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Schools finally get high-tech

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It's taken three years, but Plymouth-Canton schools have finally begun installing computers which were part of the March 1997 bond issue that also included a new elementary school and

a third high school.

The \$79.8 million bond issue was held up in the courts for just under two years in a lawsuit filed by Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva, who challenged the accuracy of the voting machines. The school district eventually won as the case found itself before the Michi-

gan Supreme Court.

While students have been deprived of new computers the past three years because of the court battle, the one advantage to the school district is that computer prices have dropped dramatically.

"The original technology part of the

bond was about \$9 million," said Jim Casteel, director of integrated technology systems for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "However, because computer prices have come down, the bids for the computers and infrastructure compo-

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BROTHERLY LOVE

Sibling shares gift of life

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"It's the most beautiful gift I've ever received."

That was the reaction of Ed Schulz, 53, of Plymouth Township only days after receiving a kidney transplant on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at the University of Michigan Hospitals.

What made it even more special for Schulz is that his brother, Lynn, 65, of Livonia was the donor.

"It's a perfect fit. It feels pretty good," chuckled Schulz.

But, then in a more serious tone, Schulz said of his brother, "Sometimes you don't realize how close you are because of distance, but mentally we are."

Both brothers were recuperating at the Ann Arbor hospital only hours after surgery.

"It was already working before they put it in. And, when I got back to the room after surgery, I could tell the difference," said Ed Schulz. "I felt invigorated. I still felt a bit tired, but it was a different kind of tiredness."

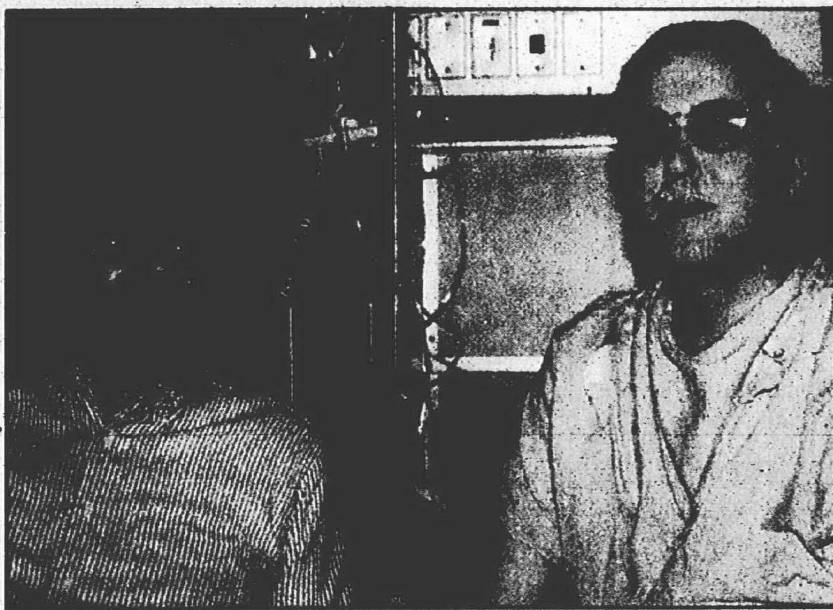
But not too tired to take a walk down the hallway the next day, tied to monitors and IV's, to visit Lynn.

It was a full day for the Schulz family, a total of 12 hours from the beginning of Lynn's surgery to remove a kidney to the end of the recuperating period for Ed.

"I feel a bit closer to Ed because of the surgery," admitted Lynn. "I never once doubted my decision. The hospital put my health above his, so they wouldn't have done it if I wasn't healthy."

It was last March when Ed found out both his kidneys had shrunk to nothing. His lifestyle changed immediately as he went to dialysis at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia three days a week for three hours at a time day, leaving him exhausted.

Along with Lynn, Ed's wife for 31 years, Diane, and their son, Paul, all were tested and found to be suitable donors. Lynn was found to be the perfect match.



Sibling sacrifice: Of all the people Ed Schultz could turn to when his kidneys failed, brother Lynn (above left) was the perfect match. (Photo below) Ed Schultz (in wheelchair) gets a ride out of the hospital from his wife, Diane.



"We hadn't considered asking anyone about a transplant, but they (Lynn and his wife Delores) were there asking when they could be tested," remembers Diane. "They faced a real risk to their own health to provide life to another person. That's the most important gift of all."

Ed, an active Rotarian and a sailboat enthusiast before the exhausting hours on dialysis, said he'll be glad to get back to a more normal lifestyle.

"I'm looking forward to the freedom of not having to be subservient to a machine," said Ed. "It will be nice to be able to travel, or whatever you want, without planning months in advance."

While Ed expects to be back to work in about six weeks, he's not

out of the woods yet.

"Your body never completely accepts an organ, so we'll continue to monitor him," said Maureen Fox, transplant coordinator at U-M. "However, the chances are better because he received the kidney from a living donor, who is also a blood relation. Because of the genetic match, we hope it will prolong the kidney for a long time."

Ed said the realization his life would take a turn for the better came the day before the operation, his last day at dialysis.

"When you start hugging people, knowing you wouldn't be back ...," said Ed. "I had a bond with patients and their siblings, and the caregivers. Over 10 months you develop lots of relationships. They become like family."

"It's a bittersweet moment because you know some others won't have the same opportunity," he said. "You have some happiness, but you also feel some guilt because you're walking away from people you've gotten to know who don't have the same opportunity."

Ed sat back in his hospital bed and reflected.

"You always feel like this could never happen to you," he said. "And then you realize that without close family you might not even exist. It makes you understand that life is precious."

Judge saw enough to hold Islam

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Last week 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe adjourned the preliminary exam for Azizul Islam of Plymouth to Feb. 16, giving the prosecution more time to prove Islam's guilt.

Islam's should stand trial for the murder and dismembering of his wife, Tracy Islam. However, long before Lowe decided at the end of the day to continue the preliminary exam, lawyers for both sides began posturing to influence Lowe's decision. It began in chambers before the exam and continued after 17 witnesses had been heard.

After hours of testimony, the basic questions remained: Was a crime com-

— Ron Lowe
— 35th District Judge

mitted? ■ 'In the world where I live, the person who dies from natural causes doesn't get dismembered and distributed across two states.'

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Some board members ready to run

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With the Presidential Primary coming up next month, thoughts are naturally turning to politics, including the local scene.

Three Plymouth Township board members — Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Clerk Marilyn Massengill and trustee K. C. Mueller — are ready to declare their candidacy.

Although the filing deadline isn't until May 16, all three plan to run for re-election in their present positions. All seven township board seats are open. Ron Griffith is completing his 16th year as an elected trustee. Keen McCarthy, Massengill and trustees Mueller, Kay Arnold and Chuck Curmi, are completing their second four-year terms. Treasurer Ron Edwards is com-

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Movin' on out

County exec switching Livonia roots for Plymouth

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Ed McNamara stood in front of the only home he's known for 33 years and battled the urge to take the "For Sale" sign down.

He successfully fought off the impulse and, as a result, McNamara and his wife of 52 years, Lucille, are set to do something that until recently might have seemed unthinkable: Move out.

McNamara, who spent 17 years as Livonia's mayor and who has since 1987 served as Wayne County executive, tried to find a home in the city, but growth has narrowed the choices to the point where the McNamaras were forced to look elsewhere.

"Livonia is getting so built up it's hard to find anything," McNamara said. "It's very traumatic. My first



Wayne County executive Ed McNamara

impulse was to take the (for sale) sign down, call the Realtor and cancel. But it was too late to do that."

The move does nothing to change McNamara's powerful political base — "Plymouth is still part of Wayne Coun-

ty," he said — but instead reflects the family's desire for more spacious, comfortable living arrangements. The Plymouth Township home will have one of the features McNamara likes best: first-floor bedrooms.

"You need a reason, whether it's buying a car or a bicycle or a house, (and) I like the idea of living on one level," he said. "We've been looking around for a long time. We spent a lot of time looking for another place in Livonia, but we haven't been able to find a lot or floor plan we wanted."

The news came as something of a surprise to those who counted themselves as long-time neighbors.

"I'm certainly disappointed to lose Ed as a neighbor," said Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey. "We know he'll continue to be supportive of Livonia and our various activities. We wish him well in his new home and his new location. He

■ 'Some of my best friends are Republicans.'

Ed McNamara
— New Plymouth resident

has moved to a very fitting area of southeastern Michigan."

The move will seem strange to the McNamaras, as well. Since moving into their Park Street home in 1966, the couple has raised five children (four graduated from Stevenson High School; their eldest went to Bentley). He was elected Livonia mayor in 1970 before running for, and attaining, the Wayne County executive post in 1987.

McNamara is credited with helping Attorney General Jennifer Granholm get elected, as well as for several projects, notably the airport expansion.

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Township approves funds for new police vehicles

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The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees approved the purchase of new vehicles for the police, fire and Department of Public Services departments. The purchases are:
■ Five 2000 Ford Crown Victoria

patrol cars, \$109,155
■ One 2000 Ford Taurus for the detective bureau, \$18,463
■ One 2000 Chevrolet Impala for police administration, \$18,467
■ One Ford Crown Victoria for the fire department, \$99,278
■ One GMC pickup truck with a snow blade to be used as a park vehicle,

\$22,794
Trustee Chuck Curmi asked Police Chief Larry Carey about the purchase of the Chevrolet Impala for Lt. Robert Smith, which costs \$3,000 more than the Ford Taurus. Carey said that Smith plans to use and test the car to determine if it could be used as a patrol car.

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mitted? Was Islam the prime suspect? Wayne County assistant prosecutor Michael Lehto argued for an extension because the prosecution was missing key evidence to prove that body parts found in Dearborn and Ohio were those of Tracy Islam.

"To complete the examination we need to have the DNA results," Lehto told the judge. "They (crime lab technicians) are expediting it as much as they can. But it takes time."

That left an opening for defense attorney Michael Schwartz to claim charges should be dropped.

"If he's not ready to go forward, the case should be dismissed," argued Schwartz. "The prosecutor comes to court charging my client with the most heinous crime in the annals of our penal code and he's not ready to go forward with the hearing? He doesn't have his ducks in a row."

After which Lehto fired back a rebuttal.

"The logic of Mr. Schwartz is saying that if you ever had a case you couldn't complete in six or seven hours, then it would have to be dismissed," said Lehto. "We're talking about a first degree murder case. There's the interest in the community about risk of flight."

Schwartz was ready to combat that claim.

"He's the vice president of a company in Plymouth, he's got two children here who are his life's blood, he has a sister here," Schwartz argued back. "They can't even prove there's a crime. He says he thinks there's a crime. He doesn't have any idea who that person is. The coroner couldn't rule out death by natural causes."

That's where Lowe stepped in to keep the hearing from becoming a circus.

"I've got to agree with the prosecutor on this one," he said. "In the world where I live, the person who dies from natural causes doesn't get dismembered and distributed across two states. I don't think they're far away from demonstrating there's a homicide."

Schwartz saw the handwriting on the wall. With the judge about to rule the preliminary exam will continue next month, after the DNA evidence is available, Schwartz started moving in a different direction, hoping to negotiate a bond for Islam.

"He's 50 years old with an unblemished record, he's a Ph.D., got a good job, there's no realistic basis to say he will flee," Schwartz told Lowe. "Maybe not a personal recognition bond, but at least a reasonable

bail. What happens if he's found innocent of a crime, then what does the prosecutor do? He can't give this man his life back."

Lowe had heard enough from both sides and made his ruling.

"I don't see anything in this case that anyone else is in danger by the defendant," said Lowe. "And, I have to agree with the defense counsel there's been just threads right now. But, it's not unusual for the prosecutor's case to be weak when the entire case hasn't been presented."

"Mr. Schwartz, this man may spend another few weeks in jail and we may find out the DNA evidence does not support what the prosecutor is arguing, and in the meantime Dr. Islam is in one of the worst places this side of hell for a longer period of time," added Lowe. "From what I see here, there's enough substantive threads that I'm not going to cut him loose now, and I'm not going to consider some type of bond."

Prosecutors say they will have DNA evidence ready on Feb. 16, proving the body parts are those of Tracy Islam. They promise additional evidence that will tie Azizul Islam to her murder.

Computers from page A1

nent prices will bring the total cost to more like \$6 million."

In fact, Casteel said the district will be getting more equipment than originally planned because of the cheaper prices.

"We're looking at getting laptops for teachers to check out for themselves or special projects," Casteel said. "That's an added piece that wasn't in the bond. The bid process also resulted in us getting a three-year, on-site warranty, free training and free educational software."

The district will be outfitted with Compaq Celeron 500 computers, each with 64 megs of memory, 6.3 gigabyte hard drives, and 15-inch monitors.

As a result of the bond money, each elementary and middle school will be getting two desktop computers per classroom.

That averages out to 52 for each K-6 building and 70 for the middle schools.

Casteel said that while the high schools will get an average of two computers per room, many of those computers will be grouped where they are needed most, based on curriculum.

Each elementary school will also get eight laptops, the middle schools 12 laptops each, and the high schools 24.

"One unit in each of the classrooms will plug into the current Dynacom System so students and teachers can do multi-media presentations through the televisions in each room," said Casteel.

Look for even greater high-tech capabilities when it comes to computers installed in the portable classrooms.

"We're looking at wireless communications for laptops and desktop units in the portables," said Casteel. "You can literally log on, check your e-mail and go onto the Internet and not be plugged into anything."

Rick Barbour, a second- and third-grade teacher at Bentley Elementary, has spent thousands of his own money on computer equipment for his classroom.

"I'm extremely happy to finally get a computer in my classroom, instead of having to wait to use one somewhere in the building," said Barbour.

"We'll be able to use it as a research tool, for e-mail, and develop Web sites," said Barbour. "And we can use it as a presentation tool for special lessons, incorporating sound,

pictures and animation. It will be great for children to be part of the learning experience."

Casteel expects to have computers in all the elementary schools installed by the end of February. By the end of April the middle schools should be up and running with their new computers. The high schools will be the last, with completion set for next October.

Casteel said when all is completed, Plymouth-Canton will have computer technology second to none in the area.

"When we get the computers on board we'll be at an even keel with most districts," he said. "However, with the addition of the laptops we'll be better than most."



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Woman charged in stabbing death of husband

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM AND SCOTT DANIEL
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A Canton woman who had only been in the United States 12 days before allegedly stabbing her husband to death was arraigned on an open murder charge Tuesday.

Kinnari Sutariya, 20, wrapped in a blanket and hospital scrubs, pleaded not guilty to open murder at 35th District Court in Plymouth. She held her face in her hands and cried as she left the courtroom.

Sutariya spoke her native language, Gujarati, through translator Manish Mehta of Ann Arbor, though she can speak some English. Gujarati is a language spoken in her native Western India.

Judge John MacDonald instructed Mehta to advise Sutariya of her right to remain silent and her right to an attorney. Mehta told MacDonald that she understood her rights and that she wanted a court-appointed attorney.

Open murder carries a maximum sentence of life in prison without parole. She is being held without bond at the Wayne County Jail because of her flight risk.

Sutariya's preliminary examination was set for 9 a.m. Feb. 7 at the district court.

Sutariya, who holds a microbiology degree from an Indian university, is charged with murdering her husband, Ramesh Sutariya, 28, early Saturday morning. The incident occurred at the couple's home in the Carriage Cove Apartment complex at Lilley and Warren roads.

According to police reports, the couple was married in India on Christmas Eve last year. It was an arranged marriage. An official U.S. wedding ceremony took place this month.

Ramesh Sutariya had lived in the U.S. for 16 years and lived close to rela-



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Tearful plea: A sobbing Kinnari Sutariya pleaded not guilty in the stabbing death of her husband.

tives, including his adoptive parents. Arranged marriages are common in India and Middle Eastern countries. Commonly, couples are matched up as children by family members and do not meet until they are later married.

Family's response

The murder came as a complete surprise to Ramesh Sutariya's family. Yash Sutariya, a brother of the victim, said the couple appeared happy.

"That's why we're in such a state of shock," he commented. "Everything was going good."

"There was really no sign of this."

Sutariya said the couple had been involved in many family activities since returning from India.

"We saw them every day," he added.

"She called us all the time. It was a happy home."

Sutariya described both his brother and his wife as educated, peaceful people.

"Ramesh was the most gentle person," his brother said. "Anyone would tell you that."

The eldest of three brothers, Ramesh Sutariya was six months away from completing his medical residency. He was a student at Wayne State University.

"His whole goal was to help people out," said Yash Sutariya. "He didn't care about the financial end of it."

While the marriage was arranged, the couple had known each other for years. Sutariya said the two families were close.

"This wasn't a stranger coming in," said Yash. "The whole family viewed her as a sister."

The two had talked of marriage for several years, but waited because of Kinnari's age, he explained.

"It seemed like a good fit," Sutariya said. "He was madly in love with her."

"This is just not real."

Murder scene

Sutariya suffered 18-24 stab wounds, Canton Police said. Most of the wounds were in the abdomen, but some were also inflicted on the victim's face and back, reports said.

At least two knives were used in the attack. Reports said a "large broken knife" was found lying in the apartment's living room with blood on the floor.

A second bloody knife was discovered by Canton Police in the kitchen sink. Witnesses heard the couple arguing at about midnight Friday and again around 2 a.m. Saturday, reports said.

At some point during the struggle, Ramesh Sutariya called his parents in Plymouth. He spoke with his mother briefly.

"Kinnari stabbed me," Sutariya told his mother, according to police reports. "She killed me."

His parents and a younger brother rushed to the Canton apartment. They



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

In court: Twenty-year-old Kinnari Sutariya prepares for her arraignment in 35th District Court in Plymouth on charges she stabbed her husband to death.

found the door locked. After pounding on neighbors' doors, Rajan Sutariya was able to contact 911, reports said.

He then went back to his brother's apartment and pounded on that door. Reports said Kinnari Sutariya finally opened the door.

The victim's family found both him and his wife lying on the apartment's tile foyer near the door in a pool of blood. Rajan Sutariya tried to aid his brother with chest compressions, reports said.

Police arrived shortly after 2 a.m. and EMS followed minutes later.

Kinnari Sutariya was reportedly semi-conscious when police arrived. She

was taken to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, examined then released into police custody.

Canton Police Sgt. Charles Raycraft said there was no indication of domestic violence.

"We're still investigating the reasons," Raycraft said.

Psychiatric social worker Usha Ari, who has worked with Sutariya since her arrest, said she might have been upset about leaving her native country.

"We're not really sure what happened here," Ari said. "She was only here for a very short time."

'We're not really sure what happened here. She's only been here for a very short time.'

Usha Ari
—Social worker

OLGC 'family' marks 50th year

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Being a part of Our Lady of Good Counsel school is just like being family. And, in many ways, it is.

Jack Coury, assistant principal the past two years, taught math, English and history for 34 years before moving into the office.

His daughter-in-law, Jackie Coury, is the daughter of former OLGC principal James Dyer. She went to school at OLGC, cleaned the rooms and hallways while attending college, and is now a third grade teacher.

"A lot of our parents went to Good Counsel, and three of our teachers are graduates of the school," said Principal Ted Behn. "You know it's a good school when parents want to send their children here or grads want to come back to teach."

Many who have taught or gone to school at OLGC stay or come back because they like the atmosphere.

"I like the environment here," said Jack Coury. "With the smaller setting, you get to know all the kids and their families."

Coury keeps in touch with several students from each class he's taught, and is hoping to see many of them at reunion events Saturday as OLGC school celebrates its 50th anniversary.

There's a special Mass Saturday at 5 p.m., with the 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance at Laurel Manor beginning at 7 p.m.

Principal Ted Behn, who has

'With the smaller setting, you get to know all the kids.'

Jack Coury
—OLGC assistant principal

been the headmaster for the past 14 years, hopes to see several hundred of the 2,700 graduates at the festivities. While the physical building is basically the same, Behn said there are several changes former students will notice.

"We've got a new computer lab with a full-time teacher, a full-time librarian, music teacher and counselor," said Behn. "We used to have to share textbooks, but not anymore."

Our Lady of Good Counsel opened in September 1949 for the first six grades. In 1960, an eight room addition was built which allowed for the student capacity to double. Currently, the school has 555 students, with others on waiting lists to get in.

Jackie Coury went through all eight grades at OLGC while her father was serving as principal for 17 years.

"I came back because it was home," said Coury. "I know every corner of this building. The nuns used to baby-sit us at the convent. I love this school and this community."

Barbara Kelley of Plymouth was in the first graduating class in 1957.

"I enjoyed going to the school, we had a lot of fun," she said. "I do remember the nuns being pretty strict."

McNamara from page A1

What does he think about moving such a strong Democratic political base into staunchly Republican Plymouth?

"Some of my best friends are Republicans," he said with a laugh. "We have friends out here, the church we're looking at is very close. We can adjust."

Does he plan on turning his political clout loose in the township? It seems unlikely.

"I'm a Democrat, I'm Irish and I'm Catholic," he said. "I'm not planning on changing any of those things any time soon."

At least one Plymouth resident is happy to welcome one of his own.

'It takes a great man to recognize a great community.'

Bill Joyner
—Plymouth Volunteer Center

"Isn't that exciting?" said Bill Joyner, who runs the Plymouth Volunteer Center. "To have arguably the second most powerful man in Michigan coming into our community speaks highly of the quality of our housing, speaks highly of our town, and is a distinct measure of the man's intelligence. It takes a great man to recognize a great community."

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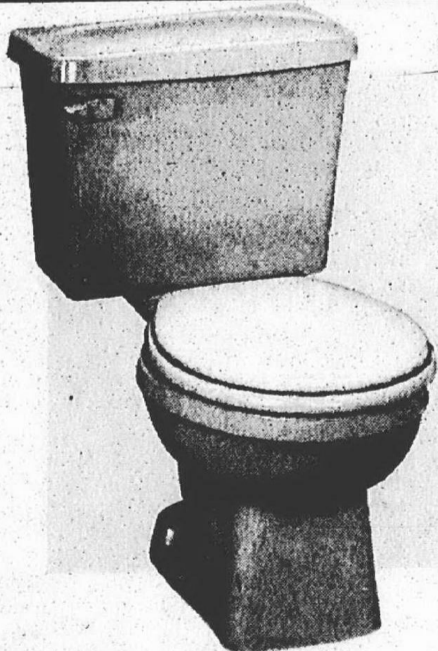
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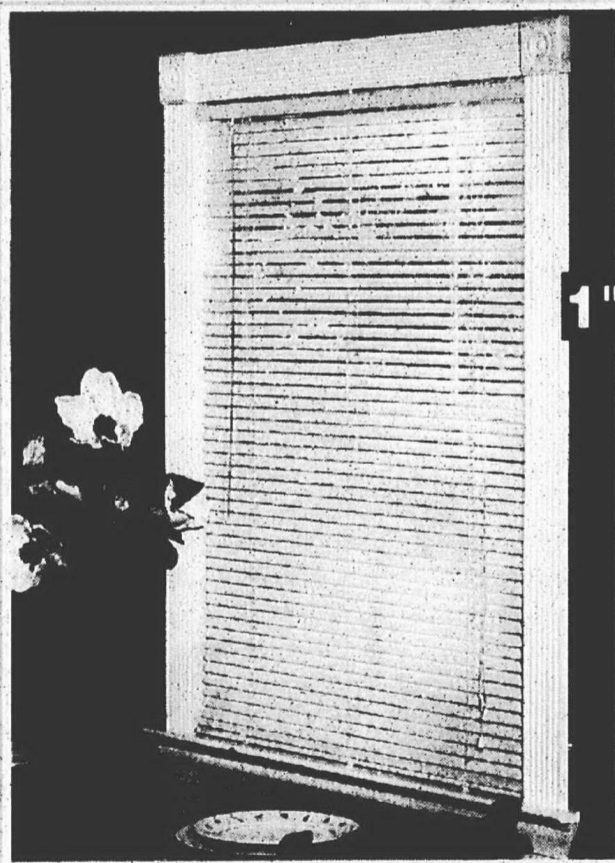
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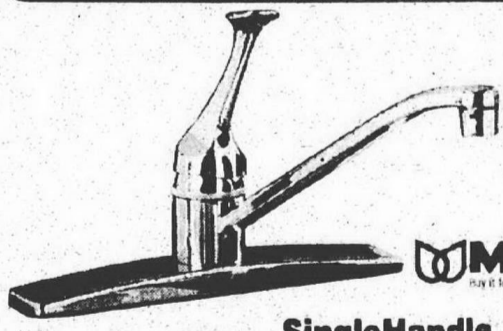
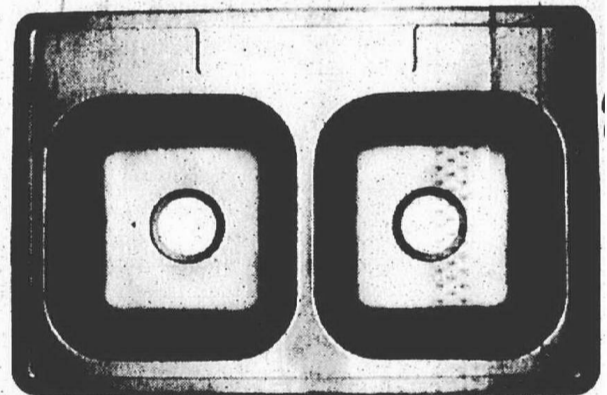
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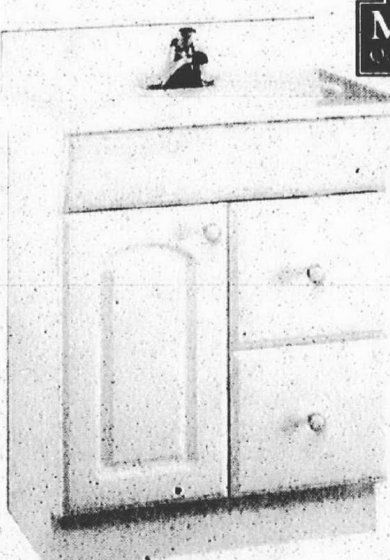
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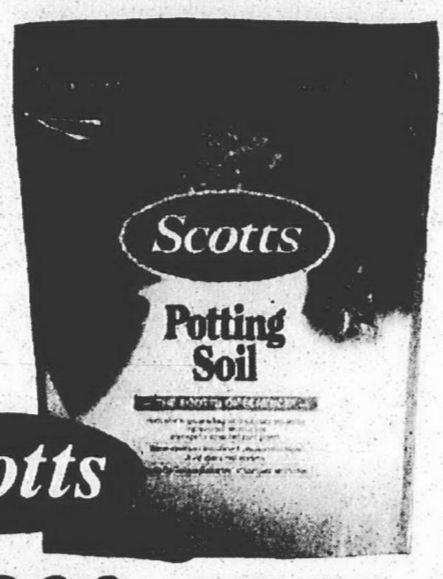
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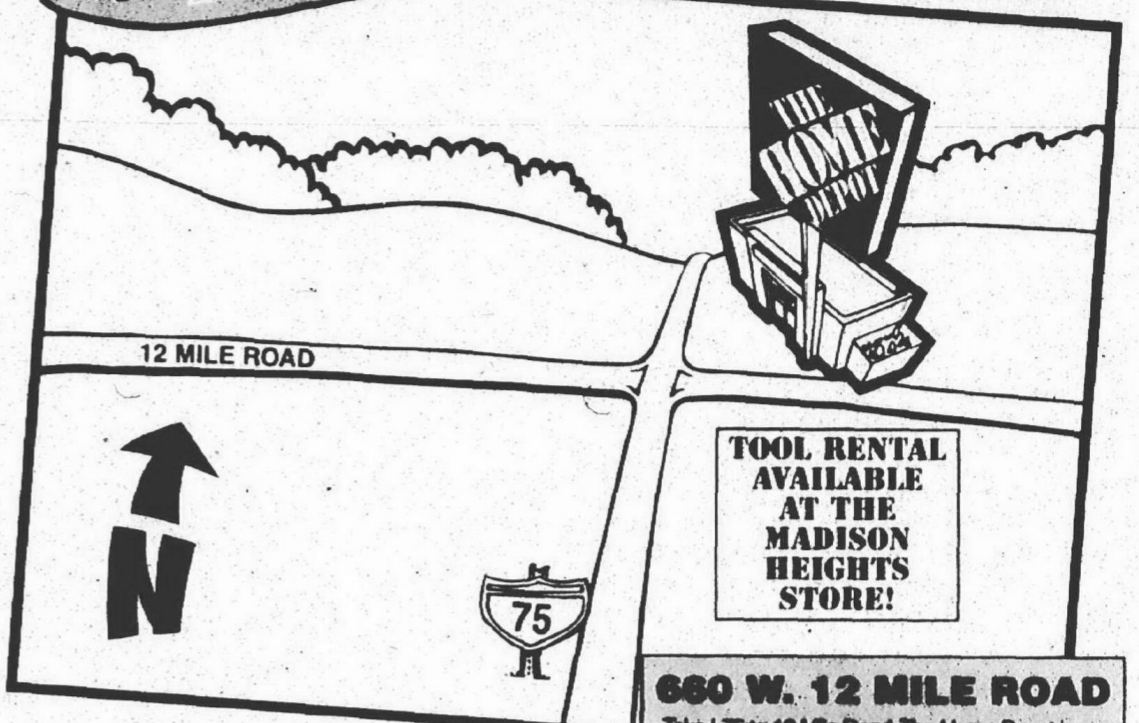
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Plymouth cops graduate from command school

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Plymouth Township Police Sergeants Jeff Felts and Dennis Wilson recently graduated from the Northwestern University Traffic Institute's School of Police Staff and Command.

"The 10-week course is designed to prepare top-to-mid-level law enforcement managers and supervisors for senior agency positions," said Jamie Senkbeil, community resource officer.

Both sergeants attended the 132nd class, which was hosted by the traffic institute in Farmington Hills. The session

ran for 10 weeks, at one week per month, from March 8-Dec. 17. A graduation luncheon was held at the Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills Dec. 17.

The SPSC program covers four areas of study: management and its environment, organizational theory and behavior, human resource administration, and skills for planning and analysis.

More than 5,000 officers from the state, county and municipal agencies have gone through the program since its first session was held in 1983.

The institute was established at Northwestern University in 1936.

Mercy takes over St. Mary Hospital

BY MATT JACHMAN
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Livonia's Felician Sisters, who have run St. Mary Hospital for 40 years, are turning its operations over to a larger Catholic health-care network backed by another religious order.

In an agreement expected to be completed this spring, Mercy Health Services and the Detroit Regional Community of the Sisters of Mercy will take over the hospital, making it the 10th MHS health-care system in Michigan.

The Felicians, however, will continue to serve in the hospital and will be represented on a new hospital board, said Julie Sproul, the hospital's director of community relations. They will also continue to own the hospital building and property.

The order's desire to expand its mission of health care and offer new programs and services is behind the union, Sproul said. The Felicians have been in discussions with MHS for over a year.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to build on St. Mary Hospital's strengths - our loyal physicians, employees and volunteers - and our mission of serving the people in our community," said Sister Mary Renetta Rumpz, the hospital's president, in a press release. "St. Mary Hospital and the community will benefit from the resources of an outstanding Catholic health system."

The hospital is expected to adopt the new name of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Sproul said. It will also get a new chief executive officer, and Sister Renetta will assist in the transition period.

The Felicians will continue to operate, separate from the hospital, their other Livonia health-care facilities: Marywood Nursing Care Center, for people who need skilled nursing care; Marybrook Manor, an assisted-living center; and Angela Hospice.

The Felicians also plan to start a new foundation that will serve the community in the areas of education, child care, care of the elderly, social services and health care. Details on the foundation will be announced later, Sproul said.

St. Mary, which celebrated its 40th anniversary last year, is a 304-bed community hospital and one of Livonia's largest employers, with over 1,500 workers.

The Livonia Province of the Felician Sisters is one of 12 provinces of the order, based in Rome and formally called the Congregation of the Sisters of St.

Felix. There are about 2,400 Felician sisters worldwide.

Livonia's Felician sisters also run Madonna University, Ladywood High School, the Montessori Center of Our Lady and, with the Archdiocese of Detroit, the Senior Clergy Village.

The Detroit Regional Community of the Sisters of Mercy is part of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. MHS, founded in 1976, is the seventh-largest Catholic health-care system in the country and the 14th-largest overall, with 32 hospitals.

MHS reported 1999 operating revenue of \$2.6 billion, and charity care and community benefit spending of \$117 million.

By April, MHS is expected to join with the Holy Cross Health System to create the third-largest Catholic health-care system in the country.

Photographs on display

Action photographs of local high school soccer players are on display through Feb. 29 at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth.

Bill Dean, a professional photographer from Plymouth, shot the pictures of Plymouth-Salem High School "Rocks" and Plymouth Christian Academy "Eagles" players during their 1999 seasons. The Rocks were state finalists in 1999 with a 23-2-2 record under head coach Ed McCarthy; the Eagles were regional finalists with a 15-4-4 record under head coach Rick Erickson.

Kiwanis Club kicks off annual Sweat Suit Drive

The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Plymouth-Canton is pleased to announce the kickoff of its annual Sweat Suit Drive.

This is the third year of the event, which supports First Step, the Western Wayne County Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

The drive collects new sweat suits that are used by the staff of First Step. The staff responds to the needs of anyone who becomes a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault. They may be called to a hospital

to assist a victim. If a criminal act is involved, the clothing may be confiscated for evidence and that individual may be discharged wearing only a hospital gown. The sweat suit provides the victim with some sense of dignity.

The club collects new sweat suits of all sizes and colors since other members of a family may be affected by the assault.

The sweat suit drive will take place during the entire month of February and drop off boxes will be available at the following loca-

tions: Papa Romano's Pizza, 555 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth; Dunkin' Donuts/Amoco, 39600 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth; U.S. Post Office, 860 Penniman, Plymouth; Plymouth Public Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth; Plymouth Township Clerk's Office, 42350 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth; Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth; Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton; Keller & Stein, Inc., 42158 Michigan Ave., Canton.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE LEISURE SERVICES MASTER PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton:

that the Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 8, 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 adoption of a Five Year Leisure Services Master Plan.

Written comment addressed to the Board of Trustees should be received at the above address prior to Friday, February 4, 2000. A draft copy of the plan is available in the Clerk's Office for review.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
Charter Township of Canton

Publish: January 27, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 18, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 18, 2000 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack
Members Absent: Shefferly
Staff Present: Durack, Gouin, Mills, Bilbrey-Honsowetz
Others Present: John R. Iacoangeli, Kelly Mathews, Beckett and Raeder Inc. Randy Collier, MDOT Bureau of Aeronautics

ITEM 1: CANTON - PLYMOUTH METTETAL AIRPORT IN REVIEW

In 1993 the State of Michigan purchased Mettetal Airport and established an advisory board. Mr. Randy Collier is the state liaison to the advisory board, and the communities. Improvements to the airport since 1993 include the following: formation of the Citizen Advisory Board; noise abatement policy; signage; a safety audit of hangers; implementation of the safety audit recommendations; improved public meetings, hearings and the communications process, installation of Doppler weather equipment, implementation of rules and policies for airport operation, implementation of an emergency management plan, improvements to parking lots; lighting; taxiways; runway; runway signal lighting; fuel farm; landscaping; grading; drainage of site; and construction of an alternate entrance to the south. A variety of new equipment has also been purchased to maintain the airport site. The present operation of the airport is self-supported by user fees and sale of fuel.

It was the State of Michigan's objective to preserve the airport in 1993; to provide a high quality airport to the communities; to improve the appearance and value of the airport; to cooperate with local units of government, citizens and pilots to improve operations; to make the airport operationally self supporting; to minimize debt; and to work toward community operation. Mr. Collier indicated that the majority of the objectives have been met or are continuing objectives. He indicated that the future will bring projects that will continue to improve the airport. The construction of new hangers, the improvement of perimeter fencing and the improvement of taxiway lights, the building of a new administration and maintenance building are proposed future projects. Mr. Collier indicated that safety and fly friendly seminars have been held at the airport.

ITEM 2: LEISURE SERVICES MASTER PLAN DRAFT REVIEW

Director Durack indicated that the Recreation master plan is required to be updated every five years by the State of Michigan. This vehicle allows the township to make applications for state grant dollars. It also assists the community at determining the capital improvement needed yearly for the Canton Township budget process. Proposals were submitted by a number of firms for the work and the township contracted with Beckett and Raeder Inc for the service. Director Durack introduced John R. Iacoangeli to review the draft Leisure Services Master Plan. The following highlights were presented: This leisure services master plan places the township in a favorable light for public grants; indicates that the township is serious about a comprehensive capital improvement plan; was unique in that the development of the plan included community input by use of focus groups and phone surveys.

The presentation of the plan is a representation of the community and indicates that the community is very happy with the present facilities though they would like the community to add passive parks and pathway systems, and interconnect them with sidewalks. New facilities like an outdoor pool, roller hockey rinks, and walking paths were suggested. A need to provide programming for teens and cultural/historical venues was a reoccurring theme at all age levels. The plan suggests the need for 32 million dollars for recreation needs over the next five years. 18 million in development of speciality parks, 10 million in active park improvements, and 3.7 in the development of an active interconnecting pathway system. Mr. Gouin indicated that the next step in the process is to make a few corrections in the format of the plan, hold a public hearing, scheduled for February 8, 2000 and meet approval of the Board of Trustees.

ITEM 3: CITIZEN COMMENT ON FEES AT THE SUMMIT

Ms. Jackie Blea, 41845 Metaline, indicated that she would request that we review the cost of membership, classes and daycare at the Summit. She has indicated that the cost to her family, using daycare services, paying for classes and membership for a five day a week workout program is estimated at about \$ 2000.00 a year. Other facilities are comparable at around 800.00 per year inclusive of program and daycare. She would like to the opportunity to use the Summit but can not afford to do so. Ms. Bilbrey-Honsowetz indicated that the fee structure would be reviewed.

ITEM 4: INVESTIGATE NEED FOR FULL RESTROOMS IN ALL THE PARKS.

Supervisor Yack indicated that the budget proposes many full restrooms to be built in the parks and indicated that the board should begin to think about the issues of need and related maintenance of the proposed restrooms. Supervisor Yack adjourned the meeting at 9:20 P.M.

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pleting his first term.

Here's an early look at the potential races:

■ **Keen McCarthy** — "I'm definitely running," said the two-term supervisor, who believes every election should be contested. "Citizens need to express different viewpoints."

Likewise, McCarthy said that she can't separate out the accomplishments of just the last four years because her service on the township board has been a continuum encompassing all eight years.

Keen McCarthy hopes the policies made in the next four years will help to support and continue the steady increase in property values. The good economy has been beneficial for both the housing and business sectors, she said.

Plymouth Township has been in the forefront of storm water management over the last several years, stemming from a 1977 law suit where the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency sued the City of Detroit and state over violations of the Clean Water Act, Keen McCarthy said. The case has been in federal court.

"We have gone through a

series of court orders in terms of separating storm water and sanitary and putting in retention basins so that when it rains and if you have a combined sewer it doesn't overflow into the Detroit River," Keen McCarthy said.

■ **Treasurer Ron Edwards** — Nearing the end of his first term, Edwards is noncommittal when it comes to the 2000 election, except to say he will be a candidate.

"I'm running for office," he said, declining to say exactly which office he'll seek.

Edwards got his start in township government in the 1992 campaign — the year Keen McCarthy was elected — by running for supervisor as an independent candidate. He lost.

But Keen McCarthy appointed him to the Board of Review in 1994, and Edwards then defeated incumbent Mary Brooks in 1996.

The 17-year Plymouth resident is a 1977 graduate of Eastern Michigan who received his certified public accountant's license in 1981.

■ **Clerk Marilyn Massengill** — Nearing the end of her second term, Massengill is most proud of the friendly, helpful atmo-

sphere within the clerk's office that invites residents to obtain information. There's never a "don't bother me" attitude, Massengill said.

Last summer, she hired Sandy Groth, who she later appointed as deputy clerk. She lists Groth's hiring as a welcome addition to the clerk's office. Groth, who has experience with the Qualified Voter File, has updated voting lists as required by the state to eliminate names of people who have moved or died.

■ **Trustee K. C. Mueller** — A Realtor, Mueller decided to run for re-election rather than run for state representative.

"I'm best serving my township," Mueller said. "I'm fearful of people who might want to run for the wrong reasons. I don't run a negative campaign."

The chance to influence decisions regarding lucrative contracts might be a lure for some potential candidates, Mueller said. "We have a say in who gets the next sewer project contracts," she explained.

Mueller is proud of the contract that merged fire services for both the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

■ **Trustee Kay Arnold** —

Arnold, who works for Colonial Collision, will run for office but she isn't ready to say which one yet. Arnold also serves on the planning commission.

She's proud that the fire merger contract allowed for the manning of fire station three on Beck Road. The township balanced its budget and now has a surplus, she said. New computers "are bringing the township into the 21st Century," Arnold said.

■ **Trustee Ron Griffith** — A dean at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Griffith is the longest-serving trustee on the board.

Griffith hasn't made up his mind yet if he will run again.

"It's been enjoyable," Griffith said. "I've seen a lot of growth."

Griffith describes himself as the most pro-business trustee on the board and is a proponent of tax abatements for business.

He's proud of the fire merger as well as the recent merger of emergency dispatch operations last November.

"I have long held the city and township should be one unit," Griffith said. "It's a long, difficult process and needs to be a win-win situation that needs to

be done openly and fairly."

■ **Trustee Chuck Curmi** — Also hasn't made up his mind if he will run for re-election. Curmi, who works in product management for Johnson Controls in Plymouth Township, looks for enhanced value and efficiency both at work and in his role on the board.

"We've had some good planning," said Curmi, a lifelong Plymouth Township resident. "It's difficult to get people interested in community service," Curmi said. "Community service comes from the heart."

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State and local police join on Plymouth Road sweep

BY RICHARD PEARL
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People driving along Plymouth Road last Friday and Saturday night had good reason to slow down and mind their road manners.

Michigan State Police troopers and officers from Redford Township, the City of Livonia and Plymouth Township conducted a two-night sweep of the busy thoroughfare.

It resulted in 172 traffic stops, with 120 citations issued and five arrests made. Some 123 verbal warnings also were given out.

The joint effort "wasn't just to write tickets, but to get people to watch their driving and slow down," said its organizer, Sgt. Dave Robertson of the state police's Metro South Post in Taylor, who noted some 123 verbal warnings also were given out.

Safer, slower driving was especially in order Saturday night, when it snowed and the situation got "pretty nasty," Robertson said.

"A lot of people (were) cutting (traffic) lights a bit short and in that weather, they're apt to get hit by someone coming through an intersection who can't stop."

However, there were no reported accidents or injuries during the sweep and that, coupled with the heightened awareness from the heavy patrolling, had participating local officers agreeing with Robertson that the effort was "very successful."

"I think it's a great project," said Redford Traffic Officer Scott Corso, whose officers wrote 41 tickets and gave out about 40 verbal warnings in making almost 60 of the stops. "We'll help them (State Police) out whenever we can."

Redford, which contributed 22 man-hours to the project, had the bulk of the traffic scofflaws, with 124 traffic stops, 87 citations issued and four arrests made, including one of the two for drunken driving. The other collars were for outstanding warrants. A total of 108 verbal warnings also were issued.

Stops were made for "seat belt violations to running traffic lights to speeding and unsafe lane change," as well as for equipment violations, registration and insurance violations and not using proper child restraint, said the state patrol's Robertson.

"We weren't looking for just one thing," he said.

"Our combined goal was to provide a safer road for the citizens and prevent any accidents or injuries which could occur due to the actions of unsafe drivers."

"It is our belief that our objective was very successful,"

Robertson said.

"I think it was very productive," said Plymouth Township Police Sgt. Robert Antal, who reported 15 citations written and 10 verbal warnings issued in 25 stops in his community.

Although there's only about a half-mile of Plymouth Road in the township, Antal noted it still has "quite a bit of traffic."

"All the violations we wrote were either for speed or (no) traffic signal," with the speeders doing 12 or more miles per hour over the limit.

Antal said most of the tickets he issued on Friday night were

to township residents.

Livonia police and state troopers made a combined 23 stops and arrested one person for driving drunk.

Robertson said the effort, which was funded at the patrol level with both grant money and post overtime funds, was the second such he's conducted.

"We did one on Ford Road awhile back and it was a raging success," he said. Police from Dearborn Heights, Westland and Canton Township participated.

He promised more such operations through October. "It'll depend on what police agencies

would like us to focus on - Michigan Avenue, the Dix/Toledo Highway, Telegraph Road," he said.

A side benefit is that such operations gives state troopers a chance to develop closer working relationships with local police than they normally have in communities which don't border freeways.

"It also lets local agencies know if they need something, all they have to do is give us a call," he added.

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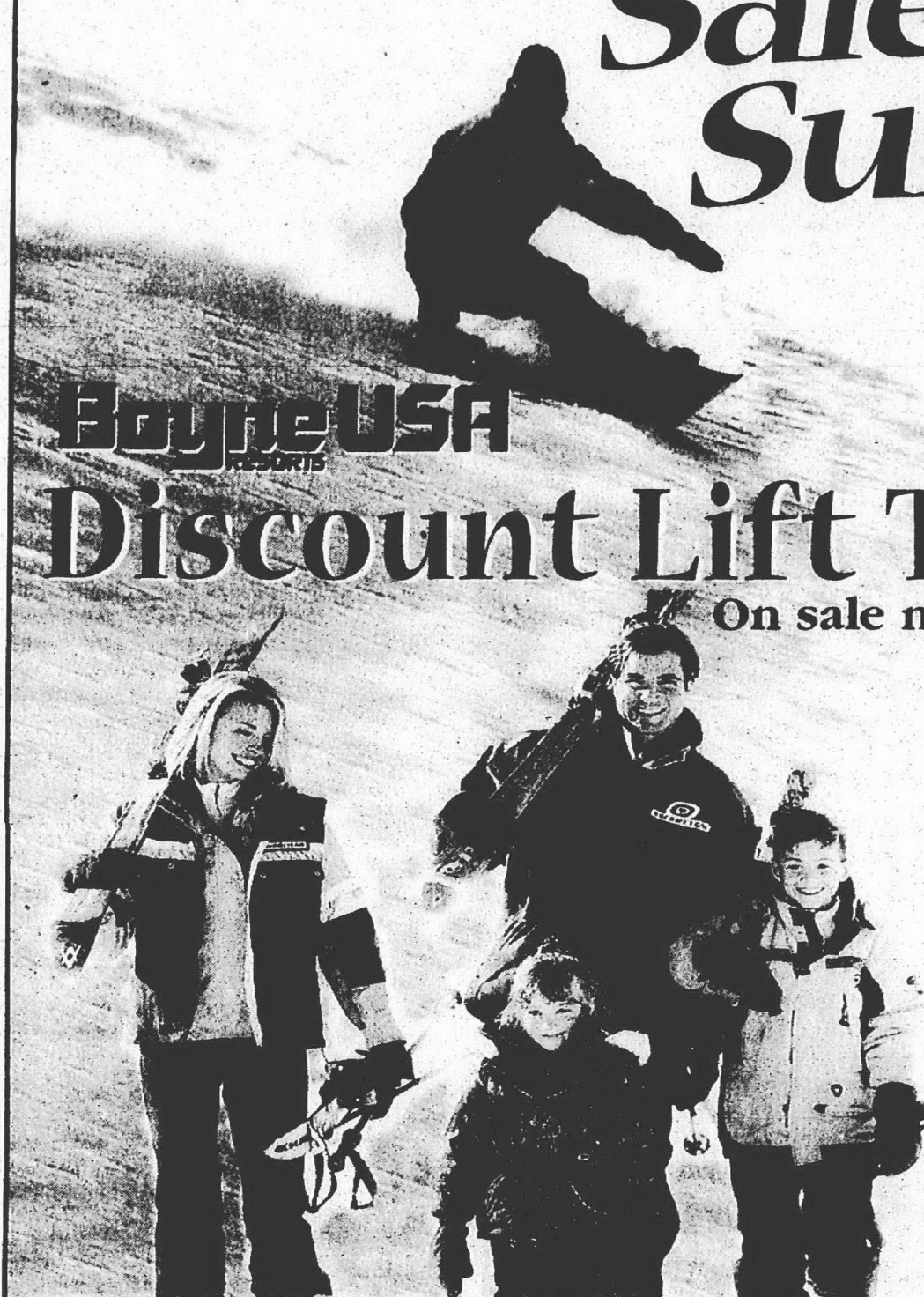


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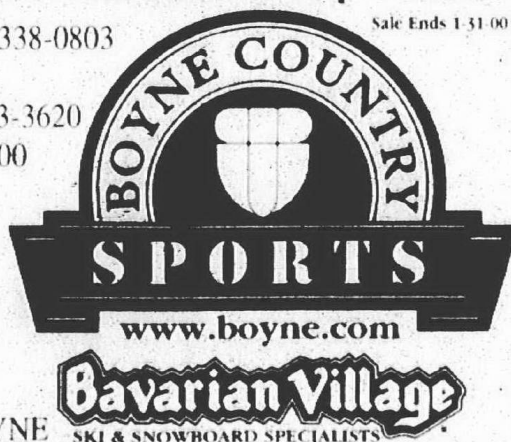
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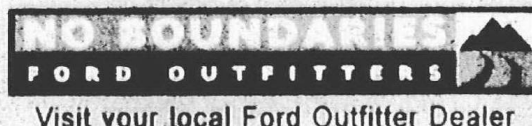
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Plant expansion talks continuing

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Still talking.
That's what Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships and the Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority are doing. And for the first time in months, an agreement for a wastewater treatment plant expansion looks

promising.
"I sense a willingness on YCUA's part to get things moving," said Western Townships Utilities Authority Operations Manager Tim Faas. "I think an agreement is possible."
The two authorities have been negotiating for nearly two years. In question is whether WTUA will help YCUA expand its cur-

rent Ypsilanti Township treatment facility or build its own plant at an adjacent parcel.

YCUA's current facility is projected to run short of treatment capacity for WTUA wastewater flows in about five years. It will take nearly that long to expand or construct a new plant, according to Faas.

After months of posturing and little progress, talks between the sides heated up earlier this month. Faas recommended that WTUA's board authorize continued negotiations Monday.

He noted that the two sides have been shooting proposals and counterproposals back and forth over the past few weeks. WTUA attorney Chuck Barbieri said the two sides are close to an agreement on cost issues.

"But we still need time to

'I think we are encouraged. We're trying to work toward a win-win situation.'

Kathleen Keen McCarthy
—Plymouth supervisor

negotiate," he said.

The board unanimously agreed to continue negotiations. No indication was given when the deal might be finalized.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy is optimistic.

"I think we are encouraged," Keen McCarthy said. "We're trying to work toward a win-win situation."

Edison honors Plymouth volunteer with \$1,000 grant

The Detroit Edison Foundation, the grant-giving arm of Detroit Edison, the state's largest electric utility, recently donated \$1,000 to Growth Works Inc. to honor Detroit Edison employee James E. Eppley, who has volunteered more than 100 hours in 1999 with this community based, nonprofit youth service agency.

Eppley has served on the board of the director of Growth Works, Inc. since 1988. Growth Works, which was established in 1971 and is located in Plymouth, now has an additional facility in Canton.

Eppley has also served on several committees to assist the agency which provides weekly diversion programs for youth who are first-time offenders of the law; the agency also provides drug assessments and mentoring to teens, as well as counseling to parents regarding their teens' drug abuse.

In addition to the grant to Growth Works, the Detroit Edison Foundation also presented Eppley with the Walter J. McCarthy Jr. Award, the utility's highest-level recognition for employees' and retirees' extraordinary volunteer service efforts.

The award was created in 1990 to encourage Detroit Edison employees and retirees to continue the tradi-

tion of volunteerism demonstrated by Walter J. McCarthy Jr., Detroit Edison's chairman and chief executive officer from 1981 to 1990.

In order to be eligible to win the award and a grant, current Detroit Edison employees must volunteer at least 80 hours within one year with a particular nonprofit organization, and Detroit Edison retirees must volunteer a minimum of 160 hours.

During 1999, the Detroit Edison Foundation awarded \$68,500 in Walter J. McCarthy grants to various Southeastern Michigan organizations in honor of 70 Detroit Edison employees and retirees.

"Volunteer service is an honored tradition at Detroit Edison," said S. Martin Taylor, president and a director of the Detroit Edison Foundation. "The Company has consistently taken a leadership role in actions to improve the quality of life of residents of the communities it serves. Detroit-Edison-employees have helped build that tradition, contributing their own skills and time to address a wide range of community needs."

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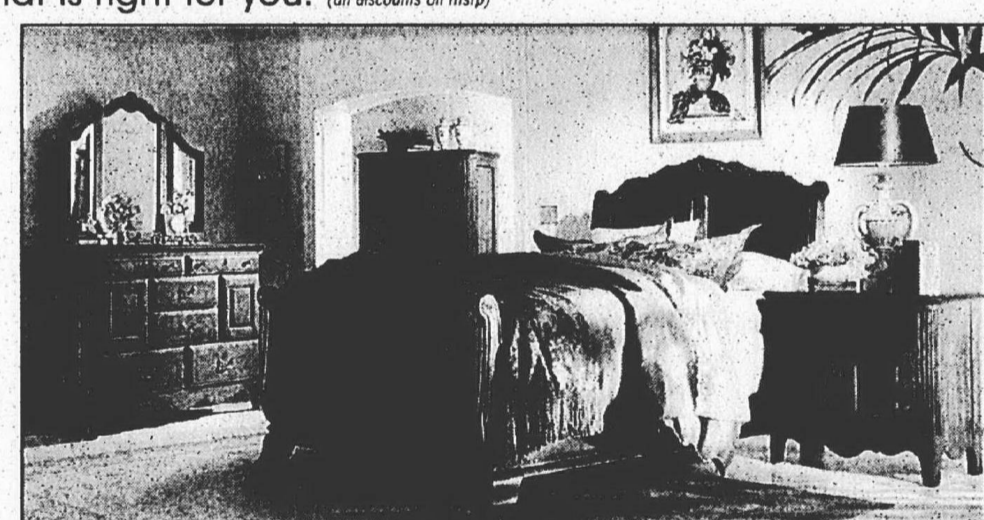
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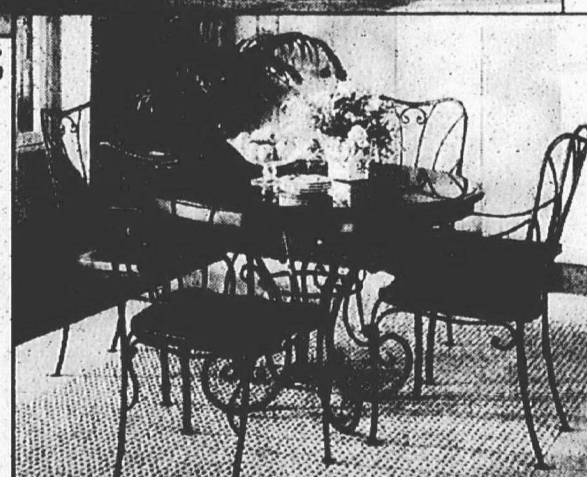
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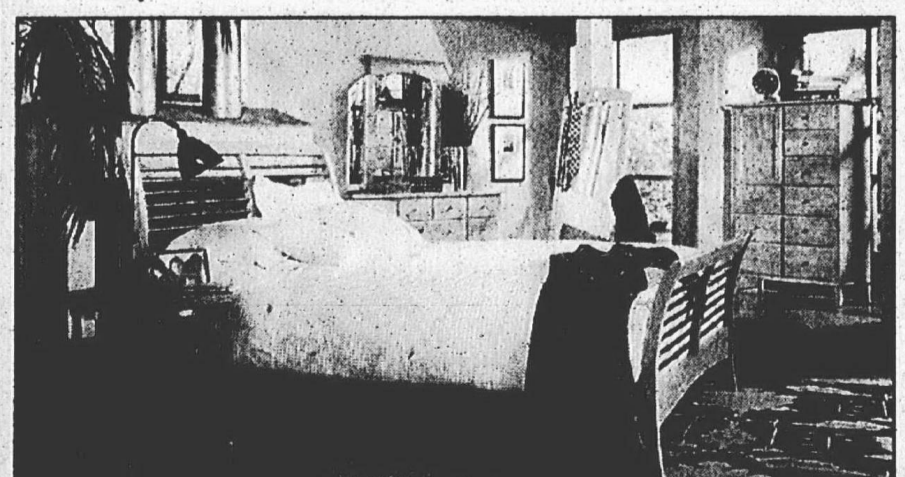
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Safer Metro de-icing procedure saves money, too

BY RICHARD PEARL
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A new de-icing procedure set a record this week at Metro Airport signaling the way to faster, safer winter takeoffs and cost savings.

On Monday, more than 100,000 gallons of de-icing fluid runoff were collected and hauled away for recycling — the most ever in a single day.

In turn, that runoff yielded more than 31,000 gallons of pure propylene glycol for re-use in various industrial applications. It also meant a savings to Metro's pocketbook.

But more important than recycling, from a passenger's perspective, is the fact the new, scientifically designed, end-of-runway de-icing stations cut the time between de-icing and take-off.

Before, explained Brian Lassaline of Metro's public information department, a plane de-iced at the loading gate might have faced a long taxi to the runway, during which time more snow or ice could adhere to the wings and tail — the control surfaces.

Besides potentially interfering with pilot control, snow and ice add to a plane's weight at take-off, increasing strain on its engines, he added.

More efficient

The airlines find the new procedure more efficient also, because loaded aircraft taxi immediately to the de-icing pads, leaving their gates open for arriving flights, said Lassaline.

On Tuesday morning, for example, three to four Northwest Airlines jets were being de-iced on the pad at the north end of the main runway, each by a pair of specially equipped trucks spraying glycol on each side of each craft.

Shortly after each plane was coated, it took off.

For a major airport like Metro, one of the busiest in the world, that can mean faster arrivals and departures for the 85 million passengers that use it.

It also means a cost savings, because the design, construction and operation of the pads — two of which are located at opposite ends of the main runway — allow for the collection of more concentrated de-icing fluid and also reduce the fluid lost.

In the past, according to Michael Conway, public information director, the overspray and drippings from de-icing at the gates went down the drains on the ramps, which led to a reten-

tion pond, he said. That was then discharged to the Wyandotte Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The fluid, which mixed with snow and rain, was too diluted to economically recover and recycle. In fact, the airport paid up to \$1.5 million per year to the Wyandotte plant for treatment costs and sewer flow fees.

It's concentrated

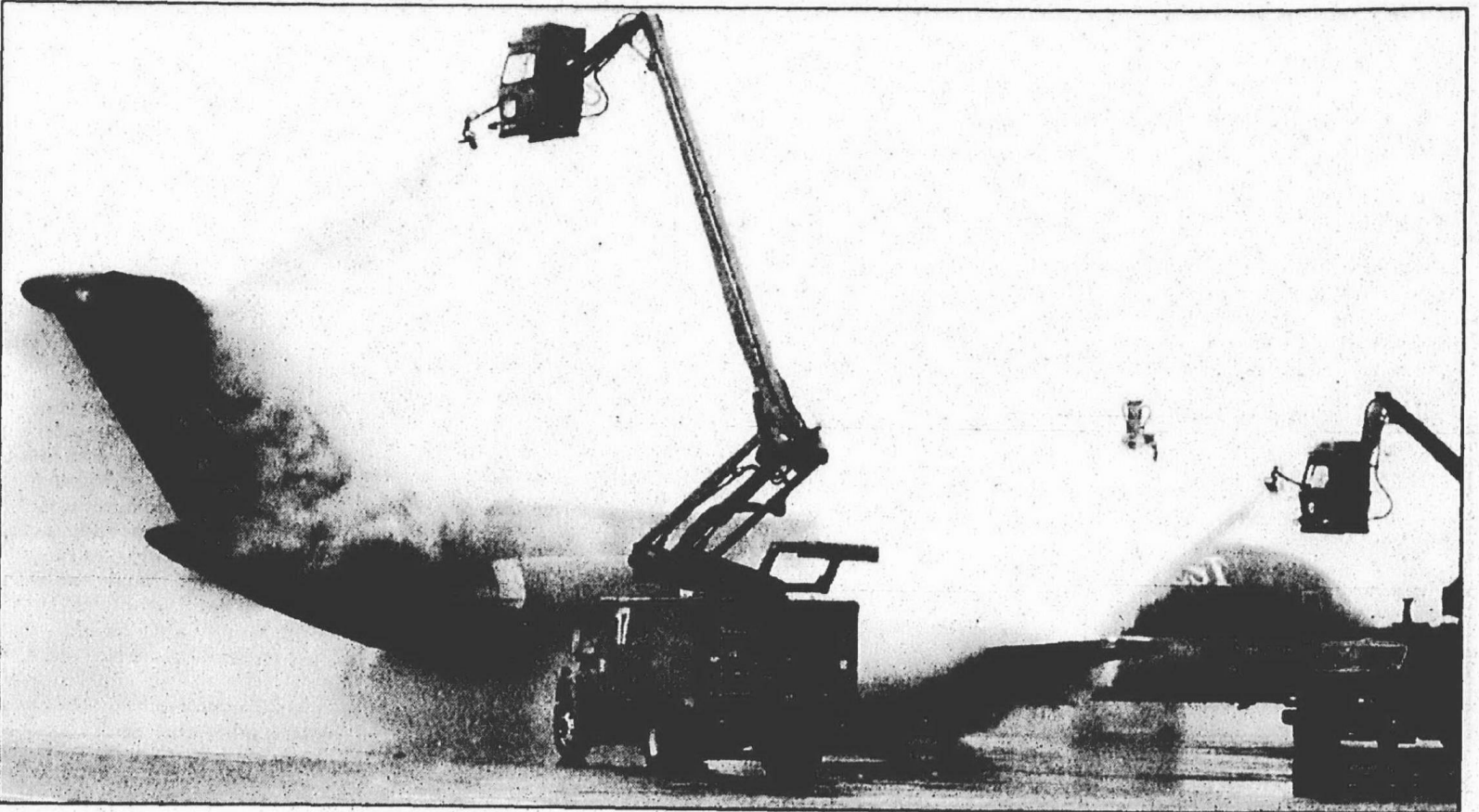
With more and more aircraft de-icing at the pads, the fluid is now more concentrated and it is economically feasible to harvest the runoff and recycle it, Conway said.

So far this winter, over 500,000 gallons of de-icing fluid runoff have been hauled from the airport for processing into new products, saving Metro approximately \$225,000 in sanitary sewer treatment costs, he said.

The fluid is collected by Environmental Quality Co. of Romulus which pays the airport for the rights to the spent fluid.

"EQ has been active in assisting airports across the United States with the management of spent de-icing fluids for the past several years and is committed to (the) continued success" of the Metro Airport program, according to Todd Brinkel, the EQ project manager working at the airport.

Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara said the county and the airport's hub carrier, Northwest Airlines, "worked together on the design, construction and operation" of the three de-icing stations.



De-icing: Boom-equipped trucks on one of Metro Airport's new de-icing pads spray propylene glycol on a Northwest Airlines jet just minutes before it takes off Tuesday at Metro Airport.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Features include lead-in lighting to guide aircraft in low-visibility conditions, control buildings and "a sophisticated drainage system to keep the runoff concentrated and recyclable," McNamara said.

Metro's environmental staff "works cooperatively on the airfield" with Northwest and such firms as EQ and Signature Flight Support "to maximize (the pads') design efficiency," he added.

"Everybody wins with these new state-of-the-art runway-end de-icing pads," said Metro Airport Environmental Administrator Bryan Wagoner.

"The Federal Aviation Administration and the airlines recog-

nize the safety and efficiency benefits," he said. "Wayne County saves money on treatment costs. A local Romulus company is providing jobs and the reduced treatment plant load is better for the environment."

Airport panel OKs lobbyist

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The Wayne County Commission's airport committee unanimously recommended Jan. 20 that the commission approve a three-year contract for former east-side U.S. Rep. Dennis Hertel to be its lobbyist in Washington, D.C., and also recommended a two-year agreement with Palace Sports and Entertainment of Auburn Hills to manage its advertising.

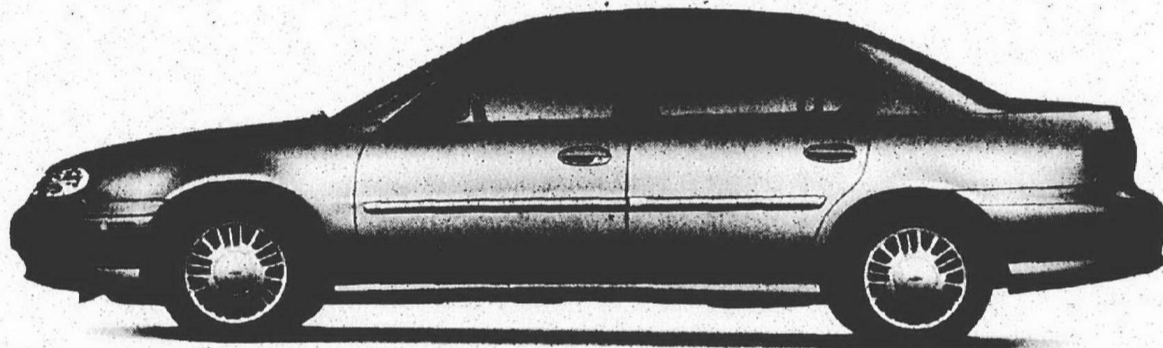
Both recommendations now go before the entire board of commissioners, who are expected to vote on them at their regular meeting at 10 a.m. today in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Building.

The \$504,000 contract for Hertel would make him an independent professional consultant in Metro's behalf on matters involving the federal government.

For the past three years, he has been a subcontractor to Metro through the lobbying firm of Simat, Hellesen & Eichner in Washington, but Airport Director David Katz told committee members the county will realize a savings of \$60,000 over the term of the contract.

The county commissioner said the \$2.7 million contract with Palace Sports to operate and manage the display advertising and sponsorship concession in the Smith, Davey and Berry terminals at Metro was "a better deal for the county" financially.

It will also "improve the signage" and make Metro "look better," said Commissioner John J. Sullivan.



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OBITUARIES

GEORGE A. ELLIOTT

Services for George A. Elliott, 83, of Livonia were Jan. 12 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Jack Quinlan officiating.

He was born Feb. 21, 1916, in Detroit. He died Jan. 8 in Ann Arbor. He worked for Detroit Diesel as a machine operator and job setter. He retired in 1981. He came to the Livonia community in 1970 from Detroit. He was a life-time member of the V.F.W. Bova Post No. 9885. He was known as "Clicker" because he liked to watch TV and change stations often.

Survivors include his wife, Helen of Livonia; three children,

Carolann (Andrew) Pietrzyk of Onsted, Mich.; Mary Ann (John) Pochron of Canton, George (Lynne) Elliott Jr. of Plymouth; two sisters, Edith Cummings of Detroit, Ellen May of Westland; five grandchildren, Lawrence Pietrzyk, Anthony Pietrzyk, Marie Pochron, Christopher Elliott, Katie Elliott.

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

REBECCA L. (HOOTH) ROY

Services for Rebecca L. (Hooth) Roy, 42, of Hamburg, Mich., were Jan. 20 at the Church of the Savior with the Rev. Thomas M. Daubenspeck officiating.

She was born April 10, 1957,

in Corona, Calif. She died Jan. 15 in Ann Arbor. She was an administrative assistant.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Marc Hooth. Survivors include her parents, William H. and Mary Hooth of Plymouth; one brother, Michael R. (Trisha) Hooth of O'Fallon, Mo.; grandfather, Robert Greenwood of Mattawan, Mich.; and two nephews, Marcus and Trevor Hooth.

Memorials may be made to the Church of the Savior, 38100 Five Mile, Livonia MI 48154.

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

FERNE H. SIEGER

Services for Ferne H. Sieger, 75, of Canton Township were Jan. 25 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. J.J. Mech officiating. Burial was in Acacia Park Cemetery, Birmingham.

She was born Jan. 19, 1925, in Stratford, Ontario, Canada. She died Jan. 22 in Pittsfield Township. She was a medical lab technician. After retirement, her full-time job was baby-sitting for her grandchildren. She came to the Plymouth-Canton community in 1979 from Livonia. She had a cat named "Sheba."

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hughie, in 1971. Survivors include her two daughters, Shanin A. Sieger of Canton; Sharon A. (Tuong) of

Plymouth; brother-in-law, Howard Fetherston of Northville; two grandsons, David Le and Joseph Le.

Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice.

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

IRIS ANN BARBARA

Services for Iris Ann Barbara, 47, of Reading, Mich., were Jan. 21 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating.

She was born Sept. 27 in Detroit. She died Jan. 15 in Hillsdale, Mich. She was a homemaker. She came to the Reading community one year ago from River Rouge. She loved crafts and to sing and dance.

Survivors include her two daughters, Christine (Jerome) Thompson of Romulus, Sarah Barbara of River Rouge; one son, Aaron (Rachal) Barbara of Plymouth; brother, Joseph John Sauer of Reading; three sisters, Zada Laramie of Belleville, Rosemarie Zobel of Westland, Anna Virgil of Westland; and seven grandchildren, Jacob Carter, Kellee Barbara, Alexis Barbara, Jerrett Barbara, Raquel Barbara, Ashlynn Coliter and Jerome Thompson.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

HOWARD L. DUNLAP

Services for Howard L. Dunlap, 76, of Plymouth were Jan.

22 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born Dec. 23, 1923, in Toledo, Ohio. He died Jan. 19 in Superior Township. He was the founder and owner of Dunlap Heating and Cooling for 50 years in Plymouth. He came to the Plymouth community in 1947. He was a member of the Plymouth Masonic Rock Lodge No. 47. He was a member of the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble V.F.W. Post in Plymouth. He enjoyed collecting and restoring antique cars. He was a member of several antique car clubs.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia of Plymouth; two daughters, Jill (Donald) Copper of Battle Creek, Jacquelyn Foust of Plymouth; two sons, Joe (Diane) Dunlap of Plymouth, John Dunlap of Westland; one sister, Arlene Farham of Florida; one brother, Ronald Dunlap of Arkansas; five grandchildren; Christa (Mark) Durkee of Brighton, Patrice (Kyle) Neff of Bellevue, John Cooper of Coldwater, David Foust of Plymouth, Jeni Foust of Plymouth; and one great-grandson, Colyn Neff.

Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Special Olympics.

EUGENE "W.J." CISMOSKI

Services for Eugene "W.J." Cismoski, 70, of Plymouth were Jan. 22 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating.

He was born Dec. 9, 1929, in

Kenosha, Wis. He died Jan. 17 in Ann Arbor. He was an engineer for American Motors Corp. for 20 years and an engineer for Chrysler Corp. for 17 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1978 from Kenosha, Wis. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. He was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers. He was a veteran in the Korean conflict. He served in the Army. He was an artist and enjoyed sketching. He donated several books to the Plymouth Community Library. He was proud of the Plymouth community. He loved to play golf and was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

He was preceded in death by one son, Harold; and one brother, George. Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann of Plymouth; three children, Christine (Tony) Hangartner of Plymouth, Sandra (John) Constantine of South Lyon, David (Kelly) Cismoski of Redford Township; one brother, Norman Cismoski of Berlin, Wis.; and two grandchildren, Nicholas and Andrew.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Cancer Society.

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

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

The Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees will meet on the: First, Second, Third and Forth TUESDAY of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. The following Township meetings will be canceled due to Elections: February 22, 2000; August 8, 2000; and November 7, 2000.

Publish: January 27, 2000

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

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

**PURCHASE OF COLD WATER METERS AND ASSOCIATED
CONTROL EQUIPMENT**

Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

Publish: January 27, 2000

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
2000-2004 CONSOLIDATED PLAN
INITIAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

On January 27, 2000, the Canton Community will begin taking public comment to be incorporated into the above identified document. The 2000-2004 Consolidated Plan will guide the community in setting goals for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the five-year period described. As sections of the document are completed, they will be available for public inspection and comment in the Resource Development Division, 1150 South Canton Road, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours. All comments will be acknowledged in or as a supplement to the completed document. The 2000-2004 Consolidated Plan will be submitted to the Department of HUD no later than May 15, 2000. At least one public hearing will be held on the Plan. The public hearing date or dates will be published no later than 14 days before the public hearing. Information on the Consolidated Plan is available in the Resource Development Division at the above address.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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**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 10, 2000 for the following:

**PURCHASE OF SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE FOR SUMMIT
ON THE PARK AQUATIC CENTER**

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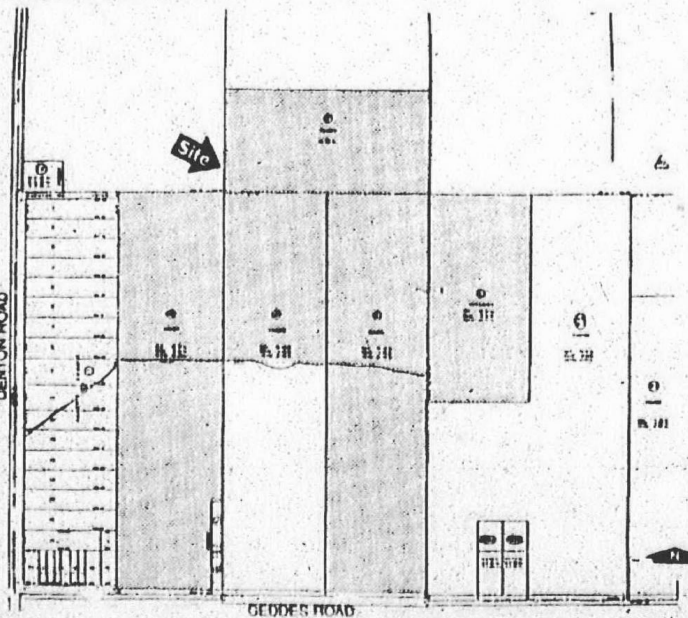
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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

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, February 7, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

CENTRAL PARK SOUTH SUBDIVISION SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B.13 FOR PARCEL NOS. 114 99 0002 000, 115 99 0001 000, 115 99 0004 000, AND PART OF PARCEL NO. 115 99 0003 000. Property is located on the north side of Geddes Road between Denton and Beck Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, February 3, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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OPINION

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Play nice

Campaigns should be positive

It isn't here yet, but "that time of year" is creeping ever-so-steadily toward us. It's the time when tempers seem to flare, when people seem to forget we're all neighbors, when the Golden Rule takes a severe beating.

No, we're not talking about the start of Lions training camp. It's even more violent than that. Unfortunately, it's the one time when such brutal, evil, blood-thirsty behavior is not only expected, but is frequently encouraged.

Yep. It's election time.

And we're not talking about the big, national election, either. Nobody expects George W. Bush and John McCain to duke it out at any local VFW Hall. No one figures Al Gore and Bill Bradley will go around tearing each other's campaign signs down. Steve Forbes isn't going to write a letter to the editor assassinating his opponent's character.

But when the campaign for the local offices begins in earnest this summer, you can probably expect all of that. It doesn't matter what city or township you're talking about, when there's campaigning going on, there's campaign skulduggery going on.

Or at the very least, accusations of campaign skulduggery.

We know of one little town where a very popular female candidate was a shoo-in for the village council. Another candidate kept putting his signs right next to hers to make it seem like they were running as a team.

Despite the woman's protests, the man kept using that strategy - and it got him elected.

It's difficult to explain why local elections often draw so much more heat than those for higher office. Maybe because city commissioners and township trustees can have so much more of an impact on local lives than anyone in Lansing or Washington.

We aren't saying things will get that heated here in Plymouth. On the other hand, no matter how badly Rodney King wants it to happen, we can't always all get along. Tempers often flare on the township board now, so animosity will likely spill over during the campaign season.

We come before you today, in our own humble way, to ask prospective candidates to keep that stuff out of it. Leave your opponents' signs alone. Don't make anonymous phone calls decrying his or her lineage. Decide on your platform, then stick to it.

Contrary to what some people might think, we don't look on mudslinging as a way to liven up the news. Negative campaigning is simply bad for everyone. Healthy, even heated, debate is good. Is your opinion contrary to that of your opponent? Nothing wrong with saying so. We hope for that.

But there's nothing wrong with remembering your fellow candidates are also fellow citizens, and they deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

We hope for that, too.

Engler's speech: Good with bad

We'd never have guessed it 10 years ago, but it appears John Engler wants to mold his legacy as Michigan's Education Governor. With the state on rock-solid economic footing and the need for fiscal belt-tightening a distant memory of Engler's first term, the governor devoted about half of last week's State of the State address to education issues.

So while the \$1 billion surplus, state income tax rate cut and further welfare reform efforts - seen as big-time gubernatorial accomplishments in previous years - drew polite applause, the gimmicky disbursement of "Golden Apple" cash incentives to high-achieving school districts was hailed as innovative and revolutionary by Engler supporters.

Whatever the governor's motivation, we're glad to see a renewed emphasis on strengthening K-12 education throughout the state. The Observer has long believed education is the cornerstone to building a sound environment for all Michigan families. It is one issue that ties directly into all else - everything from the state's continued economic prosperity, to the physical and mental health of its citizens, to public safety and the quality of life for Michigan residents.

And the governor wasn't just playing to the crowd in the House chamber. Engler has put forth some substantive proposals and set worthy goals with his latest initiatives. In particular, we praise the move to increase the state foundation grant for public education to \$6,500 per student from the current \$5,700, state-supplied laptop computers and Internet training for teachers and the governor's call to "tear down those walls" limiting student movement between districts. With these proposals, Engler is sending a strong signal to legislators that a cash-rich state needs to apply its resources to secure its future.

State Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, said Engler is looking "to put some entrepreneurial

spirit into education." We like that analogy. For too long, Michigan's educators have approached their field as being above and beyond the scope of performance measures adopted by other disciplines.

But while there's certainly a lot to like about this new-found Lansing "agenda," we continue to question the fairness and equity with which the Engler administration approaches education, particularly the traditional public school model largely successful in Michigan since the 19th century.

And we wonder how an executive who buys so heavily into the philosophy that the (federal) government that governs least, governs best can with a straight face continue to push for more authority for the state to take over failing school districts, particularly urban districts where Democrats and unions hold sway.

We find it troubling that the governor's call for accountability on the part of educators seemingly applies only to traditional public schools. How else can we explain his "Principal's Bill of Rights," which includes exclusive authority to hire and fire building staff?

While charters offer families some needed alternatives, especially in troubled districts, there's no solid proof that the 1993 law allowing their creation has even marginally boosted student performance to date. With for-profit companies involved in charter school administration there needs to be more accountability, not less, if this experiment is to work.

Farmington Schools Superintendent Bob Maxfield summed up our thoughts best in his reaction to Engler's speech. Said Maxfield: "I wish some of the things he discussed would have been discussed with local districts."

But then local control - or even accepting local input before drafting policy on such a critical issue - doesn't seem to fit in the way Gov. John Engler approaches his job these days.

GEORGE BROOKS



LETTERS

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Carved in ice

As you walk around the streets of Plymouth today,

The spirit is joyful as people pass your way.

The sky is white, the atmosphere soft and clear,

A little coldness perhaps but nothing to fear.

For days on end, there are people who have carved from ice,

Life and beauty - things precious and nice.

Talent is clear as one looks around this town,

The spirit keeps you alive - inspired not down.

Each piece of art so peaceful and full of meaning my friends,

And to this joyous occasion, love and uniqueness is what it sends.

Each line that is carved is soft to touch,

Each artwork when looked at offers so much.

As the night approaches, lights begin to shine so bright,

Everything stands still in this cold but peaceful night.

For the carved meanings of life before us can finally breathe the air,

That makes them so free that to this nothing can ever compare.

Plymouth offers serenity, solitude and more,

And as the years go by, there is always much in store,

For this Ice Festival is one of the many wonders of Plymouth to see,

And people's free spirits is one that will always be.

Rana Abu-Amsha
Australia

Supports court proposal

As an attorney, I support the recently reported Michigan Supreme Court proposal to prohibit judges from accepting campaign contributions from lawyers whom that judge appoints, in matters pending before that judge.

I do not doubt that judges will have a tough time raising campaign contributions if this proposal is adopted; however, that is a small price to pay to ensure the integrity of our legal system. As lawyers, we should always be looking for ways to improve our legal system and the public's perception of our legal system.

A better solution in my mind would be to prohibit individual judges from appointing any attorneys who serve in any capacity before them. Judges are elected civil servants. I see nothing in our Constitution or statutes which grants them authority to establish their own kingdoms.

An attorney practicing in a court of law has a duty to represent his respective client's interest whether that interest conflicts with the interest of the judge or not. At the very least, an appearance of impropriety is created when the judge deciding a case has the ability to control the income of an attorney/advocate practicing before him.

Michael Gerou
Canton

Welcome aboard

We welcome Dr. Kathleen Booher to the Plymouth-Canton Community School system and the community.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Are you following the presidential election? Who will you vote for in the primary?

We asked this question at the Penniman Deli in downtown Plymouth.



"I haven't heard anything appealing so far. I haven't made a decision."
Jeff Adelmann
Livonia



"I probably won't vote. I have no interest. It doesn't really affect my life very much."
Mike MacLeod
Plymouth



It's important to decide who will get to run. I want to have a say." (She wouldn't reveal her choice.)
Marti Copial
Plymouth



"Yes. I'm voting for George Bush. I think he has the best chance of beating the Democratic candidate."
Mike Galliers
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- Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Plymouth should join cities where voters elect the mayor

About 10,000 people live in the city of Plymouth. But only seven get to vote for the City's mayor. As a city commissioner, I am presently (and temporarily) one of the select few City residents who gets to vote for mayor.

Even though I now have that special voting privilege, I think the mayoral selection system should be changed. Every Plymouth voter should have a voice in electing their mayor.

The people of Plymouth should at least be given the chance to vote on whether a change should take place.

I would like to tell the people of Plymouth why I think this is the right thing to do.

Under the current city charter, the first decision each new city commission must confront has nothing at all to do with how much tax residents should pay, how their tax dollars should be spent, how much residents should pay for their water and sewer service, who to call if they need a police officer, or whether some ordinance should be enacted to protect the public health safety and welfare.

Instead, that first decision is a purely political one. Before doing any of the things he or she campaigned for, a city commissioner must choose among colleagues and pick which of them should be mayor.

This process is characterized by intense behind-the-scenes politicking by would-be mayors.

As one city commissioner from the 97-99 commission put it: in 1997, the mayor was picked 20 minutes after the polls closed in a downtown businessman's living room.

The subsequent vote at the commission meeting was merely to inform the other three commissioners - and the public - of that closed-door decision.

That kind of behind-the-scenes mayoral selection process may have been appropriate to Tammany Hall in 19th century New York but it has no place in present day Plymouth.

The only thing that made the selection process in 1999 any different is that the Plymouth Observer made the behind-the-scenes politicking of one mayoral hopeful public.

Under the current system, the mayor is selected without any public comment, debate or scrutiny.

Yet, candidates for city manager, the city attorney and the police chief must all submit to



SEAN FITZGERALD

exhaustive interviews before being appointed.

The city commission works hard to hear the public's voice before filling those positions. It makes little sense for the office of mayor to be filled with far less public scrutiny and input than these other important city positions.

The current mayoral selection process is so closed and exclusive that in November 1999 - when a resident wanted to address the city commission to voice her opinion on who her mayor should be - she was told she could not speak because the commission's rules did not even allow it.

Having the people of Plymouth popularly elect the mayor will solve a number of the problems the present system causes.

Change will bring that decision out in the open and put it in the voting booth where it can be decided by the many.

Open debate on the mayor and popular direct election by the people of Plymouth will help to reduce the bickering that can result from such a closed process.

Direct popular election will make Plymouth's mayoral selection system consistent with that used by most other cities in Michigan.

Most other small cities have residents vote directly for their mayor while day-to-day city operations are in the hands of an appointed and accountable city manager.

Plymouth should join the large majority of Michigan cities whose residents choose their mayor by popular election.

Sean Fitzgerald is a Plymouth City Commissioner.

It's nice to know academics take high priority in hoops program

It was late, around seven o'clock at night, when I strolled into the Canton Gymnasium last year to try out for the freshman basketball team. A group of guys had started to congregate around a sign-up sheet that was placed near the entrance to the gym.

Coach Dan Young was explaining some things about tonight's activities. I stood in line looking at the other more talented players around me. Some of them were wearing expensive sneakers, stood six feet tall, or were already joking with one of the coaches. I played for my middle school team, but this seemed to be on a whole different level of competition. I finally made it to the front of the line. Hesitating for just a minute, I slowly lifted the pen to sign my name.

NAME? Rob Dean, of course.

POSITION? Small forward.

What is your grade point average? Well, it's a 4.0...but I'm trying to make a basketball team, not get into college.

I was completely surprised that Coach Young, head coach of the boys varsity team, wanted to know about our school record.

Here I am trying out for a sports team, and they were interested in how hard I worked in school.

I had never heard of this before. Usually, it was quite the opposite.

There are many programs in the country that look the other way when a child is struggling in school but is an exceptionally talented basketball player.

Feeling proud, I wrote down my record of straight A's and went to join the other guys in the gym.

I didn't make the team that night. There was really no chance. I walked away, however, satisfied by the fact that Canton had valued both athletic ability and grades in choosing players for its team.

My school had defied the stereotype that sometimes grades could be ignored for the sake of sports.

As I would later find out, school was not only an important factor - it has taken top priority in the basketball program.

Recently, I sat down to speak with several people who are a part of basketball at the Park. They were all asked the same question: Does athletics ever take precedence over school?

Meghan Meier, a member of the girls varsity basketball team, gave me an answer that was unanimous across the board. "Never," she told me.



ROB DEAN

'You're trying to compete, but you're also trying to provide a good environment for the kids to develop socially and mentally.'

Bob Blohm
Basketball coach

She is part of a team that has been academic all state for several years now. Their composite GPA just a year ago was a 3.4. David Anderson, who just entered the program as a freshman at Salem, shares a similar sentiment.

"We are representing Salem in both the classroom and on the basketball court." He told me that playing for the basketball team carries with it a certain sense of responsibility that the players are willing to accept and the coaches seem willing to enforce.

As I later found out, Coach Young not only looks at a player's grades, but his attendance record.

He wants smart people who are going to be hard workers. Bob Blohm, coach of the girls varsity basketball team, also believes that school is number one.

Many of his former players have gone on to college, and not necessarily to play basketball.

The bottom line for the basketball program at the park is developing people, not just winning basketball games.

Coach Blohm put it all into perspective for me by saying this: "In high school, you're trying to compete and win; but you're also trying to provide a good environment for the kids to develop both socially and mentally, as well as physically."

Rob Dean is a student at Plymouth Canton High School.

Engler's job skill ideas on target

With Michigan enjoying the longest sustained economic recovery in half a century and the state treasury looking at a \$400 million surplus this year, Gov. John Engler's State of the State speech last week could not have been difficult to write.

The speech drew generally favorable reviews, even from some Democrats. After all, what politician wouldn't kill to be in office during an economy in which cutting taxes and spending more on pet programs are both possible?

Although the speech covered a long list of topics for legislative action during this election year, Engler's speech concentrated on education, devoting 17 of 40 printed pages to the topic.

The Governor's priorities are right on, because it's now clear that labor shortages and lack of skilled workers are the major barriers to continued good times in Michigan.

At the biannual revenue-estimating conference at the Capitol last week, University of Michigan economist George Fulton said worker shortages are particularly acute in the construction trades and in jobs having anything to do with computer skills. These, in turn, are exactly the jobs that will require training after students leave high school.

That's an area that Engler stressed in his speech. The groundwork was laid down by a commission appointed by Engler last September to study ways to help parents get kids through college. Headed by Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus, the commission found that working class families can't save enough to pay for ever-increasing college tuition bills, while poor families have trouble saving anything.

In the State of the State, Engler proposed two new programs arising from the commission's findings.

For middle income families, the governor wants a new kind of savings account that provides tax breaks for setting aside money for college expenses. The Michigan Education Trust (MET) program, the first prepaid college tuition plan in the country when it was adopted in 1988 during the Blanchard Administration, has turned out to be too expensive for most families.

Engler's college savings plan would allow parents or grandparents to set aside a nest egg to pay for college expenses and deduct up to \$3,000 from their incomes subject to Michigan income tax. The money would build up, with taxes deferred, until families needed the cash. If approved, the deferral would complement a federal tax break already in effect. In the federal income tax code's 527 Accounts, when the money is withdrawn it is taxed at the student's rate, not the parent's. Given the fact that federal rates vary from 15 percent to nearly 40 percent, this could be a terrific savings.

For families that earn less than \$40,000 a year, Engler wants a new program that provides



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two years of free tuition at Michigan community colleges. Once again this makes sense. Learning to be a stone mason or a finish carpenter doesn't require a degree in philosophy from the U-M, while community college course catalogues are chock-filled with courses in computer technical subjects and information technology.

Engler also proposed a number of other initiatives in the skills arena, including:

- Operation Fast Break, a set of worker training programs through community colleges and high schools to teach employees who need it "reading, writing, computer skills and the personal discipline needed in the workplace."

- Partnership for Adult Learning, which would provide career and job counseling to Michigan residents through Michigan Works! Service centers, schools, colleges and libraries.

- Increasing spending on adult education from \$80 million to \$100 million.

- Michigan Technical Excellence Program, a "skills credentialing system" to show when Michigan workers have received training in specific technical areas.

Much of the thinking behind this part of Engler's speech is coming from Dr. Barbara Bolin, whom Engler recruited from Texas to be the head of the newly created Department of Career Development. For a bureaucracy slasher like Engler, creating an entirely new department of state government provides ample proof of the importance these issues hold in the governor's mind.

As someone who served as the chair of Michigan Job Training Coordinating Commission in the 1980s, it's nice to see that notions of investing in the skills and human capital of Michigan's workers are getting higher and higher priority.

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JACK GLADDEN

Stupid is as stupid does?

It's been a pet peeve of mine for years. Some of my colleagues roll their eyes and listen politely when I get started, but I'm sure they're thinking, "There he goes again." And sure enough, there I go.

"I can put up with incompetence," I proclaim. "I can abide arrogance. But I can't stand both traits in the same person."

In my case the ranting often begins when I'm editing a news story that is badly written, but I know that the writer is so in love with his own words that any criticism, constructive or otherwise, would be dismissed as the grumblings of a curmudgeonly copy editor who doesn't know what he's talking about.

Bad writers never recognize the badness of their own writing, nor do they recognize good writing when they see it. John Ciardi — poet, professor, literary critic — wrote about that phenomenon in the 1970s.

Now a study from Cornell University indicates that Ciardi was right and that my pet peeve — arrogance and incompetence in the same person — is not that uncommon.

The study, "Unskilled and Unaware of It: How Difficulties in Recognizing One's Own Incompetence Lead to Inflated Self-Assessments," concludes, in effect, that incompetence and arrogance often go hand-in-hand.

"For example," the researchers write, "consider the ability to write grammatical English. The skills that enable one to construct a grammatical sentence are the same skills necessary to recognize a grammatical sentence, and thus are the same skills necessary to determine if a grammatical mistake has been made."

Expanding the writing example to broader terms, they conclude:

"In short, the same knowledge that underlies the ability to produce correct judgment is also the knowledge that underlies the ability to recognize correct judgment. To lack the former is to be deficient in the latter."

In a corollary to their findings, the researchers concluded that people who do things badly but don't have the ability to recognize that they do things badly are usually much more confident of their abilities than are people who do things well.

"Because people usually choose what they think is the most reasonable and optimal option," they write, "the failure to recognize that one has performed poorly will instead leave one to assume that one has performed well. As a result, the incompetent will tend to grossly overestimate their skills and abilities."

Even the researchers acknowledge that their findings are nothing new, citing an 1871 quotation from Charles Darwin: "Ignorance more frequently begets confidence than does knowledge."

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A star is born

Modeling club promotes self-confidence in kids

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Debbie Aue believes every child is a star.

A child model herself and former 1995 Mrs. Michigan Pageant runner up, Aue is furthering that philosophy through the establishment of the "Sears Model's Club" for children ages 7-18.

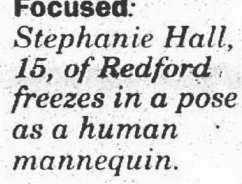
Aue runs the four-week program, based at the Sears store in Livonia, for children who want to be a model, make friends and improve their confidence in front of a live audience.

"The skills they learn in the modeling club set the foundation for abilities they'll need and use as adults such as public speaking. I have fond memories of modeling as a young girl at Montgomery Wards. It can do a lot for a child's self-esteem and for their comfort level in front of a crowd," said Aue.

Employed as a music and art teacher at The Messori Children's Center of Allen Park, Aue said she saw a notice on the Internet calling for people interested in coordinating modeling clubs through Sears. "I thought it would be a good way to supplement my income part-time," said Aue, a mother of three who works with the Southgate Youth Theater, and vocal coaches young people privately.

The first class of Aue's will complete their four-week program with a fashion show at 1:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 at the Sears store in Livonia.

Focused:
Stephanie Hall, 15, of Redford, freezes in a pose as a human mannequin.



The Taylor School Board trustee and resident says the fashion show before a live audience is just one of the reasons she believes her modeling club exceeds the benefits of other modeling groups because the children are guaranteed to model twice during the four-week program that meets for 90 minutes — four consecutive Saturdays a month.

"In the current class we have a young lady that has been attending a modeling school for seven months and has never modeled in front of an audience. She has spent a lot of money and she truly won't know if modeling is for her until she actually gets the chance to do it," said Aue. "I believe that this is more than a beginners program. It is also great for those children that are enrolled in full-scale modeling schools because it allows them practice time."

The registration fee of \$89 (no tax) includes four Saturday classes that



Trio: (l-r) Aubria Jones, 9, from Detroit; Colleen Kong, 9, of Redford; and Heidi Hall, 7, from Livonia work in a group.

gather at the Livonia Sears store from 1-2:30 p.m. During the four sessions each child will model in two separate events and will participate hands-on in the "behind the scenes" experiences of being a model such as skin care, runway walking, poise, stance, confidence, team work, mannequin modeling and live fashion show techniques.

"I think it's very important to give the kids a chance to model," said Aue. "I equate it with taking a dance or drama class. Can you imagine spending \$800-900 on the class and never having the chance to dance. Just spending all your time in a classroom talking about dance. Kids aren't going to know whether or not modeling is for them if they don't get the chance to be on stage and work in front of an audience."

Aue's first class attracted a diverse group of 22 students from the tri-county area including Detroit, Livonia, Redford, Oak Park, Southfield, and Farmington Hills and has been averaging 3-5 inquiries every Saturday about the program since the first class Jan. 8.

Family, friends and Sears shoppers are encouraged to attend the Jan. 29 fashion show inside the Livonia Sears store. The modeling club coordinator said the event isn't about the clothes but about the kids themselves.

The young models wear Sears clothing (they have the option to purchase) and appear on the runway several times throughout the show. Participants receive a 10 percent discount card that is good on any clothing purchase the entire time they are enrolled in the program.

"We read bio's about the models and don't talk about looks, body shapes or even the clothes, but about the children," said Aue. "I try to emphasize to the kids that no one single person is the star; that it's all about team work and everyone is a star. An opportunity like this really builds on their self-esteem."

Registration is held every Saturday at 3 p.m. in the children's department at the Livonia Sears store. All children ages 7-18 are welcome to come to the store at this time and register to model in the next available event at Sears. For information please call (313) 295-3283.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Vogue: Twelve-year-old Celika Pimpleton of Detroit strikes a pose for the camera and shoppers at Sears in Livonia. (Below) Amber Hall, 14, from Farmington Hills looks through clothes in the juniors department for an outfit to model.



Opera theatre serenades Livonia

The Livonia Town Hall played host to the renowned Michigan Opera Theatre during a live performance at the Jan. 19 quarterly lecture series at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.

Michigan Opera Theatre brought the magic of their live performances to guests through their production of the "Best of Broadway - Past and Present."

The fast paced celebration of hit songs old and new included the dynamic, cabaret-styles of Maria Cimarelli, soprano; Betsy Bronson, soprano; Karl Schmidt, tenor; and Mark Vondrak, baritone.

Soprano Betsy Bronson performed songs from the childhood classic, "Mary the Reagans. Chef Haller's creations are known the world over. For more information call (248) 474-7213.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Quartet: Michigan Opera Theatre singers Karl Schmidt (l-r), Betsy Bronson, Mark Vondrak and Maria Cimarelli performed Broadway hits from "Mary Poppins," "Cats," and "My Fair Lady."

Editor named to Community Life section

Health and business reporter Kimberly Mortson has been promoted to the position of editor of the Community Life section of the Observer Newspapers.

As a member of the Observer Newspapers features group, Mortson will be responsible for the content and layout of the Community Life sections of the Observer Newspapers. She will be working with Stefanie Casola, who writes feature stories for the Community Life and Entertainment sections of the Observer Newspapers.

"Kim is a well organized, enthusiastic, and hardworking community journalist," said Keely Wygonik, assistant managing editor of the Observer features group. "Kim is a good listener and works hard at getting stories our readers will want to read. Her Health section was a must-read on Sundays. She has lots of contacts in the commu-



Mortson

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HOPELESSLY Romantic

Calling all romantics. We're looking for readers to write, call or e-mail us the "most" romantic thing anyone has ever done for them.

Has your mate made you the subject of a love poem, wooed by roses and candlelight dinners, whisked away to a cozy bed and breakfast without having to pack a bag or does your significant other make you breakfast in bed every Saturday? Whatever the gesture we want all the details. Send us the information no later than Monday, Feb. 7 to be published in the Thursday, Feb. 10 issue of the Community Life section.

Send your stories to:

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Charity dance benefits First Step shelter, local families

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The impact the annual First Step Charity Dance has had on children and families is immeasurable.

The tens of thousands of dollars that are raised each year, according to First Step Executive Director Judy Ellis, goes directly back to serve people in a number of capacities from providing free counseling to purchasing goods such as food and clothing.

"The number of people that have come out over the years and supported this effort is really noteworthy," said Ellis. "Last year we sold at least 5,800 tickets to the dance."

Founded 10 years ago by Livonia resident, Realtor and current city council-

man, Brian Duggan, the annual fundraiser has grossed approximately \$100,000 over the last decade and has simultaneously grown in popularity.

"This event is a great way to raise money for an important community program and to have fun at the same time," said Duggan.

Catalyst

In 1990 Duggan said it was Ellis who spoke at a function he was attending and he swept away by the critical need for a shelter of this nature in the community. "It was a real educational experience for me to learn about this population of battered women and children who really count on the services First Step is able to offer," said Duggan.

The 10th Annual First Step Charity

'This event is a great way to raise money for an important community program and to have fun at the same time.'

Brian Duggan

—First Step Charity Dance organizer

Dance is scheduled from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4 at Burton Manor in Livonia. Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be served and door prizes awarded throughout the evening. Steve King and The Dittlies will take the stage as the featured entertainment with local musician Jamie Cole making a guest appearance.

First Step located in Plymouth is a community-based organization working to end domestic violence and sexual assault. They provide non-residential and shelter-based services, training and development such as violence intervention for men who batter, 24-hour on call teams to meet with survivors of domestic violence/sexual assault, safety planning, legal assistance and student internships and field placements.

According to Duggan (who organizes the event with his wife Laura; sister, Cheryl Stolt; and his father, Jim Duggan) the Livonia Rotary is teaming up efforts this year to offer "Vegas Night" entertainment such as blackjack and roulette at no additional cost.

"This event has always been about raising awareness and bringing the

community closer together," said Ellis. "The support over the years has been overwhelming and grows greater every year."

Advance tickets are \$20; \$25 at the door and include door prizes drawn from ticket stubs, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres (pizza after 11 p.m.), and a cash bar. Tickets can be purchased at Ticketmaster outlets, First Step in Plymouth (44567 Pinetree near Sheldon Road) and through the Charity Dance Hotline at (734) 422-4333.

Sponsor donations are also being sought. They include: Emerald, \$10,000; Diamond, \$5,000; Platinum, \$1,000; Gold, \$500; and Silver, \$225. To inquire about the benefits of a sponsor donation please call Brian Duggan at (734) 422-4333.

Language of love

Express your feelings with chocolate

On Valentine's Day, millions will select a gift of chocolate to express their love. Chocolate, like flowers, is the language of love. How better to express your passion for a loved one than with a box of exquisite Belgian chocolates. But could the type of chocolate selected — white, dark or milk — be carrying a secret meaning?

Perhaps there is a "language of chocolate" just as there is for flowers. After all, since Victorian times, flowers have been tangible symbols of emotion: A forget-me-not conveys true love while a carnation symbolizes unrequited love.

To help those selecting a Valentine's Day gift for their dearly beloved, Guylian Chocolate offers gift-givers the following guide as food for thought.

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■ Milk chocolate stands for balanced, enduring love: tradition, true romance.

■ And filled chocolates (hazelnut praline, truffle, cappuccino cream) represent newly discovered love: zestful, zany, exuberance.

No matter what the sentiment to be conveyed, Guylian offers a mouth-watering selection of boxed chocolates that will demonstrate your all-encompassing love. There's Guylian's original hazelnut praline Seashells; La Trufflina, a collection of creamy truffles enrobed in either white, dark or milk chocolate; Opus, Guylian's musical-themed collection of eight unique varieties of Belgian chocolate; La Perline, sculpted chocolate creations with a whole Turkish hazelnut nestled in a smooth cappuccino center; Solitaire, individually wrapped milk

and dark chocolates from around the world.

Say it with style

Of course, if your loved one doesn't happen to know the language of chocolate, there's still a sure-fired way to convey your ardent feelings. Select Guylian's I Love You chocolates, a box of gold foil-wrapped, praline-filled chocolate hearts with those three little words imprinted on top. That way, you can express your meaning in a forthright manner.

For an extensive collection of chocolate related gift ideas visit www.4chocolate.com. Information ranges from cooking with chocolate to great tasting recipes, candy creations, gifts and more.

Does chocolate really translate into a language of love? Only the gift-giver and recipient know for sure. This Valentine's Day, find out for yourself.



Rolling in: The St. Robert Bellarmine train and toy show begins at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Train show on track

Trains are a tradition at St. Robert Bellarmine.

For 14 years, the St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club has hosted the Ole Toy and Train Show in the school gym. This year the show serves as a precursor to the Super Bowl. From 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, St. Robert Bellarmine will bring out the first major toy and train show of the 2000s. The money raised at the event goes toward sports activities and programs at St. Robert Bellarmine.

The Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society will show videos of their train trips, along with a display of

the new 2000 excursion open for those who are interested. The Norfolk Southern Police will show train safety videos and offer free educational coloring books to kids.

Look for more than 200 dealer tables for swapping and buying of items four states. Door prizes will be given every hour, and participants can win a train set ready-to-run from a Men's Club raffle.

Admission is \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Food and beverages will be sold. St. Robert Bellarmine is at 27101 West Chicago in Redford. Call (313) 277-2419 for more information.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO.: C-2000-01 ALARM USER ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 50, ALARM USER ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FINES FOR EACH FALSE ALARM IN EXCESS OF THREE FALSE ALARMS OCCURRING WITHIN ANY ONE CALENDAR YEAR; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES NOT CONSTITUTING A FALSE ALARM; PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION OF ALARM SYSTEMS WHICH EMIT A SOUND AND/OR VISUAL SIGNAL FOR A PERIOD OF LONGER THAN FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF INVALID SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS: SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO THE CODE:

This Section amends Chapter 50, Alarm User Ordinance to read as follows:

50.010 Definitions.
This Section contains definitions of terms used in the Ordinance.

50.020 False Alarm Fire.

a. This Section provides that an alarm user shall be required to pay a fine for each false alarm in excess of three (3) false alarms occurring within a calendar year.

b. This Section provides for certain extenuating circumstances including alarms being activated by persons working on the alarm with prior notice to the police or fire department, alarms being activated by severe weather or by disruption or disturbance of telephone or other communications systems.

c. This Section sets forth the fines which shall be charged for false alarms in excess of two (2) occurring within any one calendar year.

50.030 Interference with Telephone Communications System.

This Section prohibits selling or installing a device that mechanically, electronically or otherwise initiates automatic intrastate calling, dialing or connection to any telephone number without consent of the subscriber.

50.040 Audible or Visual Signals.

This Section prohibits installing an alarm system which emits a sound and/or visual signal for a period of longer than fifteen (15) minutes.

50.050 Violation and Penalty.

Any person, corporation, partnership or other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the court. Each day that the violation continues after due notice has been served in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 2: SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This Section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY.

This Section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 4: REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.

This Section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5: PUBLICATION.

This Section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-2000-01 considered for first reading at the January 11, 2000, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2000. The Ordinance, in full, is available in the Clerk's Office or public perusal at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone Number (734) 354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Plymouth Charter Township

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SHURGARD STORAGE CENTER

Notice is hereby given that the following unit(s) will be sold to the highest bidder by open auction on February 25, 2000 at approximately 9:30 am at Shurgard Storage located at 2101 Haggerty Rd., Canton, MI 48187. (313) 981-0300.

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Carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS) is the well-known occupational injury involving the passageway (carpal tunnel), composed of bone and ligament, through which a major nerve system of the forearm passes into the hand. These nerves control the muscles in this area, as well as the nine tendons that allow the fingers to flex. The wear and tear of repeated movements thickens the lubricating membrane of the tendons and presses the nerves up against the hard bone. CTS usually affects the dominant hand and begins with pain and tingling or numbness. To avoid this problem, those who work with their hands should keep their wrists straight, lift objects with their entire hand, and ease up when they begin to feel pain.

While CTS is generally associated with individuals who use keyboards, anyone who is performing extensive work with their hands, such as carpenters, electricians, home repair buffs, and gardeners can experience pain, stiffness, and reduced dexterity. Don't shrug off these symptoms as inevitable; they are important signs that injury may have occurred; ask your doctor for a referral to the HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY, located in Plymouth, at 470 Forest Avenue, Suite 20. To learn more, or to schedule an appointment, call 455-8370; evenings available.

PS: If you work at a computer keyboard, keep your fingers lower than your wrists. Do not rest the heels of your hands on the keyboard.



John Connett, PT

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So what does all this mean to the average person? (By the way, the researchers found that most incompetent people tend to rate their abilities "above average.")

Maybe it explains why highly paid (and oh-so-serious) TV newscasters behave more like Paddy Chayefsky parodies of themselves than serious journalists. Why politicians full of confidence and bluster (but little else) get elected to public

office. Why the bosses and managers in the "Dilbert" comic strip seem more realistic than cartoonish.

You figure it out. I don't have enough confidence in my analytical ability to try to draw any conclusions.

Jack Gladden, a copy editor for the Observer Newspapers, lives in Canton. You can e-mail him at: jgladden@oe.homecomm.net.

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nity and is dedicated to serving readers."

"Readers can expect to see many new additions to the Community Life section of the paper in the coming months," said Mortson. "I look forward to working with the features staff in my new role and am eager to receive feedback from the community whether they have a story to share or a concern to express."

Mortson joined the Observer Newspapers in April of 1997 as a temporary reporter and began covering health and business in October 1997.

A 1988 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland, Mortson worked as a reporter at Michigan Community Newspapers in Wayne after graduating from Central Michigan University in 1996. Her work has been recognized twice by the Michigan Press Association including a first place honor for Best Spot News and Special Sections.

She and her husband, Ken, and daughter, Grace, make their home in Milan.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2000
INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION
CERTIFICATE FOR
TOOLCO, INC.**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 08, 2000, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider Toolco, Inc's request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate covering new machinery and equipment for their existing facility located at 47709 Gallen Drive, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

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

The publish hearing commencing at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, February 08, 2000, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meeting. Telephone number (734) 354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Mazur-Bentham

Kenneth and Ramona Mazur of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Marie, to Scott Michael Bentham, the son of George Bentham of Maple Glen, Pa., and Marlene Bentham of Wixom.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a master's degree in speech pathology. She is employed at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn as a licensed speech pathologist.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Lawrence Technological University with bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed a mechanical engineer at Robert Bosch Corporation in Farmington Hills.



A September wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church of Plymouth.

Cleland-Babut

Ronald and Tammy Cleland of Saline announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacey Michelle, to Scott Edward Babut of Ann Arbor.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Harbor Beach High School. She is working on a degree in business at Eastern Michigan University and works at Riverview of Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé, son of Russell Babut of Ypsilanti and Terri Deahl of Plymouth, graduated from Plymouth Canton High School in 1993 and obtained his bachelor's degree in Engineering from the University of Michigan. He is working on his master's degree at U of M and is



employed by Visteon. An August wedding is planned at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Ann Arbor.

Hooton-McDonnell

Robert and Geraldine Hooton of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Laurie Ann, to Timothy Patrick McDonnell.

The bride-to-be is a 1983 graduate of Garden City High School and has been working at a medical facility for the past 11 years.

Her fiancé, the son of Michael and Susan McDonnell, is a graduate of John Glenn High School. He is an automobile mechanic in Farmington Hills.

A March wedding is planned at West Wayne Church of God.



Shelley-Hawley

Robert and Cathy Shelley announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Christine, to Ryan Thomas Hawley of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a Western Michigan University graduate and Kindergarten teacher.

Her fiancé is also a Western Michigan University graduate and works as an Application Engineer.

A February wedding is planned at St. John Newman in Canton.



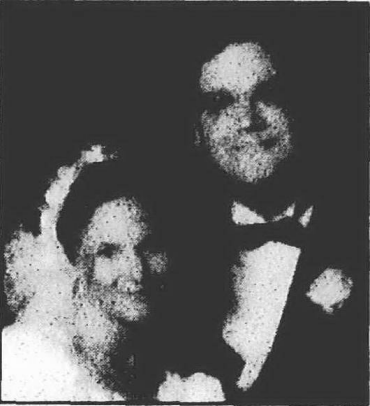
Soronen-Baffy

John and Mary Soronen of Westland announce the marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Thressa, to Robert J. Baffy of Westland.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan and works as a design engineer for Ford Motor Company.

Her husband is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He works as a video game designer for Digital Eclipse.

The couple wed on Aug. 7 at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia. A reception at Laurel Manor followed. The Baffys took



a wedding trip on a Walt Disney Cruise. They have made their home in Westland.

Norton-Holmes

Delores Norton of Westland announces the engagement of her daughter, Heather Delores, to Douglas Lloyd Holmes.

The bride-to-be and her fiancé are graduates of John Glenn High School. The couple were engaged on Oct. 31, 1998. Dou-

glas is the son of Bill and Carol Holmes.

A May wedding is planned at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. A reception at the Knights of Columbus hall in Westland will follow. The couple plan to make their home in Farmington Hills.

Rothert-Dekiere

Gary Rothert and Barb Rothert of Dearborn announce the engagement of their daughter, Joli Heather, to Jonathan Russell Dekiere of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Dearborn High School and a 1997 graduate of Central Michigan University. She has a bachelor's of science degree in Exercise Science and works in sales at Bally Total Fitness.

Her fiancé, son of James and Phyllis Dekiere of Plymouth, is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and a 1997 graduate of Central Michigan University. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and now works as a Dear-



born police officer. A May wedding is planned at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dearborn.

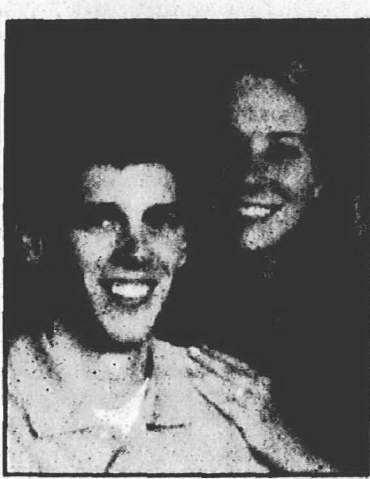
Wishart-Malone

James and Lynda Wishart of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynne, to Jason Andrew Malone, the son of Andrew and Janice Malone of Spartanburg, S.C.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and is a senior at Cedarville College in Cedarville, Ohio, where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in English.

Her fiancé is a 1998 honor grad of Cedarville College with a degree in the Bible. He is an associate pastor at Southside Baptist Church in Greenville, S.C.

An August wedding is planned



at Berean Baptist Church of Livonia.

Hefke-Sturm

Cynthia Ellen Sturm and Eric Allan Hefke were married Sept. 4 at Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Barbara Sturm of Commerce Township, formerly of Livonia. The groom is the son of Norman and Suzanne Hefke of Marquette.

The bride is a graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed as a community development director at the American Cancer Society in Southfield.

The groom is a graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed as a procurement and inventory specialist for DaimlerChrysler.

The couple received guests at a reception was held at the El Dorado Country Club before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Hawaii. They are making their home in Commerce Township.



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Schmitt-McNeely

Dave and Barb Schmitt of Plymouth announce the marriage of their daughter, Karlye Nicole, to Steven Paul McNeely of Holland.

The bride is a graduate of Hope College and works as a clinical nurse at Intercare.

Her husband, son of Bill and Jan McNeely, graduated from Cornerstone University with a degree in business and marketing. He works for Careline Medical Supply Company.

A November wedding took place at Hope College Dimnet Chapel in Holland with Pastor Mike Faris, Melissa Flynn, Wendy Vea and Erin Daly were the bride's attendants. Barry Dillin, Jaime Casey and Jeff



Dresser were groomsmen. The couple received guests at Hope Country Club after the ceremony. They have made their home in Holland.

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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

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

RACQUETBALL LEAGUE

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

SPRING SPORTS

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

SESAME STREET LIVE

■ Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a family trip to "Sesame Street Live: When I Grow Up" show on Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Fox Theater. Come and join a fun-filled family show with no worries of driving, as attendees will ride a chartered bus to the Fox Theater. The bus leaves Summit on the Park parking lot at 12:30 p.m. and returns at approximately 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person (any child who has celebrated his first birthday must have a ticket). Registration ends Friday, Jan. 28. For more information, call 397-5110.

SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

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

50TH ANNIVERSARY

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

ARTS COUNCIL

■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council, as part of its ongoing cultural diversity series, presents "Poland: A celebration of Art and Culture" Sunday, Jan. 30 through Wednesday, March 1, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts at 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. The opening reception is scheduled from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30. At 2 p.m. the Wavel Dancers will perform Polish folk dances in traditional costumes. The Three Brothers restaurant in Plymouth and the Culinary Arts department of Salem High School will be providing samples of Polish cuisine. Hours of the exhibit are from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday, and 9 a.m. until noon

Thursday and Friday. All events are open to the public and free of charge. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

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

WORKSHOPS

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

STUDENT MUSEUM

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

INFORMATION MEETING

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

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

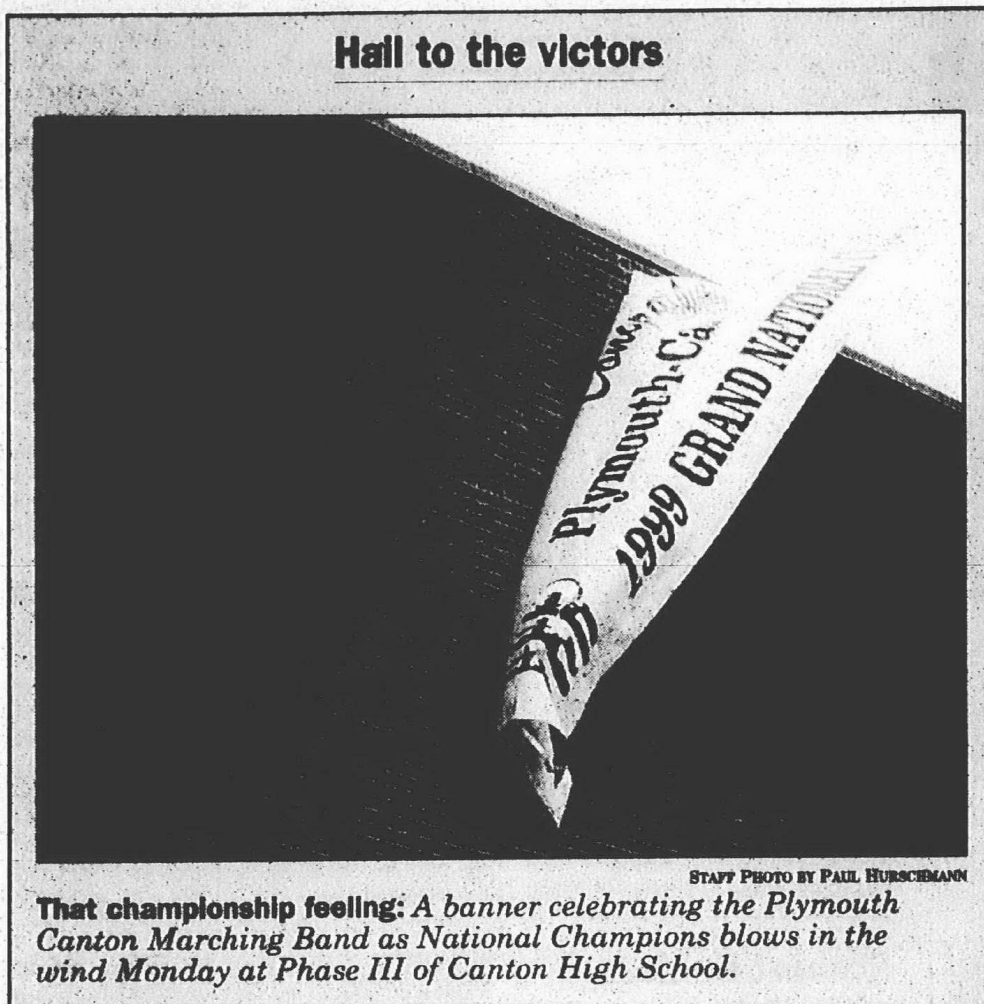
■ Celebrate Valentine's Day by attending the Canton Knights of Columbus ninth annual Daddy-Daughter Valentines Dance. The dance will be 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at the St. Thomas a'Becket Family Life Center, 555 Lilley, Canton. This night will feature danceable music, a flower corsage, refreshments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

DOLL SHOW

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

CARP TAX-AID

■ The AARP is sponsoring free federal and Michigan income tax preparation for elderly persons at the locations listed below. Work is performed by counselors qualified by the IRS. An appointment is required. Assistance is available 9 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m. on Tuesdays at Can-



That championship feeling: A banner celebrating the Plymouth Canton Marching Band as National Champions blows in the wind Monday at Phase III of Canton High School.

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Hail to the victors

ton Recreation Center, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton, by appointment at (734) 397-5444; from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m. on Tuesdays at Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady, Northville, by appointment at (248) 349-4140; and from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 233 S. Main St., Plymouth, by appointment at (734) 453-1234.

SERVICE CENTER

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

CENSUS 2000

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

MOPS MEETING

■ The Plymouth Baptist Church holds mothers of preschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mothers with their

children, kindergarten-age and younger, may attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Childcare is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

M.O.M. MEETING

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

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

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

DINNER/AUCTION

■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council's annual dinner/auction, "Escape To The Caribbean," begins 6 p.m. Saturday, March 11, in the Mayflower Meeting House, Plymouth. Auction items include trips, dinners, clothing, furniture and art. Dance music will be provided by the Couriers. Entrées include beef tenderloin, stuffed chicken and orange roughy. Tickets are \$55. Call (734) 416-4278.

KIWANIS CLUB

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

NURSERY SCHOOL OPENINGS

■ Garfield Co-op has openings in programs for children 18 months to 5 years. The school is in Livonia at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile

and west of Farmington Road. For more information, call (734) 462-0135.

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

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

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

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

VILLAGE MUSIC

■ Village Music is registering students for Kindermusik classes beginning the week of Jan. 24. Kindermusik is music education and joyful learning for the whole family, not just for young children. Call now for classes for people up to age 7. Call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

SUPPORT GROUPS

■ Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. (CHHCS) is offering "Connections" a six-week series to help children and their parents/guardians "connect" with their feelings and better work through the death of a loved one. The series will be held from

6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 25 and running through Feb. 29. There is a \$20 registration fee with sponsorships available as needed. For more information about "connections" and its location or any other services offered by CHHCS, call (734) 522-4244.

STARTING OVER

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

ARBOR HOSPICE

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

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

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

COUNTERPOINT

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

ANGELA HOSPICE

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

VOLUNTEER WORK

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

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

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

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

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

■ Volunteer drivers are needed for New Morning School's Swim/ Gym program at the Livonia YMCA 8:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays. Volunteers may also help in the pool if desired. Call

(734) 420-3331. New Morning School is 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, please 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 on-call 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. 223.

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

ALZHEIMER'S

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

CLUBS

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

HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP

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

COUNTY CONNECTION

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

STAMP CLUB

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

CALENDAR FORM

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

Event: _____

Date and Time: _____

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Canton's Mainstreet Baptist Church welcomes new pastor

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER
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Jeffrey Noble didn't just move to Canton Township, he was called there.

Noble, along with his wife, Myra Kay, and their three daughters moved to Canton from Georgia last August. The family received a phone call from Deacon Wayne Dudley last April asking if Noble was interested in moving northward to become a pastor at Mainstreet Baptist Church.



Knowing him: Jeffrey Noble is the new pastor at Mainstreet Baptist Church.

While Jeffrey and Myra Kay had prayed to move closer to family, he assumed it would mean a transfer to South Carolina, where her family lived. He never expected to live so close to his parents,

who reside in Northville. "The Lord lead us here," said Noble, dressed casually and sitting at his desk. "This is where we were called to be." While adjusting to the chilly winters of Michigan may take some time, he's no stranger to it. Noble grew up in Ohio. So far, he's happy with the new address. "Canton is wonderful."

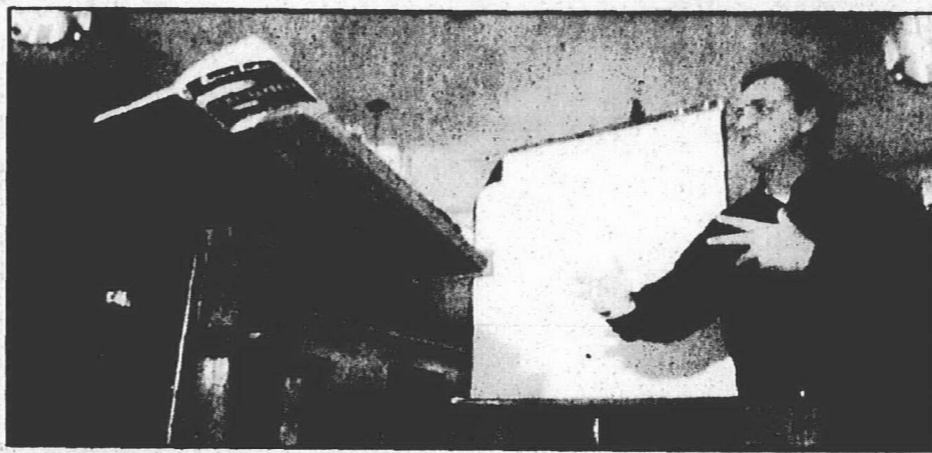
His wife couldn't agree more. "We love it here," she said. "It's a breath of fresh air to me. We prayed to be closer to family. Now we're 10 minutes away."

Myra Kay Noble works as assistant branch manager of First Federal in Plymouth. She said watching her husband preach makes her "anxious to see what God has in store for the future. We feel very blessed."

Noble is perhaps most passionate about prayer, and reading the word of God. "You hunger for it," he said, likening prayer to having a passion for music. "I really desire to spend time with it. The more I read, the more I want to know. When you have a relationship with someone, you want to spend time with them."

Noble wasn't always so dedicated to religion.

"I was a corporate climber," he said. But no matter what he achieved in the corporate world, it never seemed to be



Sharing the Word: Jeffrey Noble is excited about his new position in Canton.

enough. He sought fulfillment. It took a complete separation, from the house, car and material possessions, to find it. Noble went to a seminary and later became a music minister, leading the church in worship, leading the choir and planning and organizing special events.

"As a pastor I can empathize," he said. "It's been a fun road, really." He had always possessed a love for

music. He plays both the guitar and drums. At one point in his young life, Noble said he "wanted to become the next Phil Collins." In his quest for musical stardom, Noble found his true calling.

He was on his way to a Christian concert, on a date, when one of the musicians on-stage spoke to the audience and said something he'll never forget.

The musician asked "If you were to die today and were standing before God and he asked you 'Why should I let into my heaven?' What would you say?"

Noble was speechless. He didn't know the answer. That day, in June 1978, he dedicated himself to his faith and relationship with God.

"I believe He wanted me to preach," said Noble. "I got a chance to preach whenever I could." On Aug. 25, he read his first sermon in Canton, realizing that calling. "They are a sweet bunch, a great group of folks," he added of his congregation.

His wife said her hopes for the future are to see more people "come to know Jesus."

As Noble reaches out to the community and the church, he maintains a simple belief. "It's not a religion, it's a relationship."

Mainstreet Baptist Church offers Sunday Worship at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Korean Sunday Worship at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., and bible study on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. and Wednesday for all ages at 7 p.m. S.A.F.E. (Setting Addicts Free Eternally) meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and noon Thursdays. Call (734) 453-4785 for information.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

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

NEW BEGINNINGS

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia offers a year-round grief support group and this new Thursday speaker series, beginning with "The Grief Process" with the Rev. Chuck Sonquist Feb. 3; Del McPherson and "The Healing Power of Humor," March 2; the Rev. Kurt Stutz of Botsford Hospital with "Healing Grief" April 6; the Rev. Phil Seymour on "Dreams, Visions and Images" May 4; and Warren Gilbert's "Managing Memories" June 1. The series is free and open to the public. Call (734) 422-6038.

HEALING SERVICES

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

CONCERT

The Tubbs Family will perform 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia.

RELIEF EFFORT

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

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DAY

Church Women United of Subur-

ban Detroit-West will host International Student Day, with a carry-in casserole luncheon 12:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard Road in Livonia. International Students will speak about their homeland. The program is sponsored by the Livonia Rotary Club. Bring 1 casserole for each three persons attending and paper products for the First Step Program. Call Amy Sherman by Tuesday, Feb. 1 at (313) 537-5251 for reservations and to schedule a baby-sitter.

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 at 8 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Church, Haggerty Road and 5 Mile Road. On Friday, Feb. 4, the church will host a dinner at Northville Downs. Call (734) 421-3011 for information. Saturday, Feb. 5 marks the Singles Dance, 8:30 p.m. St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford. The \$8

charge includes refreshments. Proper attire required. Every Sunday, the church offers breakfast at 10 a.m. at 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.

BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

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

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES

Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in Knox Hall in Ward

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

BLOOD DRIVE

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

GATHERING OF THE EAGLES

The Detroit Chapter of the Ministry of the Watchman International hosts this fourth annual

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

VEGAS NIGHTS

St. Edith Church will sponsor Las Vegas Nights, 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5 at the church, 15089 Newburgh road, Livonia. Admission is \$10 and maximum payout will be \$500, under license number F23263. Proceeds go to general fund. Call (734) 464-1222.

St. Theodore Parish will host its Las Vegas Nights 6 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5 at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road in Westland. Admission is \$2. Parking is free. Beer, food and refreshments available. The program is presented by St. Theodore Men's Club & Confraternity of Christian Women

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WINTER CARD PARTY

St. Richard Women's Guild has organized its annual winter card party, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28 at the St. Richard Social Hall, 35851 Cherry Hill, Westland. Admission is \$6 at the door. Door and table prizes will be given. Call (734) 721-5353 for information.

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

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January 30
Scripture/Mark 1:21-28
Capernaum - Man with an Evil Spirit
Rev. Diana Goudle, preaching



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ing new, beginner tai chi classes, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia, St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bloomfield and Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Observers welcome. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281. Tai chi is a complete and integrated exercise that works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for persons of all ages and conditions of health.

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

WOMEN'S RETREAT
Calvary Baptist Church will

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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each Feb. 11-Feb. 13 and March 10-12 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248)

528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit this Web site: www.rc.net/detroit/wmwe. Listen for "The Marriage Journey" 8:30-9 a.m. Sundays on WCAR 1090 AM.

HEALING SERVICE
The Church of the Risen Lord presents a healing service at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the church, 821 N. Newburgh Road, south of Ford Road, Westland. The service, led by the Rev. Gary Seymour, is part of the series of healing services, "Rise and Come Forward." For more information, call the church office at (734) 397-7132.

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

mal atmosphere.
CHURCH FUND-RAISER
Clarenceville United Methodist Church is selling Entertainment passbooks to raise money for the church. The coupon books cost \$40 and are available by calling Jim Robinson at (248) 347-1535 or the church office at (248) 474-3444.

REMARIED GROUP
The Remarried Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville offers an informal, drop-in support group for those struggling with the issues of a blended family. The group is hosted by the Rev. Paul Clough and meets 7-8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Room C309 of the church, 40000 Six Mile Road at Haggerty Road. There is no cost and registration isn't necessary. For more information, call Stacy Cole at (248) 374-5912.

CONFIDENTIAL HELP

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

THRIFT SHOP
The Thrift Shop, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, has opened a new location at 494 N. Mill St., one block north of Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call the store at (734) 459-1250 or e-mail the church at fpcc@juno.com.

RITE OF INITIATION
Adults interested in joining the Catholic church are invited to "inquire" at the ongoing Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Theodore of Canterbury Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

The process is open to any interested adult including baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation with First Communion and/or Confirmation. For more information, call Lorraine Short, pastoral minister, at (734) 425-4421.

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

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

REUNIONS CALENDAR

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

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Aug. 12 at The Community House in Birmingham. (248) 433-2362 or by e-mail at

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BROTHER RICE
Class of 1970
A reunion is planned for July 29. (248) 540-2917 or (248) 358-4490

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Class of 1970
A reunion is planned for July 1. (510) 523-0906 or by e-mail at HubSpauld@aol.com

BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER
Class of 1979
March 4 at the Somerset Inn in Troy. (248) 366-9493, press #2 or by e-mail at reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

BRIGHTON
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Aug. 26 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi. (248) 360-7004, press #5 or by e-mail at reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

CLARKSTON

Class of 1960
A reunion is tentatively planned for August. (248) 627-4549, (248) 933-1670 or dlmiller@flash.net

CLINTONDALE
Class of 1960
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Class of 1950
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DETROIT FINNEY
Classes of 1970-72
A reunion is planned for April 1. (313) 837-5880

DETROIT IVES ELEMENTARY
Classes of 1953-55
A reunion is tentatively planned for May. (810) 644-4106, (810) 791-6998, (906) 847-3535 or (810) 728-4875 after 6 p.m.

DETROIT MACKENZIE

Class of 1949-51
July 29 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. (734) 453-7561

DETROIT PERSHING
Class of 1960
A reunion is planned for Sept. 9. (313) 835-9642, (810) 773-3952, (248) 547-0664 or (734) 595-7508 or at the Web site, www.jmctech.com/~bjustice/index.htm

DETROIT REDFORD
Class of 1965
A reunion is planned for July 8. (313) 937-3077 OR (734) 427-6047

DETROIT WESTERN
Class of 1966
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FARMINGTON
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FERDALE
Classes of 1929-1958
Oct. 14 at Ferndale High School, 726 Pinecrest, Ferndale. (248) 589-2609 or (248) 541-2476

GARDEN CITY EAST
Classes of 1974 and 1975 are hosting a 25th reunion Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel - Metro Airport. Contact Barry Harnos (class of 1974) (734) 416-5583 or Vicky (DeSanto) Clark at (734) 421-5365 (class of 1975).

HENRY FORD TRADE
Class of 1950
Is planning a reunion. (248) 618-9865

Voices from page B7

Julie and Phil Laurette of Canton announce the birth of their daughter **Samantha Katlynn** Oct. 8 at the University of Michigan Birthing Center in Ann Arbor. Samantha joins siblings Kevin, 11; Erica, 10; and Derek, 5. Grandparents are Larry and Judy Hui of Plymouth and Frank and Nancy Laurette of Plymouth.

Mike and Marcy Hamilton of Redford announce the birth of their daughter **Maddison Marie**, Jan. 4 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Maddison joins brother Trevor, 4. Grandparents are Jim and Judy Kneiding of Livonia and Mike and

Lynn Hamilton of River Rouge.

Jim and Stacey McCarthy of Canton announce the birth of their daughter **Corinne Olivia**, January 14 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Grandparents are Larry and Dorothy Myers of Clinton, Indiana and James and Florence McCarthy of Plymouth.

Sarah Richards of Westland announces the birth of her son **Zachary Noah Richards**, Dec. 20, 1999 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Aggie Richards of Westland, Gary Richards of Howell and Aunt Molly Wright of Westland.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Regional champs

The Plymouth Kicks '89, an under-11 boys select soccer team, captured first place in the U-11 division at the National Indoor Championship Regional Tournament in Maumee, Ohio last weekend.

The Kicks won all three of their games, beating Vardar Black, Vardar Red and Michigan United of Westland. The tournament featured three teams that finished first in their respective outdoor leagues this past fall.

The regional victory qualifies the Kicks for the National Indoor Championship Tournament, to be hosted by Detroit's Total Soccer March 3-5. This is the fourth consecutive year the Kicks have qualified for the National Tournament.

Kicks team members are Grant Blakey, Paul Carhini, Kevin Costa, Josh Hammond, Gabe Hicks, Andrew Koet, Matt Kulczycki, Ryan Langdon, Alex Lumley, Mike Marek, Blaine Paden, Jeff Selasky, Nick Vella, Brian Walsh, Brett Windecker and Alex Wozniak. Rich Kulczycki and Paul Lumley coach the team.

Baseball skills clinic

The Plymouth Salem Dugout Club, together with the Salem baseball coaching staff, will conduct a Baseball Skills Clinic for youngsters 7-15 years old.

There will be two sign-up sessions — this Saturday and Feb. 12 — both beginning at 9 a.m. at the Summit in Canton. Cost is \$20.

For more information, call Bill Styles at (734) 453-1679.

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.

Chiefs' rally falls short

BY C.J. RISAK
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A warning has been served. Officially.

Livonia Churchill, ranked among the state's elite in hockey, couldn't have expected too much from this first-year Plymouth Canton squad Wednesday at Livonia's Edgar Arena. After all, the Chargers handled Canton in their first meeting, beating the Chiefs 6-1 on Dec. 7.

And when they got two goals in the first 6:17 of the opening period, with Canton failing to even get a shot on goal, well — who could blame them for thinking, "This will be easy."

But it wasn't. The Chiefs, who had problems maintaining possession in the first period and even getting the puck out of their end, turned things around in the second and very nearly shocked the Chargers.

As it turned out, they had to settle for a 5-4 loss to Churchill. The defeat dropped Canton to 7-8-2 overall — the "first time all season we've had a losing record," coach Dan Abraham pointed out.

Although the Chiefs made a battle out of it for the last 2 1/2 periods, it wasn't quite good enough for Abraham. "I can take a loss with a full-game effort," he said. "We came out slow tonight."

"It took us awhile to get going. We've been learning all year long that you have to play three periods."

It's especially important against a team as deep as Churchill. The Chargers opened the scoring just 3:04 into the game, with Kevin Gessler — who finished with a goal and two assists — tipping a cross-ice pass from Nate Jakubowski past Canton goalie Ryan Zielinski.

A shot by Mike Andes from the left side gave Churchill a 2-0 lead with 6:47 gone (Adam Krug assisted).

With play stuck in their defensive zone, it was beginning to look like a



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSHIMANN

Congratulations in order: Canton's Jeremy Majszak (14) is mobbed by teammates Jack Ware (13), Sean Depp (21) and Mike Carson after scoring one of his three goals against Churchill. Majszak's performance was instrumental in keeping the Chiefs in the battle Wednesday.

long night for the Chiefs. Then, 3:11 after the Chargers' second goal, and with them still dominating the action, Canton managed to knock the puck to the front of the Churchill goal.

Ryan McBroom cleared it behind his net, but the Chiefs' Jeremy Majszak broke free from the scrum in front to gain possession behind and flick the puck off the back of McBroom's pads

into the goal.

If there was a turning point in the game for Canton, Majszak's unassisted goal was it. Indeed, Majszak provided the offensive punch throughout the game for the Chiefs. That was the first of his three goals.

The Chargers remained relentless. They kept attacking. With 2:05 left in the first period, and moments after a

Canton penalty had expired, Jakubowski took a pass from Gessler and blasted a shot past Zielinski to give them a two-goal lead again.

It took the Chiefs just 1:39 of the second period to narrow the gap to one, this one a power-play blast by John Bockstanz (Gessler assisting). But each

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Contenders aim at CC

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If the rankings hold true to form, there will be a lot of repeat winners Saturday in the Ninth Annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament.

It all starts at the top with defending team champion Redford Catholic Central, which has been ranked No. 1 in the area all season.

The Shamrocks are favored to win consecutive titles for the first time and their fourth overall championship.

"I'm sure we're going to be in contention," CC coach Mike Rodriguez said, "but I don't see us walking away with it."

"A lot of people out there are going to help us. Where we might be weak, they'll knock out some of the other boys."

"Everybody has somebody who's good. I just hope we have a few more."

If CC doesn't win it, history indicates either Livonia Steven-

What: Ninth Annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament.
When: Saturday, Jan. 29. Competition starts at 9 a.m. The finals are expected to begin at approximately 6 p.m.
Where: Livonia Churchill High School.
Admission: \$5 and is good for the whole day.
PAST TROPHY WINNERS
1999: 1. Redford Catholic Central, 2. Livonia Stevenson, 3. Garden City.
1998: 1. Plymouth Salem, 2. Redford Catholic Central, 3. Livonia Stevenson.

1997: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 2. Plymouth Salem, 3. Wayne Memorial.
1996: 1. Redford Catholic Central, 2. Livonia Stevenson, 3. Plymouth Salem.
1995: Livonia Stevenson, 2. Redford Catholic Central, 3. Plymouth Salem.
1994: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 2. Redford Catholic Central, 3. Plymouth Salem.
1993: 1. Redford Catholic Central, 2. Westland John Glenn, 3. Livonia Stevenson.
1992: 1. Farmington, 2. Plymouth Canton, 3. Westland John Glenn.

son or Plymouth Salem will. No other team has won the tournament since Farmington captured the inaugural event in 1992, and rarely has any other school finished among the top three.

"If some of our younger guys come through and our seniors do what they're supposed to do, we'll do OK," Salem coach Greg Woochuk said, adding he's sure the Rocks are not the favorite.

"CC is always a tough tournament team, and they're even-powered throughout their lineup. We always look forward to being somewhere in the top three or four."

The Rocks gave the Shamrocks a scare in a team dual tournament Saturday, but host Redford Catholic Central came from

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Chiefs put away Glenn

In perhaps the most unexpected place, Plymouth Canton's basketball team found something it badly needed.

A victory.
The Chiefs outscored Westland John Glenn in just one of four quarters, but their 20-2 rampage in quarter No. 2 was more than enough to offset the Rockets 43-37 advantage in the other three.

The outcome: a 57-45 win for Canton, evening the Chiefs' record at 2-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and bringing them to 3-7 overall.

Glenn, a team expected to challenge for the WLAA title, continues to struggle with a winless record in four conference games. The Rockets are 2-8 overall.

Glenn led 13-10 after one period, but Canton took control with a 20-2 second-quarter rampage that gave it a 30-15 halftime lead.

BASKETBALL

Jason Waidmann paced the Chiefs with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Kenny Nether added 12 points and 10 boards, and Dan McLean had nine points. Eric Jones led the Rockets with 19 points; Yaku Moton added 14.

Something the Chiefs have had problems with this season was a major factor in their win. They converted 22-of-29 (76 percent) free throws.

Salem 68, Franklin 46: It was the kind of game Plymouth Salem coach Bob Brodie knows his team will have to play to succeed.

"Nine players scored," Brodie said after Tuesday's win over Livonia Franklin at Salem. "A lot of players contributed."

This group of Rocks is solid,

but starless. No single player will carry them; it will take a combined effort.

Against Franklin, the Rocks led 20-13 after one quarter, but Brodie wasn't entirely happy with the defensive effort.

"In the second quarter we switched up a couple of defenses on them," he said. "They were pretty comfortable against our man-to-man in the first quarter."

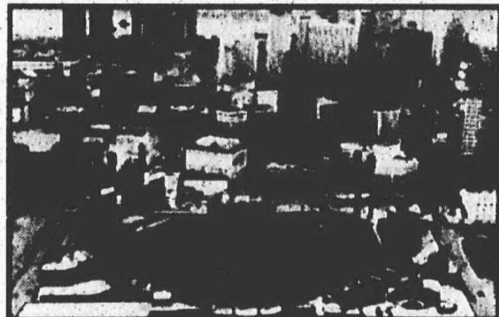
The result was a five-point quarter by Franklin and a 35-18 halftime lead for Salem.

"Earlier we were giving up too many points defensively," said Brodie. "Earlier teams were getting up into the 60s on us. Now we're starting to hold teams to less."

The win evened Salem's record at 5-5 overall, 2-2 in the WLAA. Franklin fell to 3-7 overall, 1-3 in the conference.

Nick Tochman led the Rocks

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By Barry Gibson
Director of Ticket Sales
Detroit Tigers

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Whalers beat Greyhounds, close ground



Thought that seven-game winning streak the Plymouth Whalers put together a couple weeks back was an illusion?

Two losses and a tie followed that streak, adding fuel to the suspicion that this team which was supposed to be in a rebuilding year just got hot for a few weeks.

Now: Flash forward to the last weekend, when the Whalers had to travel all the way to Sault Ste. Marie for a game against the division-leading Greyhounds Friday night, then had to bus six hours back to Plymouth for a Saturday night game against the Owen Sound Platers.

The outlook for success wasn't good. The results, however, were.

A goal by Tomas Kurka with 22 seconds left in the third period lifted Plymouth to a come-from-behind 3-2 triumph over the Greyhounds Friday. That seemed to energize the Whalers; on Saturday, they made short work of

the Platers, rolling to a 7-0 victory.

The two wins boosted Plymouth into second place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division with a 25-16-4 record, five points behind Sault Ste. Marie (26-18-4). The 'Hounds, however, have played three more games.

Owen Sound slipped to 13-28-4 (34 points), last in the Midwest Division. At Sault Ste. Marie Friday, the Greyhounds scored twice in the first period to put the Whalers in a hole. John Osborne got a goal at the 8:09 mark and Ryan Jardine made it 2-0 on a power-play marker with 23 seconds left in the period.

However, the Whalers retaliated quickly in the second period. Justin Williams got his 20th of the season with a power-play goal scored 4:02 into the second; Kris Vernarsky and Jared Newman assisted.

Damian Surma then netted his 19th goal of the season 1:55 later to tie it at 2-2, with Shaun Fisher and Newman assisting. The game-winner earned Newman his third assist of the game, with Kurka getting his 21st goal of the year. Libor Ustrunal also assisted.

The Whalers certainly dominated

play offensively, unleashing 36 shots at Sault Ste. Marie goalie Jason Flick. Rob Zepp got the win in goal for Plymouth; he stopped 15 shots.

If the long trip depleted the Whalers in any way, it didn't show Saturday against Owen Sound. They led 3-0 after two periods, and then in the third — when fatigue should have been a factor working against them — they put four goals on the board.

Steve Morris put together a hat-trick and had an assist, too. Fisher scored two goals as well, with Randy Fitzgerald and Jon Billy scoring single goals. Stephen Weiss totaled three assists, and Kurka had a pair.

Zepp was in goal again, stopping 23 shots to earn the shutout win. Curtis Sanford faced 42 shots in goal for the Platers.

Top Ambassadors

Alex Sawruk of the Compuware Ambassadors scored one of the two goals registered by the Eastern Division all-stars in an overtime shootout last Saturday, leading the Eastern stars to a 5-4 win over their Western Division counterparts at the North

American Hockey League's All-Star game played at Fox Valley Ice Arena in Geneva, Ill.

The East trailed 4-0 in the second period before rallying. The Ambassadors' Steve Swistak scored to make it 4-2 late in the second period, and Sawruk got a goal at 5:27 of the third period to narrow the gap to one goal.

Craig Kowalski started in goal for the Eastern Division, stopping 25 of 28 shots before giving way to Cam Ellsworth of the Soo Kewadin Casino Indians.

In last Friday's NAHL All-Star Skills Competition — won by the Eastern stars, 29-25 — Sawruk won the fastest skater title and Kowalski was first in the rapid fire event.

In their last action prior to the NAHL all-star break, Compuware posted a 5-2 win over Cleveland thanks to a four-goal final period in a game played at Compuware. Sawruk accounted for two of the Ambassador goals.

The win boosted Compuware's Eastern Division-leading record to 24-11-2 (50 points), three more than the Soo Kewadin Indians.

Division	W	L	T	Pts.
East Division				
Ottawa 67s	31	11	2	65
Kingston Frontenacs	28	13	4	62
Belleville Bulls	27	15	1	55
Peterborough Petes	21	19	5	47
Oshawa Generals	20	20	3	44
Central Division				
Barrie Colts	27	13	5	60
Sudbury Wolves	20	20	5	46
North Bay Centennials	18	21	5	42
Toronto St. M. Majors	14	29	2	31
Miss. Ice Dogs	5	37	1	12
West Division				
SSM Greyhounds	26	18	4	60
Plymouth Whalers	25	16	4	55
Windsor Spitfires	25	18	1	52
Sarnia Sting	21	19	7	49
London Knights	12	25	5	32
Midwest Division				
Erie Otters	22	23	1	47
Brampton Battalion	18	21	7	46
Guelph Storm	20	20	2	43
Kitchener Rangers	18	22	4	43
Owen Sound Platers	13	28	4	34

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 28
Churchill at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Northville at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Canton at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Farmington at N. Farm., 7 p.m.
Romulus at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.

Redford Union at Southgate, 7 p.m.

Thurston at Melvindale, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Harper Wds., 7 p.m.
Borgess at DeLaSalle, 7:30 p.m.
U-D Jesuit at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at Life & Light, 7:30 p.m.
Tay. Bapt. at Ply. Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Warren Bethesda at Marshall M.S., 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Jan. 27

Clarenceville at Luth. North, 6:30 p.m.
Mercy at H.W. Regina, 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Manan, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Tay. Baptist, 7 p.m.
Oak. Christian at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 28
Agape at River of Life, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 29
Romulus Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

E. Kentwood Invitational, 9 a.m.

U.M. Dearborn Tourney, 9 a.m.
Clarkston Tourney, 9 a.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Jan. 28
Ply. Whalers vs. Windsor at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 29
Ply. Whalers vs. Ottawa at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Thursday, Jan. 27
Redford Unified vs. Lincoln Park at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 28
Franklin vs. Milford, Stevenson vs. Farmington at Edgar Arena, 4 & 6 p.m.
Red. Unified at Woodhaven, 7:40 p.m.
Salem vs. W.L. Central

at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 29
Redford Unified vs. Crestwood at Redford Ice Arena, 1 p.m.
Franklin vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 2:20 p.m.
Churchill at Trenton, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC vs. G.P. North at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Jan. 29
Macomb at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
Madonna at Concordia, 3 p.m.
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Birth certificates are required for first-time CCJBBA players.

For more information, call 453-2040.

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Soccer registration

The city of Plymouth's Recreation Department is currently taking registration for youth soccer from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at its offices, located at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

Cost for six-year-old, seven-year-old and eight-year-old players living in the city of Plymouth is \$45; the fee for non-residents in those age divisions is \$65. For all other age divisions, the fee for city residents is \$50 and for non-residents it's \$80.

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Salem posts big numbers

With only seven teams in the lineup, Plymouth Salem's final standing — fourth — didn't seem so great. But the Rocks' point total indicated something better.

Hartland finished first at the Farmington Invitational Saturday, scoring 142.05 points. It was an indication of the kind of scoring achieved by most of the teams in attendance.

Host Farmington was second with 139.6, followed by Northville/Novi with 139.35. Salem was next with a season-best 134.2. Grosse Pointe North took fifth (130.2), Fraser was sixth (119.75) and Dearborn Edsel Ford placed seventh (107.3).

Earlier this month, Salem coach Melissa Hopson said a team score of 132 by season's end was a goal. The Rocks surpassed that when they tied Farmington last week, and bested it again Saturday.

"We keep going up," said Hopson. "Hopefully we'll keep that up. I was very impressed with it."

Bethany Bartlett, a freshman, contin-

GYMNASTICS

ued to impress. Competing in Division I, Bartlett placed second in the vault (9.05), fifth in both the balance beam (9.15) and floor exercise (9.15), and sixth in the uneven parallel bars (8.9).

Her all-around total of 36.25 was fourth best, and it was her season high.

April Aquino posted some solid scores as well in Division II. Aquino was third in floor (9.0) and beam (8.6), seventh in vault (8.3) and ninth in bars (8.3). She tied for second in the all-around in Division II with a 34.2 total.

Other good scores, all in Division II, were posted by Ashley Heard, who was eighth in the beam (8.1) and posted an 8.0 in the vault and a 7.9 in bars; Kelsey Ensor, who took fourth in beam (8.55) and scored 8.1 in floor; Kara Dendrinis, 7.7 in vault and 7.0 in bars; and AnnMarie Zelinski, 7.0 in bars.

"They looked good out there," said Hop-

son. "I look at that score and know we can clean that up and do even better."

"We're coming together as a team."

Salem, 2-0-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, travels to Brighton, one of the state's top-ranked teams, Thursday. On Saturday, Salem joins Plymouth Canton in a five-team invitational that also includes Jackson County Western, Fraser and Troy Athens. Competition begins at 1:30 p.m.

Canton 9th at Holland

Going in without two of its top gymnasts, Plymouth Canton couldn't expect to do much better than it did Saturday at the Holland Invitational — a ninth-place finish with a 126.5 score.

The Chiefs were without top scorer Liz Fitzgerald and Jill Rakovitis, both unable to attend.

The top score posted by Canton came from Amy Driscoll, who won the Division II floor exercise (9.15). Driscoll, still limited to three events by an injury, had a 7.75 in both the balance beam and uneven par-

allel bars.

Kristen Schilk had the Chiefs' top all-around total with a 31.55. She had an 8.15 in floor, 7.95 in vault, 7.9 in bars and 7.55 in beam.

Maggie Bett had a 30.35 all-around, scoring 8.0 in vault, 7.6 in bars, 7.55 in beam and 7.2 in floor.

Other top marks by Chiefs came from Jacquie Benington, 7.925 in vault, and Jessica Krueger, 8.1 in floor.

"Our highlight was Amy's first place (in floor exercise) on a foam floor," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "Not a bad performance generally by the team — but lots of room for improvement."

The Chiefs were supposed to host Westland John Glenn in a WLAA dual meet Monday, but a misunderstanding in the scheduling by the Rockets caused the meet to be cancelled and rescheduled.

Canton hosts Salem, Jackson County Western, Troy Athens and Fraser in a five-team invitational beginning at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURBCHMANN
Top mark: Canton's Amy Driscoll won the floor exercise with a 9.15.

BEST BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING PERFORMANCES

The following is a list of the best Observerland boys swimming times and diving scores. Coaches should report updates to Dan O'Meara by fax at (734) 591-7279 or voice mail at (734) 953-2141.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 1:43.11
North Farmington 1:43.46
Plymouth Salem 1:44.76
Redford Catholic Central 1:45.19
Farmington/Harrison 1:50.32

100 BACKSTROKE

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.62
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 56.46
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 56.53
Eric Lynn (Salem) 57.12
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 59.75
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 59.81
John Kern (N. Farmington) 1:00.45
Garrett Stone (John Glenn) 1:01.67
Kevin Ryan (Redford CC) 1:02.25
Eric Dabkowski (Stevenson) 1:03.31

400 FREESTYLE RELAY

Plymouth Salem 3:26.68
Livonia Stevenson 3:29.50
Redford Catholic Central 3:31.10
North Farmington 3:31.39
Farmington/Harrison 3:36.04

100 BREASTSTROKE

Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:02.43
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:04.11

200 FREESTYLE

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:48.36
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 1:53.54
Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 1:53.79
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 1:54.84
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 1:55.26
Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:55.28
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 1:55.44
Jim Ross (Salem) 1:55.66
Danny Price (Farm. Unified) 1:55.96
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 1:56.34

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 2:00.17
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 2:06.69
Eric Lynn (Salem) 2:07.43
Brad Nelson (Canton) 2:08.22
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:09.51
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 2:10.33
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 2:11.00
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:11.38
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 2:12.33
Geoff Lowes (Stevenson) 2:12.84

50 FREESTYLE

Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 23.13
Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 23.23
Mike Johnson (Salem) 23.43
Dan Jones (Salem) 23.69
Dan Zoumbaris (John Glenn) 23.69
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 23.76
Greg Sarkoz (Wayne) 23.78
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 23.81
Brad Buckler (Stevenson) 23.90
Jon Zaid (N. Farmington) 24.06

DIVING

Greg Brazunas (Redford CC) 241.05
Jeff Tailman (Wayne) 233.95
Chris MacFarland (John Glenn) 214.05
Greg Kubitski (Salem) 210.85
Kory Stevens (Redford CC) 186.60
Blake Brunner (Canton) 184.10
Jon Vincent (N. Farmington) 183.05
Joe Rohde (Redford CC) 174.05
Jason Zykowski (Stevenson) 167.00
Jared Goldmann (N. Farmington) 155.45

100 BUTTERFLY

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.29
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 55.02
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 55.81
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 56.18
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 57.45
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 57.99
Eric Lynn (Salem) 58.47
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 58.63
Rob Cambridge (Stevenson) 58.90
Brandon Truscott (Stevenson) 59.79

100 FREESTYLE

Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 50.55
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 50.78
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 51.42
Mark Witthoff (Salem) 51.82
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 51.93
Brad Nelson (Canton) 51.94
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 52.30
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 52.79
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 52.89
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 52.91

500 FREESTYLE

Robert Cambridge (Stevenson) 4:55.41
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.86
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.80
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 5:10.83
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 5:13.96
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 5:14.36
Danny Price (Farm. Unified) 5:14.84
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 5:16.48
Eric Lynn (Salem) 5:17.96
Loughlan Rycroft (N. Farmington) 5:20.93

200 FREESTYLE RELAY

Plymouth Salem 1:33.18
Redford Catholic Central 1:34.95
Livonia Stevenson 1:35.87
Farmington/Harrison 1:36.50
North Farmington 1:36.94

Stevenson sinks Canton

A sweep of the three relays, combined with six wins in nine individual events, propelled Livonia Stevenson to a 109-77 victory over Plymouth Canton Tuesday at Stevenson.

The loss dropped the Chiefs' dual meet record to 2-3 overall, 1-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Two of Canton's wins came from Brad Nilson, who finished

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first in the 200-yard individual medley (2:08.22) and in the 100 freestyle (51.94). Blake Brunner accounted for the other win for the Chiefs in diving (184.10 points).

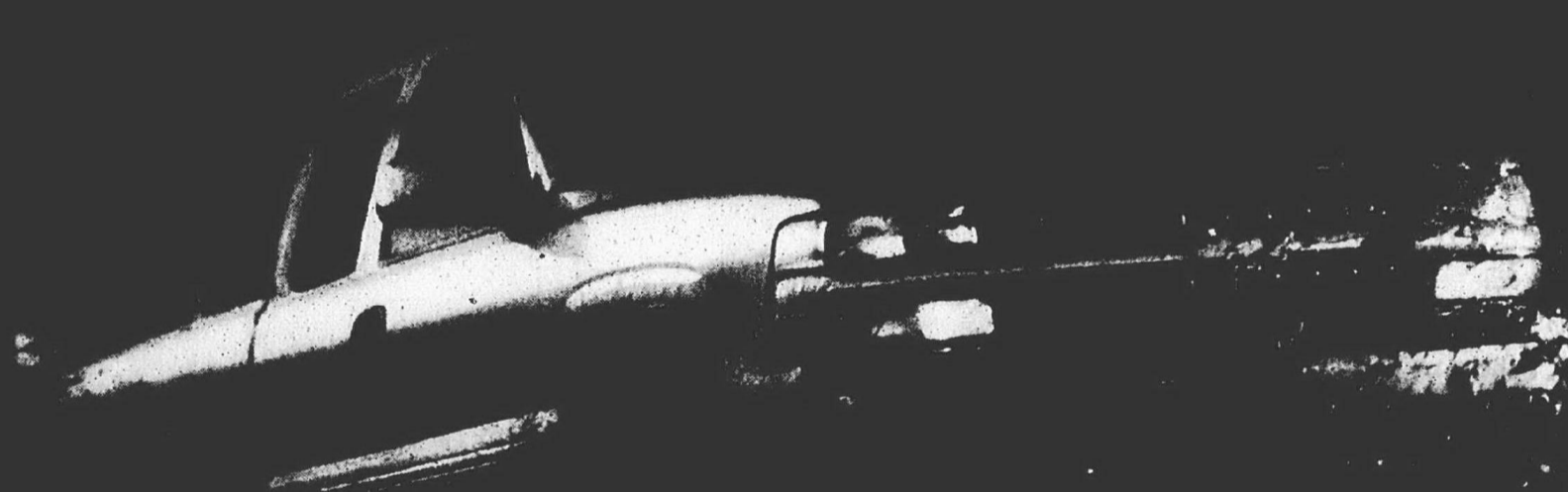
Joe Bublitz accounted for two individual wins for the Spartans. He was first in the 200 freestyle

(1:48.36) and the 100 butterfly (54.29).

Other strong swims for the Chiefs came from Matt Wisniewski in the 100 free, in which he placed second to Nilson in 52.13, and from Steve Rice, who was clocked at 2:00.59 in the 200 free to place third and at 5:27.27 in the 500 free.

Canton hosts Walled Lake Western at 7 p.m. tonight.

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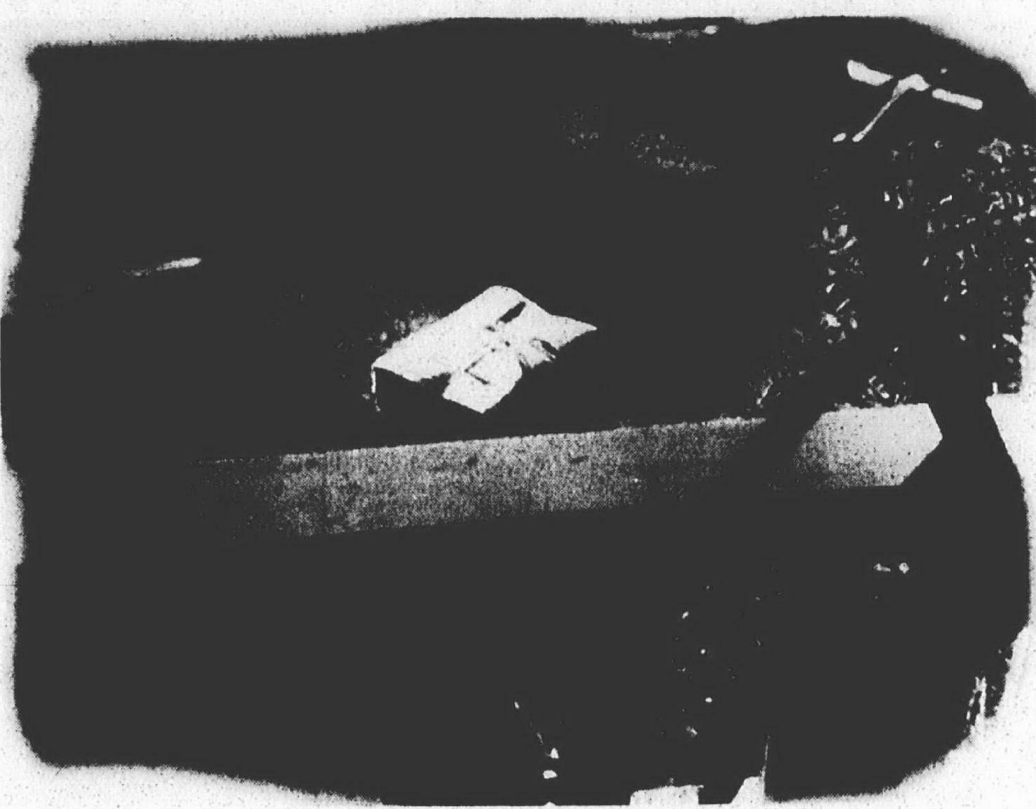
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COLLEGE SPORTS

SC defense in top form

See all those numbers in the 90s and 100s, and of course the perception is that the team putting those figures on the scoreboard is an offensive dynamo.

Schoolcraft College's men's basketball teamis that. It's also a pretty good defensive team, something the Ocelots put on display against Delta CC.

SC limited the Pioneers to 15 first-half points in building a 28-point lead by the intermission; the second half didn't get any better for Delta, which lost 83-46 Saturday at SC.

The win improved the Ocelots' record to 14-4 overall and kept them perfect in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference at 7-0. Delta slipped to 10-7 overall, 4-3 in the conference.

Disciplinary action kept SC's Robert Brown and Lamar Bigby from starting, but it didn't keep them from contributing — big-

MEN'S HOOPS

time. Brown still scored 13 first-half points (he finished with 20); Bigby had seven in the opening half and 17 for the game.

Mike Williams added 13 points and Quentin Mitchell and Dwight Windom each scored eight.

Delta was limited to using seven players, which didn't help its chances against the fast-paced Ocelot attack. Only four Pioneers scored, led by Sebastian Murray's 19 points and Nate Nard's 16. Charles Underwood scored eight.

The win allows SC to retain its two-game lead in the conference.

Aquinas rips Madonna

Ross Willick had his long-range jumper dropping Saturday as he led Aquinas College to an 89-70 victory over Madonna University at Madonna.

The win improved the Saints' record to 17-6 overall, 5-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Madonna fell to 2-20 overall, 0-6 in the WHAC.

Willick nailed 7-of-11 three-pointers in the game and 10-of-15 floor shots overall in scoring a game-high 29 points. He also had three steals.

Courtney Norman added 17 points and 14 rebounds, and Chuck Schuba had 12 points. Tim Waslik and Kyle Veslin scored eight points apiece, with Waslik adding seven assists and three steals and Veslin dishing out six assists.

The Crusaders were led by Mike Massey's 18 points (including four three-pointers); he also had three assists. Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) added 15 points and six rebounds, Jason Skoczylas had 14 points, 11 boards, four assists and two steals, and Dan Kurtinaitis contributed 12 points, eight boards and three assists.

Bad stretch beats Madonna

One losing streak ended. Another was extended.

And it all boiled down to one bad stretch for Madonna University's women's basketball team, which lost at Aquinas College Saturday 65-61.

The defeat, Madonna's second in a row, put its overall record at 8-10, 2-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. The Saints ended a two-game tailspin, improving to 11-7 overall and 3-3 in the WHAC.

The Lady Crusaders were leading Aquinas College 55-47 midway through the second half; it was their largest lead of the game.

Unfortunately, the Saints answered with their best offensive streak of the game, outscoring Madonna 16-2 to reverse the situation and put themselves up 63-57. The Crusaders could never respond.

Michelle Miela paced Madonna

WOMEN'S HOOP

with 19 points, making 5-of-7 three-point tries. Chris Dietrich added 13 points (including three triples), seven rebounds, four assists and three steals; Kristi Fiorenzi collected eight points and five rebounds; and Carissa Gizicki totaled six points, nine boards and four steals.

The Saints were led by Nicole Mielke with 14 points, 10 rebounds, five assists, four steals and four blocked shots. Renee Bolitho finished with 12 points, Julie Murray scored 11 (with nine rebounds, five assists and four steals) and Mary Bond had 10.

Turnovers proved to be a key factor in the game. Madonna had 25, with their starting five combining for 20 of them; Aquinas had 17.

Delta upends SC

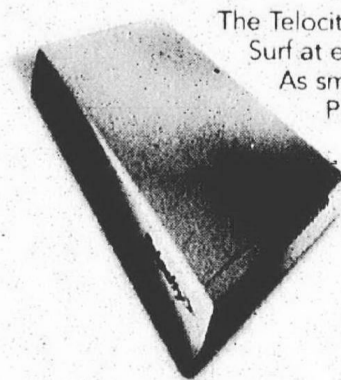
Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team kept battling back Saturday against visiting Delta CC, but could never quite catch the Pioneers in falling, 75-67.

The loss left the Lady Ocelots at 5-9 overall, 4-3 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. Delta is 11-5 overall, 6-1 in the conference.

SC trailed 33-31 at the half, then fell behind by 10 with 7:30 remaining. The Ocelots trimmed that deficit to four with 3:25 to play but could draw no closer.

Antone Watson topped SC with 22 points, six rebounds and five assists; she converted four three-pointers. Janelle Olson added 13 points, Carla Saxton and Angelica Blakely scored 11 apiece and Carly Wright pulled down nine rebounds.

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SEASON/DATES

RABBIT
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

CLASSES/CLINICS

FLY TYING
Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

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.

SHOWS

SILVERDOME BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING

The 17th annual Silverdome Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be held Feb. 2-6 at the Pontiac Silverdome. The show features over 300 boats from more than 75 manufacturers, fishing tackle, fishing trips, charter captains, virtual fishing, trout ponds, seminars, casting demonstrations and more. Show hours are 3-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 2 and 3; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6. Admission is \$7 adult, \$3 for children ages 6-14 and children under five will be admitted free.

DETROIT BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING SHOW

The 42nd annual Detroit Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be 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.

TRAVEL & RV
The 17th annual Camper, Travel and RV Show will be held through Jan. 30 at the Pontiac Silverdome. The show features more than 100 exhibitors with the latest in campers, RVs and travel destinations. Show hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30. Admission is \$6.50 adult and \$3 for children. Ages five and under will be admitted free.

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.

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.

ACTIVITIES

SPORTING FLIES
The Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited is holding the sixth annual Sporting Flies Challenge, 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at the Southfield Civic Center. Participants can try their luck at hitting strategically placed targets on an artificial trout stream. Competition is held in individual, team and club divisions. All proceeds will be used for stream improvement projects within the state. For more information check the Paul H. Young Chapter's web site at www.paulyoung.org or call Bob Batchik at (248) 683-3688.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for information.

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 information.

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.

FLY TYING
The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), 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. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for 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 Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

1999 PERMITS
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.

PERMITS
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 Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

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.

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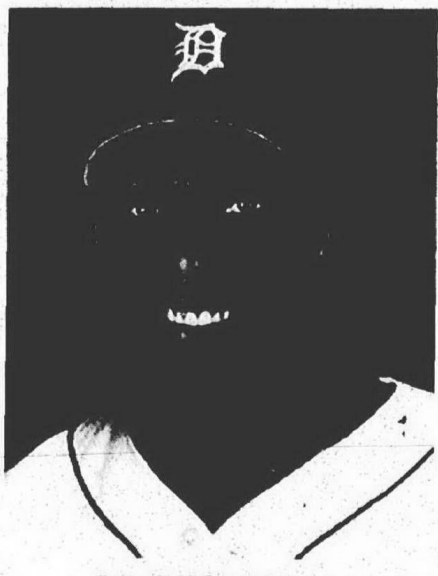
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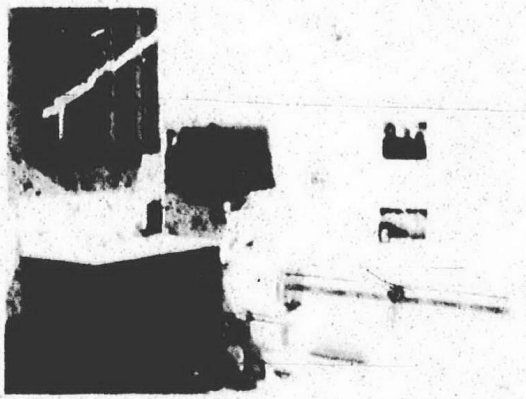
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time Canton scored, Churchill had an answer — and vice-versa. This one was provided by Ryan McDonnell, who got control of a loose puck and shoveled it between Zielinski's pads to make Churchill's lead 4-2 with 12:31 left in the second period. It took Canton less than two minutes to reply. Majszak's second goal came out of a scramble in front of the net, once again

trimming the deficit to one with 10:48 to go. The final two goals were scored with a man in the penalty box — Churchill's Jason Turri. However, the Chargers got the first as Tom Sherman forced a Canton turnover at the blue line and skated in alone on Zielinski, stuffing the puck past him for a 5-3 lead. Thirty seconds later, Majszak

completed his hattrick with a power play goal, assisted by Brad Wolf. That would complete the scoring, as McBroom and Brad Arsnov — who replaced Zielinski in the Canton goal midway through the second period — proved to be unbeatable the rest of the way. "Canton's a very focused team," said Churchill coach Jeff

Hatley, his team now 12-4-1 overall. "We made some turnovers and they were able to capitalize on them. "But we're going to have to forget about this game. We drew them in the first round of the (state) tournament, and they'll be tough to beat." That rematch is one Canton will be looking forward to as well.

Farmington 3, Canton 1: Plymouth Canton kept it close all the way Saturday against Farmington United, but the Chiefs fell a bit short in this WLAA game played at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The Flyers took the early lead, getting second-period goals from Kevin Temerowski and Matt Lee. The Chiefs closed the gap to 2-1 when John Bockstanz scored with 4:17 remaining in the second; Brad Wolf and Jeremy Majszak assisted. But Canton could not get the equalizer against Farmington goalie Logan McLean. Ryan Zielinski was in goal for the Chiefs.

Chiefs kept it close for two periods, but Northville pulled away with two third-period goals Friday at Novi Ice Arena. Canton drew first blood, getting a goal from Sean Depp at the 11:45 mark of the opening period; Mike Carson and Jack Ware assisted. But the Mustangs retaliated with goals from Jason Wilchowski, Scott Schueler and Tim Hillebrand to go up 3-1 after one period. Canton narrowed the gap to one when Brad Wolf scored from Eric Mayer and Jeremy Majszak four minutes into the second period. But the Flyers' Rob Ryan got a goal before the period was out and added another four minutes into the final period. Adam Dille iced the win with a sixth goal for Farmington.

Northville 6, Canton 2: The

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TEAM: 1. Redford Catholic Central; 2. Plymouth Salem; 3. Plymouth Canton; 4. Livonia Stevenson; 5. Garden City.

INDIVIDUAL WEIGHT CLASSES

103 pounds: 1. Kyle Pitt (Canton); 2. Kyle Malo (Churchill); 3. Mike Goethe (Salem); 4. Harry Leipsitz (North Farmington); 5. Sean Bennett (Livonia Franklin).

112: 1. Josh Gunterman (Stevenson); 2. Chris O'Hara (Redford CC); 3. Dan Tondreau (Livonia Clarenceville); 4. Chris Smith (Westland John Glenn); 5. Steve Lenhardt (Churchill).

119: 1. Ron Thompson (Salem); 2. Pat Sayn (GC); 3. Jon Simmons (Farmington); 4. David Teets (John Glenn); 5. Paul Goyt (Wayne Memorial).

125: 1. John Mervyn (Franklin); 2. Rob Ash (Salem); 3. Jon Gregg (Wayne Memorial); 4. Vinnie Zoccoli (Garden City); 5. Chris Hosey (Canton).

130: 1. Jeff Albrecht (John Glenn); 2. Jesse Stevens (Redford Union); 3. Brian Marsh (Wayne); 4. Brian Reed (GC); 5. Greg Musser (Canton).

135: 1. Jeff Wheeler (Redford CC); 2. Steve Dendrinis (Salem); 3. Brandon Templeton (GC); 4. Allen Waddell (John Glenn); 5. Jamie Bair (RU).

140: 1. Josh Henderson (Salem); 2. Jon Pocock (Canton); 3. Josh Fee (Garden City); 4. Jay Abshire (Redford CC); 5. Trevor Clark (N. Farmington).

145: 1. Jeff Usher (Redford Thurston); 2. Steve Abar (Churchill); 3. Joe Faraoni (Canton); 4. Matt Barker (John Glenn); 5. Chris Coopridge (Stevenson).

152: 1. Mike Carter (Churchill); 2. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson); 3. Chris Wolfgang (John Glenn); 4. Mark Ostach (Farmington); 5. Scott McKee (Canton).

160: 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford CC); 2. Mike Falzon (Stevenson); 3. Eric Toska (Franklin); 4. Eric Kelley (RU); 5. Brian Jones (Churchill).

171: 1. Ryan Rogowski (Redford CC); 2. John MacFarland (Stevenson); 3. Ben Lukas (Farmington); 4. Craig Medos (GC); 5. Jose Aguilar (Clarenceville).

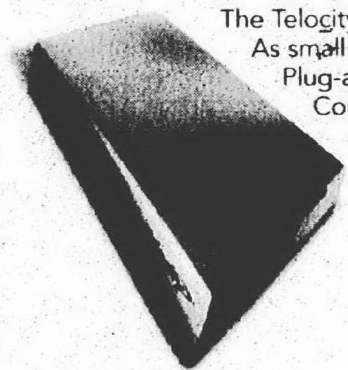
189: 1. Katen McPherson (Clarenceville); 2. Dave Popeney (Salem); 3. Phil Rothwell (Canton); 4. Eric Puninske (Stevenson); 5. Jon Burke (Lutheran Westland).

215: 1. Ollie Muscarella (RU); 2. Nick Smith (Wayne); 3. Kyle Domagalski (Farmington); 4. Ozzi Wagner (Canton); 5. Steve Rotenheber (Clarenceville).

Heavyweight: 1. Josh Rose (Clarenceville); 2. Aaron Parr (Redford CC); 3. Brian Brinsden (Farmington); 4. Derek McWatt (Canton); 5. Brad Tinney (GC).

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Ice stars are big 'Dogs

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Livonia has produced its fair share of college hockey stalwarts.

Among those who played on NCAA championship teams include Ron Griffin of Wisconsin (1977), Mike Donnelly of Michigan State (1986), Chris Tancill of Wisconsin (1990) and Mark Beaufait of Northern Michigan (1991).

It may be premature to predict that another NCAA title is on the horizon, but three Livonians have been instrumental this season in putting Ferris State among college hockey's elite.

Junior center Kevin Swider (Churchill High), sophomore goaltender Phil Osaer (Catholic Central) and head coach Bob Daniels (a Churchill grad) form the Livonia connection which has put the bite back into Bulldogs' hockey program.

Ferris is 15-10-1 overall and 8-9-1 in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, but in the last 17 games FSU is 12-4-1, including a pair of upset wins over top 10 teams Boston University (4-3) and Northeastern (4-0) at the Silverado Shootout (played Dec. 27-28 in Duluth, Minn.).

Swider, in his third season, ranks second in scoring for FSU with 10 goals and 11 assists. Osaer, who splits time with Vince Owen in the nets, is 10-4-1 in 16 games and is among the NCAA leaders in save percentage (.925) and goals-against average (1.97).

"In street clothes those two guys are easy going and mild mannered, but fierce competitors on the ice," said Daniels, who has over 100 wins in eight seasons as FSU's head coach. "They're great athletes, but they also very humble guys. Both are good students, too."

Both Swider and Osaer were named to the Silverado Shootout All-Tournament team. Both are Computer-Information Systems majors. Both traveled similar paths to Big Rapids. Both played for Compuware, a Tier II team in the North American Hockey League.

Swider also played for Omaha (Neb.) Lancers of the U.S. Hockey League, while Osaer, a seventh-round pick of St. Louis Blues, donned the jersey of the Waterloo (Ia.) Black Hawks of the USHL.

"We were in need of offensive players and we were fortunate to get in on Kevin early," Daniels said. "We knew he had the ability and we haven't been disappointed."

"He had a great freshman year (12 goals and 20 assists) and he dipped down a little last year (12 goals and 10 assists), but in his defense we did not have a great offensive team last year."

At 5-10, 170 pounds, Swider

uses speed to his advantage.

"He'll beat just about anybody to the puck," Daniels said. "He's not going to muscle you."

Osaer suited up nine times as a freshman (with five starts) going 2-2-1 with a 1.51 GAA.

"Phil is solid all the way around," Daniels said. "What sets him apart is his ability to play the puck. A lot of young goaltenders tend to overplay the puck. That aspect of the game is hard to teach, but Phil does a good job of reading the ice and getting the puck out of our end. He has great fundamentals."

Osaer, the nephew of University of Maryland head football coach Ron Vanderlinden (also a Livonia native), said he plans to finish out his eligibility with the Bulldogs.

"NHL goalies are usually taken when they're older," Daniels said. "And right now the St. Louis people have told me they're very happy with his progress. I don't see him leaving our program before he graduates."

Last year the Bulldogs were 14-16-6 overall and placed sixth in the CCHA. This season they have already surpassed their win total of a year ago with another month left to go in the regular season.

"The talent level is better this year and we've increased our depth," Swider said. "We have three or four solid lines that we didn't have in the past. We're a lot better than last year. Last season we had kind of an offensive drought. It's back to the way it should be."

And having a razor-sharp Osaer between the pipes has been a major boost.

"He's been a great addition," Swider said. "Both goalies have to compete and they push each other that much harder. I feel confident with either guy in the net."

Ferris State is coming off a tie and a loss over the weekend to Miami of Ohio. The Bulldogs return home this weekend for the first time since Dec. 4 to play CCHA newcomer Nebraska-Omaha.

Interest in the FSU team is beginning to pick up.

"Right now we have confidence going into any game," Swider said. "We feel we have a good chance to win."

Swider also has confidence in his coach, fellow Churchill grad Daniels.

"I met him originally through camps," the Ferris center said. "He's a pretty easy going guy. As long as you do your job, there's no problem."

"He lets us play a little more within the system than last year. It's not restrictive. He lets our skills show through."

Osaer said "every game lately has been of playoff atmosphere."

He said the team's turnaround came at the Silverado Shootout. "We struggled early in the season and I think we were a little overlooked going into that tournament," Osaer said. "That was one of our preseason goals and it was a big accomplishment because those were two quality teams we defeated."

And Daniels is confident the Bulldogs have a chance to make a run in the CCHA playoffs and gain a berth in the semifinals at Joe Louis Arena.

"I feel good about the team," said Daniels, who was three-time NAHL Coach of the Year for the Hennessey Engineers (1983-86). "I think we're right in the thick of things."

And when it comes to the NAHLs, he has that Livonia legacy on his side.

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with 17 points. Ryan Cook added 11 points and seven assists, and Matt McCaffrey scored eight.

The Patriots got 13 points from Joe Ruggiero, 12 from Tim Borrie and 11 from Mike Copeland.

PCA 65, Oakland Christian 43: Plymouth Christian Academy continues to get out of the gate fast. Now it's just a matter of holding on to that lead in the second half — something the Eagles did easily Tuesday against visiting Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

PCA led 22-10 after one quarter and 43-17 at the half, a cushion that made Oakland Christian's 26-22 showing in the second half fruitless.

Dave Carty led the Eagles with 23 points and five steals. Mike Huntsman added 12 points

and 10 rebounds. Josh Means' 22 points was best for the Lancers. Jim Mehlberg had 15.

PCA improved to 5-4 overall, 2-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Oakland Christian slipped to 5-5 overall, 2-2 in the MIAC.

Agape 78, Greater Life 34: Talk about fast starts.

Pontiac Greater Life Academy might have been basking in that belief prior to Tuesday's game at Canton Agape Christian. After all, it was 5-0 overall and unbeaten in two Metro Christian Conference games.

Agape changed all that quickly by scoring the game's first 22 points. It took a full three quarters for Greater Life to match that total.

"They were very flat, we were very high," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "We pressed them and they kept throwing the ball away."

Paul Anleitner's shooting didn't hurt matters, to be sure. The junior guard connected on five three-pointers in the first half, scoring 14 points in the opening quarter and 10 more in the second before his coach (and father) sat him down for the second half.

Julian Wettlin added 17 points. Steven Tong scored nine and Mike Johannes had eight.

Agape led 26-3 by the time the first quarter ended. It was 48-12 by halftime.

The Wolverines kept their MCC record perfect at 3-0; they are 6-3 overall. Greater Life lost for the first time, dropping to 5-1 overall and 2-1 in the MCC.

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behind to win the meet, 48-36. "They were way ahead of us until about 152," Rodriguez said. "Then we starting making the turn there and caught up with them. Our heavyweight locked it up. Aaron Parr pinned his opponent to win the match."

Plymouth Canton, ranked No. 3 behind CC and Salem, seems the most likely candidate to break the stranglehold those teams and Stevenson have on the title.

The Chiefs, who beat Salem in a dual, have placed in four of five tournaments to date and continue to get better, according to coach John Demsick.

"I think we have a real chance at winning it all," he said. "A number of competitive teams and star kids will be performing. We certainly have to wrestle well to do it, but we'd like to be first and take home the (championship) trophy."

"It's within our grasp; whether we can pull it off, we'll have to wait and see. We've wrestled enough competition that our guys are ready to go toe-to-toe with anyone."

Six reigning individual champions will be back to either defend their titles or try to win again in a different weight class.

Stevenson has two of them, including senior Josh Gunterman, who was the co-most valuable wrestler in the lower weights after winning at 112. He's 22-0 and ranked No. 1 at that weight again this year.

"He's grown up quite a bit and is wrestling much more aggressively this year," Stevenson coach Joel Smith said. "This is his last year as a Stevenson Spartan; he has a goal in mind, and he's working every day toward it. With every match, he gets better."

The 152 division includes two of the area's best, Stevenson's Imad Kharbush and Livonia Churchill's Mike Carter.

Carter (25-1) is ranked first and Kharbush (26-2), who is questionable due to a bruised ankle, second. Carter won the 145 title last year, and Kharbush was the 135 champion.

"It took (Carter) a while to adjust to the heavier weight, but he's coming along now and doing pretty well," Churchill coach Marty Altounian said, adding Westland John Glenn's Chris Wolfgang will be a factor, too.

The other defending champs are Wayne Memorial's Jon Gregg, Redford Thurston's Jeff Usher and CC's Mitch Hancock, who won at 119, 140 and 152, respectively, and have moved up one weight this year.

Hancock is 27-0 and has wrestled much of the season at 171, but he has switched weights with sophomore Ryan Rogowski, who was No. 1 at 160.

"(Mitch) is focused; he's really on fire," Rodriguez said, adding Hancock is the "man to beat this year," not just in Observerland but the state. Hancock has beaten the wrestler who defeated him in the state finals last year, Rodriguez added.

"(Rogowski) has a good sparring partner. He has Mitch to work with, and that doesn't hurt you any. He's a hard worker in his own right. He's going to give people fits, more so next year. He's just starting to grow."

Six wrestlers who were runners-up last year will be competing again, too. They are (with 1999 weights in parentheses) Farmington's Brian Brinsden (275), CC's Chris O'Hara (103), Canton's Greg Musser (125), Glenn's Jeff Albrecht (130), Stevenson's Mike Falzon (140) and Clarenceville's Kalen McPherson (215).

CC senior Jeff Wheeler is No. 1 at 135, and sophomore Jay Abshire is a contender at 140. Senior Sean Bell (145) is hurt and won't wrestle Saturday.

"(Wheeler) is just starting to shine and believe in himself," Rodriguez said. "He found himself this year with his technique; he has great shots. He's going to be tested by this boy (Steve Dendinos) from Salem, though."

Canton has eight individuals in the weekly rankings, including senior Kyle Pitt, who is 26-0 and No. 1 at 103. Musser, a sophomore, has a 22-5 record, and senior Jon Pocock (140) is 24-2.

"The only bad day (Pitt) had is when he major decisioned someone," Demsick said. "Other than that, he's just gone through everyone."

"Jon is a very strong wrestler and, although he has some obstacles he'll have to overcome, he could take first."

"Everybody on our team can place. There are some weight classes we're not going to have a real strong showing but, really,

all can place."

Garden City, which finished third last year, is fifth in the area rankings and, with eight wrestlers among the top five at their weights, is a contender to earn another team trophy. The Cougars are 11-1 in duals.

"If we wrestle well, we'll go top five, maybe," Garden City coach Dave Chiola said, adding the Cougars will be without 103-pound Scott Massey, who is away on a school field trip. "I haven't seen (CC), but other people tell me they're pretty solid

and they're going to be tough to beat.

"This is one of my favorite tournaments, because all the coaches know each other well and it's good, friendly competition. I look forward to it every year."

Garden City's Pat Sayn (119), Vinnie Zoccoli (125) and Josh Fee (140) have more than 25 wins apiece, as does Massey. Brandon Templeton (135) and Craig Medos (171) have over 20 each, and Brian Reed (130) might surprise some people,

according to Chiola.

Stevenson's Falzon has a 23-6 record, John MacFarland (171) 22-4 and Bill Bullock (119) 20-11. The Spartans might be minus heavyweight Dan Hine, who also has a bruised ankle.

"To upset CC, we're going to have everything going in the right direction," Smith said. "That's a perfect day."

"This tournament is won and lost in the consolation finals. That brings up a lot of points when you have guys placing

third and fourth.

Salem's team has sufficiently recovered from a recent bout with ring worm to be a factor in the tournament, according to Wochuk.

"From the original onset, we still have some kids out," he said. "We can't even have them in the room. We got two back who haven't been in the room for two weeks."

"I don't know if other schools go to this extreme, but we go to great lengths to keep it out of

the room. We don't have much depth (because of it); we're a little thin in some places."

The Rocks are led by Ron Thompson and Josh Henderson, who are ranked first at 119 and 140, respectively. Thompson is 20-3 and Henderson 18-5. Rob Ash, who is second at 125 behind former Salem wrestler John Mervyn, is 24-1.

"We're tough at the bottom, and we thin out at the top, as far as experience, except for Mike Popeney," Wochuk said.

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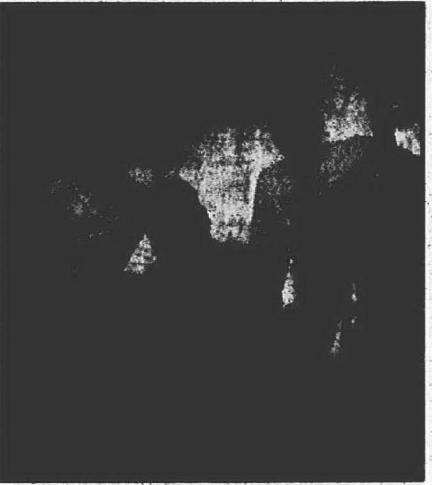
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Of MICE And MEN

FARMINGTON PLAYERS REVISIT THE 1930S

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A longtime fan of John Steinbeck, Suzanne Rogers thinks the Nobel Prize-winning author would be pleased that the Farmington Players are opening their run "Of Mice and Men" with a benefit for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen on Friday, Feb. 4. Directed by Rogers and produced by Mary Ann Tweedie, the riveting drama revisits the depressed era of the 1930s.

"We've done a lot of research, trying to be true to Steinbeck and as authentic as we can to what he was trying to say and also true to the times — these migrant workers and what life must have been like for them," said Rogers, who joined the Farmington Players 20 years ago. "Steinbeck's career started in the '20s. He's done some of the work his characters do — migrant worker. Until the late '30s when he became known, he really lived the struggling artist's life."

"The Capuchins started the soup kitchen when the stock market crashed and they wanted to do something about hunger in Detroit. The Capuchins will be providing home baked bread from their kitchen that night. It's a Depression party with a simple meal that might be reminiscent of that time. In keeping with the show and neighborliness, we're going to have hearty, comfort foods prepared by some of the members. It's really different for us, a groundswell effort from our own ranks."

Phil Hadley plays Slim in the pro-

duction. He agrees that tying the benefit to the drama is a natural. So is the exhibit of artworks by Nora Mendoza, which continues through the run of the show. The West Bloomfield artist's "Migrant Worker" series captures the dismal living and working conditions in the camps and fields. Known internationally for her socially conscious paintings, Mendoza will be on hand for the opening.

"Of Mice and Men takes place in the depression and deals with less fortunate people and that's what the Capuchin Soup Kitchen does," said Hadley. "It's timeless. The dream has a hope for the future."

Benefit performance

The Capuchin benefit is the second this season. Proceeds from a fund-raiser for the opening of "The Women" on Nov. 5 went to the breast cancer program at Henry Ford Health System's Josephine Ford Cancer Center. Both events are part of a plan to give back to the community in return for help in building a new theater facility for the Farmington Players.

"Of Mice and Men"

WHAT: John Steinbeck's riveting story about two drifters with a special friendship and big dreams.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, Feb. 11-12, 18-19, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 13 and 20.

WHERE: Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads.

TICKETS: \$12; 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 performance is a benefit for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, tickets are \$50. Call (248) 553-2955 to reserve tickets, or for more information.

The dairy barn, which has been the Farmington Players' home for 45 years, comes down after the "Kiss Me Kate" production in May and a gala benefit in June. Groundbreaking for the single level, barrier free facility will be held in July. The new facility is scheduled to open the 2001-02 season. It will seat 240, compared to 170 now. It will be a place for all members of the community to gather. Hadley, a Players board member and manager of the new barn, said it's a very flexible facility with a recital and performance hall and meeting rooms for



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Award winning drama: Kathleen Warner (left), Curley's wife, taunts John Boufford (front), Lennie, just as Thomas Adams, who plays George, walks onto the set "Of Mice and Men."

other areas of the community to use. An art display area will allow the audience to take in exhibits such as Mendoza's.

"We've had benefits for ourselves before but only this season have started to reach out to the community," said Rogers, who came up with the idea for the first fund-raiser. "We want to lay a financial foundation for the new theater. We've been reaching out to the community a lot. We've been asking for money for the new theater and wanted to give back."

Reversing roles

Michael Carraway wanted to be in one of the last productions before the old barn is razed at the end of the season. A member of the Farmington Players for 20 years, this is his first time on stage. In the past, his day job as a director and producer of corporate films prevented him from acting because of the travel involved. Carraway plays The Boss.

"The dog is on more than I am," joked Carraway of West Bloomfield. "I wanted to be able to say I was on stage. I don't want to make more of my character than it deserves. Since we've begun rehearsals, one of the things that I've always been cognizant of is communicating with the director, putting yourself in his place. It's a lot of trust in yourself and in the people helping you."

This is John Boufford's first show as well. He plays Lennie, the slow drifter who's enamored of George (played by Thomas Adams). Boufford's biggest challenge so far "is to remember all his lines." He said, he's not nervous about the part otherwise.

"I'm a lawyer so nothing scares me," said the 28-year old Boufford. "I'm used to being in front of a room full of jurors. And I like my character. He's the ultimate child at heart. He captures that one part of us that wants to be a child."

This is Thomas Adams "first big drama" although he's been in theater since grade school. Many of his roles were in musicals.

"It was very overwhelming, especially when I first got the part," said Adams of Farmington. "I relate to my character in certain aspects. He has a big heart. He does have some explosive moments and that's how I'm unlike him."

A fight coach, Eric Graton from The Hilberly is working with cast members to choreograph the two fight scenes in the production. Until the sessions began Frank Ginis worried someone might be injured.

"I'm a big Steinbeck fan," said Ginis. "My role as Curley is physically difficult, but we've had a coach here showing us warm-up exercises and different punches. The idea is to make the fight look real without hurting each other."

GAMING

Ladies and gentlemen, place your bets

Keeping watch: Cathy Koch (right) of Farmington Hills keeps an eye on Sue Johnson as she runs a Caribbean stud poker game at the MGM Grand Casino.



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STAFF WRITER

Lights flash and smoke from cigars and cigarettes wafts through the air.

A drink order arrives as a group of voices climbs above the already deafening din. Not the place one would expect to witness a birth but from her perch, Cathy Koch of Farmington Hills sees thousands of them every night.

Koch has no formal medical training. For 21 years she taught music at Roosevelt Elementary School in Oak Park. Last year, she traded in the satisfaction she received when helping young fingers manage clarinets and trumpets to preside over a nightshift birthing station where hundreds of winners and losers are born every minute — Detroit's MGM Grand Casino.

Determining whether the newborn belongs to the winner or loser family is not a difficult task for Koch. A partial clue to the player's lineage sits before

Competition is good winning is better

For several months MGM enjoyed a local monopoly on legalized gaming in Detroit but competition, the life blood of a capitalist society, put an end to that.

The former Wonder Bread bakery at Grand River Avenue and the Lodge Freeway represents the city's second temporary casino.

With 188,000 square feet of gaming space spread over four floors, the Motor City Casino boasts more total parking and gambling space than its older sibling.

One-hundred-thirty-six table games and 2,618 electronic games, including slot machines and video poker, fill the spaces where bakery ovens once produced the soft, white bread made famous in Detroit.

While the MGM Grand opened to rounds of criticism for its sometimes difficult parking configurations, Motor City offers patrons 3,000 free car spaces in a four-story garage.

Motor City also offers convenience to patrons, being situated directly off the Lodge Freeway.

In the event of car trouble, Motor City offers patrons free basic assistance like jump starts.

Motor City is operated by the Mandalay Restort Group, formerly Circus Circus Enterprises.

The group operates 11 gaming properties in Nevada including the Excalibur in Las Vegas.

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'Jake's Women' will make you laugh and cry

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents the Neil Simon comedy, "Jake's Women" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29 at the playhouse on Madison near the southwest corner of Monroe and Outer Drive in Dearborn. Tickets \$11, call (313) 561-TRKS.

BY SUE SUCHETTA
SPECIAL WRITER

The Player's Guild of Dearborn's production of Neil Simon's "Jake's Women" is witty and touching. This mature comedy relies more on the strength of its characters and less on one-liners and physical humor.

Under Nancy Wolter's direction, the cast has taken a well-written script and turned it into

an intriguing, entertaining evening of theater.

Simon's Jake, a playwright, narrates the play. He is at a crisis point in his life — his second marriage is in danger of dissolving, and he can't let go of the memories of his first wife, who died in an auto accident.

Jake has lived his life creating stories through his plays, and now he creates his own play, conjuring his wives, sister, therapist and daughter from both the present and the past, to try to figure out his own life.

Though Jake supposedly is creating the scene in his mind, his characters tease him, challenge him and force him to confront his shortcomings.

Lonnie Valentini of Livonia as Jake heads up the cast as a man full of contradictions. He wears his heart on his sleeve yet holds a part of himself back, hiding behind his cleverly crafted words. Jake is both proud and insecure. Valentini was able to capture these contradictions, and weave them into one believable character.

Kim Donovan of Farmington Hills as Julie, the first wife, has the spirit and energy to deliver a remarkable, touching performance.

Emily Trybón as Maggie, Jake's second wife, is an interesting contrast to Donovan's Julie. Though Jake was drawn to women of spirit, Maggie repre-

sented a more pragmatic, mature relationship, one more rooted in everyday reality in contrast to the heady dreams of Jake's first love. Maggie is Jake's true foil and equalizer — she is his reality check, and her mature love pulls him out of the past and gives him the courage to face his future, and to surrender some of his self-absorption. She makes him realize he must forgive those he loves before he can ever forgive himself and get on with his life. Trybón kept a good balance between the sad and the humorous aspect of her role, bringing strength and balance to her character's kaleidoscope of emotion.

Caitlin Donovan of Farming-

ton Hills brought energy and enthusiasm to her role as young Molly, Jake's daughter. Meredith Gordon conveyed finesse and a natural stage presence to her role as the older Molly.

Sally Hart Goodman made Karen the ideal big sister, capable of dispensing advice and sympathy without becoming preachy or wearing out her welcome. Patti Jones, as Edith, added a touch of saucy humor to the role of Jake's therapist, without letting him take himself too seriously.

Jones showed more self confidence in this role than she's shown in the past, and is coming into her own as a strong character actress.

Jeanine Matlow is marvelously funny as Sheila, Jake's girlfriend of convenience when Maggie takes a hiatus from him.

Nancy Wolter and John Calder's set design is clean and classy, with two levels, and multiple entrances and exits are integrated well into its layout. Mary Calder and Diana Reynolds' costumes are elegant and flattering to the characters.

You'll laugh and cry, and you'll leave with the hope that Jake really can get his girl and his life back on track. You'll share his frustrations and recognize your common kinship, while enjoying the quick paced entertainment.

Century Theatre presents musical tribute to Patsy Cline

(PRNewswire) — Get ready to tap your fingers and stomp your feet when "Always ... Patsy Cline" opens at Detroit's Century Theatre on Wednesday, Feb. 23.

This musical tribute to the country music great features over 20 of Cline's best known hits, including "Walkin' After Midnight," "Your Cheatin' Heart," "Crazy," "I Fall To Pieces" and "Back in Baby's Arms."

Written and directed by Texas playwright Ted Swindley,

"Always ... Patsy Cline" is a retrospective of Patsy Cline's music career, told through the eyes of comedic housewife Louise Seger (actress Diana Rogers), a long-time adoring fan. Seger's brief encounter with Patsy Cline in 1961 and subsequent correspondence with the country music sensation provide the basis for the show's dialogue.

Joined onstage by a six-piece honky-tonk band, actress Jessica Welch gives a concert performance of Patsy Cline's most

memorable songs while wearing fashions similar to the unique ensembles adorned by Cline, dubbed the "Glamour Girl of Country Music."

"Always ... Patsy Cline" is based on actual events in the singer's life, and includes the text of a letter she wrote in 1961 to Louise Seger. In 1963, Cline died in a plane crash, ending a flourishing career at age 30.

"Always ... Patsy Cline" is a celebration of Patsy Cline's timeless vocal style and legendary

appeal. The show has been entertaining audiences of all ages and musical tastes, and was one of the top ten shows produced across the country in 1998.

"Always ... Patsy Cline" opens with two weeks of half-price previews beginning Feb. 23. Open-ended run begins Wednesday, March 8.

Tickets for "Always ... Patsy Cline" are available at the Gem and Century box office (313) 963-9800, and all Ticketmaster loca-

tions, (248) 645-6666.

Preview tickets range from \$12.25 to \$17.25; regular run tickets \$24.50 to \$34.50.

Theatre/dinner packages are available at the adjoining Century Club Restaurant. Visit the Gem Theatre online at www.gemtheatre.com

The Gem and Century Theatres are located in the heart of Detroit's burgeoning entertainment district. Built in 1903 by noted architect George D. Mason

and recently restored by Detroit developer Chuck Forbes, the Century Club building now houses a 200-seat theater, fine-dining restaurant and banquet facility. In 1997, the Gem and Century building was moved from its former location and transported to the corner of Madison Avenue and Brush. The 1,850 feet, five-block journey made history, breaking the 1986 Guinness Book world record as the heaviest building ever moved on wheels.

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them in the form of colored casino chips. Players who walk away with larger piles of the blue, black and red chips than they started with often belong to the winner family but the measure is not entirely accurate.

For the true paternity test, knowing players and dealers alike look to manners for the final say.

"I've seen big winners be big losers and big losers be big winners just based on the way they choose to conduct themselves," Koch said.

One of her first lessons in casino etiquette came in 1980 when Koch and a friend took a short getaway vacation to the country's mecca of legalized gam-

bling, Las Vegas.

Just 24 at the time, Koch recalls the excitement she felt as she placed herself in the comfortable players chair and took her first look at the deep green felt of the blackjack table. Several of her first hands were relatively simple transactions — dealer gives cards, player loses money.

Blackjack is a singular sport. It pits player against dealer. The sport uses only two pieces of equipment, cards and cash. Both are to be revered by the players.

The game became complicated for Koch when a player near her began to give voice to his impatience with her inexperience.

Koch left most of her money with the blackjack dealers dur-

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ing that trip but she came away with something more valuable — knowledge.

Waiting in the airport for her return flight to Michigan, Koch purchased a book about blackjack and read it cover to cover. On her next trip she knew the basics of the game. On her next five trips, she began to learn the nuances of it.

Stories telling of the embarrassment and frustration felt by players breaking this rule can be found in various Internet chat rooms where people tell of the highs and lows of the gaming

life.

ArticBear posted a tale of his own brush against casino manners when a dealer at an Atlantic City casino rebuffed him for attempting to take an empty seat at a blackjack table before the deck had been completely dealt through.

In a response posting from the Wizard of Odds, ArticBear learned the rebuff was a rarity but may have meant the house was concerned that he was attempting to cheat.

"Many casinos have rules against mid entry," Koch said.

"Imagine I'm sitting at a table for a while playing only the minimum bet. My big bankroll partner stands nearby. When the deck turns positive, I signal him to come over and plunge in with a big bet."

MGM's philosophy asks newly-entering players to sit patiently until a hand has been played before attempting to break into a blackjack game.

Seats are open to all, but new or inexperienced players are advised to beware of the farthest seat from the left, known as third base.

New players in this seat often catch the wrath of others when they make improper card choices.

In terms of odds, the Wizard believes an inexperienced player in any seat at a blackjack table has as much chance of helping the overall odds as hurting them.

A player approaching one of Koch's tables looking to exchange a handful of bills for some casino chips while a hand is being dealt will understand soon that money is not to be exchanged until play has stopped.

In some casinos, blackjack hands are dealt face down and players are asked to touch cards with only one hand. MGM uses an all face up system so players are asked not to touch cards at all.

Communicating with a dealer is a nonverbal matter. A knuckle knocked on the table is the signal for another card. An open hand waving over the table indicates a player wishes no more cards.

In the end, new and experienced players alike would do best to remember the No. 1 rule of the game. Don't bet unless you are willing to lose.

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ART IN THE COMMUNITY

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION
"Looking Back/Facing Forward," an exhibition of paintings and drawings by Toni Stevens continues through Monday, Jan. 31 at the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington

Road. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

"POLAND: A CELEBRATION OF ART AND CULTURE"
The Plymouth Community Arts Council's Cultural Diversity Series continues with Polish art, dance and food 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth.

Sample Polish food and pastries, prepared by Three Brothers Restaurant and the culinary students at Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton high schools at 1 p.m., and enjoy a performance by the Wawel Dancers at 2 p.m. Meet artist Marion Owczarski whose works will be on display until Wednesday, March 1. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, until 9 p.m. Wednesday, until noon, Thursday-Friday. Call (734) 416-

4278 for more information.
ANN ARBOR ART CENTER GALLERY
Through Feb. 19 — "Collective Memories," work of artists Linda Soberman and Jennifer Martin at 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 994-8004.

CALL FOR ARTISTS
The Livonia Arts Commission is looking for exhibitors for its 24th annual Juried Art Festival — Art in the Village, Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11 at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia. Deadline for entry is Friday, Feb. 11. For an application, call Livonia Community Resources Department at (734) 466-2540.
Canton Township is also seeking artists for its ninth annual Fine Art and Fine Craft Show at Liberty Fest June 24-25 in Heritage Park. Deadline for application is April 15. Call (734) 453-3710. In addition, any art student in middle or high school in the Plymouth Canton Schools can display and sell their wares in a student booth for free.

BOHEMIANS MUSIC COMPETITION
Deadline for the third annual Solo Concerto Competition for orchestral instruments is April 1. Prizes are \$500-\$1500 and Wayne State University will match each prize with a scholarship should winners decide to further their musical education at WSU. High school and college students (between ages 16 and 22) throughout Michigan are eligible. Submit tape to Herbert Couf, President, c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russell Drive, Farmington Hills, 48331 or e-mail for further info to CoufLinks@aol.com.

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FILM SERIES

Detroit Film Theatre: A winter festival of new and restored films

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Forget the Sundance and the Toronto Film festivals.

In the metro area, there's only one place to see the best of both cinematic worlds year-round — the Detroit Film Theatre. With the onset of the DFT's winter and spring season comes a collection of new films and newly restored classics emanating with heart, simplicity and raw truth.

This season, the theater hosts a complete retrospective of the works of documentary filmmaker Errol Morris, an unconventional filmmaker whose documentaries have influenced change within the genre and among viewers' perceptions of it.

"People tend to think of the documentary as boring, good for you, as someone preaching to you," said Elliot Wilhelm, curator of the Detroit Film Theatre. But Errol Morris crushes those preconceptions.

In the "Gates of Heaven," the filmmaker found inspiration from a newspaper headline he read about a pet cemetery. In researching the issue, Wilhelm explained, Morris discovered a story that goes beyond the limits to explore family dynamics and the quest for the American

Detroit Film Theatre

Where: The Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Theater entrance at John R. and Farnsworth St.

Tickets: \$5.50, full-time students with ID, and DIA members with membership card, \$4.50. Discount coupons available in books of five for \$20. To reserve seats, obtain a complete schedule, or for more information on the Winter and Spring 2000 Detroit Film Theatre Series, call (313) 833-3237.

Event: Oscar Night America, Sunday, March 26 at the Roostertail Club in Detroit to benefit the Cinematic Arts Council, which is dedicated to providing support to the DIA's Department of Film and Video and the Detroit Film Theatre. Call (313) 833-7967 for ticket information.

Dream.

With "The Thin Blue Line," Morris made an even bigger impact — on the life of an innocent man sitting on death row. Sticking to what could be a rather morbid theme in his work, Morris uncovers hope. What began as a look at the life of a psychologist and the inmates he examined on death row became a crusade that ultimately freed an innocent man. Wilhelm pointed out that Morris is known for beginning a documentary without regard to where it might end.

By incorporating re-enactments to illustrate eyewitness accounts of the "truth" in this film, Errol Morris "changed the shape of the American documentary," said Wilhelm. "It became accepted that there are different

ways to present the truth... Documentary is something on the edges of real movie-making, and it shouldn't be."

From ground-breaking documentaries to a new voice for silent films, the DFT brings back Cambridge, Massachusetts's own Alloy Orchestra this April — who will premiere original scores for five films.

"The performance will be alive," said Wilhelm, who first discovered the orchestra at the Telluride Film Festival. More than five years ago, he incorporated the Alloy Orchestra into the DFT schedule for an annual appearance. The Detroit appearance has since become the orchestra's single largest draw.

This year, the orchestra will set music to comedies like Charles Chaplin's "Easy Street" and Roland West's 1930 release "The Bat Whispers," the main influence for Batman. The first film with Alloy accompaniment, "South," will be a partially improvisational score. In some ways, these engagements are a throwback to the early days of film.

"Silent films were never really showed silent," said Wilhelm. "They were always accompanied by some sort of score."

Films like D.W. Griffith's "Birth of a Nation" and "Intolerance" were accompanied by scores to be played with the films, but over the years, some scores, or portions of them have been lost. By including the performance of the Alloy Orchestra, Wilhelm said, the music takes the film "out of the realm of being an antique and brings it to life."

The DFT also gives life to films which may not see the light of day elsewhere with its eclectic Monday Night Series that spotlights the best of feisty independent films and beautifully restored classics.

The 38th Annual Ann Arbor Film Festival Tour — a four-hour showing of the festival's best works — will make a stop on Monday, May 1, to flaunt independent works from across the country in a setting Wilhelm refers to as "The Real Sundance." In the Metro Area, the DFT may be the most diverse, educational, engaging and continuous festival of film as visual artwork.



Documentary: Fred A. Leuchter Jr. in Errol Morris' "Mr. Death."

A night of theater:

Something to see at the DFT

■ **American Movie** (1999: 104 minutes) 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5; 4 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6.

Meet filmmaker Mark Borchardt. This is the true story of a man who will not give up the fight to make his own horror film, "Coven," despite the lack of a budget and against the odds. Director: Chris Smith.

■ **The Acid House** (1998: 112 minutes) 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7.

Set to be a cult classic, the DFT sought to bring it to screen one time — in all its mean-spirited glory. This adaptation of three short stories by "Trainspotting" author Irvine Welsh is strictly for viewers 18 and older. Director: Paul McGuigan.

■ **Rear Window** (1954: 113 minutes) 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11; 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 12-13.

Shown for the first time in totally-restored form, this Alfred Hitchcock thriller about voyeurism inspired other legendary directors like Francois Truffaut. What would you do if you witnessed a murder?

■ **The War Zone** (1999: 99 minutes) 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18; 4 and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 19.

Actor Tim Roth takes to the director's chair for the first time in this painfully honest look at a family's disintegration in the face of incest. Not appropriate for people under 18.

■ **The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg** (1999: 90 minutes) 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 31; 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 1-2.

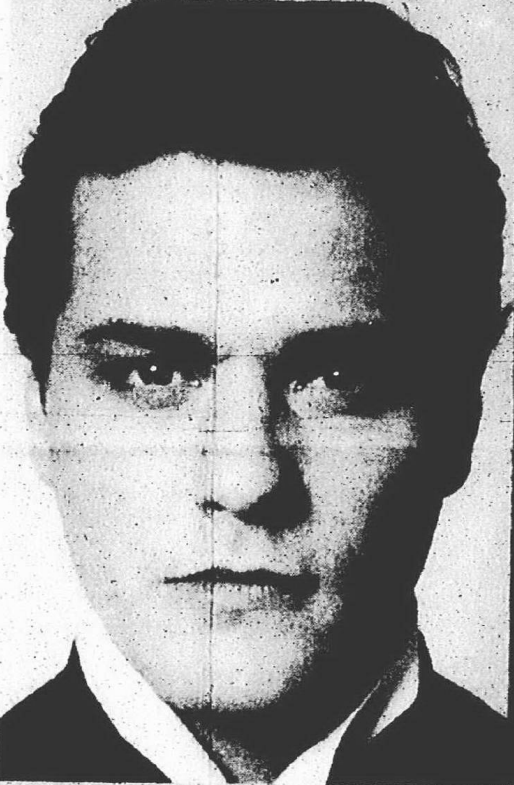
Metro Detroiters will cherish this documentary of the legendary Detroit Tiger who almost broke Babe Ruth's home run record in the 1930s. Director: Aviva Kempner.

■ **The Edge of the World** (1937: 81 minutes) 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 3.

DFT Curator Elliot Wilhelm calls it a "simple story told with elegance." Michael Powell directed this story of a group of islanders in the North Sea who are forced to move to the mainland.

■ **The Trial** (1963: 119 minutes) 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 10.

The film Orson Welles considered his finest work. "The Trial" is based on Franz Kafka's novel. After 30 years, Welles' missing negative has been found, rescuing this cinematic work.



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GEM THEATRE: "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through March 26, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: "Dangerous Osession," continues to Sunday, Jan. 30, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University Rochester. \$24-\$35, (\$19.50-\$24 previews Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 5-7) (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

WSU BONSTELLE: "Before It Hits Home," explores how people and families change and grow when outside situations hit home, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at 3424 Woodward, Detroit. \$8-\$10. (313) 577-2960

WSU HILBERRY: "Our Town" through Saturday, April 15, family night 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 (\$15, \$5 children), also 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 27-28; "Some Americans Abroad," through Saturday, Feb. 5, at the theater 4743 Cass, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS: "Made in the USA: Encore," a musical review showcasing the past century of American song and dance, Jan. 27-29, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$15, student/senior/group rates available Thursday and Sunday performances. (248) 608-9077

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: Present comedian Norm Stulz with master of ceremonies Jesse James Lundy, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, at the theater, Clarkston. \$12. (248) 625-8811

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Perform John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, Feb. 11-12, 18-19, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 13 and 20, at the Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. \$12; 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 performance is a benefit for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, tickets are \$50 and includes a theme dinner after the show. (248) 553-2955

MT. ZION THEATRE: "The Celestial Helix and Other One-Act Plays," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 28-29 and Feb. 4-5 and 11-12, interpretation for the deaf Feb. 4, at the Mt. Zion Center for the Performing Arts, 4453 Clintonville Road, Waterford. \$8 advance, \$10 at door, \$7 students/seniors/groups of 20 or more. (248) 673-5432

MORRISCO ART THEATRE: "The Lady's Not for Burning," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 3-5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Ann Arbor Civic Theatre. \$15, \$12 students/seniors. (734) 996-2549

PLAYER'S GUILD OF DEARBORN: "Jake's Women," Jan. 28-29, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, at 21730 Madison, South of Outer Drive and East of Monroe, Dearborn. \$11. (313) 561-TKTS

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY: "A Soldier's Play" opens 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 (\$10) and continues through Sunday, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 6 p.m. Sundays, at Detroit's Holistic Development Center, 17425 Secor Blvd. near West McNichols and Woodward. \$15-\$18. (313) 872-0279

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS: "Deathtrap," Jan. 21-23 and 28-30, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sundays, at 205 W. Long Lake, between Livernois and Crooks, Troy. \$11, \$10 seniors/students. (248) 988-7049

ST. DUNSTON'S GUILD OF CRANBROOK: "The Foreigner," Jan. 27-29, at the theater on the campus of Cranbrook Education Community, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-0527



Open Sesame: It's an exciting day on Sesame Street when Prairie Dawn gathers her friends and stages "When I Grow Up," a Sesame Street Live pageant about growing up playing until Sunday, Jan. 30 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Telly Monster dreams of becoming a baseball player, Cookie Monster hopes to own the world's first drive-in cookie restaurant, and Elmo, want's to be everything. In this musical extravaganza about discovering dreams, children learn that they can become anything if only they put their minds to it. Tickets \$25, \$16, \$14 and \$10 available at the box office and all Ticketmaster locations. Call (313) 983-6611 for show times and other information, or online at www.olympiaentertainment.com. To charge tickets, call (248) 433-1515, or online at www.ticketmaster.com

STAGECRAFTERS: "Cinderella," through Feb. 6, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays (except Thursday, Feb. 3), and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$14-\$16. (248) 541-6430

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM: "Oliver," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 28-29 and Feb. 4-5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, south of Maple, Birmingham. \$14, \$12 students under 18 and under. (248) 644-2075

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE: "Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays \$25 Thursdays and Sundays, and \$30 Fridays-Saturdays, and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

FOX LAIR DINNER THEATRE: Presents "Murder at the Howard Johnson's," a hilarious comedy opening Saturday, Jan. 22, Saturday nights only, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner (show follows), at Fox Hills Golf Club, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. \$29.95. (734) 453-7272

RAMADA HOTEL DINNER THEATRE: "Fools," a comic fable by Neil Simon, opens Thursday, evening Feb. 3 and continues on alternate Thursdays, 7 p.m. dinner, show follows, at the theater, Southfield. \$25. (248) 544-0283

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

ANNIE JR.: Runs 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. \$5. (313) 535-8962

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: "Jack and the Beanstalk," a musical puppet show for children, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 29-30, at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. \$5. (248) 625-8811

LITTLE PEOPLE PLAYERS: "The Frog Prince," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Novi Civic Center Stage. \$10, \$8 advance. (248) 347-0440

PUPPETART: "Close the Window...or Chelm's Law," 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

SPECIAL EVENTS

CABARETFEST/KERRYTOWN: Features Julie Wilson, New York cabaret artist, jazz/cabaret singer Shahida Nurullah, French chanteuse Jeanette Lorente with accordionist Peter Soave, Andy Kirshner as "Doctor Nathan Feelgood in Person," singers Deanna Relyea and Julia Broxholm, U-M Musical Theatre student preview of William Bolcom's "Casino Paradise," Friday Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Kerrytown Concert House, Workbench Furniture, Kerrytown Bistro and Sweet Lorraine's, Ann Arbor. (734) 769-2999 or www.kerrytown.com/concerthouse

CAMPER, TRAVEL & RV SHOW: 9:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 26-28, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Pontiac Silverdome. \$6.50, \$3 children. (616) 530-1919 or www.ShowSpan.com

COOKING CLASS: With Chef Aldo 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31 at Andiamo Osteria, Rochester. \$39.95, includes dinner. (248) 601-9300

DADDY-DAUGHTER DINNER/DANCE: Dance 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 (\$6), dinner 5:30 p.m. (\$7), at the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, Feb. 2 (248) 354-9603

DAVID COPPERFIELD: "Journey of a Lifetime" Tickets on sale now for five magical performances, March 24-26, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$45. Call (248) 645-6666

MOTOR CITY EXTRAVA CON: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Knights of Columbus, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

POLISH CELEBRATION: The Plymouth Community Arts Council's Cultural Diversity Series continues with Polish art, dance and food, opening reception 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30; sampling of Polish food and pastries at 1 p.m., performance by the Wawel Dancers at 2 p.m., eat artist Marion Owczarski whose works will be on display until Wednesday, March 1, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. Free. (734) 416-4278

T.G.I.F.: An evening of art (photography exhibit "Robert Frank: The Americans"); music by New Anxiety, 8-11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$20 non-members advance, \$15 members advance; \$25 non-members at doors. (248) 691-1800, ext. 107



Singer: Craig Taubman, a family entertainer whose albums have won two Parent's Choice Awards, performs 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, and 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 at Congregation Beth Ahm in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 851-6880 for ticket information.

VICTORIO ANTONIO AND BRAD DEROCHE: The classical guitarists perform 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$7 students. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

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) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "No. No Nonet" is the annual chamber orchestra concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 7 p.m. pre-concert chat with conductor Nan Washburn, in the Plymouth Canton Little Theatre, 8415 N. Canton Center Road. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students. (734) 451-2112

SOUTHFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Concert featuring classical compositions by African-American composers, and the Brazeal Dendard Chorale, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$12, \$9 students/seniors. (248) 557-2085

NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Concert singer Erik Chalfant, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 at the church in Farmington Hills. Light reception precedes concert at 2:15 p.m. (248) 476-8860

POPS/SWING

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Erich Kunzel directs the orchestra in music by Richard Rodgers and his two lyricists Lorenzo Hart and Oscar Hammerstein, with the Detroit Concert Choir, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$18-\$47. (313) 576-5111

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: "Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through November, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

ALTURO SHELTON: The musical impressionist sings "A Motown Tribute," voices include Stevie Wonder, Sammie Davis, Jr., Redd Fox and Nat King Cole, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Ponchatrain Hotel, Washington Blvd. and Jefferson, Detroit. No cover. (313) 965-0200/(248) 354-1194

AUDITIONS

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS: Auditions will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1 by appointment, tenors and basses are especially needed by there are some openings for sopranos and altos, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE: Auditions for West Side Story 6-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11 and 1-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 12-13, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe. For performances May 4-20. (248) 594-9673/(313) 884-0196 or www.gpt.org

JAZZ & SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE: Auditions 3 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 5 and 12, and 11 a.m. Sundays, Feb. 6 and 13, at the Northwest Activities Center, Detroit. (313) 862-0966

SESAME STREET LIVE: Auditions for actors who can dance and dancers who can act for national touring stage productions, 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit. (612) 375-9670, ext. 704 or www.sesamestreetlive.com

SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION: The Bohemians Club (also known as The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), hosts its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college students ages 16-22), must submit performance tape by April 1. For application, e-mail CoufLinks@aol.com

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA

REDFORD: Is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford.

VOCAL COMPETITION: Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan is looking for entrants for its sixth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School Students, finalists will be selected from cassette audiotape auditions of each contestant singing submitted through their respective high schools, deadline for entry is Saturday, Feb. 19. Each of the 10 finalists perform before a live audience at a concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at the Italian-American Cultural Center in Warren. (734) 455-8895

WORLD MUSIC

RICH K. AND BRAZIL: 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With Steve Carryer, guitar and Jerry McKenzie, drums 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, with trumpeter Bill Lucas 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. \$5 cover. Reservations recommended for the Jazz Room. (734) 762-7756

SHAHIDA NURULLAH: 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

ROBERT PENN: 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 and 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

JANET TENAJ TRIO: Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

PAUL VENTIMIGLIA: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

ED WELLS: The pianist performs 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY TAMBURITZANS: The Eastern European folklore ensemble performs 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, in Schaublin Auditorium in Lakeview High School, St. Claire Shores. (248) 645-6666/(810) 808-4332/(248) 887-4677

FINVARRAS WREN: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, at John Crowley & Sons Irish Tavern, 33338 Grand River, Farmington. (248) 474-5941 (Irish folk music)

ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL:

Arlo Guthrie, Shawn Colvin, Great Big Sea, Beth Nielsen Chapman, Hot Club of Cowtown, Anne Hills, Fred Eaglesmith, David Barrett, Matt Watroba and Robert Jones, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$30, \$25. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666

WILL DANFORTH: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at Green Wood Coffee House, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8558

RARELY HERD: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Oakland Community College, 739 S. Washington on the north side of Lincoln, Royal Oak. \$15. (248) 544-4903 (bluegrass)

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN: Workshop for poets looking for more members, 2-4 p.m. third Tuesday of month, in the Jenkins rooms on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. (734) 762-7586

DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE: 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8863

BALLROOM DANCING: 9 p.m. Saturdays, at the Dance Scene, 25333 Van Dyke, Centerline. \$6. Also swing and Latin classes. (810) 757-6300

BIG BAND DANCING: 8-11 p.m. every Friday, free dance lesson 7-8 p.m., at The Amber House, 7012 E. Nine Mile, west of VanDyke, Warren. \$5. (810) 754-3434

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING: 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, at Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158 or eba@umich.edu

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE: Hosts West Side Story Dance Workshops, learn actual choreography to be taught from the dance numbers in the theater companies spring production, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 1 and 8, at the theater, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe. (248) 594-9673/(313) 884-0196 or www.gpt.org

HUNGARIAN FOLK DANCE: Language and zither lessons. (248) 352-0927/(734) 946-6261

MACOMB BALLET COMPANY: "Coppelia," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Twp. \$14 advance, \$12 students/seniors advance, \$15 at door, \$13 students/seniors at door. (810) 286-8300

POLISH ALLIANCE DANCERS OF DEARBORN: Dance and language classes for ages 3 to adult have begun Saturday mornings at Prince of Peace Church, on Altar Road.

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Guays a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279. Items must include the date, time, venue, admission price and a telephone number.

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Dearborn. (313) 581-3181
STARDUST BALLROOM: Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. \$8. (248) 356-5678

COMEDY

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Hypnotist Jim Hoke, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, at the club, Commerce Twp. (248) 624-1050
FOX THEATRE: "Comic View All-Star Comedy Jam," with Sommore, Earthquake, Bruce Bruce, Shucky Duck and Lester Barrie, 8 p.m., Sat. Feb. 19. Tickets \$27.50-\$35. (248) 645-6666
JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Louis Ramey through Saturday, Jan. 26-29, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555
JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Jeff Wayne, Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 27-30, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885
MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Miguel Washington Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 27-29; Phil Perrier Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 3-5, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: Offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, 220 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439
DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER: IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at the center, Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400
DETROIT ZOO: Mosaic Youth Theatre performs works about amphibians 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Saturdays through March 25, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the zoo, Royal Oak. \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students. \$4.50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903
DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM: Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum, Detroit. Regular admission \$2. \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051
HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: Celebrates Black History during February, at the museum, Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620
MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sundays, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140
ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM: "A Stitch in Time" quilt exhibit continues through Saturday, Jan. 29, at the museum, 1005 Van Hoosen Road at Van Hoosen Farm, east of Rochester Road off Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 656-4663
SPIRIT OF FORD: Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, NASCAR Pit Stop Challenge, Turbo Tour full-motion simulator ride, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, at 1151 Village Drive, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474
U-M MUSEUM OF ART: "The Orchid Pavilion Gathering," a exhibit of 60 Chinese works spanning nearly 900 years continues to Sunday, March

26, Maxwell Hearn, head curator of Asian art at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, lectures on "Seeking the Self Amid Mountains and Waters: China's Human Landscape," 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, in the Museum Apse, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 763-UMMA or www.umich.edu/~umma

LIVE MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and over (blues).
LORI AMEY: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Borders Books and Music, Utica. (810) 726-8555; 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Espresso Royale, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-2770; 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, Borders Books and Music, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-7652; 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Coffee Beany, Royal Oak. (248) 543-6653; 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, Borders Books and Music, Novi. (248) 347-0780.
ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL: Featuring Shawn Colvin, Arlo Guthrie, Great Big Sea, Matt Watroba and more, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$30, \$25. (248) 645-6666.
MARC ANTHONY: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Ticket price to be announced.
ANTHRAX: "Attack of the Killer A's Tour," Thursday, Jan. 27, Harpo's, Detroit. (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. (313) 833-9700
THE BACON BROTHERS: Starring Kevin and Michael Bacon, with Jeffrey Gaines, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$20. (248) 645-6666.
BECK: 7:30 Thursday Feb. 3, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. All ages. \$22.50. Call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-7KTS.
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 music)
BLUE RAYS: 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Arbor Brewing Company, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and over. (734) 213-1393.
THE BROTHERS CREEGAN: Features current and former members of Barenaked Ladies, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. \$10. (248) 645-6666
BROTHERS GROOVE: 10 p.m. Tuesdays in January, Fifth Avenue, Novi. (248) 735-4011; 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.
BUMP N' UGLIES CD RELEASE: With Teenage Frames, Gutterpunch, The Outsiders, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$5 advance/\$7 day of show. (313) 961-MELT.
THE BUSINESS: Featuring Beer Zone, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, The Shelter, Detroit. \$10 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.
SCOTT CAMPBELL: Will host an acoustic open mike jam every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Carbon, Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. Free admission, free parking, 18 and over. (313) 366-9278 or www.scottcampbell.net.
CASH MONEY MILLIONAIRES: Featuring Juvenile, The Hot Boys, Lil Wayne, B.G. and The Big Tymers, RuffRyderys with Eve, DMX, Lox ad Drag On, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, The Palace, Auburn Hills. (248) 645-6666.
CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.
CHISEL BROTHERS FEATURING CHEF CHRIS: 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and over (blues).
CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND: Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Beale Street Blues, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.
BRUCE COCKBURN: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$26.50. (248) 645-6666.
COLD AS LIFE: With Turmoil, Haste, Himsa, 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$7 advance. (248) 645-6666.
PAULA COLE: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Clutch Cargo's, Pontiac. All ages. \$15. (248) 645-6666.

COWBOY JUNKIES: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$20, \$25 on sale Jan. 31. (248) 645-6666.
CARL CRAIG & KENNY LARKIN: With the 4-turnstile tag team, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com
THE CRO-MAGS: With All Out War and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT.
CUBANISMO: 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$25 advance. (248) 645-6666.
LISA CUNNINGHAM: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29; 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. Free Thursday. \$5 Friday and Saturday performances. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856.
THORNETTA DAVIS: Friday-Saturday Jan. 28-29, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues).
DJ SKRIBBLE: Will host "Global Beach Party" Friday, Feb. 4, at La Boom teen nightclub, Walled Lake. (248) 962-1000.
DOMESTIC PROBLEMS: With Cloud Nine, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555.
www.blindpigmusic.com.; 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.
DREAM THEATRE: With Dixie Dregs, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$26.75 advance. (248) 645-6666.
EDNA'S GOLDFISH: With Catch 22, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, The Shelter, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.
FAT WRECK CHORDS TOUR: With No Use For A Name, Mad Caddies, Frenzal Bomb, Consumed, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$10 advance. \$12 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.
FINVARRAS WREN: Featuring Jim Perkins, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Cowley's, Grand River at Farmington Road, Farmington. (248) 744-5941.
THE FLATLANDERS: Featuring Joe Ely, Jimmie Dale Gilmore, Butch Hancock, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$20 advance. (248) 645-6666.
GRAYLING: CD Release Party with Cromwell and The Lanternjack, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$5. (313) 961-MELT.
THE GREENHORNS: With Comeons, Babykillers, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7, 18 and over. (313) 833-9700. (Blues)
GORDON BENNETT: 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922
HARRINGTON BROTHERS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues).
Corey HARRIS: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$12 advance. (248) 645-6666.
ROY HAMILTON JR. & THE GOLDEN BOYS: 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues).
WAYNE "THE TRAIN" HANCOCK: With Big Barn Combo and Driftweed, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12.50 cover. (313) 833-9700.
AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS: 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, The Cavern Club, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900.
MICHAEL HILL'S BLUES MOB: 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Sisko's, Taylor. (313) 278-5340.
IMMIGRANT SUNS: With Fez, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$7 cover. (313) 833-9700.
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'Girl Interrupted' a sentimental look at '60s upheaval

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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The past is often referred to as being something of "a simpler time." But writer Susanna Kayesen, whose story "Girl Interrupted" can be seen in theaters, begs to differ.

In 1967, a time of social and political upheaval, 17-year-old Kayesen (portrayed by Winona Ryder) can't seem to get a handle on the crazy world surrounding her. Like other teenage girls, she's confused, insecure and depressed.

The difference between Susanna and most other teenagers living in that era is her choice of escape — namely a cocktail of

aspirin and vodka which nearly kills her. Her parents, concerned about what the neighbors will think, subject her to what seems to be the only solution.

Welcome to Claymoore Hospital, where the insane pop pills and fight their way through treatment, and where Susanna must stay until she finds the person she lost along the way. Based on the memoir "Girl Interrupted," by the Cambridge, Massachusetts writer, the story redefines the term "crazy." Director and screenwriter James Mangold ("Heavy") and director of photography Jack Green breathe life into a very personal story with universal themes: Self-realization and belonging.

Claymoore possesses the historic beauty of a college campus, with lush greenery surrounding its solid red brick walls. But inside, the hospital walls are nothing more than confinement to a group of women too young to have lived the lives they claim. Using pastels and muted tones inside the primary setting of the hospital, the film gives an air of a sanitized environment, dulling the senses to the life that exists outside. Barred windows, ironed-out staircases and nurses constantly checking on patients work together as elements that create a sense of entrapment, a place where no one is ever alone.

Susanna learns quickly of this lack of privacy. She requests a

razor to shave her legs and it's accompanied by the watchful eye of Nurse Valerie (Whoopi Goldberg). Just another reminder of the freedom she has left behind.

At Claymoore, Susanna befriends a rag-tag troop of women: Georgina, her roommate who claims to be a pathological liar; Daisy, a prissy "Daddy's girl" with an unusual taste for rotisserie chicken and laxatives; Polly, a badly scarred girl whose never seemed to grow up and Janet, an anorexic. But the most intriguing character to enter the film is surely Lisa, convincingly portrayed by Angelina Jolie.

Lisa enters the hospital, with police escort, as the picture of strength — talking back to the nurses, flirting with an orderly and threatening anyone who gets in her way. She can't be confined.

Susanna begins to draw from that apparent strength — learning how to "tongue" her pills rather than swallow them and finding ways around the watchful eyes of the hospital staff. Her thoughts, fears and frustrations are kept in a journal by her bed.

"Girl Interrupted" whisks viewers into a place where insanity is normal. Susanna, who is diagnosed with Borderline Personality Disorder, must learn to believe in herself again. The inevitable transformation is shown with subtle imagery like a budding tree outside her window. It takes a suicide and a powerful confrontation to lead



Seeking strength: (Left to Right) Winona Ryder is Susanna Kayesen, a confused girl sent to a mental institution where she meets psychopathic Lisa (Angelina Jolie).

her to the world outside.

In one scene, a television newscast blurts out "We live in a time of doubt." That tell-tale moment sets the stage for this slow-moving, yet poignant drama.

The music and costuming transports viewers back to a time when draft-dodgers were heading to Canada, Martin Luther King was assassinated and writing was accepted as a hobby, not a career. Arianne Phillips dresses characters in traditional hippy-style and contrasts them with others like

Daisy who sports restrictive dresses and a perfectly molded flip hairdo. The sounds of Bob Dylan's "It's All Over Now Baby Blue," permeate the film, representing the shedding of the past life and empowerment for the future.

The story itself is based in internal emotions, manifested by the outside world. While the film achieves the same meaning, it may be better suited to a written format. On screen "Girl Interrupted" can seem lost, with a predictable ending, no matter how well-acted the scenes may be.

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TUMBLWEEDS
Contemporary drama of a single mother and her 12-year-old daughter who embark on a journey of self-discovery. Stars Janet McTeer and Kimberly Brown.

'Topsy-Turvy' examines dilemmas of Gilbert and Sullivan

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Dramatist William Gilbert and composer Arthur Sullivan had a knack for creating operas for the common man.

Yet Gilbert and Sullivan's talent and creative output is anything but common.

From the 1870s to the early 1890s, they collaborated on "Pirates of Penzance," "Gondoliers," "Sorcerer," "Trial By Jury," "H.M.S. Pinafore," "Grand Duke," "The Mikado," and seven other operas.

Many of the popular works infused with wit and contagious melodies inspired composers of 20th-century Broadway musicals.

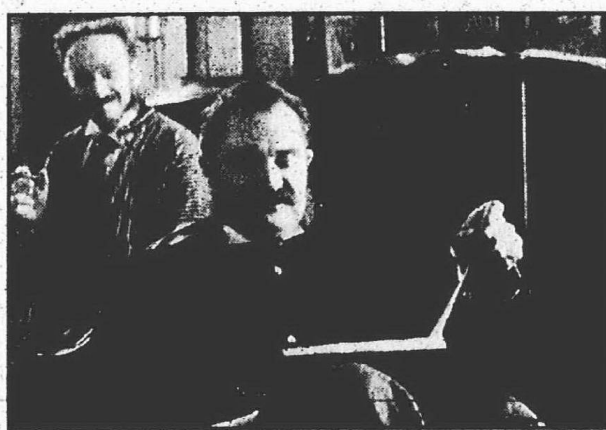
But when does achieving wide popularity become stagnant and a burden for an artist searching to create original work? Is the conflict even more intense with a collaboration between two artist of dissimilar temperaments, such as Gilbert and Sullivan?

While that's the promising premise for "Topsy-Turvy," a film by Mike Lynch that opens Friday at the Maple Theater, there is only passing homage paid to resolving the dilemma.

Lynch, who also directed "Secrets and Lies," "Life Is Sweet," "Naked," and "Career Girls," takes a much broader course.

After nearly three hours of wandering between a documentary and mere character studies about Gilbert and Sullivan, the title of the film proves to be prophetic. "Topsy-Turvy" is utterly disordered.

As a story, "Topsy-Turvy" lacks the sense of dramatic urgency and expectation that something of great importance is at stake.



Backstage drama: Allan Corduner (left to right), and Jim Broadbent star as Arthur Sullivan and W.S. Gilbert in "Topsy-Turvy."

It is too long, and gets mired in the intricacies and foibles of what goes at rehearsals for operas.

But disordered doesn't mean unworthy. After all, this is the world where up is down and down is up. (The reference "topsy turvy" is to Gilbert's style of constructing a plot with logic-defying twists.)

With a stellar cast and fastidious attention to detail, "Topsy-Turvy" is a fascinating examination of the life and times in which Gilbert and Sullivan created their art. Perhaps a reason that the New York Film Critics named "Topsy-Turvy" as best film, and Lynch as best director.

Set in 1884, the story begins when a heat wave causes slow ticket sales at London's Savoy Theatre, where Gilbert and Sullivan's lackluster "Princess Ida" is playing.

Critics, too, are getting turned off by the formulaic, often-times slapstick operas. Gilbert (Jim Broadbent) pushes ahead. But Sullivan (Allan Corduner) is ready to move on and try his hand at more serious opera.

Their collaboration is held

together only by contractual obligation. Sullivan rejects Gilbert's mechanical constructions, and claims that he's at the end of the line.

Then, quite serendipitously, Gilbert is inspired as he tours a Japanese exhibition. The result is Gilbert's most lyrical libretto, "The Mikado."

With Sullivan newly inspired by the story, "Topsy-Turvy" basically follows the rehearsal and production of the opera.

While the various subplots of the performers coming to grips with the demands of the stage dramatizes the type of commitment required to break new creative ground, there's little light shed on how "The Mikado" transformed the relationship between Gilbert and Sullivan.

Interestingly, their work on "The Mikado" was only a truce. Three years later, Gilbert and Sullivan's next opera, "Ruddigore," was less than stellar.

In the end, Gilbert grew verbose, and Sullivan simply lost his passion. That, from one of the most creative musical collaborators, is truly topsy-turvy.

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STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Such is the case with me and a man named James Francis. I don't know what he looks like, but I have a good idea. I've never heard his voice, but I know he can sing.

James Francis

He's the subject of a song of the same name by a Grand Rapids band called Domestic Problems. He also happens to be singer Andy Holtgreive's father. When Andy called me on Tuesday, Jan. 18 - just back from an East Coast tour - he related the story behind that song.

About two years ago the family was preparing to celebrate their father's 60th birthday. Andy's oldest sister suggested that each of the five siblings and their mother take a decade of his life and find some special way to represent it. Andy was asked to write a song about the first decade of his father's life. While he maintains that "you can't force the muses to do what you want," he went to work, talking to relatives and digging up stories.

"The night before his birthday party, in the kitchen of my parent's house with my brother Tom... it came together," said Holtgreive. Those lyrics are not easily forgotten: "Sing, Jimmy, sing, and the world will dance around you/Sing, Jimmy, sing, it makes them glad/Sing, Jimmy, sing, and the world will dance

around you/Sing, Jimmy, sing, that's my dad."

Apparently Jimmy's youngest boy took after his Dad.

But the vocalist, songwriter and guitarist is only one in a group of multi-talented musicians who create the eclectic sound that is Domestic Problems. Job Grotzky plays saxophone, flute, clarinet, and percussion; Earl Tolliver Jr. plays bass; Bill Kenny can be seen delighting audiences with his mastery of trumpet, flugelhorn and mandolin and R.J. Ness joined the on-stage party with drums and percussion. Jamie Black rounds out the sound on keyboards.

Best of Midwest

That "Midwestern sound," as Holtgreive likes to call it, reflects something everyone can relate to - family, relationships, friends - in a true and uplifting manner. For a band who snagged its name from a line in a "Blues Brothers" movie, Domestic Problems is serious about two things - the music and the fans. That's about as Down-to-Earth and Midwestern as it gets.

Those who haven't seen Domestic Problems in all their live performance glory can get a taste of it with the recently released "Domestic Problems-Live" CD.

New CD

"We were going into the studio last summer to lay down some tracks for a studio album," said Holtgreive. "We weren't ready to go to the studio, but at that point we knew we wanted to get something out to our fans."

The band organized a show at the State Theatre in Kalamazoo, chose to forgo an opening band,



No problem: Domestic Problems is Billy Kenny, Jamie Black, Reggie (R.J.) Ness, Andy Holtgreive, Earl Tolliver Jr. and Job Grotzky. Catch them in Ann Arbor this month, or Ferndale in February.

and played an explosive 24 songs. Choosing the best 10 and tossing in a few new-to-CD tunes - namely "El Matador," "Where Have You Gone" and "Free" - for flavor, "Domestic Problems-Live" was completed only two months later.

Where credit's due

"A lot of credit goes to Al McAvoy and Jon Frazer, our producer," said Holtgreive of creating a CD that does justice to the performance. "Al put in a lot of time. I think it's really how it translates on the mixing side of

things, that captures a real live feel."

What started out as just "a fun thing to do" for Holtgreive and Bill Kenny while attending Grand Rapids' Aquinas College has become a burgeoning musical career. With the recent addition of new members Ness and Tolliver and a wide variety of instruments to draw from, the band has never stopped experimenting with new musical styles.

Holtgreive said it's a virtual "cornucopia of music that offers something to everybody."

While any of the band's three CD's are fabulous company in rush hour traffic, it's the energetic live show that makes Domestic Problems a band to behold. So what makes Mr. Holtgreive get out of bed each morning? It's hearing one fan say "you guys just make me smile."

James Francis must be proud.

"Domestic Problems-Live" is available at Harmony House locations in the Metro area. See the band crowd the stage 9:30

p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555, or 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. (248) 544-3030. For MP3's and more on the band, check out www.domesticproblems.com.

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CD REVIEWS



Fez

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Fez

Milquetoast
It isn't often a band can make a pump organ sound, well, relatively modern. Fez not only achieves that feat, the Dearborn foursome also uses the not-so-common glockenspiel and the sounds of duct tape to make their album "Milquetoast" an unforgettable hodge-podge of reverberations.

This is one band that truly gives local music a good name. The album has an eerie overtone, mixed with an almost merry-go-round charm. Beginning with "Shot of Poison," Fez draws listeners into their carnival world. Dean Olkowski's vocals show an influence of Brit pop and alternative, while matched with the howling sounds Melinda Clynes on electric organ, Jim Morningstar's solid drumming and Bill Zoyes pumping basslines.

Remember when the B52s sounded fresh? Fez far surpasses the whimsical nature the band had with gritty material and otherworldly style.

The album's title track "Milquetoast" shows off a touch of country while it paints vivid pictures with lines like "My old neighborhood was raised on milquetoast," "Every housecoat has a silver lining," and "TV on the front porch, news at eleven, heaven finds a cure for hell."

"Heads I win" is reminiscent of childhood with references to games like "Red Rover," "Third Street Fat with Punch" is good for a giggle, and "Half Drunk" is good for a delightful party for the ears. For a copy of "Milquetoast" e-mail

brewedconcepts@msn.com or write to P.O. Box 7103 Dearborn, Mich. 48121. You won't be disappointed.

See the band 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, The Majestic Theatre, Detroit. (313) 833-9700.

— BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

Marcy Playground

Shapeshifter
Capitol Records
Though Marcy Playground's first self-titled release spawned a provocative commercial hit and garnered critical success, the Minneapolis band's second release, "Shapeshifter" proves there's far more to life than "Sex and Candy."

Lead singer and songwriter John Wozinak offers a dozen upbeat tunes laced with ominous overtones. And his intelligent lyrics are masked as deceptively simple. But when he throws in his signature fun-filled yodel, everything in the world is as fine as a cup of warm cocoa.

The opening track, "It's Saturday," with its grunge guitar and dance-beat rhythms, is destined to be a hit. Even the slower ballads including "America" and "Never" leave a lasting impression.

On "Our Generation" Wozinak offers a folk-pop anthem for his "Free to Be... You and Me" peers. He also reaches back to his favorite Saturday morning superheroes for inspiration on the deliciously sinister "Secret Squirrel."

"All the Lights Went Out," an apocalyptic love song, seems only too fitting a tune given the twilight of the millennium.

If "Shapeshifter" is any indication, Marcy Playground is only going to get better. And in this day and age of studio produced sound, it's a pleasure to hear innovative and finely layered music being made from three guys who know what it means to play drums, bass and guitar.

— BY ALICE RHEIN

STAY TUNED

It seems Austin Powers and Q95.5 FM have something in common. They've both found their Mojo. The pop music station will add Mojo - a Chicago native - to its morning show team by February. Coming to Detroit from a top-rated morning show in Tucson, Ariz., Mojo's ready to hit the Midwest with his dynamic personality. Welcome to the Motor City, Mr. Mojo.

Listen up. Speaking of radio, 89X and 93.9 The River unveiled the latest in broadcast technology this past week at the 2000 North American International Auto Show. The stations' parent company, Chum Group Ltd., is the first conglomerate to bring digital radio to the U.S. - which translates into a clearer, CD quality sound.

Michigan Radio, public radio stations at the University of Michigan, may not be digital yet, but they're progressing, too. Michigan radio's stations: 91.7 FM in Ann Arbor and Detroit, 104.1 FM in Grand Rapids and 91.1 FM in Flint, is now offering a 24-

hour streaming on-air signal to its listeners. It's available at www.michiganradio.org. That means fans of NPR's "All Things Considered" and "Morning Edition" can be accessed on the Web, expanding the stations' listener base.

Also at the top of their game, Pine Knob Music Theatre's 1999 season meant record-breaking numbers for attendance, with more than 958,000, and sold-out shows, a total of 29. Fans flocked to the outdoor venue to see performers like the Barenaked Ladies, Alanis Morissette and Tori Amos, and Paul Simon and Bob Dylan last summer.

The Backstreet Boys set a record for the fastest sellout when tickets for three shows at The Palace of Auburn Hills disappeared in just eight minutes. That beat Madonna's "Girlie Show" in 1993, which sold out in 10 minutes. Concert-going in Metro Detroit has never been better.

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It's white linen and a lakeside view at Belleville Grille

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND

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Just around the bend as you head into downtown Belleville lies one of the city's best kept secrets, the Belleville Grille.

"It's probably the nicest restaurant not only in Belleville, but in the whole Wayne County," said Mike Nuculaj, who bought the restaurant last March and has since done extensive remodeling.

He's entitled to his bragging rights.

The Belleville Grille seems to have everything: An expansive lakeside view (its right on Belleville Lake), an open and airy atmosphere with lots of big windows, a couple of talented chefs, and a brand new kitchen. "I like a perfect kitchen. Anybody can come into our kitchen and see what we're doing," said Nuculaj.

Most of all, the Belleville

Belleville Grille
Where: 146 High Street, Belleville, (734) 699-1777, Fax (734) 699-7849
Menu: Steaks, ribs, chops, seafood and pasta, with a selection of Italian specialties.
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Grille has good food, really good food.

The menu features pasta, seafood, steaks and chops, and some wonderful house specialties, like the Coconut Shrimp Dinner Platter. The jumbo shrimp are dipped into a light beer batter, dredged in coconut, fried to a golden brown and served on a bed of shredded lettuce with a dish of sweet and sour dipping sauce. I've had

coconut shrimp before, but these were the best - delicate, succulent, with just enough coconut for sweetness.

Chef Mike Lekocaj specializes in Italian cooking. He earned his credentials working at several Italian restaurants in New York City. His Pasta Del Mar - a lovely mixture of linguine tossed with shrimp, scallops, Roma tomatoes, white wine, olive oil and a bit of parmesan - is the Belleville Grille's best-seller. I couldn't resist and sampled more than one bite. Our photographer finished the whole plate.

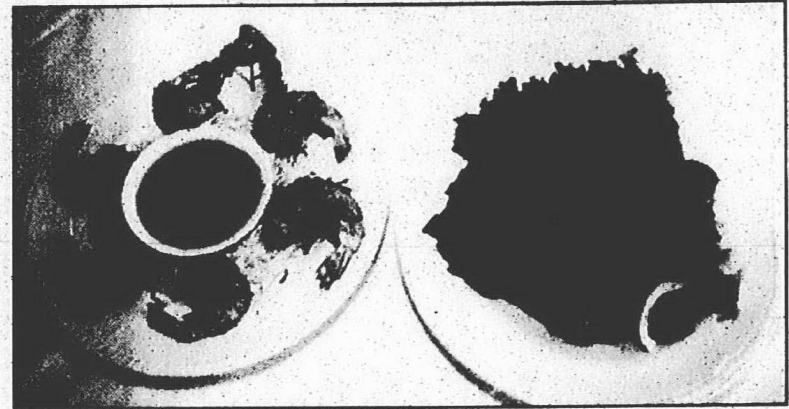
If you're craving a good steak, a really big one, try the 24-ounce porterhouse. Chef Mo Isa seasons and grills it to perfection. "You turn it only once," he said. "You move it around for the grill marks but turn it only one time."

Nuculaj gets a fresh meat and fish order every second day. "We are so picky," he said. "We don't get our meat from the same company as our fish. It keeps the two companies in line. Once in awhile I get a third company just to shake things up."

He wants his customers to feel



Showing off: Chef Mike Lekocaj (left), David Nuculaj, owner Mike Nuculaj and chef Mo Isa present a few of the house specialties: Pasta Del Mar, a grilled 24-ounce porterhouse and Coconut Shrimp.



Picture perfect: Can't decide between the Coconut Shrimp or the porterhouse? Order them both and bring home the leftovers.

comfortable enough to complain. "I want them to be free to let us know how we are doing. I want to correct problems rather than not have them come back. If I tell a customer this fish is fresh and it isn't, I'll close the doors."

Nuculaj also makes sure the coffee is ground fresh every day. Yes, they grind their own beans! I could taste the difference. It's just little things, like the white linen tablecloths at dinner, but it adds up to a most satisfying din-

ing experience.

You get the feeling there's a real synergy between Nuculaj, his chefs, and his younger brother, David, who helps oversee operations. They immigrated from Montenegro several years ago and aren't afraid of hard work. Nuculaj, who started his career as a dishwasher - "a really good dishwasher" - owns two other restaurants: Dimitris, also in Belleville, and Mike's Country Oven in Southgate.

The men consider each other family. Nuculaj even describes their determination to please customers in terms of family. "The husband may say 'I don't want to go to the Belleville Grille.' The wife says, 'Yes, it's good.' It has to be good so there are no fights in the family."

You get the feeling if people ate at the Belleville Grille more often, the world would be a pretty peaceful place.

Celebrate Chinese New Year Feb. 7-9 at New Peking

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

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You won't find the Chinese worried about Y2K for their new year.

With the Chinese New Year set to begin on Saturday, Feb. 5, you won't find any worries among the Chinese about power outages, water shortages, mass mayhem or The Apocalypse.

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in Garden City Monday, Feb. 7.

Shen Yu, the owner of New Peking, said that restaurant will celebrate the new year Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 7-9. "Usually it is celebrated with family or friends, similar to the American Christmas time," Yu said.

New Peking will have a dancing dragon the first night of celebration. Entertainment also features fan dancing.

The 12-course dinner features seafood, meat and vegetables. The final course is fish.

The fish symbolizes sufficiency

for people, Yu said. "The fish is always enough, it means you will be healthy and wealthy and have enough," Yu said.

New Peking is at 29105 Ford Road, Garden City. Call (734)

425-2230 for reservations and information about the Chinese New Year feast.

If you're a restaurant owner or manager, and are planning something special for Chinese New

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