-



STAFF PHOTO BY MATTHEW TAPLINGER Good brooming: Pat Dunbeck portrays the pivotal role of Cinderella's talking broom in the upcoming production of "Cinderella," March 2-4.

Thursday, Feb. 15-17, and the Garden City Public Schools Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 22-24.

Remaining tickets will be available through Wednesday, March 1, at the Little Professor Book Shop on the Park, 380 S. Main St., Plymouth.

"This is the 40th consecutive year, we've put on a play for the local communities," said Melissa Uhl, who appears in the title role of Cinderella. "When they started doing this 40 years ago, there was no 'Ice Capades' or 'Sesame Street Live."

Many of the cast and crew are Plymouth-Canton and Garden City teachers and administrators, with area business women rounding out the group. They range in age from 28 to 88 and have spent an average of five hours a week for three months to stage "Cinderella," Uhl said.

"Some of these are local teachers who've been doing this for quite awhile, including my first grade teacher, Sharon Belobraidich who is playing my step-mother," said Uhl. "My mom's been doing it for almost 30 years and when I graduated from college, I got involved."

Uhl is an engineer at the Ford Motor Co. Her prince is played by Livonia teacher Becky Copenhaver, while retired teacher Sylvia Rozian is her fairy godmother. Uhl's mother, Mary Uhl, the Plymouth-Canton projects director, plays the prime

Playing the wicked stepsisters are retired Garden City principal Judi Richards as Ugletta, Plymouth-Canton speech pathologist Mickey Edell-Cotner as Grusue and Plymouth-Canton teacher Elaine Bain as Frump.

Also appearing in the play are Tricia Carney Sherman as the duke, Garden City principal Pat Dunbeck as the broom, Kay Paupore, Shirley Zaetta and Diana Wilcox as the three mice, Carol Wallman as Samantha, Helene Lusa as mother and Kay Koch as father and Sue Attee,



STAFF PHOTOS BY MATTHEW TAPLINGER

On stage: Sharon Belobraidich, Judi Richards, Elaine Bain and Mickey Edell-Cotner rehearse a scene from "Cinderella" at O'Leary Auditorium. The American Association of University Women will be presenting their original production March 2-4.

Karen Huddas and Paupore, Zaetta and Wilcox as the lords

The play is directed by Mary Tiell, with Ellyn Christiansen as choreographer. Wilcox is in charge of costumes, with set design handled by Paupore, Wendy Harless and Carney

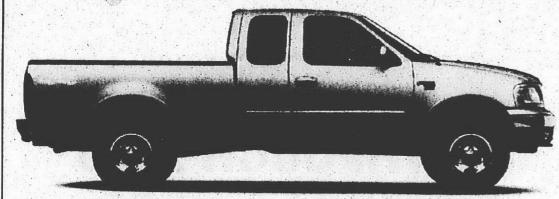
"These plays offer a rare and unique opportunity for children of all ages to experience live . drama and meet the cast at very reasonable costs," said Uhl. Where else can you see live entertainment for only \$4 per ticket?"



Hunting cheese: Kay Paupore, Shirley Zaetta and Diana Wilcox portray the Three Kind Mice in the AAUW's upcoming production of "Cinderella."

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# Duggan, Ward line up supporters

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER
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With six months to go until the Aug. 8 primary, both Michael E. Duggan and George E. Ward, who are vying to succeed retiring Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair, are claiming endorsements from groups and individuals involved in law enforcement.

Such endorsements are seen as "key to any prosecutor's race." according to Duggan's campaign headquarters.

Duggan, deputy Wayne County executive since 1987, has been endorsed by the Government Bar Association, which represents Wayne County assistant prosecutors, as well as several other county labor unions.

Ward, Wayne County chief assistant prosecutor for more than 10 years, has the support of individuals such as Kenneth Frazier, deputy chief prosecutor of the Wayne Out-County office; Westland Police Chief Emery



Price, Huron Township Chief James Caygill, Detroit attorney and former mayoral candidate Sharon McPhail; former Detroit city councilman Jack Kelley and Dr. L. J. Dragovic, Oakland County's medical examiner.

Ward

He also has been endorsed by, among others, Robert Sage, former chief of the Wayne County prosecutor's out-county office; J. Thomas Lenga, immediate past president of the Michigan State Bar Association; University of Detroit law professor Patrick

Keenan; Wayne State University law professors Ralph Slovenko and Maurice Kelman and Cheboygan prosecutor Joseph P. Kwiatkowski.

Other law enforcement groups supporting Duggan, a Livonia resident, are the Wayne County Sheriff's SEIU Local 502; Wayne County Association of Police Chiefs; Southeastern Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police; and Downriver Mutual Aid, which represents Downriver police chiefs.

Duggan also has been endorsed by the Detroit Metro Firefighters IAFF Local 741 plus such non-law groups as the Greater Detroit Building and Construction Trades Council, Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters, public employees' AFSCME Locals 1171 and 3317. United Food and Commercial Workers Local 876 and the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees unions.

Ward, a Plymouth resident,

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has the support of the Seafarers' International Union of the AFL-CIO and its international vice president, Byron Kelley, plus that of Dick Cordtz, president emeritus of the Service Employees' International Union.

Other labor supporters for Ward include Nick Cova, former business agent of the Riggers' Union, and Bobby Holmes, former Teamsters international vice president.

Ward also claims the support of Detroit businessman Frank D. Stella; Allen Park Mayor Levon King and that of Willie D. Hall, former treasurer of the Detroit charter revision commission.

Duggan, who, like Ward, is an attorney, served as a special prosecutor for O'Hair in 1984, then was O'Hair's assistant corporation counsel in 1985-86.

# House bill would OK random locker searches

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

School officials would have the authority to conduct random searches of lockers under a bill approved last week by the House of Representatives and now awaiting approval by the Senate.

House Bill 5233, sponsored by Rep. Lauren Hager (R-Port Huron), puts into law what is already practiced in many school districts. While clarifying the legal authority to conduct such searches, the bill also requires school districts that have lockers in their buildings to draft a policy regarding searches and distribute it to students and their parents.

The American Civil Liberties Union objects to the bill, arguing that all searches should be based on a reasonable suspicion that some crime has been committed.

"Lockers are school property, not private property," Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) said, explaining that there cannot be an expectation of privacy in a school locker.

Prior to passage, lawmakers amended the bill to provide privacy protections for students for materials found in lockers during a search which neither break the law nor violate school policy.

Representatives voted 90-13 in favor of the bill.

Representatives in the Observer circulation area approving the bill were Reps. Eileen DeHart (D-Westland), Gerald Law (R-Plymouth), Bruce Patterson (R-Canton), Andrew Raczkowski (R-Farmington Hills), Laura Toy (R-Livonia), and Bob Brown (D-Dearborn Heights).

Rep. Tom Kelly (D-Wayne)



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# OBITUARIES

LDRED B. "MILLIE" BLACKFORD

Services for Mildred B. "Millie" Blackford, 77, of South Lyon (formerly of Plymouth) were Feb. 5 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Pastor Drex Morton officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

She was born June 16, 1922, in Goodrich, Mich. She died Feb. 3 in Southfield. She was an executive secretary at Vico Products for 20 years. She retired in 1985. She came to the South

Lyon community 1 1/2 years ago from Plymouth where she had been a lifelong resident. She was a member of the Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club. She loved to play golf and bowl.

Survivors include her four sons, Donald C. (Kathleen) Blackford of Gaylord, Mich., Dennis A. (Olga) Blackford of South Lyon, Randell C. (Margaret) Blackford of Chelsea, Eric S. Blackford of Westland; one brother, Vern Peck of Canton;

### **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 24, 2000 for the following:

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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one sister, Louise (Keith) Baughman of Interlochen, Mich.; seven grandchildren; 10 great-great grandchildren.

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# CYNTHIA (CINDI) K. MELTON

Services for Cynthia (Cindi) K. Melton, 40, of Plymouth were Feb. 5 at the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating. Burial was in Knollwood Memorial Park

She was born Oct. 1, 1959, in Detroit. She died Feb. 2 in Garden City. She was a homemak-

Survivors include her husband, Terry Melton; one son, Corey Melton; one daughter, Sara Melton; parents, Arthur Berkley and Marian Marinelli; two sisters, Debbie Joseph and Barb Main.

### PHYLLIS KREY

Services for Phyllis Krey, 85, of Canton Township will be held at a later date in Chicago.

She was born March 29, 1914, in Chicago. She died Feb. 6 in Canton Township. She was a seamstress.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Krey. Survivors include her daughter,

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

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Susan Hester of Canton.

Local arrangements were made by the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton.

# **GLYNN L. VAUGHT**

Services for Glynn L. Vaught, 71, of Ann Arbor were Feb. 9 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Westland.

He was born May 25, 1928, in Readyville, Tenn. He died Feb. 3 in Syracuse, N.Y. Mr. Vaught was retired but continued to work for the company Exhibit Works in Livonia as account executive and vice president of sales. He was well known in his field of display advertising. His major account was Ford Motor Co. and he was currently working with many of the auto shows: He also handled many of the special events for Ford Motor Co. such as the board of directors meetings and also coordinated the weddings for two daughters of Henry Ford II.

Born in Tennessee he came north at the age of 18. He lived in Romulus for over 20 years and moved to Ann Arbor in 1979 after his marriage to Catherine in 1978. They purchased 10 acres where his favorite pastimes were driving his tractor or fishing in his pond.

After retirement, the couple spent six months in Ann Arbor and six months in Fort Pierce, Fla. He was a 33rd Degree Life Member of the Wayne Masonic Lodge, a life member of the Washtenaw Country Club in Michigan and the Panther Woods Country Club in Fort Pierce, Fla., for the past 10 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, where he served in the Korean War, and he was a licensed pilot.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Lynn Vaught. Sur-

vivors include his wife, Catherine G. of Ann Arbor; three sons, Martin (Elaine) Vaught of Naples, Fla., Douglas Vaught of Fort Myers, Fla., David Vaught of Portola, Calif.; three stepdaughters, Patricia (William) Seymour of Hartland, Sandra (Jerry) Dehl of Livonia, Laura Snoeberger of San Rafael, Calif.; one stepson, Thomas (Ellen) Wootton of Mill Valley, Calif.; mother, Mattie Vaught of Readyville, Tenn.; one sister, Juanita Crider of Nashville, Tenn.; one sister-in-law, Donna Vaught of Westland; and five grandchildren, Catherine, Kevin, William, Melissa, Kate.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or to the charity of your choice.

### ROBERT A. ROGERS

Services for Robert A. Rogers, 66, of Plymouth were Feb. 4 at Our Lady of Good Counsel with the Rev. J.J. Mech officiating. He was born March 17, 1933,

in Dearborn. He died Jan. 31 in Superior Township. He worked 30 years and retired from Ford Motor Co. in 1987.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alex Rogers and Victoria D. Rogers. Survivors include his wife, Rose G. Rogers; two sons, Matthew (Doreen) Rogers of Westland, Gregory (LeeAnn) Rogers of Canton; one daughter, Colleen (Kenneth) Dethloff of Plymouth; four grandsons, Joshua Rogers, Vincent Rogers, Zachary Rogers, Kyle Dethloff; and three granddaughters, Jessica Dethloff, Alexis Rogers, Gabrielle Dethloff.

Memorials may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1740 Mount Elliott Ave., Detroit, MI 48207 or as Mass offerings.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

### JOHN RICHARD BENNETT

Services for John Richard Bennett, 54, of Canton Township will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton. Burial will be in Parkview Memorial Gardens, Livonia.

He was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He died Feb. 6 in St. Mary Hospital. He was an automotive engineer. He was a member of the Marine Corps. He was also a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Bennett; three daughters, Erika, Krista, Lyssa; three sons, Tom, Scott, Jason; and seven grandchildren.

# Canton junior tops in math

Eric Jennings, a junior at Plymouth Canton High School, has placed among the top 100 math students in the State of Michigan. More than 13,000 students took the Michigan Math Prize tests in October and December. Jennings will be recognized at the Michigan Math Prize Awards Program at Albion College on March 4.

Mary Kay Frey, assistant principal at Canton states, "Eric has been an outstanding math student throughout his high school years and this is more evidence of his outstanding abilities.'



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A small example of the numerous scholarships available to students includes Handicapped Student Scholarships, Members of a Church Scholarships, Scholarships for "C" Students, Veteran Children's Scholarships, Scholarships for Minorities and much, much more.

Though the majority of scholarships are from the federal government and are merit and/or need-based, billions of dollars are available to students from private scholarships. Much of private sector financial aid goes unused because the parents and students do not know how or

There are organizations that have spent hundreds of hours in research locating scholarship sources. The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance-College Bound is such an organization and supplies information about more than 700 private scholarships sources.

The scholarship list includes the scholarship names, addresses, application deadlines, summaries about the scholarships and the amount the scholarship will pay your child.

Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; others can be applied towards tuition, living xpenses, and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, four-year colleges, medical and law schools.

For information on obtaining these scholarship lists, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 668, O'Fallon, IL

# State budget office announces surplus auction slate

The state's department of management truck and equipment; May 23 - miscellaand budget (DMB) has announced the 2000 state surplus auction schedule. Items for sale are as wide - ranging as automobiles and lawnmowers to file cabinets and desks.

Auction starting times are at 10 a.m. with an inspection period the day before the sale and the morning of the sale. The schedule is

Feb. 26 - miscellaneous items; March 28 miscellaneous items; April 1 - auto; items April 22 - miscellaneous items; May 13 -

neous items; June 24 - miscellaneous items; July 15 - vehicle and miscellaneous items (Held in Marquette, Mich); July 25 miscellaneous items; Aug. 5 - truck and equipment; Aug. 26 - miscellaneous items; Sept. 16 - auto; Sept. 26 - miscellaneous items; Oct. 28 - miscellaneous items; Nov. - truck and equipment; Nov. 18 - miscellaneous items; Dec. 19 - miscellaneous

When registering at the auction, buyers auction/htm, or contact (517) 335-8444,

must provide picture identification. Also, all purchases must be made with cash or a check made payable to the State of Michigan for the full amount at time of sale. Out of state buyers must purchase with cash or have guaranteed payment with a certified check, cashier's check, or money order.

For location information and more details, visit the DMB's State Surplus Property Web site at www.state.mi.us/dmb/dir/

# Plymouth woman named director for Ford health

PLANNING COMMISSION

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943

of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning

Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing

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Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00

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Warren Road between Ridge and Beck Roads.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

Jennifer Elston Lafata, Ph.D., a resident of Plymouth, has been appointed director of the Center for Health Services Research at Henry Ford Health System.

The Center for Health Services Research is responsible for investigating the outcomes, effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of strategies to prevent, diagnose, treat and manage commonly occurring health conditions.

Lafata currently serves as principal or co-investigator on a number of studies. These include National Cancer Institute-sponsored projects to assess the economic impact of false positive cancer screens and the feasibility of using claims data to

# St. Mary's sponsors poetry contest

St. Mary's College at Orchard Lake is inviting high school students, grades 9 through 12, to participate in the 2000 Grembos and Rydesky Memorial High School Poetry Contest.

The deadline is March 15. Four prizes will be awarded: \$100 for first prize, \$75 for second, \$50 for third and \$25 for fourth. Here are the contest

Poems may be no longer than 20 lines.

Each contestant may submit no more than two poems.

Each poem must be typed on a separate sheet of paper, including names, grade, name of school, school address and home address.

A statement signed by student and a teacher must attest that the poem is the student's original work.

Entries should be sent in care of Koch to St. Mary's College, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, MI 48324.

determine cancer follow-up procedures.

She also serves as principal investigator for a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-sponsored project evaluating the quality of care delivered to patients with diabetes, asthma and heart failure in managed care settings.

Lafata joined Henry Ford in 1993 as a research scientist and went on to serve as acting director for the Center for Clinical Effectiveness. She also holds appointments with the Cancer Epidemiology, Prevention and Control Research Program in the Josephine Ford Cancer Center.

Lafata is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She received her doctorate in Health Services Management and Policy from the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan.

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION ON TUESDAY, **FEBRUARY 22, 2000**

Notice is hereby given that a Presidential primary election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, February 22, 2000, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Applications for absentee ballots for Charter Township of Plymouth registered voters may be requested from the Clerk's Office at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building No. 3, Plymouth Phone number 354-3224 or 354 3228. Absentee ballots will be delivered to qualified absentee voters in person at the Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m., to 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, February 19. On Monday, February 21, absentee voters may receive their

ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. All polling places in the Township of Plymouth are accessible to the elderly and the handicapped.

Polling places are as follows: (Please note that the Township precinct locations or precinct numbers may not coincide with your school district precinct location or number)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

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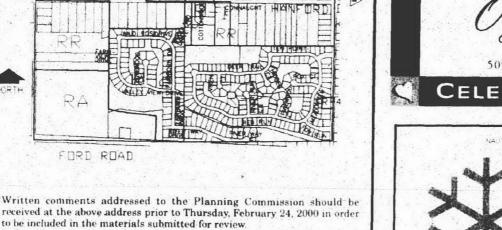
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# Name game

# Tradition is worth preserving

radition is a fine thing. The Plymouth Ice Spectacular, Canton's LibertyFest, petulant bickering on the Plymouth City Commission — these are traditions we can get behind. Among the other traditions we like is the idea that our schools should contain a hint of both communities, hence the addition of the word "Plymouth" to both Salem and Canton High Schools.

As you should know by now if you've been paying attention, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education is preparing to name the third high school, scheduled to open in 2002. The board is soliciting suggestions from the community, and so far seven or eight are being considered.

(If you're worried you're too late to get your idea in, don't. The board is taking names through March 1. It wants to have a name in place before groundbreaking this summer.)

The school board has stuck to tradition in naming its schools. If you're someone who has made a significant contribution to the community, you could perhaps have an elementary school named after you. Middle school names, at least until Pioneer and Discovery came along, came from directions.

High schools were named after the communities they encompass, hence Salem and Canton.

Logic dictates, then, that the new high school at the very least include the name Plymouth. But therein lies the rub: some people have recommended dropping the word "Plymouth" from the names of the existing schools. We agree it seems extraneous; how often do you hear kids from either high school say, "I go to Plymouth Canton," or "I'm attending

It's all right to drop 'Plymouth' from the two existing high schools to simplify things, but the new building, scheduled for completion in 2002, must reflect the Plymouth community in some sense.

Plymouth Salem?" Nearly never. It's either Canton or Salem.

School board president Susan Davis said eliminating Plymouth from the current names "isn't a bad suggestion." We agree with her, with one caveat: the new school must reflect the Plymouth community in some sense.

Think there won't be a firestorm of criticism and angst over the removal of Plymouth from everywhere but the name of the school district? Ask the folks at the Plymouth Canton Junior Baseball Association, who backed off just such a plan after just such a firestorm.

The suggestions received so far include some pretty good ones, although eight is hardly a significant pool of choices. Surely more will arrive as the deadline nears, and the board should give them all due consideration.

But if the board wants to KISS the idea (Keep It Simple, Stupid), one name already stands out, a single word that would accomplish the goal of maintaining tradition and keeping Plymouth alive in our schools, especially if the board decides to eliminate the word from the existing high schools.

Plymouth High School. Simple. Elegant. Traditional. Who can ask for anything more?



# **LETTERS**

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

# **Unnecessary chase**

On Jan. 20 about 9 p.m. we were driving eastbound on Ann Arbor Road from Sheldon Road when it all began. We saw police cars coming westbound on Ann Arbor Road with flashers and sirens going. We continued east on Ann Arbor Road and as we approached Lilley another police car turned left onto Ann Arbor Road. There was quite a bit of traffic.

My wife continued eastbound in the righthand lane when we heard all the sirens again and saw them approaching at high speed heading east on Ann Arbor Road. We stopped in the right lane as close to the curb as possible when all the police cars were in chase of a small red car.

As they passed us our minivan actually swayed from the draft. At this point we were near the CSX underpass. There were at least six to eight police vehicles and one fire ambulance at the scene. We were sure that whoever was being chased had ether killed or robbed someone. This was the first police chase I have ever witnessed. It was very scary.

After reading the Sunday Plymouth Observer I couldn't believe that such an elaborate police chase occurred for such a minor reason (a Canton man was fleeing arrest). I'm sure the officer where the incident occurred had this young man's license plate number. There were many lives endangered with this high speed chase and I don't feel that this chase needed six to eight police vehicles.

Ken Taddia Westland

# Tough call: Censor or protect The Internet has become a blessing and a curse to our public libraries. It has opened the wide world of information to library It is not the role of a library to pick and choose which ideas should be 'filtered' out on the

The Internet has become a blessing and a curse to our public libraries. It has opened the wide world of information to library patrons on every subject under the sun. It has allowed them to contact others with similar interests in every corner of the world. It has helped expose scalawags and bring down tyrannies.

On the other hand it has allowed hate mongers, pornographers and shady commercial enterprises to send their messages out for all to see, and it has opened a new way for sexual aredators to seek out and ensnare their prey.

This is a tough issue, especially when it involves children. We want them to benefit from the special power that information gives, but we also want to protect them from the dangers of demeaning material and the physical danger of the sexually unbalanced.

Several groups have demanded that libraries use filtering software to keep out all sexual material, while others also demand that certain kinds of political or religious subjects be filtered. Many are also demanding that librarians or library aides stand guard and watch what patrons, especially young ones, are viewing.

The American Library Association opposes filters because the current filtering programs do not work. The software keys on particular subjects or key words. They often allow some inappropriate material through while filtering out perfectly good material. The ALA objects that the filters provide a "one-size-fits-all" solution that treats young children, older children and adults in the same way.

As Jean Tabor of the Canton Public Library points out it gives parents a false sense of security while infringing on the rights of other library patrons.

The Canton Library has a Cyber Kids room designed for children 7-12. Minors and their parents sign an agreement that they won't go to an inappropriate site. In Garden City, patrons must be in the ninth grade to use a computer unsupervised. Younger children must be with a parent or guardian.

The ALA also emphasizes communication between parents and children before they get to the library and while they're there.

The group suggests:

talking to your children about the Inter-

asking your children to share their favorite Web sites

talking to them about what they see on the Web

teaching them how to behave when using

he Internet

providing guidelines on what you deem

pick and choose which ideas should be 'filtered' out on the Internet just because some sites deal with those ideas in an inappropriate manner.

appropriate for them, and

teaching children safety rules for dealing with strangers on-line just as you teach them how to deal with strangers in person.

Parental involvement is also a key message at the Livonia Public Library. The library does use filters on computers in the children and young adult areas with the caveat that "parents/guardians should be aware that the filtering software has inherent limitations which prohibit total and complete blocking of sites which may contain obscene, sexually explicit and/or other possibly objectionable materials. Parents/guardians, not Library staff members, are responsible for providing appropriate guidance to their children/wards relative to the use of both filtered and non-filtered Internet access."

We believe there is a middle ground.

As libraries cannot select the material on the Web as they do with books, we believe all libraries should have available unfiltered computers for use by adults (including young adults who are often seeking legitimate information about the very subjects blacked out by some filters). These computers should have screens which allow a patron to view the computer monitor privately and keep others from being offended.

We believe that parental involvement is the most important tool against inappropriate use of the computer by children.

But using filters in the children's section of the library will help keep out some inappropriate material, as will some staff monitoring.

An area librarian who supports filtering told us the use of computers is a "privilege," not a right. She's wrong. Access to information through libraries has long been a taxpayer supported government service and use of that service is a "right" paid for by tax dollars. A small group of "moral arbiters" should not decide what subjects are worth being informed about.

A good library makes available a wide range of material so that patrons can make their own choices about controversial ideas. It is not the role of a library to pick and choose which ideas should be "filtered" out on the Internet just because some sites deal with

# **Editorial irresponsible**

This letter is in regard to your Feb. 3 editorial: "Helmets a must for sledding." I believe that it is irresponsible for The Observer to recommend that parents put bicycle helmets on children for sledding. Bicycle helmets are activity-specific safety devices. With the last bicycle helmet that I purchased there was a disclaimer that said that the helmet was only designed for use while cycling and that an injury could occur during any other kind of use.

It seems to me that if you were to encour-

age any helmet use, it should be one that is designed for sledding and not bicycle riding. I think that an even better step toward safety would be to encourage parents to closely monitor their children while sledding. Parents should find hills that are free from trees and water (creeks and lakes). It would also be smart to not sled down hills that are too steep to help reduce speed. They should also try to find times to go when the hills are not so crowded.

These very simple steps alone, followed by some common sense would go a long way to preventing accidents while sledding.

Bernie Brosnan Canton

# Family thankful

All too often, the members of our government carry the stereotype of being self-centered individuals, only interested in their own gain or advancement. My family and I have just had the opportunity to disprove this belief.

My husband's father recently passed away in Buffalo, N.Y., and we notified all family members so we could attend the funeral services. We have two sons currently serving in the Marine Corps. Both are stationed at Camp LeJeune, N.C. However, one of our sons was on maneuvers in 29 Palms, Calif., at the time,

The Marine Corps was not going to release my son for the funeral because they were on maneuvers and a grandfather is not considered immediate family. We spoke with several members of the Marine Corps to no avail.

We contacted Congresswoman Lynn Rivers (D-Ann Arbor) for help in getting my son released for the funeral. Congresswoman Rivers came to our rescue and was instrumental in getting our son released for his grandfather's funeral.

Congresswoman Rivers not only does an excellent job at taking care of us politically, but along the way has not lost sight of the human beings she services.

My family and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her from the bottom of our hearts for all her help.

Dawn Peterson Westland

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# **POINTS OF VIEW**

# Failure a painful, but necessary part of growing up

Livonia schools official said it was crummy. Another breathed fire through the phone. Seems we used the F-word in a headline.

Administrators were none too pleased with the term "fail" to describe fifth-graders' performance on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program social studies exam.

More than half the kids didn't reach the state mark in civics. In other words, they didn't pass.

If people don't pass, they fail unless they're a Detroit Lions quarterback. They just get sacked.

Yet the use of the word "fail" rankled these educators to no end. You'd think we uttered the other F-word you know, the one to get you grounded and thrown out of the house - during a Billy Graham sermon.

The test is not developmentally

appropriate, one official argued. Kids were also taking the exam for the first

By using such a term, we caused the district incalculable damage, it was further said.

Geez, it's good thing we didn't use "flunked" or "bombed."

One school official's suggestion? Try something a little more palatable to the self-esteem next time.

How about something like, "Didn't meet the state objective in the subject?" the person offered.

Sure, try fitting that within the confines of a two-column headline.

More so, softening the blow in a newspaper headline does everyone a disservice - from the reader and homeowner paying taxes for schools to the kid administering the No. 2 lead pencil on the exam sheet.



LARRY O'CONNOR

The truth is Livonia was not alone in its poor performance on the revamped MEAP social studies exam. Other districts were well below sea level, too.

Livonia students typically perform above state average on the controyersial standardized test. If anything, abysmal results were more an indictment of the test.

The accompanying story partly

explained that as well as educators' concern about the exam.

"Fail" accurately summed up the situation. With failure often comes

the question of why. And once we know the why, we can typically fix the problem.

Yet these administrators seized on the word "fail" and all its supposed irreparable connotations.

These school officials were merely protecting the flock. That's understandable, if not commendable.

But aren't we doing our children more harm to describe how they're doing in vague generalities?

Stand-up comedian and wordsmith George Carlin does a bit about how much we have watered-down our language. He cites the evolving term used to describe the condition soldiers are afflicted with having seen too

much combat.

In World War I, doctors termed it shell-shock; In World War II, the sickness became battle fatigue. Now, we now call it post-traumatic stress syn-

Carlin argues the latter multi-syllabic term perhaps resulted in Vietnam veterans not receiving the care needed in a timely manner.

Kids can fail and often do, whether it's not making their bed, losing a soccer game or performing poorly on a test. Such failure will undoubtedly be less painful than that they'll experienced as adults.

Larry O'Connor is a staff writer for the Livonia Observer. He may be reached at 734-953-2109 or by email: loconnor@oe.homecomm.net.

# Bush no longer the clear-cut front-runner in Michigan

ohn McCain is pretty much running state to state at this point, says his Michigan campaign coordinator Sen. John Schwarz (R-Battle Creek).

No doubt about it, his presidential candidacy against the favored George W. Bush got a significant shot in the arm by his 18-point victory in the New Hampshire primary. And the reaction here was immediate. In the days after the vote, volunteers were calling McCain's state headquarters in Grand Rapids to sign up at the rate of one every minute, Schwarz said.

"I've spent more time with the media in the last 30 hours than I have in the last 30 years," Schwarz said. "There's been so much ... he (McCain) couldn't buy that kind of publicity."

This month is the critical time for McCain. Bush already has enormous support nationwide. With legendary networking skills, Bush has already built "grassroots" organizations throughout the nation, his backers

say. He certainly has a hefty campaign war chest.

Bush also has the Republican loyalists working for him. From Gov. John Engler on down through the leg-

islative ranks, a

majority of the players in Michigan GOP politics signed on to support George "Dubya" long ago.

MIKE MALOTT

The key to keeping the McCain candidacy alive then, Schwarz said, is for his supporters to take his newfound resources - volunteers and contributions - and deploy them swiftly and intelligently between now and Feb. 22.

With only a few primaries left before Super Tuesday, McCain has to keep the momentum going - in South Carolina Feb. 19 and in Arizona and

Michigan on Feb. 22.

Would a loss in Michigan kill the McCain campaign?

"Certainly a loss in both South Carolina and Michigan would pretty much put a capper on it," Schwarz said. "He's running state to state and he would be out of money heading into Super Tuesday."

Arizona is McCain's home state. South Carolina is small by comparison. That makes Michigan strategically significant to the point that we'll see a presidential primary campaign here in the next couple of weeks unlike anything we've seen before.

The state Legislature's decision to move up the primary election date to Feb. 22 was believed to have its political ramifications. GOP leaders said it was done to increase the state's profile in the primary, but critics believe it was more intended to give Bush "aid and comfort" heading into March 7.

And it may well backfire on them, Schwarz contends.

.. Probably 21 or 22 percent of Michigan voters are devout independents and ticket splitters. A majority of them will vote for McCain," Schwarz predicted.

There's yet another factor that may make the outcome of Michigan's primary even more difficult to get a handle on - Democratic crossover. We're likely to see a lot of that this year.

In some previous presidential primaries in Michigan, voters have been asked to name a party preference. That's gone now. And in most other primaries, typically, the voter is confronted with a choice - vote on the Republican ballot or the Democratic ballot. Mixing tickets cancels out the

That's not the case this year. In fact, with the Democrats voting in caucuses on March 11, their primary balloting doesn't even take place the same day. According to the Secretary of State's office, there is no cross checking taking place to assure that

voters don't cast ballots in both contests. The parties may be "officially discouraging" it, but from what I can tell there is little real reason why voters should avoid voting twice.

Dems want their votes to count, to have an impact, as much as anyone. And their own party admits things will pretty well be decided between Al Gore and Bill Bradley by the time its caucuses roll around.

It's been thought McCain's position as the moderate Republican was a political liability. That's not likely to be true in Michigan: Crossing Dems, it seems to me, are more likely to look to him than to Bush, or Steve Forbes. or Alan Keves

Michigan was once thought to be Bush country. It may turn out to be perilous territory for him.

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

# Ford has better idea with employee computer program

e are plop in the middle of the greatest surge of technological change since the tury. Information technology and its various applications such as the Internet will produce an enormous range of innovations that will bring fundamental changes to our entire society.

We saw a great example in Michigan last It was the decision by Ford Motor Co. to pro-

vide home computers, software and Internet access to all 350,000 employees for a cost of \$5

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What a sensible and far-reaching step! At one stroke, Ford not only brought its entire work force up to date with tomorrow but also gave each worker an incentive to engage in the technology that will change profoundly everything in our society, including automobiles.

To achieve by traditional means such engagement and potential productivity gain would have taken years of complicated head-butting negotiations with the UAW. Now Ford is ahead of the pack, with DaimlerChrysler and General Motors scrambling to catch up. Many other employers are sure to follow. Already, Delta Airlines has announced a similar plan.

Moreover, the sheer numbers of people who will enter into IT through employer-subsidized plans will propagate the technology throughout all reaches of society in a way never believed possible. And for a big state like Michigan, where class divisions have often stalled profound social change, the impact will be unimaginably great.

A couple of years ago, I served on the Information Technology Commission, a think group put together by the Kellogg Foundation. A group of Michigan leaders from business, labor, education and government all struggled to make sense of the coming IT revolution and worked to figure out how Michigan could gain competitive advantage from it.

One of the big worries that surfaced was the uneven distribution of computers and Internet access through the society. In relatively wealthy counties like Oakland, as many as 50 percent of all households have home computers and modems. But in poor and working class areas, the penetration of IT drops to near nothing.

Speaker after speaker argued that not to equalize the distribution of computers throughout our society would inevitably lead to the kinds of conflict that followed the Industrial



PHIL POWER

Revolution. But the commission was unsuccessful in figuring out ways to do it, partly because the cost was high and partly because nobody

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believed a government body would be efficient enough to do it.

Now the distribution of IT throughout society is going to come about through the simple device of employer selfinterest in a competitive global economy.

What was particularly striking about the Ford move is how it resonates with the Ford family history.

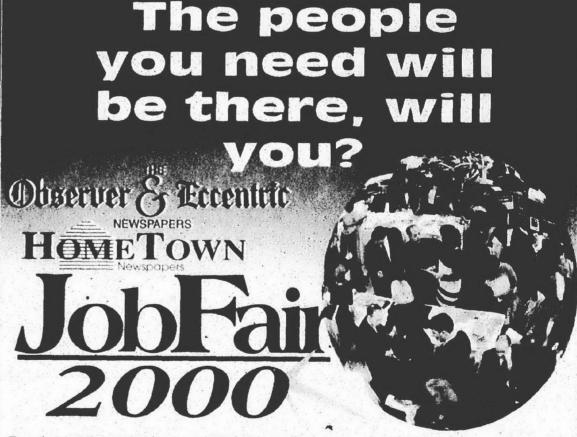
Remember, it was Ford chairman William Clay Ford Jr.'s great-

grandfather, Henry Ford, who carried the consequences of the Industrial Revolution to Michigan in the early days of this century when he perfected the assembly line in manufacturing.

The exponential increase in labor productivity brought about by the assembly line made it possible for Ford to pay his workers at the previously unheard-of rate of \$5 per day.

Now, nearly a century later, the Fords have produced an equally revolutionary and farreaching idea based on similar insights about productivity.

Phil Power is chairman of Home Town Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047. ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@homecomm.net



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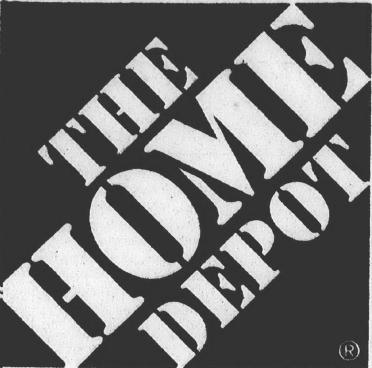
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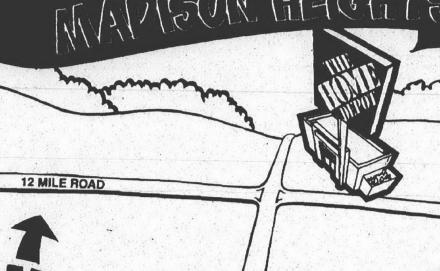
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# Community Life

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Thursday, February 10, 2000

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



MARGO DEWEY

# Keep romance alive Feb. 14

ith Valentine's Day just around the corner, I can't help but remind all the men out there to remember your special

Yes, it may be one of those holidays that is very commercialized. Yes, a dozen roses is skyrocketing anywhere from \$49 a dozen to \$100. But, just think about all the hugs, the kisses and the romance that will spark as a result of you showering your girlfriend or wife with a token of your affection.

I target men because it seems women are always reminding the

There are a few men, however, that never forget the holidays. Applause goes out to you!

guys of special occasions. There are a few men, however, that never forget the holidays. Applause goes out to you!

It's really easy to make someone happy. Find out if she collects something like crystal or dolls or books?

Does she have her eye on a certain piece of jewelry? Would she enjoy more of her favorite perfume?

I have to say one of my favorite gifts from my husband on Valentine's Day didn't cost a thing, but it meant the world to me.

My husband, Earl, works a lot of hours. And, yes, he sometimes forgets a holiday or two but he always makes

On one Valentine's Day I remember he told me he didn't have enough time to buy anything. I thought he was joking. How could he forget this special romantic day? He wasn't joking. All day long I felt miserable. I had spent nearly a month shopping for a special Craftsman tool that he didn't have and would enjoy using every day. I felt like he didn't care enough to take that amount of time to look for something for me.

Then, when he came home from work ,we decided to have dinner at home. He sat down first as I started to dish out spaghetti. As I walked over to the table to sit down, there on my placemat was a card. I, of course, was still upset. I just opened the card and said "thanks" without even reading it.

He looked at me and said, "Read it". I didn't notice, but he had written a love note. He told me how much he loved me, how thankful he was to have someone so understanding in his life. He said he couldn't live without me, and that I was the love of his life

That was the best gift he could have given me. His true feelings. Roses only last a week or so. Perfume fades within a matter of minutes. But, a love note means you give a piece of yourself to the one you love forever. So, if you're still thinking about what to give your loved one on Valentine's Day, try a few words from your heart. True feelings are very powerful.

That's just a thought.

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Livonia couple weds at the Vatican

STORY BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON

ara Reed clearly remembers the message her then fiancé now husband, Casey, left for her in May of 1999, on her voice mail system at work.

"He said, 'Wouldn't it be neat to get married at the Vatican?" Sara recalled.

Although the couple already made plans to wed at St. Theodore's Catholic Church in Westland, and reserved the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth for May 20, 2000 - the idea of getting married at the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica was enchanting.

This wasn't the first time Casey Reed had thought about saying 'I do' in Italy. His mom, Bernice Reed,

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cut out an article she saw in The Michigan Catholic November 1998 about "dream weddings" at the Vatican and that only 100 couples are eligible each year. At the time, though, Casey's father, Michael, was ill and wouldn't be able to make the trip abroad. "I don't even

neat.' think I mentioned it to Sara Reed

Sara," said Casey. "It was out of the question if my dad couldn't go."

Sadly, Reed's father died in April 1999. The following month the idea of getting married at the Vatican surfaced again.

This time Reed called the Paulist Fathers who coordinate Rome weddings as part of their duties at Santa Susanna - the parish for U.S. Catholics living in Rome. He spoke to Father Greg Apparcel, who explained the application process and what was required of the American couple.

A blessed

event: Sara

Reeber bows

to greet Pope

John Paul II

Casey Reed.

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The Pope

For the next three months Casey and Sara prepared both documents and letters to be sent, first, to the Archdiocese of Detroit, which would verify its contents, approve their decision to marry in Rome and return it to the Reeds so they could forward it onto Italy.

"They are a wonderful couple - so full of life. I thought it would be really special if they got married at the Vatican," said Bernice Reed

One month after they sent in their application, Casey said he received a phone call from Father Greg in Italy saying their application was accepted and they should be in Italy for a Dec. 9 wedding.

# The happy couple

Introduced by a mutual friend, Casey and Sara met in 1994. Sara, an occupational therapist with Rainbow Rehabilitation in Ypsilanti, is a 1985 graduate of St. Mary Academy in Carleton. Casey, a 1987 graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia, is an on-site manager at VSI Olsten. The pair graduated from Eastern Michigan University together in 1996

and were engaged in February 1998.

"To be honest, the idea of getting married in Italy wasn't something we talked about before Casey's mom saw the article," said Sara. "But after

he told me about it, I couldn't think of anything more special."

At dusk: St. Peter's Square.

What would eventually make the trip even more unique was that a dozen of the couple's family members were able travel to Italy for their wedding.

"We never expected that most of our family would be there with us," said Sara. It was Sue Reed, Casey's sister-in-law, that pulled together all the travel plans and even learned enough Italian to get the group by while abroad.

Arriving in Rome on Nov. 29,





after they exchanged vows at the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The pair is standing in St. Peter's Square.

the couple, along with Casey's mother and brother, Ron Reed, and Sara's parents, Jerry and Mary Reeber, tickets to the papal audience, a Catholic service delivered in five languages by Pope John Paul every Wednesday morning for approximately 10,000 worshippers.

It was like a rock concert when the Pope came out on stage," said Bernice Reed. "He's an amazing

> man and I expect him to be made a saint one day.

> Reed's excite-Father exceeded when she saw her son future daughter-in-law receive a blessing from Pope

John Paul. According to Casey, couples about to be married in the Vatican commonly attend the Papal Audience, dressed in their wedding dresses and suits or tuxedo's, and receive a one-on-one blessing from the Pope.

"I can't even remember what he said to me," said Casey. "Isn't that awful. I was so nervous I just don't know what he said."

Over the next week, Casey and Sara, along with their family, traveled around Italy taking in the historic sites of Rome, Naples and Venice and seeing such wonders as the Coliseum and the ruins at Pompeii. By the following Thursday, all of Sara and Casey's family arrived in Italy for the ceremony.

The morning of the wedding, Thursday, Dec. 9, 1999, a light drizzle fell on the Vatican City. "We were told in Italy that it's good luck if it rains on the bride," said Sara.

Married at 10:30 a.m. in the Choir Chapel of St. Peter's Basilica, the couple partook in a full Catholic Mass before Father Greg and 12 of their family and friends.

"When we came out of the church all these people started yelling 'Auguri, auguri," said Sara, which means best wishes in Italian. "That was really neat."

The newlyweds and their guests (Jerry and Mary Reeber, Chuck and Rhonda Horn, Mark and Sue Reed, Nick Reed, Erik Reed, Bernice Reed, Deanna and Ron Reed and Mike Powers) enjoyed an early afternoon celebratory meal at a local restaurant in Rome following the ceremony.

# Historic setting

St. Peter's Square and colonnade, the work of Bernini, form a superb

Sara and Casey first saw Father | entryway to what Catholics refer to Greg at Santa Susanna, who gave as the greatest church of Christendom. It's dominated by the massive Dome of Michelangelo. The construction of this basilica, plagued by numerous obstacles and problems, was carried out by several including Michelangelo.

The basilica rises over the foundations of a paleochristian Church, which, according to tradition, was built at the request of the Emperor Constantine over the tomb of the martyred apostle Peter. It was completed in 349.

In 1492, Niccolò V entrusted B. Rossellino to rebuild the church on the verge of collapse. The new conment about see- struction began in 1506 under ing the Holy Julius II. Michelangelo took in charge in 1546, "leaving the mark of his genius.

He planned a church in the form of a Greek cross crowned by a grandiose dome. At his death (1564) the works, left in a well advanced stage, were continued by Pirro Ligorio, Vignola, Giacomo della Porta and Domenico Fontana. At the

request of Paul V Carlo Maderno they transformed the Greek cross into a Latin cross and added the present facade 1614)

"All the sites were amazing," said Sara, "particularly Peter's Basilica. It's something Casey and I, and our families will always treasure." Returning to

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the states as Mr. and Mrs. Casey Reed, the pair sent out a special announcement in their December 1999 Christmas cards letting the rest of their family and friends know of their nuptials and plans to renew their vows, as planned on May 20, 2000.

Casey said they'll exchange vows again at St. Theodore's in Westland then receive approximately 250 guests at the Mayflower Meeting House where they'll display pictures and video from their once-ina-lifetime wedding.

The couple plans on inviting any guests in attendance, who would also like to renew their vows, to do so at the May ceremony

"Never having seriously thought about getting married in Italy, the whole trip was like a dream," recalls Casey. "Sara and I couldn't have asked for a more special day ... a day made even more special by our families presence."

# Readers share what romance means to them

My husband and I dated for en years before we decided to the knot. It wasn't that we have the know if we wanted to be the knot. It wasn't that we n't know if we wanted to be ther. Time just passed so kly.
Then we did decide to plan wedding, we both knew we ted it to be not only special,

bar unusual. We wrote down on a piece of paper what each really loved. We found we both loved the ocean, and we both enjoyed a warm climate. So, we decided to pack our bags and get married in Maui, Hawaii.

In the day of our wedding, the 5, everything was just per-The weather was 85 The weather was 85 parees. We had arranged for yows to be said before a prest, inside a floating chapel, the ocean, near a beach. It was just my husband to be, the priest, me and God - all surrounded by paradise.

Nothing could have been more ect. When the ceremony was priet walk around our hotel ch had an unbelievable gar-As we walked he promised that for the rest of our lives together we would return to Maui, the place we were married, to renew our love for each

We have been married for 7 years this year, and we have returned to Maui every year. Big weddings are truly wonderful with family and friends. But, a wedding with just you and the one you love can be much more memorable.

Gabrielle Chun, Livonia

I'd just given up on the idea of finding true romance when we met at Kmart. He was buying laundry soap and I was buying cat treats and milk. He got behind me in line and I struck up a conversation. He walked me to my car and asked for my phone number (he was afraid that I'd given him a bum

We talked on the phone a couple of times and on our first date he walked into the restaurant with a rose for me and we spent several hours having great conversation. Our second date he persuaded me to go to a haunted house (I don't like them) and I talked him into going to eat at a restaurant that played a lot of country music (he hates it)! We ended up waiting in line for four long hours in line for the haunted house. While we were waiting in line, in the chilly October air, the strangest thought went

II 'My heart still melts at the sound of his voice, when I read the notes he's left for me or when I watch him playing with our son."

> Dana L. Getz Plymouth resident and wife of Stan Getz

through my mind - we need to invite the cashier from Kmart to our wedding. I felt crazy for thinking it on a second date!

As if he was reading my mind, he asked what I was thinking about. Feeling foolish, I said that I was just thinking how much fun I was having. He nodded in agreement, smiled and said, "We'll have to make sure that Eva [the cashier] makes the guest list for our wedding." It was at that moment that I knew he was the man I would marry. I knew he was who my heart had searched for.

We've been married now for almost 2 years and we have a wonderful son, Anthony. He still brings me roses, usually coming into my workplace, leaving them on my desk when I am out. My heart still melts at the sound of his voice, when I read the notes he's left for me or when I watch him playing with our son.

The best thing is being able to

laugh with my husband, who is also my best friend. Now that's romance! I count myself lucky every day.

Happy Valentine's Day, Stan. I love you. Dana L. Getz - Ply-

My husband doesn't woo me with flowers of 14 karat jewels. It's the little things he does that really means a lot.

My husband works a lot so the time we do have together is special to us because we just don't include ourselves - we make sure our son is a part of it. Whether it's a walk in the park or a picnic on a sunny afternoon. To me romance doesn't have to

have a price tag it's the priceless things that mean the most.

Kim Pienton speak about her husband John Pienton

■ When I met my boyfriend at a Pontiac bar, the last thing I ever imagined was that I'd still

be so taken with him nine breath. months later. He was bartending at the newest club in town and I was out for a night of dancing with friends.

Now, just being in his company makes me smile.

He may not think of himself as a romantic, but each time he spontaneously picks me flowers, each time he shows up or calls me unexpectedly, my heart skips a beat. I never know when he's going to randomly bring me some hard-to-find novel by my favorite writer, or draw a pict-ogram in the snow outside my front door.

I see that spontaneity in almost everything he does.

By our second date I knew that, no matter what happened next, we would become and always remain close friends. We spent a wonderfully exhausting day doing all of our favorite things - from a visit to the Detroit Institute of Arts, to dinner at a Thai restaurant in Windsor, then back for drinks at The Deck in Detroit, and tickets to a concert at the State Theatre. We ended the evening with a long conversation at Dick O Dow's pub in Birmingham. Talk about a whirlwind romance.

I'm still trying to catch my

Thank you, Brian, for everything. Happy Valentine's Day.

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Stephanie Angelyn Casola is a Troy resident and Observer & Eccentric writer who works in

■ A hopeless romantic is what my husband is. When we were first married he surprised me one night when I came out of work. He was supposed to be picking me up from work but instead, when I came out of work, the only vehicle in front of the building was a taxi cab. The man got out of the cab and asked me if I was Sandy. My husband had instructed him to pick me up and take me to a surprise desti-

He drove me to a hotel and handed me an envelope. Inside the envelope were directions to the room and the hotel key. When I reached the room, turned the key and stepped inside, there inside a huge Jacuzzi tub was my husband with a bottle of champagne and candles all lit around the tub. Still to this day he is surprising me with small tokens of his affection. I am very lucky to have married such a kind and gentle man!

Sandy Felt, Plymouth

# Daughters of Revolution elebrate 'good citizens'

he Daughters of the Amerihrane Plymouth-Northville DAR Youth Tea at 10 a.m. Feb. 21 to celebrate the "good citizen award winners and American Ristory award winners."

All DAR members are welcome St. John's Episcopal Church, Sheldon Road in Plymouth. Fren Woodside, supervisor of Northville Township will be the sort speaker. She will address "Dur Local Government."

1999 winners are as follows: The American History Essay contest winner is Sarah Zimmerman, a sixth grader who attends St. Paul's Lutheran School in

The Sarah Ann Cochrane

Chapter 1999-2000 Good Citizenship winner is Adam James Jones of Northville High School. He has been very active in American politics and worked as a page for Congress. He's also contributed volunteer efforts to the campaigns of Michigan Governor John Engler, U.S. Senator Spence Abraham, Congressman Knollenberg, Bachelder, Bob Dole and Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter.

Honorable mention nominees who exhibited outstanding citizenship this past year included:

Sara Lewandowski - Canton; Jeanette Fershtman - Stevenson; Megan Bohr - Salem; Eric Zacharias - Garden City; Courtney Wilmering - Ladywood; Danielle Zucchet - Churchill.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals 5:00 p.m., February 24, 2000, at the Resource Development Division, third floor, Administration Building. 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan for the following:

FY 2000-2004 CDBG CONSOLIDATED PLAN (Research, writing, text, printing and binding)

Specifications are available from the Resource Development Division at the Questions may be directed to Resource Development address above. Questions may be directed to Resource Development of Division, (734) 397-5417. This project is funded by CDBG, Department of The HUD. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. The Charter Township of Canton 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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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton,

Michigan will accept sealed bids or proposals until 10:00 a.m., March 2, 2000 at which time they will publicly be opened by the Township Clerk for The following:

2000 SPRING TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Bids for the above are to be submitted to the office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, 48188 on or before the above due date and time. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed, opaque envelope and clearly marked "Tree Planting Bids".

All trees are to be a minimum of 11/2" or 21/2" in caliper for deciduous trees and 5' or 6' height for evergreen trees and meet the requirements for height and branching as set forth in the American Standard for Nursery Stock published by the American Association of Nurserymen, 1990. Each tree shall be planted in accordance to the specifications included and guaranteed for one year from the date of planting. A follow-up inspection after 4 months is required to determine if the individual trees have survived. The total number of trees, species, and planting locations may be obtained by contacting the person noted below. It is expected that 51 - 1½" caliper and 105 - 2½" caliper deciduous trees and 15 - 5' height and 3 - 6' height evergreen trees will be planted at various locations throughout the Township by the end of May, 2000 through this program.

REQUIREMENTS

Bidder must specify and provide legal documentation of status of company, such as corporate papers, partnership papers, etc. The signed contract is not assignable or transferable to any other

company without township approval. A cash bond, letter of credit or retainage equal to 15% of the total contract is required.

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# Feast on this for Valentine's Day, 2000

Marriage is the ultimate expression of Valentine's Day. And so, to Old Country Buffet. Country Buffet and Home-Town Buffet, 50 years of such loving deserves the ultimate celebration— a feast. A free feast, at that.

Come on it all you Valentines who've been married 50 years or more and enjoy a free lunch or dinner on us Monday, Feb. 14. All you've got to do is show us your marriage license. The free meal, by the way, isn't the only thing to look forward to. You can also pose with your loved one for a free photograph, which can be picked up later.

"Valentine's Day is all about the heart," said Kerry Kramp, president of Buffets, Inc., the parent company. "And there's nothing more heart-warming than being around people who've shared so much for so

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Local restaurants participating therede 6839 N. Wayne Road in Westland (595-8207);

and 5854 N. Sheldon Road in Canton Township.

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Papa Romano's will be offering, for the 13th consecutive year, special heart-shaped piz-sas for Valentine's Day. The unique tradition began in the late 1980s when Ron Hancock, founder of Papa Romano's Inc., started giving away the heart-shaped pizzas on Valentine's Day as a token of appreciation to his regular customers.

Papa Romano's offers the heart-shaped pizzas for \$5.99 with one topping. They are available Feb. 7-15.

# **CRAFTS CALENDAR**

# PROJECT GRADUATION

Crafters are wanted for a craft fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. Tables are \$25 each. Admission will be \$2. Proceeds will benefit Project Graduation 2000. To register or for more information, call Bobbie

Price at (734) 522-3848 or Michelle Porcaro at (734) 525-

# CHURCHILL PTSA CRAFT SHOW

Churchill High School PTSA is currently accepting applications for their 12th Annual Spring Craft Show which will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 11. We are located at 8900 Newburg Road, just north of Joy Road. \$1 admission. If you like an application or information, please contact us at (734) 523-0022.

# SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE CRAFTS

Crafters are being sought for the Spring Craft Show at Schoolcraft

College Saturday, March 11. 150 crafters attract crowds of more than 2,000. The show is juried and a limited number of exhibitors are accepted in each category. All types of crafts are featured including pottery, jewelry, textiles, photography and more. For information and fees call (734) 462-4417.

# 35th JUDICIAL DISTRICT BUILDING AUTHORITY ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the 35th District Court Building Authority, 660 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2000, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following:

TECHNICAL FURNITURE **NEW 35TH DISTRICT COURT** 

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the name, address and telephone number of the company/ person submitting the bid, and the name of the bid, bid opening date and time. There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting held at the project site on February 24, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. Questions should be directed to Kerry K. Erdman, Court Administrator at (734) 459-4575 or at the above Court address. Specifications are available at the 35th District Court.

KERRY K. ERDMAN Court Administrator

Publish: February 10, 2000



### CITY OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION ON FEBRUARY 22, 2000

Notice is hereby given that a Presidential Primary will be held in the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, February 22, 2000, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, in order that the Democratic and Republican voters in Michigan can nominate from among the candidates of their respective parties, the person they wish to have nominated from Michigan for a the Office of the President of the United

Applications for absentee ballots for the City of Plymouth registered voters may be requested from the Clerk's Office, 201 South Main Street, Plymouth. Telephone Number is 463-1234, extension 234 or 225. Absentee ballots will be delivered to qualified absentee voters in person at the respective Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 19, 2000. On Monday, February 21st, 2000, absentee voters may receive their ballots and must vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

All polling places in the City of Plymouth are accessible to the elderly and Polling places are as follows: (Please note that the City precinct locations

City of Plymouth Precincts 1, 2 & 4

may not coincide with your school district precinct locations.)

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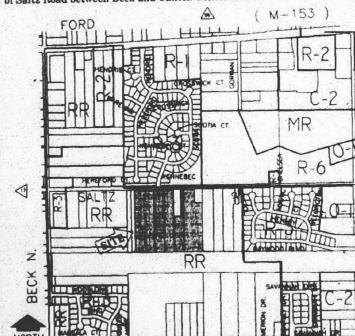
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### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943

of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 6, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

SELECTIVE/SALTZ REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 063 99 0013 000, 063 99 0014 000, 063 99 0015 000, 063 99 0017 000, AND 063 99 0018 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the south side of Saltz Road between Beck and Canton Center Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, February 24, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review. VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

# **ENGAGEMENTS AND WEDDINGS**

# Fabello-Podwoiski

Mr. and Mrs. Andres Fabello of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Simonette to Todd Anthony Podwoiski, son of Ann Zaron and Norbert Podwoiski of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of V. Mapa High School in Manila, Philippines and earned a bachelor of science degree in hotel and restaurant management from St. Paul College in Quezon City, Philippines. She is currently employed as rooms controller at the Livonia Mariott.

The groom is a graduate of Harrison High School and is currently pursuing a bachelor of science degree in hotel and restaurant management. He is employed as a kitchen supervi-

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Richard and Colleen Kolla of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter Colleen Patricia, to Steven Lee Gean of Sterling Heights.

The bride-to-be is a Redford Union graduate and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She works as a recreational therapist for St. John Riverview Hospital.

Her fiancé, son of George and Kathleen Gean of Vassar, is a graduate of Crowley Ridge College in Paragold, Ark. He works as an activity director for ABBY Living Center in Warren.

A March wedding is planned

# **Pulis-Carney**

Stephen and Danielle Pulis of Katy, Texas announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Jennifer, to Brendan Patrick Carney.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Katy Taylor High School and received bachelor's degree in International Relations from the University of Pennsylvania and her master's degree in Finance from Wharton School in Philadelphia, Penn. She is a management consultant for Deloitte Consulting in New York

Her fiancé, son of John and Hope Carney, is a Livonia Stevenson High School graduate. He obtained his bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Michigan and his



sor at the Livonia Marriott.

A June wedding is planned at St. Colette's in Livonia.

at the Utica Church of Christ in

master's degree at Wharton

School in Philadelphia, Penn. He

works for Medsite.com in New

A May wedding is planned in

York City.

New York City.

Sterling Heights

# Kaufman-Green

**Bres-Riley** 

Health System.

James and Gail Kaufman of Royal Oak announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracey M., to Charles L. Green.

A November wedding is

The bride-to-be is a performance and development consultant for GMAC Mortgage Corporation in Troy.

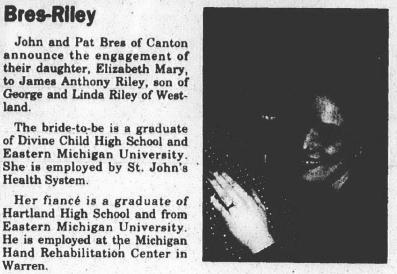
Her fiance, son of Paula Green of West Bloomfield and Leonard Green of Baytown, Texas, is a project management consultant for Great Lakes Technologies Group in Southfield. An April 2000 wedding is planned.

# Marulis-Sego

Steve and Sandy Marulis of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Loren Marie, to Christopher James Sego.

The bride-to-be received her bachelor's degree in child development and training in 1995 and a master's degree in curriculum and teaching in 1999 from Michigan State University. She worked as a research assistant at MSU in the Teacher Education department and has begun working on her doctorate in teacher education.

Her fiancé, son of Dave and Rose Sego of Clawson, attended Albion College, majoring in Music and Computer Science. He works as an independent computer consultant and does studio work in music.



planned at St. Cyprian's Church in Riverview.



An August wedding is planned at The Summit on the Park in Canton.

# **Helmick-Brossy**

Kenneth and Barbara Helmick of Livonia announce the engagement of Sarah Anne to Shaun Richard Brossy

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Churchill High School, and a student at Eastern Michigan University in elementary education. She works at Buddy's Pizza in Livonia.

Her fiancé, son of Dean and Sandra Brossy of Livonia, is a 1996 graduate of Churchill High School and is enrolled at Eastern Michigan University. He too works at Buddy's Pizza in Livo-



A summer wedding is planned in 2003 at St. Genevieve's

# James-Douglas

Daniel James of Swarthmore, Penn. and Beth Free James of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Elizabeth, to Dane Michael Douglas of Waterford.

The bride-to-be is a 1986 Stevenson High School graduate and a 1990 graduate of Central Michigan University. She received her master's degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1994 and works as a consultant for DataWatch.Net, Inc.

Her fiancé, son of Don and Donna Douglas of Waterford, is a 1989 Waterford-Mott High School graduate and a 1995 graduate of Central Michigan University. He is pursuing a master's degree and working as an Operations Supervisor for



General Motors Service Parts Operations in Memphis, Tenn.

A February 2001 wedding is planned at First Presbyterian Church in Northville.

# Wood-Penny

Colleen Myers of Haines City, Fla. announces the engagement of her daughter, Denise Wood, to Merle Penny of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Madonna University and works as a registered nurse at Garden City Hospital.

Her fiance, son of Geraldine Penny of Novi, is a 1989 graduate of Opelika State Technological College, and has recently retired

An April wedding is planned at Laurel Wedding Chapel in





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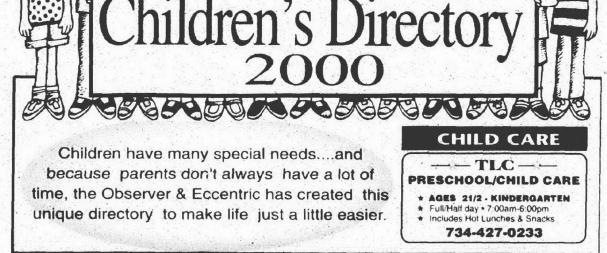
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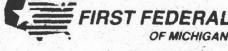
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# WEEKEND

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

■ Celebrate Valentine's Day by attending the Canton Knights of Columbus ninth annual Daddy-Daughter Valentines Dance. The dance will take place 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at the St. Thomas a'Becket Family Life Center, 555 Lilley, Canton. This night will feature dance 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.

SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

■ There will be girls fastpitch softball registration, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Diamonds Restaurant at Canton Softball Center. Girls 16 and under are eligible. The 14game season begins June 1. For more information, call (734) 737-9968.

DOLL SHOW

■ The "We Love Barbie" Fashion Doll Show returns 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Cost is \$5, \$2 for kids 4-12. The show features vintage and collectible Barbies and their accessories as well as custom designed Barbies created by a doll artist. There will be "Valentine Barbie" doll door prizes given hourly. For show or vendor information, call (734) 455-2110.

# **AROUND TOWN**

**VALENTINE CRAFTS** n The Canton Public

Library will host a session on "Make and Take Valentine Crafts" 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10. The event is designed for teens (13-17 years old) and features instruction on making a rose, unique cards and other gifts. Registration is required. Call the library, (734) 397-0999. CHORUS CALL

■ Voices In Time," a local-

ly-based singing group, will begin rehearsals for the spring-summer season in late February. There are a limited number of openings in all voice parts. For more information, call (248) 449-6540. 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.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

■ The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' PLUS Preschool Program has a few openings in its Head Start and MDE School Readiness programs. To be eligible for a Head Start placement, your child must have been 3 or 4 by Dec. 1 1999 and meet certain qualifying factors: Limited income, foster child, or child with a disability. For more information or to register call (734) 416-6105. To be eligible for the School Readiness Program your child must have been 4 by Dec. 1 1999 and meet certain income guidelines. Call 416-6194 for more information or to register.

PLUS preschool will start registering students for all programs during April

### OPEN HOUSES

■ Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-Op is hosting an open house 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 5. Applications will be accepted for fall enrollment. Plymouth Children's Nursery is located on Sheldon Road, north of Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 455-

St. Michael's Christian School is holding open enrollment for preschoolers 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, and for kindergartenfifth graders 4-6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18. St. Michael's Christian School is located at 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton. For more information, or to schedule a tour, call (734) 459-9720.

**VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION** Arbor Hospice is seeking volunteer bakers/food preparers, greeters, fund-raisers and office workers. Arbor Hospice is also looking for volunteers interested in helping terminally ill patients and their families with activities such as meal preparation, errands, reading and eating. A volunteer orientation will take place 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17 and again 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29. Both orientations will take place at Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor. For more information, call the Arbor Hospice volunteer opportunities hotline at (734) 662-3742, ext. 555. To register for orientation, call the volunteer training hotline at (734) 662-3742, ext. 566.

ANNUAL MEETING

■ The annual meeting of the Plymouth Community United Way will be held at 8 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at Johnson Controls, 49200 Halyard, Plymouth. The purpose of this meeting is to elect four board members, four officers, hear reports from the president, secretary, and treasurer, and conduct such other business as may come before the board. The public is invited to attend. Breakfast will be available.

**ASTRONOMY GROUP** 

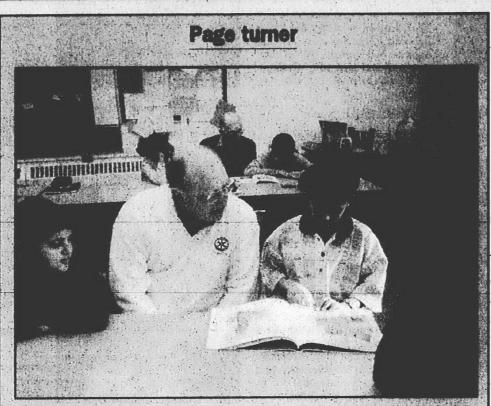
■ The Astronomy Discussion Group, which is not an astronomy club, is a new group at the Plymouth District Library. This first meeting features a lecture, "New Discoveries in Astronomy," with handouts and a a slide presentation by group facilitator, Mike Best. The first meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21. Astronomy enthusiasts ages 5 to 105 are invited. Children ages 5 and older are welcome with adult supervision. The **Astronomy Discussion** Group will meet for one hour on the third Monday of each month. Registration is required for the first program only. Registration is under way at the Reader's Advisory Desk in Plymouth Library. Call (734) 453-0750, press 4 for registration or for more information. Call Mr. Best at (734) 459-2378.

LECTURE

There will be a Transcendental Meditation free introductory lecture 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. For more information, call (734) 454-0222.

LUNCHEON ■ The VFW No. 6695 Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a "Senior Citizens Luncheon," at noon Thursday, Feb. 24, at the VFW No. 6695 Hall, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. There will be no charge, but donations will be accepted. For more information or for reserva-

tions, call Millie Drake at



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Rotary read: Larry Schafer of the Canton Rotary (second from left) reads to (from left) Yousef Haddad, 10, Satwinder Singh, 11, and Sujeesh Kurup, 11'h, all sixth-graders, during the children's recent English as a Second Language class at Central Middle School. The Rotary donated books, tapes and tape players for the children as part of a program.

(734) 453-3586 or Ann Smith at (734) 453-1529.

WEEKEND A weekend for men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a marriage is offered. Designed for those who are ready to let go of the past and wish to create a new beginning and a peacefilled future. Facilitated by those who have "been there." A beginning experience weekend will be held Feb. 25-27 at St. John Center in Plymouth. Endorsed by the Family Life Office, you must pre-register by Feb. 20 for a weekend of self-discovery and healing. All faiths are welcome. For more information, call Pat at (810) 558-2967 or call Mary Ann at (734) 692-8246.

SUPPORT GROUP

■ Vermeulen Funeral Homes is pleased to offer free monthly Grief Aftercare Support Group meetings for those who have recently experienced the death of a family member or close friend. Usually held on the fourth Sunday evening of the month, each meeting is led by Mr. Wes Baldwin of Pointe Care Counseling, an experienced grief counselor and former associate pastor who gives opportunities for those in attendance to express feelings of loss and grief in a comfortable and accepting atmosphere. The next meeting is set for 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Plymouth location on W. Ann Arbor Road between Sheldon and Beck. For more information, call (734) 459-2250.

ART LECTURE ■ The Detroit Institute of Arts, in partnership with the Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Community Education Program of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, pre-

Date and Time:

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sents "Art Lecture Series and Brown Bag Lunch," from noon until 12:50 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29. The theme is "Van Gogh: Face to Face," an introduction to the DIA's latest exhibition. Cost is \$3 per person. Bring your own lunch and friends to what promises to be an informative and entertaining lecture series. For more information, call Betsy Calhoun at (734)

416-4ART

AARP TAX HELP ■ 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 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays at Canton Recreation Center, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton, by appointment at (734) 397-5444; from 9 a.m. until noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays at Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady, Northville, by appointment at (248) 349-4140; and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 233 S. Main St., Plymouth, by appointment at (734) 453-

SERVICE CENTER

■ The Michigan Works Service Center provides the Employer/Employee Connection for Washtenaw County. Job-seeking assistance is provided daily 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Face-to-face job fairs with instant interviews are held 9:30 a.m.-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

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

Use additional sheet if necessary

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

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

more information, call (734) 481-2517.

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-todoor 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. the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mothers with their children, kindergarten-age and younger, may attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Childcare is provided. The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

M.O.M. MEETING

■ Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents guest speakers and discussions 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.

M.I.T.I Moms In Touch International is for mothers to meet weekly, for one hour, to pray for their children and schools. We are hoping to form groups for each school in Plymouth-Canton. If you are interested or have any questions, call Karen at (734) 397-2771 or Elaine at (734) 459-3896.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

■ The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cul-

■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council's annual dinner/auction, "Escape To The Caribbean," begins 6

tural Center, 525 Farmer,

Plymouth. Guests are wel-

come. Call Charr Briggs at

(810) 406-8489.

DINNER/AUCTION

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-

KIWANIS CLUB

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

**OPENINGS** 

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

Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op has openings left in its 3- and 4year-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 ages 18 months to 5 years. Garfield Co-op is located at Case Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 462-0135

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

# SUPPORT **GROUPS**

STARTING OVER

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

ARBOR HOSPICE

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

**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 ages 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 Fayor. (734) 464-7810.

# **VOLUNTEER** WORK

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** Plymouth-Canton Head Start, located in Central Middle School, is looking

for volunteers to help in the classroom with largegroup activities, to assist children during recess, participate in the Learning Centers and assist during meal times. If you have a morning or afternoon free Monday through Thursday, call 416-6196.

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

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

■ William Beaumont Hos-

pital Hospice is looking for volunteers to support the care of people with terminal illnesses and their families. Call (248) 853-8931. Head Start needs volunteers to help in the classroom with large-group activities, to assist during meal times and participate in the learning centers

with subjects such as art, computer and library. If you have a morning or afternoon free Monday through Thursday, call (734) 416-6196. ■ Volunteer drivers are needed for New Morning

School's Swim/Gym program at the Livonia YMCA 8:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays. Volunteers may also help in the pool if desired. Call (734) 420-3331. New Morning School is located at 14501 Haggerty, just north of Schoolcraft.

■ 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. Hospice volunteers are trained to be compassionate, skilled listeners and often are a significant support to both the patient and family. Daytime patient care, overnight caregivers for "11th hour," and office volunteers are needed. For more information, or to register for the training, call the Rev. Nancy Doty at (734) 971-0444.

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

CANCER SOCIETY

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

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

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### 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. 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 coffeehouse setting, is offered 7-10 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month in Knox Hall. The cost is \$5; all events provided by Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-

### 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

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.

Singles Dance is scheduled from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18 at the Grotto (2070 W. Stadium in Ann Arbor). 60-90s music will be played by a dee jay. Cash bar. non-smoking dance area. \$5 members; \$7 nonmembers. Call (734) 973-1933.

### 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-

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### SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single (30 years and older) and feeling alone? Coming join us.

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### **FARMINGTON SINGLES**

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

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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). We bowl every other Sunday for 12 weeks including a bowling banquet. 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 (on Grand River just east of Farmington Road) in Farmington next to the Civic Theater. Tables will be set up for all skill levels (beginner, intermediate, advanced). Tables are rotated every half hour. Cash bar and munchies available. A reasonably priced dinner is also available off the menu. Event is sponsored by the Metropolitan Single Professionals. Cost is \$4 for Farmington Single Professional members and \$5 for non-mem-

### SPM VOLLEYBALL

Join Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Rd. west of Haggerty in Northville) for indoor volleyball Wednesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. in Knox Hall. Call (248) 374-5920.

### SINGLE PARENTING

TOGETAWAYS

Join Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Rd. west of Haggerty in Northville) for a single parenting support group. SPM single parenting meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the parlor (room C317-C319) at Ward Church. A free meal is served at 6:15 p.m. and the class begins at 7 p.m. Single parents also meet every Wednesday night in the SPM office, dinner arrangements can be made for this meeting also. Sometimes there is a speaker and sometimes it is open discussion. Child care is free

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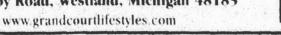
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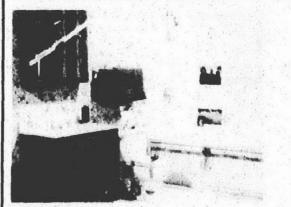






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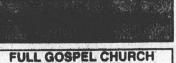


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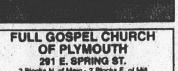


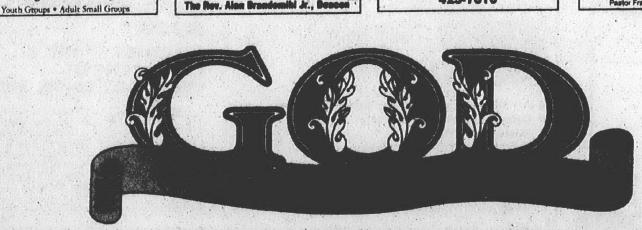
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### SPAGNETTI DINNER

The annual UMYF spaghetti dinner will be held from 5-7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Wayne (3 Towne Square) in the fellowship hall. Adults, \$6.50; Seniors, \$5; and kids (5-12) \$3.50. Four years and vounger eat free. All you can eat spaghetti and bread. Beverage, salad and dessert included. Come and enjoy food and fellow-

# LEADERSHIP & SPIRITUALITY

Dr. Steward L. Tubbs will be speaking on "Leadership and Spirituality: Taking Jesus with you Daily," at 9:45 a.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia on Sunday, March 6. Tubbs is the Darrell H. Cooper Chair of Leadership and former Dean of the College of Business at Eastern Michigan University. St. Paul's is located at 27475

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about His character. In April 1997 one of our 7month-old twins developed a severe ear infection, began cutting teeth and contracted an oral infection called "thrush" (a viral infection that causes painful blisters inside the mouth.) As new parents we had barely adjusted to the idea of never sleeping again, and the thought of any illness worried us to no end. But the combination of these three factors brought me to

my knees. Literally. She cried and whimpered non-stop for 36 hours. Devastated that my child was

in such agony, I scooped her up in my arms, went into the bedroom and begged the Great Physician to heal her.

This was the extent of my prayer: "Father, I'm at my wits end. I don't know what to do. But I'll do anything to take this pain away from her. Even if it means that I have to take it three-fold on myself, I'd do it if you'd make it possible."

What would make a father want to take pain on himself for his own children? What could possibly cause us to forsake the self-preservation instinct (in however small a fashion) and be willing to accept pain that wasn't ours for the benefit of another? I believe it comes instilled in

us from the character of God. The Bible tells us that God loved us enough to take the pain of our sin upon himself (1 John) 3:16). Our Heavenly Father became one of us, and took the pain himself, so that we might & be healed spiritually. The only exception was that in his case the pain was so much greater

and the benefit to us eternal. "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3:1)

Les Hardin has served as the Minister of Christian Education at Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia since August 1997. He grew up in Kentucky and resides with his wife and three children in Livonia. He can be reached via e-mail at memorialchurchof. christ@juno.com

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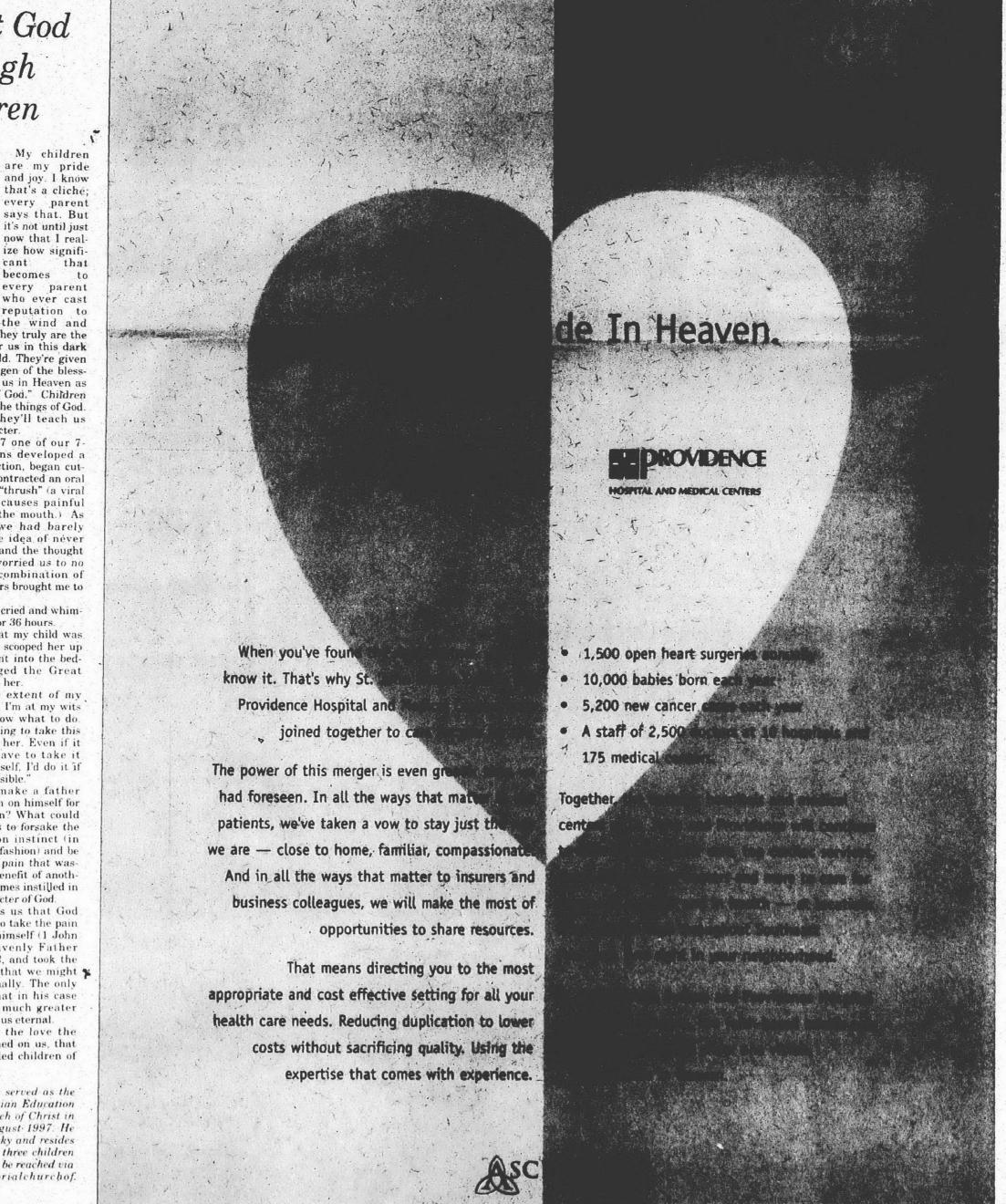
Marriage and family will be taught by Father George Shalhoub, pastor of St. Mary Orthodox Church in Livonia. The purpose of these series of classes is to take an in-depth look at the necessary characteristics that play vital roles in marriage and family life. They are available to both these couples 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

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# OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

# Salem grad switches

Central Michigan University head women's soccer coach Mark Salisbury announced the signing of eight new recruits, including a pair of notable transfers: Missy Simons, a Plymouth Salem graduate, and Allison Campbell, the Livonia Stevenson standout who transfers in from the University of Tennessee.

Simons played two years at Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C. She started at sweeper last season. While at Salem, she was an all-state selection and a two-time All-Western Lakes Activities Association pick; she was also member of the state cup champion Michigan Hawks.

Simons' versatility was one of her better-known qualities. As a senior at Salem, she agreed to move from sweeper to forward, where she scored 21 goals and assist on nine others.

Campbell was voted Michigan's Miss Soccer in 1998. She played two seasons for the Lady Volunteers where she set season records for goals, assists and points..

Campbell led the Lady Vols in scoring last season with 11 goals and four assists, earned All-Southeastern Conference second-team honors twice and was a two-time All-NCAA Central Region pick.

Campbell was also a two-time All-State selection and three-time All-Western Lakes Activities Association pick who helped Stevenson to the 1997 and '98 state championships. She was also a member of the Michigan Hawks Soccer Club which captured state cup titles from 1993-97.

Other CMU recruits: Jill Adams (St. Louis, Mo.), Katie Conway (St. Charles, Ill.), Jacqui Lorenzo (Hudson, Ohio), Katie Rawlings (North Olmstead, Ohio), Jamie Tekotte (Fairview, Pa.) and Cari VanDyck (Medina, Ohio).

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# Whalers' 1-0 win puts them in 1st in West Division

It was a game for the goalies. Their turn to shine. On Tuesday at Com-puware Arena, the Plymouth Whalers' Rob Zepp shone a bit brighter.

Zepp turned away 19 shots on goal including a penalty shot - in leading the Whalers to their third-straight win, this one by a 1-0 count over the Sarnia Sting in an Ontario Hockey League game Tuesday.

The victory boosted the Plymouth into a tie for first in the OHL's West Division with the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds. The Whalers are 29-17-4; the Greyhounds are 27-20-4. Both teams have 63 points, but the Whalers have played one fewer game.

Sarnia, which is also challenging for the top spot in the West, fell to 27-20-7, with 61 points. The Sting are third in the division.

The game's only goal was scored in the opening period by Eric Gooldy. It came off a feed from Shaun Fisher with 9:04 elapsed.

With 4:26 to play in the first, Plymouth's Andre Robichaud was called for a trip and a penalty shot was awarded. Zepp, however, made the save on the Sting's Dusty Jamieson.

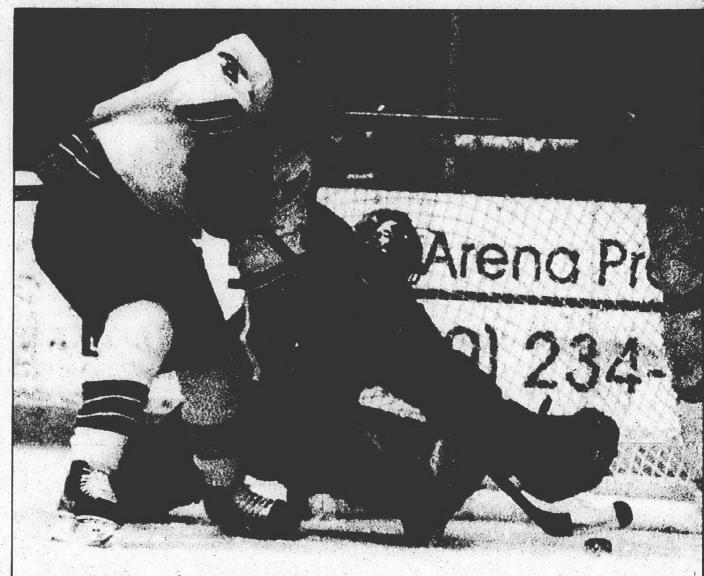
It was a sign of things to come - for both teams— as the defenses took over. Sarnia goalie Greg Hewitt was nearly Zepp's equal; he had 24 saves.

The Whalers were just a bit better, against one of the hottest teams in the OHL. Going into the game, the Sting had been 7-2-1 in their past 10 match-

# Whalers win a pair

It was a battle of survival. And the Plymouth Whalers won it.

Playing in front of a crowd of 3,613 in Sault Ste. Marie, home of the West Division-leading Greyhounds, the Whalers faced long odds in a hostile



Rare shot: The Whalers' Eric Gooldy (white jersey) slips the puck past Sarnia goalie Greg Hewitt midway through the first period. The goal was the first - and, as it turned out, the only - goal of Please see WHALERS, C3 the game as both goalies and the defenses took command Tuesday.

# Rocks ride 2nd-quarter surge; Chiefs rip Vikes

A little bit of pressure put the heat on Northville.

Trailing 16-12 after one quarter, Plymouth Salem coach Bob Brodie ordered up a little more up-tempo defense Tuesday night and the Rocks rode it to a 25-10

second quarter. The breakout produced enough momentum to let Salem ride the lead through to a 65-55 victory over visiting Northville in a Western Lakes Activities Associ-

ation basketball game. "We upped the defensive intensity and that created a lot of turnovers for us," Brodie said. "And that created a lot of oppor-

tunities for us to score. "In that quarter, eight of our players scored."

Ryan Cook, Gabe Coble and Ryan Haydon scored two points apiece, as did the McCaffrey twins, Matt and James. Jeff

Haar scored four points and Andy Kocoloski eight.

Kocoloski had three more points in the game for a total of 11 while Matt McCaffrey ended with 13, plus 13 rebounds. Scott Discher came off the bench to

The Rocks added one point to their 37-26 halftime lead and held a 48-36 advantage entering the fourth quarter.

Junior forward Aaron Redden led the Mustangs with 21 points and sophomore guard Travis Bliss scored 10.

The victory left Salem (8-6 overall) with a 5-3 WLAA mark. Northville (6-7 overall) dropped to 3-5 in the conference.

**Kentwood repeats** 

Slowly, steadily. That's how Plymouth Canton earned its second-straight win Tuesday - the first time the Chiefs have done that this season. They outscored host Walled Lake Central in every quarter to improve their overall record to 6-

8 and their WLAA mark to 5-3. "We played hard, we played good defense, and we rebounded a little bit better," said Canton coach Dan Young. "It was a nice win on the road for us."

The one-two scoring punch of Jason Waidmann and Kenny Nether did it for the Chiefs each scored 21 points. The Vikings were led by Steve Horn with 19 points and Scott Keller

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# Observer teams ousted in semis By Brad Emons Sports Writer bemons@oe.homecomm.net

Livonia Franklin and Livonia Ladywood made strong runs Saturday in the 27th annual Schoolcraft College Volleyball Invita-

tional. But top-ranked East Kentwood and No. 3 Temperance Bedford squared off for the tournament title, which attracted 32 high school teams.

East Kentwood, led by tournament MVP Kelly Eveland, a Georgia Tech signee, repeated as champion with a 15-12, 11-15, 15-9 victory over the Kicking

Mules East Kentwood, now 48-6, also placed two others on the All-Tourney squad including Susan Poll, who has signed with Miami of Ohio, and Crystal Weaver, a Marquette University basketball

Bedford, 45-10 overall and perennial SC Invitational contender, knocked out Franklin in the semifinals, 15-10, 15-8, while East Kentwood eliminated Ladywood, 15-10, 15-7, in the other semifinal.

"This tough competition will prepare us for the rest of the season," said Franklin coach Mary Helen Diegel, whose team is 35-5-1 overall. "We got consistent play throughout the day and we accomplished most of our goals for the tournament.'

Bedford All-Tourney picks Valerie Lyczkowski and Nicole Salisbury were too much for Franklin; combining for 24 kills. Senior Tera Morrill led Franklin with 10 kills, while Andrea Kmet and setter Lyndsay Sopko added five and four, respectively.

"Franklin is a good team," Bedford coach Jodi Manore said. "Their left-hander (Morrill) is a nice player and their setter (Sopko) moves the ball around." Franklin finished 5-1 on the

day with Morrill leading with a total of 48 kills. Other standouts included Kmet (28 kills), Rachel Bramlett (17 ace serves), Kerstin Marshall (13 block-assists and seven solo

digs) and Sopko (108 assists). Eight-time defending Catholic League champion Lattywood (24-15-2) proved to be the surprise of the day

blocks), Alexsis Bowman (63

The Blazers and Franklin got

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# **Big-time scoring**

# Rocks, Chiefs can't catch state's best teams

The performances of Plymouth Salem's and Plymouth Canton's gymnastics teams at Saturday's Canton Invitational were very good. But the Invitational also illustrated how strong the state's top teams are.

Salem came close to matching its seasonhigh in scoring while Canton surpassed its best score. Yet Salem tied for eighth and Canton placed 10th in the 17-team invitational.

Salem scored 136.20, tying with Freeland; Canton scored 134.95

East Kentwood placed first, scoring 148.30. Brighton was a distant second at 144.75, followed by Holland (144.40), Hartland (143.15), Rochester Adams (142.85), Northville/Novi (141.70) and Rochester (189.35). After Salem, Freeland and Canton came Farmington (134.80), Traverse City (134.70), Jackson County Western (134.45), Westland John Glenn (133.50), Troy Athens (132.05), Vassar (129.70) and Fraser

"We had a few mistakes, but overall we had a really good day," said Salem coach Melissa Hopson. "We lost a point in falls on (balance) beam, otherwise we would have had a 137.

The Rocks top overall performance was turned in by freshman Bethany Bartlett, who scored 36.05 in the Division I all-around to tie for 10th. Bartlett scored in the nines in three of four events, tying for seventh in the vault (9.1) and scoring 9.25 in floor exercise,

9.0 in uneven parallel bars and 8.7 in beam. April Aguinto also turned in a solid performance in the Division II all-around for Salem. Aquinto finished eighth with a 35.2,

tying for ninth in floor (9.15) and tying for 10th in beam (8.65). She also scored an 8.8 in bars and an 8.6 in vault, both season-bests. Four other Salem gymnasts posted person-

al bests: Kara Dendrinos, an 8.7 in floor; Kelsey Ensor, an 8.6 in floor; Valeri Quigley, a 7.65 in floor; and Cammi Carnes, a 7.7 in vault. Ashley Heard suffered an injury on beam (she scored 8.2) but still competed on bars, scoring 8.35.

Salem's 35.7 total in floor was a team best for this season.

"I'm very happy," said Hopson. "We're pulling through, I'm really glad we're staying consistent.

Plymouth Canton did not have anyone finish in the top 10 in the Division II allaround, but the Chiefs did have some solid scores from Amy Driscoll, who was second in floor (9.4), and Liz Fitzgerald, who tied for ninth in floor (9.15) and tied for 10th in vault

Salem was supposed to have met Northville/Novi in a dual meet Monday, but officials failed to show up and the meet was cancelled. When it will be rescheduled is

Canton's and Salem's next scheduled competition is Monday, when they face each other at 7 p.m. at Canton's Phase III gym.

# **Farmington tops Canton**

Plymouth Canton's scoring was off Monday against Farmington United at the Farmington Training Center, but Farmington's was-

Behind the strong one-two punch of Chelsea Keesling and Clara Seymour, the United team outscored Canton 137.8-130.55.

Liz Fitzgerald and Amy Driscoll led the Chiefs. Fitzgerald was third in the allaround with a 34.75 and Driscoll placed fourth with a 33.75.

Fitzgerald's best placing came in the vault; she was second with an 8.7. She also scored a 9.1 in both the uneven parallel bars and the floor exercise, finishing third in both, and had a 7.85 to finish fifth in the balance

Driscoll won the floor (9.35) and took fourth in bars (8.95). Jackie Bennington was Canton's only other top-five finisher: She was fifth in the floor exercise (8.2).

Keesling won the vault (8.9) and bars (9.25) for Farmington, and was first in the all-around (36.2). Seymour won the beam (9.15) and took second in the all-around

Farmington is 6-2 overall, 4-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Davison finished third.

Kevin Rodriguez, wrestling at

125, and John Pocock, at 140,

both were undefeated on the

day. Canton wrestlers who were

4-1 were Kyle Pitt at 103, Doy

Demsick at 119 and Shahein

Rajaee at 160. Brad Kreger

(112), Mike Siegrist (135) and

Scott McKee (152) went 3-1 for

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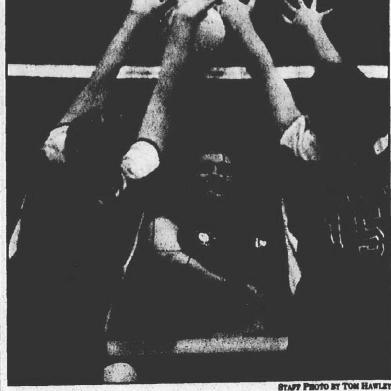
meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at

Farmington. Pocock, a senior,

will be going after his 100th

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Down the middle: Salem's Michelle Ginther (center) tries to slam one between Franklin's Kerstin Marshall (9) and Tera Morrill during Saturday's Invitational.

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out of the tough Pool F, which also included Plymouth Salem.

Franklin beat Ladywood (17-16, 15-6), Salem (15-10, 4-15, 17-16) and Redford Thurston (15-6, 15-3) to finish first.

Ladywood also advanced by defeating Salem (12-15, 15-6, 15-13 and Thurston (15-5, 15-9).

"We played really well when leading and we also had a couple of big comebacks," Ladywood coach Larry Wyatt said. "It was our best performance of the year and my best day as a coach at Ladywood."

But after beating Walled Lake Central and Madison Heights Bishop Foley the elimination round, the Blazers simply ran out of fuel against powerful East Kentwood.

"I think our kids were gassed by the Kentwood match," Wyatt said. "We just didn't have the size and power to sustain it any longer.'

Ladywood All-Tourney pick Jessica Tilson finished with 34 kills, seven aces and seven

blocks on the day. Erin Bartee was Blazers' top attacker with 67 kills to go along with 13 aces. Patty Horal added 44 kills, while setter Melissa

Buckshaw had a total of 170

Against East Kentwood. Cameron Kompoltowicz came off the bench to record six kills and

three blocks. "Ladywood makes you work for every point," third-year coach East Kentwood coach Roxane Steenhuysen said. "They're fun-

damentally sound, they play

hard and they served well. They wouldn't go away. They were very scrappy. They keep it in play and they're fun to play. See tournament results.

## Salem stops Stevenson

Following a somewhat disappointing showing at the Schoolcraft Invitational, Plymouth Salem rebounded to defeat Livonia Stevenson 15-4, 10-15, 15-3 Monday at Salem to stay unbeaten in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Rocks improved to 7-0 in the WLAA, 28-8-1 overall. Stevenson is 25-10-2 overall, 4-3 in the WLAA.

Andrea Suder was once again solid all-around, collecting 11 kills, 10 digs, three service aces and a block. Other standouts. included Denise Phillips with eight kills without an error, a 348 kill percentage, and one ace; Jill Dombrowski, with five kills, 27 assists to kills and 10 digs; Sarah Jensen with five kills; and Mary Lou Liebau with four kills

At Schoolcraft last Saturday, Salem - in one of the tournament's toughest pools - failed to qualify for the final 16. The Rocks beat Redford Thurston 15-5, 15-10, but lost to Livonia Ladywood 12-15, 15-6, 15-13 and Livonia Franklin 15-10, 4-15, 18-

That put them in the consolabuna, played at HS. Salem recovered and did not lose another game, beating Novi 15-5, 15-6; Flint Powers 15-4, 15-2; Farmington Hills Mercy 15-7, 15-13; and Midland 15-3, 15-1.

# Canton earns runner-up trophy

Four wins in five meets at the Dexter Team Dual Tournament Saturday would satisfy most wrestling teams, but it may not be enough for Plymouth Canton any longer.

The Chiefs have higher expec-

Their performance was a solid one, to be sure. Canton came up with wins over Davison, 60-18; Willow Run, 66-18; Dexter, 49-25; and Ann Arbor Huron, 66-12. The Chiefs only loss was to Ida, by a 41-33.

The 4-1 run left them with a 19-5 overall dual-meet record.

There was some sobering néws, however. Team co-captain

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Feb. 11

Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Franklin at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

W.L. Central at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Farmington, 7 p.m.

N. Farmington at Salem, 7 p.m.

Northville at Harrison, 7 p.m.

Redford Union at Garden City, 7 p.m.

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Joe Faraone suffered severe ligament damage to his index finger that required surgery; he will be lost for the season.

Faraone, a junior, had a 23-7 record wrestling at 140 pounds. "It's a big loss for us," said

Canton coach John Demsick. "He's such a team leader. He was at practice today (Monday), with a cast on his hand.' Demsick felt that had Faraone

been available in the meet against'Ida, Canton "would have

Still, the second-place finish in

Luth, N'west at Luth, W'sld, 7 p.m.

Brother Rice at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.

Notre Dame at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.

Mt. Carmel at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.

Huron Valley at Franklin Rd., 7:30 p.m.

Roeper at Ply. Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Agape at Saline Christian, 8 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Feb. 10

the six-team tournament earned the Chiefs their sixth trophy in seven tournaments this season. They had also learned such tournaments don't allow for slow "We seemed sluggish in our

first matches at Observerland," said Demsick, "and knowing we were to wrestle Davison first, we knew we could not afford another slow start."

The Chiefs didn't give one. Indeed, their performance was consistent throughout the tournament. Ida came in with a 16-5 dual-meet record; Bluestreaks left with five more wins to their credit.

C'ville at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.

DePorres at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.

Det. Urban at Borgess, 7 p.m.

HVL at Macomb. Christian, 7 p.m.

Roeper at Ply, Christian, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 11

Agape at Saline Christian, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 12

Bedford Tournament, 8 a.m.

N.B. Huron Tournament, TBA.

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(CHSL Playoffs at Riv. Richard)

(A) Marian vs. (B) Riv. Richard, 9.a.m.

(C) N.D. Prep vs. (D) Mercy, 10:30 a.m.

Divine Child vs. A-B winner, noon.

Ladywood vs. C-D winner; 1:30 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Feb. 11

Whalers at Kitchener, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 12

Ply. Whalers vs. Mississauga

at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 13

Ply. Whalers vs. Erie Otters

at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Thursday, Feb. 10

Ladywood at Liggett, 7 p.m.

Redford Unified vs. R.O. Unified

at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m

Friday, Feb. 11 Franklin vs. Canton

at Ply. Cultural Center, 7 p.m. Farm. Unified vs. W. Bloomfield at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 7:30p.m. Salem at E. Kentwood, TBA.

Saturday, Feb. 12

Redford Unified vs. Dearborn at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m Salem vs. New Boston Huron at Ply Cultural Center : 7:30 p.m. Redford CC vs. Brother Rice at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m. Canton vs. Grosse lie

at Woodhaven Ice Box, 7:40 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Feb. 12

Siena Heights at Madonna, 3 p.m. Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 3 p.m.

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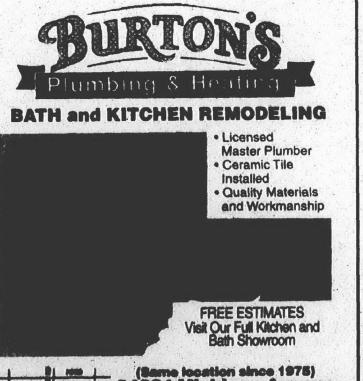
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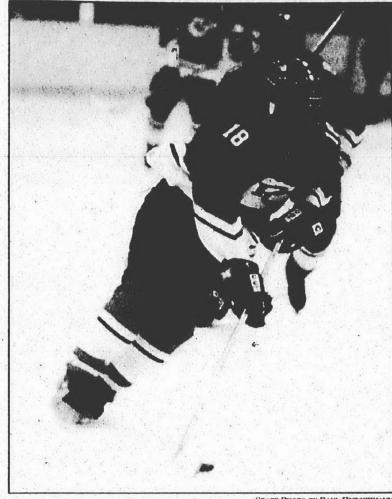
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Point-producer: Canton's Brad Wolf turned in a productive weekend for the Chiefs, getting a goal and three assists against Western and an assist against Salem.

# Double win

# Canton holds off Salem, beats Western

Plymouth Salem's defense stiffened, but its offense wasn't quite good enough to beat a tough Plymouth Canton defense Saturday as the Chiefs' hockey team defeated the Rocks for the second time this season, this time by

The Western Lakes Activities Association game, played at the Plymouth Cultural Center, pushed Canton's record to 9-8-1overall, 6-7-1 in the WLAA. Salem slipped to 1-12 in the conference, 2-16 overall.

Canton built a three-goal lead before the second period was four minutes old. Jeremy Majszak got the Chiefs' first goal with 5:44 left in the first period, then assisted on the second, scored by Sean Depp with 48.6 seconds remaining in the period. Mike Carson assisted on Majszak's goal.

John Bockstanz increased Canton's lead to 3-0 with a goal 3:14 into the second period. Nick Norville and Brad Wolf assisted.

The Rocks started their comeback three minutes later when Dan Kilpatrick scored 31 seconds into a two-man Salem advantage, assisted by Mark Nagel and Mike Thackaberry.

Salem made it a one-goal game with a second power-play goal, this one by Dan Valentine with 9:11 left in the third period. Dave Bida and Nagel assisted.

But the Rocks could not the equalizer. The

game was a penalty-filled contest, with 20 infractions called - 11 against Salem, nine against Canton.

Salem 8, South Lyon 3: It was a struggle for two periods, but in the third Plymouth Salem took complete command, scoring five times in beating South Lyon Friday at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

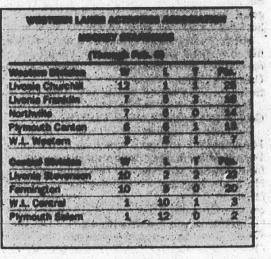
A second-period goal by Matt Lindberg (assisted by Drew Styles and Jason Knurek) had given the Rocks a 3-2 lead going into the third period. But the Lions re-tied it with 10:07 left in the last period.

From that point on, it was all Salem. Goals by James Pawlica, Mark Nagel, Andrew Peters, Styles and Joe Connolly allowed the Rocks to pull away. Steve Nagel and Mark Nagel got first-peri-

od goals for Salem. Those with multiple assists in the game were Dan Valentine, Steve Nagel, Dave Bida and Eric Culps.

Other assists went to Mark Nagel, Valentine, Connolly, Dan Kilpatrick, Pawlica, Ashkay Patel and goalie James Dogonski.

Canton 6, W.L. Western 4: Three third-



period goals, two by Sean Depp, propelled Plymouth Canton past Walled Lake Western Friday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Jeremy Majszak added a goal and an assist in the third period as Canton overcame a 4-3 Warrior lead. Depp finished with a hattrick, while Brad Wolf got a goal and three assists and John Bockstanz had a goal and two assists.

Nick Norville and Mike Carson also had assists for the Chiefs.

Brad Arsnov was in goal for the win.

# Stevenson, Churchill cancel seasons

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Reaction was mixed following the cancellation of remaining regular-season games for the Livonia Churchill and Stevenson hockey teams.

Early Tuesday afternoon, administrators from both schools informed players about Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Ken Watson's decision, made in response to a postgame brawl Friday at Edgar Arena.

Stevenson will forfeit a total of five games, including non-league contests versus Birmingham Brother Rice (Feb. 9) and two dates in the East Kentwood Falcon Classic (Feb. 11-12). The Spartans will also forfeit their two remaining games in the Western Lakes Activities Association - Feb. 16 versus Plymouth Salem and Feb. 18 against Livonia Franklin.

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regular season schedule, including WLAA dates with Walled Lake Central (Feb. 11) and Farmington Unified (Feb. 16), along with non-league contests with Redford Unified (Feb. 19) and Clarkston (Feb. 25).

Watson said the teams could possibly resume play at the Michigan High School Athletic Association regional tournament the week of Feb. 28. Stevenson has been assigned to play at Redford Ice Arena, while Churchill is scheduled at Kilpatrick Arena in Dearborn.

Stevenson parent Chuck Nebus, whose son Mark was an All-Stater as a junior and team captain this year as a senior, called canceling the end of the regular season "extreme.

"I support the fact that they had to take some kind of action Churchill will forfeit the four and I'm disappointed as anybody remaining games of its 24-game about the incident," said Nebus,

an assistant chief with the Farmington Hills Police Department. "Nobody is proud the way it happened and I don't promote what happened.

"I feel they might have canceled one or two games, but not the rest of the season. It's an unfair penalty to Stevenson not to let them play in the (East Kentwood) tourney.'

Nebus said he has not discussed with his son whether Stevenson players are willing to come back for the state tourna-

Watson has allowed the teams to continue practicing and left the door open for the two schools to resume play in the regionals.

"The boys are crushed by the news they received," Nebus said. They had a private meeting themselves afterwards and they were going to practice to talk about it with their coach (Mike Harris). It really has to be their decision to go forward or not."

Gary Turri, the father of Churchill senior forward Jason Turri, said punishing the entire team was unfair because not all

"When you take a penalty, you go into the penalty box. You

players participated in the

don't sit the whole team in there," Turri said. Jason Turri was not involved

in the fight, his father said. With the regular season over early, state tournament play should be scrapped as well, Turri

"It definitely hurts the chances of going very far," he said. "I think everybody's kind of upset

Churchill coach Jeff Hatley met with school administrators Monday and his team on Wednesday for practice.

"The tone is that they're remorseful for what they did," said the eighth-year coach. "They've been cited for good sportsmanship and good play the last two years at the MHSAA level.

"They don't want to be remembered for the handshake incident. They don't want that to be their legacy. They want to make amends and show the communi-

ty they can be good citizens."

Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said regular season suspension was "a very difficult decision, something we did not take lightly.

"I think the kids and most of the parents have responded admirably," Hage added. They're trying to put this thing behind them and put themselves in the best possible light so they have an opportunity to compete in the state tournament."

Staff writer Matt Jachman contributed to this story.



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# Whalers from page C1

surrounding. And they overcame Flick stopped 32 them, Stephen Morris scoring the game-tying goal with 4:11 left in regulation, then getting the game-winner from Nate Kiser 3:01 into overtime to claim a 7-6 victory over the Greyhounds:

For the second time in three weeks, the Whalers had to travel to Sault Ste. Marie for a Friday night game, then bus six hours back to Plymouth for a Saturday game. In each case, the Whalers came out double-winners.

Last Saturday in Plymouth. their victim was the Guelph Storm, whom they thumped 8-4.

Friday's game against the Greyhounds was a key one. Plymouth twice had to battle back from one-goal deficits.

The third period was a wideopen offensive affair. Damian span, with Surma Surma gave the Whalers a 4-3 lead at 1:26 of the period, but the Hounds Smith re-tied it at 3:53. Tomas Kurka then recaptured the lead for Plymouth with an unassisted goal at 9:28.

But the action wasn't over yet. Sault Ste. Marie scored twice in a span of 1:23 to take a 6-5 lead with 4:46 remaining in regula-

It took Plymouth just 35 seconds to knot it once again, this time Stephen Morris getting the goal that ultimately forced overtime

Kiser's game-winner was assisted by Stephen Weiss.

All seven Whaler goals came from different players. Kris Vernarsky scored in the first period; Rob McBride and Justin Williams scored in the second, Other Whaler assists in the game went to Randy Fitzgerald (two), Vernarsky (two), Morris, Williams, Chris Cava, George Nistas and Libor Ustrnul.

Rob Zepp was in goal for the win, making 23 saves. Jason

shots for the Greyhounds.

Saturday's win over Guelph shared none of the drama, but it was welcomed just the same. Plymouth scored first, getting goal from Williams - the first of three in the first period by the Whalers' leading scorer. Charlie Stephens tied it for the Storm at the 15:02 mark, but then Williams took command.

He scored twice in a 24-second assisting on all three of his goals. Surma scored two goals of his own in the second period and assisted on a third to bring his point total for the evening to six.

Kurka also had two goals, James Ramsay had a goal, Shaun Fisher had three assists, Nistas had two assists, and Weiss, Cole Jarrett, Eric Gooldy

and Kiser had one assist apiece. Zepp made 33 saves in goal for Plymouth. Craig Anderson and Chris Madden split time in goal

Ambassadors win 2

for the Storm.

A pair of wins over the Rochester Junior Americans last weekend allowed the Compuware Ambassadors to pad their lead in the North American Hockey League's East Division.

On Saturday, Ryan Lessnau scored one goal and assisted on two others as Compuware scored

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Ottawa 67s	36	12	3	76
Kingston Frontenacs	31	14	5	69
Belleville Bulls	31	17	1	63
Peterborough Petes	25	21	. 5	55
Oshawa Generals	23	23	3	50
Central Division	w	ı	T	Pts.
Barrie Colts	30	15	. 5	66
Sudbury Wolves	24 -	22	5	54
North Bay Centennials	20	24	6	47
Toronto St. M. Majors	14	.35	. 2	31
Miss. Ice Dogs	5	41	1	12
West Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Plymouth Whalers	29	17	4	63
SSM Greyhounds	27	20	4	63
Sarnia Sting	27	. 20	7	61
Windsor Spitfires	27	. 22	1	56
London Knights	13	29	6	35
Midwest Division	w	L	Τ.	Pts.
Erie Otters	24	25	1	51
Kitchener Rangers	21	25	4	49
Brampton Battalion	19	. 25	7	48
Guelph Storm	22	23	2	47
Owen Sound Platers	16	31	4	40

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three power-play goals in a 5-3 victory over the Americans in Rochester. The victory was the 11th on the road for the Ambas-

sadors this season. On Sunday at Compuware Arena, the Ambassadors got a 3-2 shootout win over the Ameri-

The decisive goal in overtime was scored by Dan Knapp.

The two wins pushed Compuware's record to 27-11-3; the Ambassadors' 57 points is four more than the second-place Soo Kewadin Casino Indians. Texas leads the West Division with a 29-8-1 mark.

The Ambassadors host the Grand Rapids Rockets in a pair of NAHL games Friday and Saturday at Compuware

# Madonna tops Tech, 74-65

For most of the season, the balance of power has favored the opponents of Madon-na University's men's basketball team. Last Saturday against Indiana Institute of Techhology, it was the Fighting Crusaders who had the edge in power.

Four Crusaders reached double figures in scoring, compared to just two for Indiana Tech, to lead them to a 74-65 triumph in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game played at Madonna.

The victory raised Madonna's record to 4-23 overall, 2-8 in the WHAC. The Warriors fell to 10-14 overall, 2-8 in the WHAC.

Madonna succeeded without one of its most potent offensive weapons: sophomore guard Mike Massey, who was suspended for three games after getting two technical fouls in a non-league game against Rochester Col-

The Crusaders took command in the first half, breaking a 6-6 tie with an 11-0 run that Tech never overcame - although the Warriors came close. Five three-pointers in the first half helped Madonna take control with a 34-24 first-half lead.

Three more triples, two by Jason Garrison, helped the Crusaders extend their lead to 25 at 51-26 4:29 into the second half. Dan Kurtinaitis was instrumental in the quick second-half start, scoring five points and picking up four assists.

Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) led

Madonna with 20 points, including four threes. Kurtinaitis finished with 19 points, eight assists and two steals, and both Jason Skoczylas and Aaron Cox scored 13 points. Skoczylas also had 11 rebounds, six assists and five blocked shots, while Cox had seven boards and two steals.

The Warriors were led by Damion Jackson with 20 points and Dan Davis with 15.

Madonna made a red-hot 26-of-44 of its floor shots (59.1 percent) compared to Tech's 22-of-63 (34.9 percent). The Crusaders also had a 36-29 rebounding edge and hit 10-of-19 triple tries (52.6 percent).

## Schoolcraft sinks Alpena

The Schoolcraft College express just keeps

SC's men's basketball team took a 10-point lead by halftime of its game Saturday at Alpena CC and never let up in pounding the Lumberjacks, 82-52.

The win was the Ocelots 12th in a row, the fifth longest winning streak in the NJCAA Division I. SC also ranks seventh in scoring in the NJCAA, averaging 96.5 points a game, and is eighth in scoring defense at 67.4 the only Division I team ranked in the top 10 in both.

The Ocelots remain unranked, however, despite their 18-4 overall record (11-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference); they were honorable mention top 20.

The loss dropped Alpena to 12-11 overall, 6-6 in the conference.

SC built a 36-26 lead by halftime. Nick Evola and Lamar Bigby led the Ocelots in scoring with 18 points apiece; Robert Brown scored 12 and Quentin Mitchell had 11.

Gary Greenwood led Alpena with 12.

SC has three players among the top seven scoring leaders in the conference: Brown. who ranks second (18.4 points a game); Mitchell, who's fourth (17.4); and Bigby, who's seventh (16.1).

Brown is also the conference leader in rebounding (12.2) and field goal percentage (64.6 percent), Brian Williams tops the conference in assists (6.7), Nick Evola is tied for first in blocked shots (2.0) and Mitchell is

first in three-point shooting (44.4 percent). Not surprisingly, the Ocelots are first or second in every team offensive and defensive category except steals per game (they're

They last major test on their regular-season schedule is Saturday, when they travel to Flint Mott CC for a 3 p.m. game. Mott is 18-4 overall, 10-2 in the conference - which

# Basketball from page C1

PCA 75, Allen Park Baptist 70: A balanced scoring attack and an unbalanced third quarter Tuesday night helped the Eagles outlast the Chargers.

Holding a 40-37 edge at the half, Plymouth Christian Academy exploded for a 23-13 third quarter that proved stiff enough to withstand Inter-City Baptist's eight-point bulge in the fourth

The Eagles handed the host Chargers their first conference loss in seven games this season and are now just a game out of first at 5-2. They are 9-4 overall.

"In the third quarter we came out in a triangle and two," Coach Doug Taylor of the Eagles said. We got a nice cushion.

"The kids did a nice job breaking their press. Mike (Huntsman) and Derric (Isensee) did a good job of rebounding.

We outrebounded them and that really helped."

Dave Carty scored 21 points to lead Plymouth Christian (9-5). Isensee chipped in with 16, Huntsman scored 13 and got 13 rebounds while A. J. Sherrill contributed 12.

Jared Garner led Allen Park with 22 points on seven threepoint baskets plus a free throw. Plymouth Christian made

seven triples - four by Carty and three by Isensee.

Agape 77, Greater Life 65: Julian Wettlin put together a triple-double to carry Canton Agape Christian past host Pontiac Greater Life Tuesday.

The win kept Agape perfect in the Metro Christian Conference at 5-0; the Wolverines are 9-3 overall. Greater Life is 7-4 overall, 3-2 in the MCC.

Wettlin, a senior guard, poured in 30 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and made 11 steals for Agape. The Wolves, trailing 11The life will include the staling teorets, free-throw frotore and three-point

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10 after one quarter, pulled away in the second with a 29-14 scoring romp sparked by Wettlin, who had 15 points and five steals in the period.

"We started (the game) off cold, then got a few steals," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "That generated a spark and some momentum."

The Wolverines' Paul Anleitner also had a tremendous game with 27 points, seven steals and six assists.

Greater Life got 33 points, including six three-pointers, from Brandon Chapdelaine and 13 points from Daniel Yarnell.

# Poor 2nd half proves costly to Crusaders

Madonna University made a game of it, for a half anyway.

The Lady Crusaders led host Indiana Institute of Technology 33-32 at the half of their women's basketball game Saturday. But poor shooting and turnovers ruined Madonna in the second half as the Lady Warriors pulled away to a 72-60 tri-

The win raised Indiana Tech's

record to 7-17 overall, 2-8 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Madonna, a team that has struggled on the road, fell to 10-12 overall and 4-6 in the

The Crusaders led 33-32 at the half, making 11 of their 23 floor

shots (47.8 percent) compared to Tech's 14-of-35 (40 percent). The second half was a reversal; Madonna made just 10-of-35 shots after the intermission (28.6 percent) compared to the Warriors' 14-of-26 (53.8 percent).

That, combined with 26 turnovers (compared to 18 for Tech), doomed the Crusaders.

Michelle Miela turned in a solid game, making 7-of-11 floor shots (including 3-of-6 threepointers) to score 19 points. She also had three assists. Hayley Myers added eight points and nine rebounds

Roslyn Turner's 21 points and 11 rebounds paced Tech. Nichole Meyers and Kelly Hays added 13 points apiece, and Jan Johnson scored 12 and dished out seven

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# CLASSES/ CLINICS

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

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CAMPER & RV SHOW

The 34th annual Detroit Camper & RV Show will be held Feb. 16-20 at the Novi Expo Center. 43700 Expo Center Drive (south of I-96 at Novi Road). The show features all types of new recreational vehicles and accessories. Call (517) 349-8881 for more information.

### DETROIT BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING SHOW

The 42nd annual Detroit Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be held Feb. 12-20 at Cobo Center. The show features the 2000 premiere showing of new model boats, motors, trailers, accessories and more. Some 1,000 boats will be available for viewing including fishing boats, ski boats, pontoons, cruisers, inflatables, personal watercrafts, canoes and kayaks.

### SPORTFISHING EXPO

The 12th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo is set for Thursday through Sunday, March 2-5, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. An all-star lineup of seminar speakers is already scheduled. The show also features exhibitors, merchandise booths, casting and fishing activities and more. Show hours are 4-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 2-3; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, March 5. Admission is \$7.75 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 6-12 and children age 5 and under will be admitted free.

# **SPRING BOATING EXPO**

The 8th Annual Spring Boating Expo is scheduled for March 16-19 at the Novi Expo Center. The show features some 200 exhibitors with new boats and watercrafts, motors, trailers, docks, accessories and more.

# **OUTDOORAMA**

Outdoorama 2000 Michigan Sport and Travel Show will be held Feb.

26-March 5 at the Novi Expo Center. The show features over 200,000 square feet of floor space devoted to more than 400 exhibits featuring the latest in hunting, fishing and camping equipment, recreational vehicles, boats, conservation clubs travel. and outfitting destinations and more. Call (517) 346-6493 for more information.

# **ARCHERY**

### **DETROIT ARCHERS OF WEST** BLOOMFIELD

The Detroit Archers of West Bloomfield (5795 Drake Road) is hosting a number of leagues: 3-D indoor, Sundays, 6:30 p.m.; Monday bush league, 7:30 p.m. (men only); Tuesday target league. 7:30 p.m.; 3-D bow hunter,

Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. (indoor); and Friday fun league 7:30 p.m. Open shoot hours are from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 6 p.m.-10 p.m. Thursday. For more information call (313) 825-2110.

## LIVONIA RANGE

The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

### JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

### OCSC

The Oakland County Sportsmen's Club will hold a 3-D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, on its walk-through course in Clarkston, Call (248) 623-0444 for more information. A similar shoot will be held March 12.

# ACTIVITIES

**DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS** Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc.

membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. Dennis Bidigare, well-known charter fisherman on Lake Michigan, is scheduled to be the guest speaker at the Feb. 29 meeting. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310. The Detroit Area Steelheaders will also hold a Sportsmen's Game Dinner March 18 at Bishop William F. Murphy Knights of Columbus Hall in Warren. The dinner is open to the public and doors open at 5 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person. Tickets will be available at the Feb. 29 DAS meeting or by calling Tom Moores at (248) 634-5789, Mary Karakas at (248) 545-1181 or Linda Banbury at (810) 598-0310

# CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford, Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

# METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

# MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

# FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

# FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call

# SWIM RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 95 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 90 Feb. 8 at John Glenn

200 medley relay: John Glenn (Garrett Stone, Dan Zoumbaris, Dan Fowler. Corey Marschall), 1:53.2; 200 freestyle: Nathan Ford (LC), 2:03.9: 200 IM: Stone (JG), 2:16.9; 50 freestyle: Zoumbaris (JG), 24.1; diving: Chris McFarland (JG), 246.15; 100 butterfly: Baron (LC).

1:04.5; 100 freestyle: Jeff Anderson (JG), 57.1; 500 freestyle: Stone (JG), 5:27:8: 200 freestyle relay: John Glenn Jeff Ballard, Anderson, Marschall, Zoumbaris): 1:42.3; 100 backstroke: Kyle Grant (LC), 1:06.8; 100 breaststroke: Zoumbaris (JG). 1:08.8; 400 freestyle relay: Churchill (Rob. Shereda, Risner, Ford, Grant), 3:49:3.

John Glenn's dual meet record: 3-6.

### RESULTS PREP SKI

BOYS SKI RESULTS Feb. 3 at Mount Brighton

TEAM STANDINGS (Slalom): 1. Red ford Catholic Central, 26: 2. Okemos,

49: 3. Brighton: 56 CC finishers: 1, Matt Gable, 30.22; 5. John Goebel, 33.88; 9. Eric Sullivan, 35.66; 11. Mark Gursky, 36.09; 20. Joe Murray, 38,76

TEAM STANDINGS (Giant statom): 1 Redford CC, 23, 2, Okemos, 34; 3, Birmingham Groves, 66.

CC finishers: 1. Gable, 29.55; 3. Scott Zaleski, 30.34; 6. Gursky, 31.08; 13. Sullivan, 31,46; 19. Ryan Boudreau, 32.22; 28. Erin McCabe, 32.79.

(248) 656-0556 for more informa-

## **HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS**

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

### **BASS ASSOCIATION**

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more informa-

### tion. SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

### HIGHLAND CC SKI

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on

hour cross country ski trip at the Highland Recreation Area on Sunday, Feb. 13. Call (313) 863-8392 for more information.

### HERITAGE PARK HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on

hour hike at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills on Sunday, Feb. 20. Call Don Dahlin at (248) 644-2746 for more information.

# POINTE PELEE ICE HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a 2-3 hour hike at Pointe Pelee in Ontario on Feb. 27. Call (313) 581-7579 for more information.

# SHOOTING RANGES

**BALD MOUNTAIN** 

**Bald Mountain Recreation Area** in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6

p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24.

Call (248) 814-9193 for more

### information. PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

### **ORTONVILLE RECREATION** Ortonville Recreation Area in

Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

# **METROPARKS**

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call

the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson

### 1999 PERMITS

Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

# OAKLAND **COUNTY PARKS**

**COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS** 

Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call

(810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

The 2000 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices. Cost is \$20 through April 30 and \$25 thereafter. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858-1684.

# STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and

# **WAYNE COUNTY PARKS**

(810) 229-7067.

Highland call (810) 685-2187.

For programs at Island Lake call

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Advanced registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990 to register and for more information

# **SYMPOSIUMS**

BLACK BEAR SYMPOSIUM

Michigan Bear Hunters Association, in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, will sponsor a Black Bear Symposium beginning at 10 a.m. Friday, March 10, at the Northfield Hilton in Troy. Several distinguished researchers will be on hand discussing issues including: Bears Around the World; Bear Population Dynamics; Cultural Carrying Capacity Concepts: Land Use Trends and Bear Habitat, and much more Admission is free and the symposium is open to the public. For

more information call Tim Reis at (517) 373-1263.

# QUIET WATER SYMPOSIUM

A quiet water symposium will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at the Michigan State University Agriculture Pavilion just south of Mt. Hope Road on Farm Lane) in East Lansing. This annual event brings together people who share a love of outdoor, non-motorized recreation. The symposium features speakers, a slide presentation, workshops, demonstrations, a paddlers film festival, information about water quality and access, and much more. Admission is \$5 for adults and children under the age of 12 will be admitted free. For more information contact Wayne Barry at (517) 339-3112 or send e-mail to catalina@tir.com.

# BANQUETS/FUND RAISERS

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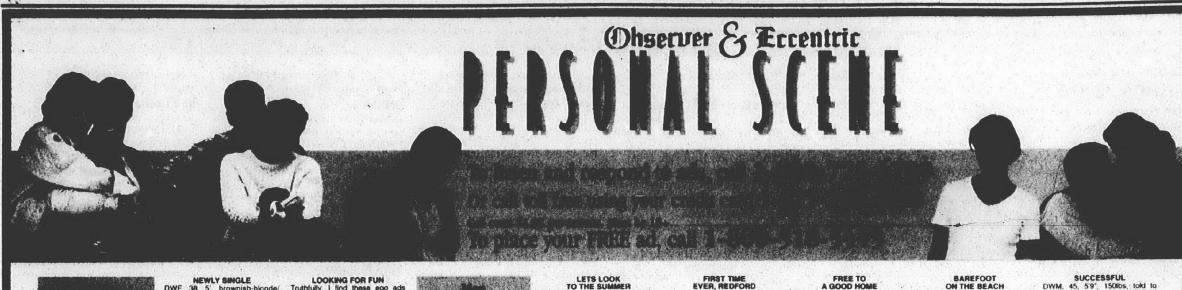
Michigan Sportsperson Heritage Conservancy Unlimited will hold a wild game dinner beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Taylor Moose Lodge, 9981 S. Telegraph Road, Taylor, Turtle soup, rabbit, venison, beaver, buffalo, kangaroo and elk will be included on the menu along with some other surprises. Proceeds from the dinner will be used on hunting and fishing projects, youth education and projects for disabled persons. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Call (248) 851-1266 or (313) 277-8291 for more information.

# SAFARI CLUB SE BOWHUNTERS

The Southeast Michigan Bowhunters Chapter of Safari Club International will hold its 9th annual Banquet and Fund raiser on Saturday, March 18, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, in Livonia. For tickets and more information call Jim Shaeffer at (734) 741-9527, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday

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Attractive SWF, 5'6", blonde/blue, enjoys laughter, sharing, dancing. Seeking secure, outgoing SWM, 39-50, with a warm snite and a big heart, who is commitment-minded. 92'1390

GET TOGETHER est SWPF, 40, 5'3'. 110lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys art fairs, long walks, gardening, biking, nature, some sports. Seeking open, communicative, caring SWM with similar interests, for friendship first.

THIS IS ME THIS IS ME
SF, 5'1", 110lbs, long blonds/blue,
has children, loves bowling, concerts, movies, dining, boating,
Seeking SM with similar interests,
for LTR, \$27,504

GOD, YOU HANDLE IT Spunky, sensitive, attractive senior widow, 5'2', 125lbs, blonde/blue, seeks a humorous, active SWM, 62+, N/D, N/Drugs.

CALL ME Sincere, easygoing, financially/ emotionally secure SWF, 42, 5'9', 1551bs, blonde/hazel enjoys all music. Seeking a fall, athletic S/DWM, 35-44, 511'+, N/S, thends first, possible LTR, 121189 ANMMALHOLIC

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Pretty, smart, pleasingly plump, bubbly SWF, 43, 5'4, blonde/blue, NS, needs SWM, age open, veterinarian or true animal lover, for permanent fix. HW proportionale not necessary. \$2'1083

PLAYING
Vivacious, romantic DWF, 46, blonde/blue, professional musician, seets S/DWM, 40-50, NS, with passion for IMe, interested in possible 1132 494-195.

NEWLY SINGLE
DWF, 38, 5', brownish-blonde/
blue, enjoys working out, dancing,
music, movies, and much more.
Seeking S/DWM, 35-45, for comparionshin \$2000.

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LIMITED TIME OFFER!
Act now! Versatile, physically fit, degreed SF, 49, 5'6', 130lbs, dark blonde/blue, erijoys exercising, outdoors, travel, hiking, gardening, and learning new things. Seeking very attractive, articulate, educated physical fit man, 45-52, 5'10'+ 27'1278

COMPANION
& BEST FRIEND
SWF, 5'4', 138lbs, blonde, N'S.

SWF, 54\*, 138lbs, blonde, N/S, seeks SWM, 45-58, who's young-looking and energetic like myself. A little bit country, a little bit rock-n-roll, can be humorous as well as serious. \$\mathbf{T}\$ 1695 1 LIFE TO LIVE

T LIFE TO LIVE
Hard-working, fun-loving SWPF,
23, 56°, blonde/green, mom of 1,
enjoys quiet romantic dinners,
long walks, movies, hiving life.
Seeking caring, understanding
SM, to share this life with. \$\mathbf{T}\$1381
ATTHACTIVE WIDOW
Intelligent, slender, tall WF, 53,
ladylike, warm-hearted, smoker,
seeks tall gentleman, 53-65, with
traditional manners, who is intelligent, and interested in sharing
romantic dinners, conversation,
and laughter with me. \$\mathbf{T}\$6061
GROWN-UP BAD BOY
Classy, very attractive, down-to-

GROWN-UP BAD BOY
Classy, very attractive, down-toearth, slim SWF seeks intelligent,
financially secure SWM, 48-54,
brown or dark hair, who likes to
have fun. 12/1339

have fun. \$\mathbf{T}\$1339

SENSITIVE & TOUGH

SJF, mid-50s, 5'6", green eyes, from Kentucky, financially secure, slim, imaginative, sweet disposition, educated, enjoys cooking, seeks best finend for conversation, fun, friendship, maybe more. \$\mathbf{T}\$5602 LET'S MAKE MUSIC

LET'S MAKE MUSIC
SWPF, young 49, slim, works out, has children 50% of the time, N/S, enjoys singing, music, plays, movies, outdoors. Seeking a S/DWM, for sharing similar interests and ourselves. TI 1298
TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE
Smart, sexy, attractive SWPF, 45, petile, dar/hazel, seeks attractive, fun-loving, adventurous, sincere SWPM, 40-50, who is interested in a monogamous LTR TIG153

LOST ON THE RIVER

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Widowed, beely, cute, dynamic,
eclectic, focused, normal, impulsive SWPF, ageless but experenced, seeks passionate, honest
SM who loves lite, listening,
laughing, fearning, and playing,
for fun, fireworks, and joy. 27 1666
HONEST, FUN, CARING
Widowed SF, 56, 5'2", light brown/
hazel, H/W proportionate, likes
doing just about anything, music,
books, dining, movies, theater,
sports. Seeking SM for companionship, possible LTR 201487
SEEKING

SEEKING
SPIRITUAL PARTNER
Honestly pretty SWF, 45, 5'4', 1300s, loves and trusts God, who understands the purpose of life, and has the glory of God. Attends non-denominational church, enjoys camping, canoeing, fishing Waterford. 25755
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Easygoing, overweight DWF, 44,
510°, NS, NDrugs, enjoys outoors, walking, bowling, cards,
pets, traveling, Seeking honest,
loyal SWM, NS, N/Drugs, for relationship leading to matriage.

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Attractive DWF, 5'8°, brown/

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Attractive DWF, 5'8', brown/
brown, thin, fun to be with, enjoys
movies, dining out, the outdoors,
and Redwing games. Seeking
attractive, tall SWM, 33-40, with
similar interests, for Irrendship,
meybe more. 12-1476
LOOKING
FOR ALOYING MAN

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Female seeks a man who enjoysbeing close, spending time logether, having some fun, and
wants a relationship. 22:1471

LOOKING FOR
A NEW BEGINNING
Widowed WF, very young 51, 5'1',
medium build, ready to start life
over again, enjoys walks, bike
rides, friends. Seeking SWM, 4757, with peetitive outlook and good
sense of humor. 22:1440
SEEXY 30-SOMETHING
Recently divorced BF, no lids,

SEXY 30-SOMETHING
Recently divorced BF, no kids,
seeks gentleman who knows how
treat a lady. Race, age open. Be
my first date. 121442
LOYES ADVENTURE
Attacks CWE 51 517 (coas.)

Attractive SWF 51, 54\*, loves walking, biking, shows, theater, dining, dencing, Seeking SWM, 48-56, similar interests. Sterling Heights, \$\pi\$141 LOOKING FOR LOVE

sports, travel, togetherness, for friendship leading to LTR. \$5597 SPONTANEOUS.

LOOKING FOR FUN

Truthfully, I find these ego ads scary. Im a tail, thin SWPF, 60s, N/S, who is just looking for fun, who doesn't need to be taken care of, 27 1176

SINCERE AND CURVY

DWPF, 5°S', blondish, two grown children, seeks romantic white gentleman, 49-80, fairly sophisticated, innancially/emotionally secure, inherested in fun times and sports. 27 1112

STARTING OVER WITH YOU Smart, sensuous, attractive SBPF, 37, slightly overweight, enjoys fine dining, theaters, concerts, sports, gourmet cooking Seeking attractive, sincere man, Pace unimportant. 27 1429

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COMPAINONSHIP

Very kind-hearted, honest, easy-going, good-humored, very affectionate, down-to-earth DWF, 48, likes simple things in life. Seeking DW gentleman, 48-60, for friend-ship and fun times. 37 1446

LIFE IS SUBLIME

Pretty SWJF, 5°7, 130lbs, spiritual, non-religious, degreed, energetic, very youthful 40ish, child-like delight; Seeking similar LTR, to share pleasures of emotional intimacy, joy, hiking, meditabon, yoga, open and honest communication, mutual trust. 311213

SIMPLY

IRRESISTIBLE

Intiguing, pretty, passionate, fun-loving, sincere DWF, mid-40s, seeks attractive, smart, honest SWM, 38+, N/S, for a litelime remorate that newer gods. 37 1392

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
SACF, 43, 5'5', enjoys simple and fine things in file. Seeking honest, open-minded\_SAWPCM, 43-50, financialty/embtionally secure, with good morals. \$\mathbf{2}\$1388

A RARE FIND
Pretty, curvy SWF, 53, 5'4', entrepreneur, lots of fun, enjoys movies. plays, concerts, traveling, Looking for sincere, successful WM, 45-75 Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. \$\mathbf{3}\$738

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IN SEARCH OF
Petite SWF. 23. brown/blue, seeks caring, reliable SWM, 21-25, to have fun and share life with. Must be willing to make time for relationship. 11283

relationship. \$\mathbf{T}\$1283

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ROMANTIC

Energetic beautiful SBCPF. 5'5'.

145ibs, honey brown complexion, enjoys exercising, traveling, entertaining, movies. Seeking prosperous Christian gentlemen with similar interests, N/S. HW proportionate for friendship. Southfield area. \$\mathbf{T}\$279

tionate for friendship. Southfield area. 271279

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Attractive lady seeks companionship of professional gentleman, 60+, who enjoys theater, concerts, museums, exhibits, excursions. 271257

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Attractive, emotionally/financially secure, honest, caring DWF, young 50, 5'4', brown/blue, NS, tooking to love again. Seeking SWM for concerts, dirring, movies.

SPUN IANGUUS, SENSUOUS, romanto, intelligent SF, 52, and fun! Medical professional, wrapped up in a greal looking package searching for a NS, HW proportionate, professional guy, for good times and maybe more. \$21031

seeks attractive, smart, honest SWM, 38+, N/S, for a lifetime romance that never ends. \$\mathbb{T}\$ 1392
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DO U EXIST?

Attractive AF, 38, 5'5", down-toearth and easygoing, is looking for a kind, attractive, health-conscious SWM, 35-45, with old-lashioned values, good ethics, for daiing, possible LTR. T332

ONE GOOD MAN
SPF. 49, 5'3" anjoys movies, long 
walks, casinos. Seeking fun-loving, honest, caring SM, 35-60, with similar interest, for possible 
LTR. T323

SEXY

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Appreciative, caring, open SWPF,
46, 5'6', 110lbs, auburn/blue,
enjoys nature walks, animats,
swimming, boating, learning to
ski. Seeking honest, trustworthy
SWPM, NS, for LTR. 12\*1237

ATTRACTIVE

a. PASSIONATE

Beautiful doctor, brunette, 30s,
with a great smile and zest for life,
seeks intelligent and successful
gentieman, for LTR. 12\*1696

COULD IT BEY 0017

SWPF, seeks Mr. Right, 45-55,
who likes golfing, movies, dancing, quiet dinners at home or on
the town, and has a flair for spontaneity. Could it be you? 21\*700

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Energetic, beautiful SBCPF, 5'5',
145lbs, honey brown complexion
entraining, movies. Seeking prosperous Christian gentiemen, with
similar interests, NS, HW proportionate for friendship. Southfield
area. 21\*262

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Hard-working, fair-playing female
enjoys indoor activities except
golf, Seeking active college graduate, NS, 11473

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OVER WITH YOU

Smart, sensual, attractive SBPF,
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sports, and gourmet cooking,
Seeking attractive, sincere SPM,
Race unimportant, 17\*1448



GRADING ON THE CURVE Attractive, intelligent SBM, 6'2', 235lbs, college student, good sense of humor, seeks shapely WF, 28+, for committed relation-ship, \$21703

WF. 28+, for committed relationship. 17703

GET TOGETHER

SWM. 34, 6'2'. 200lbs, black/brown, successful, enjoys working out, skiing, riding my Harley. Seeking SWF with similar interests for LR. 171732

LOOKING

FOR COMMITMENT

SM. 34, 6'1'. 200lbs, auburn/green, in good shape, carpenter, with one son, enjoys hunting, fishing, going up North, movies, dining out. Seeking communicative SF for committed relationship.

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GARDNER/ ANIMAL LOVER

ANIMAL LOVER

Not too handsome DM, 42, 6'2',
170lbs. N/S, with rustic farm
house, seeks companion, 40-43,
who likes outdoors; trusting, willing to communicate, express
thoughts Livonia 12 1693

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College-educated, athletic, attractive SWM, young 47, 6'1', modest/conservative interests. Seeking fit, intelligent, withy SWF, 2040, for a possible relationship.
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BEGINNINGS

DWM, 27, 5'10", 140lbs, blond/ blue, enjoys working with animals, motorcycle racing, movies, dining, music, museums. Seeking S/DWF,

music, museums. Seeling S/DWF22-29, for friendship, possible LTR.
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WHY BE ALONE?
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM,
52-57\*, loves lake activities, skiing, movies, and quality times
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SF. 40-50, for friendship, possible
tong-term, monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. 27-4988

TRY THIS ONE!!
Retired DWM, 52, 61\*, ISO one
good gal, age unimportant as attitude, distilities cities, traffic, smog,
and crowds, likes outdoors,
music, movies, gardening, fixing
things, get aways. All calls answered 27-1689

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for this friendly, charming, SWM,

for this triendly, charming, SWM, 46, who is full of love, laughter, hugs and kisses. Seeking to share happiness and security in love connection with SWF, 36-49, life mate. 1271690

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DWM, looking for widowed/
S/DWF, 38+, N/S, ready for the
warmer days and some fun loving
times, if you think you are the one,
let's get together. TI 1691
SOMEONE SPECIAL
SWM, 33, tall, dark hair, honest,
sincere, caring, likes dining out,
movies, and evening walks. Seeking SWF, 25-40, for dating and
romance. TI 1698
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WIFE = 1 WOMAN
DWM, 37, 5'9", 170lbs, Iriend of
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Intelligent, creative, college-educaled, athletic, adventurous, open-minded, attractive SBM, 32,
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summer breezes, dancing, romancing, jazz, marhal arts. Seeking
fit, witty SW/BF, 20-40, for possible relationship. 21 1264

BE MY CHRISTMAS GIFT CHRISTMAS GIFT Loving, caring, honest, sincere SACM, '28, 5'7', 170lbs, brown/ blue, seeks open-minded, caring SF who loves kids/pets, for loving LTR. 17:1353

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RIVER OF LIFE

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SWM. 58". 190bs, brown/blue, father of one, likes dining, romanlic evenings, walks, dancing, seeks SWF, 25-36, with similar interests, for possible LTR. 271502
YEAH, BABYI
Easygoing, honest SWM, 36, 518", 165lbs, likes sports, dining, going out, having fun. Seeking lemale, 23-42, who's pratty, petite and likes to be adored. 271063
IN OR OUTGOING
Retired male, 37, father of 3, independent, financially secure, likes movies, fun, dancing, going out, sports. Seeking, beautiful, nice, compassionate woman who likes to have fun. Pocahontas, please call back. 271066
NICE GUY
SM, 29, no kide, enjoys outdoors, the beach; having fun, summer activities, barbecuing, laying by the pool. Seeking S/DF, for friend-ship first, possible LTR. 271527
COUNTRY MAN
SWM, 33, 5"11", 195lbs, carpenter, enjoys sports, outdoors, camping, seeking outgoing, SWF, 25-40, who is fun to be with. 271522
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HANDSOME

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Attractive, hard-working, honest, kind-hearted, affectionale SWM, 37, 6'1", 160lbs, thinner brown/blue, smoker, social drinker, home

blue, smoker, social drinker, home owner, no dependents, enjoys camping, fishing, Seeking SWF, 25-35, H/W proportionate, Kids ok. No games: \$\mathbf{T}\$1424

BLACK

LEATHER

SWM, 577, 140/10b, enjoys motorcycles, movies, bonfires and the lake. Seeking stim SWF, 25-35, for committed LTR. \$\mathbf{T}\$1425

LATIN FEVER LATIN FEVER

SWM, 35, 6'2', brown/blue, loves live music, traveling, sports, movies. Seeking attractive Latin/Cuban/Puerto Rican SF for LTR

TRUE ROMANCE
Employed SWM, 28, brown/ brown, coilege student, enjoys, cuddling, amusement parks, cider mills, vacations, music. Seeking SF, 22-31, for lirendship first, possibly more. \$\frac{1}{2}\$ SELLEVILLE AREA

Attacking the SWM 28, 6/37

Attractive, fil SWM, 38, 6'2', brown/blue, enjoys lishing, camping, dining, movies, more. Seeking slender, attractive SWF, 34-42, for committed LTR. Kids ok. \$\frac{\pi}{2}\$1175

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Financially/emotionally stable, humorous, honest, loyal, romanic SWPM, 55, 5\*11\*. N/S, social dinker, enjoys the simple things in ide, nature, laughter, variations, love. Seeking SF for monogamous LTR, £1308

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DWM, 45, 5\*11\*. 2930bs, hardworking up north kind of character, fun-loving, smart, honest, sincere, seeks that special woman, 35-50, to spend those special moments with. Western suburbs only please. £1086

PAST YOUR PRIME?

You'll do just fine! Handsome, successful SWM, 46, tired of prima donnas, seeks settled,

prima donnas, seeks settled, sociable, sincere SWF, age open.

WESTLAND AREA
Attractive SWM. 5 10°, 175 lbs, nice hair, bright prown eyes, NS, no dependents, employed, homeowner, seeks slim, attractive WF, under 48. #25 557
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under 48. \$\frac{\pmathbf{T5357}}{\pmathbf{TALLION...}}

47. attractive, muscular, versatile, romantic. Seeking classy, sim, very attractive; selective SW/AF, under 45, for friendship and possible relationship. \$\pmathbf{T6155}\$ HONEST & SINCERE Very active SWM, 45, 6; 200 lbs. N/S, light drinker, two teenage children, likes movies, dining. Seeking SF, 36-46, to share interests, for possible LTR. \$\pmathbf{T1496}\$ FUN-LOVING, EASYGOING Employed DWM, 5'6", 160 lbs. frown/blue, honest, affectionate, caring, smoker, N/D, N/Drugs, likes fishing, swimming, camping, beach, walks. Seeking SF with similar interests, for new beginnings, possible LTR. \$\pmathbf{T1514}\$ GOOD LISTENER
Fun-loving SWM, 43, 6'2", 200 lbs. blond/hazel, good listener, likes kids, travel; water sports, rock. music. Seeking WF, 30-45, for relationship. \$\pmathbf{T1681}\$ LET'S SHARE HOLIDAYS
Professionally-employed, college-educated WM, 48, 5'11", 195 lbs.

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Professionally-employed, college-educated VM, 48, 5'11', 195lbs, brown/blue, no dependents, occasional social drinker, N/S, enjoys outdoors, fitness. Seeking similar in WPF, 40-52, N/S, with similar interests, for a possible LTR 121463.

STILL SEARCHING
SWM, 44, 6', 225lbs, N/S, N/D, never been married, no dependents, likes traveling, plays, concerts, walks, movies, candlelight dinners, cooking, Seeking SF with similar interests, for friendship first. 121665.

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Handsome, witty, sweet SHM, 47, seeks SWHF, 40-50, N/S, for dating, dining; dancing, friendship, possible LTR, 125970.

EARTH, WIND & FIRE
Earthy, honest, widowed WM, 49, 6', 205lbs, N/D, N/S, seeks SWF, 40-50, active, secure, proportionale, to conjure up warm wind, and etemal fire, possible LTR. Redford 125696.

HOMEOWNER HOMEOWNER

Adventurous, honeat, slim "romantic DWM, 46, N/S, light drinker, Catholic, enjoys boating, amateur theater, bowling, travel, outdoors, dancing, etc., Seeking lady for friendship leading to LTR 201364

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NEW BEGINNING

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Affectionate, honest, easygoing, hard-working, DWM, 45, 56, 160lbs, brownfolue, ND, N/Drugs, smoker, who likes camping, fishing, swimming, is looking for a new relationship, starting as friends, possible LTR, 075840,

possible LTR. T5840
THE FINER THINGS
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SWM, 45, average height/weight, enjoys long walks, theater, fine dining. Seeking attractive, slender SWF, 35-45, to share the finer things in life with. 321242
ROMANTIC MAN
Very romantic SWM, 49, enjoys bowling, travel, dining. Seeking romantic woman for friendship, dating, possibly more. Race/age unimportant. All calls answered.

T5454

ATTENTION GIVER
SWM, 50s, 6', 18/0hs, giving, affectionate, kind, will put a smile and glow on your face. No preferences, just warm and cuddly. Any calls welcome. T1525
SOFT AND
MYTERESTING
Senior DWM, 57' medium build, secure. NS, warm, kind, trustworthy, romantic, caring, and more. Music, concerns sports, fine dining, outdoors, family activaties, and travel. Seeking compatible lady, 45-65, for LTR. T1526
TRY THIS QUALITY GUY
Sincere DWM, 53, 51°D, seeks honest S/DWF with sense of humor, to share dining out, flowers, concerts, dancing, cuddling by the fire, outdoors, and weekend getsways, for LTR. T1082

DON'T BE LONELY!
Handsome, attentive SWM, 40s, seeks affectionate, responsive SWF who a been home alone too long and needs to be loved and sweet-talked, by an appreciative gentleman. T1520

ALL DRESSED UP?
Nowher's to go?! enjoy casinos, comedy clubs, champagne, timos, and the seeks of the more surrounders surrous for the more surrous for the seeks affectionate, responsive SWF who a been home alone too long and needs to be loved and sweet-talked, by an appreciative gentleman. T1520 SEEKING THE FINER THINGS

HERE'S ALL DRESSED UP?

No where to go? I enjoy casinos, comedy clubs, champagne, timos, etc. Handsome, successful SWM, 45, who can sing and dance, seeks stylish, friendly lady, to join the tun. \$\mathbf{T}\$1519

MILD TO WILD MILD TO WILD

Totally honeat and eclectic SWM,
34, 6'3', 230tbs, N/S, private pilot,
part-time musician, diverse musical lastes, outrageous sense of
humor; enjoys the outdoors, boating, camping. Seeking interested
and interesting SWF, 12 1387

BEAL MAN.

A REAL MAN DBM. 52. 6'1". 215lbs. profes-DBM, 52, 61°, 215bs, professionally employed, enjoys outdoor activities, quiet walks, dinner, movies, and antiques. Seeking special, trustworthy S/DF, 35-55, kids ok, race unimportant, for friendship/dating, ₹1493 EDUCATED ATHLETE

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SWPM, 44, 61', 180lbs, red/blue,
NS, athletic build. likes goffing,
skiing, tennis, biking, movies, dining. Seeking PF, 35-45, 56'+,
H/W proportionate, N/S, to share
my common interests, for mutual
enjoyment of each other's compaments. enjoyment of each other's company 171669

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SEEKING FRIEND

DWM, 55, 5'10", slim, athletic, nice-tooking, open to share your life. Seeking pretty, interesting SWF, HW proportionate, for LTR.

171391

TOP GUN

Trim, handsome SWPM, 39, 5'10', 170bs, great shape, custodial dad of 12 year-old son, enjoys outdoors, rock music, volleyball, dancing, biking Seeking slender, attractive, independent female with similar interests. 171299

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THE BEEF!
Rugged, athletic, tall, muscular
SWM, 40, 63\*, 235tis, brown/
blue, clean-cuf, degreed, enjoys
Las Vegas, road frips, outdoors,
good sense of humor, Seeking
friendly SF, for companionship.
Age/area open. 17:4018

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stores, spectator sports. TT3923 
MR. WONDERFUL 
Easygoing SWM, 44, seeks a 
woman, 30-50, who enjoys going 
to movies, walks in the park, holding hands. Kids ok. TT1295 
SINGLE AND LOOKING 
Financially stable, kind, sincore, 
silly, romantic, affectionate SBM, 
enjoys cudding, romantic movies, 
music, dancing, bowling. Seeking 
compatible SF with similar interests, for a monogamous LTR 
TT1479 
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ACT TOGETHER
Are you looking for an attractive, trouble-free, N/S, nice guy who's down-to-earth? I'm 50+, 5'10', 155lbs, firm build. Favorite things: music, exercise, and having fun. TT1475

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WATERFORD AREA
Attractive SWM, 62, 57", N/S
retired, enjoys travel, dining,
movies, gardening, nature, quiet
evenings with good conversation.
Seeking SWF, over 58, no dependents, secure, similar interests,
for LTR. T1472

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Tall, honest, financially secure.

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slim, loyal DWM, 55, 614" N/S,
social drinker, in good physical
condition, with sense of humor,
seeks slender lady, 42-51, for
companionship, possible LTR
T036

HANDSOME SENIOR HANDSOME SENIOR
Seeking stender, financially secure, marriage-minded lady, 50+ N/S; capable of a loving relation-ship. Contident you will be pleased with this tall gentleman, N/S, N/D, fun to be with Rochester Hills. 121470

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Attractive, very carring, outgoing, giving SWM, 46, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF, for friendship, maybe more \$199.63

SWF, for triendship, maybe more 19363

DO WE... meet and see if it's meant to be? Handsome, youthful SWM, 47 active, diverse interests, seeks charming SWF, with vivacious personality for a possible relationship. 191467.

ship. 171467

WESTLAND

Hard-working, financially secure
SWM, 26, seeks slender SWF, 2230, with great personality, who
enjoys dinners, dancing, movies,
quiet nights at home, for LTR,
Hurry up and call. I'm waiting!
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SWPF for friendship first 11197
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HOT COMMODITY

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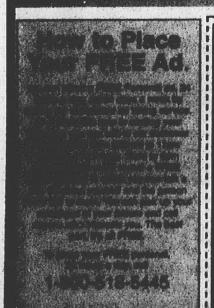
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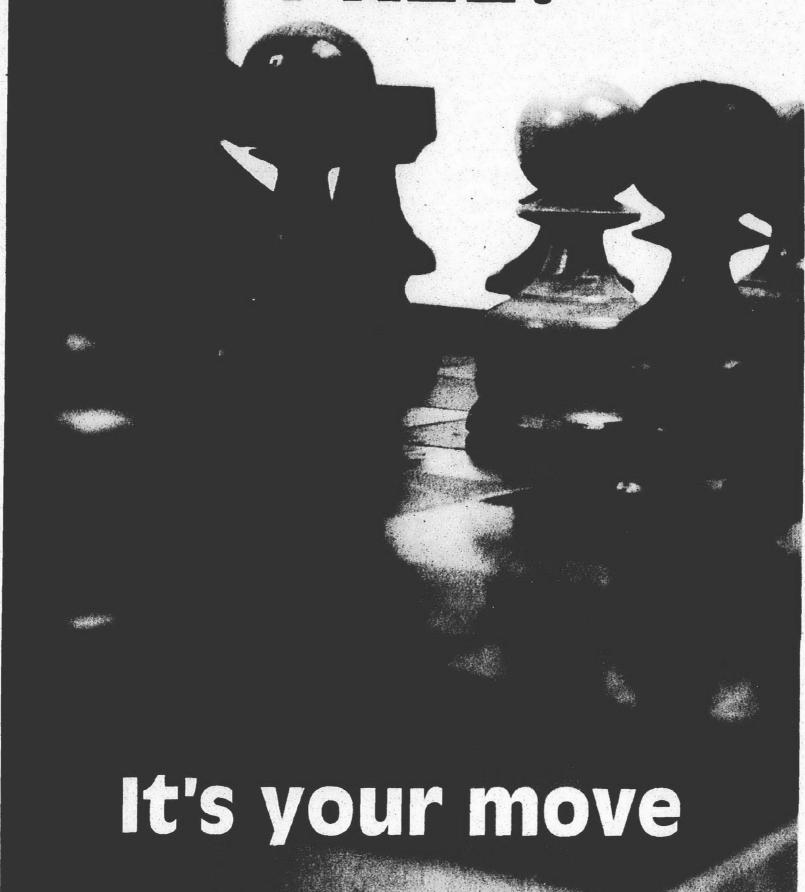
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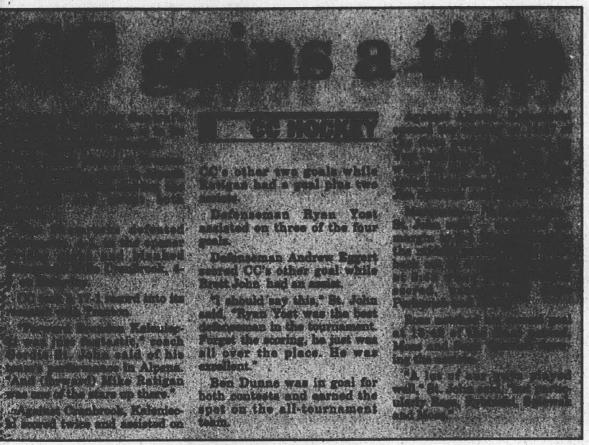
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# 2nd-half rally tips Shamrocks

Redford Catholic Central saw a halftime lead slip away Tuesday night as Warren DeLaSalle scored a 60-50 victory over the visiting Shamrocks.

The victory clinched first place in the Detroit Catholic League Central Division for DeLaSalle, 7-2. Catholic Central is 5-4.

The Pilots held a 15-12 lead after the first quarter but the Shamrocks outscored them by eight in the second to grab a 28-23 halftime lead.

DeLaSalle ripped up Catholic Central by an 18-8 margin with a barrage of three-point baskets in the third quarter and tacked on five more points in the fourth to win by 10.

The Pilots made four triples in the third, including one that was meant to be a lob pass for a high feed. But when you're hot...

Ryan Gryderman paced the Pilots (10-5) with 20 and Paul Anderson scored 12.

Junior forward Steve Larkin

led Catholic Central (7-8) with

11 points. Matt Loridas was next with 10. Farmington 57, Churchill 44: The Falcons made 16 of 28 free throws in the final quarter Tues-

day to beat visiting Livonia

Churchill in a WLAA encounter. Farmington is now 11-3 overall and 6-2 in the WLAA. The loss drops Churchill to 8-6 and 5-

Justin Milus, a 6-foot-5 senior center, led the victorious Falcons with 13 points, 12 coming in the opening half as Farmington led 28-18.

Curtis Tillman contributed 12, including seven of eight free throws in the fourth period. Matt Mikel and Garlin Gilchrist chipped in with nine and seven, respectively.

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Randall Boboige led Churchill and all scorers with 16 points. Avery Jessup added 10.

W.L. Western 54, Stevenson 40: A little full-court pressure went a long way for the War-

Walled Lake Western opened up with wall-to-wall pressure and smoked host Livonia Steven-

son for a 22-8 lead. The Spartans (3-11) outscored the Warriors (11-3) by an 8-4 margin in the second quarter but Western began the third period with full court pressure and

cranked out an 18-10 quarter. Stevenson slipped to 1-7 in the WLAA. The Warriors and North Farmington are tied for the lead with 7-1 records.

Guard Jenero Dawood led the Warriors with 19 points and forward Chris Howder scored 10.

Harland Beverly paced the Spartans with 12 points and Pete Pinto added nine.

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# **Baseball tryouts**

The Plymouth-Canton Cobras. a travel baseball team for 13year-olds, has openings on its 2000 roster. Players must be 13 years of age by July 31, 2000.

For tryout information, call Ron Rzeppa during the evening at (734) 981-1254.

# Soccer registration

The Canton Soccer Club will have an open registration from 6:30-9 p.m. Feb. 24 in the Lower Level II of Canton Township Hall, located at 1150 S. Canton Center.

The registration is open to kids from under-five to under-18 age divisions. Those new to the club must bring birth certificates. Cost is \$45 for those in the under-five to under-8 divisions and \$70 for all others, payable at time of registration.

For more information, call the Canton Soccer Club hotline at (734) 455-9946. Obtain a registration card on the club's website: www.cantonsoccerclub.com.

# **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. Saturday, Feb. 12 at Diamonds Restaurant in the Canton Softball Center, located on Michigan.

The 14-game season begins

Girls 12-and-under, 14-andunder and 16-and-under are welcome to register; tryouts will be this spring, when weather per-

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

# **Golf outing**

It may not look like golfing weather at present, but by June 26 that's bound to change.

And that's the date of the sixth annual St. Louis Center Celebrity Golf Outing, which will begin at 1 p.m. at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.

Cost is \$350 per golfer or \$2500 for a hole sponsorship, which includes 18 holes of golf for four people, lunch, dinner and prizes.

Proceeds help maintain the services provided to boys and men with developmental disabilities who reside at the St. Louis Center, a non-profit organization located in Chelsea, just west of Ann Arbor.

For more information, call the St. Louis Center at (734) 475-

# Rams seek players

• The Michigan Lake Area Rams are conducting tryouts to fill three roster spots for a new 14-year-old summer travel baseball team.

The team will participate in the Little Caesars Amateur Beseball Federation Sandy Koufax Division.

\*Players should have travel baseball experience. Home ames will be played in the Karmington Hills area.

Brian Kalczynski will manage the team and will be assisted by spaches Todd Miller and Eric Pierce. All have recent college baseball experience.

For more information call Dick Miller at (248) 476-1089.

• The Michigan Lake Area Rams are conducting interviews

and tryouts for their 17- and 18year-old travel federation baseball team through Feb. 18. Call (248) 737-9138 or (313) 291-5031 to arrange a tryout.

# More tryouts

Tryouts for the 14- and 12and-under Little Caesars travel teams will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Upper Deck in Northville

The teams will travel out-ofstate for a few tournaments.

For more information on the 14-and-under team, call (734) 595-2975; and on the 12-andunder team, call (313) 562-4667.

# **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

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 player per session. Class size is limited to 32 players. Players will be grouped by skill and experience level. Full hockey equipment is required.

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# St. Edith football

Football registration and open house for the St. Edith Eagles football program will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the school's

All boys entering grades 3-8 this fall are invited to attend with their parents to meet the coaches and sign up for the 2000 season.

A freshman team, which will play a separate game schedule for boys in grades 3-4, has been added. St. Edith also offers varsity and junior varsity teams

For more information, call Brad Dickey at (734) 542-0621 or Paul Hess at (248) 442-0238.

# Hitting clinic

Madonna University women's softball will host a hitting clinic from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the school's activities

Sessions including hitting from live pitching and a pitching machine. Players will also work on bat speed, slap hitting and drag bunting, as well as utilizing tees, soft toss and whiffle ball.

The cost is \$35 per session. Checks should be made payable to: Madonna University Softball, attention Al White, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI

For more information, call (734) 432-5783.

# **Bulls need manager**

The Michigan Bulls, a 15- and 16-year-old sandlot championship baseball team with a 46-9 record last year, needs at manager for the upcoming season.

For more information, call Barry Zeitlin at (810) 754-5785.

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.







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# THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Chevy Chase stars in "Snow Day" a family comedy opening today at metro Detroit movie the-

SATURDAY



Robert Jones, host of WDET's "Blues from the Lowlands," brings a sampling of blues guitar and vocals to Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.

SUNDAY



The Livonia Symphony Orchestra presents a chamber concert featuring romantic music for Valentine's Day, 3 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road. Tickets \$1Q, call (734) 464-2741 or (248) 645-6666. Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra is also presenting a concert 3 p.m. at Hilbert Junior High School, 26400 Puritan, east of Inkster Road.



Hot Ticket Hem: "Stars on Ice," featuring Olympic champions Scott Hamilton, Tara Lipinski, Kristi Yamaguchi, Ilia Kulik, Ekaterina Gordeeva and others stops at The Palace of Auburn Hills 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. Tickets \$60, \$48, and \$35 reserved available at the box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call (248) 645-6666 or online www.ticketmaster.com

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE PRESENTS

'ALL MY SONS'



PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAND

Process of discovery: Director Henry Woronicz (left) consults with Robin Lewis and Ray Chapman during rehearsals of "All My Sons."

ARTHUR MILLER'S

A CALL TO MORAL RESPONSIBILITY

BY FRANK PROVENZANO fprovenzano@oe.homecomm.net

week before the opening, and the cast of "All My Sons" was going through rehearsals with workman-like efficiency, much like the dogged style of Arthur Miller's first-acclaimed play set in World War II-era America.

While Miller's later work, "Death of a Salesman," offered an opus about the disintegrating soul of America, "All My Sons" is a winding sonata that pulls at the heartstrings that tie together the dysfunctional union of families.

The play is currently in preview performances at Meadow Brook Theatre with opening night on Saturday and a three-week run ahead.

In the ground-level rehearsal space next to the Meadow Brook stage, the actors with the guidance of Director Henry Woronicz sorted through lines as they looked for the

WHAT: "All My Sons," a three-act play by Arthur Miller

WHEN: Through Sunday, March 5. Previews - 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 10-11; Opens - 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. Performance times vary this week, 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16; 8 p.m. Thurs day-Friday, Feb. 17-18; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19

WHERE: Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills

TICKETS: \$19.50-\$35. Call (248) 377-3300, or (248) 370-3316.

appropriate emotional tenor of the multi-layered play.

Basically, the story involves a father whose son, a pilot, was apparently killed in action. The father, Joe Keller (Dennis Robertson), operates an airplane-parts

factory, and was responsible for approving defective material,

resulting in the crash of 21 planes. But Keller isn't taking responsibility. He denies any involvement, standing by as a foreman at the plant is convicted of the crime.

Meanwhile, guilt-ridden and tortured, the father ponders what remains steadfast in his life - his surviving son. He observes: "When you get older, you want to feel like you're accomplishing something... Well, I've accomplished my son."

The dramatic question, of course, is what is exacted when people fail to live up to their moral responsibility?

Timeless tale

Miller has created plenty of passages about generational differences, and offers a psychological portrait dissecting why people do not take responsibility for their

Please see CLASSIC, E2

# Chronicles of the V-word

'Vagina Monologues' at OCC broadens awareness of violence against women

BY ALICE RHEIN STAFF WRITER arhein@oe.homecomm.net

Yolanda Fleischer has known about Eve Ensler's Obie award-winning play, "The Vagina Monologues," since it premiered Off-Broadway in 1996.

The West Bloomfield resident and associate professor of theater at University of Detroit-Mercy has also known that the controversy surrounding its title caused many newspapers to censor it, calling it the "V. Monologues" or simply "Monologues."

The play, based on interviews with more than 200 women, is part of a nationwide campaign to stop violence against women. It'll be performed Monday at the Oakland Community College Farmington Hills campus.

The impetus for Fleischer to direct the play came while she was eating breakfast one morning.

When I can watch Bob Dole talking about erectile dysfunction on a morning talk show, that WHAT: The V-Day put it in perspec-2000 College Initia tive," she said. tive presents "The "This play gives Vagina Monologues. women the per-WHEN: 7:30 p.m. mission to talk

Monday, Feb. 14. and say, and to say diffuses the dan-WHERE: Smith Theatre, Oakland The danger is Community College, real. Every two Orchard Ridge Camminutes, a woman is raped somepus, 27055 Orchard Lake, Farmington

where in America. More than 500,000 TICKETS: \$20 gen women are raped eral admission, \$10 student (with ID). in the United may be purchased at States each year according to the the door. Groups greater than 10 may U.S. Department prepay by calling the OCC Womencenter at of Justice. But for Fleisch-(248) 471-7602 or UD Mercy Women's Studies Program at

er, it goes beyond statistics. "In my 20 years of teach-(313) 993-6172. ing, there has

never been a year that I haven't had a student tell me about an experience with rape," she said.

When she heard about V-Day, Fleischer knew it was time to act. V-Day is a campaign to end sexual violence which began in New York in 1998 with a production of the series of composite interviews featuring such notable stars as Glenn Close, Winona Ryder and Calista Flockhart.

Fleischer sought assistance from Arlene Frank, program coordinator of the Womencenter at OCC. Together, the two pushed to bring the V-Day initiative to their campuses. More than 300 colleges nationwide have pledged to do the same this Valentine's Day

Locally, the program will benefit three organizations fighting violence against women: HAVEN in Pontiac. and the Detroit-based Women Alive and Alternatives for Girls.

Frank said that even when she approached her campus about the performance, she felt it necessary to offer reassurance this was not some sort of clandestine, naughty production.

'It is very powerful," she said. "It's a chance for women to talk about things we don't often get to hear."

Please see V-WORD, E2

# **FAMILY EVENT**

# Rolling Stones fan will premiere his tribute to band

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scasola@oe.homecomm.net

When it comes to Rolling Stones fans, no one is more dedicated than Bob Harris.

The 69-year-old Livonia resident takes pride in his long history working in the music business, and it was that career which led him to a chance meeting with the legendary rock band while on their first U.S. tour in 1964.

At the time, Harris was reporting for Teen News, a weekly newspaper. He was granted an interview with the rising stars who were performing at Cobo Hall in Detroit.

With his photographer by his side, he asked permission to take a picture with the band. That photograph has become one of his most prized possessions. For a man who's managed, promoted and worked with major talents like Wayne Newton, Bob Hope, Sonny and Cher, Bobby Vinton and The Temptations - just to name a few - he's never forgotten the details of that day almost 40 years ago.

He was even able to meet the Stones again and have the picture autographed on



Meet the Stones: Livonia's Bob Harris (right) met the Rolling Stones in 1964 on their first stop in Detroit. Keeping this photo as a momento, he met the band again last year and had it autographed. Harris has been called the oldest Rolling Stones fan.

their last stop in Detroit.

With the help of the Dearborn-based band Benny and the Jets, Harris' memories have been set to music. "Bob Harris: Oldest Rolling Stones Fan" is his story. Harris' voice can be heard talking throughout the

song, playing off Benny's lyrics. That song can be heard live at Livonia Mall as a highlight of the "Rockin' Family Valentines' extravaganza 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. The mall is showing Harris' extensive collection of candid photographs with celebrities, including the famed Stones photo.

When Bobbi Gelman, promotions coordinator at Livonia Mall, heard Harris' story, she decided to show his souvenirs and couple the event with other family activities. Gelman said she's sure the crowd - especially parents - will enjoy the music and memorabilia. "I think it's great, very nostalgic," she added.

Benny and the Jets - including Bob's son Tony Harris on harmonica - will perform the song more than once, as well as play other original tunes

Tony accompanied his father to meet the Stones when they were in town last year and posed a great suggestion. Bob Harris

"He went with me to meet the Rolling Stones and on the way there, he suggested

Please see FAN, E2

WHAT: Rockin' Family Valentines

WHEN: 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12

WHERE: Livonia Mall,

29514 Seven Mile Road,

HIGHLIGHTS: Meet

Bob Harris the oldest Rolling Stones fan, and see his collection of music memorabilia; hear Benny and the Jets perform 4-8 p.m.; kids can make "love bugs" with Arts and Scraps 3-5 p.m. Dream Weavers will take free digital photographs with proof of \$50 purchase from Livonia Mall stores and shoppers can win cash prizes at the mall's mystery stores. Call (248) 476-1160 for more information.

# V-Word from page E1

And it also brings to light how few gains there have been in women's rights when violence is still allowed to occur with such arming frequency, noted

Does it really matter that we n elect women to offices when can't prevent this from hapbning?," Frank asked. "Do w.e really have power?"

Ensler wrote her play (which Random House published in 1998) based on interviews with women on topics ranging from amusing euphemisms to appalling atrocities. The play alternates between wildly funny and sadly compelling - sometimes within the same interview.

"My Vagina Was My Village," recounts a Bosnian refugee's chilling tale of the horrors she endured at the hands of soldiers. Fleischer plans to use two separate voices to intensify this ■ The cast includes former Attic Theater artistic director Lavinia Moyer and Plymouth resident Gillian Eaton, a former member of the Royal Shakespeare Company.

In "Flood," West Bloomfield actress Shirley Benyas impersonates an elderly woman recalling why she closed herself off. "down-there" after her date scorned her for her sudden

There are plenty of lighthearted bits, too, such as when hypothetical questions are posed: "If your vagina got dressed, what would it wear?" and "What would it say?"

The audience will have the opportunity to answer many of Ensler's questions prior to the show. Several booths will be set up outside the auditorium with students taking responses from audience members.

"Your responses may end up on stage," said Fleischer.

The cast includes former Attic Theater artistic director Lavinia Moyer and Plymouth resident Gillian Eaton, a former member of the Royal Shakespeare Company, and several theater stu-

"There's a line in the monologues that says, To make them visible so they cannot be ravaged in the dark without great consequence," Fleischer said. "That's why it's important to talk. There doesn't need to be shame. Shame happens when there are secrets."

# Classic from page E1

Most striking, however, is that "All My Sons" is as contemporary and relevant as the days when it was written.

"Any play about personal and social responsibility is timeless," said Woronicz. "And with Miller, the drama is rooted in family dynamics. We all have to deal with that.'

In many ways, Miller reminds audiences that personal responsibility isn't merely political rhetoric, or something that changes with social fads.

On the 40th anniversary of the play in 1987, The New York. Times critic Frank Rich noted the timeless relevance of the play: "In an America rocked by inside traders on Wall Street, ethically blind managers in the space program and shredded documents in the National Security Council, no one can doubt the continued pertinence of 'All My Sons.'

# Conciliator in jeans

Woronicz has a light, yet firm directorial touch. His style is to create an atmosphere where actors can make choices" about what motivates a character.

Dressed in faded denim jeans with a neatly trimmed beard and a soft, reassuring voice, he comes across as a conciliator, meeting the actors halfway.

Arms folded, and reading the script as the actors rehearse, Woronicz isn't quick to interrupt.

He takes a moment to crouch next to Robin Lewis of Livonia, who portrays Ann Deever, and prods her to "find something" in her character. He assures Ray Chapman, who plays Chris Keller, to pursue the current path of emotional intensity. And then, he persuades Robertson to experiment a little more with his character (Joe Keller).

"I don't have everything figured out before hand," said Woronicz, former artistic director of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, who marks his first time either acting or directing a Miller play.

But I do know the story, and theater is all about collaborating on telling a story.'

### Family dynamics

The cast stepped lightly around props and masking-tape markings on the floor that approximates the location of the

They ran their lines. They laughed. They argued. They pointed fingers. Call them unreasonable people bound together for apparent random reasons.

Better yet, call them a family.

The play is about family dynamics," said Woronicz. "There are great, dark secrets in some families. Back in the 1940s, when a mother and father said they didn't talk about some things, well, they didn't talk about it."

It's Woronicz's task to meld the various strands of the cast into a

With an extensive career performing Shakespeare, Ibsen and Chekov, he knows something about the classics. And ultimately, "All My Sons," which introduces Miller's resonant moral tone, is a classic, from its dramatic construction to the universal theme in the tradition of Greek tragedy

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As with all classic stories, the key to making the play appealing is to shape it for the sensibilities of a contemporary audience.

With a long list of impressive acting credits, including appearances on TV's "Seinfeld," "Law & Order," and "Ally McBeal," and in "Primary Colors" and "Living Out Loud," Woronicz certainly knows what makes a story appealing.

And ultimately, one worth remembering.

# Fan from page E1

to me that - since they are the number one group and we've got the number one hockey team, 'let's stop by and get some Red Wings hats for them.' We took them to the hotel and I said (to Mick Jagger), 'I want to present this to you from one champ to another.' He put the hat on and was jumping up and down. I loved doing that. It was Tony's

Since then, Harris has garhered attention from Detroit newspapers and by ABC's "Good Morning America," and a nation-

II 'It's got a good beat to it. My grandkids love it. I've got one that just gets up and starts dancing.'

> Bob Harris Rolling Stones fan

al sports radio station has picked up the song and played it in cities like Boston, San Francisco

and Miami. It could be heard as far away as the Netherlands, he

"It's got a good beat to it," said Harris. "My grandkids love it. I've got one that just gets up and starts dancing."

And that's what's most important to Harris. He said if the song does well and becomes popular, he'll be happy. But if not, at least it's something his family will always have to treasure.

"It's only rock 'n' roll," but Bob Harris likes it.

# Tara Lipinski steps out into a new arena - acting

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER

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Tara Lipinski, who won an



Tara Lipinski

Olympic gold medal women's figure skating two years ago, dabbles in acting when not busy with school or traveling with the "Stars On Ice" professional tour

stopping at The Palace of

Auburn Hills on Saturday. Her acting career includes an appearance on "The Young And The Restless," where she plays the role of a nice girl, a friend of

one of the show's young stars. What else would you expect? An American, and worldwide audience for that matter, just couldn't get used to the sweetheart of the 1998 Winter Olympics playing a villain.

Lipinski flashed her winning smile again on Monday at Detroit's Whitney Young Middle School where she and Ilia Kulik, a men's gold medalist two years ago at the Olympics, promoted

their Stars On Ice visit.

"I just take it one step at a time," said Lipinski, 17, about her acting career. She made her TV debut on CBS' "Touched by an Angel," and has a future commitment with Nickelodeon. "I like both (skating and acting). They're similar in some ways. Acting is new and kind of exciting because I haven't tried it before.

Lipinski lives in Sugar Land, Texas where she is a senior in high school, but considers Detroit, and Bloomfield Hills in particular, her "second home."

She trained as an amateur for several years at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills. - Lipinski said her gold medal is kept in a "safe spot at home."

Photographs of her wearing it are rare.

"I don't wear it around my neck much," she said, laughing. "You wake up every morning wanting to win gold and one day you do. You feel lucky and grateful for all the hard work it took etting there. If you really want it bad enough your dreams can come true."

Like others who experienced success as a teenager it was inevitable for some to say she'd lose a step as she grew. Lipinski laughs at the suggestion.

"At the Olympics I weighed 98. pounds," she said. "Now I weigh 95 and I'm two inches taller."

That she has lived in the two states that have produced the last three Stanley Cup champions is a bit ironic. The Dallas Stars won last year's National Hockey League championship following two straight titles by the Detroit Red Wings.

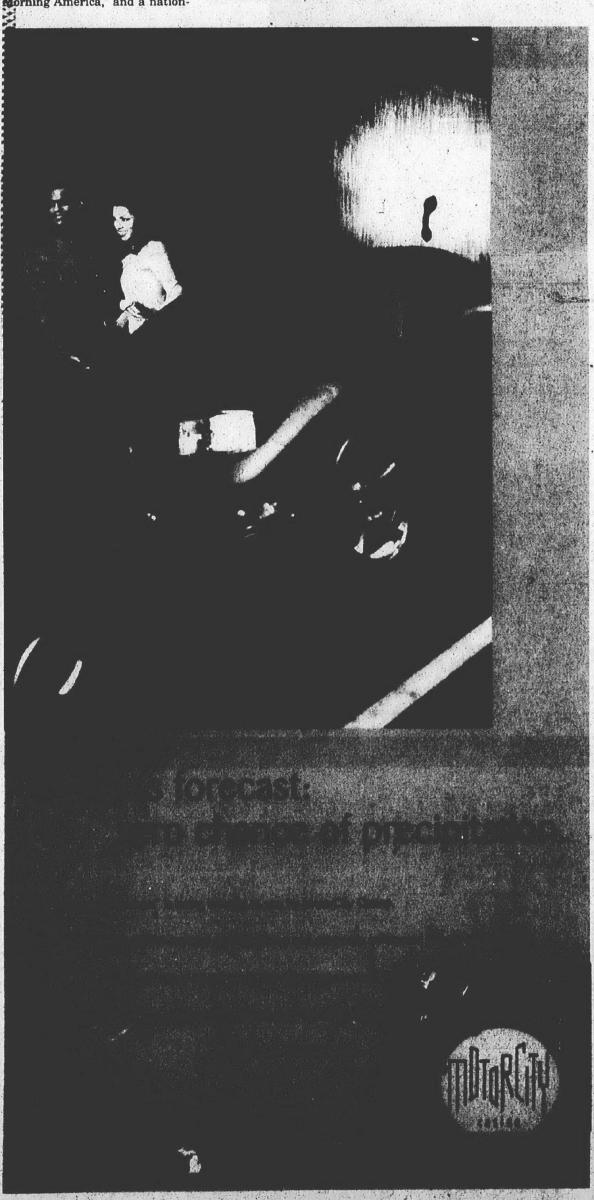
She has one allegiance, she said, and not because the interview was taking place in Detroit.

"The Red Wings, for sure," she

Though she tries to lead a typical high school existence, demands on her time make it impossible. The Stars on Ice Tour, for example, will prevent her from attending her senior

"I've made so many great friends (on the tour)," she said. "We have fun on the road all the time."

"Stars on Ice" stops at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. Tickets \$60, \$48, and \$35 reserved, at the box office, or call (248) 645-6666; or online www.ticketmaster.com





# Exceptionally good characters in 'Of Mice and Men'

Farmington Players present John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12 and 18-19, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 and 20, at the Farmington Players Barn, Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. Tickets \$12, call (248) 553-2955.

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John Steinbeck's classic morality tale, "Of Mice and Men" is set. in the Salinas River valley of California in the 1930's. America is in the depths of the Great Depression.

Today's prosperity is almost surreal compared to those desperate times. Under the thoughtful direction of Sue Rogers, the Farmington Players precede the play with black and white slides of the poorest of the poor farmers

About all these folks have are dreams of better times. And so it is with George and Lennie, two migrants moving on to another job, whom we meet on a river

bank. Lennie, played superbly by John Boufford, is huge manchild. Possessed of strength beyond his understanding, he can outwork any three men. He loves to pet soft things like a mouse, a rabbit, a puppy. He is so strong, he can and does on occasion, innocently kill them with too much love. Boufford wisely avoids playing Lennie as a stereotypical village idiot. He creates a character of dimension and sympathy. Thomas Adams effectively plays his tragic friend, George, who attempts to keep Lennie out of trouble.

A greater use of inflections

his important scenes. Trouble is on the horizon as we meet fellow workers on the ranch. Jim Snideman, Phil Hadley, Dave Gilkes, Jim Jernigan and Gene Connolly play a variety of ranch hands. Snideman, as Candy, who has lost a hand in an accident and Connolly, a black man who lives by himself in the stable, create exceptionally good characters. Mike Carraway, the boss, looks terrific, but needs to be more forceful to put the fear of God in his new workers. Frank Ginis plays his son, Curley, with appropriate nastiness.

Kathleen Warner does a nice job as Curley's bored new wife, who as they say, has "the eye" for other men. Warner would be even better if she were a bigger tease and more flirtatious. At any rate, she messes with

to create a mood of despair. and pauses would add impact to Lennie, he strokes her hair, she screams, and in trying to quiet her, Lennie inadvertently strangles her. A posse takes off after Lennie. The play ends tragically where it began, on a river bank. George realizes he and Lennie will never have that little place of their own. Lennie never meant no harm.

With a flawed love, George, ends their mutual misery the only way he knows how. The real harm, perhaps, was the way George covered up for Lennie, because society wasn't structured to take care of the Lennie's of the world.

One hopes we're doing a better job of it today.

Bob Weibel is a Westland resident who writes community theater reviews for the Observer



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Depression Era: Farmington Players Jim Snideman (left), Gene Connolly, John Boufford, Kathleen Warner, and Thomas Adams (background) rehearse John Steinbeck's riveting story.

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# Museums collaborate to tell story of African-American dance



being pelted by a torrent of trivia TV game shows, permit me to ride the wave by asking a couple of quick questions in the visual and performing arts category

With America

1) Which of the following dance crazes received their creative spirit

from African American dance?

a) The Slow Drag b) The Charleston

c) The Twist

d) All of the above

2) Which of the following Detroit area cultural institutions is presenting the exhibit: When the Spirit Moves:

African American Dance in History and Art?" a) The Charles H. Wright

Museum of African American History

b) The Detroit Historical Museum

c) All of the above

The answers to both questions are: all of the above (d and c).

In a unique collaboration, the Detroit Historical Museum and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History are jointly presenting this sweeping exhibit through mid-April from distinctly different approaches.

The history exhibit at the

Detroit History Museum on can the experience the artistic Woodward Avenue tells the story of African American dance from its beginnings in Africa to the present. With video, rare musical instruments and masks used in African dance through the ages, it makes a strong case about the dominant influence of African dance in the shaping of American cultural identity. Particularly fascinating is a demonstration of how the melding of features in African and European line dancing formed the

# "Spirit Moves"

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square dance tradition.

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component of the "When the Spirit Moves" exhibit. The works of more than three dozen African American artists are exhibited, including Benny Andrews, John, Biggers and Elizabeth Catlett, with each piece reflecting the history of African dance.

In the words of exhibit curator Dr. Samella Lewis, "The art responds to cultural impulses and historical realities. African American dance gave meaning and beauty to its people. The strength and appeal of this dance tradition was so great that it also shaped and impacted White dance and culture."

On the next edition of Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, segment host Nkenge Zola takes viewers on a tour of both exhibits.

One last question.

Why is "When the Spirit Moves: African American Dance in History and Art" such an appealing exhibition?

a) It celebrates a form of expression that has had tremendous impact on American cul-

b) It exposes the works of some great artists to a broad audience, both at the museums and to viewers of BACKSTAGE PASS.

c) It represents a significant collaboration between two worthy cultural institutions, which are offering workshops with shuttle service to the exhibits, and discounted tickets for those

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d) All of the above. I think you know the answer. You've been a wonderful contestant. As a parting gift, don't forget to play the home version of Detroit's cultural scene, BACK-STAGE PASS.

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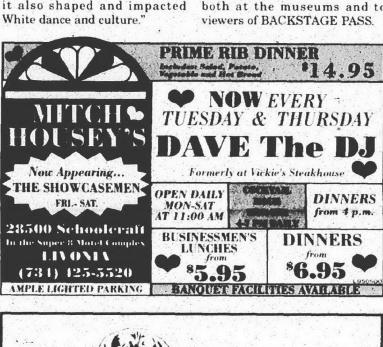
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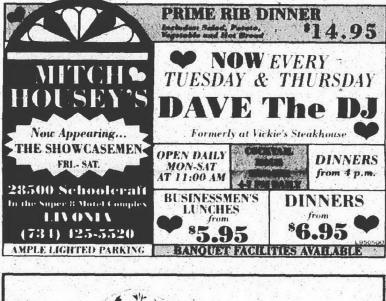
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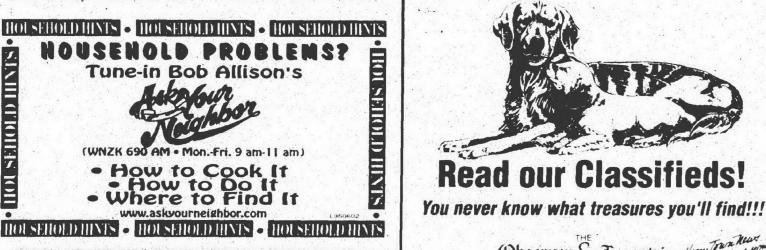


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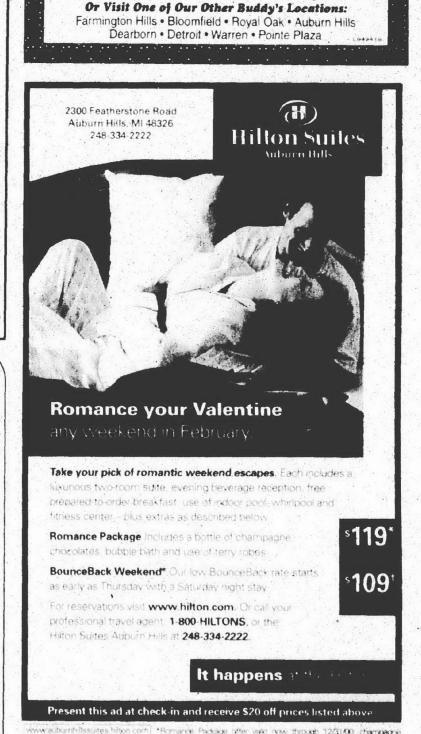
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COLLEGE

(248) 377-3300

EMU THEATRE: "Dames at Sea," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12 and Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Sponberg Theatre on campus, Ypsilanti. \$8 Thursdays, \$13 Fridays-Saturdays, \$11 Sunday. (734) 487-1221

HFCC: "Bachelors," 8 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday, Feb. 16-18, and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center Adray, Auditorium on campus, Dearborn.
\$15. (313) 526-3278 or e-mail to SAlexProd@msn.com

U-D THEATRE COMPANY: "The Dumb Waiter and More," Feb. 11-27, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, in the OnStage Theatre on the University of Detroit campus. \$10, \$2 discount for seniors/students with ID. (313) 993-1130

WSU HILBERRY: "Breaking the Code" opens Thursday, Feb. 11, at the theater, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

### COMMUNITY THEATER

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Perform John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12 and 18-19, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 and 20, at the Farmington Players Barn, Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. \$12. (248) 553-2955 MT. ZION THEATRE: "The Celestial Helix and Other One-Act Plays," 8. p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Feb. 11-12, 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 PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY:

"A Soldier's Play 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

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD:
"Oliver," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, 25-26 and March 3-4,

"Oliver," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, 25-26 and March 3-4, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Water Tower Theatre, Northville. \$12, \$8 students. (248) 349-7110 TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: "A Chorus Line," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19 and 25-26 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 and 27, at Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962.

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS:
Agatha Christie's "Unexpected Guest," continues 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12; Feb. 18-19; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, 1/2 block east of Lahser. Tickets \$10, discounts for seniors and students. (313) 537-7716 or (313) 532-4010.

# YOUTH PRODUCTIONS HEIKEN PUPPETS: Present Father

Millennium's Zero Show noon, 2

p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, on the stage in the food court at Wonderland Mall, Plymouth Road and Middlebelt, Livonia. Free. (734) 522-4100 MOSAIC YOUTH THEATRE: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, at Planet Ant Theatre, Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 365-4948 **PUPPETART: "Kolobok," the** Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man," 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 19 and 26, at the Detroit Puppet Theater. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777 STORYTELLING, MUSIC AND MOVE-MENT: Betty Appleton will enchant the younger set with story-telling, music and movement as they participate in a lively South African folktale. Children will also have the opportunity to play and explore African instruments, 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, Borders Books &

Music on Woodward, downtown

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Starry, Starry Ice: Target Stars on Ice presents professional skaters (front row, left to right) Jenni Meno, Kristi Yamaguchi, Renee Roca, Scott Hamilton, Tara Lipinski, Ilia Kulik, Ekaterina Gordeeva, (back row, left to right) Todd Sand, Steven Cousins, Lu Chen, Gorsha Sur, Elena Bechke, Denis Petrov and Kurt Browning, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$35-\$60 on sale at The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call (248) 645-6666 or buy online at www,ticketmaster.com. Group tickets available by calling (248) 371-2055.

SPECIAL EVENTS

BARBIE DOLL SHOW: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, \$5, \$2 ages 4-12: (734) 455-2110 **EROTIC MUSIC AND POETRY** FESTIVAL: The 13th annual festival includes performances by N2 Submission, Radium, and more. Poetry readings by Cindi St. Germain, Jimmy Doom, P.D. Harris, Marc Maurus, and more, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, The Holbrook Cafe. Tickets are \$8 advance. 18 and over welcome. (313) 438-1771 or http:// members. tripod.com /~eroticpoetry.

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Sunday, Feb. 13, Lake Orion
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7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Burton Manor, Livonia. \$160 per couple, includes buffet dinner. (810) 227-5086

### FAMILY EVENTS

THE PHOENIX ENSEMBLE: Join the Gemini brothers for a magical, musical concert for children and the whole family 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, includes an instrument petting zoo in the lobby beginning at 2 p.m., at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$15, \$10 students/children. (734) 763-8587/(248) 645-6666

# BENEFITS

GREYHOUND CONCERT: Flutist Natasha Harhold; Donna Kallie. a Madonna University music professor; Benjamin Hayes (French horn), and Evola Music teachers Cathy Feldman (flute) and her father, Irving will perform a concert of classical music to benefit TLC Greyhound Adoption 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, in Kresge Hall at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia. \$5, \$3 students. (734) 765-2248 or e-mail greyhounddog@earthlink.net. MICHIGAN JEWISH AIDS **COALITION:** And Affirmations Lesbian/Gay Community Center

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p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at the theater, Detroit. \$25, \$18
students/seniors. (248) 594-6522
VENEZUELAN DISASTER RELIEF

FUND: Peter Soave will perform as a soloist with the Emerald Sinfonietta Orchestrá under the direction of Felix Resnick, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Venezuelan Disaster Relief Fund. (313) 438-0780. An afterglow follows the concert at the Ambleside Gallery.

# VALENTINE'S

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

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BRUNCH WITH BACH: Guitarist
Javier Calderon performs works by
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a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the
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Features the Suite from Strauss's opera "Der Rosenkavalier" and German pianist Christian
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Friday, Feb. 11, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 12, and 3 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 13, at Orchestra Hall.
Detroit. \$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,
32777 Five Mile, east of
Farmington. \$10. (734) 4211111/(734) 464-2741

ANNE-SOPHIE MUTTER: The violinist performs a recital, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 12, in Hill
Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$55.
(734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229
MURRAY PERAHIA: Performs an all-Bach program 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Hill
Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$55.
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PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY

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ORCHESTRA: "All That Jazz" features drummer Pete Siers, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 19, at Our Lady of
Good Counsel Church, Plymouth.
\$12, \$10 seniors/college students, free for students through
grade 12. (734) 451-2112
REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY: 3
p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Hilbert
Junior High School, Redford, Free.

# 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
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REDFORD: Is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information VOICES IN TIME: Has a limited number of openings in all voice parts, rehearsals for spring/summer season begin in late February. (248) 449-6540 ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS:

"Guys and Dolls," 7 p.m. Monday-Tueşday, Feb. 21-22 at the Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, 1/2 block east of Lahser. Be prepared to sing a song of your choice. Call Ralph Rosati, (248) 669-0436 for information.

**DESTINATION EARTH LLC:** An independent production company is seeking extras for the science fiction film "Nobody Knows." Filming will take place in Detroit and surrounding cities in late February and early March. The film is about a man from the year 2039 who appears in Texas on the day of the Kennedy assassination, Nov. 22, 1963. He is able to prevent the murder of the president and as a result, history changes in surprisingly different ways. For more information, call Nicole Sylvester (248) 980-8504

# CHORAL

CANTATA ACADEMY: 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Southfield
Centre for the Arts. \$15, \$12
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CHAMBER CHOIR: 8 p.m. Sunday,
Feb. 13, at St. Francis of Assisi
Catholic Church, Ann Arbor. \$25,
\$10 students. (734) 7642538/(800) 221-1229
GOSPELFEST CHOIR: Joins the
University of Michigan Symphony
Band in a concert 4 p.m. Sunday,

Feb. 13, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Free, (734) 764-5588 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

PARADE OF HARMONY: Features one of the Barbershop Harmony Society's top-ranking quartets 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at Clarenceville High School's Schmidt Auditorium in Livonia. Tickets \$13 for Friday's performance, and \$15 for Saturday's. All seats reserved. (248) 559-7082.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN 1. SCHOOL OF MUSIC: The University Symphony Orchestra, University Choir and Chamber Choir present Verdi's "Requiem," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor, Free. (734) 764-5580

# ORGAN

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY:
Organ students of local universities in concert, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb.
15, in the Alexander Music
Building on campus, Ypsilanti.
(734) 381-1314

# JAZZ

MR. B: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999
THE BROTHERS GROOVE: 9 p.m.Saturday, Feb. 12, at Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150
TODD CURTIS: Thursdays, at Elie's, 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

KARL DENSON'S TINY UNIVERSE: Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Magic Bag, Ferndale. 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

BILL GAFF OUINTET: 8 p.m.

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Thursday, Feb. 10, at Edison's,
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GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11
p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the
Century Club Restaurant, 333
Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 9639800

RICH K. TRIO: 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: 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
STRAIGHT AHEAD: 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 10, in Kresge Hall
at Madonna University, Livonia.
Free. (734) 432-5541

JANET TENAJ TRIO: 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 12 and Friday, Feb.
25, at Tom's Oyster Bar,
Southfield.

ED WELLS: The pianist performs 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 PAMELA WISE & THE AFRO-CUBAN

PAMELA WISE & THE AFRO-CUBAN ALLSTARS: 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

# WORLD

BLACKTHORN: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, at John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern, Farmington. (248) 474-5941 (Irish) TRIAKEL: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS (Swedish folk trio) BENNY CRUZ Y LA BEUNA VIDA: 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$8. (248) 424-9022 (Latin)

# FOLK/BLUEGRASS

ERIC ANDERSEN: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$14. (734) 763-TKTS
JUNIOR BROWN: 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 16, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$22.50. (734) 763-

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LIMELITERS: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (734) 763-TKTS

MOXY FRUVOUS: The alternative folk artists from Canada perform 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$24, \$19. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-

RFD BOYS: Friday, Feb. 18, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-TKTS

### POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS:
Poetry reading features the works
of Ulysses, Annodal, Boogie, Khary
Kimani Turner and Malik, 2 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 13, with sign-language interpretation, at the museum, Detroit. Free with museum
admission. (313) 833-7900
POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN:
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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

THE WRITER'S VOICE: The Colloquium Poetry Series continues with Ken Waldman, Beverly Matherne, All Hellus & The Plastic Haiku Band, and Conversions & Liberty R.O. Daniels, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the Scarab Club, Detroit.

# DANCE

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
ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING: 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158
LORD OF THE DANCE: Tuesday-Sunday, Feb. 8-13, at the Fox

Sunday, Feb. 8-13, at the Fox Theatre. \$10-\$60. (248) 433-1515/(248) 645-6666

POLKA BOOSTER CLUB: Dance with music by the Varitones, 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Pvt.

p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Pvt. John Lyskowa Post, Dearborn Heights. \$9. (313) 937-1316/(313) 561-8389

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY DANCE: "Approaching Extremes," the 71st annual Spring Dance Concert features works by the Detroit Dance

Collective, Alan Danielson & Dancers and Erica Wilson-Perkins, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, at Music Hall for the Performing Arts, Detroit. \$15, \$8 students. (313) 577-4273

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ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Danny Gray with Bill Bushart & Dee Profitt, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Mary Ellen Hooper Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 10-13; Jackson Perdu Thursday-Sunday. Feb. 17-20, Victoria Jackson Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885 SECOND CITY: "Paradigm Lost" 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday, are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. \$10, Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday; \$17.50 Friday, \$19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222 (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

# LIVE

ALBERTA ADAMS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800. LORI AMEY: 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.

APPOLLO 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).

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368

BLACK OCEAN DROWNING: Featuring Dead By 28 and Degenerative Velocity, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, The Shelter. Detroit, All ages, \$7, (248) 645

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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

BLUE RAYS: 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Arbor Brewing Company, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and over. (734) 213-1393.

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BLUE ROSE: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Ford-Road Bar and Grill, Westland. 21 and older. Free. (734) 721-8609 (blues).

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

BROTHERS GROOVE: 10 p.m. Mondays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368.

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.

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Featuring Juvenile, The Hot Boys, 'Lil Wayne, B.G. and The Big Tymers, Ruff Ryders with Eve. DMX, Lox ad Drag-On, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, The Palace. Auburn Hills. (248) 645-6666. COLD BLUE STEEL: Featuring Rick Warner, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Lake Point Yacht Club, Livonia. Free. (734) 591-1868.

PAULA COLE: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Clutch Cargo's, Pontiac. All ages. \$15. (248) 645-6666. CRUD: Featuring members of Sponge and Hoarse, Friday, Feb. 11, Lili's 21, Hamtramck. 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. KARL DENSONS TINY UNIVERSE: With Funktelligence, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 13, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030. **DETROIT BLUES PIANO SUMMIT** III: Featuring Al Hill, Joe Hunter and Bob Seeley, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Scarab Club, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-1250.

**DETROIT ROAD RAGE: 9 p.m.** Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, Village Bar and Grill, Wayne. (734) 729-2360 (modern rock)

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS: With Hello Dave and Carl Black Fiasco, 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.

E TOWN CONCRETE: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, Shelter, Detroit. \$7 advance. All ages, (248) 645-6666.

FAT WRECK CHORDS TOUR: With No Use For A Name, Mad Caddies, Frenzal Bomb and 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.

FIGHTING GRAVITY: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 7th House, Pontiac, All ages, \$7, (248) 335-

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. **GHOSTFACE KILLAH:** With Inspecta Deck and Cappadonna, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$20 advance. All ages. (249) 645-6666. GIVE: Saturday, March 11, The Attic, Hamtramck.

GRAYLING: CD Release Party with Cromwell and The Lanternjack, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$5. (313)

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

ROY HAMILTON JR. & THE GOLDEN BOYS: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, 17 Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-

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. HARRINGTON BROS .: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, Fox and Hounds,

Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800. COREY HARRIS: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10. The Ark, Ann Arbor, \$12 advance. (248) 645-6666.

MICHAEL HILL'S BLUES MOB: 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Sísko's, Taylor. (313) 278-5340. GARY HOEY: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Magic Bag, Ferndale, \$10.

(248) 544-3030. HOT WATER MUSIC: With Elliot and Inside Five Minutes, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 1. The Shelter,

Detroit. All ages. \$8. (248) 645-H20: 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 INNERCOURSE: 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Shelter, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 961-MELT

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.

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.

JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Sundays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-

THE JAZZ MANDOLIN BAND: Featuring Jamie Masefield and Jon Fishman, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, 7th House, Pontiac. \$15. (248) 645-6666

JETTISON RED: With Trouser Blue,

10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 313.JAC. upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. (313) 962-7067 (indie rock). 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 tick-

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

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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

ROBBIE KRIEGER: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11. Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$17. (248) 544-3030. DONNA KRALL: 8 p.m. Friday. April 14, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$35, \$25, (248) 645-6666. KRUST: With Morgan, Dynamite MC and Yuval Gubay of Soul Coughing, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 4. Motor, Hamtramck. \$10. 21 and older. (313) 369-0080.

KUNG FU DIESEL: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450. SHEILA LANDIS TRIO: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Borders Books and Music, Rochester Hills. Free. (248) 552-0558; 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 n.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.

STONEY MAZAAR AND THE WESTSIDERS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland, 21 and older, Free, (734) 721-8609 (blues).

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

DAVID MEAD: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Coffee Beanery, Royal Oak. All ages. Free.

MELLINCOLIN: With Ten Foot Pole, Vision and Oskar, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$8.50 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666. MELVINS: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April

19, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$12. All ages. (248) 645-6666. PAT METHENY TRIO: With Larry Grenadier and Bill Stewart, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Royal-Qak Music Theatre. \$37.50. (248) 645-

METHOD MAN AND REDMAN: With The Outsidaz, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, State Theatre, Detroit. \$30 advance. All ages. (248) 645-

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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

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Feb. 13. State Theatre. Detroit. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

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Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (acoustic).

**CLUB CIRCUIT** 

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or

ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and

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BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and

CARBON: Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramick. (313) 366-

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and

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-

FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS: 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak -(248) 542-9922

FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL: 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609

FOX AND HOUNDS: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800

GOLD DOLLAR: 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older, (313) 833-

GROOVE ROOM:1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak, Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and

LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB: Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY: Main Street. Rochester. (248) 652

MOTOR LOUNGE: 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motorde-

PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE: 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township.

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313.JAC: Upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush, Detroit, 13131 962-7067

VELVET LOUNGE: 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

Mile, Ferndale, All ages, Free, (248) 399 3946

STATE THEATRE: 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 18 and over. (313)

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for mem-

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# Don't expect 'Scream 3' to measure up to the original

Craven was credited with reinventing the horror genre. In Scream 3, he seems intent on reinventing Scream.

He doesn't.

All the familiar elements are in Scream 3. That cast of survivors from the first two Scream outings returns, it has excellent production values and the usual quota of shock scenes, although the gore factor is disturbingly

This time around the much put-upon Sidney Prescott is again targeted by a maniac with the pale melting mask and black cloak. Now, however, she lives in secluded northern California where she works for a crisis hot-

In Scream, director Wes The problem is that when the killer's identity is finally revealed, you'll say, 'Yeah, OK.'

> Imagine her surprise when the killer calls her. That sends her packing to Hollywood where the production of Stab 3: Return to Woodsboro, the mythical reflection of Scream 3, is being filmed. She links up with Dewey Riley, the Barney Fife-ish cop in the two pervious Screams, who now is serving as a technical adviser on Stab 3.

Dewey had called Sydney when cast members began turning up with multiple puncture wounds. Sidney and Dewey join forces with a hard-boiled homi-

cide detective to track down the killer.

Craven lets us know in the first few minutes that this is not going to be an easy ride. Cotton Weaver, Sidney's savior in the last film and now the host of his own TV talk show called 100% Cotton, is quickly dispatched along with his girlfriend. It's Craven's way of saying expect the unexpected. He keeps hammering that this is the third part of a trilogy and in the final chapter, anyone can get killed - even the star.

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The problem is that when the killer's identity is finally revealed, you'll say, "Yeah, OK."

Indeed, there is a tired feel to this whole film. Scream shone with its clever dialogue and the incisive manner in which Craven set traps for the audience by second guessing what we were thinking, filleting the plot right in front of us and twisting cliches to make them fresh. He left us reeling.

Here he leaves us yawning. There are far too many jumpstarts shocks of someone popping out of the background. People spend an awful lot of time fleeing down dark hallways with the killer steps behind. And as for that big knife, every time the killer raises it it makes a schwing sound that would set Wayne and Garth drooling.

Scream 3 does have its moments. Hollywood horror legend Forrest J. Ackerman has a cameo as does Carrie Fisher, looking a long ways from her Princess Leia days. And the cast is uniformly excellent with Neve Campbell as Sidney, Courtney Cox Arquette as the bitchy TV reporter and especially Parker Posey, who is supposed to be playing the Arquette character in Stab 3, if you can follow all that. Posey and Arquette make a terrific team.

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No need to 'Scream' again: Left to right, Parker Posey, Courtney Cox Arquette and David Arquette star in Wes Craven's third stab at scaring movie audiences in the Dimension Films release.

Only veteran actor Lance Henriksen, who excels in these type of films, is short-changed

with far too small a role. There are occasional sparks in the dialogue like when the bimbo actress whines that the shower scene she has to do has been a cliché since it was first used in Vertigo. Try Psycho. Only once does the film attain any sense of eeriness which occurs when Sidnev walks onto the still and darkened set recreating her house in Woodsboro, where the "actual" murders occurred.

But too much of the film is

contrived and tired. The lock picking scene is truly ludicrous. And just how many times can you clonk somebody the head and still not hurt him/her?

The most insightful line about this film was actually delivered in Scream 2 when a character noted that sequels are never as good as the original. While Scream 3 is a definite step up from Scream 2, it's time to retire the franchise.

But that may not be, as Craven literally has left the door open for Scream 4.

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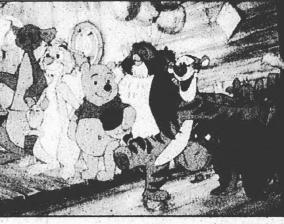
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# 'Isn't She Great' — Bette and cast have some good moments

BY JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER

There will be comparisons between "Isn't She Great" and "Man on the Moon." Both are biopics. And that's where the comparison should end.

Jim Carrey's homage to comic enigma Andy Kaufman was a performance-and-a-half. The only enigma about the story of shockschlock author Jacqueline Susann is why Bette Midler and Universal felt that anyone would be interested.

Not that the woman who perpetrated the publication of "Valley of the Dolls," "The Love Machine" and "Once is Not Enough" didn't lead a life worth telling. She was, in her time, the best-selling novelist of all time. She changed the way books are mass-marketed and contributed as much to mid-60's pop culture as go-go boots. All this while battling breast cancer, denying the severity of her autistic son's condition and keeping both a secret from the public.

Today's moviegoers, however, don't care any more about Jackie Susann than they do about, well, go-go boots.

"All I know about are aging stars, hopeful hookers and people popping pills and nobody writes books about that," says Midler as Susann. The light goes



**Author's story:** Bette Midler and Nathan Lane star in "Isn't She Great.'

on over manager-husband Irving Mansfield's (Nathan Lane) head, and the rest is history. The failed actress steamrolled her way into her prized spotlight by putting personality above ability.

No ability? Plainly that wasn't so. She may not have been able to put an English sentence together on paper, but she certainly knew what to say. "It's like overhearing gossip in the ladies room," is one reader's review of 'Dolls." "It's like 'Gone With the

Wind,' only filthy" gushes Irving. But "Isn't She Great" is pretty much Bette being Bette, and we must take it on their word that she and Jackie walked and delivered rim shot punchlines the same way. The screenplay by Paul Rudnick ("In & Out") gets into a standard rhythm early on and never strays from the sitcom pattern. Susann talks to God by way of a tree in Central Park, bullying him like everyone else ("C'mon, get on the phone and

make me famous!"). Nathan Lane does his one puppy-dog expression throughout, but David Hyde Pierce ("Frazier") scores as the prudish Connecticut Yankee book editor who grows to care for Jackie if not for her material. Stockard Channing has good moments as the boozy best friend, the Vera to Midler's Mame. Her best moment is a silent one, walking into the hospital room and seeing Jackie on her deathbed. John Cleese is wasted as the book

publisher. If you lived through the 60s, however, you'll enjoy a terrific impression of Truman Capote by Sam Street; a faithful recreation of those wild op-art clothes and colors, right down to the typewriters in the publishing house; and note that singer Steve Lawrence is played by Steve &

Eydie's son David. But basically it's a "who cares" bio that will earn a brief blip on the big screen and a one-way ticket to videoville.

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ley sifts through a pile of leopard pants, halter tops and knee-high boots, trying to pick out the perfect outfit to wear to the trendiest new bar in the metro area. You see, you can't

wear just anything to Pure Bar Room. By 10:30 p.m. the 22-year-old

Rochester resident saunters hrough the glass doors of Detroit's hottest nightspot, not duite knowing what to expect. Like shelter from the freezing night air, she's enveloped by the sensations of bluish laser light blending with dimly lit chande-Bers, the fluid motion of bodies on and off the dance floor, and the sounds of world-class house and trance beats trickling from above.

"It's very New York," she says. "It's a mix of everything, not like any other bar I've ever been to."

That description may be inspired by the crowd - most in their 20s and 30s - who appear

Sarah Check- to have emerged from the pages of a top fashion magazine. Or maybe she's struck by the dancers, showered in sparkles and hovering above the crowd like eye candy. "Anything goes," says Checkley. A swanky silver accessory she designed dangles from her forehead. "You can get as crazy as you want to.'

Pounding beats echo as she walks amid the crowd of those ready to see and be seen. You'd expect a cold shoulder at this club with its exclusive atmosphere, but it's as welcoming as it is elegant. That's how entertainment director Jaclyn Saros intended it to be.

For her, Pure isn't just another club, it's an integral element in the redemption of a city that could be so much more. By renovating and transforming an old building on Woodward Avenue, Pure Bar Room grasps onto the untapped energy in Detroit nightlife. "It's pioneering a new era," says Saros with pride. "We've really become a part of something that's going to benefit us all."

To break new ground, Pure offers what's lacking in the city's so far, club-goers are embracing

"As of now, it's the best club in the metro area."

Omar Hindo Farmington Hills resident

nightlife. On any given weekend Pure. Cleber Lessa of Farmingclub-goers can see dancers flaunting the latest in haute couture, a man towering above them on stilts, even delicate ice sculptures. Despite this extravagance, Pure is quite understated.

# Mind the velvet ropes

While open to the public, guests lucky enough to enter the bar know the meaning of "discriminating tastes." "We wanted to set a precedent, a mood or a feeling," explains Saros. To achieve it, the club requires guests to dress appropriately. Some may think it pretentious when a Detroit Red Wing player is denied admission because of his outfit. At Pure, that's the difference between setting a standard and being like every other bar in the state.

Make no mistake - Pure Bar Room embraces its clientele. And

ton Hills says the draw of the club is simple: "It's friends, the energy, the music, the people around vou."

That sentiment shines through among "the chosen ones." Omar Hindo, a Farmington Hills resident, speaks without hesitation: "As of now, it's the best club in the metro area. I enjoy the DJ's the best. They fly them in from out of town." Hindo has been to Pure several times, but he's no stranger to the long line outside. He doesn't mind the selective policy: "They obviously want to be different."

# Fantasy land

"We want to exceed expectations and surpass boundaries," adds Saros. Pure Bar Room is dedicated to change, to staying on the cutting edge of art forms like fashion, music and nightlife. Resident DJ Thomas Barnett,

clothing designer Diana Jellinek, director of talent Khalil Ramadan and Saros are only four reasons for Pure's early success and the mystique surrounding it. "Nightlife is all about creating a little bit of fantasy," Saros says.

Aarti Bapna, a West Bloomfield resident, indulged in that fantasy world during her first experience at Pure: "I think it's exactly what Detroit needs to liven up the town. It's a great mix of techno and upstairs, the VIP bar is awesome. The decor is very classy."

Bapna expresses what many of the young professionals in the Metro area have thought we've had enough of chic restaurants, macho sports bars and "quaint" little dives. Pure Bar Room isn't just a new nightclub. it's a destination.

Beautiful people, your time has finally come.

Pure Bar Room is at 1500 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Call (313) 471-PURE for details.

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M Ladies, be creative. Backless shirts and tiny dresses are popular, as is coating one-self in show, sparkle and shine. Experiment and find

your own style.

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# Livin in the Sun

Lemon James Foxey Records

On her latest release, Lemon James sets the record straight she's not only a foxy lady, she's got a voice that just draws you in. On "Livin in the Sun," the follow-up to her 1995 debut "I Am a Voodoo Child," the Garden City resident croons seven original tunes and one Jimi Hendrix cover with smooth, sultry vocals: Accompanied by moody, emotionally charged guitar techniques, the album appeals to the senses like taking a walk through a forest in a rainstorm. Perhaps the instrument performs as an extension of the artist because she plays hand-crafted Foxey guitars, of her own design.

Opening with "Come On Over Here (Groove On)," James tempts listeners into her romantic realm. Her breathy voice declares that passion in "This Is What I Am" when she sings: "My soul's in the music/ I am the ing specific to its listener. And whispers of the clouds/ Come listen to my sounds/ My love is all around/ My heart's in my hand/ Come listen to the Lemon James

Every note on the "Livin in the Sun" reflects that definite sense of self and burst of creativity. James isn't afraid to bare her soul in her music. To complete her vision, James includes the talents of fellow musicians Bobby, Bunny, Mea, Skeeto and White Boy.

Where to find it: Metro area record stores or online at www.lemonjames.com

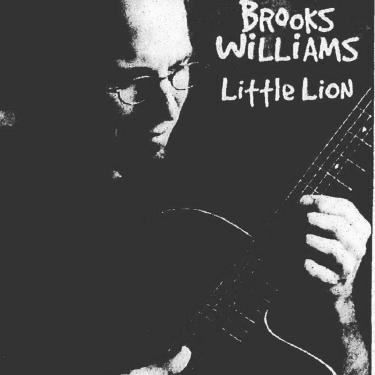
Best to listen to when: in need of a soothing voice and inspiring style.

# Little Lion

**Brooks Williams** Signature Sounds

The true beauty of music lies somewhere within the notes, the chord progressions and the minds of its inventors. That beauty can be discovered in new and different ways by all who give the time to listen. On "Little Lion," Brooks Williams speaks not with lyrics, but through the sounds of his guitar. This completely instrumental album encourages the imagination to wander alongside the musicians.

Each song can take on a meanthat meaning can change. "Only for a Moment" shares a delicate sentiment, expressing through the six strings of an acoustic the band/ Dig it if you can/ This is fleeting nature of those points in



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# life that are most treasured, and held dear.

On "Belfast Blues," Williams turns a simple blues song into music that lightens the heart. Written in 1995, he admits in the liner notes that this song was inspired by English folkbaroque music. You can almost hear how it lends itself to storytelling. John Daniel accompanies him on second guitar. But "Magpie" that captures the essence of how something can be created so quickly and shine with instant musical gratification.

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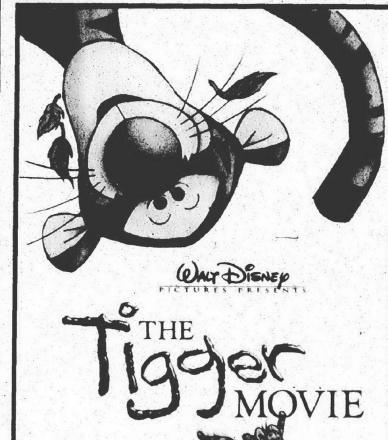
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# 'Take-out guy' gets lunch for co-workers

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

One of the things I'm known for at the Observer Newspaper office in Livonia is getting lunch. It's not exactly a claim to fame,

but I'll take it.

It started simply enough a few years ago when I was going to a fast food restaurant to get something for myself and a couple of people asked me to fetch something for them, too.

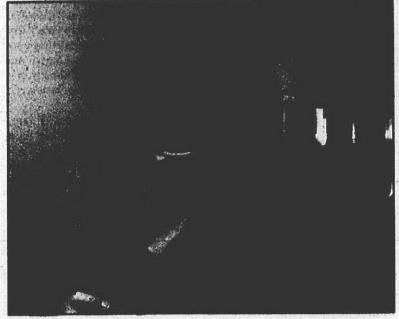
Pretty soon I was collecting menus from nearby restaurants and taking orders throughout the newsroom.

My co-workers have come to depend on me to the extent that they sometimes ask me at 9 a.m. where I'm going that day. One particular co-worker often tries to steer me to certain places she prefers and objects strenuously if I go someplace she hates.

Anyway, it has come to my attention that the things I've learned about getting takeout lunches for two to 10 people five days a week can benefit others. Far be it for me to withhold useful information.

The restaurants and takeout spots I go to are mostly located within a couple miles of the Observer office at Levan and

Some of them are once a week stops. Others are once in a while



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Lunch is here: That's me carrying in lunch for my coworkers at the Observer Newspapers office in Livonia.

stops. Among the former are Mr. Muster's, Little Armando's, China Inn and David's New York

Mr. Muster's soup is a big favorite in the office. The last time I went there, six people ordered the cream of mushroom. I had 16 orders all together (\$58) and had to enlist a helper to carry it back to the office. I usually start taking orders at 11:30 a.m., walking around with a menu to show people and a notepad to write on. They pay me on the spot and usually give enough of a "tip" to subsidize my own lunch.

Next I phone the orders in and drive over to pick up the food.

My tendency is to trust the eateries to provide everything

according to my specifications, but I'm constantly reminded this isn't a good long-term policy.

Mr. Muster's once forgot two whole rollup sandwiches. Little Armando's has twice filled an order for two beef enchiladas with one beef and one chicken enchilada. Senate Coney Island gave me five Greek salads without dressing.

Only Steve Shaunessey of Mr. Muster's has offered to deliver the food he forgot to provide initially. That's why we chose to feature his restaurant in our first column.

It's nice to break bread with a group of co-workers and probably helps build a spirit of camaraderie on the staff.

I can guarantee that few of us would eat lunch together other-

I enjoy getting lunch for everyone but am constantly reminded
that I'm unusual that way. No
one ever offers to do the job in
my stead, which is fine but illustrates how onerous they consider
the job to be.

Ralph Echtinaw welcomes your comments and/or questions about take-out lunches and dinners. Call him at (734) 953-2054. Write him at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. E-mail him at rechtinaw@oe. homecomm.net. Mr. Muster's

Where: 37665 Five Mile Road, southwest corner of Five Mile Road and Newburgh, Livonia; (734) 464-3939, fax: (734) 464-7363

Open: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday.

Menu: Roll-up sandwiches, some hot sandwiches such as burgers and grilled chicken breast, broasted chicken, ribs, and salads.

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What you won't find on the menu: Homemade soup. Ask what the soup of the day is. It changes daily.

Average lunch price: \$5
Credit cards accepted: American Express, Discover, Visa, MasterCard
Catering: Sandwich trays, lunches, picnics, and barbecues. Lunch for office menu available.



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At your service: Steve Shaunessey of Mr. Muster's presents a tray of broasted chicken, barbecue baby back ribs, potato wedges and garlic sticks.

# VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER DESTINATIONS

We've spared no expense (yours) to find the most romantic, finedining 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 heartbeat. List complied by staff writer Renée Skoglund

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."

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,

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. 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 fire-

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

place.

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

■ Marco's - 32748 Grand River, downtown Farmington, (248) 477-7777. Cost: Entrées \$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 — candle-light, 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

■ 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.

Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 422-0770. Dinner hour: 4-10 p.m. Coat: \$12-\$25, regular menu.

Could lovers go wrong at a place whose name means "foun-

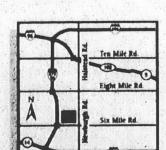
tain of love"? Impossible, said owner Luciano Delsignore. The setting is dark and soft-colored with cozy booths and a fireplace.

■ Old Country Buffet — is offering a free lunch or dinner to couples who have been 50 years or more on Monday, Feb. 14. Bring your marriage license to redeem your free meal. You can also pose with your loved one for a free photo, which can be picked up later.

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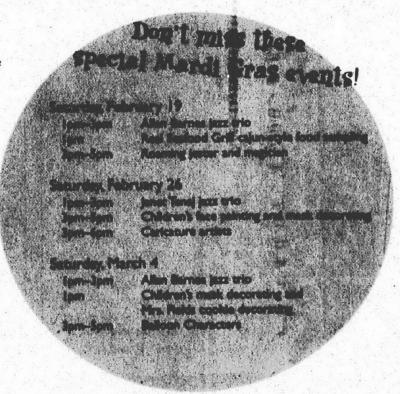
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