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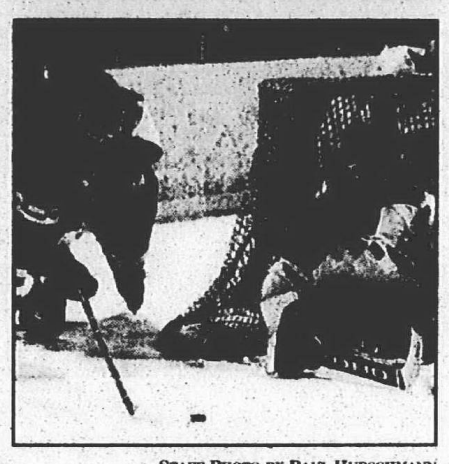

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Judge rules evidence is enough

Case moves to circuit court where husband will stand trial

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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A Plymouth man accused of killing and dismembering his estranged wife then dumping her body parts in Dearborn and Ohio will stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Following seven witnesses and eight hours of testimony Wednesday afternoon during the conclusion of a two-day preliminary examination, 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe ordered Azizul Islam, 50 of Plymouth, to stand trial for the murder and dismemberment of his wife, Tracy, 35.

"The court is satisfied they (prosecutors) presented a probable version of the events that transpired," Lowe said in his ruling, which means Islam will stand trial for murder.

Tracy Islam, who left her Plymouth family in August because of marital problems and moved to England to live with her sister, returned Dec. 16 to be with her children and finalize a divorce. She was scheduled to return to England on Christmas Eve.

However, after an argument on Dec. 19 when Azizul overheard Tracy talking on the telephone to a male friend in London, Tracy went to bed about midnight and was never seen again. Testimony indicated Azizul and their two teenage children believed Tracy left once again without notice.

The prosecution pulled out all the stops in presenting its case, including testimony by Tracy Islam's sister, Anita Ross, who was flown in from London to testify.

"She called me on a daily basis," testified Ross. "She was trying to get her flight changed and come back (to London) earlier."

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Reaction: *Defendant Azizul Islam wipes a tear from his eye during testimony from Plymouth police Detective Lt. Wayne Carroll in the second day of the preliminary hearing in 35th District Court Wednesday.*

After the Dec. 16 argument, Ross testified Tracy became fearful for her life.

"The last call she actually said she was very, very frightened," said Ross. "She said Azizul was going to put something in her tea. I told her to be very careful."

Ross testified that during several calls to the Islam home, Azizul assured Ross that Tracy was at a girlfriend's house and would fly back to London as scheduled on Christmas Eve.

"I told him I didn't believe him, and he said, 'Do you think I've done something to Tracy?'" she said. "And I said 'yes.'"

When Tracy didn't arrive in London Christmas Day, Ross called Plymouth

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Technical testimony: *Michigan State Police forensic scientist Heather Spillane listens to defense attorney Michael Schwartz during her expert testimony on DNA evidence. Spillane's testimony that DNA taken from a torso found in an Ohio field matched that of Tracy Islam was one of the factors in 35th District Judge Ron Lowe's decision to bind Azizul Islam over for trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. Arraignment is set for March 1.*

Township workers to take union vote

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Plymouth Township clerical employees who want to cast their ballot for or against having representation with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees union will do so 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, March 3, in the board room of Plymouth Township Hall.

About 35 employees are eligible, according to Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy.

Though some township employees spoke off the record, none was willing to go public with comments, stating that union officials advised against it or for fear of retaliation. They cited concerns about job and security benefits.

Typically, union employees make more money than non-union employees, have seniority rights and a formal grievance procedure that at-will employees don't enjoy.

"We have signed an agreement with the AFSCME union, the union that is proposing to represent our non-supervisory, non union-employees," Keen McCarthy told township board members during Tuesday's study session.

"We have agreed to the unit and we have also agreed that the right of the elected officials under state law to determine their deputies at will, will not be interfered with by any representation," Keen McCarthy said. In exchange for not taking away the rights of elected officials to both appoint and remove a deputy, the township agreed to a consent election

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Kathleen Keen McCarthy
—Plymouth Township Supervisor

instead of forcing it to go to a Michigan Employment Relations Commission hearing to determine which positions will be in the unit.

Deputies are paid an additional $3,900, according to Treasurer Ron Edwards. Irene Whitmore is his deputy treasurer. He referred all personnel questions and comments to Keen McCarthy. Whitmore said that she was too close to the subject to comment.

Sandy Groth, who is Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill's deputy, said she was informed by an AFSCME official during the last organizational meeting that she would be excluded from voting because she has supervisory responsibilities.

"I support the elected officials' right to select their deputies," Groth said. She said employees are hearing just the union's position and not getting all the answers they need to make a decision.

"If you do a good job and the citizens are satisfied, you don't need a union," Groth said.

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Clark not among OVDA

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Not only has the Old Village Development Authority lost its development coordinator, the board has now lost its chairperson.

Susan Clark, a member of the OVDA since 1994 and chairperson since 1998, was not re-appointed by Mayor Dave McDonald. Clark said she received a letter from McDonald thanking her for her loyal service to the city and telling her she would not be reappointed to the OVDA board.

Oddly enough, the letter was dated Monday, Feb. 7, the same day Clark spoke at a commission meeting about the loss of development coordinator Sherrie Pryor, and the hope that Pryor would be replaced by the city administration. Little did she know she was no longer chair of the OVDA board.

At the end of the meeting, a couple of new OVDA board members, Matthew Deluca and Jill Johnson, were appointed by McDonald.

■ 'Old Village has a lot of potential. But, if you take out Station 885 and Lower Town Grill, what other draws do you have there.'

Dave McDonald
—Plymouth Mayor

It wasn't until two days later that Clark found out she was no longer a part of the board.

"What's disappointing is that no one from the city talked to me about it, not even a courtesy call," said Clark. "I don't know what the mayor has planned for Old Village."

McDonald was complimentary when speaking of Clark but said he'd like to see the OVDA move in a new direction.

"Mrs. Clark's service has been commendable," he said. "However, I felt the need for new blood and different

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Campaign visit

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In town: *Laura Bush (left), wife of Texas governor and Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush, meets Plymouth school board members Mark Slavens (a Livonia attorney) and Judy Mardigian. Michigan Secretary of State Candace Miller stands in the background, center. For more on Mrs. Bush's visit, please see the story on Page A4.*

No one hurt in nursing center fire

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Damage and cleanup costs were estimated at about $8,000, he said.

The fire might have been caused either by lint or a pad left in the dryer. "There wasn't much left of it," Groth said.

The fire department responded to a similar dryer fire at the home two years ago, Groth said. "That time it was the dryer next to it," he said.

Groth cautioned residents to [illegible] lint that [illegible] in a dryer. He also recommended that the panel in back of the dryer be taken off periodically to clean out any lint, or other debris that might accumulate there.

City sets up new spot for waste bags, tags

The City of Plymouth has added the Plymouth Marketplace, 110 W. Ann Arbor Road, as the newest location for residents to purchase solid waste bags and tags.

The city's largest volume dealer for the bags and tags had been Select IGA on North Main Street, until it went out of business.

"We were very pleased that Plymouth Marketplace stepped up to offer another service to city residents and help fill the void left by the closing of IGA," said Scott Cabauatan, the city's special projects coordinator.

Plymouth residents are required to use a solid waste tag on each can or bag of solid waste placed at the curb. Residents can also use the mint green colored city trash bag for solid waste disposal. Trash bags or tags are sold in sets of 10 for $10.

Along with Plymouth Marketplace, bags and tags can be purchased at Farmer Jack, Joy and Morton Taylor; Kroger, Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon; Kroger, Canton Center and Ford; Hiller's Market, Haggerty and Five Mile; Busch's Valu Land, Sheldon and Five Mile; City Hall, 201 S. Main; and the Department of Municipal Services, 1231 Goldsmith.

Plymouth residents will be receiving a yellow post card in the mail providing them with the list of bag and tag outlets. In addition, during the next 30 days a second yellow mailer will be sent to city residents listing the annual Spring Clean Up dates and rules.

In tune: *PCEP marching band members Aaron Shemon, Zach Shemon, Byron Flemming and Paul Rieger kept toes tapping at Saturday's "Celebration of Hometown" sponsored by the Plymouth Community Foundation.*

Plymouth turns out to honor Citizen of Year

Marti Coplai was the center of attention, but she wasn't the only reason Saturday's second-annual "Celebration of Hometown" party at Fox Hills Country Club.

Coplai was officially honored Saturday as the 1999 Clara Camp Plymouth Citizen of the Year. Coplai, nominated by Jennifer Tobin of the Plymouth Community Arts Council, was recognized for her volunteer efforts for the betterment of the community.

The black-tie affair was apparently a rousing success.

"Every seat was filled and everyone had a great time," said Bill Joyner, who runs the Plymouth Volunteer Center. "It was a great evening."

While Coplai drew the majority of the attention, others were also recognized. Here are profiles of first runner-up Sally Welch and finalists Ray Mueller, Gordon Chapin and Richard Swanagan.

■ Sally Welch, nominated by Judy Evola of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, has helped organize the Hepatitis B Immunization Program and helped create the High School Parent Involvement Committee. She helped to establish a hotline so that teachers can call in for volunteers when help is needed for projects. Welch is active in the Plymouth Youth Forum, working to identify ways in which young people can be made to feel wanted in the community.

■ Ray Mueller is president for Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County. Sheila Friedrich, who nominated Mueller, said that his positive attitude is coupled with his "can-do" philosophy. His willingness to see the job through is contagious. "With his leadership we have been able to build three houses this year, move in to permanent headquarters, and focus more clearly on building additional homes in the coming year," she said.

■ Gordon Chapin, nominated anonymously, was described as a person who always has a good word when he meets people. He is active in the F.I.S.H. organization, driving people without transportation to see their doctor, fill prescriptions and visit their dentist. He is also a volunteer in the tax preparation program, helping seniors prepare their income taxes.

■ Richard Swanagan, nominated by Joyner, is described as someone who wants to help out where ever needed. "He showed up one day to help with Habitat for Humanity and now comes into the office three hours every day Monday through Friday," Joyner said. "He has been out to the arts council planting shrubs, working at he Chili Cook Off, helping Annette Horn, and greeting people at the Tonquish Economic Club.

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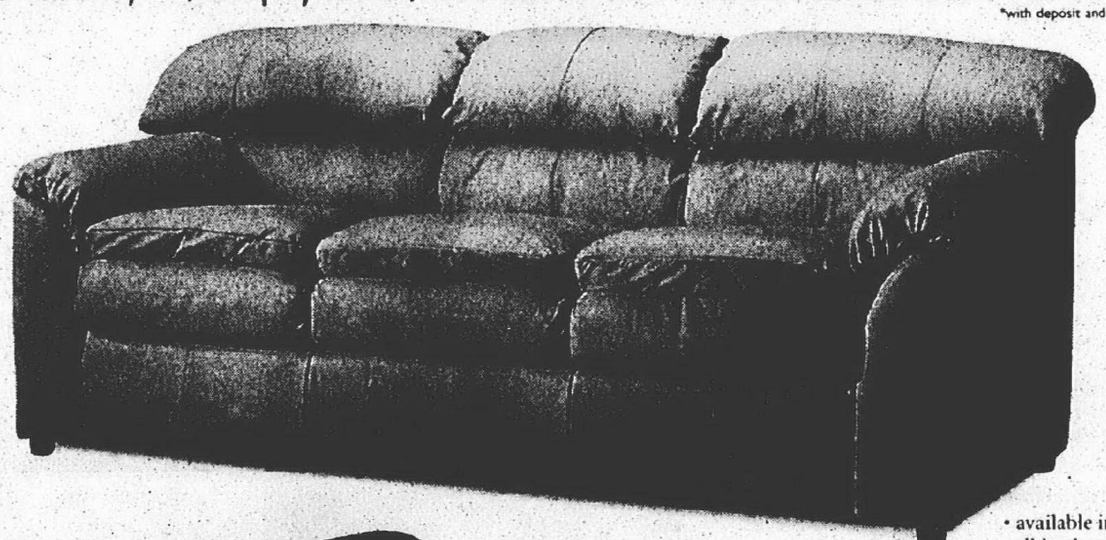

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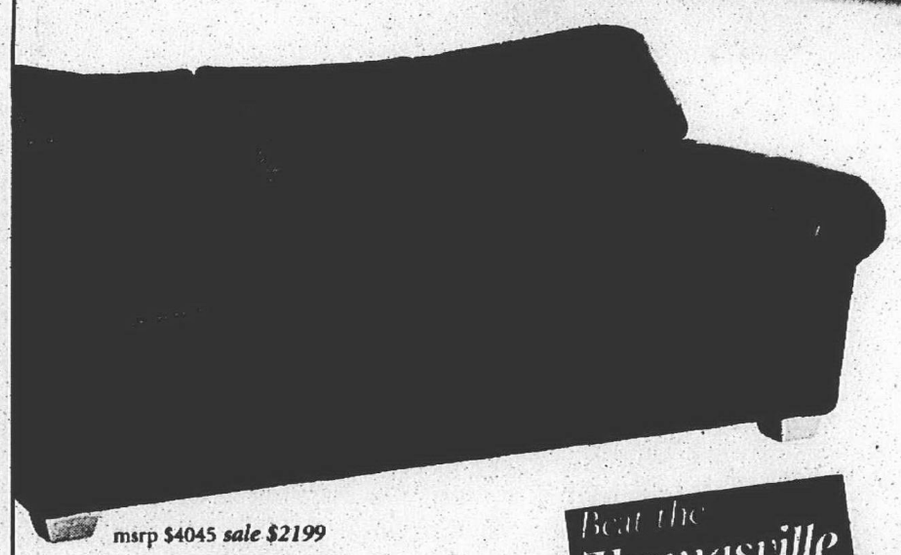

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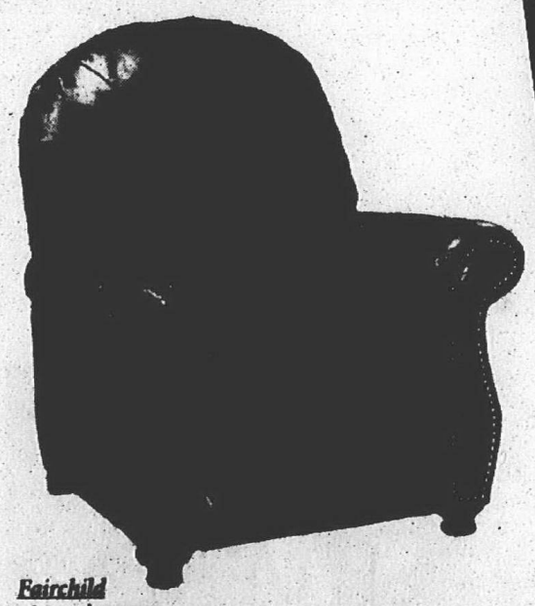

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On the stand: *Plymouth Police Detective Lt. Wayne Carroll gives testimony during the preliminary examination for Azizul Islam (right, foreground), accused of killing his wife, Tracy, who disappeared in late December.*

Rape suspect waives exam

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A former Plymouth-Canton high school security guard has decided to face charges and stand trial in the alleged rape of a 15-year-old Canton High School student.

Terry Lee Barnhart, 31 of Ypsilanti, waived his preliminary exam Monday morning in 35th District Court. The case will now be moved from the courtroom of Judge Ron Lowe to Wayne County Circuit Court.

"Terry will take the opportunity to talk with police," said Dale Smith, the Adrian attorney representing Barnhart. "He has yet to talk with them."

According to the police report, the student and a friend went to Barnhart's home on Geddes Road in Canton about 25 times prior to the alleged incident. The girl told police that Barnhart "touched (her) ... and kissed (her) on every visit."

On the night of the reported rape, the student told police Barnhart was giving her a back massage when he allegedly forced himself on her.

"My client denies the allegations," said Smith. "He doesn't deny the girls were at his home, but he has a young son and they were baby-sitting. There was no physical contact."

Smith said there have been other girls at Barnhart's home who have cared for the boy, whom Smith said is 5 or 6 years old.

According to the police report, Barnhart told the girls to say they were baby-sitting if any questions arose as to why they were at his home.

"There appears to be a lack of evidence in this case," added Smith. "It appears to be a 'he said, she said' matter. The jury will have to decide who is telling the truth."

Smith didn't rule out the possibility of a plea bargain with prosecutors.

"No plea bargains have been offered. But, anytime you're looking at a criminal case you look at the pleas being offered," he said.

Barnhart is currently free on $15,000 cash bond.

Canton police Detective Steve Miller said his department would pursue charges against Barnhart, even if force wasn't used, because the alleged incident involved an underage girl. Barnhart was 29 at the time, the teen was 15.

Miller said no other students appear to be involved at this time. If convicted, Barnhart could be sentenced to up to 15 years in prison.

Township seeks census takers

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Canton resident Trudi Gizzi used census data for school projects.

Monday, Gizzi took a test that could put her on the other side of the coin, making her a temporary census worker, a position where she is a census information gatherer rather than a data user.

"I always thought that it would be interesting to be involved," said Gizzi, a accountant for the Wayne County Health Department. "I'm a people person."

Only Gizzi and another applicant took the test Monday night at Plymouth Township Hall, located at Ann Arbor and Lilley Roads.

Walk-in testing continues through March at 6 p.m. Mondays and 10 a.m. Saturdays in township hall and also at noon March 11 at Plymouth City Hall on Main Street, according to Gloria Walker, a tester. Temporary workers can earn about $13.75 an hour as census takers and crew leaders.

Walker also recruits applicants from 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at the Plymouth District Library on Main Street.

"I go to so many places to do presentations," Walker said. "We'll be testing, testing, testing. I go where there are large groups of people, the Rotary, the Livonia Elks, etc."

Applicants are usually assigned a work area that is close to their home. This way they work in their own neighborhoods, for four to six weeks, usually on the weekends at their leisure when most people are home, said Walker, a Plymouth resident. Applicants indicate which cross streets they live near.

Census forms are expected to be sent out next month. Responses are confidential. Workers who are trained to be enumerators, or counters, will interview members of households if the form isn't completed and turned in.

In order to be considered for a temporary position, applicants must correctly answer 10 out of 28 questions to pass the test that is timed and takes less than a half hour.

"You can take the test three times," Walker said. Applicants can also take a practice test if they ask. Test questions are common sense: multiplication, vocabulary, categorization, etc.

Police officers, tax collectors, and tax assessors aren't eligible for the positions, she said.

Walker also recruits at Focus Hope distribution sites. She will be at the Plymouth Cultural Center site from noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 17. "I have a captive audience," Walker said.

Last week she visited the Focus Hope site at St. James Presbyterian Church on Six Mile in Redford Township. "Arms shot up," Walker said after she explained the jobs that were available. "If it weren't for the census, you wouldn't be given this assistance," is her selling point.

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

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police to file a missing person report.

Lt. Wayne Carroll, Plymouth police detective, said his missing person inquiry quickly turned into a murder investigation. Arms and legs were found in a Dumpster at an A&W Restaurant in Dearborn Dec. 22. A torso was found in a field southeast of Toledo Dec. 31. And, during a consent search of Islam's home Jan. 7, a cadaver dog picked up a scent.

It was then that a search warrant was obtained and Plymouth police, Dearborn authorities and Michigan State Police crime lab technicians converged on the house, taking evidence.

A warrant was also issued for Islam's arrest. While locked up, Islam wanted to talk to Carroll in private.

"He said he needed protection ... from bad people," said Carroll. "If he got out on bond he would need protection. I asked if he hired someone to hurt Tracy and he said 'yes.' I asked if they were supposed to kill Tracy and he said 'no.' He said they were very bad people ... gangs."

The next day Carroll found Azizul crying in his cell.

"He cried out, 'don't look at me, I'm a criminal. I disgraced my family. I did a bad thing,'" testified Carroll.

During Wednesday's proceedings, Carroll gave some background into the couple, who had been married 17 years before allegedly breaking up last August over credit card bills run up by Tracy.

"Azizul told us he met Tracy while going to school in England," said Carroll. "(Azizul) Islam said that upon her return to the United States (Dec. 16), he was sure she had returned to the street life. He was surprised by her appearance, that she wore short skirts; had her hair bleached out and wore a nose stud."

Much of Wednesday's testimony centered on DNA evidence, which proved that the body parts found in a Dearborn Dumpster belonged to the torso found in Ohio.

Heather Spillane, a Michigan State Police crime lab scientist, testified DNA from the body parts matched a sample of blood found on the Islams' basement floor, as well as residue from a toothbrush left behind by Tracy.

DNA tests of the body parts also concluded the body was that of Tracy Islam because the DNA matched the DNA profiles of her two children, Joseph, 16 and Anna, 14.

However, it couldn't be determined if a hacksaw with blood found in the basement had been used on the body. The DNA was from a female, but not necessarily Tracy Islam.

Wayne County Medical Examiner Cheryl Loewe testified the finger tips of the victim "were obliterated with some kind of saw."

She concluded what many, except the defense, believe they already knew.

"The cause of death is violence ... the manner of death is homicide," said Loewe.

During final arguments, prosecutor Mike Lehto admitted that it's taken a long string of evidence to show a crime has been committed, especially without a cause of death.

"We can't show the exact cause of death because of the cunning of the defendant," said Lehto. "His planning was meticulous and almost successful."

Defense attorney Michael Schwartz feels he'll do better in circuit court.

"Clearly, if they had to go to trial now they wouldn't have enough to go to the jury," he said. "I intend to wipe the floor with them."

Union *from page A1*

Karen Warner, administrative director of AFSCME's Detroit office, feels confident that the vote will be positive.

"The foot-dragging has stopped and it is now up to the employees to make the decision," Warner said. "This is about dignity in the workplace. Michigan is a union state. We understand what this is all about."

A MERC representative will supervise the election.

"It takes 50 percent plus one of those who vote to make a decision," Keen McCarthy said.

MERC is the same as the National Labor Relations Board. The difference is that NLRB is for the private sector and MERC is for the public sector, Keen McCarthy explained.

The township cannot spend any money supporting or providing legal advice to a group of employees who are against the union, Keen McCarthy said. It cannot use the township's labor attorney in this regard.

"The big thing that we have to remember is that on the day of the election we cannot have any department heads, board members, or any of us hovering around the voting area," Keen McCarthy said. "Just stay away. That would be deemed as trying to intimidate employees one way or another... AFSCME has been known to bring a megaphone truck and park it in the parking lot."

"We don't have them," Warner said. "That's paranoia."

Trustee Ron Griffith asked Keen McCarthy what her prediction is about the outcome of the election. "Don't say that here," Trustee Chuck Curmi cautioned Keen McCarthy.

"I don't think I have a good sense at this time, honestly, because the employees aren't talking to me and I can't solicit from them what is going on," she said. "We have employees who absolutely want it and we have employees who absolutely do not want it."

Negotiations for a contract will be scheduled if the vote is approved. The impact on the township's budget — including things like salaries, benefit costs, etc. — would be difficult to estimate, according to Keen McCarthy.

"There's no way to determine that," Keen McCarthy said. "We'd have to sit down and negotiate. All benefits would be brought to the table for evaluation."

Employees who have worked for the township since Oct. 21, 1999 who are in the descriptions of the bargaining unit are eligible to vote. Their names and addresses will be given to MERC by Feb. 22. The union is allowed to mail to employees' homes. There will be signs posted in all of the township's buildings five working days prior to the election.

OVDA *from page A1*

ideas.

"I thought the OVDA under Sue was generally more concerned with preservation and protection of the neighborhoods rather than development," added McDonald. "I'm looking for the right mix of people for both preservation and development. It's the Old Village Development Authority, not the Old Village Preservation Authority.

"Old Village has a lot of potential," he said. "But, if you take out Station 885 and Lower Town Grill, what other draws do you have there?"

Commissioner Michele Potter, the commission liaison to Old Village, said she has mixed emotions about the loss of Clark.

"Sue is very driven and poured her heart and soul into the OVDA during her six years," said Potter. "Combined with the loss of Sherrie Pryor, the timing is highly unusual. Apparently there is a plan, but I'm not aware of what it is."

Clark said she'll continue to be involved, even if she is not a part of the OVDA board.

"I'm in it for the residents," said Clark. "We need unity between the residents and businesses of Old Village."

POLICE BEAT

Among thefts reported to Plymouth Township police this week were:

■ A surveillance camera caught two people on tape who pulled up in a van to a trailer located outside the Toyota Tech Center on Jib Street Feb. 9, according to the police log. They entered the trailer after knocking and removed three laptop computers valued at $3,000. The computers are programmed in Japanese, police said.

■ A representative of Standard Federal Bank, 40909 Ann Arbor Road, told police that on Feb. 8, an unidentified woman used false identification to withdraw $4,500 out of a special account. A false driver's license was used as ID.

Retail fraud

■ A Kroger employee found that some of the 494 bottles that were returned by two customers Feb. 14 weren't eligible to be returned in Michigan. The store paid out $25 in bottle return money. The people were from Ohio and the store maintains that the customers had done this in the past.

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Bush visits: *Laura Bush (rear, center) visits with students from the Plymouth-Canton school district during her stop in Canton Monday. Bush was in town to boost the campaign of her husband, Republican front-runner George W. Bush.*

Canton campaign stop designed to jolt Bush's White House bid

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Education, family and a solid track record were themes pushed by potential First Lady Laura Bush Monday in Canton.

Speaking at a Rotary and Chamber of Commerce luncheon, the wife of GOP front-runner George W. Bush said her husband should be the next U.S. president.

"George is a man of firm convictions and beliefs," she told a large gathering at Roman Forum restaurant. "As governor, my husband determines a goal and follows through with it.

"He has clear goals for our country."

Michigan could be a key state in determining whether Bush or Arizona Sen. John McCain captures the Republican nomination.

After early primary victories, the Texas governor has faltered recently in states such as New Hampshire.

According to political observers, Bush needs victories in South Carolina Saturday and Michigan Tuesday to regain momentum.

Laura Bush's Michigan jaunt was designed to help do that. Besides Canton, she also appeared in Westland and Traverse City.

She went on to Alpena, Battle Creek and Stevensville Tuesday before heading back home to Texas.

Michigan first lady Michelle Engler and Secretary of State Candice Miller joined Bush for her township visit.

"He really is the only candidate, Democratic or Republican, who has executive experience," said Miller. "His experience will help move a positive agenda for change forward."

Bush spoke for about 15 minutes Monday.

■ 'It was nice to hear her talk about the importance of education in this country.'

Mark Slavens
—School board member

She said there's never a dull moment with the 53-year-old Texan.

But, then, it has been that way most of his life, Laura Bush explained.

"When George was a Cub Scout his mother was a den leader," she joked. "She told me that's when her hair turned gray."

Bush said she enjoys campaigning for her husband, but it can be a grind.

"People talk about the rigors of campaigning," she said. "It can be tough, that's true. The hardest part is being away from the ones that you love."

Laura Bush spoke at length about education. She stressed that school districts should have local control and emphasized the importance of reading.

"We know that when children succeed in reading they can succeed in history, math and other subjects," she said. "Our No. 1 goal is that every child will learn to read."

Local leaders were impressed with Bush.

"I thought she was a very warm lady," said Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Board Trustee Mark Slavens. "It was nice to hear her talk about the importance of education in this country."

Canton Clerk Terry Bennett, a former teacher, agreed. She thinks the Texas governor is the best Republican candidate.

"George W. Bush is a reformer," Bennett said. "I think he has a strong record to stand on."

Deadline nears in Civitan essay contest

Use and Abuse of Power (How does the use or abuse of power influence our lives?) is the topic chosen in the year 2000 Plymouth-Canton Civitan Citizenship Essay Contest.

Contest chairman Jerry Thompson, CEP English, and the subject selection committee expect in excess of 50 participants. The contest has been conducted annually since 1975.

Possible benefits from participation include improved ability on developing a theme or concept; skill in presenting a convincing argument or position; and the opportunity to research and document subject matter and supporting evidence.

The judging panel consists of English or social studies teachers from both CEP high schools and representatives of the Crier and Plymouth Observer newspapers.

Any high school student currently enrolled in public or private schools located within the Plymouth-Canton Community School District is an eligible contestant.

The contest is in progress and will continue until the deadline at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14. No entries will be accepted after the deadline.

Prizes awarded are $300 for first place, $200 for second place and $100 for third place. For more information, call Thompson, Canton English Department, Room 230, ext. 57168 or Joe Henshaw, Civitan coordinator at (734) 453-7569.

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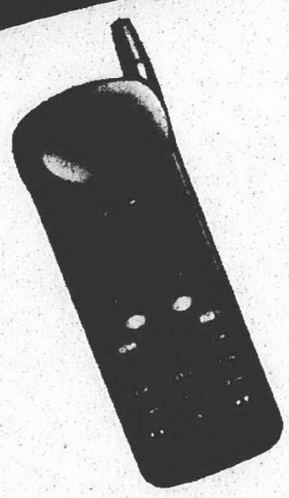

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Plymouth shop among dealers offering child car seat inspections

If you've ever installed a child safety seat in your vehicle, you know how difficult and frustrating it can be.

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That's why Crestwood Dodge in Garden City and Dick Scott Dodge in Plymouth are among DaimlerChrysler dealerships offering a free child safety seat inspection service – Fit for a Kid – to all families no matter what make or model vehicle they drive.

Whether you drive a Ford, Honda, Toyota, Dodge, or any other vehicle, Crestwood Dodge will inspect your child safety seat at no charge.

"Safety technology changes so quickly and consumers are inundated with so much information they are often left confused about how to best protect their family," said Jim Holden, president of DaimlerChrysler. "With Fit for a Kid, DaimlerChrysler offers a simple, understandable solution to a serious problem with an unmatched, personalized safety service."

An appointment is necessary to have a certified staff member inspect the seat, show you how to install it correctly and how to make sure your child is properly buckled in. The inspection takes 20-30 minutes.

Crestwood Dodge is located at 32850 Ford Road. Call (734) 421-5700 for an appointment. Dick Scott Dodge is located at 684 W. Ann Arbor Road. Call (734) 451-0957 for an appointment.

Fit for a Kid comes on the heels of a child car seat clinic Crestwood co-sponsored with Oakwood Healthcare Systems. More than 100 parents and children attended the clinic that included a seat inspection by SafeKids Coalition volunteers.

"There is a real need to have this type of program available to every parent," said Rob Robbins, owner of Crestwood Dodge. "Educating our community and helping keep kids safe in the car is something that as business owners and automobile dealers is our responsibility."

The dealerships also are offering tips for keeping kids safe:

- Babies under age 1 and less than 20 pounds should ride in rear-facing restraints in the back seat.
- Children over age 1 and at least 20 pounds should ride facing forward facing until they reach 40 pounds.
- Children over 40 pounds should ride in booster seats until they are big enough to "fit" in an adult seat belt (usually 60-80 pounds).

Last January, the National Transportation Safety Board called on automakers and others to create a national system of permanent child safety seat fitting stations.

Working with Fisher-Price and the National Safety Council, DaimlerChrysler is the only automaker currently providing free child safety seat inspections at permanent locations throughout the United States with Fit for a Kid.

"By making its Fit for a Kid child safety seat fitting stations available to every family in America, DaimlerChrysler will save countless children from needless injury and death," said Jim Hall, NTSB chairman. "I urge every parent and caregiver to take advantage of the program and have their children's safety seats inspected at the earliest opportunity."

Fisher-Price and the National Safety Council have worked with DaimlerChrysler on this commitment to child safety right from the start. Fisher-Price provides child passenger safety expertise and loaner seats.

The company also is offering discounts on Safe Embrace convertible car seats and booster car seats to caregivers who discover during the inspection that their current seat is not safe.

"Because of Fit for a Kid, every American family now has access to an invaluable safety service to keep children safe," said Jerry Scannell, president of the National Safety Council.

CARRIER OF THE MONTH: *PLYMOUTH*

BRANDON M. BUNT

Brandon M. Bunt, 12, delivers the Plymouth Observer in the Green Meadows subdivision. He has been delivering the Observer since 1993.

The West Middle School seventh grader's favorite subjects are math, science, and social studies. His hobbies include acting, which he is presently in a live theater play at the "Marquis Theater," in Northville, called "Jack and the Beanstalk." He also enjoys biking with his dad in the park and other long trails. He was on honor roll and a student counsel rep. last year.

Brandon wants to go to college at Yale or Princeton University and be an actor and own his own company.

Talking with his customers is just one thing he enjoys about his route.

Responsibility, customer service skills and organization are some of the skills he has developed.

Brandon is the son of Richard and Rose Bunt.

(Brandon was Carrier of the Month for December.)

WSPD joins team to raffle 1937 Zephyr

The student radio station at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park has teamed up in the charity campaign to raffle off a 1937 Lincoln Zephyr and benefit Sparky Anderson's CATCH Foundation for children.

WSDP-FM 88.1 will give away $1,000 worth of raffle tickets (valued at $5 each) between now and the Feb. 27 car raffle, which is part of Autorama.

The Lincoln Zephyr coupe was found in a barn in Chelsea, Mich., and restored for last year's Woodward Dream Cruise by Carron Classics of Inkster.

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Say it with Flowers

by Steve Mansfield

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When choosing flowers for children in wedding parties, consider a necklace of dainty blossoms that leaves a girl's hands free for scattering rose petals. Blooms may also be worn as hair wreaths, headbands, or bracelets. As for ring bearers, they may tuck pocket posies into their basket pockets. The most charming of wedding nosegays have pastel colors, small blossoms, and beautiful ribbon streamers. Other choices include a floral ball or pomander to loop around a child's arm and fanciful flower hoops or garlands of greenery and flowers. Garlands may also be finished with pretty bows that form carrying handles. These may be used to hang garlands at the altar as decorations during the wedding ceremony.

Have you spotted the perfect wedding gown? What about the ideal bridal bouquet? There are thousands of options when planning a wedding, and what you need is someone to help make certain that you don't miss a thing. Whether you're planning a wedding or just planning on brightening someone's day with a special bouquet, visit or call **HEIDE'S FLOWERS & GIFTS**, **995 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth (453-5140)**. February is National Weddings Month.

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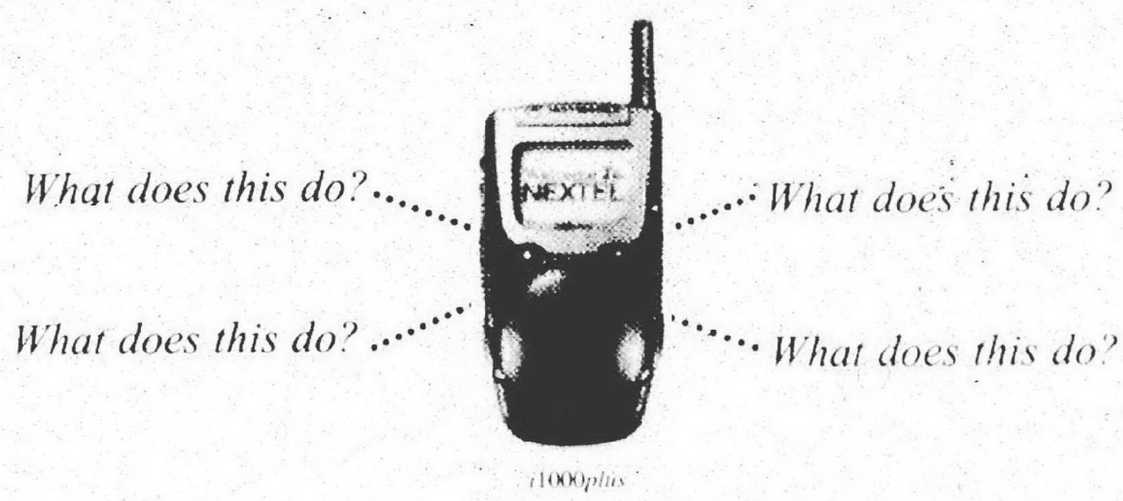

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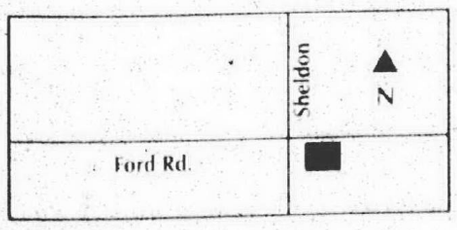

House bills aimed at reforming unresponsive HMOs

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While Andrea Kideckel of Berkley waged what would be a five-year losing battle with inflammatory breast cancer, her husband, Alan, skirmished with their managed health care insurance company over payment for the treatments.

Insurance companies say the source of such disagreements with customers is often traceable to expenses the policy is not intended to cover.

"You get what you pay for," Eugene Farnum, executive director of the Michigan Association of Health Plans, said. "It's like auto insurance. You can choose to take just PLPD. If you don't take collision and you get in an accident, then you are not owed that."

But that was not the case, according to Alan Kideckel.

"Everything was covered, eventually," he said. "But not without a lot of fighting, not without a lot of pain, not without agony. When you are fighting for your life, you should not have to fight with the insurance company, too. Many people don't know how to fight the insurance company. Many won't have the energy to fight when they're already seriously ill."

Among the run-ins, Kideckel said his insurance company attempted to provide only partial reimbursement for expensive drugs even though they'd been approved for use to treat breast cancer, rejected payment of some MRI images taken in the same session with others it deemed covered, and disputed the dosage of drugs given to his wife at the hospital.

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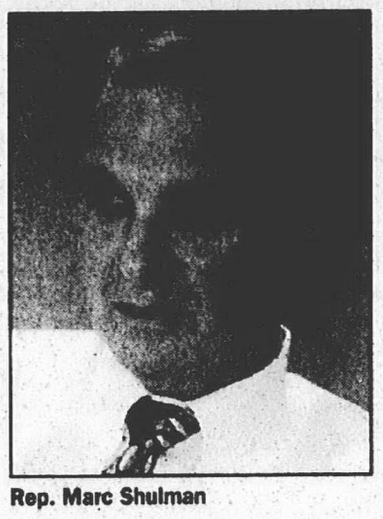
Rep. Marc Shulman
R-West Bloomfield


Rep. Marc Shulman

After his wife died in October 1998, the hospital attempted to put him on a payment play for $1,000 worth of expenses that should have been covered by insurance.

He was so angry that he formed Fighting for Victory Inc., a patient advocacy organization now pushing for reform of managed health care regulations at the state level.

And he'll soon get a response from lawmakers. House Republicans are putting the final touches on a new package of bills, which they plan to unveil shortly, aimed at reforming Michigan's managed health care networks.

Rep. Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield) has been working on a bill he says will "put the medical decisions back in the hands of the doctors instead of the medical directors at the HMOs."

His bill is aimed at improving the existing state Patient Bill of Rights by providing an "expedited external review" for all insurance companies, including health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and preferred provider organizations (PPOs). At present, Michigan's Patient Bill of Rights does allow for an outside appeal of coverage decisions, but not for all insurance companies. Appeals regarding care that are filed with the Department of Community Health can take up to 90 days to reach a decision under the current system.

Shulman says Michigan's Patient Bill of Rights was not well publicized after it was adopted in 1997, and there has to be a public education campaign as well to let state residents know it is available.

His bill will also allow patients to sue managed health care plans when they make decisions that have a detrimental effect on the patient.

"There has to be accountability," he said. "If they are making decisions that affect the quality of care, they are in essence practicing medicine. They should be subject to the same liability." Shulman's bill would place caps on awards against insurance companies comparable to the caps placed on medical malpractice awards.

But Shulman said he believes the appeals process is the most important aspect, since it will allow a patient to receive a quick judgment on decisions issued by the insurance company. After-the-fact lawsuits, he said, won't do the patient any good.

Still, he discounted concerns raised by health insurance companies that liability could raise costs and therefore premiums. Similar reforms in Texas have not produced many additional lawsuits, he said. And studies have shown the overall effect on premiums of such reforms would be no more than 2 percent.

Lorri Rishar, aide to House Speaker Chuck Perricone (R-Kalamazoo Township), said Shulman's proposals will be incorporated into a multi-bill package addressing managed care reform that is expected to be unveiled in the next week or so. Other than Shulman, which lawmakers will sponsor portions of the package is not yet clear, she said. But the goals will be to streamline and improve the appeals process under the existing Patients Bill of Rights, have a consistent appeals process for all health plans, provide for an external review under one state agency, and conduct a public awareness campaign.

The appeals process now under the Department of Community Health will be transferred to the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Services.

The package will also serve as the vehicle for managed care reforms called for by Gov. John Engler in his State of the State address. At the time, Engler called for strengthening the Patient Bill of Rights through a single external appeals process. He also urged adoption of financial reforms regarding managed care companies to assure their solvency over the next 20 years. He proposed improving the powers of the state insurance commissioner to identify troubled HMOs and take corrective actions early. Finally, Engler proposed a state sponsored "Health Plan Report Card," which would be issued to the public to assist consumers in selecting the best health plans.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield has taken a position favoring the governor's solvency recommendations, according to Helen Stojik, director of media relations, but it is reserving comment on the remainder of the package until the actually wording is unveiled.

Farnum, of the Association of Health Plans, said his members favor passage of the package. Members in his organization are already subject to an external review of health care decisions, although he admits not all insurance companies in Michigan are.

Farnum said health insurance companies in Michigan can already be sued under the law, so he sees little impact from the legislation. He agrees there does need to be accountability. He said he sees the largest impact on PPOs, which are not at present subject to the appeals process, and insurance programs at the federal level.

Shulman noted that insurance companies can indeed be sued at present, but they can only be sued for the cost of the medical procedure denied. His bill would allow for suits seeking damages as a result of denied treatment.

State Democrats have suggested similar proposals, but there is still likely to be some partisan wrangling over the issue. Rep. Laura Baird (D-Okemos), who sponsored House Bill 4127 to allow for lawsuits against managed care companies without caps, accuses Shulman of stealing her bill outright.

But Shulman is critical of Baird's plan. He argues that liability does little after the fact. Without an improved appeals process, liability would do little for the patient, he said.

Baird said that although she does not favor the caps Shulman has proposed, some liability for insurance companies would be better than none. Still, she doesn't expect Republicans will seek a compromise.

"They don't need my vote. I have nothing they need," she said.

Rep. David Woodward (D-Madison Heights) has also proposed a shorter appeals process for disputing care decisions by HMOs. His proposal would be to shorten the current 90-day review process to 15 days.

"I haven't been able to get it drafted," he said. "The Republicans are keeping them (the Legislative Service Bureau) busy. It's not suppose to be like that, but it is in Lansing these days."

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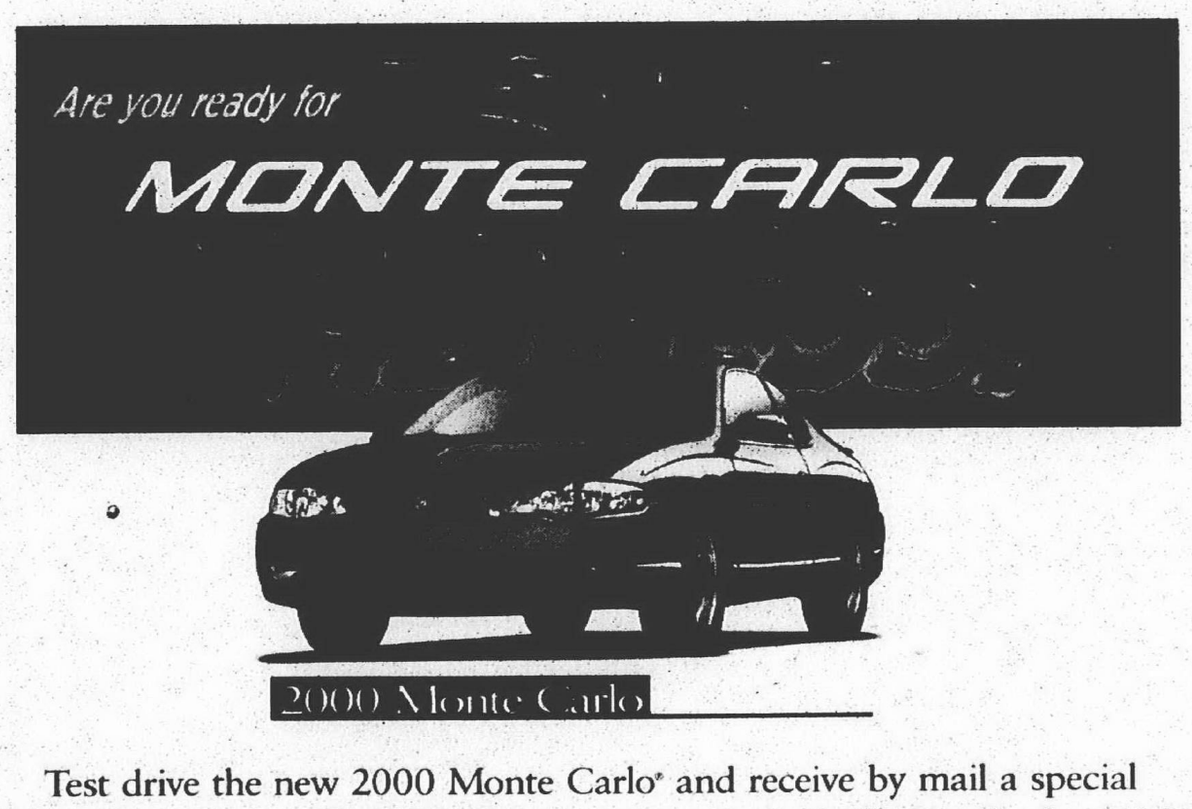

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With dozens of area school districts taking mid-winter breaks during the next several weeks, Detroit Metro Airport is advising both business and recreational travelers to call ahead for parking conditions and give themselves plenty of extra time. The tri-county break period, which began Feb. 14 and runs through early March, makes Metro more crowded because the level of business travel stays the same, according to Wayne County Airports Director David Katz.

"During the past several years, we've noticed more travelers taking advantage of the school breaks in February and this year will be no exception," he said.

"We'll see another surge in traffic volume during spring break in April," Katz added. "So we're advising our customers to call the 24-hour parking hotline (1-800-642-1978) and give themselves plenty of extra time."

The hotline, staffed by APCOA employees with the latest information on parking conditions at Metro, will direct travelers to off-airport lots when all on-airport lots get full.

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Trade mission to India opens doors for investment

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"Hyderabad is the Silicon Valley of India," said State Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield.

A city with a population of 4.7 million, it ranks as the fifth largest in that country and serves as the capital of the region of Andhra Pradesh. Located in Central India, Andhra Pradesh is a little smaller than Michigan but is home to an estimated 90 million residents, 10 times as many as Michigan, Peters noted.

It is also the center of India's information technology industry. That fact spurred a delegation of Michigan lawmakers to travel around the world on an exploratory trade mission. Peters, along with Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, Paul DeWeese, R-Williamston, and Clarke Hansen, D-Detroit, visited the region last month. They took with them representatives of the Detroit Chamber of Commerce, as well as officials from Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Oakland University and Wayne State University.

The purpose was to spur trade between the two countries, Peters and Raczkowski explained. And although actual deals may be in the future, both said the trip achieved impressive results.

For one, William Bassitt, vice president of development for the Detroit Chamber, signed a memorandum of understanding with his counterpart in Hyderabad that will lay the groundwork for a sister city relationship between the two cities. That will facilitate an exchange of information and visitors.

Officials from India are already scheduled to come to the Detroit area in the next few months.

Additionally, university officials were able to lay the groundwork for distance learning and student exchange programs, Raczkowski said. Members of the delegation also include high-ranking Indian government officials, including the Chief Minister of the region and members of Parliament in Delhi.

He even heard interest from an Indian firm, which already has a small office located in Troy and which would like to expand here, to consider the old Compuware building in Farmington Hills, once that company completes its move to downtown Detroit.

Southeast Michigan has one of the largest concentrations of Indian immigrants in the country, Peters and Raczkowski said. Their interest in the trip was spurred by constituents in their district who expressed interest in expanding trade with India.

Victor Naidu, president and CEO of the Michigan-based Ramsoft Systems company, helped organize the trip and traveled to India with the lawmakers.

Such international trade missions are not uncommon. Michigan has an office in Hong Kong aimed at increasing business between the state and Asia. State lawmakers took a similar trip last year to Israel. But the legislators paid for the cost of their own travel, they said. No state money was used for the trip, they said.

Peters said that one of the highlights of the trip was that, following a speech he gave to government officials in Delhi, he was approached by a representative of another region, who asked that next time the lawmakers visit his area of India.

Raczkowski said he learned of a technique the Indian government is using to spur new businesses.

The government established incubators, or industrial buildings where businesses can begin operations with significant tax breaks for up to two years, before they are required to move out on their own.

As many as two thirds of new small businesses in the U.S. fail, he noted. But the Indian government's use of incubators is having success at creating stable new small businesses.

Dog fees waived for volunteers

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Volunteers who take on the task of raising leader dogs for the disabled will no longer have to take on the burden of license fees as well.

State lawmakers voted last week to exempt those who raise and train service dogs from paying local dog license fees. They'll still have to have the dogs licensed, legislative aide Andy Schor explained, but local township and city clerks will waive those fees in the future under Senate Bill 456, sponsored by Sen. Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield).

The waiver applies to dog owners who raise puppies which will later be turned over for training at institutions like Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester. The fees may be only $5 per dog, Schor said, but the costs can run into the hundreds of dollars for those who raise numerous dogs.

"We have almost 400 raisers in seven states," William Hansen, president of Leader Dogs for the Blind, said. "The majority is in Michigan. Our 'high time' raiser, a Lapeer resident, is now on her 44th puppy. When raisers accept the obligation of raising a Leader Dog puppy, they also accept a number of financial responsibilities."

"These families give a tremendous amount of their time to raising and hosting these dogs and also contribute many of the expenses incurred for the dogs' care. The exemption from licensing would be one way for all of us to support the efforts of these dedicated individuals," Michael Sapp, chief operating officers of Paws With a Cause, said.

State representatives approved the bill 108-0 Feb. 8. Senators had earlier approved the bill 37-0. All local lawmakers supported the bill. The proposal now awaits the governor's signature.

Madonna sets Open House

Madonna University in Livonia is holding an Open House for prospective students 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 25, in the Take 5 Lounge on campus.

Those attending will tour the campus, meet with faculty, staff and students, and learn about the more than 50 career-oriented programs offered during the day, evenings and weekends. Information on financial aid and scholarships will be available, and transfer students are encouraged to bring their transcripts. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

For information, call Madonna University's Admissions Office at (734)432-5339 or e-mail: muinfo@smtp.munet.edu.

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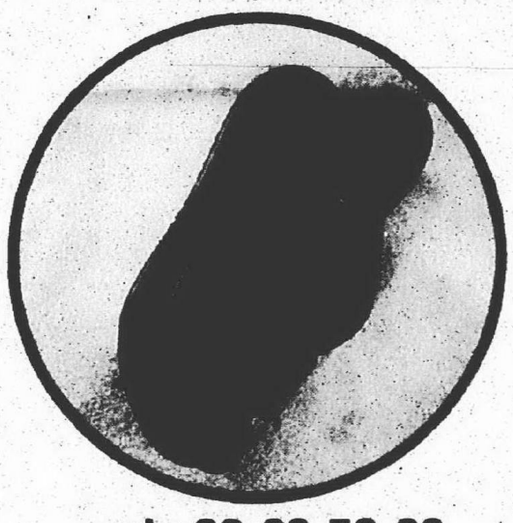
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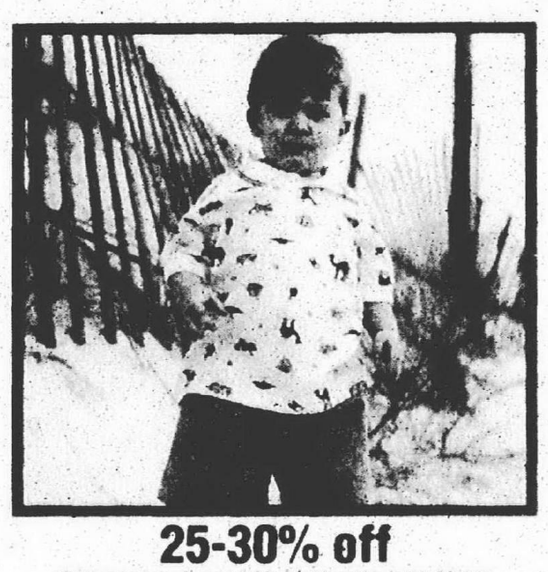
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Library bill intended to keep obscene material from children

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There are dangerous places in the world where parents should not let their children venture alone. Should the public library be one of them?

Howell resident Stephanie Williams says it has gone that far because of the unfiltered, unmonitored Internet terminals available for use in some libraries.

"The (American Civil Liberties Union) says it is up to parents to monitor their children," she said. "But if your child wants to go to the library to research a high school term paper, should you have to sit right there to watch the entire time?"

Williams testified before the Michigan Senate Judiciary Committee in support of Senate Bill 936, which would mandate that libraries adopt policies aimed at keeping under age patrons from viewing "obscene or sexually explicit matter that is harmful to minors."

She told committee members that the bill addresses materials which, if supplied directly to minors by a private company like a convenience store or video rental shop, would leave that firm subject to prosecution.

The verbiage "harmful to minors" is a key to the legislation, according to Sylvia Warner, aide to Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Howell, the sponsor of the legislation.

Material considered "harmful to minors" is material that is already illegal to possess, such as child pornography, Warner said.

The bill has moved out of committee and is expected to have a final reading and vote in the Senate today. The bill will then go to the House for consideration.

The state Legislature addressed the issue of Internet access at libraries last year, giving approval to a plan by Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, allowing libraries to segregate Internet terminals for adults from those intended for use by youngsters, and allowing the terminals used by minors to be filtered to prevent access to pornography sites.

That bill was intended to answer First Amendment concerns about filtering which have turned into lawsuits for some libraries. Cassis believed constitutional concerns would be avoided if some terminals were filtered while others were left open for full Internet access by adults.

Rogers' bill takes the issue a step further, essentially mandating separate children's terminals. His bill would require that libraries provide access in a way that prevents a minor from viewing obscene materials. The bill would also relieve libraries of liability if they take reasonable steps to prevent youngsters from viewing pornography.

Filters not perfect

"The bill is greatly improved over earlier versions," Marianne Hartzell, of the Michigan Library Association, said. "It is much more doable than earlier drafts. But we are not quite to a position of supporting it yet."

A change made in the bill that make it more palatable to the Library Association, Hartzell explained, is that it allows local library boards to determine the best methods for keeping pornography out of the hands of youngsters, through the policies they will adopt. Relieving libraries of liability, as long as they make reasonable attempts to block obscene material, was also a significant change, she said.

"Filters alone, if that is all you do, aren't perfect," she said. "They are much improved these days but they can't keep out 100 percent. If that is all you do, you give parents a false sense of security."

Each library is different, she said, with a different set up. Filters may be useful in some libraries, but monitoring and segregation of adult computers from children's computers may be the best method in other libraries.

Some small libraries may have only a terminal or two. Then, some other means of allowing adults full access and blocking obscene material for children may be needed, she said.

Warner said the problem of pornography on the Internet is extensive. Estimates place the number of sexually explicit sites on the World Wide Web at 900,000, she said. It has been brought to the senator's attention that youngsters in his district were trading computer diskettes of porn sites they had downloaded at the library, she said.

The Michigan chapter of the ACLU is indeed opposing the legislation, arguing that filtering software is not effective. Such filtering programs often operate based on keywords, blocking access when the software detects obscene language. That means some pornography gets through anyway, while the program blocks access to some legitimate sites.

Warner said the filtering software has been much improved in recent years. She pointed out a new system that has been introduced on the market, called SmartGuardian Internet Access Control System. Library patrons, or their parents, can select from one of five levels of filtering to be done on Internet sites. The patron is issued a card, which is inserted into the computer automatically adjusting the settings to the appropriate level of filtering.

Simply filtering all terminals is not valid solution, Hartzell said.

"Everybody wants to protect the children," she said. "That is everyone's goal. Libraries have always been a safe place for children and families ... but if you use the same computer a child does and its access is limited to the level of safety appropriate for someone under 17, that infringes on your right to full access."

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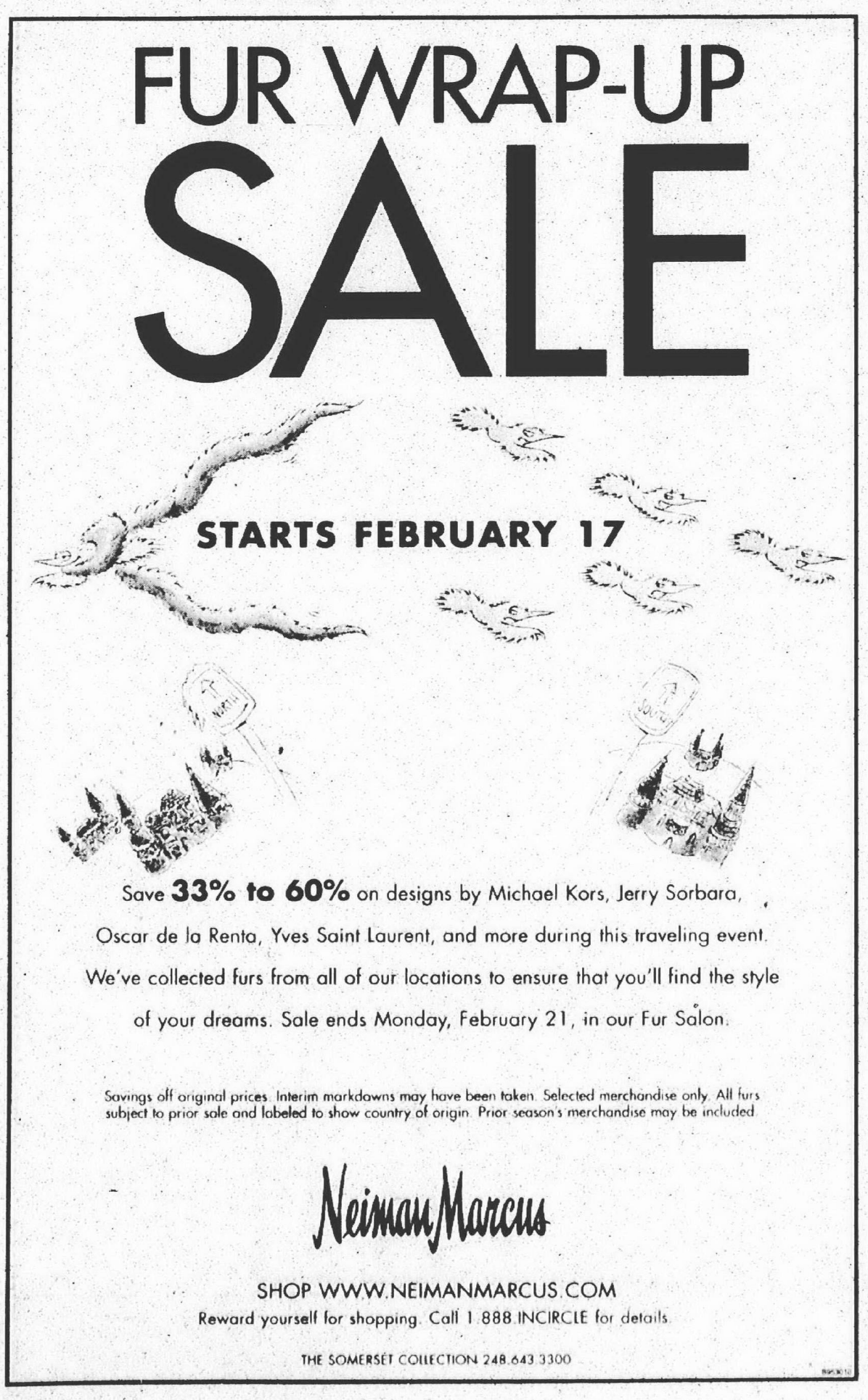

METRO AIRPORT

STORIES BY RICHARD PEARL

Service with a friendlier face

$60 million face lift going smoothly

With some $60 million in interim upgrades to existing terminals rolling along and a new, $1.2-billion midfield passenger structure rising in the background, the massive program to change Wayne County's Metro Airport from a busy and sprawling – but rather gray, utilitarian and boring – facility into a jewel is progressing smoothly.

Metro users and visitors already see numerous improvements, including increased parking, better access to major concourses and new gates, remodeled restrooms, new restaurants and smiling employees.

The massive expansion program, which includes the new 74-gate Northwest Airlines Midfield Terminal, shopping mall and major new runway, will also include – after Midfield's scheduled December 2001 opening – makeovers of the Davey (Northwest) and Smith terminals.

With Metro expected to be ranked the eighth busiest airport in North America and 13th busiest in the world, there's a lot of impetus for improvements now in place or going in, such as:

- Customer Service Agents stationed roughly every 30 feet throughout the airport.
- Customer service training for more than 600 airport employees by a Walt Disney subsidiary.
- The Airport Information Center, which helps answer questions about Metro and the Detroit area through videos, displays, brochures and CSA personnel.
- The upgrading of 65 restrooms through redecorating, including wider entrances/exits and touchless faucets and toilets.

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DETROIT METROPOLITAN AIRPORT

Style with a smile: *That's what Metro Airport plans for its new Midfield Terminal, in rendering above. At right, Metro CSA Linda Franz of Livonia helps passenger Charlie Sasso of Scottsdale, Ariz.*

Linda Franz of Livonia is an example of the "new face" of Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

It's the kind of face that an airport director – and a lot of airline passengers – would love, particularly if the former is Metro boss David Katz and the latter is a Kansas family struck by a double tragedy far from home.

It's the humane, compassionate, friendly and helpful – but sometimes wisely unobtrusive – face which Katz has been emphasizing in large part through his Customer Service Agent program, begun about six months after he took over the airport two years ago.

"We're trying to put the customer No. 1," said Katz. "We need to humanize" the constantly growing airport, to make it "safe, friendly, clean and courteous.

"It has to be more than bricks and mortar," he said. "It has to be 'Please' and 'Thank you.' We want it to be friendly, customer-driven, with customer services and amenities for all."

That's what Gerry Barker and her family of Fairway, Kan., found on Jan. 8, while en route to her mother's funeral in northern Michigan.

Barker, her husband, their daughter and the daughter's spouse had just arrived at Detroit Metro from Kansas City when Gerry called Burlington, Vt., to check on the birth of their first grandchild – only to tragically learn the boy had died minutes after being born.

"The horror and confusion of those moments were indescribable," Gerry said in her Feb. 6 letter: The family knew they'd have to cancel the drive up north "and try to get to Vermont to be with our son and his wife."

But they quickly discovered that storms from Michigan east had canceled many flights. They needed a travel agent "but couldn't find anyone in the airport that could help us."

That was when the Barkers

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STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Metro Margaritaville: *The new Jose Cuervo Tequileria restaurant and bar at the airport offers a taste of things to come.*

Airport promises upscale Michigan Mall

Airport shopping that rivals metropolitan Detroit's most upscale shopping malls – and with competitive "street pricing," too?

Officials of Wayne County's Detroit Metro Airport are making those promises regarding the new Midfield Terminal and its 125,000-square-foot retail/restaurant mall.

They suggested the mall, with its "wide array of unique and upscale retail shopping outlets and restaurants" offering "a distinct Detroit flavor," could even "become a destination itself in 2001" for metro Detroiters.

How well potential mall tenants bring out that "flavor" – specified as the "America's Engine" theme – is a measure being used to screen applicants.

"We want (passengers and visitors) to know they're in Detroit, to know they're in Wayne County and to know they're in a world-class facility," said an enthused Colleen Pobur, Metro's director of concessions and quality assurance, during a media conference earlier this month about the mall.

"I want to walk through it tomorrow," said an equally excited Michael Conway, the airport's director of external relations.

"You're not alone, brother," Pobur shot back.

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Tenant criteria

Choosing tenants for the new Midfield Terminal Airport Mall is to be as top-drawer as the plans for the 125,000-square-foot area.

Metro Airport, beset by allegations it has failed to seek competitive bids on contracts, has sought to assure everyone, including potential tenants, about the selection process for the new mall by naming an

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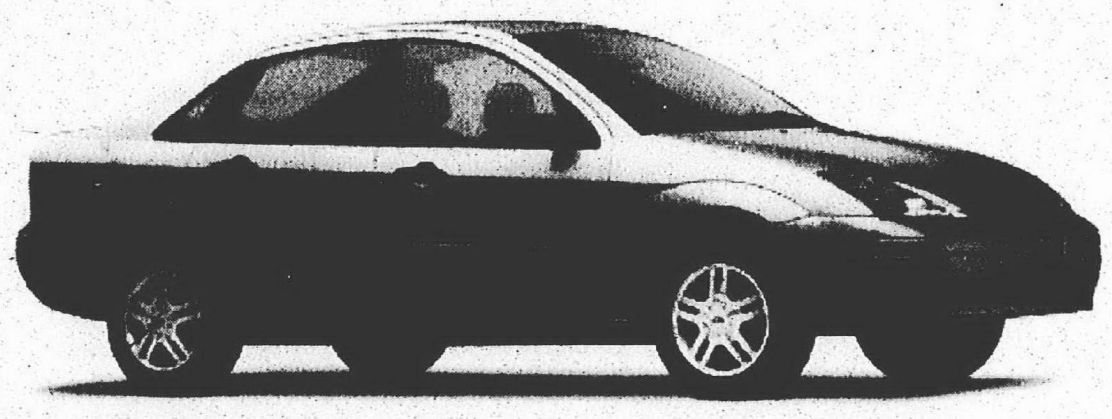

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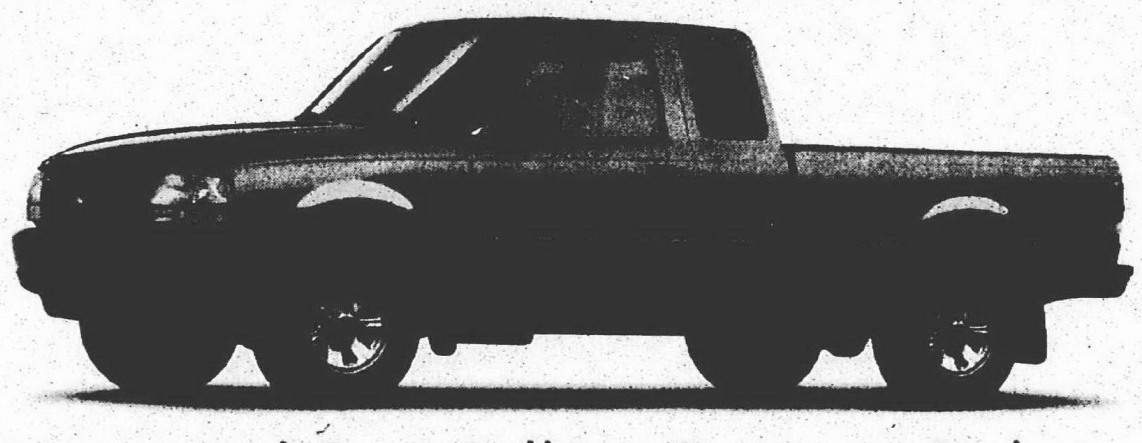

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OBITUARIES

DONALD R. PETERSON

Services for Donald R. Peterson, 67, of Plymouth were held Feb. 15 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Jack Quinlan officiating.

He was born Feb. 20, 1932, in La Crosse, Wis., and died Feb. 11 in Livonia. He was a self-employed manufacturers representative. He represented Clairol, Con-Air, Mr. Coffee, and Water Boss Co. Mr. Peterson was a salesman for the Sunbeam Corp. and King-Seeley Thermos Corp. He came to the Plymouth community in 1978 from Westland and was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church. He was also a member of G.I.F.T. (Growing In Faith Together) Bible Study Group.

Mr. Peterson was formerly the high school director of religious education at St. Bernadine's in Westland. He was a life-long member of the Plymouth Historical Society and a life member of the Yankee Air Force. He was a member of the Naval Reserves and the Naval Air Reserves. He was former president of the Michigan Housewares Association and was the founder of the Western Michigan Marketers Association.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara of Plymouth; one son, Carl (Suzette) Peterson of Toledo, Ohio; one daughter, Karen (Lou) Christensen of Canton Township; two brothers, retired Major General Carl D. Peterson of Panama City, Fla., and David Peterson of Beverly Hills, Calif.; one sister, Mary Guzzardo of Irvin, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Historical Society or Angela Hospice.

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

JOHN J. KNIGHT

Services for John J. Knight, 79, of Jonesville, Mich., were held Feb. 15 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

He was born Jan. 30, 1921, in Detroit and died Feb. 12 in Farmington Hills. He was an office manager for General Motors Corp. He came to the Livonia community in 1959. He moved to Jonesville after living in Livonia for five years. He attended the Presbyterian Church. He served in the armed services during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Josephine; one brother, Douglas; and three sisters, Agnes, Rose and Lillian. Survivors include his son, Gordon W. (Margaret) Knight of Canton; a sister, Ann (Richard) Trapp of Florida; one grandson, Michael Robert Knight of Canton; and one granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann Knight of Canton.

Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice.

HARRY STONE CALHOUN

Services for Harry Stone Calhoun, 85, of Plymouth were held Feb. 14 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Tonya Arnesen officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

He was born April 27, 1914, in Hornbeak, Tenn., and died Feb. 11 in Superior Township. He retired from Burroughs Corp. in 1977. He was a boat builder. One of the boats he built is in the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. The name of his boat company was Calhoun Boat Shop based in Union City, Tenn.

Mr. Calhoun also owned a clock repair shop on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

He came to the Plymouth community in 1942 from Union City, Tenn. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. He was a fisherman, gardener and a sports enthusiast.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtle P. Calhoun of Plymouth; two sons, Kenneth L. (Linda) Calhoun of Adrian, Mich., and Thomas (Uta) Calhoun of Clarksville, Tenn.; two daughters, Elizabeth (Paul) Woodard of Plymouth and Sharon (Donald) Smarda of Canton; 16 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

PHYLLIS M. SOLOMON

Services for Phyllis M. Solomon, 92, of Canton Township took place Feb. 14 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy G. Forysth officiating. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley, Mich.

She was born Sept. 19, 1907, in England and died Feb. 11 in Canton Township. She worked at the Plymouth A&P Store on Ann Arbor Road as a meat packer and lived in Plymouth for 60 years. She loved doing crafts and being with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Evan. Survivors include her three nieces, Phyllis Smith of Plymouth, Diana (Bob) Perry of Plymouth; and Dorothy (Dan) Soho of Livonia; sister-in-law Lorene Smith of Plymouth; three grandnieces; and one grandnephew.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

WILLIAM HUGH COMMARFORD

Services for William Hugh Commarford, 98, of Livonia were held Feb. 15 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

He was born June 2, 1901, in New York and died Feb. 11 in Livonia. He retired in 1961 from the traffic department at Chrysler Corp. He came to the Plymouth community in 1990 from Detroit. He was a member of Our lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. He loved baseball. He was a semi-professional and also loved horse racing.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth. Survivors include his two sons, William Martin (Jeanette) Commarford of Sterling Heights and Michael (Missey) Commarford of Kentucky; two daughters, Joan E. (Lou) Gerick of Plymouth and Mary Commarford of North Branch, Mich.; and eight grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Capuchins.

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

ELIZABETH JANE DECAUSSIN

Services for Elizabeth Jane DeCaussin, 52, of Plymouth were held Feb. 16 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Milford.

She was born Oct. 15, 1947, in Detroit. She died Feb. 8 in Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1986 from Detroit. She enjoyed doing crafts, sewing, interior decorating, shopping, antiques, and gatherings with family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James; and father, John H. Survivors include her son, Matthew of Hamtramck; one daughter, Amanda of Plymouth; mother, Jane Dixon of Detroit; and sister, Ethel Dixon of Detroit.

Memorials may be made to the Bair Lake Bible Camp, 12500 Prang Street, Jones, MI 49061.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS FEBRUARY 8, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 8, 2000 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Director Machnik, Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro Chief Rorabacher

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Supervisor Yack moved item 3, *Consider Commendation to Sidewalk Committee, Acceptance of Missing Sidewalk Section List, and Identification of Funds for the Next Budget* to item 1. Item 1, *Public Notification of Proposed Canton Post Office Parking Lot Expansion* to item 3.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Canton of January 25, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Bennett, to move Consent item 3, *Consider Referring Canton Charter Academy Special Land Use Back to the Planning Commission* onto the General calendar as item 2. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap for Board Meeting of January 25, 2000

General Fund	101	$ 393,685.62
Fire Fund	206	$ 43,676.47
Police Fund	207	$ 86,290.42
Summit Operating	208	$ 71,310.83
Golf Fund	211	$ 6,648.87
Street Lighting	219	$ 16,695.63
Cable TV Fund	230	$ 1,428.99
Twp (Community) Improvement	246	$ 14,998.00
Federal Grants Fund	274	$ 2,594.60
Auto Theft Grant	289	$ 32,280.56
Downtown DEV Authority	294	$ 23,068.32
Post Employment Benefits	296	$ 9,886.85
Bldg Authority Construction	469	$ 11,166.66
Water & Sewer Fund	592	$ 688,713.44
Trust & Agency Fund	701	$ 6,642.00
Total - All Funds		$1,409,087.26

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open on the approval of the Leisure Services Master Plan.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to close the public hearing and adopt a resolution on the approval of the Leisure Services Master Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the Ingress/Egress Easement granting St. Joseph Mercy Medical Center access to Veterans Drive. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the Release of Easement for the ProCoil water main easement recorded as Liber 26446, Page 803-805. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the Fire Fund to re-appropriate 1999 funds for the purchase of capital equipment scheduled in 1999: Motion carried unanimously.

Increase Revenues:
Fund Balance Appropriation #206-000-699-0000 $10,425.00

Increase Appropriations:
Capital Outlay-Equipment #206-336-977-9000 $10,425.00

This budget amendment increases the FY 2000 Fire Fund budget from $5,828,593 to $5,839,378.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to reappoint Ralph Shufeldt, Catherine Foege, Melissa McLaughlin, Hazen Hiller, and Greg Greene to the Canton Downtown Development Authority, for a term of four years to expire January 28, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to increase purchase order #17359 to pay John's Sanitation and additional $1,786 for 1999 rentals of Porta Johns. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, approve a budget amendment in the General Fund to transfer $3,000 from the Communication Services Division capital outlay account #101-240-977-0000 to the MIS Department capital outlay account #101-258-977-0000. This budget amendment decreases the Communications Division budget from $218,837 to $215,837, and increases the MIS department budget from $771,748 to $774,748. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to provide additional funding for the FY 2000 Governmental Service, Inc. contract expenses: Motion carried unanimously.

Increase Revenues:
Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 $7,000.00

Increase Appropriations:
Profession and Consulting Services #101-200-803-0000 $7,000.00

This budget amendment increases the General Government Department budget from $732,973 to $739,973, and the General Fund budget from $17,634,920 to $17,641,920.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to accept the prioritized "Listing of Missing Sidewalk Sections". Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to direct that funds be budgeted in the 2001 budget to design and construct missing sidewalk sections. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to commend the Sidewalk Committee for their hard work and efforts toward generating and prioritizing the "Listing of Missing Sidewalk Sections". Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to refer Canton Charter Academy's request for special land use approval back to the Planning Commission at the earliest opportunity. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, that the comments of the U.S. Postal Service be recorded into the minutes of the February 8, 2000 Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to consider preliminary site plan and adopt a resolution for Cherry Hill Village Site Condominiums, Phase 1 (part of the Cherry Hill Village PDD). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the proposed zoning ordinance amendments as follows: Motion carried unanimously.

Article 2, is amended as follows:

Article 2.00 - General Provisions

Section 2.24 - Setbacks from Wetland Areas and Watercourses

Subsection "C" is added to establish a requirement for a stormwater protection buffer with a minimum width of 50 feet, measured from the centerline, along any creek, drain, or watercourse.

Section 2.25 - Underground Utilities

Section 2.25 is added to establish a requirement for all public and private utilities to be placed underground within dedicated easements or rights-of-way and constructed in accordance with Michigan Public Service Commission standards.

Section 2.26 - Screening of Roof-Mounted Mechanical Units

Section 2.26 is added to require all roof-mounted mechanical equipment to be screened from adjoining properties and the road right-of-way, and the screening must be designed as an integral part of the architecture or compatible with the building design and materials.

Article 6, is amended as follows:

Article 6.00 - Site Development Standards Applicable to Specific Uses

Section 6.03D - Site Development Standards for Residential Uses Cluster Development Criteria

Subsection 2a, b, is amended to modify the minimum site size for applicable zoning districts: RE, RR - 40 acres; R-1, R-2, and R-3 - 20 acres

Subsection 3c, d, e is amended to remove the requirement for a buffer from adjacent developments and re–name subsections 3d, e.

Subsection 4, Lot Coverage and Building Separation - Lot Area and Setbacks, is amended to add lot coverage and setback requirements for the R-3 District; to add maximum lot areas for the RR, RE, R-1, and R-2 Districts, to amend the minimum lot area and minimum lot width for R-1 and R-2; and to amend the notes excepting R-3 from the front yard setback offset requirement and the side-entry garage requirement, and adding in R-3, the condition that the garage portion of the structure shall be recessed from the front portion of the house; and requiring a minimum building separation of 20 feet in R-3; and allowing the maximum lot sizes to be exceeded in unusual circumstances in RR, RE, R-1, R-2, and R-3 Districts.

Article 17, Section 17.02, is amended as follows:

Article 17.00 - C-3, Regional Commercial District

Section 17.02B- Permitted Uses and Structures Special Land Uses

Subsection 12 is amended to remove mini-warehouses as a Special Land Use

Article 22, Section 22.02, is amended as follows:

Article 22.00 - LI-2, Light Industrial District

Section 22.02B - Permitted Uses and Structures Special Land Uses

Subsection 10 is amended to remove mini-warehouses as a Special Land Use

Article 23, Section 23.02, is amended as follows:

Article 23.00 - GI, General Industrial District

Section 23.02 - Permitted Uses and Structures Principal Uses and Structures

Subsection 14 is added to include Mini-warehouses, subject to the to the provisions in Section 6.02, subsection M.

***NOTE: This Amendment to the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance (00-1) becomes effective upon publication of this Summary within the Minutes of the February 8, 2000 Board Meeting in the Canton Observer on February 17, 2000. A complete copy of this Amendment is available for public inspection in the Canton Township Planning Services Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 during regular business hours.**

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the engineering design and construction follow up services to Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc. for $69,562.75 plus a 10% contingency for a total of $76,520.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to waive the formal bidding and authorize an expenditure not to exceed $7,400.00 for the purchase and installation of a water main line stop by Free Flow Tapping & Inserting Company, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the purchase of 67 Dell brand computers on the State Contract for a cost not to exceed $139,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the re-class of the communications Specialist positions from a 3A to a 6A, and further that each affected person be given an increase in pay equal to 5% per grade. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, the purchase of a Bullard Thermal Imager Camera, including case, batteries, wireless remote package and temp probe from Westshore Fire Inc., Allendale, MI for a cost not to exceed $18,500. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, the purchase of three 2000 Ford Expeditions from Signature Ford, Perry, MI for a total cost of $85,155.00 through the Macomb County Cooperative Purchasing Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the purchase of a 2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo for Public Safety Administration from Snethkamp Jeep/Eagle, Redford, MI using the State of Michigan bid, not to exceed $27,290. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve a resolution for the project agreement with DNR for Summit Expansion Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award bid for purchase of one (1) Toro Greens Aerator #09120 in the amount of $9,400, which includes a trade-in allowance of $322 from Spartan Distributors, Inc. the low qualified bidder, for Fellows Creek Golf Club. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to amend the Golf Course Fund budget to re-appropriate unspent 1999 funds for this purchase, as follows: Motion carried unanimously.

Increase Revenues:
Appropriation from Fund Balance #211-000-699-0000 $10,000.00

Increase Appropriations:
Capital Outlay-Equipment #211-697-977-000 $10,000.00

OTHER

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to authorize payment of bills after review for February 22, 2000.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adjourn at 9:53 P.M.

Motion carried unanimously.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on Jan 25, 2000. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on Feb 8, 2000.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: February 17, 2000 L063179

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

The Charter Township of Canton will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk, first floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, until Thursday, March 9, 2000, 10:00 A.M. for the following project:

NEW VOICE SYSTEMS FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP

All bidders are required to attend a bid meeting at the Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan on Tuesday, February 24, 2000 at 10:00 A.M. for a project walk through. Questions about the project and requests for complete bid packets may be directed to Cinnabar Telecommunications, 4431 Southmoor Lane, West Bloomfield, Michigan 48323-3134, (248)-737-9437.

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address, telephone number, and date and time of bid opening. The bidder must provide three copies of the bid.

Late bids will not be accepted. Canton Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Canton Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: February 17, 2000 L063167

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. March 2, 2000, at the Office of the Clerk, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan for the following:

Housing Rehabilitation: One single-family detached home

A bond is required for any individual bid of $25,000 or more.

Questions may be directed to Resource Development Division, (734) 397-5392. This program is funded by CDBG, Department of HUD. Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: February 17, 2000 L063173

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a **Presidential Primary Election** will be held on **Tuesday, Feburary 22, 2000** from **7:00 A.M.** to **8:00 P.M.** at the following polling locations:

Precinct No.	Name of Facility	Address
1 & 23	First Baptist Church	44500 Cherry Hill Rd.
2	Human Services Center	44237 Michigan Avenue
3, 10, 21	St. John Neumann Church	44800 Warren Road
4 & 13	Miller Elementary School	43721 Hanford Road
5 & 18	Field Elementary School	1000 S. Haggerty Road
6	Royal Holiday Clubhouse	39500 Warren Road
7	Plymouth Salem High School	46181 Joy Road
8	Resurrection Catholic Church	48755 Warren Road
9	Eriksson Elementary School	1275 N. Haggerty Road
11 & 19	Tonda Elementary School	46501 Warren Road
12 & 14	Hulsing Elementary School	8055 Fleet Street
15	Walker Elementary School	39932 Michigan Avenue
16 & 17	Bentley Elementary School	1100 S. Sheldon
20 & 26	Canton Administration Bldg	1150 S. Canton Center
22	Hoben Elementary School	44680 Saltz Road
24 & 25	Plymouth Canton High School	8415 N. Canton Center
27	Summit on the Park	46000 Summit Parkway
28	Agape Christian School	45081 Geddes
29	Eriksson School	1275 N. Haggerty
30	Mettetal Airport	8550 Lilley Road

The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 19, 2000 for absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot.

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

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

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

PUBLISH: February 10 & 17, 2000

METRO AIRPORT

STORIES BY RICHARD PEARL

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Work in progress: *A jet lifts off near a below-grade portion of access road at the new Midfield Terminal. Planes will taxi across the bridge at left.*

Improved conditions for airport mechanics

Even the mechanics can't wait for the new Midfield Terminal at Metro Airport to open.

Though that won't be until December 2001, the 74-gate Northwest Airlines concourse, now under construction just south of existing passenger facilities, will mean better working conditions for mechanics besides providing better service for passengers, they say.

For one thing, says Dan Kafcas of Westland, a plaint maintenance mechanic for Northwest since 1991, "Each gate will have portable heating and air conditioning equipment" instead of the mobile units now being moved from gate to gate.

Not only will the permanent power units help save wear and tear on the jets' on-board generators used to heat or cool parked aircraft, but "They'll be quieter, too – less noise for passengers and us," he says.

But the increase in total gates will mean "better connections for Northwest passengers," Kafcas notes.

Now, he says, if there's a problem with a jet bridge to a plane, the gate must be shut down, sending passengers to already busy gates: "Like trying to put 10 apples in a bag that holds five," says Kafcas.

Face lift from page A9

- **Family restrooms, including baby-changing facilities for those with young children, plus more accessible unisex restrooms for the handicapped.**
- **Laptop Lane Inc., with its offices for rent and fast T-1 Internet access, plus the new Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce conference facility.**
- **Six new Concourse A gates (Southwest and Spirit airlines).**
- **Widened, modernized security checkpoints for faster screening and less congestion.**
- **The prototype Jose Cuervo Mexican restaurant – the first of its kind in the nation – plus other new Metro dining spots.**

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And the new Midfield Terminal?

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March 12th
Sunday, 1 to 3 pm

March 22th
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Henry Ford Academy entrance is located on the west side of the Henry Ford Museum facing Oakwood Boulevard.

For more information, please call 313.982.6100, x. 2912. www.hfacademy.org

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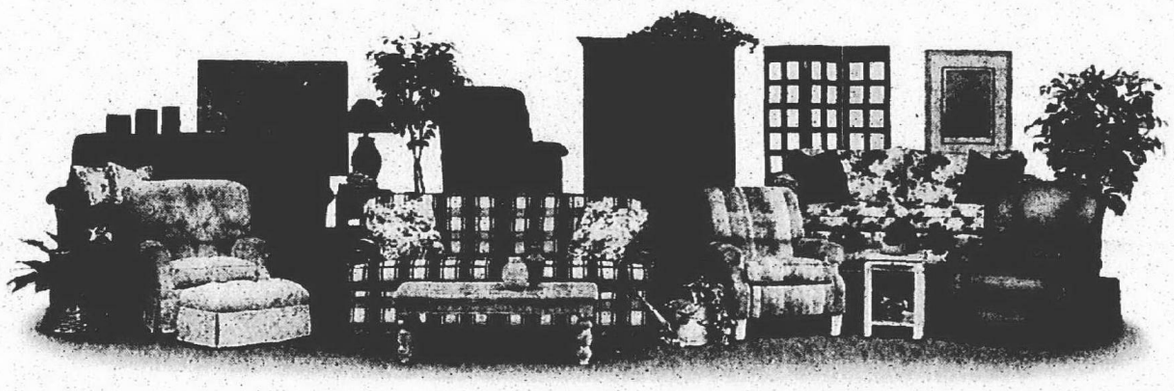

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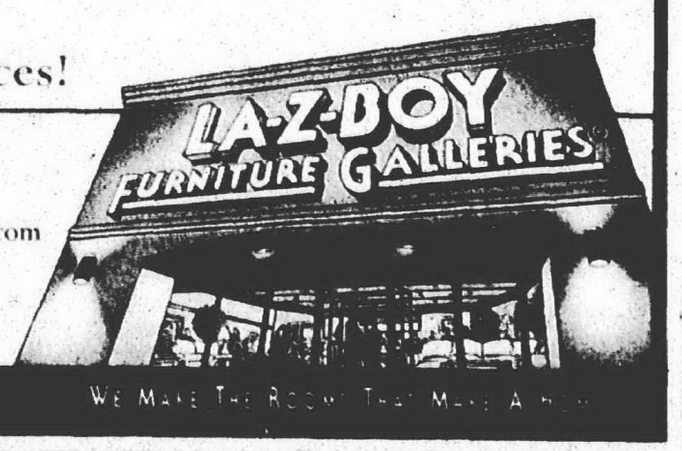

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Plymouth Observer

OPINION

794 South Main, Plymouth, Michigan 48170

Thursday, February 17, 2000

Old Village

City needs to pay attention

You'd have to pardon Old Village residents and business owners for feeling like the great unwashed.

After all, very little they've seen from "big brother," in this case the city of Plymouth, would make them feel otherwise. The latest sign Old Village isn't getting much respect came with the handling of the leadership of the Old Village Development Authority.

First, former director Sherrie Pryor left to get work in the private sector when the city made it clear her position was never going to be made full time. City Manager Dave Rich doesn't think the city's budget can handle a full-time position, and Mayor Dave McDonald said at last week's meeting he agrees with Rich.

Then McDonald declined to reappoint chairperson Susan Clark, a willing and dedicated supporter of Old Village, to the OVDA. Now, that's McDonald's right, since he's the mayor. It's a charter obligation of the mayor to make those kinds of appointments, and the City Commission has no say in the matter.

Of course, we think that's a little too much power for the mayor to have, but that's a topic for the charter review committee to discuss.

There are warning signs in both of these actions, but more troublesome is how they've been handled, the Clark non-appointment in particular.

At the Feb. 7 meeting, Clark stood up and argued eloquently and ardently for more support of Old Village, and for the city to not turn a deaf ear to Old Village's needs. McDonald and the rest of the commission listened to her patiently, apparently giving her the respect the chair of the OVDA deserves.

Little did Clark (and perhaps the others on the City Commission) know that McDonald had already signed – or at the very least knew he was going to sign – a letter letting Clark know her presence on the OVDA was no longer welcome or needed.

There are rumblings one of the reasons McDonald declined to reappoint Clark is that the chairman never sought him out to ask for his blessing. If that's true, it's ridiculously childish, because good people should be retained. If it's not true, then this is a simple mistake, made by a mayor who perhaps doesn't necessarily believe in the idea of continuity.

We aren't here to endorse or discount anything Clark has done for the OVDA. However, by sheer knowledge she should have remained on the board. With Pryor gone, there needs to be a link between Old Village's past and its future. Clark could have been that link.

As far as the director's position goes, we hesitantly give Rich the benefit of the doubt. It may very well be the city's budget couldn't support a full-time OVDA director. It may very well be that Old Village's interests can best be protected by the city manager.

McDonald said at the Feb. 7 meeting that "Old Village will not be forgotten. Not as long as I'm here." But Old Village has heard that for a long time. Sure, progress has come to the district, in the form of the streetscape, the paving of Starkweather, getting park benches.

All five of the new commissioners on the City Commission campaigned in part on continued progress in Old Village. Dave Rich has now been duly appointed their designated hitter.

It's time for the city to step up to the plate.

Control issue won't disappear

When legislators drafted HB 4777 in June 1999, they opened a Pandora's box filled with home rule issues that by all appearances will continue to plague both state legislators and local officials.

But word has it that the controversial House Bill 4777 has been sentenced to death in the Committee on Employment Relations, Training and Safety.

Its death, however, will not bring an end to the battle between the state and municipalities.

Yet another bill – affectionately known as the "son of House Bill 4777" – is waiting in the wings and will deal with specific state rule versus home rule issues, including minimum and living wages and the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

The Michigan Municipal League, which represents local municipalities, has offered its own response to the state Legislature. It seeks – with the backing of Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer – a petition drive to place the home rule issue on the November ballot.

Leaders of the petition effort, dubbed Let Local Votes Count, say they believe local government has the right to make its own laws and ordinances rather than apply statewide legislation enacted without regard for local needs or resources. The coalition's proposed ballot question would amend the constitution so a two-thirds majority in both the Senate and the House would be required to pass a bill that intervenes in municipal matters.

A Pandora's box, indeed, has been opened.

Let Local Votes Count is nothing more than an angry reaction to the state's initiatives. What it calls for is vague and far too open to interpretation and dispute. It will solve nothing and its requirement that the state Legislature have a two-thirds majority will only serve to put a stranglehold on legislation that could be beneficial to communities.

The MML's petition attempt is a broad brush response that will create ineffective government and may, should voters get it on the ballot and approve it in November, create serious roadblocks for important legislation.

It is as bad as HB 4777.

As interpreted, HB 4777 irked plenty of local officials who saw the legislation as a vehicle to draw and quarter home rule. Yet legislators continued to defend the bill as a means of ensuring state's rights, not of detracting from local government's ability to govern its own municipalities.

State legislators, indeed, took a beating from local officials over the bill. And rightly so. The issues that prompted HB 4777, such as a smoking ban passed by elected officials in Marquette and living wage proposals in Detroit and Ypsilanti, were specific issues and concerns that should have been addressed as such. Instead they formed the bottom of what could have been a legislative endless pit targeting local government.

We are, however, cautiously optimistic that the offspring of HB 4777 may help reduce the rubble, simply because it may – and we hope judiciously – address what sparked HB 4777.

True representative and well-thought-out government must be more than a reaction to individual issues. Both the state Legislature and local municipalities would do well to recognize the need to work together for constituents and the future of the state.

One-upmanship has no place in governance.

Community Voice

QUESTION:

How do you feel about dropping "Plymouth" from the name of your school when the third high school is built?

We asked this question at Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton High schools.

"I don't see why they have to do that. Why mess with tradition?"

–Christina Stevens
Canton resident, Salem student

"I don't even like the idea of another school. I think they need to keep the name 'Plymouth' in there somewhere."

–Jim Horton
Canton resident, Canton student

"Keep the name, 'Plymouth!' It sounds good."

–Billy Gaezi
Canton resident, Canton Student

"'Plymouth' is part of the tradition. It's part of the pride of the school."

–Travis Jespersen
Plymouth resident, Salem student

GEOF BROOKS

LETTERS

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

Take responsibility

I wanted to throw up when I read Thursday's front-page article on honor students ("Honor students suspended for alcohol use," Feb. 10).

A parent was blaming everyone and everything but his son for a drinking teenager's actions. "I believe the supervision was lax, there was no curfew, and the kids weren't specifically told of the consequences..."

As a teacher in the Plymouth schools and a resident of Plymouth, I'm beseeching you: Parents, wake up! Set some standards for proper behavior and then expect your child to assume responsibility for his actions.

This absence of conscience and sense of responsibility is destroying our culture. This is a rampant, destructive problem.

Linda Martin
Plymouth

Decision was prejudiced

An open letter to the Canton Planning Commission:

Your decision was prejudiced pertaining to the National Heritage Academy Special Land Use hearing conducted on Jan. 10, 2000.

The planning staff recommended that the special land use for the charter school be approved. In order to get this recommendation; the National Heritage Academy met all the zoning requirements set forth by the planning staff. Still, the planning commission denied the request for special land use.

The denial was based on several factors. First, there were concerns about the Natural Beauty Road status. The school would not necessarily affect the Natural Beauty Road status; therefore, this was not a valid reason for denial. Any type of development, whether it be a school or a tract of new homes, would impact the natural vegetation. According to NHA, they would replace all the required vegetation that would be removed during excavation. Frankly, I'm concerned about this community that puts the Natural Beauty Road status above the needs of our children, who are the future of this growing community.

There were some concerns about the traffic flow. However, an independent study showed that Warren and Ridge roads would accommodate traffic generated by the school. There were other minor concerns, such as, safety issues, parking, and the wetland area, which was all addressed by NHA representatives.

You did not use the facts or the law to make your decision. Now there are hundreds of Canton families who are disappointed with the outcome of this hearing. Could the decision have been based on emotion and political expedience?

Rose Lang
Canton

Polish exhibit a great one

Poland, a celebration of Art and Culture at Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts on Sunday, Jan. 30, burst with a capacity crowd of art enthusiasts.

Stella Greene, development director, and Betsy Calhoun, assistant director of arts, deserve much praise for this spectacular cultural undertaking. Plymouth, take pride in your cultural leaders.

The exhibits, sculpture, folk dancing and food at the opening reception were marveled by those in attendance.

Many thanks to our local supporters, especially Wes Smith of E + E Manufacturing, Inc., for the full page announcement in the Community Crier, Three Brothers Restaurant and the Culinary Arts students of Salem High School.

Plymouth is honored to have St. Mary's College teacher and Master Artist Marian Owczarski feature 16 stainless steel art sculptures for the duration of the exhibit.

My impressions are also those of innumerable patrons and guests who were in attendance leading this cultural presentation. Dzienkeyemy — we thank you!

Joe Murawa
Plymouth

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Today's leaders meet tomorrow's on nostalgic tour

I went back to high school Friday morning. And like Marty McFly, Michael J. Fox's character in the "Back to the Future" movies, it was just one culture shock after another.

The occasion was Education and Learning Day for two area groups, Leadership Canton and Leadership Plymouth. It was the first time the two organizations held a joint program. But more about that later.

First, some selected highlights from our tour of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, led by Salem High School junior Ryan Haydon. When I graduated from Oak Park High School in 1977, long hairstyles meant you couldn't tell the guys from the girls. Last week you still couldn't – although counting body piercings is now apparently the barometer. Some things do get better, though. We had an entire wing set aside for smokers. Today, you get ticketed by police if you're caught lighting up inside the building.

The class of 2000 has so many cliques that kids often move easily between jock, techie and the arts crowd. Haydon, for example, is on the basketball team and a member of the National Honor Society. (The lone exception being the goth kids, who apparently spend so much time working on their makeup and wardrobe, it would be heretical to dilute it by associating with others.) Back in the day, we were slotted as freshman and stamped indelibly and incurably for the next four years as brain or burnout, jock or nerd.

The other good news is that academic opportunities have changed for the better and the kids, I think, are smarter for it. Oh, I know the back-to-basics crowd will quibble with this. But there's so much more available for today's students – from computers with Internet access to real-life experiences like the Close Up class' teleconferences with local and national leaders, The technology we learned with in the '70s seems closer to what kids had in the '50s than what's in the classroom today.

In our tour group were a couple of Salem grads. Brenda Dani, class of '88 and attending Leadership Plymouth as an employee of Schoolcraft College, quietly remembered her days on the P-CEP campus.

At the other end of the spectrum was Plymouth Township resident Jim Schultz, class of '80. Schultz, who works in the family business, Sealant Equipment & Engineering in the

TEDD SCHNEIDER

township, was out to prove that, yes, you can go home again. Irrepressible in his joy as he bounced from Salem to Canton and from hallway to hallway, Schultz was far more class clown than local businessman. He bought Valentine's flowers for all the women in our tour group, for example. His Leadership Plymouth colleagues assured me that this wasn't really out of character for Jim, who acts like this on a routine basis at all the monthly programs.

"This is where the jocks used to hang out," Schultz told us as we trouped through the second-floor commons at Salem. "We have to go see my American History teacher, Mr. Beamon. He was the best. He was the only guy who used to teach about the Civil War by jumping off his desk."

Sure enough, William Beamon is still teaching history at Salem. And Gloria Logan, who is retiring this spring after 30 years, is still helping students hit their lines and marks in the Canton High School Little Theater. "We have about 200 kids that have come through here and currently have professional careers in some aspect of the performing arts," Logan said as her Arts III students engaged in a run-through of Shakespeare done Judge Judy-style. (See, I told you they were smarter.)

After the high school tour, we trouped over to East Middle School in Plymouth. There we learned about the typical transition for an elementary school student to middle school and how they prepare for high school, courtesy of Ellison Franklin, East principal, and the school's counseling staff. Questions from the group focused on how redistricting for the new Discovery Middle School next fall is being handled.

Then our Leadership participants lunched with representatives from area private schools.

The leadership groups are sponsored yearly by the Plymouth and Canton chambers of commerce, respectively. The 26 members in this year's Canton class and 14 in the Plymouth group meet one day each month to study an aspect of the community. Schools, local government, health care, public safety are all on the agenda, as are community service agencies, business and industry. Next month for example, the Plymouth group will spend a day at the Ford Visteon plant on Sheldon Road.

Education and Learning Day seemed a natural for the first joint effort. The subject is certainly one that involves the entire Plymouth-Canton community and as the day moved on there was an easy-going interaction between members of the two groups.

Credit goes to Judy Evola, director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, for her continued efforts to get the leadership folks together.

All in all, the day provided a hell of an education.

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LETTERS

Take responsibility

I wanted to throw up when I read Thursday's front-page article on honor students ("Honor students suspended for alcohol use," Feb. 10).

A parent was blaming everyone and everything but his son for a drinking teenager's actions. "I believe the supervision was lax, there was no curfew, and the kids weren't specifically told of the consequences..."

As a teacher in the Plymouth schools and a resident of Plymouth, I'm beseeching you: Parents, wake up! Set some standards for proper behavior and then expect your child to assume responsibility for his actions.

This absence of conscience and sense of responsibility is destroying our culture. This is a rampant, destructive problem.

Linda Martin
Plymouth

Airport no blessing

What a wonderful article on Mettetal Airport! (Observer, Jan. 30) Wonderful for whom? While there are some who are happy with the outcome of the purchase of Mettetal Airport by the State of Michigan, I'm sure the residents of northeastern Canton are anything but pleased.

I have lived near Hanford and Lilley for 25 years and had no objection to the state purchasing Mettetal Airport; as it was here before I was and I had no problem with the planes. After the last six years, however, I wish it (the airport) had gone away. The amount of air traffic coming over my house is becoming intolerable. Having your house buzzed by these planes is not particularly enjoyable. Many of these planes come spitting and sputtering so close to the top of your house, you wonder if they are going to crash on the roof.

Fly-In pancake breakfasts may be fun for those flying in and out, but is not for those of us who have to listen to planes landing or taking off over our houses every one-two minutes, hour after hour, after hour, after hour, etc. I am sick and tired of the noise. It makes me incredibly angry.

If the activity level hadn't increased so dramatically, I still would not have any objection to the airport. Little did I realize that when the state bought the airport, air traffic would triple in five years time. Now, there are plans for adding additional hangars; which, of course, means more takeoffs and landings. How much more?

There needs to be some limit put on the activity in and out of that airport.

Wasn't this considered when the state purchased the airport? Didn't our wonderful Canton Board of Trustees, who are so concerned over "quality of life" in Canton, address this issue? If not, maybe it's time that they did.

After all, northeast Canton is still part of Canton and "quality of life" is just important here as it is west of Canton Center Road.

Mary Jane Schoeneman
Canton

McCain spices up primary

Politics is not a cerebral exercise. Its language is emotion. Its closest relative is theater. Its rare but electric defining moment is when a candidate connects with voter gut.

Over the years, I've seen a lot of elections in Michigan and only a few electric moments.

One was in October 1960, when I was part of the enraptured crowd on the University of Michigan campus that heard Sen. John F. Kennedy talk about a visionary idea that eventually would become the Peace Corps. Another involved Alabama Governor George Wallace, who made passionate converts by attacking school bussing and went on to astonish observers by winning the Michigan Democratic primary election in 1972.

And now Sen. John McCain might be doing the same thing in the Michigan Republican primary next Tuesday. Polls published over the weekend suggested McCain was running overall nearly 10 points ahead of Texas Gov. George W. Bush, an astonishing surge considering that McCain was 34 points down in Michigan two weeks ago before his upset win in the New Hampshire primary.

What is striking about McCain's appeal is that it spreads across the political spectrum. Running against the entire Michigan GOP establishment, McCain trails Bush among Republicans, 44 percent to 33 percent with 23 percent undecided, and he obliterates Bush by more than two-to-one among independents.

And independents are famously active and influential in Michigan politics. Robert Teeter, the Ann Arbor resident who is one of the country's most respected Republican pollsters, was quoted over the weekend in *The Detroit News*, "If you had asked me any time up to two months ago, I would have said almost none of those people (independents) would vote . . . . With all the new voters coming into the process and McCain being such a hot commodity, the question becomes will he be able to get enough independent voters to go vote that he might win the damn thing."

What's going on here?

For one thing, the Bush campaign — from the beginning replete with vast sums of money and the endorsements of virtually the entire GOP establishment, led by Gov. John Engler — has looked more like a coronation than the outcome of a hard-fought political contest.

My older son, Scott, a 28-year-old medical student at the University of Michigan, put it this way: "I don't see what it is in Bush's personality or record that qualifies him to be President, other than that he is his father's son."

And McCain is certainly an attractive personality, a certified war hero with the guts to challenge his own party's orthodox support for the tobacco industry and equally orthodox opposition to campaign finance reform.

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Moreover, the Arizona Senator has found a medium perfectly attuned to his message in the "Straight Talk Express," the campaign bus on which he holds what sounds like nonstop, face-to-face conversations with reporters. McCain's Michigan campaign chair, State Sen. John Schwarz told me over the weekend that the McCain campaign "is the damnedest thing I've ever seen. McCain is absolutely loose as a goose. He is saying exactly what he thinks and doesn't seem to care if he wins or loses."

It's exactly this sense of a genuine person, comfortable in their own skin and therefore able to be straight with the voters that accounts for McCain's extraordinary emotional appeal.

But there's more to it than just a wildly attractive personality. I sense a historical context that gives substance and power to the McCain campaign as the most recent expression of long-running rebellion of reasonable, moderate voters against a political system that has been hijacked over the last decade by a bunch self-interested elites.

Hijacked by big corporations and unions that exploit the loopholes in campaign finance laws. Hijacked by special interests — from the trial lawyers to lobbyists to the anti-abortion people — and ideologues who impose single-issue litmus tests on everything.

The reason so many ordinary voters are so alienated by our politics is that candidate candor has been replaced by scripted sound bites, genuine views on the issues have been overwhelmed by poll results and personal character has become something to be manufactured and manipulated.

Who knows how well John McCain will do next Tuesday. But his candidacy seems perfectly crafted for our times.

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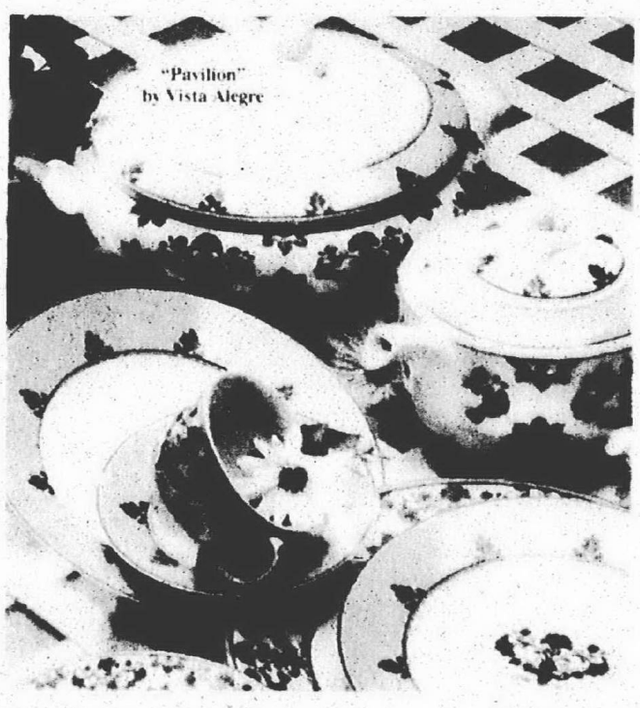

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independent panel and a corporate attorney to oversee the process.

"While we want to share the excitement about what's coming," said David Katz, Wayne County director of airports, "we also want to make certain the media and general public understand the stringent criteria and integrity-based selection process that will be used to select the winners."

The four panel members are Vernice Anthony, senior vice president of community health at St. John Health System; William C. Brooks, board chairman of United American Health Care Corp.; Douglas A. Fraser, former United Auto Workers international president; and retired Air Force Major Gen. Lucius Theus, former Tuskegee Airman and the first African American combat officer to be promoted to general.

The attorney is Leon S. Cohan, retired Detroit Edison general counsel and nationally known ethicist who served 10 years as chairman of the Michigan State Board of Ethics.

Cohan is reviewing and monitoring a selection committee's screening of the 66 proposals while the panel is evaluating and assuring the integrity of the process.

"This is an innovative retail program that will make Metro's airport mall the envy of the nation," said Colleen Pobur, the airport's director of concessions. "We want to make clear that this selection process has been open, fair and competitive.

"It's a very above-board process," she said. "There are no secrets to this."

In March, her committee is to present its recommendations to the Wayne County board of commissioners for final approval.

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To indicate the quality-level envisioned, Pobur stated that, of roughly 800 solicitations mailed to prospective merchants and restaurateurs, only 66 proposals were received (some joint applications were received).

"Why so few?" she asked rhetorically. "Because we set the bar high," she answered, adding that the proposals were "incredibly strong."

The quality of presentations being reviewed by her evaluation committee are "amazing, wonderful beyond our wildest dreams," she said.

In the evaluation process, the heaviest weight – 30 percent – is being given to the county's anticipated financial return: The airport, as mall landlord, expects first-year revenue to be "over $100 million," Pobur said.

"It's around $30 million now," with the airport getting 13 to 16 percent, according to David Katz, airport director.

Conway noted the airport's income is mainly from airline landing fees, plus concessions, rent and parking – it gets no general-fund tax dollars. Metro is a "hub" airport because the other dollars allow it to keep landing fees "reasonable," he said.

The Pobur committee's recommendations go in March to the Wayne County Commission for its approval.

The 2-million-square-foot Midfield Terminal, under construction just south of the L.C. Smith Terminal, is to open by December 2001.

Its mall will connect Midfield's multi-level passenger entrance, ticketing and luggage area to the mile-wide, 74-gate boarding area. The mall will have 41 specialty retail stores and 39 restaurants, all Detroit-themed.

The largest retail outlet will be a "world class" 6,200-square-foot duty-free store, Pobur said, but there also will be upscale stores carrying high-fashion designs, gifts and golf items.

Emphasis local

The mall will emphasize local food specialties and gift shops featuring locally made items and apparel.

Michigan wines and microbrews plus museum and gift shops showcasing local artisans will be featured, along with restaurants representing the area's multi-cultural population.

Also planned are an American-style diner with carry-out, an aromatherapy shop and a fresh-flower shop.

To assure competitiveness with other metro-area outlets, officials require that businesses awarded concessions "agree to implement 'street pricing'" based on proprietors' surveys of local-area charges for similar services and products.

"The airport price must be comparable to prices offered at off-airport locations," officials emphasized.

Furthermore, "to maintain and encourage good customer service," the airport will use "secret shoppers" and a quality-rating system to monitor offerings.

"Exceptional customer service" will be rewarded, with "penalties for consistently" falling below standards, officials added.

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encountered Linda Franz at the airport's new information kiosk, near the Marriott Hotel lobby.

"Despite the fact that (Franz) did not know what had just happened to us" and also couldn't access the flight information they needed, "she must have intuitively sensed our pain and confusion," Barker wrote.

"As we stood in the middle of the terminal and made several telephone calls, she continued to check on us over the next hour and a half, asking us if she could help or get us something to drink," Barker related.

As Franz became aware of their plight, "she acted as an advocate for us as we were trying to book flights."

"Linda was exceedingly sensitive and kind," said Barker. "She was not at all intrusive. She acted professionally and yet we felt she was helping us by sharing in our pain when we felt so alone and helpless.

"I know that the Detroit airport has received a lot of negative press in the recent past, but I hope this letter will acknowledge how the positive and caring attitude of your service agents can make a significant difference in the lives of others," Barker concluded.

Franz, wife and mother of four who just likes "to be around people," said her 20-hour-a-week job as one of about two dozen folks of all ages wearing the green Metro CSA vest "is great fun if you like people-action" – being around people and talking with them.

If someone has problems, she said, "you go all-out to try to help them."

2-way radios

All CSAs have two-way radios, "so we're in constant contact with each other," she said. "You can get an answer instead of telling a person 'I don't know.'"

Since she began the job about a year ago, she said, she and her fellow CSAs have helped stranded travelers find hotel rooms – or try to make them comfortable if nothing's available.

"We did a lot of pillows and blankets" when the January 1999 blizzard hit, she recalled.

Franz also remembered how, together with the Airport Operations Department, CSAs helped a diabetic man stranded by a snowstorm. He'd packed his needles away, but airport personnel helped him get new ones by first finding a 24-hour drugstore and then driving through the storm to it.

Metro officials said it's CSAs and other employees like Franz – as well as Metro's huge $2-billion expansion program that is doing millions in facility upgrades plus building the new $1.2-billion Midfield Terminal – that are giving the airport a friendlier look.

As Katz put it recently, "We don't want to be in the cellar anymore."

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SHIRLEY WELCH

Marriage is a balance of give, take moments

As the Observer Newspapers conducts its yearly solicitation for stories of happy and lasting marriages I would like to offer an account of what made my 34-year marriage successful and special.

The narrative begins with an incident three months before my husband's death. As we were riding along Schoolcraft I looked at him and remarked that I was so proud of what he had achieved in life and how I wanted to thank him for letting me be part of what he had accomplished and how much I felt we had grown in so many ways throughout our time together. His answer was that nothing he had done or succeeded in could have taken place without me at his side.

That small, spontaneous exchange was a thrilling moment to long be remembered, and one I had no idea would be impossible to have affirmed to him in only a few months, as he died of a heart attack soon afterwards.

The ideal foundation of a strong and happy marriage consists of love, trust and sharing. It is a 100 percent idea of giving of yourself in every way. It is a complete commitment of thinking of your spouse first. It is this firm and complete surrender of yourself to each other that makes you both winners in this special relationship.

When you try to understand the other person's situation in a problem, whether right or wrong, and when you communicate with each other openly and honestly, you both win, and many conflicts are avoided because the honesty and trust prevails, and thus any problem can be addressed and dealt with successfully.

For example, when a bank error I made resulted in bounced checks cascading through the mail, my husband's reaction was to quickly look for the error and remark that with the hectic job of running a household of four children it was a wonder this didn't happen more often.

After a disastrous pregnancy and extreme postpartum blues that resulted in wicked mood swings, his reaction was to ask a pharmacist if there was anything that might help restore me to a sensible and reasonable attitude.

Acknowledging a problem and trying to solve it together makes for tranquility in a relationship.

Sharing each other's likes and dislikes sometimes finds you liking something new. Only to please me did we use tickets to a concert at the old Ford Auditorium. The result was that my husband, who only went because I wanted to, enjoyed the production immensely, even more than me, I think.

Each new encounter was an adventure. Even when we were contemplating a new restaurant in a distant city, anticipating bad service due to crowds and high prices, the thought was, "Let's do it, and then we'll have something to talk about."

Life was a daily job to be endured or enjoyed. That is what a good marriage is or should be.

A serious commitment that considers the other person first results in a boomerang effect that by each doing for the other, the needs and wants of the other (or both really) are met. By doing something the other desires, your avenue of enjoyment and experience is expanded, and your social endowment is broadened. You grow together.

Striving to live each day to the fullest with and through each other only furthers the betterment of your marriage and society in general. As you give and love each other that mushrooms to all around you – your children, your neighbors and your coworkers. Nothing is lost by considering the other first because you yourself become a recipient if it truly is a loving and caring marriage.

It's like bouncing a ball against a wall. What goes out comes right back to you.

Shirley A. Welch is a Livonia resident and occasional columnist. Patrick Welch was a Ford Motor Co. lawyer who died in 1989.

Young Life going strong

Club reaches teen audience through friendship, support

STORY BY STEPHANIE CASOLA

PHOTOS BY SHARON LEMIEUX

Unified: *From left to right are five of seven Young Life adult volunteers as they put on a skit for the group: Vaughn Lamer, Lisa Winebrener, Erin Meyer, Mark and Kristen VanAndel.*

Mark Van Andel is content just as long as he's reaching one teen at a time.

As area director of Young Life, he's touching the lives of individuals who are heading toward adulthood and giving answers to their questions and concerns. With Plymouth/Canton Young Life still less than one year old, he's living and working around high school students who are just being introduced to the club and its benefits.

Now that the club is 60 members strong in Plymouth and Canton, he's happy with the progress and ready to see the group grow in the coming year.

A 'Lifer'

"I was involved in Young Life as a high school student," said Van Andel. "From there I was a volunteer leader in college."

By the time he was working as a full-time staff member in Grand Rapids, his wife decided to attend graduate school at the University of Michigan. When the couple moved to Plymouth six months ago, Van Andel accepted the position of area director.

Laugh it up: *Craig McKey, a junior at Plymouth Salem High School, is clearly amused by the skits.*

While his job is based in Farmington Hills, his duties include coordinating volunteer activities for Young Life in the Wayne County area and reaching out to the youth in the area — a perfect match for someone who always wanted to work with kids.

"I really enjoy being with high school kids," said Van Andel. "They have a lot of energy. They have not become jaded or skeptical; they're still hopeful about life."

It's that glimmer of hope in the eyes of youth that motivates him in his work.

"I think the best way for kids to be able to make it through life is to have a relationship with God."

To create and foster that link, he goes where the kids are, whether that means basketball games at the high school, coffee shops or places where they work.

"My job is to reach out and bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the kids," he added. "The challenge of doing it here in Plymouth/Canton, where it's new, is trying to convince people we're not a cult."

Young Life is a nationwide, nondenominational organization that reaches out to youth by spreading the message of Jesus Christ. Van Andel's wife, Kristen, works alongside other adult volunteer leaders in the area including Vaughn Lamer, Lisa Winebrener, Erin Meyer and Briana Horlings.

Kathy McGlone, co-chair of the Plymouth/Canton Committee, said Mark and Kristen have "really made a big difference. They are really gifted in building relationships with teenagers."

McGlone, like other parents involved in Young Life, works behind the scenes.

"We raise money so Young Life can go on," she said.

She is one of a group of individuals who has been working since 1996 to start the Young Life ministry in the Plymouth/Canton area.

Ryan Cosens, a junior at Plymouth Salem High School, is another reason that the ministry exists today. About three years ago he joined Young Life and had to go to the Novi and Northville communities to participate. Now he's part of a group of teenagers in Plymouth and Canton who are an active part of Young Life.

"It's a lot of fun," he said. "You get to hang out with your friends. You can be yourself."

Young Life isn't the same as a church-related youth group. Van Andel, and those who work with him, meet the students where they are and provide support and understanding when they need it. The message at Young Life is "we accept you for who you are." Some of the common concerns Van Andel hears involve feelings of alienation, separation and a lack of close relationships with others.

Growing up

"It's harder than ever before to be a high school student," said Van Andel. "The age of adolescence is getting younger and younger. Life decisions can have a lasting impact; and kids are forced to make decisions earlier and earlier. Across the board, it's harder and harder being a kid."

To make life a little easier, Young Life offers Club, a night once a week when teens meet in an informal atmosphere, such as a student's home, to play games, socialize and share a message. Another weekly event – called a campaigner – is similar to a small group Bible study where members discuss issues that concern youth and what the Bible has to say about them. Young Life members are free to participate when they want to; there is no pressure to join in.

In basic terms, McGlone said Young Life "offers a place for kids to hang out, have fun with their friends and learn about Jesus and the role he can play in their life."

Young Life also offers a number of social events and outings, such as video scavenger hunts and trips to summer camp that include activities like parasailing, tubing and horseback riding. In June 2000 Young Life will take 30 students on a trip to North Carolina.

Cosens has gone to Young Life's week-long camp three summers in a row. He's traveled to Minnesota and Virginia for summer camp and participated in activities like rock climbing and mountain biking. It's not exactly a traditional camp experience.

He said he would encourage other kids to get involved. "Give it a chance," added Cosens. "Once you get used to your surroundings, you'll have a blast."

Bonding: *Young Life members make a human chain during a game where the point is not to find a winner but rather to get everyone laughing.*

That's the kind of positive attitude that would make Mark Van Andel smile. He said his goal is to provide a place for young people "where God is honored and they have healthy relationships with one another." While the focus is on high school students, 14 to 18 years old, he anticipates that Young Life will eventually expand to include middle school groups.

Spreading the word

McGlone said she hopes to "spread the word and get more kids involved" in the future. "I look forward to Young Life being a diverse group, a mix of all cultures, all races, all kinds of kids."

Van Andel said as it continues to grow, Young Life is seeking additional adult volunteers. They are looking for individuals "who have a heart for high school kids and who love God."

If you would like to become an adult volunteer leader or need additional information about Young Life, please call (248) 477-5001 or e-mail PlycanYL@aol.com

Strumming: *Playing "Lean on Me" on guitar (right) is Jon McGlone, a junior at Plymouth Salem. Mark Van Andel and Lisa Winebrener join in on vocals and accompanying guitar.*

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian celebrates 28 years of theater

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When Martha Kuykendall agreed to direct a production of "The Sound of Music" 28 years ago for Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia, she didn't think it would become an annual event. Gearing up for this year's musical, "The Pajama Game," she looks back with fondness.

"The first year we did it, the choir director said to me 'Why don't we do a Broadway musical?'" It turned out to be so much fun, the tradition has sustained almost three decades. The preparations begin each January with auditions that are open to the entire congregation —regardless of acting or singing experience. By the end of February, the show is ready to open before a crowd of 200 at the church's Fellowship Hall.

Kuykendall said she tends to choose productions with a larger cast, and a large choir, so as many people who want to participate can find their niche and be part of the experience.

"Right now, we're at the panic stage," she said, laughing. "I feel like the mother of a large bunch of children."

This is the second time Kuykendall has directed "The Pajama Game." She first premiered Rosedale Gardens rendition of the George Abbott play in 1983. The story itself is based on the Richard Bis-

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NEW VOICES

■ **Patricia** and **William Holcomb III** of Livonia announce the birth of their son **William Lyman Holcomb IV**, May 10, 1999 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. William joins sister Amy, 6. Grandparents are Betty Wesley of Detroit and Marion and William Holcomb II of Marion, Mich.

■ **Kevin** and **Jill Quinlan** of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, **Claire Irene**, Jan. 15 at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Jack and Kay Quinlan of Marysville, Mich. and Bob and Sandy Grochowski of Essexville, Mich. Great-Grandparents are Jack and Ronnie Quinlan of Marysville, Mich. and Casmer and Irene Kryszak of Essexville, Mich.

■ **Bryon** and **Shelly Morell** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter **Madison Marie** Feb. 3. Grandparents are Bill and Carol Mancini of Livonia and Jim and Dorothy Morell of Novi.

■ **Scott** and **Dena Williams** of Garden City announce the birth of their son, **Mathieu Steven**, Jan. 23 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Paul and Marion Wint of Garden City and Ed and Lynne Williams of White Lake.

■ **Steve** and **Debbie Vesely** of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, **Kaitlynn Alexus**, Jan. 23 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. She joins siblings Stevie, Shawn and Dane. Grandparents are Bill and Jean Damico of New Boston, Mich. and Lou and Jo Vesely of Union Town, Penn.

■ **Trisha (Beaumont) Rutledge** of Dearborn and **Gary Rutledge** of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter **Madisyn Nicole**, born Jan. 31 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Daniel and Patricia Beaumont of Livonia and Betty and Bob Rutledge of Livonia.

■ **Raymond and Heather Noragon** of Westland announce the birth of their son, **Alexander Thomas** Feb. 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. Grandparents are Tom and Jackie Van Straten of Lansing, Barbara Van Straten of Managua, Nicaragua, and Don and Karen Noragon of Waterloo, Ind.

■ **Eric Rose** and **Sandra Abela** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, **Mary Isabela** February 7 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. She joins sister Racquel Rose. Grandparents are Janet Armstrong of Belleville and John and Jan Abela of Owosso.

■ **Gary** and **Laurie Rollins** of Farmington Hills announce the birth of **Mason Douglas** February 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. He joins sister Chelsea Rollins and brother Robert Rugg. Grandparents are Joe and Betty Rollins of Grosse Pointe Woods and the late Pam Henderson and Bob Darr.

■ **Billy** and **Evonne Denton** of Canton announce the birth of their son, **Anthony Lee** February 5 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. Grandparents are Bill and Ida Denton of Canton and Jake and Stacy Thomas of Westland.

■ **David** and **Anne Ellis** of Plymouth Township announce the birth of **Max Edison** January 18 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He joins sister Faith Elizabeth, 20 months. Grandparents are James and Jeanne Terski of Livonia, Rich Ellis of Calif. and Sonja Ellis of Calif. Great-grandparents are Albert and Yvette Shepard of Redford and Arlie and Sarah Ellis of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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sell novel "7½ cents." It's set in an Iowa pajama factory, during the 1950s, where the workers are seeking a 7½ cent raise. "The Pajama Game" has a musical score by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross, elements of comedy and a touching love story.

For those behind the scenes, it's not Broadway, it's just a good way to avoid the winter blahs. Andrew Mac of Plymouth will portray the lead character, Sid. This is Mac's fourth performance with the church and he is a member of the church choir. Mac described his character as the "kind of a cocky, self-centered superintendent at the pajama factory. He falls in love with one of the hourly employees." The romance is central to the story, showing a struggle between the union and management employees.

"It's just fun to do," said Kuykendall, who's directing a cast of about 30. She works with actors during the weeknights, and the group gets together on weekends to create the sets. "It's really good fellowship."

Mac agreed and said he's made a lot of friends through the play. He's also happy to see people of all different ages joining in to the production. Mac credits the director with making the work so much fun. "She's a great lady," he said.

While Kuykendall has worked with the theatrical productions in Garden City, Livonia and Redford, she wasn't trained as a director. After so many years working with the church she, and others involved, have learned how to make their productions run more smoothly. "We have a lot of trained musicians in our church choir, but it's open to anybody in our church," she said. "We do it more because we like to do it."

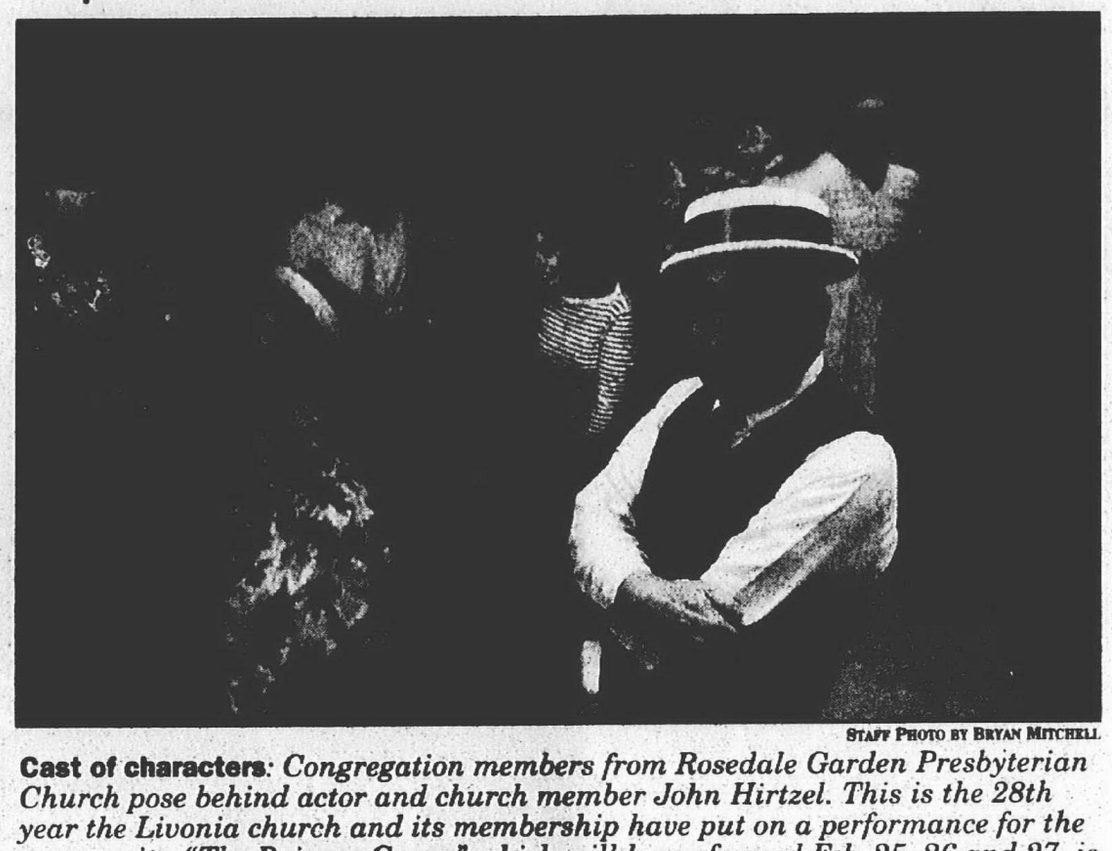
That's the case with Caroline Dunphy, who's been designing sets for the church's productions for the past 26 years. A watercolorist and owner of Painter's Place — an art studio in downtown Northville — Dunphy finds it challenging to create the modules needed for musicals at her church. She said the outside scenes are most difficult to create, but she works on the productions year after year because of the people she meets.

"Different people come to paint every time," said Dunphy. "It's fun that way. And I guess I like make-believe."

Now in the finishing stages, Dunphy is researching how to make a Coca Cola machine look like it did in the 1950s. She tries to look at musicals in a new light. Especially those which have been performed at the church in years passed.

"You have to erase the ideas you had from the previous time," she explained.

Most of all, Dunphy considers the productions to be a good opportunity for members of the congregation to get involved, and to meet new friends in a different type of setting. That seems to be a formula for success and the reason that this keeps this cultural tradition going year after year.



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Cast of characters: *Congregation members from Rosedale Garden Presbyterian Church pose behind actor and church member John Hirtzel. This is the 28th year the Livonia church and its membership have put on a performance for the community. "The Pajama Game," which will be performed Feb. 25, 26 and 27, is the winner of six Tony Awards including Best Musical for its high spirited pace, vitality and brilliance.*

CRAFTS CALENDAR

***If you would like to announce** an upcoming craft show, bazaar, or arts boutique — items can be sent to: Crafts Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net*

ALL AMERICAN SHOW
Westland Shopping Center is offering shoppers an outstanding variety of arts & crafts, all "made in America." The event runs from Feb. 17 through Sunday, Feb. 20 during regular mall hours. Professional artisans from many states will be demonstrating and selling their work which will include such things as paintings, stained glass, wood crafts, jewelry, decorative painting, needle crafts, floral designs, toys, country crafts, ceramics and more. The show is presented by Raab Enterprises, Inc. of North Royalton, Ohio.

PROJECT GRADUATION
Crafters are wanted for a craft fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. Tables are $25 each. Admission will be $2. Proceeds will benefit Project Graduation 2000. To register or for more information, call Bobbie Price at (734) 522-3848 or Michelle Porcaro at (734) 525-1444.

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

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE CRAFTS
Crafters are being sought for the Spring Craft Show at Schoolcraft College Saturday, March 11. 150 crafters attract crowds of more than 2,000. The show is juried and a limited number of exhibitors are accepted in each category. All types of crafts are featured including pottery, jewelry, textiles, photography and more. For information and fees call (734) 462-4417.

ST. JOHNS' ARTS/CRAFT SALE
St. Johns' Episcopal Church in Westland is hosting an arts and crafts sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 25 at the church (555 S. Wayne Road). Vendors are needed. To reserve a table call (734) 729-1605. Hot dogs, chips, pop, etc. will be sold.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., March 2, 2000 for the following:

LAWN AND CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
BUILDING/FIRE BOARD OF APPEALS
FEBRUARY 24, 2000

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Building/Fire Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Canton on Thursday, February 24, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the second floor engineering conference room of the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. The following agenda will be discussed:

ROLL CALL: Paciocco, Pennington, Philips, Trombley

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

1. Consider request of Jeffrey L. Scott, Dick Scott kia, for a variance to the Fire Prevention Code, Section F-500.8, Fire Hydrant Requirements.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Historic District Study Committee and the Historic District Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 1, 2000, at the Canton Township Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, at 7:00 p.m. to review Township plans under its Historic District Ordinance 117A to establish the Township property at 6205 Ridge Road as an Historic District. At the hearing, persons shall be given the opportunity to provide written or oral views to the Historic District Study Committee, the Historic District Commission, and the Township regarding the plans to establish the property as an Historic District. Questions regarding the Public Hearing can be directed to the Canton Township Resource Development Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188-1699, 734-397-5389.

Charter Township of Canton
TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

The Charter Township of Canton will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk, 1150 S Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m. on March 2, 2000, for the following:

RENTAL OF PORTABLE TOILETS FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP PARKS, GOLF COURSES AND OTHER PROPERTIES

Bid specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. The bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "PORTABLE TOILETS" and include name, address and phone number of the Company submitting the bid. 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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be accepted at the Office of the clerk until 10:00 a.m., March 2, 2000 for the following:

NEW MAMMOTH ROOFTOP UNIT FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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ADMINISTRATION BUILDING LANDSCAPE

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.

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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., March 2, 2000 for the following:

FENCE RENOVATION AT THE CANTON SOFTBALL CENTER

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals until 10:00 a.m., March 2, at the Office of the Clerk. for the following:

THREE (3) DIGITAL COPIERS

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

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SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR PET
Veterinary Notes
by Elizabeth Routson, D.V.M.

YOUR OLDER CAT

Cats are considered to be geriatric when they reach seven years of age. A cat's metabolism will slow over the years and exercise will decrease, two factors that can easily lead to obesity and associated health problems. In addition, the cat's heart becomes less efficient with age and various systems may begin to deteriorate. Offer a diet to match your aging cat's needs. a vet can help with the switch. Groom and brush the pet daily to manage skin and coat changes, and give the cat some extra attention. As the animal's senses begin to fade, it can become easily frightened and require more owner contact. Be sure to keep the cat current on vaccinations and visits to the veterinarian.

A cat's diet and exercise habits change as it ages just as does a human's. At **PARKWAY VETERINARY CLINIC**, Our experience and dedication has earned the clinic a well-deserved reputation for compassion and expertise. Visit either of our two locations at **41395 Wilcox Rd. in Plymouth, tel. 734-453-2577, or 5750 Lilley Rd. in Canton, tel. 734-981-4400**, If your pet strays, please feel free to call us - many people bring us lost animals. Both locations open six days a week.

P.S. It is estimated that more than 30 percent of all pets owned can be considered geriatric.

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RETURN TO ACTION

The average athlete need not be concerned that knee-replacement surgery will automatically result in being sidelined. There is no reason why there cannot be a satisfactory return to golf, doubles tennis, swimming, dancing, or even skiing after rehabilitation. (High-impact sports are to be avoided because a prosthesis simply cannot withstand the same amount of force as the body's original joint.) It is important that athletic patients commit to a lifetime of physical fitness after knee-replacement surgery. For a total recovery, meaning a return to a "functional" and pain-free life, the typical patient will need physical rehabilitation for about six months after surgery. Generally, this entails at least 45 minutes to an hour of work three times per week.

Even minor knee or joint surgery is best followed by a course of physical therapy to ensure prompt and full recovery. If you are a candidate for surgery, ask your physician or surgeon for a referral to the **HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY**, located in **Plymouth**, at **470 Forest Avenue, Suite 20**. Our wide range of treatments include myofascial release, triggerpoint release, cranio-sacral therapy, ultrasound, electrical muscle stimulation (EMS), and massage. We also offer occupational therapy and vocational counseling. To learn more, please call **455-8370**.

P.S. It is important to adopt realistic expectations for rehabilitation from knee-replacement surgery so that disappointment over unrealistic expectations does not hamper recovery.

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ANNIVERSARIES, ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Von Glahn

William and Florence Von Glahn are celebrating their 60th anniversary this year. The couple, who have resided in Plymouth for 40 years, were married Jan. 27, 1940 in Richmond Hill, Queens County, New York. They have three children: Jeff, Tom and Nancy, and four grandchildren.

William Von Glahn is retired from his career at Unisys, but is involved with the Optimists Club, AARP Tax Program and is treasurer of the Plymouth Council of Aging.

Florence Von Glahn is a member of the Plymouth Women's Club and Plymouth Study Group. The couple enjoys playing golf, bowling and bridge.

To celebrate their anniversary, the family will gather at Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor and the Von Glahns will take a trip to Montego Bay in Jamaica.

Zurawski-Minor

Donald and Paula Zurawski of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Marie, to Timothy Joseph Minor of Royal Oak.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 Ladywood High School graduate. She received her bachelor's degree from Northern Michigan University and now teaches math at Athens High School in Troy.

Her fiancé, son of Dennis and Kathryn Minor of Livonia, is a 1993 Churchill High School graduate. He earned his bachelor's degree in Environmental Engineering from Michigan Technological University and is now working in his field.

An April wedding and reception are planned at Weller's Carriage House in Saline.

Bernthal-Mitchell

Orrin and Kathleen Tibbits of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Christen Bernthal, to Stephen Arthur Mitchell.

The bride-to-be is an Eastern Michigan University graduate and works for Ameritech.

Her fiancé, son of Stephen and Barbara Mitchell of Plymouth, is a Western Michigan University graduate who works for UUNet.

A June wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel. A reception will follow at Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth.

Ciatti

Americo (Mac) Ciatti and Mary Jane (Jean) Graziano wed on November 19, 1949, at St. Lukes Catholic Church in Detroit.

To celebrate their 50th anniversary, the Livonia couple's three children — Linda, Larry and Dan — and 10 grandchildren organized a dinner party for family and friends. They also gave their parents a 15-day trip to Hawaii as a gift.

Americo Ciatti is a retired millright from Ford Motor Company in Dearborn. His wife is retired from her secretarial position at Ford Motor Company, where she worked for 25 years.

The Ciatti's enjoy spending summer weekend's at their cottage on Tipsico Lake in Fenton and taking winter trips to their condominium in Naples, Fla.

Americo Ciatti keeps busy taking care of rental properties. Their daughter, Linda Kelley, said: "Family is very important to the Ciatti's. Their children and grandchildren are always around enjoying the cottage or having big family dinners together."

Brower-Bryan

Ron and Mary Bryan of Livonia proudly announce the engagement of their son, Ronald W. Bryan Jr. to Patricia K. Brower of Redford Township.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Gerald and Dorothy Brower of Redford Township, is a 1989 graduate of Redford Union High School and attends Northern Michigan University. She is employed at Allstate Insurance Company in Traverse City.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and is employed as a transmission technician for Grand Traverse Transmission.

A June wedding is planned at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church in Redford and the reception will be held at St. Aidan's Monsignor Alex J. Brunett Hall in Livonia. The couple reside in Traverse City.

ONLINE ANNOUNCEMENT FORMS

You can now download an engagement or wedding form from our Web site at http://observer-eccentric.com

Just visit our homepage and click on the "Features" link. From there you'll see the Engagement/Wedding form link. Click on it, print it out, fill in the necessary information and mail it to Kimberly Mortson, Community Lif e Editor, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail the information to kmortson@oe.homecomm.net. You should send a self addressed, stamped envelope if you would like your photograph returned.

Tatterton-Ellis

John and Marilyn Tatterton of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter Caryn Louise, to Robert John Ellis.

The bride-to-be is a Plymouth-Salem High School and Michigan State University graduate. She works for IBM in Research Triangle Park, N.C. in supply chain management.

Her fiancé, son of Janet M. Friske of Wyandotte and James C. Ellis of Royal Oak, is a Theodore Roosevelt High School graduate and Michigan State University graduate. He works for Geraghty and Miller as a staff scientist.

A June wedding is planned at Michigan State University Chapel in East Lansing, Mich.

Davis-Rudzki

Don and Eileen Davis of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynette, to Michael Rudzki of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of DeVry Institute of Technology in Ohio, where she obtained a bachelor's degree in computer information systems.

Her fiance, son of Frank and Catherine Rudzki of Detroit, is a graduate of Henry Ford Community College, where he earned an associates of science degree in robotics and electronics. He's currently pursuing his bachelor's degree for electronics technology at Lawrence Technological Institute.

A fall wedding is planned at St. Christopher's Church.

Nairne-Scott

Skip and Deborah Nairne of Redford announce the marriage of their daughter, Megan Brienna, to Kevin Lee Scott of Athens, Ala.

The bride is a graduate of the Michigan School for the Deaf and studied at the Rochester Institute of Technology at the National Technological Institute for the Deaf.

Her husband, son of Karen Moore, attended the University of Georgia.

The wedding was held Aug. 6, 1999 at Grace Lutheran Church in Redford before Pastor Timothy Halboth. The bride's attendants were her sister, Laura Nairne and her cousin, Sarah Henderson. The groomsmen included the bride's brother, Scott Radke, her cousin, Justin Henderson and friend James Stolt. The couple received guests at the Karas House and took a wedding trip to Oscoda, Mich. They will make their home in Redford.

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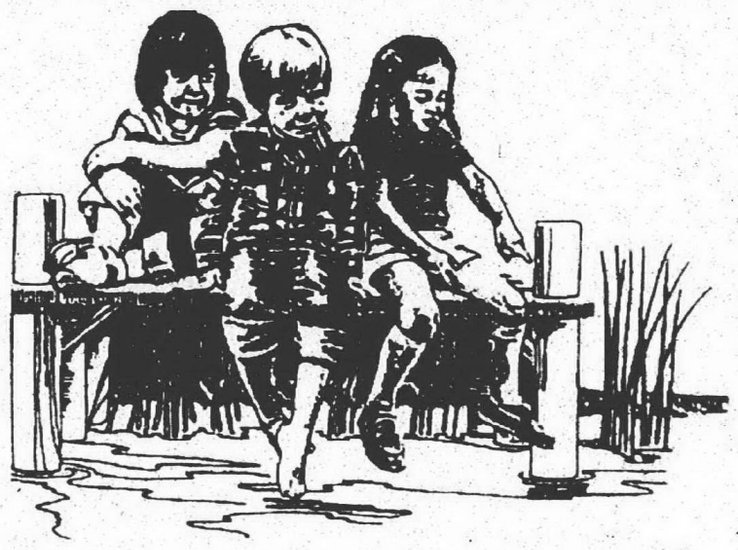

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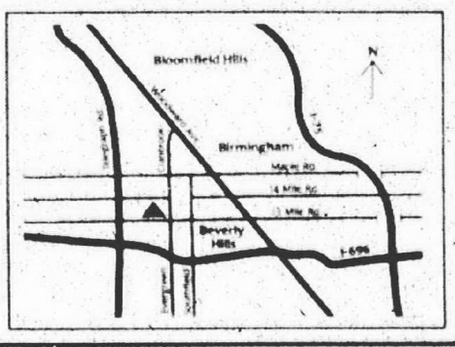

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

WEEKEND

OPEN HOUSES

■ Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op is hosting an open house 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 5. Applications will be accepted for fall enrollment. Plymouth Children's Nursery is located on Sheldon Road, north of Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 455-6250.

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

SUPPORT GROUP

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

WEEKEND ADVENTURE

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

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.

AROUND TOWN

CHORUS CALL

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

OPENINGS

■ The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' PLUS Preschool Program has a few openings in its Head Start and MDE School Readiness programs. To be eligible for a Head Start placement, your child must have been 3 or 4 by Dec. 1 1999 and meet certain qualifying factors – limited income, foster child, or child with a disability. For more information or to register call (734) 416-6105. To be eligible for the School Readiness Program your child must have been 4 by Dec. 1 1999 and meet certain income guidelines. Call 416-6194 for more information or to register. PLUS preschool will start registering students for all programs during April 2000.

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

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

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

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

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

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

ASTRONOMY GROUP

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

LECTURE

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

LUNCHEON

■ The VFW No. 6695 Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a "Senior Citizens Luncheon," at noon Thursday, Feb. 24, at the VFW No. 6695 Hall, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. There will be no charge, but donations will be accepted. For more information or for reservations, call Millie Drake at (734) 453-3586 or Ann Smith at (734) 453-1529.

Commendable service

Honored: *Lou Whitlock (holding plaque) was presented with a commendation and honorary membership by the Sheldon Road Plant Veterans Club for his efforts in helping raise a record $2,000 worth of toys for Toys for Tots, the group's annual charity drive. Whitlock is plant manager at the Ford/Visteon plant in Plymouth. Others pictured with Whitlock include (front, from left) Earl McNaughton, James Peterson, Ron Shuman and John Nomecos, and (back, from left) Shawn Clanin, Mike Smith, John Hurley and Tony Greca. Not pictured are Dave Shinn, Brian Foster, John Smith, Donita Cunningham and Bill Shunk.*

ART LECTURE

■ The Detroit Institute of Arts, in partnership with the Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Community Education Program of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, presents "Art Lecture Series and Brown Bag Lunch," from noon until 12:50 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29. The theme is "Van Gogh: Face to Face," an introduction to the DIA's latest exhibition. Cost is $3 per person. Bring your own lunch and friends to what promises to be an informative and entertaining lecture series. For more information, call Betsy Calhoun at (734) 416-4ART.

BASIC DRAWING CLASS

■ Beginning class will cover the uses of pencil, lithograph crayon, graphite, charcoal, pen and ink in still life, landscape and figure drawing. Small classes assure personal attention. From 5:30-7 p.m., 10 weeks beginning March 2. Cost is $150, plus small materials fee. Located at Charlotte Moore-Viculin Studio of Art, 887 N. Mill, Plymouth. For more information or to register, call (734) 459-1112.

STORYTIMES

■ Story Time with Miss Karen will be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, Downtown Plymouth and at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at Little Book Shoppe on the Park, 380 S. Main, Downtown Plymouth. Parents and children are invited to experience free interactive 20-20 minute programs of storytelling, music and movement. Favorite children's books, simple instruments and imaginative songs and chants highlight the story times. Registrations are suggested, but not mandatory. For more information or registration, call (734) 454-0178 for Plymouth Coffee Bean or (734) 455-5220 for Little Book Shoppe on the Park.

LEGAL FAIR

■ Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services presents a free community legal fair. The fair, sponsored by a Canton Township Community Development Block Grant, features attorneys and individual consultations on legal issues such as: Elder Abuse, Grandparents Rights, Family Law, Estate/Life Planning, Consumer and Public Benefits/Tax Assistance from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at the Canton Human Services Building, 44237 Michigan Avenue. For more information or to register, call (313) 937-8291.

AARP TAX HELP

■ AARP is sponsoring free federal and Michigan income tax preparation for elderly persons at the locations listed below. Work is performed by counselors qualified by the IRS. An appointment is required. Assistance is available 9 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays at Canton Recreation Center, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton, by appointment at (734) 397-5444; from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays at Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady, Northville, by appointment at (248) 349-4140; and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4:30 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 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Face-to-face job fairs with instant interviews are held 9:30 a.m.-noon Thursday mornings. Free services include distribution of job position information, candidate referrals, resume preparation, interviewing assistance along with Internet access, computer use and free faxing. For 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. the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mothers with their children, kindergarten-age and younger, may attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Childcare is provided. The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

M.O.M. MEETING

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

M.I.T.I

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

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

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

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.

SUPPORT GROUPS

STARTING OVER

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

ARBOR HOSPICE

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

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

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

COUNTERPOINT

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

ANGELA HOSPICE

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

VOLUNTEER WORK

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

■ Plymouth-Canton Head Start, located 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.

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

■ Henry Ford Hospice seeks volunteers to work with patients, to assist in the office, or to assist with special projects. Volunteers will receive training. Call Sharon Cain at (734) 354-3372 for additional information.

■ Individualized Hospice volunteers are needed in the community. Those interested in becoming a part of this volunteer program may attend Tuesdays With Hospice from noon through 3 p.m. at Individualized Hospice in Ann Arbor. Evening training sessions may also be available. Hospice volunteers are trained to be compassionate, skilled listeners and often are a significant support to both the patient and family. Daytime patient care, overnight caregivers for "11th hour," and office volunteers are needed. For more information, or to register for the training, call the Rev. Nancy Doty at (734) 971-0444.

■ First Step has been active in the effort to end violence in western Wayne County and downriver communities for more than 20 years. Committed and dedicated volunteers are needed in several communities for the assault response 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.

CANCER SOCIETY

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

ALZHEIMER'S

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

CLUBS

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

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

Location:

Telephone:

Additional info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

SINGLES MINGLE

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

VALENTINE'S DANCE
WestSide Singles is hosting a Valentine's Dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Must be over 21, and dressy attire (no jeans). Open to the public. A deejay will be playing Top 40 music and current hits. Appetizers will be served. Ladies greeted at the door with a long stem red rose. Early admission special $4 before 8:30 p.m. and $6 after. For information please call (734) 981-0909.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES
Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in Knox Hall in Ward Church. Ministries Showcase 7:30 p.m. Single Parenting Ministry meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the parlor, room C317 and C319, at the church. A free meal is served before the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Speakers or open discussion in a friendly, supportive and encouraging atmosphere. Free child care provided; Lighthouse Cafe, a coffeehouse setting, is offered 7-10 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month in Knox Hall. The cost is $5; all events provided by Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

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

■ Tuesday's BSW goes to Thomas's Family Dining on Plymouth Road (east of Stark) at 7 p.m. on the first, third and fourth week of the month. The second Tuesday of the month the group meets at Vic's Family Diner at 7 p.m. for Birthday Night. (Vic's is one-half block north of Ford Road on Middlebelt). For information call (734) 981-4553.

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

■ BSW is proud to welcome speaker Joe Yanuke at 8 p.m. Feb. 19 at St. Kenneth Activity Center. The topic: The Magic of Humor. Yanuke is a retired realtor and former member of Toastmasters International. He has conducted humor workshops and speaks multiple times to churches and other groups. Refreshments and open mike with afterglow at Appleby's. Family and friends welcome.

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

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS
Parents Without Partners Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the single-parent family. A Singles Dance is scheduled from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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

WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE
Every Friday WestSide Singles hosts a dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Must be over 21, and dressy attire (no jeans). Open to the public. A deejay will be playing Top 40 music and current hits. Appetizers will be served. Early admission special $4 before 8:30 p.m. and $6 after. For information please call (734) 981-0909.

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

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

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Seven to 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March at Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman (downtown Plymouth). Call (734) 454-0178.

Little Book Shoppe on the Park at 4 p.m. Saturday March 4, 380 S. Main (downtown Plymouth). Call (734) 455-5220

Evola Music is located at 7170 N. Haggerty in Canton. Call (734) 455-4677 to register for classes or for a free brochure or visit the web site at www.ismi.net/kindermusikatevola

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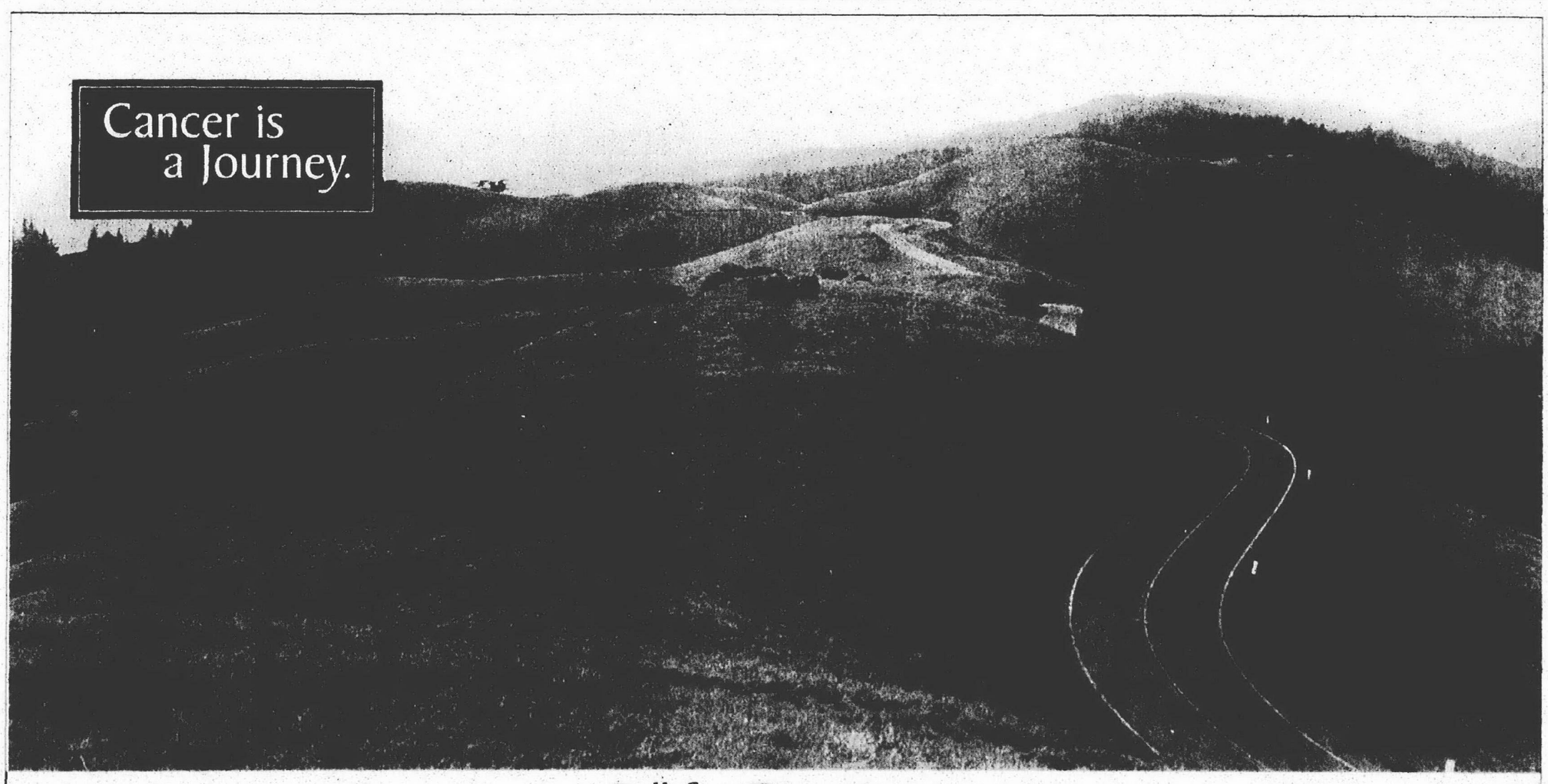

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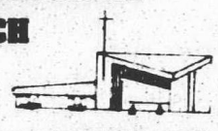

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THE CHAPELS IN CONCERT
This Plymouth gospel group features Ron Newsome, Jim Talbott and Bobby Crumpler. Share the power of God's love with The Chapels, 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 Ann Arbor Road. Open to public. Call (734) 453-1525.

SUMMER MINISTRIES CONF.
Get a jump on Vacation Bible School by attending the International Christian Educational Association's VBS/Summer Ministries' Conference from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville (exit I-275 at Six Mile Road - one quarter mile west past Haggerty Rd.) For details call (248) 557-5526 to required mailed for faxed materials.

INTERFAITH PROGRAMS
"Public Transportation: The Role of the Clergy in Creating Equity" features Paul Tait of SEMCOG and David Sanders of Metropolitan Affairs Coalition speaking on the subject of public transportation in southeast Michigan. Members of the clergy welcome, 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Second Ebeneezer Baptist Church, 2760 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit. (313) 567-6225; "Religion and Responsibility in the Global Community," symposium includes keynote presentations by Mahmoud Ayoub, Rabbi Everett Gendler and Amata Miller, workshops, interfaith prayer and dinner, 2-7 p.m. Sunday, April 30, Congregation Beth Shalom, 14601 W. Lincoln, Oak Park. $20 before April 23, $25 at the door. $10 for students. (313) 567-6225

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
Women from clusters 5 and 6 will celebrate the gifts of women, share stories, sing psalms, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, March 1, St. Timothy, 16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia. (248) 478-4742 or (734) 522-0739.

DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH
A seminar for quality parenting will be held from 7-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 and Saturday, Feb. 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Family Impact ministries, 3761 Commerce Ct. (one mile east of I-275). Pre-registration deadline is Feb. 15. Cost is $25 per person/$35 per couple. Child care available.

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 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.

CHILI COOKOFF
The Good Shepherd Reformed Church's annual Chili Cook Off will be held from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, March 11 at the church social hall (6500 North Wayne Road at Hunter) in Westland. Chili makers and tasters needed. Come and enjoy the chili and fellowship. Call (734) 722-7225 for information.

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.

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.

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

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY
Thursday Bible studies at Timothy Lutheran Church are available from 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The morning study is led by members of the congregation and the evening study is led by Pastor Powell. Timothy Lutheran Church is located at 8820 Wayne Road in Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www.timothylivonia.com

TAI CHI CLASSES
The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit organization, is forming new, beginner Tai Chi classes, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia, St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bloomfield and Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Observers welcome. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281.
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MARRIAGE & FAMILY
Marriage and family will be taught by Father George Shalhoub, pastor of St. Mary Orthodox Church in Livonia. The purpose of these series of classes is to take an in-depth look at the necessary characteristics that play vital roles in marriage and family life. They are available to both these couples either considering marriage or presently married. Single or divorced individuals are also encouraged to attend this 10-week class that meets from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18100 Merriman Road in Livonia. Call (734) 422-0010 to register. Topics include: The Institutional Family; The Process of Developing Healthy Relationships; What is Love?; Marriage: Why it is a Sacrament; and more. Series concludes March 30.

WILDLIFE GAME DINNER
Fathers and sons are encouraged to join Plymouth Church of the Nazarene for the Men's Wildlife Game Dinner, 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the church, 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Adults $10, children 12 and under, $5. The menu includes venison, ostrich, buffalo steaks, squirrel, pheasant and bear. Hunting and fishing gear will be auctioned. Public welcome. Call (734) 453-1525 by Wednesday, Feb. 16 for tickets.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT
April 1 at Timothy Lutheran Church from 6-8 p.m. (8820 Wayne Road). A game night for the whole family - including get-to-know you games, board games, card games, and games for children. Please call (734) 427-2290 for information.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES
March 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 12 at 7 p.m. at Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia (8820 Wayne Road). Weekly prayer and discussion about the five-session "God is Here," video series from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Each week allows for personal and group reflections on worship. Kids are welcome to participate, as they are able. Reservations are not necessary

WOMEN'S RETREAT
Newburg United Methodist Church will host a women's retreated titled "Faith in action - our legacy and our future," March 17-19 at Lake Huron Retreat Center in Lakeport, Michigan. It will be an event for study, conversation, growth, inspiration, sharing good meals with friends and walks along the lake. All rooms are doubles with private baths. Our meeting room will be a short outdoor walk from the sleeping rooms. Bring comfortable clothes, snack, your bible, notebook and board or card/games. Cost $85. For information please call Heather Perkins at (734) 422-0149 no later than Sunday, Feb. 27.

TLC STORYTIME
For children and their parents TLC Storytime at Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia (8820 Wayne Road) from 3-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, March 18 and May 20. Come join us for crafts, Christian stories and snacks. Kids are invited to bring parents. The books are chosen for ages 3-10 but kids of all ages are welcome. Call (734) 427-2290 for information.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT
A Spiritual Weekend Retreat titled, "A New Century - A New Beginning," will be held March 31-April 2 at St. Johns Center in Plymouth. Several inspirational speakers will be present. Cost is $100 and $115 (double room/single room), lodging and meals included. Pre-registration is a must by March 22. Call Jeff (313) 381-0731 or Arlene (81) 776-2621.

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The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church workshop is meant for members of the church who want to use their life experience to nurture. 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, March 21, 28 and April 4, 11 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The registration fee for the series is $30. Call (734) 464-0211.

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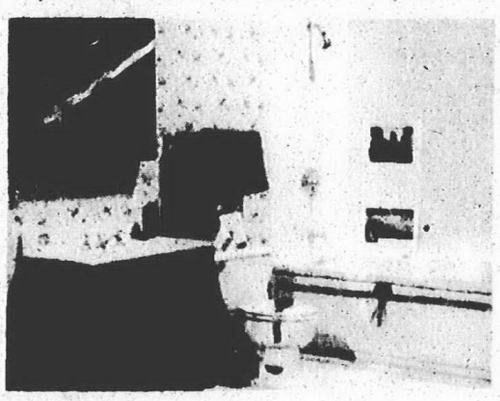

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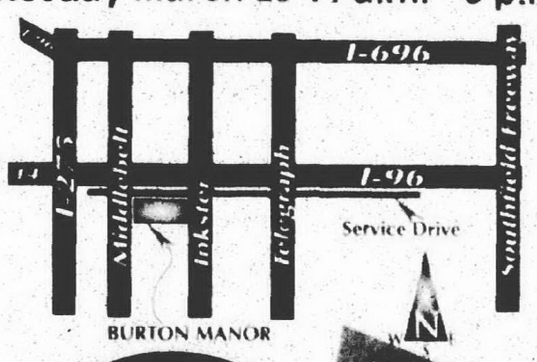

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Ethnic acceptance necessary for the culturally diverse nation

The following column is new to the Community Life section. We have asked several local religious leaders representing various denominations to contribute a monthly column on the topic of their choice. We hope that you look forward to this new addition and will contact the Community Life staff or the writers if you have comments or feedback. Rabbi Sherwin T. Wine, of Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills, is the third of four columnists we are currently featuring.

The population of America is changing. At the beginning of the 20th century the people of the United States were overwhelmingly white, Protestant and of northern European origin. A large Catholic minority was emerging in the cities. A large African minority was suffering in the South. But the self-image of America did not include those minorities.

At the end of the 20th century, the population of America is radically different from this old self-image. White Anglo-Saxon Protestants are a minority. Catholics, Jews, Buddhists and Muslims are now part of the American mainstream. Blacks and Chicanos constitute almost one-third of the American people. Asians, whether Indian, Chinese, Japanese or Vietnamese, have become a familiar element of all urban centers. Demographers predict that, within 50 years, almost one-half of the population in our country will be non-white.

Similar changes are taking place all over the world. A globalist economy, with the new technologies of transportation and communication, is producing a highly mobile work force. Educated professionals are moving to places of high income. Uneducated workers are moving to countries where jobs are available. In all European countries large minorities of non-native people are emerging. In Germany there are the Turks – in France, the Algerians – in England, the Indians and Pakistanis – in Italy the Albanians and Tunisians and in Spain the Moroceans.

The response to this massive change has been the rise of a new fanatic racism. Anti-immigration movements are growing strong in North America and many European countries. Violence and ugly confrontations are increasing.

At the heart of all great religions is the message that human identity is primary and that human unity is both desirable and necessary. The enormous changes of the last century make this message urgent. National boundaries are ceasing to define ethnically uniform states. In the twenty-first century all major countries will turn into multi-cultural states. As long as capitalism, the new technology and the global economy persist, the change is inevitable.

In the 21st century we need to redefine what it means to be an American, a European and even an Asian or African. Every modern state will become a mini-United Nations. To live in such a state requires new skills for citizenship. Only an inclusive openness will keep America vital and strong.

■ *Sherwin T. Wine is a graduate of both the University of Michigan (A.B., A.M.) and the Hebrew Union College. In 1963 he founded the Birmingham Temple in suburban Detroit, the first congregation of Humanistic Judaism. In 1969 he established the Society for Humanistic Judaism to serve as the national outreach of this humanistic movement. In 1986 he helped to create the International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews, a worldwide association of eleven national groups. He was also the founder of the Humanist Institute, the International Association of Humanist Educators, Counselors and Leaders, and the chair of the Leadership Conference of Secular and Humanistic Jews. He remains the Chair of the International federation and the Co-Chair of the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism.*

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ST. GENEVIEVE AUCTION
Escape the winter blahs with a vacation stay at a Caribbean ocean front luxury home in the heart of Mexico's Maya Rivera. The trip will be auctioned during the first St. Genevieve Catholic Church dinner, dance and silent auction from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18 at the Italian American Banquet Center of Five Mile west of Newburgh. Everything from April 2 Red Wing tickets and dinner to a tour on the Diamond Jack boat or birthday party with Elmo the Clown. Tickets are $45 and the public is welcome. Other auction items include Asian gifts from Singapore, VCR, framed stained glass window, hockey memorabilia, Steve Yzerman jersey and gift certificates from area restaurants. For more information call Jack Farrow at (734) 464-7843 or Dan Blaske at (734) 525-3780.

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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.

THE PAJAMA GAME
Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard in Livonia, will be the host of the theatrical production of "The Pajama Game." This is the 27th year the church has put on a play. Dates and times include 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25; Saturday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m.; and 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27. Donation ticket fees are $6 adults; $3 students up to the 12th grade. For information call (734) 422-0494.

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

Panic attack sufferers find relief

Once a sufferer of panic attacks herself, Northville resident and business owner Susan Franceschi is donating her services to Ward Presbyterian Church to help people who suffer from panic attacks and/or agoraphobia. Franceschi will lead a newly formed support group, beginning with a general information/organizational meeting to be held at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29 at Ward Church, Six Mile Road (west of Haggerty Road in Northville).

Meetings for a monthly support group will be held at Ward Presbyterian Church the first Tuesday of every month, beginning March 7.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Player of the week

Doug Herriman, a senior at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, was named player of the week in the Northeast Atlantic Conference.

A 5-foot-11 guard from Canton (Plymouth Salem HS), Herriman was instrumental in the Wolves stretching their winning streak to five games, longest in school history. They won three in a row last week, with Herriman averaging 15 points, 10 assists, six steals and three rebounds.

Last Saturday, UM-D beat Rochester College 74-64 to improve to 10-18 overall; Herriman had 18 points, 10 assists and six steals in the victory.

For the season, he is averaging 13.9 points a game and leads the team in both assists with 6.8 and steals with 2.2 per game.

All-Americans

Robert Pensari, a Canton resident who teaches at Livonia's Frost Middle School and serves as an assistant football coach at Livonia Churchill HS, was named to the American Football Association's All-American team.

Pensari played linebacker and center for the Wayne County Twisters semi-pro team. He was one of three Twisters honored.

Others were offensive lineman Damien Howard of Ypsilanti and linebacker Aaron Brothers of Dearborn Heights. Howard is pursuing his Masters Degree; Brothers is a graphic designer at Lear Corp.

Brothers and Howard were also named to the all-league and North Division all-star team, together with defensive lineman Deon Perry and punter/kicker Chuck Petitpas.

Pensari, running back Damon Frendo, wide receiver Reggie Brandon, offensive lineman Chuck Sikora, safety Ron Andrews and lineman Rodney Swanigan were Division all-stars.

Sonnanstine shines

Amy Sonnanstine, a junior at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, set a new school record while finishing second in the pole vault at the Midwest Elite Indoor Track Meet, held at Ohio Northern University.

Sonnanstine, a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton HS, cleared 9-feet with her record effort.

Top efforts

As Madonna University's women's basketball team battles for a berth in the upcoming Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs, several of its players are making a mark in the WHAC statistical standings.

Carissa Gizicki, a sophomore guard from Riverview Gabriel Richard HS, leads the conference in assists (4.5 per game) and steals (3.75).

Chris Dietrich, a senior guard from Monroe Jefferson HS, ranks fifth in the league in scoring (15.1 points) and fourth in steals (2.54).

And Kristi Fiorenzi, a junior forward from Plymouth Canton HS, is eighth in the WHAC in rebounding (7.21).

Madonna was 11-13 overall, 5-7 in the WHAC going into Wednesday's game against Aquinas College. The Crusaders close out their regular season Saturday by hosting Cornerstone University. Aquinas and Cornerstone were tied for first in the WHAC entering the regular season's final week.

In the men's rankings, Madonna's Chad Putnam (Redford Thurston) and Jason Skoczylas (Dearborn St. Alphonsus) are tied for 10th in the WHAC in rebounding (5.79 per game).

Retirees hockey

A new retirees hockey league (over 50 years old) is looking for players. The league plays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Artic Pond in Plymouth until April 5.

Cost is $12 per game, with free coffee and donuts after all games. To register or for more information, call John Wilson at (248) 471-0658, or e-mail him at john@rspi.net.

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.

A goal: *Salem's Steve Nagel (white jersey) knocks the puck into the Walled Lake Western net to give the Rocks an early lead Tuesday. It didn't last, however; the Warriors battled back from a two-goal deficit to pick up the win.*

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Lead gets away from Salem

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PREP HOCKEY

It was another one that simply got away.

Plymouth Salem's hockey team was cruising Tuesday on their home ice. The Rocks had just gotten their second goal of the game from Mark Nagel; five minutes remained in the second period of their Western Lakes Activities Association match against Walled Lake Western and they had a two-goal lead.

But Salem is young. It's still learning how to win.

Lapses have beleaguered the Rocks all season. Another one did against the Warriors.

Led by Eric Wojciechowski, Western scored twice in the final 4:10 of the second to knot it at 3-all. Wojciechowski then scored twice in the third, the second an empty-net goal, and Western had a 5-3 victory.

"The puck wasn't quite bouncing our way," said Salem coach Fred Feiler after his team had fallen to 3-18 overall. "We had a lot of opportunities. It just didn't happen.

"We had a good game plan put together, but we got into a bit of penalty trouble."

The penalty problems began in the second period. Two minors taken 27 seconds apart gave the Warriors a two-man advantage and led to their first goal, scored 11 seconds into the second penalty by Jordan Doggett.

That knotted it at 1-all. Salem's Mark Nagel had scored 1:36 into the second period, with brother Steve assisting.

The Rocks rebounded after Doggett scored, getting goals in the second period from Steve and Mark Nagel 1:05 apart. Both were unassisted; Mark's was scored with 5:57 to go.

But another Salem penalty with 5:16 left in the second gave the Warriors the power play once again, and they cashed it in again, with Wojciechowski scoring with 4:10 left in the period to make it 3-2.

The tying goal came off the stick of Western's Paul Price with 2:28 left in the second. Wojciechowski and Kevin Dillon assisted.

Wojciechowski's goal 41 seconds into the final period put Western ahead and put the pressure on the Rocks. However, they couldn't get the equalizer; with seven seconds left, Wojciechowski — who finished with three goals and an assist — completed his hat-trick with goalie James Dogowski out of the net for an extra attacker.

Steve and Mark Nagel accounted for all of Salem's points, Steve getting a goal and an assist and Mark scoring two goals. Price and Doggett each had a goal and two assists for Western.

Whalers streaking

Offense, offense, offense.

Three games, 24 goals. With scoring like that, losses will be few and far between.

The Plymouth Whalers haven't succeeded on scoring alone. Their defense has been outstanding. But on a weekend that saw them play three games in three days, it was scoring that carried them.

The Whalers posted a win over the host Kitchener Rangers by a 7-3 count Friday, then defeated the Mississauga Ice Dogs 10-2 Saturday and the Midwest Division-leading

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Rocks fall on final basket

BASKETBALL

There's still time. This season, which has had more downs than most prep basketball teams will ever face — and not just on the court — can be salvaged for Plymouth Salem.

All the Rocks need to do is win a close one.

Tuesday night that opportunity escaped them. Again.

Salem was tied with Walled Lake Western, co-leader in the Western Lakes Activities Association (with North Farmington), at 48-all with just 30 seconds remaining. Salem had possession, but a bad pass changed that. It was intercepted, putting the home-team Warriors in control.

They took full advantage. Brandon Routhier scored from in close with three seconds left, and the Rocks were doomed, suffering a 50-48 loss.

The defeat left them with an 8-8 overall record, 5-5 in the WLAA. Western is 9-1 in the WLAA.

"Our story all year long," said Salem coach Bob Brodie of the close defeat. "We're one of the better 8-8 teams around. We just can't get that close one."

Seven of the Rocks' eight losses have been by five points or fewer.

After a fast start, the game slowed down. It was tied at 20-all after one period; the Warriors led 32-29 at the half.

After Routhier's basket, Salem had a chance. There was still 2.4 seconds remaining. But the first inbounds pass was knocked back out; 1.4 seconds was left. The second inbounds attempt reached Matt McCaffrey, Salem's leading scorer; he managed to get off a shot through traffic and contact, but it rolled out of the basket.

McCaffrey finished with 19 points and 12 rebounds to lead all scorers. Ryan Cook collected nine points and four assists. Johnny Eagle's 10 points topped Western.

Free throws favored the Rocks, who converted 15-of-19 at the line (79 percent) compared to Western's 6-of-13 (46 percent).

"It was close all the way," said Brodie. "The lead changed hands a number of times. It looked like the team that ended with the basketball in its hands last was going to win it."

The Rocks have been in a similar position a lot this season. They just haven't capitalized on it.

Canton 56, Stevenson 40: Improving as you go along is always welcome to a coach. But no doubt Plymouth Canton coach Dan Young wouldn't mind a

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Ups and downs

Canton gets best score, but Salem falters

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For Plymouth Canton, it was a good time to put together a season's-best performance.

Plymouth Salem, however, fell far short of that.

Canton posted its top score of the season in Tuesday's dual meet — 138.55, far better than the Rocks' total of 128.35.

"Everybody was on, from the B kids to the A kids," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "It was a team thing. Everybody did well."

Salem had two distinct problems. First, one of its top gymnasts, April Aquinto, suffered an apparent knee injury on her dismount from the uneven parallel bars; she did not compete in the balance beam or floor exercise.

The Rocks second problem came in the beam. Falls plagued them; Canton gymnasts claimed five of the top six spots.

Liz Fitzgerald led the Chiefs, finishing first in the bars (9.35) and posting the best all-around total, a personal best 36.10. Fitzgerald was second in the floor exercise (9.2) and vault (8.8), and tied for second in the beam (8.75).

Salem's Bethany Bartlett put together a solid all-around effort, winning the vault (9.0) and floor (9.35) and tying for second in the bars (9.1). She was fifth in the beam (8.2).

The other individual win came from Canton's Maggie Bett, who captured the beam (9.25). Bett also tied for fifth in the vault (8.2), took sixth in the floor (8.25) and placed fifth in the all-around (33.60).

Amy Driscoll was another standout for the Chiefs, posting marks of 9.1 in bars (tied for second), 8.85 in floor (third), 8.65 in vault and 35.00 in the all-around (third).

Indeed, there weren't many scores that would qualify as mediocre for Canton. Only three marks in the entire meet weren't better than 8.0.

Kristen Schilk tied for second in the beam (8.75), placed fourth in the floor (8.5) and was fifth in bars (8.3); she placed fourth in the all-around (33.75).

The Chiefs' Jackie Bennington had an 8.15 in the beam, good for sixth, and a 32.25 in the all-around, also sixth-best. Jill Rakovitis added

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Best score: *Canton's Maggie Bett finished first against Salem on the balance beam, scoring 9.25.*

SKATING

Gems land at nationals

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Aesthetic competition.

Combine team play with the beauty of dance, then put it all on ice and what you have is the U.S. National Synchronized Team Championships, which will be coming to Plymouth's Compuware Arena March 1-4.

It won't be just beauty and precision from abroad that will serve as an attraction. Three local teams — the Gems on Ice, who compete as part of the Plymouth Figure Skating Club — will be chasing titles as well.

But before the U.S. National competition, the Arena will be host to the Tri-State Championships this Saturday and Sunday. The Gems will compete in the youth, preliminary, juvenile, teen, intermediate and novice divisions with approximately 1,600 other skaters from five mid-

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Salem 4th, Canton 5th at WLAA tourney

WRESTLING

All things considered, it wasn't too bad.

The way things had gone for Plymouth Canton's wrestlers this season, hopes certainly should have been running high going into Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament at Walled Lake Western.

But two key members of the team, co-captains Kyle Pitt and Joe Faraone, were forced to miss the tournament with injuries.

Pitt, a 103-pounder with a 34-1 record, should return for the state tournament, but Faraone, a 140-pounder with a 23-7 record, suffered torn ligaments in his index finger and had to have surgery; he's lost for the season.

For Plymouth Salem, it was somewhat different. The Rocks were lacking in spots, to be sure, but they came through when they had to.

Which is why they finished fourth, one spot ahead of Canton — and not too far out of third place, scoring 177 points. The Chiefs were fifth with 142, one place higher than they placed last season.

Northville gained its third-consecutive title, scoring 204.5 points. Host Western placed second with 193 and Livonia Stevenson was third with 186.5 *(see statistical summary)*.

"We work so hard in practice and our practice space is so limited that many of those who came out (for the team) didn't stay with us," said Canton coach John Demsick. "So we are not very deep and can't replace everyone.

"Those who have stayed out are really tough kids. They are all quite special, but we are still hurt when we lose people we depend on in our lineup."

Both teams had some fine performances, but just one that was a weight-class winner: Salem's Ron Thompson beat Farmington's Jon Simmons 9-3 in the 119 final.

There was one other noteworthy pairing. At 125, John Mervyn, a one-time Rock now wrestling for Livonia Franklin, beat former teammate Rob Ash 11-3 in the title match.

The difference between Salem and Canton was apparent. Certainly losing wrestlers like Faraone and Pitt was costly, but the Rocks lost Mervyn when he transferred to Franklin.

Each team reached the finals three times. Salem got one first, Canton had three seconds.

The Rocks had five wrestlers in matches for third and fourth to Canton's four, but more importantly, Salem finished third in four of those five while the Chiefs had all fourths.

Steve Dendrinos was the Rocks' third finals qualifier; he was pinned by Jacob Pattenaude of Western in 3:59 at 135.

"We thought we put in a good, but not a great day," said Demsick. "We did have some great moments."

Canton's John Pocock lost a tight match to Northville's Chad Neumann, 3-1, in the 140 final; Phil Rothwell was beaten 13-5 by Northville's Joe Rumbley in the 189 final; and Derek McWatt was pinned by Western's Tony Henry in :52 of the heavyweight final.

The Chiefs did travel a rough road to the final. Pocock, the third seed, edged Salem's Josh Henderson, seeded second, 4-3 in the semifinals, and third seed McWatt pinned second seed Brian Brinsden of Farmington in the heavyweight final. Brinsden had pinned McWatt twice this season.

Salem got thirds from Mike Goethe at 103, who pinned Westland John Glenn's Nick Naber in 2:30; Lucas Stump at 130, who edged Canton's Greg Musser 7-4; Henderson at 140, with a technical fall in 4:55 against Walled Lake Central's John O'Brien; and Mike Popeney at 189, who defeated Stevenson's Eric Puninske, 6-3.

The state team district tournament was yesterday at Salem. The individual state district tournament is Saturday at Walled Lake Western HS.

WLAA WRESTLING RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSN. WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS
Feb. 12 at Walled Lake Western

Team standings: 1. Northville, 204 1.2; 2. Walled Lake Western, 193; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 186 1/2; 4. Plymouth Salem, 177; 5. Plymouth Canton, 142; 6. Farmington, 135; 7. Livonia Churchill, 112; 8. Livonia Franklin, 100; 9. Walled Lake Central, 94; 10. Westland John Glenn, 86; 11. North Farmington, 35; 12. Farmington Harrison, 8.

Heavyweight: 1. Tony Henry (Western) pinned Derek McWatt (Canton), 0:52; 3. Brian Brinsden (Farmington) pin. Tony Martinez (Franklin), 3:36; 5. Brian Tran (Northville) dec. Ricardo Smith (Salem), 6-0; 7. Mark Costella (Stevenson) pin. Joe Helmick (Churchill), 3:11.

103 pounds: Kyle Malo (Churchill) dec. Jason Fischer (Stevenson), 6-2; 3. Mike Goethe (Salem) pin. Nick Naber (Glenn), 2:30; 5. Mike Cartea (Northville) pin. Dan Drenkkowski (Western), 5:44; 7. Rob Schnettler (Canton) pin. Dan Canvasser (N. Farmington), 4:06.

112: 1. Josh Gunterman (Stevenson) dec. Ryan Beech (Western), 6-4 in overtime; 3. Ravi Saran (Northville) dec. Harry Leipsitz (N. Farmington), 5-1; 5. Craig Aubry (Central) pin. Brian Clement (Churchill), 1:31; 7. Nick Moniodis (Salem) dec. Kefentse Mandisa (Glenn), 11-1.

119: 1. Ron Thompson (Salem) dec. Jon Simmons (Farmington), 9-3; 3. A.J. Lee (Western) pin. Doy Demsick (Canton), 2:46; 5. Billy Bullock (Stevenson) dec. Steve Lenhardt (Churchill), 15-4; 7. Ramis Bajrami (N. Farmington) pin. Josh D'Anna (Northville), 0:49.

125: 1. John Mervyn (Franklin) dec. Rob Ash (Salem), 11-3; 3. Matt Doyle (Northville) dec. Chris Hosey (Canton), 4-3; 5. A.J. Escobar (Western) dec. Enrique Garcia (Glenn), 10-0; 7. Nick Smith (Churchill) dec. Ben White (Stevenson), 6-4.

130: 1. Reggie Torrence (Northville) pin. Jeff Albrecht (Glenn), 0:55; 3. Lucas Stump (Salem) dec. Greg Musser (Canton), 7-4; 5. Arik Wickett (Franklin) pin. Aaron Turk (Farmington), 2:33; 7. Justin Nazaroff (Western) dec. Jason Shafer (Harrison), 7-5.

135: Jacob Pattenaude (Western) pin. Steve Dendrinos (Salem), 3:59; 3. Ian Huff (Central), dec. Lev Mergian (Churchill), 7-0; 5. Mike Siegrist (Canton) dec. Griffin Schager (Stevenson), 14-2; 7. Brian Ashby (Northville) won by forfeit over Alan Waddell (Glenn).

140: 1. Chad Neumann (Northville) dec. John Pocock (Canton), 3-1; 3. Josh Henderson (Salem) by technical fall over John O'Brien (Central), 4:55; 5. Trevor Clarke (N. Farmington) pin. Matt Radley (Stevenson), 3:57; 7. Ernie Guerra (Glenn) dec. Tom Mahon (Farmington), 4-1.

145: 1. Dan Scappaticci (Northville) dec. Chris Cooprider (Stevenson), 10-4; 3. Geoff Zilan (Western) pin. Steve Abar (Churchill), 3:42; 5. James Clarahan (Farmington) dec. Adam Schafer (Salem), 12-4; 7. Jamie Fraser (Central) pin. Brad Gregory (Glenn), 4:17.

152: 1. Mike Carter (Churchill) dec. Mike Falzon (Stevenson), 9-1; 3. Derick Smith (Western) dec. Scott McKee (Canton), 8-1; 5. Mark Ostach (Farmington) dec. Chris Wolfgang (Glenn), 4-3; 7. Josh Pettijohn (Northville) pin. Dave Vidlund (Central), 4:50.

160: 1. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson) dec. Eric Toska (Franklin), 10-2; 3. Josh Bagalay (Western) dec. Mike Murtland (Farmington), 9-4; 5. Shahein Rajaee (Canton) dec. Nick Wroblewski (Glenn), 4-1; 7. Phil Portellos (Salem) dec. Joe Moreno (Central), 13-7.

171: 1. John MacFarland (Stevenson) dec. Ben Lukas (Farmington), 6-1; 3. John Rekoumis (Northville) dec. Pat Clark (Western), 10-2; 5. Alex Murray (Churchill) pin. Jack Sears (Glenn), 1:55; 7. Matt Navarro (Franklin) pin. Derek Miller (Canton), 0:40.

189: 1. Joe Rumbley (Northville) dec. Phil Rothwell (Canton), 13-5; 3. Mike Popeney (Salem) dec. Eric Puninske (Stevenson), 6-3; 5. Joe Hartley (Central) dec. Don Holland (Western), 7-0.

215: 1. Kyle Domagalski (Farmington) pin. Greg Hartley (Central), 4:31; 3. Val Palushat (Northville) dec. Zack Jensen (Salem), 5-4; 5. Neil Retherford (Western) pin. Tim McCarthy (Stevenson), 0:23; 7. Tom Vandenbossche (Churchill) dec. Andrew Pruitt (Franklin), 3-1.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Friday, Feb. 18
Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Farmington, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Salem, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Belleville, 7 p.m.
Southgate at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Annapolis, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Bethesda, 7:30 p.m.
PCA at Baptist Park, 7:30 p.m.
Agape at Taylor Light & Life, 7:30 p.m.
(CHSL C-D Division Playoffs)
St. Agatha at M.C. Mooney, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 20
(CHSL Central-AA Playoffs at U-D Mercy's Calihan Hall)
Borgess vs. O.L. St. Mary's, noon.
Redford CC vs. DePorres, 1:45 p.m.
DeLaSalle vs. Divine Child, 3:30 p.m.
Brother Rice vs. N.D. Prep, 5 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Feb. 19
Schoolcraft at Henry Ford, 3 p.m.
Madonna at Cornerstone, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Feb. 19
Schoolcraft at Henry Ford, 1 p.m.
Cornerstone at Madonna, 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, Feb. 17
Ply. Whalers at Guelph, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 18
Ply. Whalers vs. Sarnia Sting at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 19
Ply. Whalers vs. London Knights at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Friday, Feb. 18
Redford CC vs. Port Huron No. at McMorran Pavilion, 7 p.m.
Salem vs. South Lyon at Ply. Cultural Center, 8 p.m.
Canton vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 19
Franklin vs. Milford at Lakeland Ice Arena, 5:20 p.m.
Canton vs. South Lyon at Ply. Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Cranbrook at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Feb. 17
Huron Valley at Bethesda, 7 p.m.
Kingswood at Luth. W'sld, 7 p.m.
Inter-City at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
(CHSL Finals at Madonna)
C-D Division final, 5:30 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Marian, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 18
Macomb Christian at Agape, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 19
Ladywood Tournament, 8 a.m.
Monroe-Jeff. Invitational, TBA

TBA — time to be announced.

ROUNDUP

Roller hockey

Spring 2000 travel roller hockey tryouts a the Skatin' Station, located at 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton, will be for the following age group age groups:

14-and-under, 4:30-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27; 10-and-under, 6-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27; 12-and-under, 6:15-7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28; 18-and-under, 8:30-10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29; and 16-and-under, 8-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1.

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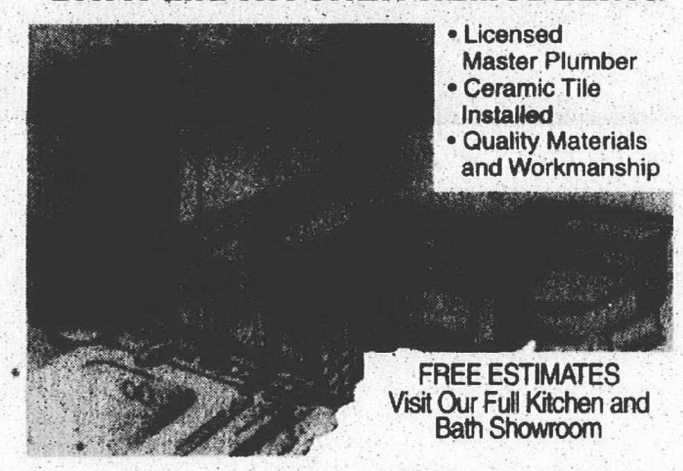

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Canton's comebacks earn 2 wins; Rocks roll

PREP HOCKEY

Maybe it's just a matter of wearing down the opposition.

Or maybe Plymouth Canton's hockey team enjoys comebacks.

Whatever it might be, if it works, stick to it. Last weekend, the Chiefs did just that and collected a pair of wins.

On Friday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, Canton spotted Western Lakes Activities Association rival Livonia Franklin a two-goal lead midway through the second period — then scored four-straight for a 4-2 victory.

On Saturday at the Ice Box in Brownstown Township, host Grosse Ile led Canton 2-1 with two minutes left in the second period, but again the Chiefs rallied to take a 4-2 win in this non-conference game.

The two victories boosted Canton's record to 11-8-1 overall; in the WLAA, the Chiefs are 7-7-1.

On Friday against Franklin, the game's complexion changed when Canton's Ryan McCabe scored from David Commiskey 18 seconds after the Patriots had taken a 2-0 lead.

John Bockstanz knotted it at 2-2 with 4:33 left in the period (Brad Wolf assisted), then Commiskey got what proved to be the game-winner with just 56.7 seconds remaining in the second.

The game's final goal was scored by Sean Depp. Brad Arsnov was in goal for the Chiefs.

On Saturday, Shane Bedo put the Red Devils ahead with a first-period goal, but Canton tied it at 1-all when Bockstanz scored 3:37 into the second period. Eric Mayer got the assist.

Grosse Ile again forged ahead, this time John Gaynier netting a power-play goal with 2:20 left in the period. But once again, the Chiefs were quick to respond.

And once again, it was McCabe who was responsible for the response. This time it took 21 seconds for him to re-tie the game, with Jeremy Majszak and Mike Carson assisting.

With just 1:19 elapsed in the final period, Eric Mayer got the game-winner for the Chiefs; Rick Lashbrook assisted. Nick Norville's empty-net goal with 54 seconds left (assisted by Matt Ringer) clinched it.

Ryan Zielinski stopped 26 shots in goal for Canton.

Salem 8, New Boston Huron 0: There were a lot of firsts in this game.

First — Robin Beaudry became the first female goalie to get a victory.

It's also worth noting that Beaudry's win was a shutout — the first in school history.

Eight different players scored for Salem. Dan Valentine opened the scoring for the Rocks at the 13:26 mark. Brad Proodian scored 3:05 later, and two minutes after that Michael Maurer scored to make it 3-0.

Steve Nagel scored a goal and assisted on two others, while Maurer, Mark Nagel and Dave Bida had a goal and an assist. Eric Culps and Akshay Patel scored goals; Joe Connolly and Drew Styles each picked up two assists.

Whalers *from page C1*

Erie Otters 7-2 Sunday, both at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The three wins solidified Plymouth's place atop the Ontario Hockey League's West Division, stretched its current win streak to six games with nine victories in its last 10 games. The Whalers are 32-17-4 and have 69 points, four more than the slumping Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds (3-7 in their last 10).

It hasn't been a single player who's been hot and carrying the Whalers; rather, several have gotten into the act.

Against Erie, Tomas Kurka had a goal and three assists, Stephen Weiss had two goals and an assist, Justin Williams, Damian Surma, and Jamie Lalonde each had a goal and an assist, Shaun Fisher had three assists, and George Nistas scored a goal.

Surma totaled six goals and two assists for the weekend, while Williams had three goals and seven assists.

A power-play goal by the Otters' Shane Nash 6:08 into the second period of Sunday's game, played in front of a crowd of 2,001, had given Erie a 2-1 lead, but a minute later Surma re-tied it for the Whalers, and they dominated after that.

Weiss' power-play goal with 3:12 left in the second period put Plymouth up for good. Four unanswered goals in the third period made certain the Whalers stayed there.

Rob Zepp made 15 saves in goal for Plymouth. J.J. Perras faced 29 shots for the Otters.

Their overwhelming offense was again the difference in their victories Friday and Saturday.

The outburst began with their 7-3 rampage at Kitchener Friday. It was a seesaw battle until midway through the second period, when team captain Randy Fitzgerald took command for Plymouth.

Whaler first-period goals by Surma, Lalonde and Fisher were offset by the Rangers' Ryan Held and Mike Amodeo; John Dunphy's goal 2:29 into the second period tied it for the Rangers.

Fitzgerald put the Whalers in control with goals scored at 13:18 and 17:05 of the second; another by Jon Billy with 1:03 remaining in the period put Plymouth up 6-3.

Surma got his second goal of the game in the third period. Williams had three assists in the win, while Fisher had two.

Zepp stopped 20 of 23 shots on goal for Plymouth. Reg Bourcier faced 45 shots in goal for Kitchener.

Saturday's game at Compuware Arena, which attracted 2,512 fans, featured one of the OHL's hottest teams against the league's worst. The results were predictable.

Plymouth scored four goals before the opening period was half over and had a 6-0 lead after one. Surma scored three goals and assisted on two others in the game, while Williams had two goals and three assists.

Stephen Weiss and Fisher netted two goals apiece (Fisher also had an assist), with Kurka, Eric Gooldy and Fitzgerald getting two assists each. Rob McBride also scored a goal.

Bill Ruggiero was in goal for the win for Plymouth, making 20 saves. For Mississauga, Michael Mole and Nick Foley divided time in the net.

Ambassadors on a roll

The Compuware Ambassadors rallied twice in two games last weekend to beat the Grand Rapids Rockets at Compuware Arena.

On Friday, Compuware overcame an early deficit by scoring five-straight goals en route to a 6-2 win. Goals by Chris Sad and Dan Knapp separated by 20 seconds in the final minute of the first period gave the Ambassadors a lead it would not relinquish.

Saturday's game was even harder for the Rockets to bear as the Ambassadors scored three times in the third period to knot the game and force OT.

Mike Smith's goal 1:56 into overtime gave Compuware a 4-3 win, raising its record to 29-11-3 (8-1-1 in its last 10 games).

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Ottawa 67s	39	12	3	82
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Belleville Bulls	34	17	1	69
Peterborough Petes	27	22	5	59
Oshawa Generals	24	25	3	52
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pts.**
Barrie Colts	33	15	5	72
Sudbury Wolves	26	23	5	58
North Bay Centennials	20	27	6	47
Toronto St. M. Majors	14	38	2	31
Miss. Ice Dogs	5	45	1	12
West Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pts.**
Plymouth Whalers	32	17	4	69
SSM Greyhounds	28	23	4	65
Sarnia Sting	28	21	7	63
Windsor Spitfires	29	23	1	60
London Knights	15	29	7	40
Midwest Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pts.**
Erie Otters	25	26	2	54
Kitchener Rangers	22	27	4	52
Guelph Storm	24	24	2	51
Brampton Battalion	19	27	7	48
Owen Sound Platers	16	33	4	41

HOCKEY DRAWS

DIVISION I
REGIONAL HOCKEY DRAWS
at REDFORD ICE ARENA

Monday, Feb. 28: (A) Redford Unified vs. (B) Farmington Unified, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Livonia Franklin vs. (D) Redford Catholic Central, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1: Livonia Stevenson vs. Allen Park, 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 2: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 4: Championship final, 8 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Wednesday, March 8 at Redford Ice Arena vs. Dearborn Kilpatrick Arena regional champion.)

at DEARBORN'S KILPATRICK ARENA

Monday, Feb. 28: (A) Dearborn Unified vs. (B) Trenton, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 29: (C) Ann Arbor Huron vs. (D) Ann Arbor Pioneer, 5:30 p.m.; (E) Livonia Churchill vs. (F) Plymouth Canton, 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 2: Plymouth Salem vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 4: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Wednesday, March 8 at Redford Ice Arena vs. Redford Ice Arena regional champion.)

Salem 2nd

It was a battle, just reaching the final of last Saturday's Temperance Bedford Invitational. But Plymouth Salem's volleyball team managed it.

Once there,however, the host team — state champions in '98, runners-up in '99 — were more than the Rocks could overcome. Bedford topped Salem in the final, 15-3, 15-9.

Still, it was a solid performance by the Rocks, who improved their overall record to 34-9-1. To reach the finals, they beat Atherton 12-15, 15-4, 15-2; Adrian 15-7, 15-11; Ann Arbor Pioneer 15-6, 15-3; Adrian again, 15-11, 15-7; and Walled Lake Central 15-13, 10-15, 15-13.

In the final against Bedford, Denise Phillips had a superior offensive performance, collecting 10 kills with a .375 kill percentage. Amanda Suder added seven kills and 10 digs, and Jill Dombrowski had five kills, 19 assists to kills and nine digs.

However, the Rocks serving game — which had been an integral part of their offense — wasn't a major factor. They had just one service ace and committed five serving errors.

For the tournament, Suder was far and away Salem's most effective weapon, collecting 69 kills in 16 games (4.31 per game). She also had team highs in service aces with 11 and digs with 66.

Phillips finished with 40 kills and nine aces; Dombrowski had 25 kills, 155 assists to kills and 40 digs; Sarah Jensen had 24 kills; Kelly Jaskot had eight aces and 30 digs; Liz Gizicki had five aces and 32 digs; and Michelle Ginther totaled 14 kills, four aces and 30 digs.

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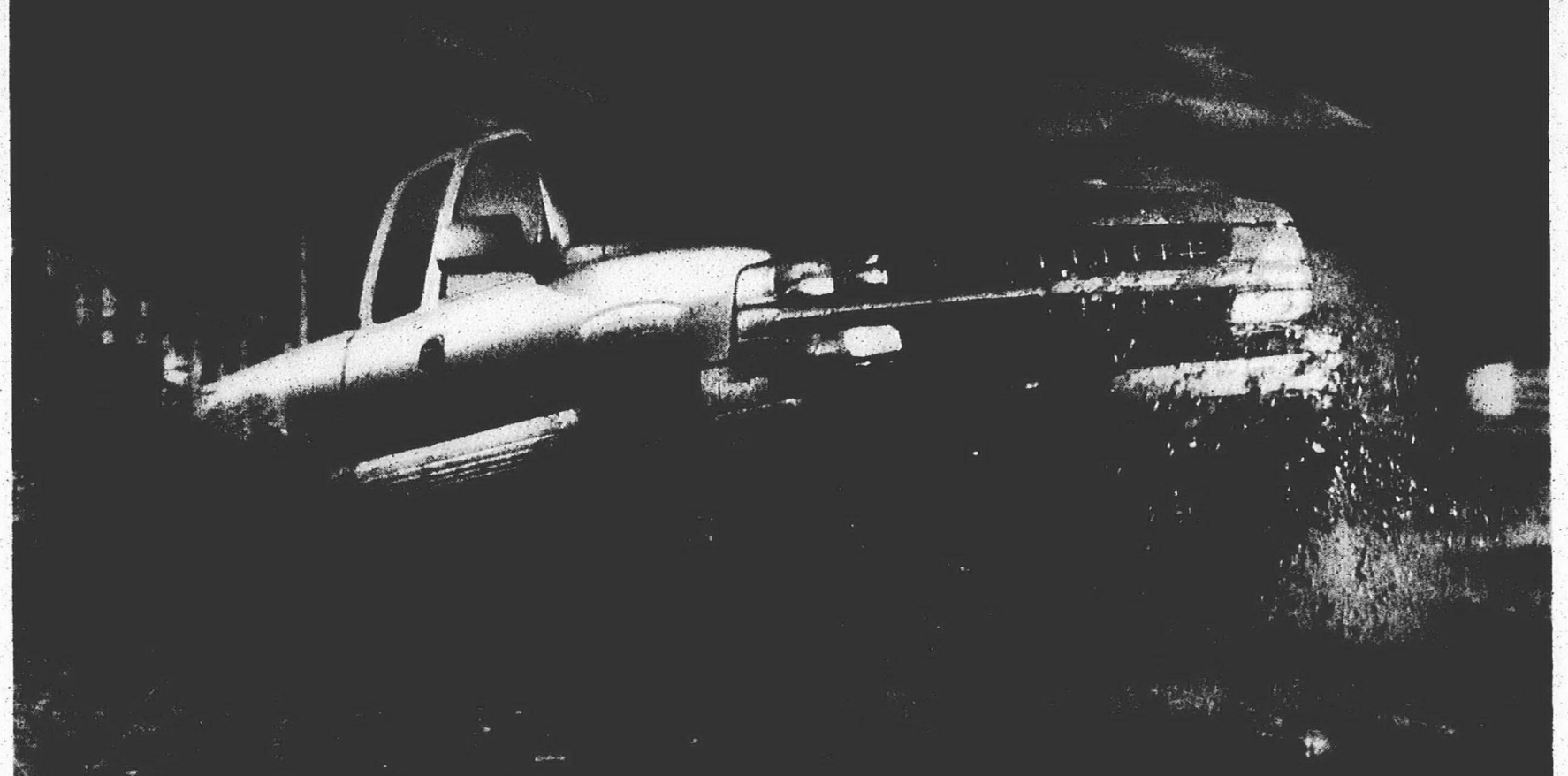

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Ocelots lose 1st in conference

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MEN'S HOOPS

Down by only three, 66-63, with only 9:27 to go, the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team could taste the Eastern Conference title.

But it was not to be Saturday, as host Flint Mott CC kept its conference hopes alive with a 94-80 victory over the Ocelots at Ballenger Field House.

The loss broke SC's 13-game winning streak and dropped the Ocelots to 12-1 in the conference and 19-5 overall.

Mott, led by Gary Solomon's game-high 32 points, improved to 20-4 overall and 12-2.

The victory avenged a 78-74 loss to Schoolcraft last month.

"We really didn't change a thing going into this game," said Mott coach Steve Schmidt, who has guided the Bears to five straight Eastern titles in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. "We knew Schoolcraft's strengths. We just had to play better. We didn't shoot the ball or compete well on the boards the last time, but today our guys responded."

Despite 12 of 24 second-half shooting (50 percent), Schoolcraft committed 14 turnovers to Mott's seven over the final 20 minutes.

Mott, which led 39-35 at intermission, turned it up a notch in the second half. The Bears shot the lights out, 19 of 33 (57 percent).

Despite those numbers, Schoolcraft was still in position to win.

But after SC's Reggie Kirkland tipped-in a missed free throw by teammate Lamar Bigby with 9:27 left cut the deficit to 66-63, the Ocelots came unglued.

Solomon responded with a three-pointer and SC coach Carlos Briggs was assessed a bench technical foul. Alonzo Evans made a pair of free throws and Tim McAuliffe added another foul shot, increasing the margin to nine, 72-63.

SC would get no closer than eight the rest of the way.

"I thought they rebounded on us really well," Briggs said. "I thought they shot the ball better, too. We didn't play with a lot of poise today. I think with young kids, they tend to get frustrated when they're not getting the calls they think they should get.

"But I don't want to take anything away from Mott. They're tough, they played hard and they defended their home gym like they're supposed to do."

Besides Solomon, a 6-4 freshman forward from Detroit Northern, four other Bears scored in double figures including Evans (17), Nate Brown (14), Ronnie Jenkins (11) and Javar Chavers (10).

"We have the kind of team where a lot of different guys step up," Schmidt said. "Gary Solomon took it to another level. He's a Detroit kid and so is Javar Chavers, who is out of Finney. They feel like they have something to prove.

"It was not your typical JC (junior college) game. It was a Division I kind of game with a lot of good athletes on the floor."

Bigby, a 6-4 sophomore out of Detroit Northern, scored 17 points to lead Schoolcraft, while Robert Brown added 16 and 13 rebounds. Nick Evola, a 6-7 freshman center, scored 12 in the first half for SC, but finished with just 14. Mike Williams came off the bench to score 10.

For the game, Mott was 23 of 34 from the free throw line (68 percent), while SC was 26 of 38 (68 percent).

The Ocelots made 25 of 53 shots from the floor (47 percent), while Mott was 33 of 63 (52 percent).

Turnovers were the big factor as SC had 28 to Mott's 13.

If SC wins its final two games, the Ocelots will be the top seed from the Eastern Conference in the MCCAA playoffs.

But the defending state champs will have to do it this year in Mott's gym where the Bears will host the semifinals and finals (Feb. 25-26).

"We get tremendous support from our fans and this will be the first time we've ever hosted the state playoffs," Schmidt said. "We fully expect to see them again (Schoolcraft). It's gotten to be a good rivalry.

"And right now we can only control our own destiny."

Bench support helps SC stop Raiders; Madonna tops Saints

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Carla Saxton came off the bench to score a team-high 24 points in 29 minutes as the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team turned back visiting Oakland CC, 73-65 Monday.

Saxton hit eight-of-11 shots from the floor, including three-of-five three-pointers, along with five-of-eight free throws.

Center Angelica Blakely added 16 points and 18 rebounds, while Janelle Olson contributed 10 points. Guard Antone' Watson had 13 assists as Schoolcraft improved to 10-11 overall and 9-5 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

OCC was led by Farmington Hills Harrison product Mahogany Fletcher, who poured in a game-high 32 points and added 15 rebounds for the Lady Raiders, now 7-17 overall and 5-9 in the conference.

Madonna stops Saints

Propelled by an impressive first half, Madonna University went on to win an offensive duel, 98-86, Saturday at Siena Heights University.

Madonna, which jumped out to a 47-33 halftime lead, overcame a brilliant performance by Siena Heights center Bevin Malley, who finished with a game-high 33 points.

The Crusaders, who are 11-13 overall and 5-7 in the Wolverine-Hoosiers Athletic Conference, were paced by Lori Enfield, who poured in 28 points and pulled down eight rebounds. Michelle Miela added 20 points. Chris Dietrich had a strong overall game, scoring 19 points while adding five assists and four rebounds.

Madonna had a strong shooting performance from the free throw line, finishing 19-of-23 (82.6 percent).

The Lady Saints dropped to 14-15 overall, 6-6 in the WHAC.

Lady Bears cage SC

Flint Mott CC clinched the MCCAA Eastern Conference title and a first-round bye in the state playoffs Saturday with a 65-58 home victory over Schoolcraft College.

Tyra Gay led Mott (20-1 overall, 13-1 in the conference) with a game-high 20 points, while Abby Munjo chipped in 18.

Plagued by foul trouble, Schoolcraft still managed to keep the game competitive and led 46-45 with 9:39 to play in the second half.

However, the Lady Ocelots could not overcome the loss of team leaders Antone' Watson and Angelica Blakely, who both fouled out late in the game.

Blakely finished with 18 points and 18 rebounds, and Watson added nine points and seven assists in the losing effort. Janelle Olson contributed 10 points and four assists, and Carla Saxton had nine points for Schoolcraft.

Canton slips on last relay

It was, well, surprising.

Plymouth Canton dominated through the first half of its [illegible] dual meet at Saline Tuesday. The Chiefs' swimmers split the first [illegible] finishes, but they were first in the [illegible] yard medley relay and had swept the top three spots in the 200 freestyle.

And yet, as Canton coach Ed Weber would later say, "It just shows that who finishes first doesn't win meets. It's the seconds and thirds."

Saline rallied and pulled to within striking distance by the start of the final relay, the 400 free. When the Hornets bested Canton, taking first in 3:33.75, they had earned the win by a 94-92 score.

"I didn't see it coming," said Weber. "They made up the points so fast.

"We got in there and worked hard. We swam well. We knew they were tough."

Matt Wisniewski paced the Chiefs' effort, placing first in the 50 free (23.24) and the 500 free (5:13.99), and combining with Trey Gerczak, Ed Landow and Dennis Speck to win the 200 medley relay (1:49.94). Wisniewski also swam on the second-place 400 free relay team with Brad Nilsen, Steve Rice and Aaron Reeder (3:34.38).

Nilson was another of Canton's double-winners in individual events, capturing the 200 free (1:52.24) and the 100 free (50.86). He led the Chiefs' top-three sweep in the 200 free; Rice was second (1:58.68) and Ryan Ahern third (2:00.57).

In the 500 free, Wisniewski led a one-two-three sweep, with Ahern second (5:23.24) and Rice third (5:31.67).

But Canton had just one other first, by Aaron Reeder in the 100 backstroke (59.92).

The Chiefs, now 4-4, conclude their dual season with a Western Lakes Activities Association meet at 7 p.m. tonight at Livonia Franklin.

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SC closes in on title

COLLEGE HOOP

Playing at home, Schoolcraft College men's basketball team stomped Oakland CC 110-55 Monday to move within one win of clinching at least a tie for the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference title.

Lamar Bigby's game-high 22 points led a balanced scoring attack as Schoolcraft upped its record to 20-5 overall and 13-1 in the MCCAA.

Robert Brown (17 points), Gilbert Mitchell (16), Chris Colley (14), and Mike Williams (12) all scored in double figures for the Ocelots. Brown also grabbed 13 rebounds

Schoolcraft jumped out to a quick start, taking a 61-29 lead into halftime.

OCC, which fell to 6-20 overall, 1-13 in the MCCAA, was led by Jeff Townsend (13 points) and Eric Smith (12 points). Walter Malone chipped in 11 points for the Raiders.

Madonna still in cellar

Madonna University could not overcome 31 turnovers, falling to Siena Heights University 91-73 Saturday in Livonia.

Siena Heights, which improved to 23-6 overall and 8-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, was led by Mike Brown's 14 points and Nate Bradford's 13 points. (Siena Heights lost Monday to Division I University of Detroit-Mercy, 80-71.)

Justin Bascom also added 12 points and seven rebounds for the Saints, who led 52-32 at halftime.

Dan Kurtinaitis paced Madonna with a career-high 29 points and six assists, but he also committed 12 turnovers. Jason Skoczylas contributed 18 points and eight rebounds, while Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) added 14 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

The Crusaders, who shot a respectable 32-of-57 (56.1 percent) from the floor, remained in last place in the WHAC with a 2-10 record (4-25 overall).

BOWLING NEWS

Bowling bonanza

Friends of Alzheimer's 11th annual Bowling Bonanza will be Saturday, March 4 at Cloverlanes Bowl, 28900 Schoolcraft, in Livonia.

There will be a session beginning at 8:30 a.m. followed by another session starting with registration at 12:30 p.m.

There is a $10 registration fee and $25 minimum pledge per participant. All pledges are due the day of the event.

Participants will be entitled to three games of 9-pin, no-tap bowling, event T-shirt, shoe rentals and refreshments. Bowlers with the highest pledge totals will also qualify to win exciting pledge prizes.

For more information, call (248) 557-8277.

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a sixth in the bars for Canton (8.0).

Before going to the sidelines with her injury, Aquinto took fourth in both the vault (8.55) and bars (8.35). Kara Dendrinos was Salem's only other top-six scorer; she was fifth in floor (8.4)

Canton travels to the Traverse City Invitational this Saturday; Salem and Canton both compete at the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament next Thursday (Feb. 24) at Farmington's Training Center.

Canton 2nd at tri-meet

Last Wednesday (Feb. 9) at Westland John Glenn, Brighton captured top honors in a WLAA tri-meet with 140.34 points, followed by Plymouth Canton with 133.80 and host John Glenn with 131.57.

Liz Fitzgerald was fifth in the all-around (34.45) for Canton after going 8.8 on floor, 8.2 on beam, 9.25 on bars and 8.2 on vault. Amy Driscoll was next for the Chiefs (33.80); she finished with a 9.3 on floor, 8.15 on beam, 8.9 on bars and 7.45 on vault.

Other Canton all-around scorers included Kristen Schilk (32.85), Maggie Bett (32.15), Jill Rakovitis (30.55) and Jessica Krueger (30.25).

Glenn junior Nicole Simonian was third in the all-around with a score of 34.95. She posted scores of 9.2 on floor exercise, 8.4 on balance beam, 8.7 on uneven bars and 8.65 on vault.

Junior Kristen Costantino finished sixth all-around (34.37) with scores of 9.05 on floor, 8.05 on beam, 8.7 on uneven bars and 8.575 on vault.

CHARTER NOTICE OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF HEARING
ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

Hearings are by appointment, please call 354-3267, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for an appointment.

Tuesday, March 7	**9 a.m. - Noon**	**Organizational Meeting**
	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.	**Hearings by Appointment**
Monday, March 13	**2 p.m. - 5 p.m.**	**Hearings by Appointment**
	6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	**Hearings by Appointment**
Tuesday, March 14	**9 a.m. - Noon**	**Hearings by Appointment**
	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.	**Hearings by Appointment**
Saturday, March 18	**9 a.m. - 11 a.m.**	**First Come - First Served**

Other hearings dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 18, 2000.

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.

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PLYMOUTH FINANCIAL CORPORATION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ORGANIZE A STATE CHARTERED BANK

Notice is hereby given that Plymouth Financial Corporation, 249 N. Main St., Plymouth, Michigan 48170 has made application with the Commissioner of the Michigan Financial Institutions Bureau for permission to organize a bank to be known as New Liberty Bank, 245 N. Main St., Plymouth, Michigan 48170. The application was accepted for filing on February 8, 2000.

Any person who desires to protest the application must, pursuant to section 30 of the Michigan Banking Code of 1969, as amended, MCL 487.330; MSA 23.710(30), file a written notice of protest with the Commissioner of the Financial Institutions Bureau, P.O. Box 30224, (333 S. Capitol Avenue, Suite A) Lansing, Michigan 48909 and with the applicant not later than March 6, 2000.

The application is on file with the Commissioner and may be inspected during regular business hours.

This notice is published pursuant to section 30 of the Michigan Banking Code of 1969, being section 487.330 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, as amended by Act no 524 of the Public Acts of 1978, which sets forth the procedures for processing applications and the manner in which protests may be made.

MICHAEL D. WEAVER
Designated Representative
249 N. Main St.
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH proposals for:
- Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal
- Residential Recycling
- Residential Compost
- Servicing of Stationary Recycling Container (s)
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The Complete Request for Proposal including specifications and insurance requirements may be examined at Plymouth Township Hall, Office of the Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, and copies may be obtained at that location. Questions concerning the bid specifications should be directed to Ms. Christine Haas, Division of Public Services, Solid Waste Department.

Sealed proposals to provide all of the above services for a multi-year period will be accepted at Plymouth Township Hall, Office of the Clerk, on or before April 17, 2000, 3:00 P.M. Proposals must be submitted with a bid bond equal to 5% of the amount of the proposal executed by a Surety Company licensed and admitted to do business in the State of Michigan and acceptable to the Township.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within ninety days after date set for receipt of proposals.

The right is reserved by the Township to reject any or all proposals, either in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities therein.

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

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

Applications for absentee ballots for the City of Plymouth registered voters may be requested from the Clerk's Office, 201 South Main Street, Plymouth. Telephone Number is 453-1234, extension 234 or 225. Absentee ballots will be delivered to qualified absentee voters in person at the respective Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 19, 2000. On Monday, February 21st, 2000, absentee voters may receive their ballots and must vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

All polling places in the City of Plymouth are accessible to the elderly and the handicapped.

Polling places are as follows: (Please note that the City precinct locations may not coincide with your school district precinct locations.)

City of Plymouth

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Precinct 3	Central Middle School	650 W. Church St.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AAE
Clerk, City of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR
DETERMINATION OF
2000 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT FUNDS
FEBRUARY 29, 2000

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing concerning The Community Development Block Grant Program will be held by the Board of Trustees of The Charter Township of Plymouth at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, on February 29, 2000.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to afford the public the opportunity to place before the board any proposed use of the 2000 community development block grant funds.

Preliminary indications from the Wayne County Office of Block Grant, Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program are that the estimated 2000 funding allocation for the township will be approximately $100,000.

PROPOSED 2000 PROJECTS	$101,000.00
1. Plymouth Council on Aging	7,200.00
2. Senior Transportation Program	10,000.00
3. Multi-Year Sidewalk Project	73,700.00
4. Administration	10,100.00
TOTAL	$101,000.00

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth, upon competition of the public hearing, will determine the use of the 2000 funds.

Any written comments regarding proposed use of the 2000 funds should be directed to Christine G. Haas, Community Development Block Grant Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI, 48170 postmarked by February 25, 2000.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
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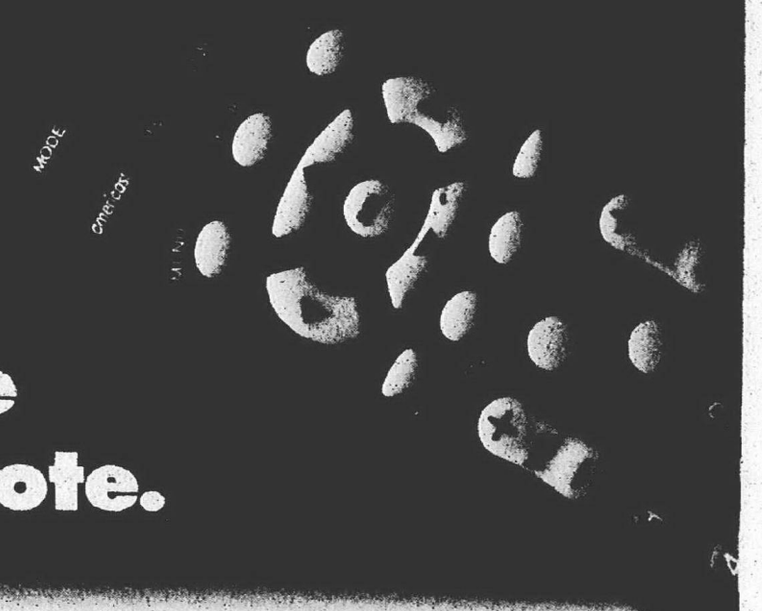

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Basketball

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faster start, too.

Both in the season and in singular games.

The Chiefs hosted the WLAA's last-place team, Livonia Stevenson, Tuesday, and for three quarters they allowed them to stay within striking distance. It wasn't until the final period that Canton put the Spartans away, outscoring them 21-12.

The Chiefs improved to 8-8 overall, 7-3 in the WLAA with their fifth-straight victory. Stevenson slipped to 3-13 overall, 1-9 in the WLAA.

Kenny Nether topped Canton with 22 points and nine rebounds. Jason Waidmann added 10 points and seven boards, and Oliver Wolcott contributed seven points.

Harland Beverly's 11 points was best for Stevenson.

PCA 50, Oakland Christian 44: It didn't come easy, but Plymouth Christian Academy did get its ninth-straight win Tuesday by beating host Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

PCA improved to 11-4 overall, 7-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Oakland Christian is 7-8 overall, 4-5 in the MIAC.

The Eagles trailed 13-9 after one quarter and 24-22 at the half. Their lead was only 35-34 entering the final period.

A.J. Sherrill took command for PCA in the second half, scoring 15 of his 21 points. Mike Huntsman finished with 12 points and 15 rebounds, and Dave Carty netted 10 points for the Eagles.

Oakland Christian got 21 points from Jimmy Mehlberg.

Agape 76, Temple Christian 44: No problem.

At least that's how Tuesday's game turned out for Canton Agape Christian. But any Wolverine going into the contest may have had well-founded doubts.

The reason: The team's top scorer, junior guard Paul Anleitner, was ill and would not play.

Still, Agape proved it wasn't dependent upon one player. Julian Wettlin blistered Madison Heights Temple Christian for 19 points, Mike Johannes pitched in with 12 and Nate Jones scored 10 as the Wolverines took command early, outscoring Temple Christian 42-18 in the first half.

The Wolverines improved to 11-3 overall and remained unbeaten in the Metro Christian Conference at 6-0. Temple Christian fell to 4-8 overall, 1-5 in the MCC.

Steven Johnson topped Temple Christian with 16 points. Jeremy McMurray added 13.

Churchill 57, W.L. Central 49: Randall Boboige and Brandon Dziklinski tallied 14 and 11 points, respectively, propelling Livonia Churchill (9-7, 6-4) to the Western Lakes win Tuesday over visiting Walled Lake Central (5-11, 4-6).

With Boboige and Dziklinski each hitting a three-pointer, Churchill outscored the Vikings 20-12 in the fourth quarter.

Brad Bescoe added 10 points for the winners.

Guard Steve Horn paced Central with a game-high 21 points. Scott Keller added 11.

Churchill was 14 of 23 from the free throw stripe, while Central was 12 of 18.

Farmington 47, Franklin 39: Senior center Justin Milus scored 15 points and grabbed seven rebounds Tuesday to lift the Falcons (13-3, 8-2) to the WLAA triumph over host Livonia Franklin (4-12, 2-8).

C.J. Whitfield and Chad Seaborn added nine and eight points, respectively, for Farmington.

Juniors Joe Ruggiero and Mike Copeland each scored 10 for Franklin.

Farmington made 18 of 36 shots from the floor, along with 11 of 15 free throws.

Franklin was 17 of 45 from the field and four of six from the line.

Hamtramck 65, Luth. Westland 44: Metro Conference leader Hamtramck (12-3, 8-0) jumped out to a 19-7 lead en route to the victory Tuesday over host Lutheran Westland (8-7, 4-4).

Senior Eli Warren led the victorious Cosmos with 20 points. Seniors Aaron Brock and Jason Gorney contributed 16 and 14, respectively.

Junior Luke Kasten had nine for the Warriors.

Skaters

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west states and Canada.

Performances run from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and from 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday. Admission is $5; for seniors and children four-and-under, it's $3.

At the Nationals, competition will be in eight divisions, from juvenile (under-11 skaters) to masters (over 35). Skaters from all over the country are expected to vie for honors.

"They're doing really well," said Gems on Ice coach Carrie Brown. "My first year here they were alternate qualifiers. This is the third year I've been with this club, and all the teams we had competing earned a qualifying berth."

The three Gems on Ice teams qualified by placing in the top four at the Midwest Sectionals, which were Jan. 28-29 in Fraser. The juvenile team, competing in a field of 10, presented a fun, cheery and energetic program with a "sunshine" theme and rode it to a bronze medal and a third-place finish.

The intermediate Gems on Ice had to go through a qualifying round due to the large number of teams. They finished second in the qualifying round to reach the sectional finals, where they skated a solid program with a Latin theme.

However, it lacked some of the flair that they had shown in the qualifying round. Still, they finished fourth to earn a berth to the nationals.

The novice division was filled by nine quality teams. Skating to the music of Abraxas by Carlos Santana, the team displayed good edges, flow and presentation, but did have two minor errors. With five teams performing after the Gems, all they could do was watch and wait — and hope.

When the results were tallied, the Gems had earned a silver medal with a second-place finish.

This weekend's competition should help the Gems prepare for the Nationals, the biggest event on their schedule. More will be at stake for skaters in the Senior Division; the top team will gain an automatic berth to the first-ever World Synchronized Team Championships, slated for April 5-8 in Minneapolis.

The Gems feature skaters predominantly from Plymouth and Ann Arbor. Assisting Brown are Angela Kelly, Sheral Voelker, Jennifer Jozefiak, Marya Bak, Kelly Modetz and Nicole Falardeau.

At last year's Nationals, the juvenile team finished fifth, the intermediate team placed seventh and the novice team was fifth.

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY

Norm Stulz, Michigan's premiere story teller, performs 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Admission $12, call (734) 261-0555, or visit the Web site: www.joeyscomedyclub.com

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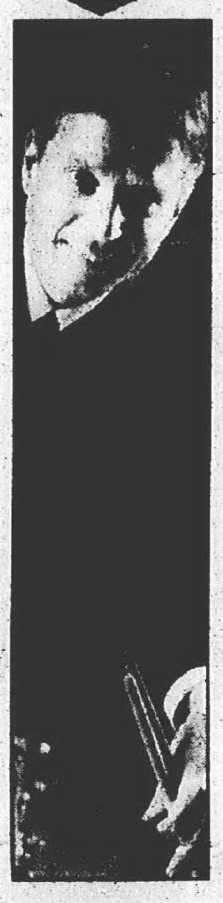

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents "All That Jazz," featuring drummer Pete Siers, 8 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 1160 Penniman, Plymouth. Preconcert chat with director Nan Washburn and composer Harold Farberman at 7 p.m. Afterglow at the Outback Steak House, 42871 Ford, Canton. Tickets $12 adults, $10 seniors / college students. No charge for students through grade 12. Call (734) 451-2112.

SUNDAY

The Phoenix Ensemble join the Gemini brothers for a magical, musical concert for children and the whole family 3 p.m. at the Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Festivities begin at 2 p.m. with an instrument petting zoo where children can touch and play orchestra instruments, in the lobby. Tickets $15 adults, $10 students / children, call (734) 763-8587 or (248) 645-6666.

HOT TICKET

Hot Ticket Item: *The Martha Graham Dance Company will be on stage at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit, Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 17-20. Tickets are $30-$40. For times and tickets, call (313) 963-2366 or (248) 645-6666.*

OLIVER!

STORY BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN • PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Shauna Conzaman

STREET URCHINS CONTINUE TO WARM HEARTS OF AUDIENCES

Stacie Guerreso removed her cap to tousle what was left of her shoulder length locks. The 12-year-old East Middle School student seemed almost matter-of-fact about "Oliver!" director Ralph Rosati cutting her hair before rehearsal. It was part of the deal if Guerreso accepted the lead role in the Plymouth Theatre Guild production, which opens Friday, Feb. 18.

Guerreso has made plenty of sacrifices since accepting her first role at age 7, Fern in "Charlotte's Web" at the Marquis Theatre in Northville. The long hours of rehearsal are well-worth the experience, including professional theater, that she's been able to list on her resume. In 1998, she played a young Helen Keller in "The Miracle Worker" at Meadow Brook Theatre in Rochester.

"It's still new," said Guerreso, a Farmington Hills resident who began dancing at age 3 at Encore Dance Academy in Westland. "But it's OK. The most difficult thing about this role is getting thrown around. I'm the youngest of five so I'm kind of used to it."

Temptation: *Marc Rosati (Fagin) shows Stacie Guerreso (Oliver) some stolen goods as the two rehearse the Plymouth Theatre Guild's production about an orphan on the road to no good.*

Big production

Mary Lynn Kuna and Robert Czaplicki are teaming up to co-produce the show taken from Charles Dickens' story about an orphan who's headed for trouble unless he changes his ways. Set in the 1850s, the play by Lionel Bart, closely follows Dickens' "Oliver Twist."

"Usually musicals need two people," said Kuna, a Plymouth resident working on her 22nd consecutive show with the Plymouth Theatre Guild. "This a large cast – 36 individuals including 16 children also musicians and choreography. But we have fun. The music – there's a lot of it with familiar melodies like "Consider Yourself," and there's so many children in it. People like shows with children in it. They like to see shows with their children in it and bring their relatives."

This is Czaplicki's first time as co-producer so he's learning "a lot on the job." Czaplicki previously worked on the electrical and set construction for the Guild's "Wait Until Dark" and "It's a Wonderful Life."

"Being a co-producer is like construction," said Czaplicki of Plymouth. "You see the actors turn into the characters when they put on their clothes. But backstage has always interested me. You really get an appreciation for what it takes. Our storage space is limited so we keep reusing sets. To look at a scene or prop there's no telling how many lives it's had. All you can do is count the coats of paint."

Show choreographer Barbara Bloom designed the "Oliver!" set. She's directed and choreographed over 70 shows, and was

What: The Plymouth Theatre Guild perform "Oliver!"

When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, Feb. 25-26 and March 3-4; and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27.

Where: Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, between Haggerty and Northville roads on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, Northville.

Tickets: $12 adults, $8 students ages 18 and under, call (248) 349-7110.

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Steppin' out: *Director Ralph Rosati leads the cast members in a few steps for "Oliver!"*

Dance ensemble makes 'entrance' at Smith Theatre

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Building on the momentum of its successful June debut at the Dance Theater Workshop in New York City, the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble is focusing on developing its local audience.

On Friday, you can see the group perform at the Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

The program of repertory favorites, titled "Entrances and Exits: Dance for a New Millennium," will include works by artistic director Laurie Eisenhower and internationally known choreographers Colin Connor and Billy Siegenfeld.

A highlight is Siegenfeld's jazzy "Lunacy," an upbeat, fun new work the company commissioned earlier this year.

"I am looking forward to presenting my company once again at Oakland Community College's Smith Theatre," said artistic director Laurie Eisenhower. "It's a lovely little theater."

Eisenhower will present a section of a work in progress that takes a look at aging, and will lend her voice to "Moon Dances." This work, set to a Robert Moran composition, blends ensemble symmetry with lyrical virtuosity.

One of the more dramatic works on the program is Connor's "Pyre," set to the music of Gavin Bryars. "It's a deeper piece, a little more classical, that reflects on the impression one individual passing from this existence leaves on those remaining behind," said Anne Bak, a company member, and associate manager. "But there's a real sense of

What: Eisenhower Dance Ensemble presents "Entrances and Exits: Dance for a New Millennium"

When: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18

Where: Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

Tickets: $16 general admission, call (248) 471-7667

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COMMUNITY THEATER

Actors kick up their heels in "A Chorus Line"

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Darren Pierson and Laura Cable have stars in their eyes. It may only be a dream now, but the two teenagers hope to one day dance their way onto a Broadway stage. In the meantime, they're singing up a storm in the Tinderbox Productions presentation of "A Chorus Line" opening Friday, Feb. 18 at the Masonic Temple in Detroit.

Pierson is already an old hand when it comes to theater. The Redford Thurston High School senior began acting in 1990 at the Redford Youth Theater. He's been involved with The Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford, Lunch Bunch Players and productions at his high school. He met Cable, a sophomore at Troy Athens High School, while playing Rooster in Tinderbox Productions' presentation of "Annie" earlier this year.

"I really like playing Mark Anthony in "A Chorus Line," said Pierson. "He's 20 years old and this is his first audition. The musical is all about an audition. This is his first so it's very exciting. He's very optimistic. My favorite song is "What I Did For Love." It means a lot to me and shows what people have done for theater."

What: Tinderbox Productions' adult ensemble presents "A Chorus Line."

When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, Feb. 25-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 and Feb. 27.

Where: Masonic Temple Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, 500 Temple, at 2nd Street, Detroit.

Tickets: $15 reserved, $10-$12 general admission; call (313) 535-8962.

Falling in love with Val, the girl next to him in "A Chorus Line" came easy to Pierson as an actor. He did the show last year with The Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford. Tinderbox Productions' adult ensemble, in cooperation with Tams-Witmark, is presenting the original Broadway show directed and choreographed by Michael Bennett.

"The challenge for me is the ballet," said Pierson. "I haven't had much ballet. It's cool. I just wish I could do it better."

Cable is still adjusting her schedule to accommodate rehearsals for the show directed by Stephanie Stephans. The adult ensemble is practicing its steps every day.

"You have to make time for it," said Cable. "But I love theater. It's the sense that anything can happen because you have live people in front of you performing."

Cable plays Judy Turner in her second Tinderbox Production. Unlike the characters in "A Chorus Line," Cable was new at auditioning when she won a role in "Annie." Ballet studies since kindergarten helped her secure the part.

"It's been a challenge learning all the dances and polishing it up in time," said Cable. "Darren and other people in

Please see **KICK UP**, E2

Hoofin' It: *Laura Cable (left), Darren Pierson, and Shannon Van Esley put on their dancing shoes for "A Chorus Line."*

Escape winter

Experience 'A Comedy of Errors,' film and visual arts

BACKSTAGE PASS

ANN DELISI

I've always found the dead of winter to be the time that the mind is most receptive to new ideas. Could it be the succession of dreary days that generally occur in February that has us looking for a bit of escapism?

For those who like to escape with laughter, the Planet Ant Theatre offers "A Comedy of Errors." Royal Shakespeare Company alumna Gillian Eaton directs the production, that brings an on-line twist to the bard's beloved comedy. Set in the virtual world of ephesus, "A Comedy of Errors" is a quirky diversion worthy of the always unique cultural center of Hamtramck. The production begins Thursday, Feb. 24 and runs through Sunday, March 19.

Film

Maybe you'd like to immerse yourself in perverse perspectives on reality. As a maker of non-fiction films, Errol Morris may never be a household name. His works, however, rank with the most unforgettable films of the past quarter-century. Critic Roger Ebert calls his 1978 masterpiece "Gates of Heaven" one of the 10 greatest films ever made. *Newsweek's* David Ansen describes him as a "true original."

■ If your method of escape is through the visual arts, consider the "Shanghai on the Move" exhibit currently running at the University of Michigan.

Now there's "Dr. Death: The Rise and Fall of Fred A. Leuchter, Jr.," showing Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27 at the Detroit Institute of Art's Detroit Film Theatre. It's the story of a self-styled "execution technician," who repaired and designed prison execution equipment – only to become part of a movement of "revisionists" who claim that the Holocaust never happened. Compare "Dr. Death" to the current film "The Green Mile," which also uses a death row setting to illuminate the extremes of human nature. What you get with Morris is less of the "Hollywood" feel, but not necessarily less style.

Another example of his mastery is "The Thin Blue Line," a much-acclaimed 1988 film. Janet Maslin of the *New York Times* called the work "brilliant...a vision that is both poetic and perverse." Morris describes it as the only movie ever made that solved a murder. It's showing Monday, Feb. 28 at the Detroit Film Theatre.

Exhibit

If your method of escape is through the visual arts, consider the "Shanghai on the Move" exhibit currently running at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The show features several prominent figures on the contemporary art scene in China, which has seen an explosion of avant-garde art in the past twenty years. Hu Jie Ming, a painter and video artist, uses his talents to examine the distortions and expectations about Chinese culture in the Western media.

Hu Jie Ming's fresh perspectives are also revealed in a segment on Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20. It's an edition that includes an interview with Errol Morris, and a look at Planet Ant's "A Comedy of Errors."

New ideas? They happen all the time in theater, film, and the visual arts.

Welcome them like the first breath of spring.

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in professional theater for 10 years.

"There's no way to close the curtain so we had to develop something that has levels," said Bloom, referring to the bridge, "so we won't be doing a lot of set changes."

Since the 6-foot-tall bridge has to hold several children, the crew spared no time in construction. It took nine members four, 10-hour Saturdays to complete. Friends and relatives also helped along with children in the cast.

"Theater is good because you make friendships," said Andrea Holden of Plymouth.

"That's what's neat is we're really getting to know each other," added Jamie Deitsch, a chorus member from Farmington Hills. "We're all friends."

"It's so fun," chimed in Meghan Symons of Canton. "We all came Saturday and sang our "Oliver!" songs while we were painting."

Like Guerreso, chorus members have sacrificed to participate in community theater. In the final weeks before opening night, the cast was rehearsing six days a week.

"The challenges are fitting in school and listening for your cues," said Brittany Norris of Plymouth. "You have to know when to respond."

Toby Booker's faced a different set of problems in his role as Mr. Bumble, the hard-hearted windbag who likes to assert his authority over the orphans. He has plenty of experience under his belt. In addition to acting in the Guild's "It's a Wonderful Life" earlier this season, Booker has been in productions with the Farmington Players and SRO Productions in Southfield. He also plays Tony in "Tony and Maria's Wedding" in various locations around town including Summit on the Park Community Center in Canton. The next show there is scheduled for Saturday, March 18.

"The fat suit I wear underneath is hot," said Booker, "and learning the cockney accent."

Marc Rosati doesn't mind the costume and beard he has to wear to play Fagin, the harsh man who truly loves the gutter-snipes in his charge. A substitute teacher for Farmington Schools, Rosati has been in community theater 10 years, and did small skits as a student at St. Mary's of Redford.

"I think it's the best character in the show," said Rosati of Walled Lake. "He's funny and sings comedic songs."

Ariana and Keith Prusak's real life relationship is the exact opposite of the one they share on stage. Married 2 1/2 years, the Prusaks met and fell in love at Eastern Michigan University. This is their fourth show together. Keith plays Bill Sykes, Ariana the role of Nancy.

"He's as rotten as they come, and I'm trying to kill my wife again," said Keith Prusak referring to the role in "Wait Until Dark" where he stalked a blind Ariana.

"She's a girl of ill-repute but has a heart of gold," said Ariana of Livonia. "She can't let go of this guy that abuses her."

A 50-50 raffle last year paid for the new spotlights used for the first time in "Oliver!" Kuna is hoping the 50-50 raffle will pay for a new sound board and amp to be used for the first time during "Oliver!"

"This is a cement room with poor acoustics," said Czaplicki. "The new sound board and amp will help the sound because feedback has been a tremendous problem."

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hope about the person who is passing – a celebration of their life."

Since its inception in the summer of 1991, the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble has been dedicated to the performance of a diverse range of contemporary dance works, and showcasing the work of talented choreographers. The company, based in Rochester Hills, has toured theaters throughout the Midwest, the East Coast, and St. Petersburg, Russia.

They are also committed to educating and informing the public about the art of dance and encouraging the community to explore dance as a source of cultural and physical enrichment.

"This is the only concert that we do in this area," said Bak of the Feb. 18 performance. "We're trying to perform at throughout the area. We had a nice turnout last year."

The company received a good review from the *New York Times* after its Dance Theatre Workshop. "It was a rite of passage, a coming of age for the company," said Bak.

"This has been a pivotal season for us to see what we can do to keep the momentum we created from our New York tour going. We're focusing on further developing our local audiences this season."

Next year, the company hopes to tour California and Arizona.

Upcoming performance

If you can't make the Friday concert, you can see the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble at 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts in Clinton Township.

That program, entitled "Motown in Motion," will celebrate the music of Motown in a "razzle-dazzle evening of dance and music." Tickets are $18 and $22. Call (810) 286-2222 to reserve yours.

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the cast have helped by teaching me. I like the character I play. She's a lot of fun. She's excited about show business but kind of scatter-brained."

Cable's father Bill will be sitting in the audience just as he and his wife did for "Annie." A music instructor for Utica Public Schools and a professional trumpet player, he's proud of his daughter's newly-found career.

"I'm excited for her to be able to participate in quality theater and that the opportunity is available," said Bill Cable. "They work hard. They have fun. They're very disciplined."

■ 'I'm excited for her to be able to participate in quality theater.'

Bill Cable
Parent

"A Chorus Line" is not recommended for young audiences because of some of the language.

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For more than three decades, **Cher** has soldified Diva status in the entertainment world. VH-1's "The List" declared her the number one diva of all time. To celebrate the Cher we knew back in the '70s, Universal Music Group has released **"The Best of Cher"** as part of its millennium collection. Songs like **"Gypsys, Tramps and Thieves"** **"Half-Breed"** and **"Living In A House Divided"** are brought back to life.

Cher's former husband — no, not **Sonny Bono — Gregg Allman**, has made it to the same CD series with **"The Best of The Allman Brothers Band."** Hits like **"Ramblin' Man"** and **"Midnight Rider"** represent the band's heyday, 1969 to 1979.

Who do **The Who** think they are? MCA Records has released **"BBC Sessions,"** bringing 25 previously unreleased radio broadcast performances to their fans. Re-live the rock phenomenon with renditions of **"My Generation," "The Seeker"** and **"I'm Free."** Who knew, in 1964, the band would be reaching yet another generation? That's Rock 'n' Roll for you.

For **Madonna**, what's old is new again. The Rochester Hills native and pop diva is back with a new single, **"American Pie,"** from the soundtrack to "The Next Best Thing." Due out Tuesday, Feb. 22, the 1971 Don McLean cover song was the most added track on Top 40 radio last week.

What does **Don McLean** think about all this?

"It is a gift for her to have recorded 'American Pie,'" said **McLean** according to Maverick Recordings, Madonna's label. "I have heard her version and I think it is sensual and mystical... I hope it will cause people to ask what's happening to music in America."

— By Stephanie A. Casola

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Meadow Brook carries torch with Miller's morality play

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By the middle of act one in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "All My Sons," the notion that contemporary theater is foremost about providing mindless entertainment and appealing to the masses is resoundly dismissed.

By then, the audience is fully wrapped into Miller's morality play, and the result is a rekindled hope that the stage can be a social laboratory, whereby the great issues of life are contemplated and dramatized.

Choosing Miller's play couldn't have been easy. On the one hand, Miller is among the most revered playwrights of the 20th century. On the other hand, his work requires intense focus and an ability to navigate the torrents of powerful storytelling with characters often standing at the moral abyss.

And perhaps most telling about the state of theater, Miller's work deals with heavy, unfashionable themes like responsibility, morality and the meaning of life. Not the kind of subject matter that attracts blockbuster crowds.

To their credit, Meadow Brook hasn't flinched from the challenge. Director Henry Woronicz, making his Meadow Brook debut, clears a path so the storytelling remains front and center.

And the storytelling in Miller's 1947 play unfolds with a tautness that reveals a master craftsman at work.

"All My Sons" was Miller's first critical and popular success. Two years later, he wrote "Death of a Salesman," followed by "An Enemy of the People," "A View From The Bridge," and "The Crucible."

"All My Sons" is set in postwar America, whereby idealism fostered by war heroes and practical realities faced by war profiteers are finding an uneasy alliance.

On the broadest level, the play is a moral dilemma created by two partners in a machine shop that sent out defective airplane engine parts causing the death of 21 men.

The guilty and more resourceful partner, Joe Keller (Dennis Robertson), pins the crime on his business friend. Like a cancer, the crime continues to eat away at the fundamental relationships of his family.

Meanwhile, one of Keller's two sons was killed in the war in an airplane crash, and his surviving son, Chris (Raymond L. Chapman), has returned home to work alongside his father, who has profited greatly from the war effort.

The drama is further complicated by Chris' love for his deceased brother's former girlfriend, Annie (Robin Lewis of Livonia).

Eventually, the truth is revealed to all, and the consequences laid bare to all those who fail to live up to their own moral responsibility.

Like the works of Shakespeare and Ibsen, Miller's words are prophetic and timeless. The challenge is to root his profound observations within the everyday lives of the play's characters. While several actors have yet to fully discover the subtler nuances of the emotional terrain of their characters, there's no discounting their effort.

Miller's layered play offers a universal theme, but is clearly set in the late 1940s. The scenic design by Peter Hicks and costume design by Barbara Jenks creates a compelling backdrop that invites audiences to peer over the wall into the Keller's backyard that soon turns into a moral quagmire.

The cast dons the restrained mannerism of the time, and invokes the intimacy of a compelling family drama. By the play's climax, the ensemble is indeed a representation of the family of man, twisted in an utterly strangling moral problem.

Moments between father (Robertson) and son (Chapman) are chillingly magical, as are the exchanges between brother (Raymond Schultz) and sister (Lewis), and mother (Mary Benson) and son (Chapman). Even the stargazing Frank Lubey (Scott Crownover), and the wise neighbor, Dr. Jim Bayliss (Geoffrey Beauchamp) elevate the relevance of the play.

While it's not easy to sustain the indignancy at the heart of the play, Chapman's restless energy, and Robertson's calm duplicity infuse each scene.

Director Woronicz proves repeatedly that he knows how to wring drama from the dynamic relationships in Miller's play.

In a region with an unfortunate lack of professional theater companies, Meadow Brook is the standard bearer. By choice or default, the university-affiliated professional theater company carries the heavy responsibility of making the public case for the invaluable role of theater.

Appropriately, with "All My Sons," Meadow Brook proved up to the task in carrying the torch.

What: "All My Sons," a three-act play by Arthur Miller.
When: Through Sunday, March 5; performance times vary, call the theater for information.
Where: Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus.
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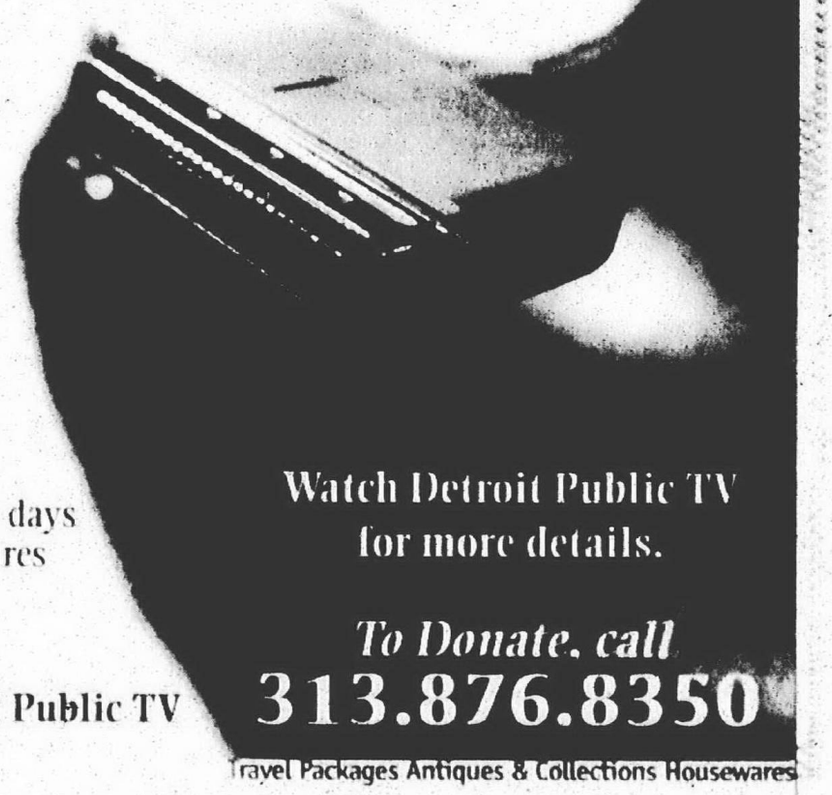
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THEATER

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE: "Valley Song," through Sunday, March 19, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, Detroit. $15. (313) 868-1347

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: "All My Sons" continues to Sunday, March 5, at the theater, Rochester. $24-$35. (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

HFCC: "Bachelors," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 17-18, and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center Adray Auditorium on campus, Dearborn. $15. (313) 526-3278 or e-mail to SAlexProd@msn.com

U-D THEATRE COMPANY: "The Dumb Waiter and More" continues to Feb. 27, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, in the OnStage Theatre on the University of Detroit campus. $10, $2 discount for seniors/students with ID. (313) 993-1130

COMMUNITY THEATER

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Perform John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at the Farmington Players Barn, Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. $12. (248) 553-2955

PLANET ANT: "Comedy of Errors," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Feb. 25-25, March 3-4, March 10-11 and March 17-18, 8 p.m. Thursdays March 2, 9 and 16, and 7 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 27 and March 5, 12 and 19, at the theater, Hamtramck. $10. (313) 365-4948

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY: "A Soldier's Play" continues through Sunday, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 6 p.m. Sundays, at Detroit's Holistic Development Center. $15-$18. (313) 872-0279

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: "Oliver," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, 25-26 and March 3-4, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Water Tower Theatre, Northville. $12, $8 students. (248) 349-7110

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: Agatha Christie's "Unexpected Guest," continues 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12; Feb. 18-19; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, 1/2 block east of Lahser. Tickets $10, discounts for seniors and students. (313) 537-7716 or (313) 532-4010

STAGECRAFTERS: "Forever Plaid," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, March 3-4 and 10-11, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 and March 5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. $9. (248) 541-6430

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA REDFORD: "Godspell" opens Friday, Feb. 18 and continues through Saturday, March 11, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, Redford. $12. (313) 531-0554

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: "A Chorus Line," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19 and 25-26 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 and 27, at Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962.

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 runs Saturday nights only, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner (show follows), at Fox Hills Golf Club, Plymouth. $29.95. (734) 453-7272

RAMADA HOTEL DINNER THEATRE: "Fools," a comic fable by Neil Simon, opened Thursday, evening Feb. 3 and continues on alternate Thursdays, 7 p.m. dinner, show follows, at the theater, Southfield. $25. (248) 544-0283

HOT TICKET

Graham Tribute: *Christine Dakin is one of the featured dancers in the American Graham Tour 2000, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 17-19, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets $30-40, available at the box office, (313) 963-2366 or Ticketmaster outlets, (248) 645-6666.*

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

KIDS KONCERT: "Desparado," one of Michigan's best contemporary Black cowboys, takes kids on a journey through the Old West 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. $3.25. (248) 424-9022

PUPPETART: "Kolobok," the Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man," 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 19 and 26, at the Detroit Puppet Theater. $7, $5 children. (313) 961-7777

SPECIAL EVENTS

CABARET EVENING: Features Grosse Pointe Memorial Church soloists singing music from Broadway and movie scores 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. $35, includes dinner. Must be purchased by Sunday, Feb. 20. (313) 882-5330

"COLLAGE" CONCERT: Henry Ford Community College concert spotlights more than 250 musicians in HFCC's music program Sunday, Feb. 20, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $15. (313) 845-6470

DETROIT CAMPER & RV SHOW: 2-9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Feb. 16-18, noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 and until 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at the Novi Expo Center. $6.50, $4.50 seniors on Wednesday, Feb. 16 only. (517) 349-8881 or www.marvac.org

FORD FREEDOM AWARD: Installation 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, dinner at 6 p.m.; Scholar's Lecture 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit.

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION: "Put a Little Jazz in Your Life," 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4, dance the night away to the sounds of Tom Saunders and the Detroit All-Stars Band and enjoy delicious New Orleans cuisine, vocal choir SCool JAzz will also perform, in the Waterman Center on the Schoolcraft College campus, Livonia. $30 if purchased before Friday, $35 afterwards. (734) 462-4417/(734) 462-4435

ONE WOMAN SHOW: Eva Black performs "The Life and Times of Harriet Tubman" 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Truth Bookstore, Southfield. (248) 557-4824

FAMILY EVENTS

THE PHOENIX ENSEMBLE: Join the Gemini brothers for a magical, musical concert for children and the whole family 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, includes an instrument petting zoo in the lobby beginning at 2 p.m., at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. $15, $10 students/children. (734) 763-8587/(248) 645-6666

BENEFITS

JAZZ DANCE THEATRE: A dance concert featuring established repertory works and a recent premiere 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, Ann Arbor. $12, $8 students/serniors. (734) 995-4242

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "Mendelssohn Meets Ellington" 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $22. (313) 576-5111

MADONNA UNIVERSITY: The faculty performs a recital 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, in Kresge Hall on campus, Livonia. $5, and supports the music scholarship fund. (734) 432-5709

MURRAY PERAHIA: Performs an all-Bach program 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. $16-$55. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "All That Jazz" features drummer Pete Siers, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Plymouth. $12, $10 seniors/college students, free for students through grade 12. (734) 451-2112

OPERA

CANTON PROJECT ARTS: Presents the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, a special presentation of the history of opera in America precedes the concert at 2:30 p.m., an artists reception follows the concert, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. $15. (734) 397-6450

POPS/SWING

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: "Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through February, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

AUDITIONS

AVON PLAYERS: Auditions for "Sweeney Todd" 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 19-20, at the playhouse, Rochester Hills. For performances April 28-30, May 5-7, 12-13 and 18-20. (810) 781-8270

DESTINATION EARTH LLC: An independent production company is seeking extras for the science fiction film "Nobody Knows." Filming will take place in Detroit and surrounding cities in late February and early March. The film is about a man from the year 2039 who appears in Texas on the day of the Kennedy assassination, Nov. 22, 1963. He is able to prevent the murder of the president and as a result, history changes in surprisingly different ways. For more information, call Nicole Sylvester (248) 980-8504

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Auditions for 5 male parts for "Kiss Me Kate" 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the barn, Farmington Hills. (248) 553-2955

NOVI THEATRES CHILDREN'S ANNEX (AGES 10-13): "Charlotte's Web," 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 22 & 24, Novi Civic Center. Production dates May 19-21; actors must pay $125 participation fee once cast. (248) 347-0400

PLOWSHARES THEATRE: Auditions for the world premiere of Jeffry Chastang's "Full Circle" Monday, Feb. 21, 6-8 p.m. (equity) and 8-10 p.m. non-equity, at the Holistic Development Center, Detroit. (313) 872-0279

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: "Guys and Dolls," 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 21-22 at the Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, 1/2 block east of Lahser. Be prepared to sing a song of your choice. Call Ralph Rosati, (248) 669-0436 for information.

SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION: The Bohemians Club (also known as The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), hosts its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college students ages 16-22), must submit performance tape by April 1. For application, e-mail CoufLinks@aol.com

STAGECRAFTERS: Auditions for "The King & I" noon Sunday, Feb. 27 (registration at 11 a.m.), at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. For performances May 12-4, 18-21, 25-28, and May 31-June 4. (248) 541-4832

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA REDFORD: Is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford.

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM: Auditions for "Forever Plaid," requires 4 strong male vocalists, 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday, March 5 and 7, at the theater. For performances May 12-27. (248) 540-6950

VOCAL COMPETITION: Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan is looking for entrants for its sixth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School Students, finalists will be selected from cassette audiotape auditions of each contestants singing submitted through their respective high schools, deadline for entry is Saturday, Feb. 19. Each of the 10 finalists perform before a live audience at a concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at the Italian-American Cultural Center in Warren. (734) 455-8895

VOICES IN TIME: Has a limited number of openings in all voice parts, rehearsals for spring/summer season begin in late February. (248) 449-6540

CHORAL

BRAZEAL DENNARD CHORALE: And the Detroit Symphony Orchestra 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $19-$50. (313) 576-5111

CANTATA ACADEMY: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. $15, $12 seniors/students. (248) 358-9868

PARADE OF HARMONY: Features one of the Barbershop Harmony Society's top-ranking quartets 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at Clarenceville High School's Schmidt Auditorium in Livonia. Tickets $13 for Friday's performance, and $15 for Saturday's. All seats reserved. (248) 559-7082

ST. THOMAS CHOIR: Of Men and Boys from Thomas Church in New York City performs 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23 at Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills. $12 general admission, $6 students seniors at the door or call (248) 626-2515

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC: The University Symphony Orchestra, University Choir and Chamber Choir present Verdi's "Requiem," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 764-5580

ORGAN

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY: Organ students of local universities in concert, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the Alexander Music Building on campus, Ypsilanti. (734) 381-1314

DAVID WAGNER: Presents "Music For Meditation" part 3, the organ music of Felix Mendelssohn, noon Thursday-Friday, Feb. 17-18, at St. Paul's Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

JAZZ

B'JAZZ VESPERS: Features Janet Tenaj and the Sven anderson Trio 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at First Baptist Chruch, Birmingham. Free.

TODD CURTIS: Thursdays, at Elie's, 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With vocalist Sunny Wilkinson 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. $5 cover. Reservations recommended for the Jazz Room. (734) 762-7756

RICH K. TRIO: 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

JANET TENAJ TRIO: 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 and Friday, Feb. 25, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield

WORLD MUSIC

BLACK BRIMMER: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at O'Malley's Tavern, Auburn Hills. (248) 373-4500

TRIAKEL: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $13.50. (734) 763-TKTS (Swedish folk trio)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

ERIC ANDERSEN: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $14. (734) 763-TKTS

MOXY FRUVOUS: The alternative folk artists from Canada perform 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. $24, $19. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666

RFD BOYS: Friday, Feb. 18, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-TKTS

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

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING: 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 662-5158

MARTHA GRAHAM DANCE COMPANY: American Graham Tour 2000, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 17-19, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. $30-40. (313) 963-2366/(248) 645-6666

STARDUST BALLROOM: Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. $8. (248) 356-5678

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY DANCE: "Approaching Extremes," the 71st annual Spring Dance Concert features works by the Detroit Dance Collective, Alan Danielson & Dancers, Erica Wilson-Perkins, and King/Chavez/Parks, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, at Music Hall for the Performing Arts, Detroit. (313) 577-4273

COMEDY

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Bill Hilldebrandt with Kevin Zeoli and Dee Profitt 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, at the club, Commerce twp. (248) 624-1050

FOX THEATRE: "Comic View All-Star Comedy Jam," with Sommore, Earthquake, Bruce Bruce, Shucky Ducky and Lester Barrie, 8 p.m. Sat. Feb. 19. Tickets $27.50-$35. (248) 645-6666

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Norm Stulz Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 17-19, also the Real John Kind and Bill Bushard; Brad Lowrey Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 23-26, also Randy Eply and Rich Higginbottom, 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: Jackson Perdu Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 17-20, Victoria Jackson Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Dan Wilson and Steve Bills Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 17-19, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: "Paradigm Lost" 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday, are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. $10, Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday; $17.50 Friday, $19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222, (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

SECOND CITY TOURING COMPANY: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, at the Farmington Players Barn, Farmington Hills. $25, (248) 553-2955

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: Offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. $6, $4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: "On the Air! Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30, at the museum, Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; $3 for adults, $1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

DETROIT 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 Theater; the exhibit, "Inside/Outside: The Art of Caring" continues through Jan. 2, 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

8 days a week

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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 on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission $2, $1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: Celebrates Black History Month, at the museum, Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. $12.50, $11.50 seniors, $7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sundays, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. $8, $6 seniors, $4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM: "A Stitch in Time" quilt exhibit continues through Saturday, Feb. 26, at the museum at Van Hoosen Farm, Rochester Hills. $3, $2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663

SPIRIT OF FORD: Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, 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," an exhibit of 60 Chinese works spanning nearly 900 years continues to Sunday, March 26; Chinese Lantern Festival features hands-on activities and performances to celebrate Chinese art and culture 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Free, but a $5 donation is suggested. Call (734) 764-0395 or visit the Web site at www.umich.edu/~umma/

LIVE MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.

LORI AMEY: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Borders Books and Music, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-7652; 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Coffee Beanery, Royal Oak. (248) 543-6653; 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, Borders Books and Music, Novi. (248) 347-0780.

FIONA APPLE: 7:30 p.m. showtime, Friday, March 10, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Ticket price to be announced. (248) 645-6666.

APOLLO FOUR FORTY: 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $8.50 advance/$10 day of show. (248) 645-6666.

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.

JMARCUS BELGRAVE: Headlines 10th annual Mardi Gras Masquerade Party with a tribute to Louis Armstrong, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, Greektown, Detroit. (313) 965-4600.

BENNY AND THE JETS: Tuesdays with Karaoke Cowboy Robert Murphy, Reiser's Keyboard Lounge, Westland. www.bennyandthejets.com

BLACK OCEAN DROWNING: Featuring Dead By 28 and Degenerative Velocity, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. $7. (248) 645-6666.

BLACK SHEEP: Featuring Das Efx, Mountain Climbaz, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $15 advance/$18 day of show. (248) 645-6666.

BLUE RAYS: 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Arbor Brewing Company, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and over. (734) 213-1393.

BRANDED: 10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. No cover. 19 and over. (734) 996-8555.

JAMES BROWN: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Concert to benefit Ann Arbor Summer Festival. $25-$60 at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival Box Office, Burton Memorial Tower Ticket Office, Michigan Union Ticket office or Ticketmaster outlets. (734) 764-2538 or (248) 645-6666. A pre-concert dinner will be held at Rackham Auditorium. Tickets $150. (734) 647-2278.

THE BUSINESS: Featuring Beer Zone, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, The Shelter, Detroit. $10 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

CASH MONEY MILLIONAIRES: Featuring Juvenile, The Hot Boys, 'Lil Wayne, B.G. and The Big Tymers, Ruff Ryders with Eve, DMX, Lox ad Drag-On, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, The Palace, Auburn Hills. (248) 645-6666.

BRUCE COCKBURN: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. $26.50. (248) 645-6666.

COLD BLUE STEEL: Featuring Rick Warner, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Lake Point Yacht Club, Livonia. Free. (734) 591-1868.

COMMANDER CODY: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $13. (248) 544-3030.

CUBANISMO: 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. $25 advance. (248) 645-6666.

DENNIS CYPORYN: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5089 (bluegrass).

DEEP CUT: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, Wayne Brewery, Wayne. (734) 722-7639 (classic rock)

DETROIT BLUES PIANO SUMMIT III: Featuring Al Hill, Joe Hunter and Bob Seeley, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Scarab Club, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-1250.

JOHNNY DILKS: Thursday, Feb. 24, Velvet Lounge, Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

THE DONNAS: With The Snugglers and The Plus-Ones, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Magic Stick, Detroit. $8 advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700.

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS: With Hello Dave and Carl Black Fiasco, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.

DREAM THEATER: With Dixie Dregs, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Tickets $26.75 advance. (248) 645-6666.

CHRIS DUARTE: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $12. (248) 544-3030.

E TOWN CONCRETE: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, Shelter, Detroit. $7 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

FIGHTING GRAVITY: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. $7. (248) 335-3540.

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.

LESLIE FREDERICK: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (folk).

THE FROGS: With The Witches, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Magic Stick, Detroit. $9 advance. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700.

GHOSTFACE KILLAH: With Inspecta Deck and Cappadonna, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. $20 advance. All ages. (249) 645-6666.

GIVE: Saturday, March 11, The Attic, Hamtramck.

JEFF GRAND AND JIM MCCARTY: 10 p.m. Tuesdays, The Music Menu, Detroit. No cover for a limited time.

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'The Beach' is hardly a paradise for film-goers

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

The groans of the girls said it all. Not moans of desire, mind you, but groans of bewilderment and disappointment. This is the project the "Titanic" one waited two years to make? "What was Leo thinking?" said one young film-goer, hurrying off as if the memory would fade more quickly that way.

Well, what, indeed, was Leonardo DiCaprio thinking when he committed to "The Beach"? And why such reaction from its audience?

After all, they'd just seen Leo as Richard (no one has a last name in this movie), an aimless American who, by a stroke of luck, winds up traveling in the company of a beautiful girl and her companion. In due course, his natural charm wins the girl away from her jealous beau. And not long after that, he and the girl end up underwater together.

Sounds like an unsinkable story, doesn't it? It worked for Leo once before, didn't it? "The Beach," however, is anchored down by its vapid characters, senseless plot and lame humor. Charm alone can get you just so far.

In this hybrid of "Apocalypse Now," "Lord of the Flies," "Blue Lagoon" and, if unintentional, "Titanic," too, Richard runs away (from what?) to Bangkok, seeking "something more beautiful and exciting and dangerous." Before his first night in town is over, he drinks snake blood with some local lowlifes, checks into a fleabag motel and smokes pot with the guy in the next room, a flamed-out druggie named Daffy, as in the duck.

Daffy tells Richard about a hidden island paradise. The next morning Daffy slashes his wrists, but not before he's taped a map to this super secret hideaway onto Richard's door. Not slipped it under the door, you understand, but right there out in the hall. You can't expect anyone called Daffy to think of such things.

Richard persuades the young French couple two doors down to go with him: the beautiful Francois (Virginie Ledoyen) and boyfriend Etienne (Guillaume Canet). Swimming through miles of shark-infested waters, they reach the island and discover its secrets. On one side: cannabis fields forever, guarded by Uzi-wielding Thais right out of Central Casting. On the other side: two-dozen descendants of Gilligan, Ginger, the Professor and Maryann.

Paradise, they come to realize, is good for maybe a week, ten days tops. DiCaprio's descent into his own personal "Heart of Darkness" includes imagining himself in a video game and imagining he's as good an actor as Martin Sheen in "Apocalypse Now." Delivering narration lines like, "I tried to remember the person I used to be, but I just couldn't" doesn't help his cause.

DiCaprio as action hero still seems a stretch, but he does have a convincing way as an international girlfriend-stealer. British actress Tilda Swinton is the strongest presence on the screen as Sal, the commune's despotic leader.

But even her character is ridiculous; Sal refuses to let anyone go for help when one of the flock needs serious medical attention, but she has no problem jumping into a boat and making for the mainland when they need batteries for their Gameboy.

It's hard watching the screen when you're so busy rolling your eyes.

Paradise lost: *Etienne (Guillaume Canet) and Francois (Virginie LeDoyen) watch Richard (Leonardo DiCaprio) burn the map to a secret island paradise in "The Beach," now playing in theaters.*

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PITCH BLACK
When a police officer, prisoner and pilot crash land on a nightless, lifeless planet, the group finds its a struggle to survive when an eclipse brings night to the planet for the first time in 22 years — giving life to lethal nocturnal creatures. Stars Vin Diesel and Cole Hauser.

DETERRENCE
This political thriller is set in 2008 and tells the story of a incumbent president of the United States who becomes trapped in a Colorado snowstorm when and international incident occurs. Stars Kevin Pollack.

DIAMONDS
A retired prize fighter embarks on a journey with his son and grandson to search for 13 long-lost diamonds. Stars Kirk Douglas, Lauren Bacall and Dan Ackroyd.

ROMEO MUST DIE
Kung Fu meets hip hop on the seedy waterfront of Oakland California, when a shaky truce between Asian and African American crime gangs disintegrate. Stars Jet Li and Delroy Lindo.

Pitch Black: *Stars (left to right) Keith David, Rhiana Griffith, Rhada Mitchell and Vin Diesel.*

THE WHOLE NINE YARDS
Nicholas "Oz" Oseranksy is a nice dentist living in suburban Montreal. His new neighbor, Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski is a hit man in hiding. Oz and Jimmy find themselves with something in common, someone's trying to kill them and they have to find a way to work together to avoid untimely ends. Stars Matthew Perry, Bruce Willis.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 25

REINDEER GAMES
A newly-released convict sets out to start a new life when he finds himself against a team of criminals who believe he has information on a job they're planning. Stars Ben Affleck, Gary Sinise and Charlize Theron.

SIMPATICO
Psychological thriller takes place in the fast-paced world of thoroughbred horse racing. Three friends hatch a plan to execute the ultimate score. But the plan goes awry when two of them run off with their take. Partners in crime, the three find themselves bound by a secret and yet divided by a betrayal of the heart. Stars Sharon Stone, Jeff Bridges and Nick Nolte.

WONDER BOYS
Film adaptation of the Michael Chabon novel stars Michael Douglas, Francis McDormand and Katie Holmes. Douglas plays English professor, and novelist Grady Tripp who is struggling with problems caused by a stolen car, a dead dog and an unfinished 2,600-page novel.

'Boiler Room' a wild journey into unethical money-making scam

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■ 'Those who say that money is the root of all evil, don't have any.'

"Boiler Room"

Midway into the "Boiler Room," an arrogant gang of money-crazed stockbrokers guzzles beer, and together recite lines from the movie "Wall Street" as it plays on a big screen television.

The scene initially makes sense that unethical stockbroker/telemarketers hold Michael Douglas' seedy "Wall Street" character as their inspiration to scam a quick million bucks. But a later scene in "Boiler Room," where the movie's main characters ruin a restaurant's pleasant atmosphere ala "Goodfellas style" — with loud profanity, Mafia-style suits and even a Joe Pesci character who's ready to beat up anyone at any moment – gives a cheap twist to a script with a fascinating concept: the fast world of illegal, fly-by-night-stockbroker firms.

While it's true that a group of young, wild, disrespectful, money-grubbing men willing to suck anyone of their life's savings could in fact behave as rudely as a "Goodfellas" character, most of "Boiler Room's" characters seemed too predictable.

But Giovanni Ribisi, who plays lead character Seth Davis, not only adds depth to the movie, but also makes it enjoyable.

Ribisi portrays Seth, a college-dropout who runs an efficient illegal casino from his small Queens apartment. His clients are neighborhood teenagers whom Seth treats with sympathy while sucking their meager college funds and lunch money (frustrated blackjack losers are comforted with free falafel sandwiches and Cokes.) His business infuriates his judge-father (Ron Rifkin). To win his approval, Seth decides to become a stockbroker.

Instead of working his way slowly up the corporate ladder, Seth lands a job at the smarmy J.T. Marlin company, where his boss (Ben Affleck) tells the new crew of telemarketing/brokers that they will earn a cool million dollars within three years.

"Those who say that money is the root of all evil, don't have any," is the line Affleck uses to woo his new employees.

What he doesn't tell them is the business is illegal – and unethical – and forces Seth to make a moral decision, on behalf of his father and the people he scammed, on the heels of an FBI bust.

Those attending New Line Cinema's "Boiler Room" because of Ben Affleck will be disappointed as his role in the movie is minimal.

Written and well directed by Ben Younger, the movie takes viewers on a wild ride into the immoral lives of get-rich-quick scam artists who care more for new Ferraris than the families they destroy. The romance between Seth and Abby (Nia Long) is undeveloped and unnecessary, but the plot of the lucrative brokerage scam – and the well-shot fast scenes of the scam artists working their cruel magic – is intriguing.

A huge illegal business, the struggle for approval between son-and-father, and charismatic characters like Seth and sneaky mentor Chris (played by Vin Diesel) make "Boiler Room" worthwhile.

'Uncut Detroit II' showcases blues, the Detroit way

STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Go ahead, call Steve Schwartz a die-hard bluesman. He won't mind.

"I was only 12 years old when I heard this music," said Schwartz, a Farmington Hills resident. "It took a hold of me. This is all I listen to. It's music from the heart, music from the soul."

As guitarist for The Alligators, he's one reason the Detroit blues scene remains vital. It's that sort of passion that keeps the blues alive, even if it doesn't get the recognition it deserves. Schwartz said Detroit blues has never really gotten its due. In the 1940s and '50s, people associated the blues with places like Chicago, not the Motor City – never mind Detroit legends like John Lee Hooker, whose influence is felt today. "Detroit continues to influence music as a whole," he said. "There are a lot of great artists in the city still."

A collection of six such artists can be heard on "Uncut Detroit II," a compilation recorded live last October at Henry Ford Community College's Pagoda Room. The Venture Records release is a follow-up to the 1997 "Uncut Detroit: Live Blues in the Night."

The CD benefits WHFR 89.3 FM, an independent, non-commercial radio station which supports emerging local talent. It features soulful blues by Priscilla Price and the Kenny Miller Band, Detroit's own "Queen of Blues" Alberta Adams, more modern sounds from Al Hill and The Love Butlers, and Mystery Train featuring guitarist Jim McCarty. All artists donated their performances for "Uncut Detroit II."

The Alligators: *Mark Seyler, Dave Krammer, Steve Schwartz, Wailin' Dale and Pete Kiss play the blues*

Jo Ann Korczynska, blues director at the station, said she's "always been a really good friend" to local music and the blues community. A coordinator from the beginning, Korczynska is a firm believer in the idea that "Detroit blues needs more recognition."

"We have a wonderful blues scene in Detroit," she said. The new CD reflects what's going on in and around the city. "I was always looking for the most diversified look at the blues," added Korczynska. "Every one of (the artists) is completely different. That's what I like."

Executive producer George Bednar came up with the idea to create a series of "Uncut Detroit" CDs. He's a member of the foundation board at the college. "Part of the purpose of the CD is to raise money for the station," said Bednar, of Venture Records. "I believe there's so much good talent in Detroit that doesn't get the recognition they deserve nationally. This second CD has already gotten national distribution. We're getting requests from all over the country."

The money raised by the sale of the CD will fund future recording projects for the station.

Alberta Adams said she thinks the CD came out beautifully. "Everywhere you go it's the blues. Blues done took over.

"I'm thankful they picked me out," added Adams. "I love what I do." And it shows, but Adams is only part of the story.

"It gives you a nice feel for what's coming from Detroit," said Bednar.

Order "Uncut Detroit II" for $10 by calling (313) 845-9676, or buy it at area record stores including Harmony House.

Stroke 9 hits big with 'Little Black Backpack'

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Drummers. They don't often get the attention they deserve. Sometimes we just can't see them behind that drum kit. But Eric Stock isn't about to let anyone forget about him.

Not only is he responsible for the heart-pounding back beats that keep San Francisco-based Stroke 9's songs soaring for the top of the modern rock charts, he's also got a sense of humor.

While on tour with vocalist Luke Esterkyn, guitarist John McDermott and bassist Greg Gueldner — Stock gave us the low-down on California's next big thing:

O&E: How is the tour going?

Eric Stock: "It's going great. This is the second month of this outing. We're co-headlining. The whole West Coast has been sold out."

O&E: "Little Black Backpack" is getting a lot of attention. (*Now at number six on Billboard's Modern Rock Charts*) Do you feel it represents Stroke 9's sound?

Stock: "I think so, it's definitely one of the more unique songs, the time signature changes. The label definitely felt strong about it. It's pretty catchy, probably our best (song) live."

O&E: As the newest member of the band, how did it feel joining a group of high school friends?

Stock: "It was hell," he laughs. "We had chemistry even before I joined. I came in with the inside jokes and obscure references that would generally annoy anyone. It was meant to be. A lot of bands have trouble on the road. It's hard enough to make this happen. It's nice knowing these guys have a good history together."

Stroke 9

O&E: Do you pay much attention to the music charts?

Stock: "We're psychos about that. Every week we call our manager to get the percentage. It's like little businessmen watching the stock market."

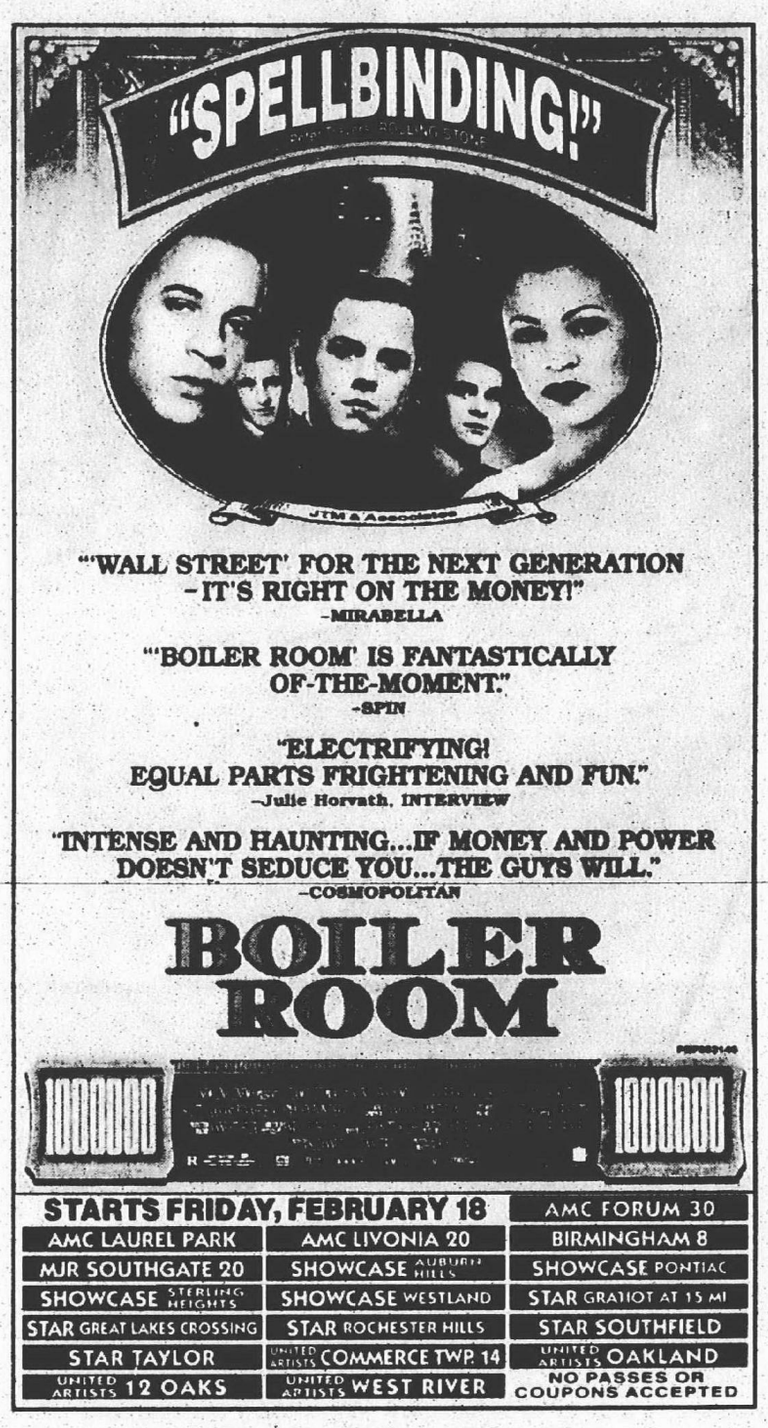
O&E: Tell me about working with producers Jerry Harrison (The Verve Pipe) and Rupert Hine (Duncan Sheik), on the album "Nasty Little Thoughts"?

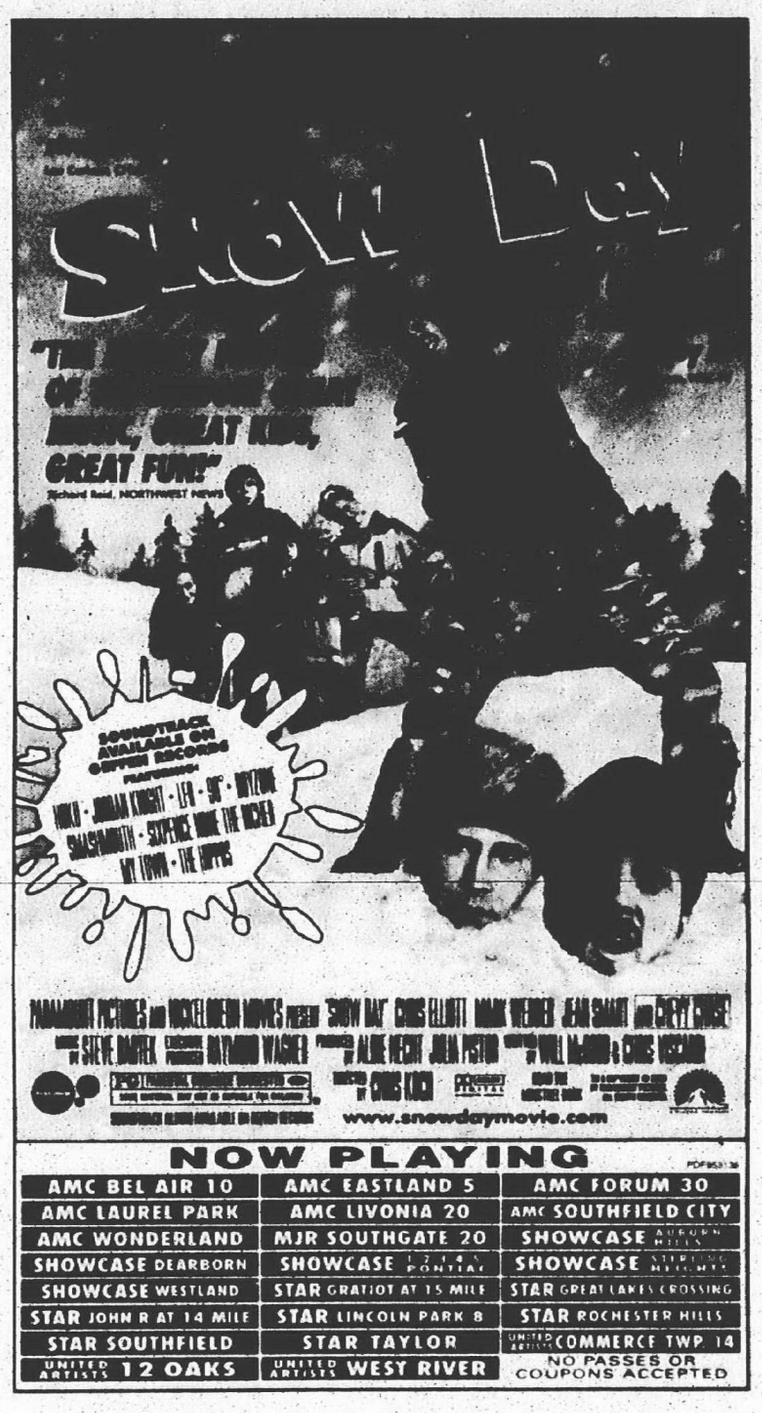
Stock: "It was really cool working with Jerry — we originally wanted him to do the whole thing. He worked with Live. We did six songs with him. So musically, the stuff just explodes. He's got great ideas...Rupert had a whole different approach. It was more organic. He let us do our own thing even more."

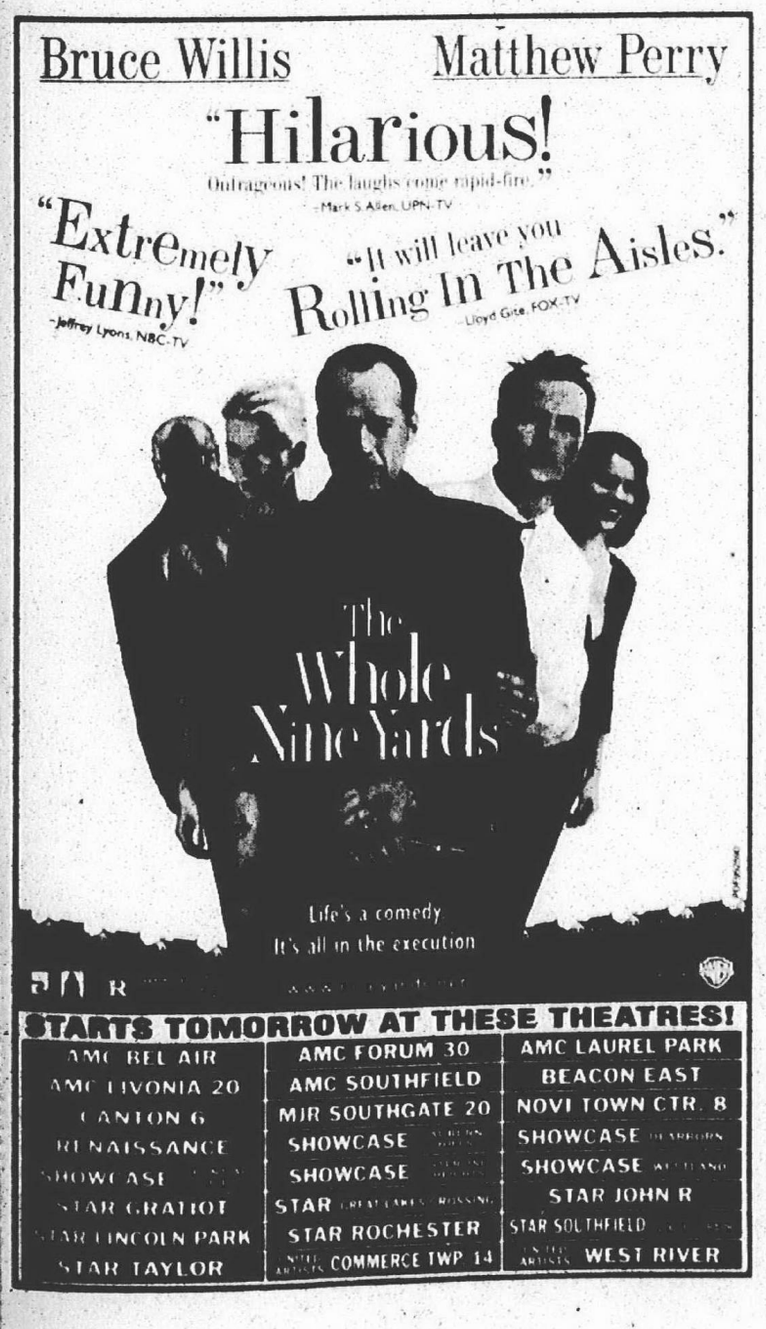
O&E: Do you have a favorite track on the album?

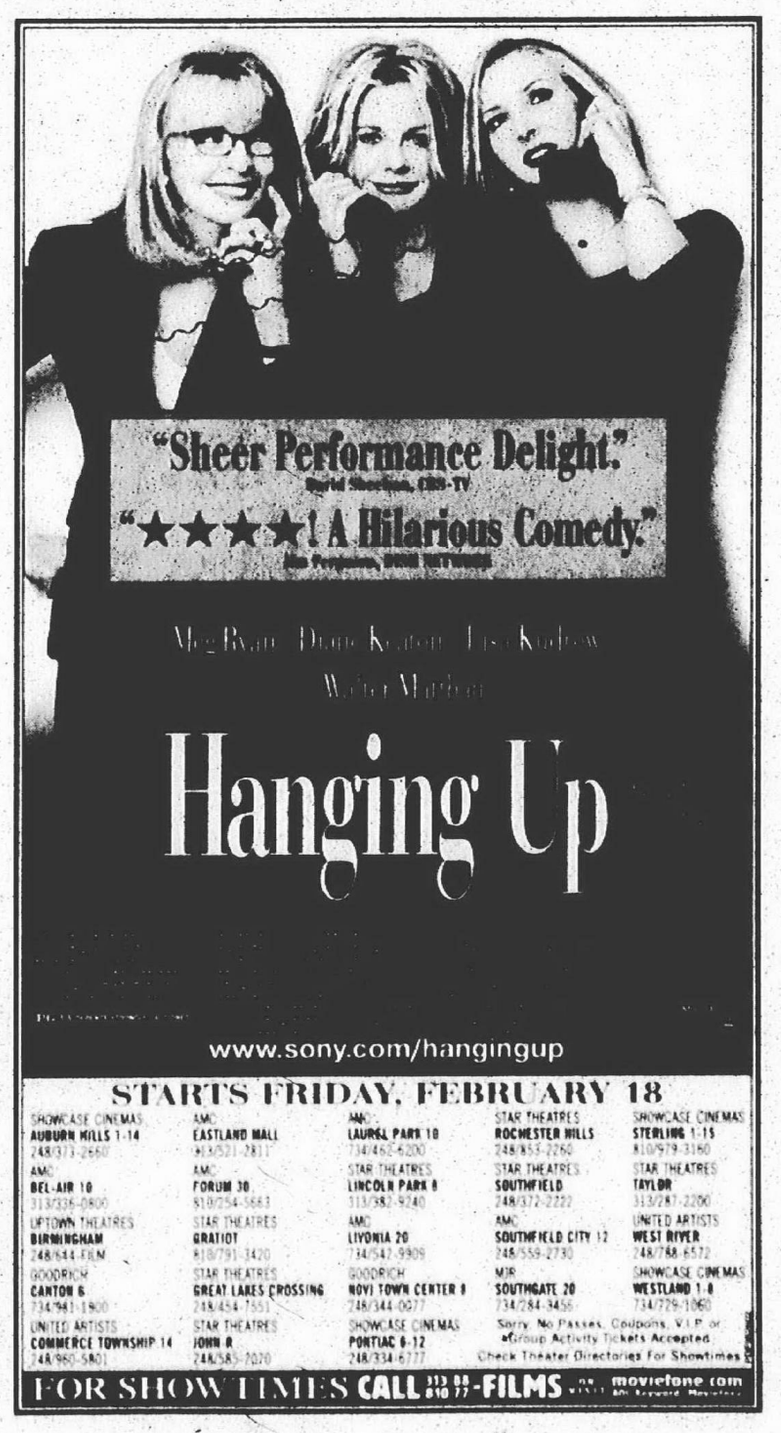
Stock: "'Tear Me In Two.' We tweaked it. There's a little jam in the middle that bursts and explodes. It's something we added, little nuggets, little treats for the people who come see us live."

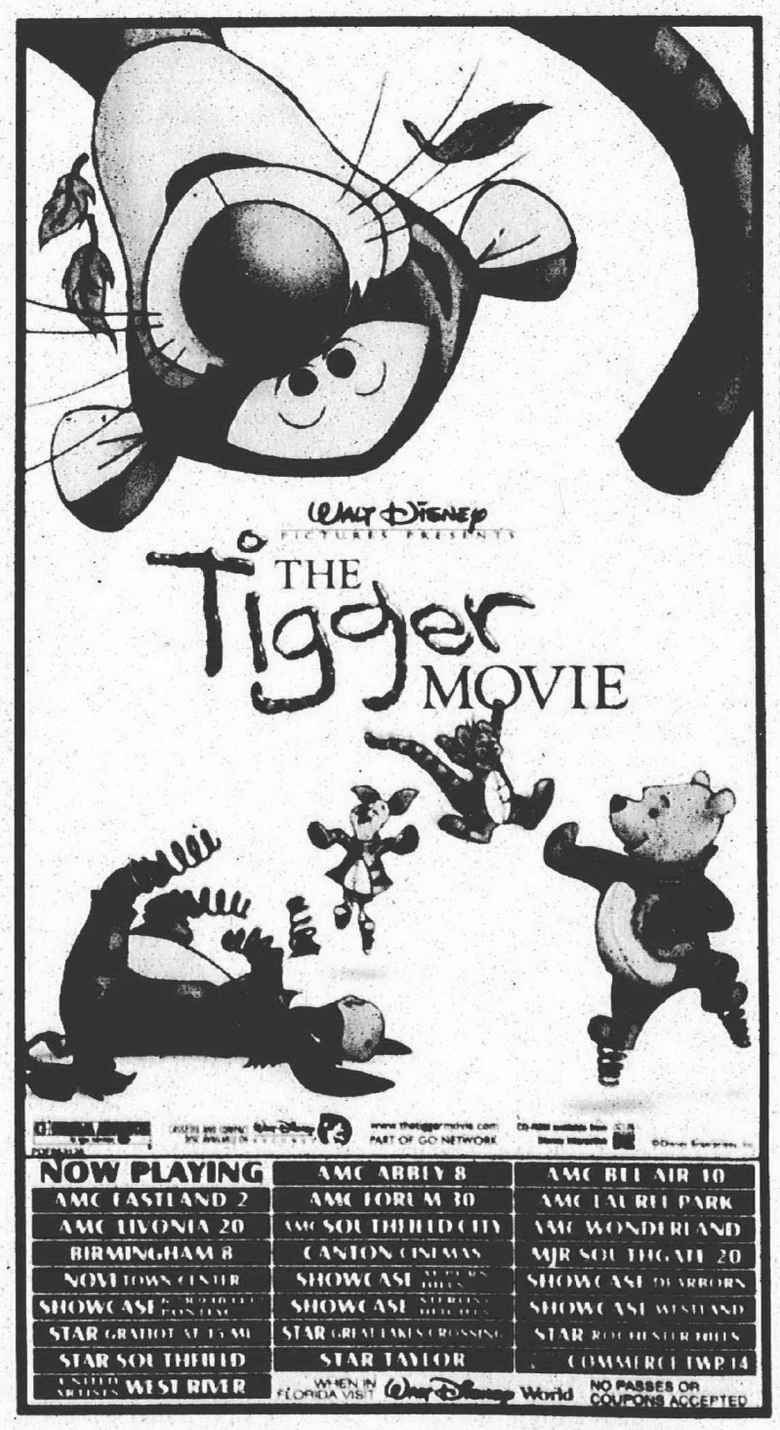
Get your treats, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. $10. All ages. (248)645-6666. Check out www.stroke9.com.











Fans follow La Shish to spacious new location

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Joe Weber and his mother, Joan, were enjoying lunch and each other's company in a booth at the newly opened La Shish Livonia.

"It's very nice; we came here last week, too," said Weber, a La Shish fan for "at least five years." He's eaten at La Shish restaurants in Dearborn and Farmington Hills and was happy when one opened in Livonia.

"Quality, variety and freshness are the reasons he keeps coming back. The service is polite; it's always good," he said. Weber enjoyed the chicken shish kabob he ordered, and his mom, a Livonia resident, had her favorite, chicken shawarma with salad.

The opening of La Shish Livonia was a much anticipated event. "People kept knocking on the door asking us when were going to open," said Charles Saad, vice president of operations.

"Every time we open a new location there's a half hour to an hour wait for dinner, 5-10 minutes for lunch," said Saad. "Weekends have been crazy." If you don't want to wait, order a carryout, or visit between 3-5 p.m. which is the slow, steady time.

The new Livonia La Shish is a beautiful restaurant, twice the size of the new Canton location. There's a mixture of comfortable booths and tables of four. Helping to create an Arabian Night atmosphere are custom arched windows, a gigantic brass chandelier, and fabric draped across the ceiling. Adding to a warm and welcoming feeling is a La Shish trademark, the scent of fresh-baked bread from the on-premise oven served warm at your table.

Executive Chef/senior vice president Jamil Eid is responsible for all of the food, and trains the chefs. "Before you taste the food with your mouth, you taste it with your eyes," said Eid explaining his philosophy about food. "Cooking is an art and I love cooking."

New items he recently added to the menu include Hummus with veggies, Mediterranean chicken wings, Shish Tawook (chicken kabob) with lemon and oregano, quail, and salmon fillet.

If you want to wow your friends, order the Flaming Tower — a spectacular Las Vegas-style showpiece of 12 skewers of shish kabob, shish tawook, kafta, shrimp, swordfish and vegetables, served with a large salad platter.

Future growth

Customers like the Webers are one of the reasons Talal K. Chahine decided to expand his growing chain of Lebanese restaurants to Livonia.

Eleven years ago, a sense of responsibility, and pride in his homeland, prompted Chahine to open his first restaurant on Michigan Avenue in East Dearborn. He soon opened a second in West Dearborn, and then began following customers to other metropolitan Detroit suburbs.

In the nine years since he left a career in engineering to open his second La Shish restaurant, Chahine has been satisfying a growing hunger in metro Detroit for good Middle Eastern food.

"I trust my taste buds," he said. "I can't be steering the public wrong."

Now, as he approaches 400 employees, Chahine looks to the future, and "Inshaa Allah" (God willing) to more opportunities to expand his trademark "La Shish," which translated means "the skewer."

"If I can humbly state, I always envisioned a chain of restaurants," he said. Chahine has two potential growth patterns in mind: Entering franchise agreements with people in other states, and developing a new line of restaurants, La Shish Express, that would offer quick, top quality, healthy, value-oriented meals to go. He's actively looking for sites, and plans to open La Shish Express in the near future. "I have great hope and expectations for La Shish Express," he said. "Fast food doesn't have to be unhealthy."

La Shish Livonia

Where: 37367 Newburgh, corner of Six Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 464-8200.
Open: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday.
Menu: Middle Eastern specialties including shish kabob, shish tawook, lamb chops, kibbee, hummus, tabbouli, spinach pie and grape leaves. Freshly squeezed juices, soups, salads and sandwiches. Combos and party trays also available.
Surprises: Some items you'll find on the menu, but wouldn't expect to are a Caesar turkey salad, chicken kabob with lemon-oregano, quail, whole red snapper, and salmon fillet.
Seats: 250 people, semi-private area available Sunday-Thursday for parties of 40-50 people. If you're planning a party, call the restaurant for information. They're flexible, and will make every effort to accommodate your request.
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- **West Bloomfield** — 6303 Orchard Lake Road, (248) 538-0800
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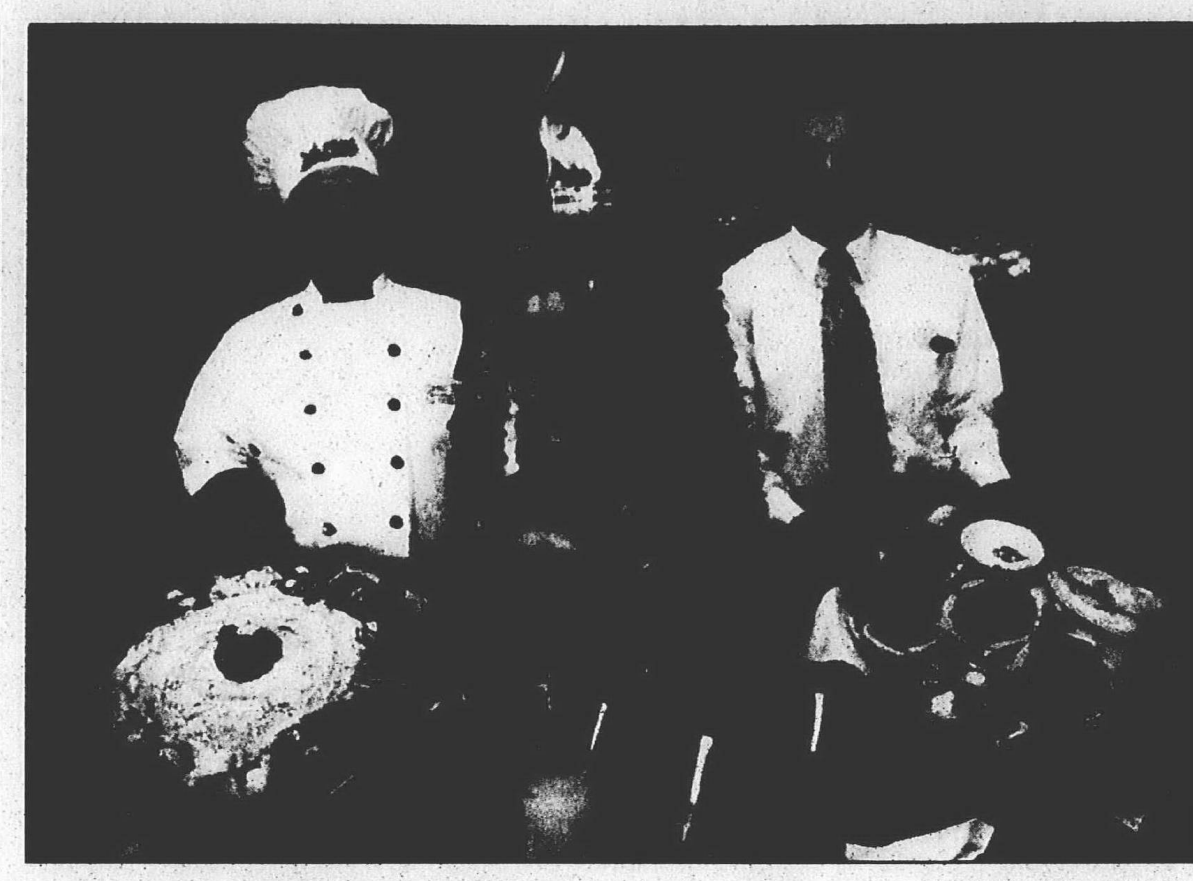

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Middle Eastern delights: *La Shish executive chef/senior vice president Jamil Eid (left) and Charles Saad, vice president of operations, present some of the items you'll find on the menu at the new La Shish Livonia, and other La Shish locations. The Flaming Tower, (center) is a spectacular display of 12 skewers of shish kabob, shish tawook, kafta, shrimp, swordfish, and vegetables.*

More Middle Eastern restaurants

If you enjoy Middle Eastern cuisine, here are some other restaurants to try in your hometown.
- **Anita's Kitchen** — 31005 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 855-4150. Open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
- **Bushel's Cafe** — 985 N. Mill, Plymouth, (734) 454-9404. Open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Cleopatra's** — 7988 N. Wayne Road, Westland, (734) 427-2100. Open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 10 p.m. Sunday.
- **Pine Land** — two locations, 8207 Middlebelt, Westland, (734) 421-4084; and 33320 Farmington Road, (at 12 Mile), Farmington Hills, (248) 324-1163. Open 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m. to midnight Friday-Sunday.
- **Panini Cafe and Grill** — 42087 Ford, Canton, (734) 981-7000. Open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Closed Sunday.

If we missed one of your favorite Middle Eastern restaurants, send a note attention Keely Wygonik, assistant managing editor Observer Features, via e-mail, fax (734) 591-7279, or to the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, and we'll share the information with our readers next week.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send dinner specials, menu changes, restaurant renovations, and other items to Keely Wygonik, Assistant Managing Editor Features Group, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net.

■ **The Detroit Big Smoke,** 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, Detroit Marriott. $150 per person. Over 4,000 cigar lovers attended "Cigar Aficionado" magazine's Las Vegas Big Smoke Weekend and 2,500 enjoyed its New York Big Smoke. Now it's metro-Detroit's turn. This highly visual event is one where dedicated cigar lovers can indulge their passion and support CaPCure, a research organization seeking a cure for prostate cancer.

The Big Smoke features over 30 complimentary cigars per guest as well a food, wine, spirits and lots of fun strolling attendees. To order tickets: Fax to Detroit Big Smoke (212) 481-2523 or order online at www.cigaraficionado.com.

■ **Mardi Gras Brewers Dinner** — 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 at Bonfire Bistro & Brewery, 39550 Seven Mile Road, Northville. The cost is $50 per person, all tables reserved, call (734) 735-4570.

Chef David Platzer and brewer Ron Jeffries are teaming up to present a five course meal and a pre-selected beer per course. The entree is Rotisserie Cornish Game Hen served with andouille sausage and crawfish corn bread stuffing over red and yellow pepper coulis.

■ **Mardi Gras Celebration at Schoolcraft** — celebrate the end of winter and the coming of spring in true New Orleans style at a gala Mardi Gras celebration 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4 in the Waterman Campus Center at Schoolcraft College. Tickets are $35 a person, and may be ordered by calling (734) 462-4417. VISA, MasterCard or Discover cards are accepted. Proceeds support student scholarships.

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