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COMMUNITY LIFE

Sing a song: *After winning the regional title, members of the Spirit of Detroit Chorus of the Sweet Adelines are exercising their vocal cords in preparation for international competition next November in Nashville, Tenn.*/**B1**

ENTERTAINMENT

Folk music: *Grammy-nominated folk singer Guy Clark will join Paula Cole, Doc Watson and other musicians Saturday for the 21st Ann Arbor Folk Festival.*/**E1**

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MEAP goal: Boost science scores

Improving science scores is one objective for the 1998 round of MEAP testing now under way in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, officials say. Test results are viewed seriously by Realtors as well as educators.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton students, along with those around the state, have begun taking the 1998 version of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests.

School districts can give the tests anytime during a three-week period, Jan. 26 through Feb. 13.

In the elementary schools, fourth-grade students are being tested in reading and math, while fifth-graders are tested in writing and science. In the middle schools, seventh-graders are tested in reading and math while eighth-graders are taking the writing and science tests.

Soon, test scores will be published and many people will use those scores to rate cities and school districts, and the bragging rights will begin.

"The MEAP scores are definitely used as a selling tool," said Jennifer Finley, a Realtor at Remerica Hometown II in downtown Plymouth. "We do get calls from prospective buyers for MEAP scores, and we keep a copy of the most recent in the office to answer questions."

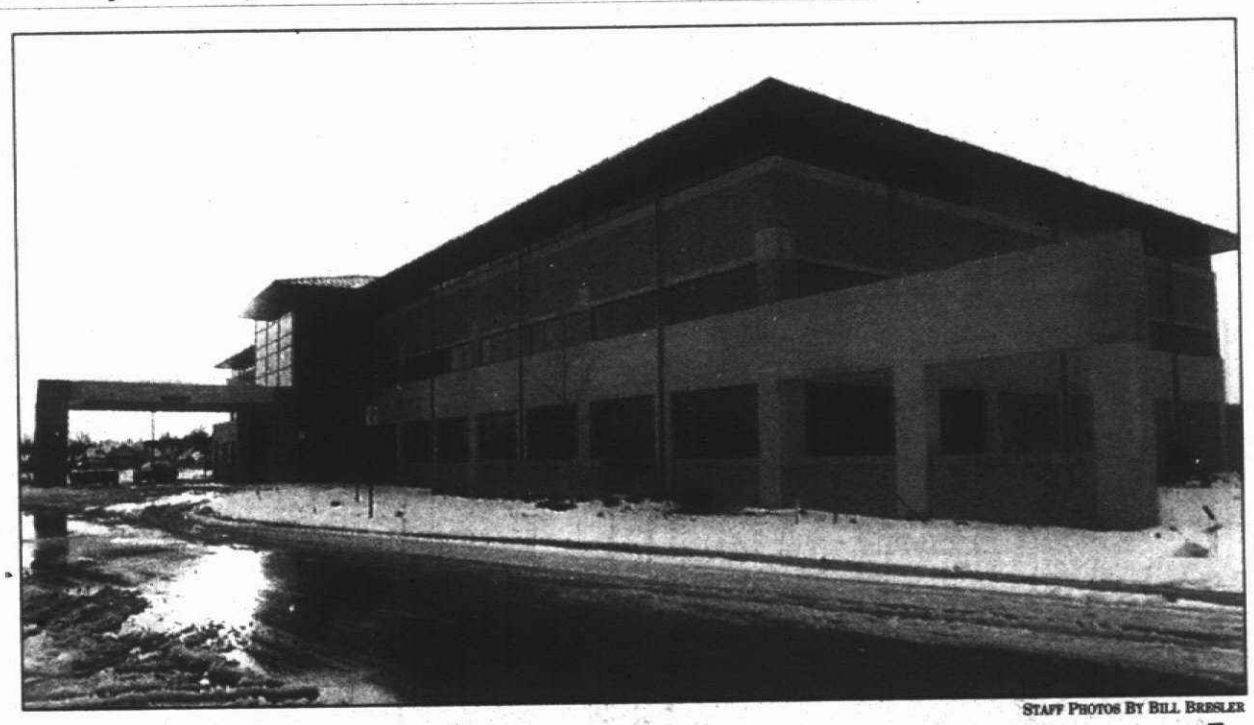
Jack Lucas, of Castelli and Lucas Century 21 in Canton, knows "purchasers today are very family-oriented, more than ever before. Home buyers are very well-educated as to districts and MEAP scores."

While administrators, teachers, parents and community leaders want students to perform and rank well on the tests, many believe there is too much attention given to the standardized exams.

"I think it's a decent means to watch

Please see **MEAP**, A6

St. Joseph Mercy Canton gets ready to open its doors



Patient-ready: *The three-story health building at Canton Center Road and Summit Parkway will open to the public Feb. 17, with an open house scheduled for Sunday, March 29. Below, an artist's rendering of the ear exhibit, complete with eustachian tube slide, that will be part of the building's interactive learning center.*

STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESSLER

Interactive health care designed as learning experience at facility

Move creates more space, adds services

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

The new St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building, which is more than four times the size of the health care provider's current facility, will open to the public Feb. 17.

Ann Arbor-based St. Joseph Mercy Health Systems is relocating all of its services – urgent care, a full-service pharmacy, laboratory and radiology, physical therapy and rehabilitation and business health services – from its current site at Ford Road and Lilley to the new site on the corner of Canton Center Road and Summit Parkway.

"We outgrew our rented space," said Sally Bailey, the Canton site administrator, about the move.

The new site will enable SJMHS

Please see **MOVE**, A7

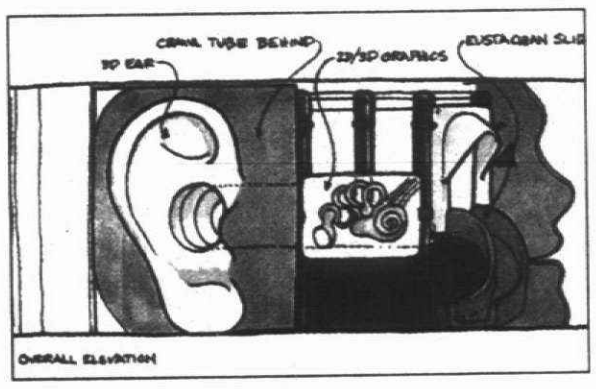
BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

"Why is it," the boy wanted to know, "the milk comes out your nose when you sneeze?"

It may have been a question only a kid could ask.

But the health professionals who heard it that day last spring at Canton's Bentley Elementary School thought it was a very good one.

And as a result, an unusual, interactive learning experience will be unveiled next month in Canton – along with a new health care center.



The St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building on Canton Center Road and Summit Parkway is set to open Feb. 17, complete with a giant, crawl-through ear for kids that will be prominently displayed in the building's two-story atrium.

The exhibit, which was created by two Boston-based companies whose clients include the Walt Disney Studios, is the premiere piece of an interactive learning center whose purpose will be as much a part of the new health care facility as will the emergency care, diagnostic, rehabilitation and other, more common features.

That's because the new 83,000-square-foot health care facility will have a heavy focus both on health

Please see **HEALTH CARE**, A7

Police nab resident in ambush

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

A 17-year-old Canton man has been charged with first-degree murder and felony firearms possession in the November trailer-court ambush of David Martell and more arrests are expected, according to Canton police.

However, due to the ongoing investigation, police would release no additional information about James Bernard Blanchfield or his arrest, other than to say he was arraigned Jan. 25 and is being held in the Wayne County Jail. No bond has been set.

Preliminary examination is scheduled for Feb. 6 in 35th District Court. If waived, Blanchfield would be bound over for trial in circuit court in Detroit, according to Officer Leonard Schemanske, police spokesman.

Martell, a 21-year-old corrections officer from Belleville, was shot and killed Nov. 19 while driving his car from the home of a female friend in the Westpointe Mobile Home park.

Several shots were fired and Martell was struck by two bullets of different caliber.

"There was more than one weapon used," said Schemanske. "Blanchfield is one of the shooters."

He would only add, "There may be more people charged. It's definitely not over with."

He said the murder was premeditated: "It was definitely an ambush." Premeditation calls for a first-degree murder charge, which carries a sentence of life in prison.

Teaching life skills a key element to program

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Nearly a hundred emotionally-impaired students from throughout western Wayne County, including Canton, are being challenged to learn skills which will help them land jobs in the future.

The Redford Union Day Treatment Program, a state-funded agency, has a life-skills program designed to take children from school to work.

"With a lot of these kids we have to be very realistic, they probably won't go to college," said Terry Buechs, a teacher who guides the school-to-work program. "I teach them the skills they'll need in the workforce."

On a recent trip to Home Depot in Canton, the students learned first-hand many of the job skills they might need.

"This is a store they could work in," said Buechs. "We've done a lot of projects using their hands, and operating tools like saws and hammers. This type of field trip helps them get exposed to things."

Becky Rakes of Westland is a Home Depot employee who has visited the school, to help students build projects like tool boxes and bird houses.

"We show them what happens in each department, like demonstrating the saws, how paint is mixed and how the greenhouse is run," said Rakes. We try to give them hands-on experience because many of them might work here, or elsewhere. Most of all, we want to show them they can do it."

Dawn Lehr, an educational assistant at the school, said one of the most important skills they try to instill is teamwork.

"Most people who lose their jobs don't do so because they can't perform the job, it's because they can't get along with other people," said Lehr. "Nobody is going to care if you're special ed, you need to be able to compete for jobs."

Student Jeremy Seiler, 12, of Canton likes to take the field trips.

"They show us drills and saws, and a lot of other things we can learn," said Jeremy. "In school they show us things to help us get jobs, like spelling, reading, and math. We also learn life skills, like how to make change and write checks."

Buechs said she and another teacher at the school made a Soda Jerk Jr. ice

Please see **DAY PROGRAM**, A3

Field trip: *Plymouth-Canton school district resident Jeremy Seiler learns about job opportunities at the Canton Home Depot store.*

County Commissioner Patterson seeks state House seat

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson wants to represent Canton Township and the rest of the 21st House District in Lansing.

Patterson, a Republican and Canton resident, announced his candidacy Monday before a group of about 50 supporters and family members at the Canton Public Library. Patterson, 50, is running for a seat currently held by Debbie Whyman, who cannot run for another House term because of term limits. Whyman is running for state Senate against County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Jim Ryan, a former state representative from Redford. All are Republicans.

The county commissioner said he surveyed his supporters throughout his 11th Wayne County District, which

■ 21ST DISTRICT

includes Canton, Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren townships, and the cities of Belleville, Romulus and Wayne. Those residents encouraged him to run for state office.

"I will need your help, your support, your encouragement and your friendship to get this job done," Patterson said. "Not just the job of getting elected, but the job of serving as your next representative in the Michigan House of Representatives.

The next state representative must be "prepared and mature." "Term limits means that we will have change, big change in Lansing," Patterson said. "The person we elect needs to be under control and already tested by the politi-

Please see **CANDIDATE**, A4

Compromise sought on supermarket

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

■ 'What do we need a Farmer Jack for? I can buy groceries anytime I want, day or night, and I don't need a Farmer Jack in my backyard.'

Rose Lahiff
–condominium resident

The attorney representing the proposed Farmer Jack supermarket at Canton Center and Cherry Hill Roads hopes to meet soon with representatives of neighborhood groups opposing the project.

Bryan Amann, saying his clients are "trying to get the best thing for everybody," plans to meet with the "elected representative from each group" prior to a second public hearing on the issue scheduled Feb. 16 by the Canton Township planning commission.

No date was announced for the meeting.

At the first public hearing in January, the commission, facing strong objections to the project from about 50 area residents, cited concern over increased traffic problems in rejecting 6-1 a rezoning request that would have provided a Cherry Hill entrance to the development.

The commission announced a second hearing via a letter to residents, stating the developer, Vano/Foster, has re-submitted its application for rezoning and special land use, claiming "factors not considered" at the first hearing.

Proposed is a 54,200 square-foot Farmer Jack and a separate 8,950 square-foot retail center, all facing onto Canton Center, just south of an Amoco gas station. A Cherry Hill entrance to the center would be just east of Amoco.

"It's the same application," Amann said Tuesday, "but it will have additional information regarding offsite road improvements - improvements in the roadway that aren't on our site but are related to it.

"We're going to demonstrate how, in fact, we're going to improve the existing situation," he said, adding the proposed development "can be a catalyst for road improvements.

"Normally in a zoning hearing that's something we're not required to do. But this project is going to exceed what is required and there will be some pleasant surprises," he said, but couldn't elaborate.

"We will end up with a better project and a better community as a result," he said.

He said he hopes to have a report available for residents about various possible traffic flow improvements.

In addition, he said, the Wayne County Road Department has stated it will widen Canton Center Road this spring but township officials said they'd received only a verbal communication.

Amann objected to the "strip mall" description, saying, "We're trying to talk about a world-class kind of facility that's not a strip mall."

He said present zoning would permit a 40,000-square-foot strip center there "right now and they (opponents) couldn't prevent that."

He attributed present traffic flow problems on Cherry Hill to a lack of road improvements, such as acceleration-deceleration and turn lanes, by the Pheasant Glenn and Kingston Estates developers.

Rose Lahiff of Pheasant Glenn Condominiums, stating she'd left West Bloomfield six years ago to avoid all the development there, said Canton Center "is growing too fast and they're putting in too much development.

"What do we need a Farmer Jack for? I can buy groceries anytime I want, day or night, and I don't need a Farmer Jack in my backyard."

Viper game is benefit for schools, Goodwill

Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit is teaming up with several local schools for a family night of Detroit Vipers hockey at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7 at The Palace of Auburn Hills. An "open skate" on the Vipers' ice caps off the evening after the game.

Tickets for Goodwill Night at The Palace are available at a discounted price of $6.50 each (face value is $8), and purchasers can earmark 50 percent of their ticket proceeds to support one of four local schools. The remaining proceeds benefit Goodwill's job training and placement services for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment. Birmingham Education Foundation, Grosse Pointe Public Schools Foundation, Rochester Community Schools Foundation and Troy School District are participating in the fund-raiser.

To purchase tickets or if you have a suite to donate for the Feb. 7 event, call Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit at (313) 964-3900.

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John Krawiec

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John Krawiec, 14, delivers the Canton Observer in the Windsor Park subdivision.

The Central Middle School eighth grader's favorite subject is social studies. His hobbies are playing computer games, and running track. He was elected as student council treasurer this year.

John wants to attend Catholic Central High School and go to college to get a doctorate degree.

Earning money is what he likes most about his route. Time management is one of the skills he has developed as an Observer carrier.

If you want to be a Canton Observer carrier, please call 591-0500.

Liberty Fest design contest under way

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

What do the words Liberty Fest bring to mind?

Okay, now draw it.

Canton Township is looking for Plymouth-Canton students from 3rd though 12th grade to design the annual Liberty Fest Logo for 1998.

"There's no theme. It's completely up to the child. We want them to be as creative as possible. It could be anything that highlights Liberty Fest," said Joyce Murphy, co-chair of Fine Art & Fine Craft for the Liberty Fest Committee.

There are no guidelines other than the design has to be able to fit an adult-size T-shirt and use a maximum of five colors, she said.

Last year's winner, Trisha Bruening, a fifth-grader at Allen School, designed a logo that incorporated a circular flag of red, white and blue surrounded by festive fireworks and balloons.

Prizes for the 1998 logo design winner include $100 savings bond, a Liberty Fest Perks Package and a family invitation to the VIP fireworks show at Pheasant Run.

The annual Liberty Fest is slated for June 18-21 at Heritage Park.

Return drawings to D & M Studio's Once Upon an Easel at 8691 Lilley Road before March 27. Please include the following information: Artist's name, address, phone, school, grade and age.

Judges for the Liberty Fest '98 Logo Contest are Bob Dates, Liberty Fest chairman, and Sharon Dillenbeck, a noted artist and owner of D & M Studio.

For more information call Dillenbeck at (734) 453-3710.

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Elected to board

The Board of Directors of Community Federal Credit Union unanimously elected Michele D. Kelly as vice chair at their November, 1997 meeting. As a board member for three years, Kelly participated in several committees, including the Scholarship Committee and Committee for the Novi and Plymouth expansion.

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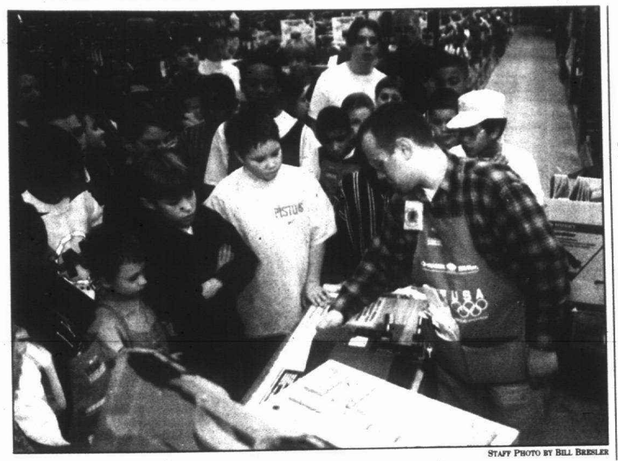

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Demonstration: *Keith Hammond cuts duplicate keys for the class.*

Day program *from page A1*

cream shop in one of the classrooms, and from there the school-to-work program blossomed from about 20 to nearly 100 students.

"We did the Soda Jerk Jr., based on the ice cream parlor in Plymouth," said Buechs. "After that, they asked us to expand the program."

Buechs sees the students twice a week.

"The first day we meet is a work day, and I teach them skills they will need in the workforce," said Buechs. "Much of it involves money, because we are told by many businesses that when computers go down, many can't make change. We use actual money and learn to make change, work on budgeting, checkbook balancing and use the newspaper to shop for things.

"The second time they come to me, if the whole class has earned enough points, they're eligible to be hired."

Currently, Buechs and her students are setting up a candy shop for Valentine's Day.

"I will be hiring candymakers who will sell hand-dipped chocolates in half-pound boxes," said Buechs. "On Feb. 14, we will transform our room into a candy shop, and the other classes will have an opportunity to buy some of our goods."

Buechs says some of the students, ranging in age from 6-14, are partially mainstreamed, meaning they go a half-day at the Day Treatment Program and then to a regular education classroom in their home districts.

"Our goal is to get students mainstreamed, develop their behaviors so they can get back entirely into the regular classroom setting," said Buechs.

Canton pride

Kids' booklets now available

The Canton Beautification Committee is offering series of three booklets to the public in an effort to promote awareness in the community, said Pam Swiderek.

"Let's Color Canton," Let's Care for Canton," and "Let's Conserve Canton" are now available year-round, said Swiderek. The books address issues of recycling, community pride and preventing vandalism.

Previously, the books were available to third-grade classes during an annual presentation by the beautification committee. However, funding has depleted the committee's resources.

The coloring and activity books are being sold for $2.99 and $3.99 at Chalk It Up, a teachers' book store at Harvard Square, Sheldon Road north of Ford, in Canton.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

On the shelf: *Tina Gerlach(from left), Chris Lapinski, Margaret DeConinck, and Pam Swiderek show off the Beautification Committee booklets at Chalk It Up, an educational store on Sheldon Road.*

CAMPUS NOTES

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

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More Campus Notes, A7

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Danielle A. Laborde of Canton and Amanda J. Humphrey, Sarah E. Olender of Plymouth made the fall semester dean's list at Adrian College.

Patrick McCauley, Erin Hindman, Seth Watts, Melinda Sofen, Carla Sendelbach of Plymouth and Marcus Sanborn of Canton, all made the fall semester dean's list at James Madison College.

SCHOLARSHIP

Jonathan Kamin of Canton has been awarded an Allen Pre-Ministerial Scholarship at Valparaiso University. The Allen Pre-Ministerial Scholarship is awarded on the basis of recommendations from pastors and teachers to students who are planning to prepare for church professions within the Lutheran Church.

CANTON CONNECTION

Community policing grant

The U.S. Department of Justice has earmarked $150,000 in grant funds for Canton Public Safety's community policing initiative.

The $150,000 award, to be dispersed over a three-year period, will be used to hire two new community policing officers. Canton is responsible for matching the remaining balance of each officer's salary and benefits over the three years. The funds for the first year are allocated in the Public Safety budget.

The award has pushed the total of grant funds for Canton's community policing initiatives beyond $500,000. The funds have helped to launch many law enforcement programs, including deploying a full-time officer to the federally-subsidized Canton Commons apartments and adjacent vicinity; the addition of a youth liaison officer to proactively address youth issues in the community; and the purchasing of the Citywatch computerized message system.

The department also played a pivotal role in establishing the new youth activities specialist position, which also is partially funded by a federal grant.

Calling all volunteers

Spring is just around the corner – if you're an optimist – and so is Canton's Project Health-O-Rama.

Volunteers are needed to help staff the day of free and low-cost health screening at Summit on the Park, which is scheduled for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

This will be the second year Canton has a local site for the southeastern Michigan effort, which is co-sponsored locally by the township, Canton Chamber of Commerce, St. Joseph Mercy Health Health Systems, and the Observer Newspapers.

Volunteer opportunities include:

■ Shuttle drivers to transport senior citizens from local housing complexes to the Summit;
■ People to staff the registration area;
■ Set-up and take-down workers;
■ Greeters;
■ People to staff the refreshment area;
■ People to distribute information.

Volunteers will be scheduled in three-hour shifts and a brief training session will be provided prior to the shift. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

Interested people should contact Kathleen Salla, Canton volunteer coordinator, (734) 397-6450.

the Canton Public Library

Did you know:

■ The aluminum can you throw away today will be here 500 years from now?

■ In the U.S., people own 50 million dogs and 58 million cats?

■ Dust particles can absorb and scatter light form distant stars, making even hot, blue stars appear red?

New fiction

Here are some new mysteries available from the library.

■ "Trunk Music" by Michael Connelly

■ "Half Past Nun: A Sister Mary Teresa Mystery"

■ "Murder in the House" by Margaret Truman

■ "Deception on His Mind" by Elizabeth George

■ "Flight Dreams" by Michael Craft

Web Watch

Check out these new Web sites:

■ http://www.sewing.org
■ http://www.celiac.com
■ http://www.algebra-online.com
■ http://www.teachus.com
■ http://www.urbangarden.com

Q & A

Q: What is the state reptile?

A: The most common of turtles, the painted turtle, owes its place among Michigan's state symbols to a group of Niles fifth graders. After discovering that no reptile represented the state, the children approached their state representative and followed the legislative process to its enactment as Public Act 281 of 1995.

The source for this information is "Michigan History Magazine."

Talking books

Here are some new books on tape available from the library:

■ "Margin of Error" – Buchanan
■ "The Long Rain" – Gadol
■ "Red Sky at Night" – Hall
■ "Rough Justice" – Sayers
■ "An Act of Love" – Thayer

Multi-media

Here are some new books on tape available from the library:

■ "Versailles 1685 – Intrigue at the Court of Louis XIV"
■ "Kickoff '97 – 3D Soccer Game"
■ "Tony LaRussa Baseball 4th Edition"

Hot topic of the week

■ The Canton Public Library Web page has a new look and a new address. If you haven't paid a visit to the page in a while, check it out at http://www.metronet.lib.mi.us/canton/.

@ the Canton Library is compiled by Laura Dorogi of the library staff. The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. For more information about library programs and services call 397-0999.

Free income tax help for seniors begins Feb. 1

Free income tax assistance for seniors will be available in Canton and Plymouth from Feb. 1 thru April 15. The service is available to you thru the Tax-Aide program of AARP.

Volunteer tax-aide counselors trained by the IRS will operate at the following sites.

■ Canton Senior Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton 48188, Tuesday 9 a.m.- 12 p.m., 1-4 p.m. By appointment, call 397-5444.

■ Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth 48170, Wednesday 9 a.m.- 12 p.m., 1-4 p.m., By appointment, call 455-6620.

■ Home visits for Handicaps and Shut-ins, Canton call 397-5444, Plymouth call 455-6620.

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Man vandalizes woman's car in parking lot incident

You've heard of road rage. But what about "parking rage"?

A man was ticketed for malicious damage to property Sunday after he caused $150 damage to a van whose owner parked it next to his in a way he apparently didn't like.

Police said a 33-year-old Canton woman told them she'd left her son in her 1995 Mercury Villager while she went into a tanning salon in a strip mall in the 44300 block of Cherry Hill Road when a man went to get into the vehicle parked next to hers.

The boy told his mother the man banged his vehicle's driver's door three or four times into the passenger side of the woman's van and said to the youth: "Tell your mother she doesn't know how to park."

The man then backed his vehicle out, dragging a shopping cart caught between the two vehicles which scraped the side of the woman's van.

COP CALLS

Drunken driving

A 40-year-old Royal Oak man who criticized the driving of a Canton police officer was arrested for driving while intoxicated and driving with a suspended license Saturday night.

The incident, which ended in the Sherwood Mobile Home Park near Haggerty and Michigan Avenue, began when the officer observed a 1990 white Chevrolet Cavalier being driven erratically in the area.

After seeing the car jump the curb and weave across lanes, the officer activated his lights and siren. But the driver, doing about 15 mph, continued into the trailer court, stopping and then backing into the police car's bumper.

The driver then got out and stumbled to the back of his car while yelling about the officer's "crazy driving."

After a brief struggle, the officer, with the help of a security guard, handcuffed the man, whose blood-alcohol level measured .18. The legal limit in Michigan is .10.

Larceny

A 10-disc Sony player valued at $250, 10 compact discs worth $120 and 20 audio cassettes worth $200 were stolen from a 1988 Oldsmobile Cutlass parked in the 7400 block of Kingsbridge early Sunday morning.

The 19-year-old owner told police someone shattered a passenger window to gain entry, then cut the wires to the equipment, which was under the seat.

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cal arena."

One of the more public Patterson supporters is state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton. Bennett told the crowd "character counts."

"There's a great national debate over whether it counts," Bennett said. "I think it does. That's why I have hounded Bruce for a year."

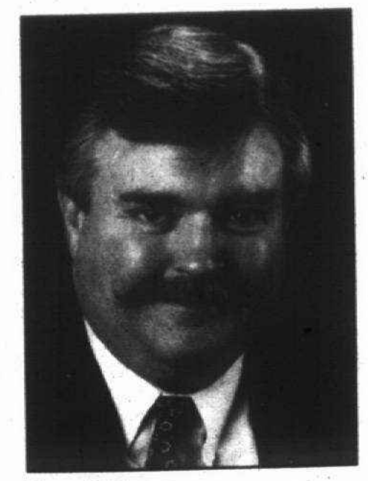
Words of praise

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack commended Patterson for his work and McCotter's efforts in obtaining tax dollars for the Canton Township Downtown Development Authority, and complimented Patterson's opposition to excessive aircraft noise due to the Willow Run Airport expansion.

"He'll be there for us," Yack said.

Patterson, now in his second term as county commissioner, was first elected in November 1994. In 1996, he ran unopposed for re-election.

Patterson currently serves as vice chair of the commission's Public Safety & Judiciary Committee and the Veterans Affairs subcommittee. He serves as a member of the Committee on


Bruce Patterson

Roads, Airports and Public Services and Ways and Means Committee.

Prior to his election, Patterson served on the staff of Eastern Michigan University for three years where he was the director of planned giving. Before he joined the EMU staff, he practiced law for 20 years.

Patterson highlighted several areas he would like to tackle if elected:

■ Moving legislation to elevate the legal status of townships to "home rule" cities. Townships also need to be empowered, while federal and state mandates should be funded by those respective sources, Patterson said.

■ Legislation fixing poor roads and permitting local control of roads for townships.

■ House bills revising the current solid waste site planning process by giving potential host communities the option to host a landfill and a mechanism to control interstate waste through a host community agreement. "As a county commissioner for the 11th District, I have more landfills than any other county commissioner in the state of Michigan," Patterson said.

■ Tax issues, namely allowing for revenue sharing for communities from state and property taxes imposed on telephone and telegraph companies, and inflation-indexed personal exemptions in the income tax code.

■ Bennett's bill to provide for local control of certain taxes collected, allowing for communities to receive these revenue rather than the state to be shipped to counties, "where they slip and slide around depending on the county executive's fancy and political whim," Patterson said.

Patterson also used the occasion to highlight his county accomplishments, namely an ordinance prohibiting anyone from falsifying identification of public utility employees, and a parental responsibility ordinance for actions of juveniles within their care.

Aiming barbs

The county commissioner criticized County Executive Ed McNamara and Assistant County Executive Mike Duggan for "subjugation and oppression and reprisals and retaliation" imposed on his district's residents. Patterson and Yack have debated with Wayne County officials over the availability and use of road money.

Patterson supports home rule. "Local control is the guiding principle. The government closest to the people is the best government."

Patterson said "too many laws restrict law-abiding citizens" of Michigan. As a state representative, he would "attempt to assess whether one or two laws can be eliminated whenever a new one is being enacted."

Patterson expects airport noise, roads, mass transit and the jail millage, particularly money earmarked for juvenile justice, will be hot issues during the remainder of his term. Patterson would not comment on who will run for his county commission seat this year.

An official at the state Bureau of Elections said Tuesday that it had not received any paperwork yet from anyone interested in running for the House seat.

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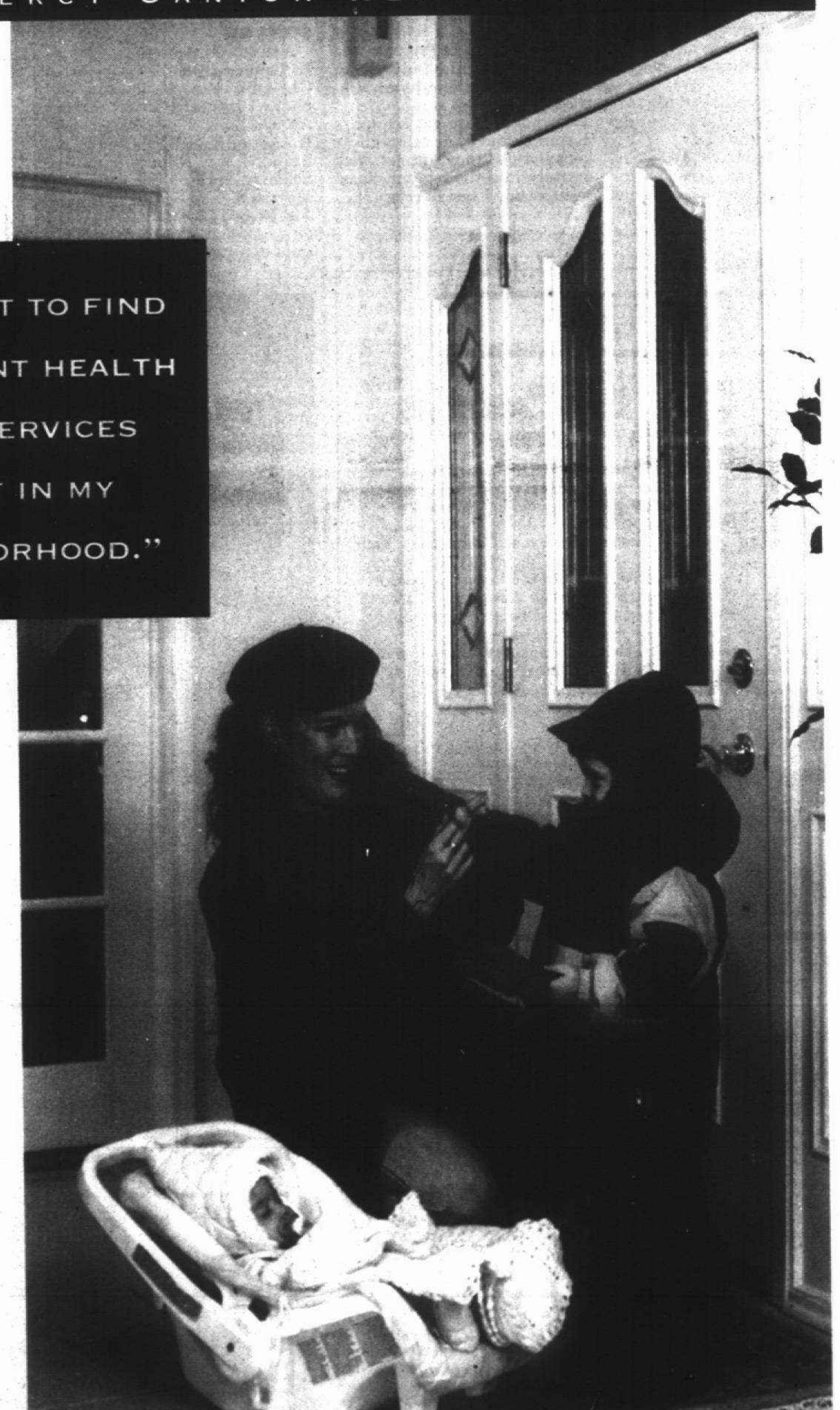

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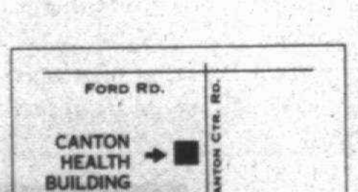

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Achievers, nominees for Hall sought

Nominations are now being sought for both the Canton Hall of Fame and the Community Achiever awards. The annual awards program is in its seventh year and is open to both individuals and community groups.

Nomination forms for both Hall of Fame and Community Achiever awards are now available for residents or community supporters at the Canton Administration Building, the Canton Public Library and the Canton Chamber of Commerce office. The nomination deadline is Feb. 13. The forms are also available by calling the supervisor's office at 397-5381.

Hall of Fame honors go to individuals who have made a long-time, long-lasting contribution to the Canton community, while Community Achiever awards recognize those individuals or groups who have brought attention to Canton as a result of a special or outstanding achievement in 1997. These contributions or achievements cannot be a result of the individual's employment.

The winners will be honored during a special afternoon awards reception at the Summit on the Park community center on Sunday, March 15.

Stempien named to S'craft board

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

A local community college once served as an important academic stepping stone for Gregory Stempien.

The Northville resident and Livonia attorney attended Henry Ford Community College many years ago, because, he admits, he wasn't quite ready academically for the University of Michigan-Dearborn and later the Detroit College of Law.

"If it wasn't for a community college, I probably wouldn't have received my law degree," Stempien said.

But Stempien's respect and regard for community colleges and his community involvement helped Schoolcraft trustees decide Saturday to choose Stempien, 57, to fill a vacancy on the college's board of trustees.

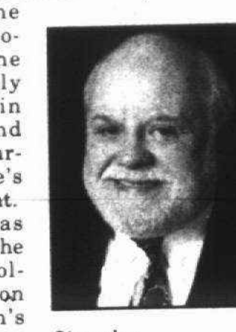
"I think he will be a tremendous consensus builder, and he models that in his involvement in the community," said Patricia Watson, board president. "He understands the mission of the community college, he's a product of the community college, and he's been successful as an attorney.

"We had a tough decision. Everyone we interviewed I would have been comfortable with on the board."

Stempien's background

Stempien was raised in Dearborn, and later attended Henry Ford Community College. He transferred to UM-D, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in 1966. In 1971, he received his juris doctorate from Detroit College of Law.

Stempien's law office is located in Livonia. He was a co-founder and president of the University of Michigan Club of Northville, a member of the Rotary Club, co-chair of the Fourth of July Parade in Northville and volunteered during Northville's Easter Egg Hunt.


Stempien

Stempien has contributed to the Schoolcraft College Foundation and Women's Resource Center. Stempien's wife, Jeanne, is a former Schoolcraft trustee and now a Wayne County circuit judge.

Prior to his selection, Stempien told trustees he believed a trustee should work for a consensus, which he has experienced in resolving legal disputes as a mediator and an arbitrator. He also cited his financial experience in his legal practice.

"I also run a business. No matter what kind of service you provide, you need money and you need a budget," Stempien said.

Stempien told trustees he believed HFCC was "very good academically."

"I thought Henry Ford was more difficult than U of M," Stempien said. "My grades actually improved at U of M." Stempien said he took remedial classes at HFCC. Not every child at 17 is ready for college, Stempien said. "I, at 18, was not," he said.

Boon to clients

Stempien said he promotes Schoolcraft's Women's Resource Center with clients, particularly those going through a divorce. He also takes cooking classes in the Continuing Education program.

When asked what improvements were needed at the college, Stempien said maintaining academic quality should be a top priority of the board. "I think that it sets a tone for the overall college."

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When asked what he believed was the top issue facing trustees, Stempien said, "We don't need to create new programs, but just continue to improve current programs."

Stempien said he would run for trustee next year.

"I don't see anything I would get out of this, other than putting something back in the community. (Being a trustee) is a lot of hard work. It isn't just simply one meeting a month."

Stempien called the appointment "an honor."

"I look at it as giving back to the community and use what I know from being a part of that community. I have no political agenda, I have no political philosophy and I don't have any personal agenda except what we tackle as a board."

Stempien was expected to be sworn into office last night (Wednesday) during the board meeting.

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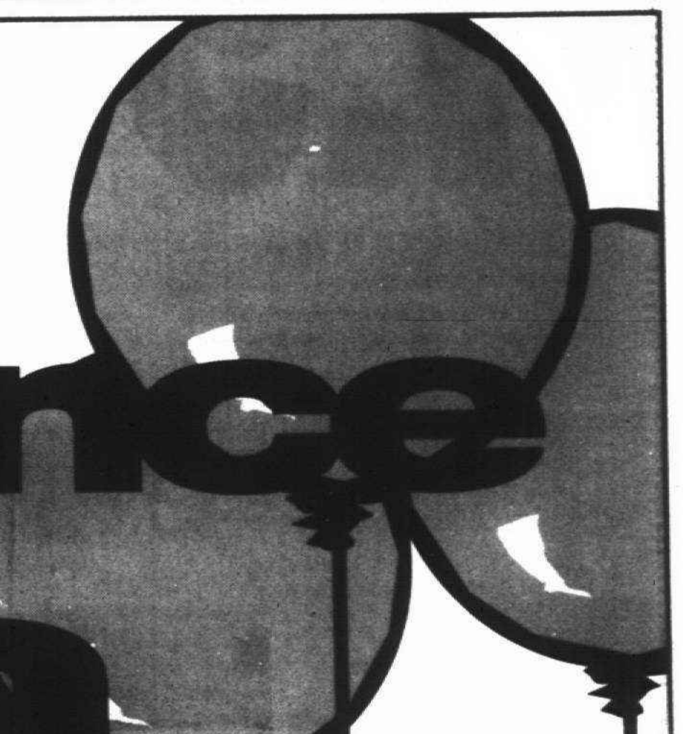

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progress," said Kathy Wixson, professor and associate dean of education at the University of Michigan, who helped develop the current MEAP reading assessment. "It's meant as a large scale assessment, not to be used in a large stakes political environment. I really hope it will stimulate a lot of good instruction."

Accreditation factor

However, Wixson does admit that today's "MEAP tests are tied to accreditation of schools ... and puts pressure on students, parents, teachers and administrators. It's become a high stakes test, and some districts do ugly things, like drilling, to raise test scores."

However, according to educators in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, there's no need to drill, or practice, testing beforehand.

"Our curriculum is aligned with the state curriculum, which is where the MEAP comes from," said Superintendent Charles Little. "If we teach the curriculum, then the kids should do well."

"In general, we make sure our curriculum is in line with state guidelines," said Verna Anible, district director of instruction. "We have test-taking strategies ... like telling students to read all questions thoroughly, read all the alternatives and don't give up."

Anible agrees with most others, that MEAP tests, while important, are just a piece of the educational puzzle. The curriculum is set districtwide, and the results can be dissected at individual schools.

"We can break it down to see what areas need better teaching," said Anible. "Not just the curriculum, but the kinds of teaching, the presentation."

"MEAP tests used to be basic skills," added Anible. "Now, they're essential skills, a much higher level of thinking."

Concerning last year's scores, Anible said science in particular could be improved. Writing scores were very good last year, she said. Math and reading are adequate, with room for improvement.

"That's what education is all about, striving for improvement," she said.

Full advantage

"It used to be that we were responsible for offering an education program, and some took advantage of it better than others," recalled Anible. "Now, it's our responsibility to make sure that every person takes full advantage of what we have to offer."

And, that can be a challenge, especially with more competing activities these days for time and attention which can take away from time spent doing homework.

"I think it's a good measure to look at within our district, but I don't think it's good to compare with other communities," said Peggy Brooks, Miller Elementary School principal. "It's a good measurement to look at with district teachers, to share information on how to teach better, so all children will get a good, strong education."

Like the old adage of not buying a car built on a Monday or Friday, the same holds true for MEAP testing.

"We don't test on Monday, coming off the weekend," said Brooks. "We don't give MEAP tests on Friday, the students are too tired."

Anible suggested there are a few things parents can do to help improve their child's scores.

■ Make sure students are in school on a regular basis so they don't miss group activities related to the MEAP tests.

■ Students should have a good night's sleep.

■ Make certain children eat a good breakfast.

■ Talk to your children about the importance of the test, but assure them so they aren't overly concerned.

Wixson notes that while the MEAP tests are a good measure, parents should also be asking school districts to prove what they claim.

"Parents need to ask questions, see if the school district can describe its curriculum, and then show you an example of students' work to show achievement along the way," said Wixson.

Little says he's not concerned about the importance Realtors, parents and community leaders put on the MEAP scores.

"I don't have any issues with it, this is just one way to assess," said Little. "We take the tests seriously, and expect to have better results than last year."

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The Observer Newspaper Group of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers has been honored with eight awards in the 1997 Suburban Newspapers of America Editorial Contest.

The Plymouth Observer took first place in Class A for "Best Breaking News" for the story on the 35th District courthouse fire. Plymouth Editor Joanne Maliszewski coordinated the coverage. Photos were taken by Bill Bresler and stories were written by Renee Skoglund and Joanne Maliszewski.

The Wayne County editions of the Observer also took first place in "Best Young People's Coverage" for "Life in the Sixth Grade," a story and photo project on students in local Observer towns. Staff members working on the project included Matt Jachman, Tammie Graves, Tom Hawley, C.J. Risak, Christina Fuoco and Steve Kowalski. It was coordinated by Canton Editor Tedd Schneider.

Another award for the sixth-grade project went to Tom Hawley, who took first place in "Best Feature Photo Story or Series" a category for "Derek's Day," a series of photographs on the day in the life of a sixth-grader.

The Livonia and Westland editions took a second place for Best Sports Section. Brad Emons is the sports editor.

Photographer Tom Hawley received a second place in the Best News Photo category for "Clinton Rally," which appeared in the Garden City Observer.

Photographer Bryan Mitchell received a third place in the "Best Feature Photo Story or Series" category for a front page picture entitled "Festival," which appeared in the Westland Observer.

The Farmington Observer took third place in the "Best Local Election" category and a second place in "Best Coverage of Local Education/School District Issues" for its "Back to School" series.

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On guard

His mission stretches beyond safe crossing for Allen students

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Bill Thomas was hired 5 years ago to be the crossing guard at Edna Allen Elementary School in Plymouth, for one hour in the morning and another hour in the afternoon.

However, to the people who teach there, the mothers who spend time there, and the kids who cross paths with him, Bill Thomas is not your average crossing guard.

"Bill keeps an eye on the parking lot, keeps the traffic flowing, helps kids out of their cars, scrapes windshields for teachers, and puts the flag up and down," said James Burt, Allen School principal. "He's much more than a crossing guard to us."

He certainly is, as he maintains control of one of the most congested parking lots in the district.

"Bill is the guardian angel of the Allen School parking lot," proclaims MaryLou Garcia, a mom who appreciates someone watching over the children. "He watches the kids very closely, makes sure they get in their cars, and that the traffic is flowing in the right direction."

Talk to just about any mother at Allen School, and you'll find out Thomas does a lot more than stand in front of the school with a big red stop sign, halting traffic so kids can cross a busy and dangerous Haggerty Road.

"Bill cares about the kids and their safety, and how they are behaving," said Deborah Maloni, an Allen teacher. "He cleans off our cars when it's snowing, and in the morning when I come in he helps me with packages.

"He also comes to the evening activities to support the kids," continued Maloni. "He wants them to know there are other people who care about them besides their parents."

Another mom recalls Bill's big heart.

"There was one family in the community who didn't have any food or clothing, and Bill helped us when we were gathering items for them," she recalled. "He's a real special guy. He helps in little ways no one even knows about."

Thomas attended classes in the district, and was taught by the school's namesake, Edna Allen, who was his 11th grade English teacher. He has five grown children, all of whom went to school in the Plymouth-Canton district.

Thomas worked for 27-years as a salesman for Sears, until retiring at age 62. Thirteen years later he began working at Allen, saying he "just wanted something to do, and besides it pays ok."

He's always got his eye on the lot, looking for children who may stray in harms way. He's also a favorite of those who drive by, waving to the many who honk their horns at the familiar face they see each day.

"The main reason I like this job is because the kids are great, the faculty is great and the administration is great," said Bill. I enjoy the kids."

"I go to some of the activities when I can, like Christmas parties and graduation," commented Bill. I probably don't know ten names out of the whole school, but when I see them here I take an interest in them."

And that is verified by many students, including junior high pupils who are dropped off by bus at Allen and cross Haggerty Road with his help.

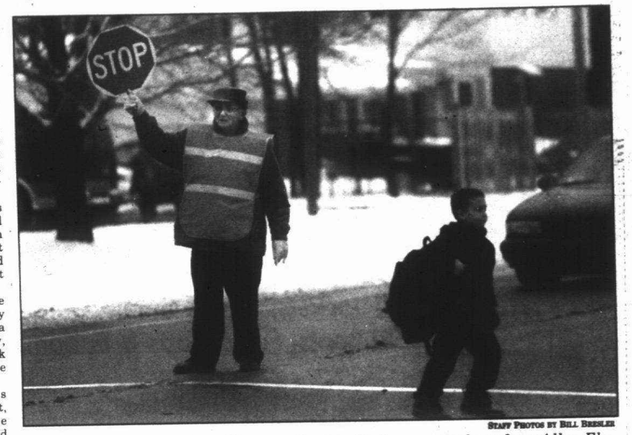
"I've known him for a few years and he's so nice," said Kristin Teefey, 12, of Plymouth. "He asks us how we're doing and how school is."

"He's really, really nice," confirms Jessica Shantz, 11, also of Plymouth. "He asks us about our classes and says 'Happy Holidays.'"

While Bill likes to downplay his part at Allen School, one only has to hear him say "I consider them my kids" to know he has a heart of gold.

Theo Igrisan, a parent of two Allen students, expressed the sentiments of most at Allen.

"Bill's a sweetie, we'll keep him."



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Full stop: *Bill Thomas stops Haggerty Road traffic to cross students from Allen Elementary School.*

Health care *from page A1*

education and medical care, said Sally Bailey, the site administrator.

"We're going to be inundated with things about staying healthy," she said in describing the Ann Arbor-based health provider's mission of "improving the health of the people we serve."

This veritable flood of information and education will range from the commonplace, like signs over drinking fountains explaining why drinking eight glasses of water daily is necessary, to the unusual, such as a host of high-tech, hands-on displays.

To be located in the building's lower level and scheduled for unveiling next January, the 3,500-square-foot Interactive Health Education Center will be Michigan's first – only about 29 others exist in the U.S. – and is expected to draw visitors from across the state.

"We're hoping to become the field trip of choice," said Bailey, noting that the building offers easy parking of school buses nearest the interactive center.

According to Cheryl McInerney, center coordinator, the state-of-the art exhibits in it will help both children and adults learn about various body systems and even where food goes after it's eaten.

Using audio-visual equipment and three-dimensional exhibits built into the walls, visitors will learn body systems, fetal development, drug abuse and prevention and even environmental issues.

A highlight will be an interactive walk-through digestive tract exhibit in which kids will learn what a polyp is and while seeing how food is either absorbed for energy or excreted as waste.

Another exhibit, planned for the second-floor balcony area overlooking the building's atrium, will feature a wall-mounted cutaway of an automobile teaching how to lift heavy grocery bags from the trunk.

The ear-nose question from the youngster came, said Bailey, as St. Joseph representatives were visiting Canton students, school officials and parents to gauge community interest in, and support for, locating the proposed learning center here.

The boy's question was natural enough, she says: "The No. 1 reason kids visit urgent care is ear infections."

McInerney says the ear was made possible through a $250,000 grant from Care Choices HMO. The gift is part by St. Joseph to fund the interactive learning center and other educational facilities in the building.

For additional information, contact Bailey or McInerney at (734) 398-7508.

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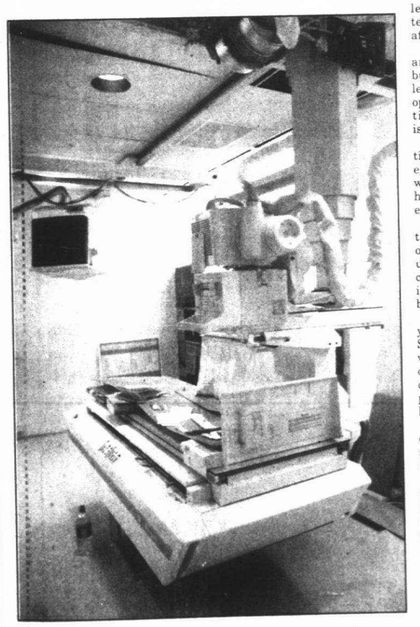

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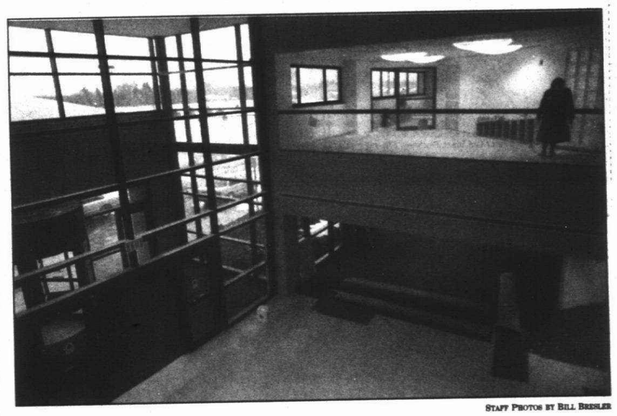

STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER

More space: *The lobby features an atrium.*

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to expand the number of doctors available in Canton. Some 21 primary care physicians, oncologists, cardiologists, allergists, orthopedists and other specialists from the Ann Arbor hospital will have offices in the new building.

The new facility will also include health specialists, services and educational programs for women of all ages.

In addition, there will also be classrooms for health education presentations, a community room available at no charge to the public and a cafe called "Eatz."

One thing it won't have, says Bailey, is television in the lobby's waiting area for those who have brought patients to urgent care, radiation or the labs.

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Instead, pagers will be handed out to encourage people to visit the new health education learning exhibits and, eventually, the new learning center on the lower level.

An open house for the entire community is scheduled for 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 29.

Children will be able to walk through and play in the interactive ear and free health screenings, health information, entertainment, refreshments and giveaways will be offered.

Bailey expressed gratitude to the community and the SJMHS community advisory council for the support she and SJMHS has received.

"We look forward to working with area schools to help increase students' health awareness," she said.

CAMPUS NOTES

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

DEAN'S LIST

The following students from Canton have earned a spot on the fall dean's list at Schoolcraft College: Todd Michael Allen, Colleen Lynn Atkinson, John Robert Austin, Sheri Mae Ayala, Kanwaldeep S. Bagri, Gretchen Marie Baisch, Jamie Paul Benner, Allison Faye Berczel, Sharon J. Black, Jessica Rayner Bonno, Corey Thomas Brake, Shelly Dawn Brown, Amy Nicole Brzezinski, Becky E. Case, Collin Bryan Cherry, Benjamin Welden Davidson, Rachna Dhungra, Grant Albert Dziadzio, Elizabeth Jean Erickson, Kelly Ann Eva, Tricia Louise Finnerty, Amber Leigh Forsyth, Kristina N. Frazer, James G. Gasparotto, Ashwinkumar Nanjibhai Ghelani, Nicole Maria Gismondi, Katherine Carr Gothard, Holly L. Gradykocher, Jacqueline Marie Hamric, Chad T. Harris, Tina Louise Hein, Margie K. Hemmelgarn, Joshua Rodger Hillard, Olivia Christine Hubel, Derek Marcus Kaunelis, Carla M. Kittler, Frank Leroy Knapp, Aini Maryam Mahfooz, Michele Renee Mizzi, Leslie Paige Moore, Todd Darryl Morrow, Marianne Mulloy, Jennifer Dianda Nowacki, Cesar Augusto Perez, Patricia Emily Persechini, Janelle Lynn Pomaranski, Ristenka Prnarova, Tali Leah Raphael, Faisal Rasheed, Jayne Marie Roberts, Scott M. Robichaud, Steven H. Rosenberg, Philip Thomas Rugenski, Timothy Michael Schantz, Melinda Anne Achneider, Kimberly Anne Schoening, Cynthia Nicole Schubert, Timothy Michael Schultz, Susan M. Scott, Lisa Claudette Shoemaker, Andreas Sigg, Victoria Anne Smith, Patricia Ann Spencer, Anita Ourania Stamatopoulos, Scott Whitney Stevens, Jennifer C. Stewart, Casey Lee Swanson, Jason Matthew Tallant, Joshua Michael Thompson, Mandy Marie Tuma, Matthew Jay Whittaker, Kristen Michelle Whyde, Jennifer Ann Wills, Jamie Dianne Wishart, Mark Andrew Wolf, and Harriet A. Woodby.

The following students from Plymouth earned a spot on the fall Dean's List at Schoolcraft College: Christopher Dean Allen, Dylan Blake Balluff, Julia Marie Bedford, Jill Elizabeth Bida, Joan Terreault Blackley, Scott David Carey, John I. Cranford, Melissa Joy Davis, Jonathan Russell Dekiere, Melissa Dawn Draplin, Phillip Anthony Galofaro, David Bradley Gay, Robert William Hallerman, Jeffery A. Harris Jr., Tani M. Herdell, ANdrew J. Jones, Anamaria Christina Kananen, Marisa C. Lesko, Shannon Marie McElearney, Rebecca Sue Muessig, Cory R. Mullen, Noris Josefina Perez, Willy J. Randow, Michelle Ann Ruth, Michael Kevin Schenk, Jason M. Schultz, Tracy A. Steffes, Sarah Nicole Swieczkowski, Deanna Raye Uribe, Laura Beth Uribe, Danita Christine Weber, Amber Lynn Wells, and Kevin William Zepp.

Jodi M. Werman, daughter of David and Lina Werman of Plymouth has been named to the Dean's list for fall semester at Concordia University, St. Paul. werman is a freshman at Concordia.

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Korean veterans get medals some 50 years late

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Tears of joy flowed recently as family and friends watched 10 members of Naval Patrol Squadron 731 accept the Distinguished Flying Cross, the highest aviation honor bestowed by the U.S. Navy.

The honors came nearly 50 years after the squadron's outstanding performance in Korea.

William Peterson

Michael McDonnell

William Peterson of Livonia, Michael McDonnell of Farmington Hills, Raymond DeGroote of West Bloomfield, Pete Giorio of Allen Park and John Reardon of Grosse Pointe Farms were among then Michigan men who received medals Jan. 18 during an emotional ceremony in Livonia's Herc's Leather Bottle.

In addition, squadron members from California, Tennessee, Florida and Arizona traveled to Livonia for the special program which recognized the forgotten Naval Reserve Squadron that served during the Korean Conflict.

The men, now in their late 60s and 70s, finally received medals they earned while serving in Korea during the early 1950s.

Patrol Squadron 731 was Naval Reserve unit that drilled at Naval Air Station Grosse Ile in the late 1940s. The squadron was recalled to active duty in September 1950 and reported to Korea in January 1951. The squadron returned in August 1951 and received no recognition at the time, although the active duty squadron which preceded them received Distinguished Flying Crosses, Air Medals and gold stars in lieu of second and third air medals.

The squadron deployed again in 1952 and this time members were given awards as they were earned. The unit was redesignated VP-48 in February 1953.

'Forgotten war'

"Some call the Korean Conflict the forgotten war and you could say these men were the forgotten squadron," said Commander Gary Dye, commanding officer of Navy Recruiting District Michigan, during the awards presentation.

Peterson, who hadn't seen some of the men gathered in the room since 1952 in Korea, said it was a joy just being with these people again. His medal, earned for completing 37 flights from Feb. 8, 1951, to Aug. 5, 1951, in Korea, was a bonus.

"It's something I didn't expect," he said.

As for any bitterness for having to wait almost five decades to finally get the medal, Peterson said: "I didn't give it much thought. With working and so on it didn't give me much time to think about it."

Farmington Hills resident Michael McDonnell said he had "a great feeling of accomplishment.

"We were called out for active duty against our will, but that's what we were training for and we really can't complain," said McDonnell.

The Korean Conflict was a three-year police action that was officially over in July 1953.

Special honor: *The award came nearly 50 years late, but members of Patrol Squadron 731 received their Distinguished Flying Crosses in a special ceremony Jan. 18. Commander Gary Dye (top from left) made the presentation. Honorees are (from left) Frank Phillips, Fallbrook, Calif.; Pete Giorio, Allen Park; Michael McDonnell, Farmington Hills; Andrew Yancey, Memphis, Tenn.; John Doyle, Sarasota, Fla.; (bottom from left) John Reardon, Grosse Pointe Farms; Raymond DeGroote, West Bloomfield; Charles Lipari, Peoria, Ariz; Robert Backmer, Whittier, Calif;. and William Peterson, Livonia. An old photo (below) was a reminder of the squadron in 1951.*

American troops fought to defend South Korea from communist invasion when North Korea crossed the 38th Parallel.

"The 46-year delay in presenting these awards in no way diminishes their values or significance," said Dye.

"These awards recognize the dangers and challenges you faced, and the achievement you made during those arduous months you spent in Korea," added Dye.

Special effort

Many of the men in Squadron 731 left family, friends and jobs to take part in the war. Hope was fading that they would ever see the medals, until crew members Andrew Yancey, who now lives in Memphis, Tenn., and Bill Masser of Detroit made sure they weren't forgotten. Masser previously received an Air Medal with two gold stars.

Many rounds of applause and a standing ovation during the ceremony showed a tremendous outpouring of gratitude for their work.

Their diligence included an eight-year period when Yancey compiled 491 pages of painstaking documentation. He overcame setbacks in a tireless effort to

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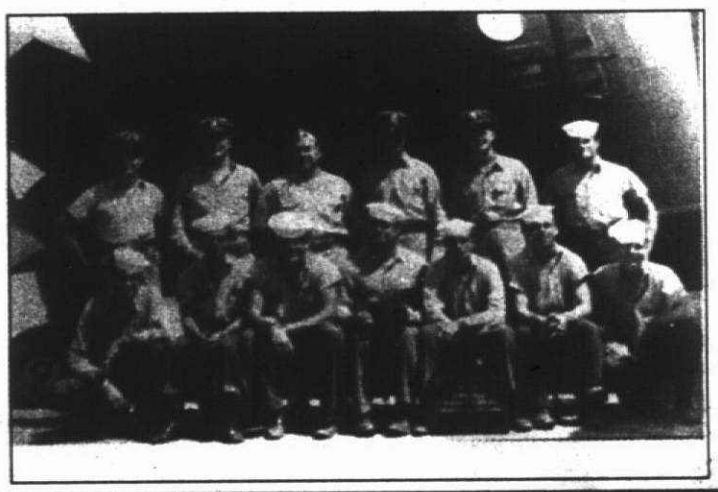

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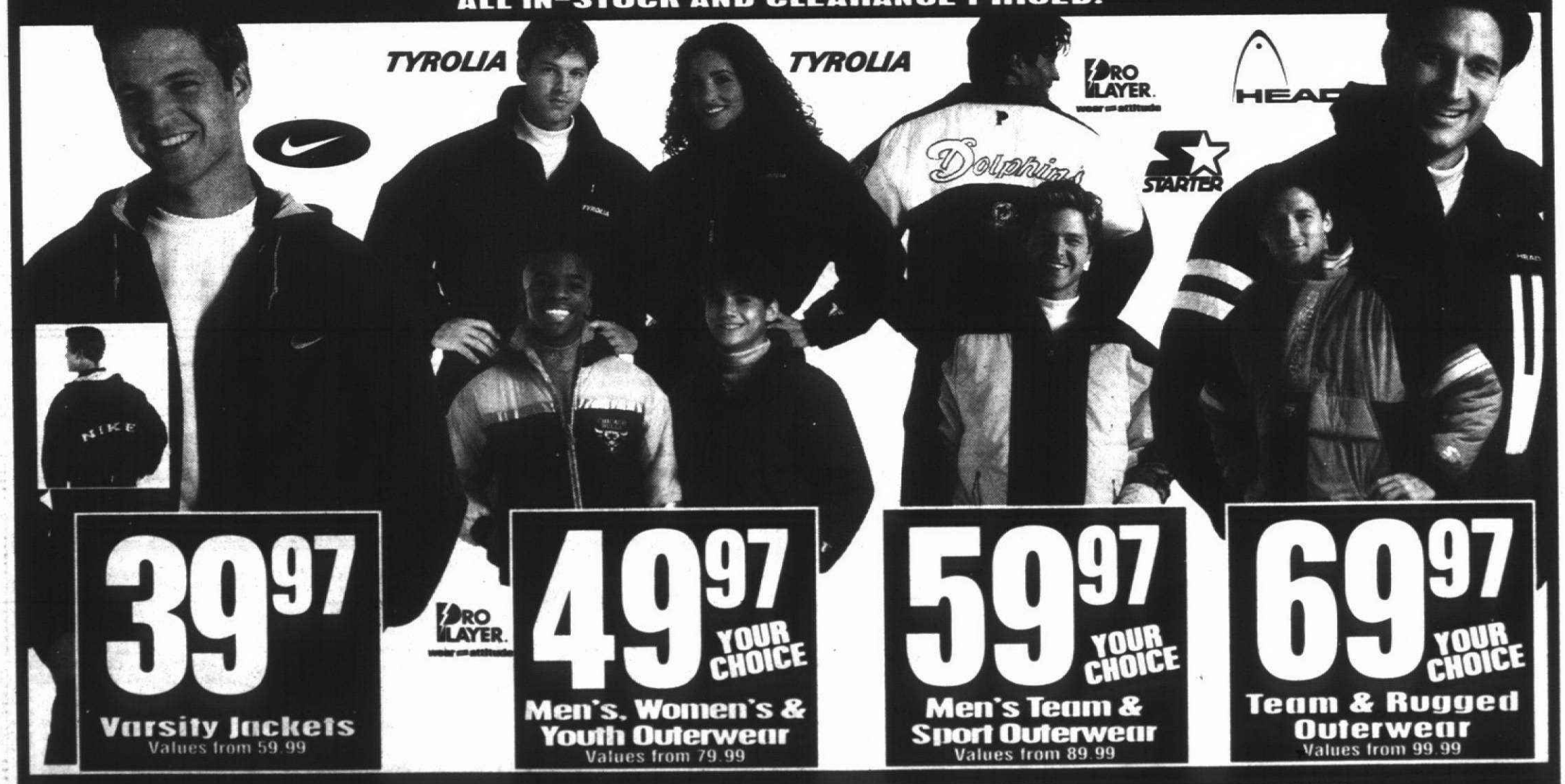

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Wayne-Westland to offer school choice in '98-'99

Wayne-Westland Community Schools will offer district residents a schools of choice program for the 1998-99 school year.

The schools of choice program gives parents the opportunity to move their child from one school to another within the boundaries of the school district provided there is room available in the school.

Transportation to and from the school of choice must be provided by the parent or legal guardian.

School district residents who would like their child to attend a school other than their school of residency must submit a 1998-99 schools of choice application.

These applications will be available in every Wayne-Westland school by Friday, Feb. 6.

Applications for middle school and high school students will be accepted in the Pupil Accounting Office at the Board of Education, 36745 Marquette Road, Westland, through March 6, 1998.

■ The schools of choice program gives parents the opportunity to move their child from one school to another within the boundaries of the school district provided there is room available in the school.

Applications for elementary school students will be accepted in the Pupil Accounting Office between March 9 and April 9, 1998.

If more students apply for a grade/building than there are openings, a random selection process will be used to select students. The names of students not selected at this time will be placed on a waiting list for the 1998-99 school year.

Current schools of choice students must reapply to remain eligible for the program next school year.

After the deadlines, applications will be accepted until Sept. 16, 1998, at the school the parent/guardian would like the child to attend. These names will be added to the waiting lists on a first-come, first-served basis.

Building principals will use the waiting lists to notify qualified students of an opening. Building principals will be allowed to place schools of choice students only until Oct. 9, 1998. No schools of choice placements will be made after this date.

A schools of choice student will be moved back to his/her home school if an overcrowding situation occurs within the first 10 weeks of the school year. After 10 weeks, the student will be permitted to remain in the school of choice for the remainder of the school year.

HomeTown taps vice president

By Larry Paladino
Staff Writer

Jeanne Towar, a familiar and active figure in the publishing industry in southeast Michigan for nearly 40 years, will join HomeTown Communications Network as its vice president-editorial, effective March 2.

"Jeanne has had a long and outstanding career in newspaper publishing," said Richard Aginian, president of HomeTown Communications. "I am pleased that she will be joining us. She will be invaluable in contributing to the continued success of our corporation."

HomeTown, formerly called Suburban Communications Corp., publishes community newspapers, local telephone directories and specialty publications in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. It also provides Internet services. The Livonia-based company's holdings include both the Observer and the Eccentric newspapers.

Towar has worked as a consultant for the company the last two years on a variety of special projects. They included service as interim publisher of three newspapers in the company's Lansing Community Newspapers division and also in the 11 papers in its Cincinnati Community Press division.

"I am delighted at the prospect of working for this company," said Towar, who was publisher and vice president of The Daily Tribune in Royal Oak when it was owned by Ingersoll Publications. After leaving there in 1989 she joined Crain Communications where she became marketing director and was promoted to vice president in 1992.

"Community journalism is my first love," Towar said. "HomeTown Communications does very well at that and I'm excited to be part of it."

Her career at Crain's included serving as publisher of Detroit Monthly magazine. She founded Crain's Detroit Custom Publishing Division.

"She'll make a significant contribution to our newspapers," said John Reddy, who is retiring as vice president-editorial and publisher emeritus of The Eccentric in Birmingham. "Her background in newspapers and magazines makes her sensitive to the importance of editorial content and the success of any publication."

Towar's newspaper career began in 1959 with Associated Newspapers, which included the Wayne Eagle and Garden City Guardian-Review. She was the classified manager when she left there in 1965 to join The Daily Sentinel in Utica, part of the Times Herald Corp.

From there she went to The Macomb Daily in 1971 as a sales representative, rising to advertising director in 1981. During her time there she took a leave of absence to serve as an administrative officer of The Newspaper Guild of Detroit, 1978-80.

Towar was elected to a six-year term on the Oakland Community College board in June 1996. She currently is interim executive director of the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce. She is a member of Rotary International, Royal Oak Historical Society, AdCraft Club of Detroit and has been involved in projects with the Salvation Army, Haven, Boys & Girls Club of South Oakland, Stagecrafters, the Oakland Community College Foundation, SEMCOG and Women's Economic Club.

OBITUARIES

CHARLES S. CHANDLER

Services for Charles S. Chandler, 91, of Livonia, formerly of Plymouth, Rochester and Sylvan Lake, were held Jan. 28 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating.

Mr. Chandler was born on June 16, 1906, in Glen Ellen, Ill. He died on Jan. 25 in Livonia.

He was the owner/broker at Pontiac General Underwriters from 1960-1985. He was a graduate of Detroit College of Law and also earned an engineering degree in Chicago. He was a member of the Elks of Pontiac and the American Legion in Pontiac. He was also a veteran of World War II.

He was preceded on death by his wife, Cleofe. His survivors include his two sons, Charles (Elaine) of Livonia, John of Chicago, Ill.; three grandchildren, Catherine, Carrie and Charles M.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

ROBERT ANTHONY "TONY" RONELLI

Services for Robert Anthony "Tony" Ronelli, 51, of Livonia were held on Jan. 27 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Ft. Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Mich.

Mr. Ronelli was born on March 27, 1946, in Hamtramck. He died on Jan. 24 in Livonia.

He was a resident manager of the Plymouth Woods Apartments in Livonia. He grew up on the east side of Detroit and came to the Livonia area six years ago. He was a member of the Vietnam Veterans Chapter No. 154 out of Mount Clemens. He was a former member of the VFW Post in Mount Clemens. He also served two terms of duty in Vietnam. He received the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Marksman Medal (Rifle-M14).

His survivors include his wife, Blanche P. of Livonia; his mother, Julia of Westland; one brother, Mark (Terri) of Westland; three stepchildren, Carmen, Anthony, Dominique; and six step grandchildren.

HAZEL MARIE SPANN

Services for Hazel Marie Spann, 87, of Romulus were held Jan. 22 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland, with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mrs. Spann was born on March 12, 1910, in Vandervoort, Ark. She died on Jan. 18 in Wayne.

Mrs. Spann was a homemaker. Her survivors include her four daughters, Patsy (Daniel) Bumbalough of Romulus, Betty (James) Robertson of Brighton, Jacqueline (John) Summers of Garden City, Peggy (Robert) Mellencamp of Eustis, Fla.; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 721129, Berkley 48072.

IRENE MAY MCCARTNEY

Services for Irene May McCartney, 99, of Farmington Hills, formerly of Plymouth, were held Jan. 24 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating the service. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. McCartney was born on Nov. 27, 1898, in Plymouth. She died on Jan. 23 in Novi.

She worked as a woodcrafter for Daisy Air Rifle for 25 years in Plymouth. She was born in Plymouth in 1898 and lived there her entire life until three years ago when she entered a nursing home. She was a charter member of the Crediteers, and a member of the Senior Citizens Group with Tonquish Manor. She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1917.

Her survivors include her daughter, Barbara J. (Mike) Keller of Farmington Hills; three grandchildren, Dennis Keller of Farmington Hills, Diane Sattler of West Bloomfield, Michael Keller of Taylor; and six grandchildren.

WILLIAM "PAT" HOLLINGSWORTH

Services for William "Pat" Hollingsworth, 77, of Canton were held Jan. 22 at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland with the Rev. Daniel J. Zaleski officiating. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

Mr. Hollingsworth was born on Dec. 23, 1920, in Pocahontas, Ark. He died on Jan. 20 in Canton.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a plastic maker for a office machine manufacturer.

His survivors include his wife, Rosamond E.; three daughters, Diane (Dennis) Allison of Garden City, Judith Pitera of Westland, Nancy (James) Ponkey of Canton; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

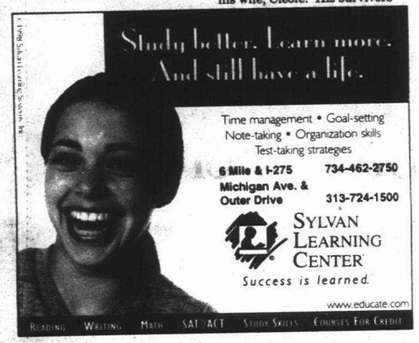
Memorials may be made as Mass offerings to St. Theodore's or the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 721129, Berkley 48072.

ADA W. STARECK

Ada W. Stareck, 88, of Plymouth Township died Jan. 22 in Plymouth. She was born on Sept. 8, 1909, in Cole County, Mo.

She was a homemaker. Her survivors include her husband, Jesse E.; one daughter, Katherine (William) Bartlett; and two grandchildren, Daniel and Michael.

No services were held.



CANTON TOWNSHIP
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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David Medley
ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton
1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(313) 397-5435

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 10:00 a.m., February 12, 1998 for the following:

JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. 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
BUILDING/FIRE BOARD OF APPEALS
FEBRUARY 5, 1998

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 5, 1998 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: Korchak, Paciocco, Pennington, Scramstad, Yessayan

Acceptance of Agenda

1. Consider request from pastor Jeff Ledbetter of Cornerstone Baptist Church, 1545 Ridge Road, for a variance to the fire prevention code, Section F500.7 and F500.8, fire hydrant requirements.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
PUBLIC HEARING

On Thursday, February 19, 1998, at 3:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, the Charter Township of Canton, under the auspices of the Canton CDBG Advisory Council and the Resource Development Division, will hold a public hearing to accept citizen comments and suggestions for the following: First Public Hearing for FY 1998 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Action Plan. The FY 1998 allocation is $423,000. Requests for information may be directed to the Resource Development Division at the address above, (313) 397-5392. If a reasonable accommodation is needed to attend any public meeting, please contact David Medley at (313) 397-5435.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 10:00 a.m., February 12, 1998 for the following:

PURCHASE OF ONE HUNDRED (100) GOLF CARS FOR FELLOWS CREEK GOLF CLUB

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
PUBLIC NOTICE
1998 CDBG FUNDS:
PROPOSED USES AND PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Plymouth is announcing its objectives and possible uses for developing projects using 1998 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To provide benefits directly to persons of low/moderate income, and/or to areas in which at least 43% of the residents are of low/moderate income.
2. To provide benefits to senior citizens.
3. To provide benefits to handicapped citizens.

PROPOSED 1998 PROJECTS:

The City anticipates receiving approximately $61,000 in CDBG funds for 1998 and has identified the following potential projects for use of these funds.

1. Senior Programs:	
a. Senior Citizen Van Driver	$21,000
b. Senior Citizen Van Dispatcher	3,000
c. Senior Citizen Nutrition Program Delivery	3,000
d. Senior Citizen Chore Service	1,500
e. Senior Citizen Newsletter	1,500
	$30,000
2. ADA compliance modifications in public buildings	15,000
3. Old Village Improvements	16,000
TOTAL	$61,000

PUBLIC HEARING:

Citizens are invited to comment on the proposed projects listed above, and to suggest other projects. All projects must meet one of the federal CDBG objectives.

A public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed uses of 1998 CDBG funds and additional suggestions for use of said funds, will be held by the Plymouth City Commission on Tuesday, February 17, 1998, at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, February 5, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

Z-97-14	302 W. Ann Arbor Rd.	Non-Use Variance Requested Sign Area Zoned: B-3, General Business Applicant: Colony Car Wash
Z-98-01	829 Penniman	Non-Use Variance Requested Signs Zoned; B-2, Central Business Applicant: BSVP
Z-98-02	125 S. Harvey	Non-Use Variance Requested Driveway Width Zoned: B-2, Central Business Applicant: Thomas & Patti Kent

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Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170, (313) 453-1234, Ext. 206

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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REAL ESTATE UPDATE

by John Goodman
Coldwell Banker Preferred

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When their last child is married or graduates from college, many couples feel the urge to give up yard work, sell their homes, and become sophisticated city dwellers. They may consider a condominium or a home near theaters, restaurants, museums and other in-town excitement.

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SC board post takes 6 ballots

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College trustees went through six ballots Saturday to select Livonia attorney Gregory Stempien to fill the vacancy on the college's board.

Board President Pat Watson asked the trustees who were their top contenders for the vacancy in a "straw" vote.

Watson, Brian Broderick and Steve Ragan each named Stempien, Bryan Amann of Canton, Harry Greenleaf of Livonia, and John Lynch of Plymouth in "no particular order" of preference. Naming Amann, Lynch and Greenleaf were Richard DeVries, while Carol Strom named Amann, Greenleaf and Stempien; and Mary Breen chose Amann and Stempien.

With those four final candidates, board Secretary Fran Joswiak passed out ballots to the six trustees. Each trustee voted for one finalist and signed each ballot. The process continued until one candidate received four votes.

The first official written vote was a three-way tie, with Amann, Greenleaf and Stempien each receiving two votes. Broderick and Ragan supported Amann; DeVries and Strom backed Greenleaf; Breen and Watson voted for Stempien.

Joswiak had printed each set of ballots on different colored paper for trustees to use. She passed out yellow ballots for the second vote, in which DeVries switched to Amann.

DeVries considered Amann and Greenleaf "equal" candidates. "I felt comfortable voting either way," DeVries said. Strom continued voting for Greenleaf because she believed Greenleaf was the best candidate.

Breen said candidates generally do not return to the college for activities once trustees appoint a new board member, which bothers her, but explained her support for Stempien.

"Greg has been here. Greg won't go away. He will continue to be involved because that's the kind of person he is." Breen never wavered in her support of Stempien.

The next vote found another three-way tie, and was the same as the first vote. Subsequent ballots found Amann obtaining three votes, but never the four-vote minimum.

Finally the sixth ballot found Stempien receiving four votes from Breen, Broderick, Strom and Watson. Ragan and DeVries backed Amann.

Ragan then moved and Breen supported the selection of Stempien to fill the board vacancy.

Strom said the caliber and qualifications of the candidates were a real tribute to the college. She said later she switched from Greenleaf when she realized she would not get four votes.

Another trustee who switched was Broderick. Amann and Stempien were "equally qualified," he said. Broderick switched because "Stempien has a presence in the community, and has been active at Schoolcraft College for a number of years," Broderick said.

Others interviewed

Trustees also interviewed Amann, Greenleaf and Ken Harb that morning.

Amann, an attorney at a Livonia firm and a former county commissioner representing Canton, and assistant county executive, told trustees he believed it was an exciting time at the college and in western Wayne County, particularly along I-96, I-275 and M-14.

"As a county commissioner, I was amazed at some of the things going on in your own back yard." Amann hoped to expand on the college's relationship with local businesses and industries. "One part of the (trustee) job is preparing people for the rest of their life," Amann said.

Amann cited the Women's Resource Center, Business Development Center and police and fire training as some of the college's assets. Amann called Canton an "underutilized asset" for the college, but quickly added that the entire district needed to be utilized as a resource.

Greenleaf, a director of college transfer programs for the College of Engineering and Science at University of Detroit-Mercy and an industry adviser consultant at the University of Michigan, served as a Schoolcraft trustee from 1977-95. He worked for 36 years at Ford Motor Co. in specialist, supervisory and managerial positions in engineering, human resources management, education and training.

Greenleaf said he wanted to serve again because he was committed to public service.

Harb, a vice president of investments with Prudential Securities and Livonia resident, said trustees should work together with administrators and teaching staff to reach goals in the mission statement.

"We're the board of directors of a multi-million dollar corporation," Harb said.

Harb suggested the college should promote evening and weekend programs to enhance revenue, as overhead costs for these programs remain constant. Harb believed the college should provide programs at satellite campuses "if the economics were right."

Veterans from page A9

prove that he and other members of his squadron completed the missions and were deserving of the DFC.

It was even questioned whether Squadron 731 was ever in Korea. Using the Internet, the federal Freedom of Information Act, countless long distance phone calls, numerous ribbons for his printer and every military contact he could muster, Yancey succeeded in convincing the Navy that these men were overlooked.

"This squadron is like a family," Yancey said. "It's been a labor of love."

He gives credit to Masser for starting the effort with a letter writing campaign in 1979. "All I've done is assist," Yancey said.

Together, they learned that the squadron of 278 men earned 43 air medals, 72 gold stars and 14 DFC medals. Only the men in the squadron who could find their flight books to prove they had flown the missions had the necessary documentation to get the medal.

Tide turns

The tide began to turn in 1997 when Congress passed an act to waive the time limitation and the National Defense Authorization Act was signed into law by President Bill Clinton and finally these men were remembered for their heroism.

Family members at the ceremony were obviously proud. Fern Ray of Westland explained that she attends annual squadron meetings to represent her late husband, William, the squadron's executive officer, who died in 1971.

"He would be so happy to see this if he were here today," Ray said. "Can you believe how long it's taken them to get these medals?"

The delay didn't diminish the effects of the medal for those who received them.

Ray DeGroote of West Bloomfield said: "I feel humbled considering the fact that I'm among many of the others who got the medals and to be included among them."

It's still a mystery why receiving the medals took so long. "We really didn't know why we didn't get the medal," Masser said.

Bob Blackmer traveled from California to receive his medal. "This is a big thing as far as we're concerned. It's 46 years too late and no one can figure out why."

One explanation was that their commanding officer was supposed to submit the required paperwork, but he was killed in an airplane accident after returning to the U.S. For some reason the paperwork was never completed.

On Sunday, the men were much more elated than embittered. "I enjoy bringing these people together," Masser said. "It makes me feel good that it's finally happening. It should have happened in 1952."

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Ice time

Arena deal deserves close look

■ Demand for local ice by the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association, figure skating clubs and others remains strong. But questions linger about how long a hockey "boom" can continue and what the saturation point is for ice arenas in any geographic area.

Negotiations are under way that could result in a new ice arena for Canton. The project sounds like a good idea – especially for hundreds of area hockey parents clamoring for more ice time west of I-275 – with a few major provisos.

The tentative deal being worked out by Canton officials and a yet-to-be-identified developer is apparently a kind of public/private partnership in which the township would swap land for an arena to be built by the developer and managed by a private company.

The 20-acre site in question is on the east side of Haggerty, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer, and is worth an estimated $2 million.

At this point, a privately-managed facility is preferable to a building operated with general fund or other taxpayer dollars. Operation of The Summit, which has yet to break into the black, is already on the township books and with operating costs of $1.9 million already constitutes a large share of Canton's recreation budget.

An informal study by a residents' committee estimated the cost of land acquisition and construction for an arena at $7 million in 1996. So presumably, Canton taxpayers would come out ahead if costs are limited to giving up township-owned land in exchange for construction of the facility.

Demand for local ice by the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association, figure skating clubs and others remains strong. But questions linger about how long a hockey "boom" can continue and what the saturation point is for ice arenas in any geographic area. Will a Canton arena be able to hold its own with new arenas in nearby Plymouth Township, Farmington Hills and possible construction of one in Novi?

So Supervisor Tom Yack's comment last week that the project "goes beyond ice" and any facility will have to be capable of hosting other recreational uses makes sense to us. The test though is to find other uses that are practical, in demand by the public and can generate revenue.

Which brings us to our final point. The land deal and arena plans deserve a full public hearing before township officials give the go-ahead for the project. Negotiations have so far been conducted in private sessions between township officials and the developer and updates to the board of trustees have taken place in closed meetings, all legal under Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

Yack has said a proposal could be submitted to the board in February. The Observer hopes the administration and board members make every attempt to fully disclose details of the proposal to the public and allow for sufficient input before any action is taken.

Anything less would be a disservice to the very people the arena is intended to benefit.

Solve mass transit issue now

■ The cancellation of suburban D-DOT runs shows just what a political pawn mass transportation and those who need it – employers and employees – have become in our region.

Recent cancellation of Detroit Department of Transportation bus service to suburban areas only underscores the need for a truly united regional mass transit system.

Nowhere is the lack of cooperation between Detroit and its suburbs more apparent than with regard to mass transit – even this far into the Archer era, a so-called golden age for urban/suburban cooperation.

Nowhere has that lack of cooperation had a more devastating economic effect.

Many of the now-canceled suburban lines were relatively new, added one year ago to help Detroiters find jobs in the suburbs.

They were canceled because they were unprofitable, according to D-DOT, but mass transit itself is generally unprofitable on its own. Even the most successful systems demand subsidies from government. SMART, the area's suburban line, has said it will pick up some of the slack. But SMART, subsidized on a community-by-community basis, can't cover the whole load.

The situation shows just what a political pawn mass transportation and those who need it – employers and employees – have become in our region.

We are left with a patchwork system. On one hand, we have a Detroit bus system that serves Detroit and a suburban system that serves most, but not all, of the communities in Wayne and Oakland counties.

Mass transit has become the province of the poor. While our area's poorest residents most definitely need access to jobs and, therefore, to transportation, unified systems in other cities have long served people of all social classes.

Our too-heavy dependence upon the automobile is already bringing dire consequences. Businesses and residents are moving ever further away from the central city. Urban sprawl eats up valuable farmland and open space, defeating the goal of seeking out peace and serenity, which lasts but a few years.

The quality of life is diminished as rush hour is extended and individual commutes to work grow longer.

A reasoned and reasonable, unified mass transit system will benefit employers and employees.

At the Sears store at Livonia Mall, about 50 employees, out of a workforce of 400, relied on D-DOT, said Jim Spilos, the store's human resources manager. Most now use SMART, but Spilos said there are five who decided the added hardship is not worth their jobs.

"Can't we really get a viable transportation system that's cost-effective for the city and the suburbs?" he said.

It's time for county leaders in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and representatives from Mayor Dennis Archer's office along with SMART and D-DOT officials to huddle and find a solution to the mass transit problem that has plagued this region for too long.

Community Voice

QUESTION:

Do you believe the allegations of sex and lies against President Bill Clinton are true?

We asked this question at the Target store in Canton.

"I believe they are from what I've heard on the news and radio reports all day."

Tom Gunther
Canton

"There's a possibility that it could be true. He's been dishonest in the past."

Cindy Hilderley
Plymouth

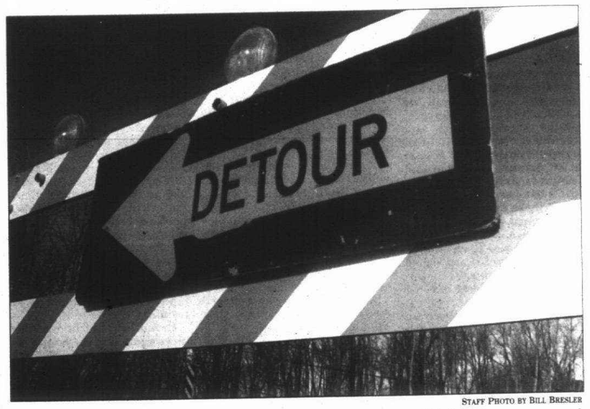
"I don't care."

Sandra Hester
Ypsilanti

"Yes."

Tom Markos
Westland

We're still waiting ...



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Road woes: *Haggerty Road between Michigan Avenue and Palmer was supposed to be open to traffic in early December. Township officials are blaming unfinished work by Wayne County crews and utility relocation problems with the project's slower-than-expected completion.*

LETTERS

Clique reaction

I'm writing in response to an article published on Dec. 25, 1997, about Ashley Bowsman's Feature Column "Clique into place at PCEP," entitled "Cliques tell their story." First of all, as a student at PCEP and a staff writer on the PCEP Perspective, where Ashley's article was first published, I would like to thank you for reading our publication.

Still, there seems to be a misunderstanding about Ashley's point of view. Ashley wrote "Clique into place at PCEP" not to insult the students at the park, but to find a creative and funny way to provoke students to notice how they interact with the people around them.

Although Ashley did group the students at PCEP into categories, she did not and would never have included Wiggers or White Supremacists. The students at PCEP never would have wanted our school to be known by its racism.

As a member of the PCEP Perspective, I know that people can be easily reached by simply calling them on the telephone. Ironically, the room in which we put together the Perspective is two doors down from the office of Mrs. Lonigro, who was quoted in "Cliques tell their story."

I do not wish to speak for Ashley, but merely to help you to understand how the article written could have misrepresented her and perhaps insulted her as a human being. You should find Ashley to be a friendly, intelligent and understanding person. You owe her the right to have her point of view accurately represented.

Stacey Michelle Kahn
Plymouth

Votes should count

In this bond issue fiasco, there are just too many incidents that are out of whack with normal procedures. Like, for instance, holding the election on Saturday and at a time when many people are going south for the winter. What about the board member who stated that every thing was done right according to their method of procedure? Does the denial of 716 voters' votes count?

Many people died for this privilege and I am sure that they didn't die for people to make a game of free elections. Someone else said that the loss of these 716 lost votes did not matter since the outcome would have been the same. Doesn't this person know that there are instances where one vote, and I repeat, one single vote can make a difference in the outcome of an election? But in this case, 716 votes don't make a difference.

Someone else said that the cost would be too expensive to have another election on this issue. I never heard anyone say that an election was too costly when they held an election a few months after the millage increase was voted down, just to give the voters another chance to pass the millage increase. Don't the board members know that when people vote down a millage increase, that means "No," they don't want a millage increase nor do they want another chance to pass it? This should be self explanatory, and easy to comprehend. A word to the wise should be sufficient.

And what's wrong with 40 pupils to a class? Years ago, that was the norm and everyone learned to read and write. The only difference was if you didn't keep up, you failed and had to take the same class over again. Today, I hear that every one passes, no one fails because it may de-egotize a student's personality. What used to be an incentive is now a detriment to learning.

Mr. Vorva is correct in pursuing this matter and if it should reach the Supreme Court, and if the judges have any common sense at all, will, after reading the evidence presented by Mr. Vorva, wonder why this case came up since it is so obviously full of inconsistencies.

It also seems kind of odd that all the board members totally agreed on the procedure. There wasn't even one member who disagreed on any issue. And that's hard to fathom.

Any asset acquired at the expense of human character will eventually become a liability.

Frank Saims
Canton

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POINTS OF VIEW

Key to shaping up is losing pounds, not wallet

It is that time of year when we get bombarded from all kinds of media about "getting into shape." It seems every Tom, Dick, and Harriet, fitness expert, weight-loss guru, and workout aficionado tries to sell us – the fat, the dumb, and the out-of-shape – every off-the-wall program, and fitness gizmo imaginable.

These items wind up on our shelves, in our closets, and down in our basements until the warmth of the spring sun forces the daisies into bloom, and we are forced to shed the winter garb that has protected our bodies from the hypothermia of winter and our dignity from exposing our pale, out-of-shape bodies to public view.

This is extortion and we should not stand for it. But what is our choice?

How much will this new gadget cost? Is it safe? Will it really work? Will it make me look good enough to wear shorts, or maybe a swimsuit? Will I be "buff"? Or will I be duped and find that my time and money was wasted when I see my latest "guaranteed fitness whatever" on some TV news show exposed as a fraud?

Maybe there should be a law. Some kind of government intervention to protect us. We are taxpayers. This is America; the land of the free where truth is revered. Where is the president?

As strange as it may seem, there is a highly-paid government official who is in charge of such things and he, rather she, was appointed by the president as his cabinet member to take care of such matters. Of all the fitness experts in the country, she is supposed to be the definitive authority in fitness. She is the secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. So what are her secrets to strength and beauty, health and fitness, a healthier lifestyle or whatever you want to call it?

According to Donna E. Shalala's 1996 "Report on Physical Activity and Health: A Report of the Surgeon General," Atlanta, Ga., U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, you should:

■ Perceive a net benefit.
■ Choose an enjoyable activity.
■ Feel competent doing the activity.
■ Feel safe doing the activity.
■ Be able to easily access the activity on a regular basis.
n Be able to fit the activity into the daily schedule.
■ Feel that the activity does not generate financial or social costs that you are unwilling to bear.
■ Experience a minimum of negative consequences such as injury, loss of time, negative peer pressure, and problems with self-identity.
■ Be able to successfully address issues of competing time demands.
■ Recognize the need to balance the use of labor-saving devices (e.g., power lawn mowers, golf carts, automobiles) and sedentary activities (e.g., watching television, use of computers) with activities that involve a higher level of physical exertion.

Come spring, the sun radiation will pour millions of BTUs onto the earth's surface, forcing me to shed all forms of heavy, thermally-protective clothing and thereby revealing my atrophied and over-nourished body to the world or else exchange it for lightweight, flattering clothing covering what should be kept from public view and become a prisoner to air conditioning. I want to be free to frolic like those travel commercials I see on TV. I want to run down the sandy beaches of far away Caribbean Islands and dive into crystal clear waters with my Adonis body and golden tan wearing only my bright red Speedo with my dream person, a tall golden-haired goddess in a white swim suit. Is that too much to ask?

Copies of the "Report on Physical Activity and Health" can be purchased by sending $10 to the Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15250-7954.

John McAuliffe is a Canton resident. He is studying exercise science at Eastern Michigan University.

Guest Columnist

John McAuliffe

Anti-cloning legislation: Now there's some real duplication

Legislatures are reactive bodies. As quickly as they perceive public interest in a topic – such as cloning an animal, or even a human – they rush to write news releases and laws.

So it is in Michigan in the wake of Chicago physicist Richard Seed's statement that he intends to clone humans.

Cloning: the duplication of the genetic material of one creature. Princeton's Harold Shapiro, the former University of Michigan president who chaired the president's National Bioethics Advisory Commission, said the Scottish cloned sheep Dolly is merely a genetic twin, delayed, of a single adult sheep.

Rep. Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti, is horrified at the prospect of cloning a human. "A clone is a result of genetic manipulation in a lab that doesn't reflect the Creation you and I and all of us are," he said during the Jan. 25 Channel 7 "Spotlight on News" show.

"Immoral," added Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton. "God is the entity that creates life. Just because we have the technology to do it, that doesn't mean we should do it."

What bothers me is not whether a clone would have a soul (I think it would) but the fact that it took 277 embryos, a bunch of spontaneous abortions and stillbirths to produce Dolly. The chance of wasting as many innocent human souls is too costly for my taste.

Profit, a 45-year-old ex-undersheriff and five-term lawmaker, chaired the committee that produced three bills awaiting full House action:

■ HB 4846 saying one "shall not clone or attempt to clone a human being," revoking the medical license forever of anyone who tries it, and fining the miscreant $10 million in civil damages.

■ 4962 amending the penal code to make cloning a crime punishable by 10 years in prison and a fine of $5,000.

■ 5475 prohibiting state funds for cloning research.

Bennett has parallel bills, except that his "sunset" after several years and would need to be reconsidered.

They agree that even *research* on human cloning ought to be stopped. "The public is demanding it. It's the right thing to do," said Bennett, a 46-year-old former township official and first-term senator.

Not so fast, said professor Toby Citrin, a lawyer and public health expert at U-M. "Cloning also has the potential of alleviating lot of pain and suffering ... I don't think there's anything essentially immoral about cloning ...

"We're not ready to clone a human yet ... Scientists I've talked to say we're years away. We're going at it (legislatively) the reverse of the way it ought to be."

Meanwhile, U.S. Rep. Vern Ehlers, R-Grand Rapids, the former college physicist, has a congressional bill to ban federal financing of human cloning experiments.

And then we have the half-dozen legislative bills in Michigan.

So who is in charge? Who needs this triplication?

We all should be able to agree that one billionaire shouldn't be cloning himself multiple times. We should be able to agree that the way nature and nature's God designed reproduction would result in less "inbreeding," and a better genetic mix and more fun.

There's just something innately more healthful about a mom and dad producing and raising a baby.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

Tim Richard

Columnist's impact on people is what makes him deserving

In my experience, most newspaper folks feel slightly uncomfortable when they are the ones being written about.

Perhaps it's because they prefer to be judged on the basis of their own work. Or because they believe they shouldn't be center stage in the news stories they cover. For whatever reason, it just isn't much done.

But there's a good reason to violate this practice in the case of Tim Richard, who for many years has been the head of this newspaper's statewide news service, reporting on Lansing and on state stories that have local significance to our readers. You see, Tim has just been elected to the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame, a very big honor, especially for a reporter still in the prime of his career.

Because Tim would never do it himself, I'm writing this column to mark his achievements and to say how fortunate I've been to have worked with him for more than 30 years.

I first met Tim Richard back in the early '60s when I was administrative assistant for U.S. Rep. Paul H. Todd Jr. Tim was the political reporter for the Kalamazoo Gazette and because one of the jobs of a good AA is the care and feeding of political reporters, I spent a lot of time with Tim.

He asked tough questions, time after time. He quoted me and the congressman accurately, time after time. He saw through the spinning, time after time, but he was never unfair, never played "gotcha" in the news columns. He was one terrific reporter.

After I started my own company in 1966, I asked Tim if he'd come back home to southeastern Michigan and help me create a new kind of community journalism, focused on what the news really meant for real people, living in their own hometowns. When I told Tim I was going to write this column about him, he got a little grumpy. But he lightened up when I asked him to tell me about his favorite moments in journalism. Here they are, in his own words:

"The 1966 expose on how the Western Michigan University board held secret meetings (from which I was specifically excluded) and made policy decisions. The story was spiked (killed) by the editor of the Kalamazoo Gazette, who devoutly believed that the 'community leaders' serving on the board were incapable of doing bad.

"This led directly to advocacy of the 1976 Open Meetings Act and my activity in the Society of Professional Journalists and Michigan FOI Committee Inc. to defend the 'sunshine' laws, teaching people how to use them through seminars and newsletters.

Tim, who is an avid fisherman, dog owner and general outdoorsman, adds another highlight: "In the 1980s, I edited columns of freelancers Penny Wright-Steele and Tim Nowicki. Both won Michigan Audubon Society awards as journalist of the year.

"We turned Steele's casual observations of crowded ladies' rooms into a series that resulted in Michigan's 'potty parity' law sponsored by Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills. It will require adequate ladies' restrooms in the new Tigers' and Lions' stadiums."

In the early '90s, Tim began to notice the busy doings of the Religious Right at the local level. "For a long time, I wrote about this alone, but educators and other journalists are now catching on. I got more heat on this than on anything I've ever done."

Tim also covered national politics, but from a local angle. In 1988, he caught "Gov. Jim Blanchard's remark that Jesse Jackson's Democratic national convention speech was 'left-wing baloney; warmed-over McGovernism, but not as good.' This brought me the most fame, but in terms of its impact on people it was not as good as my open meetings, age of majority, environmental editing and Religious Right work."

Did you catch the key phrase, "impact on people"? That's the core of Tim's work ethic and why at the end of the day he's in the Journalism Hall of Fame. He is not some kind of abstract journalist diddling with the notes on his reporter pad. The guiding objective of his reporting is the eventual impact of people in their daily lives.

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DEPLOYMENT

Marine 1st Lt. Douglas W. Smith, son of Nicholas and Joan E. Smith of Plymouth, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Guam Amphibious Ready Group. Smith is one of more than 2,000 Marines who departed their home base of Camp Lejeune, N.C., in October aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Guam, the amphibious transport dock USS Shreveport and the dock landing ships USS Oakhill and USS Ashland.

PROMOTED

Navy Seaman Apprentice Nicholas B. Powell, son of Douglas M. and Cathy A. Powell of Plymouth, was recently promoted to his present rank upon graduation from recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. He is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

BASIC TRAINING

Navy Fireman Jeffrey A. Hunsaker, son Deborah G. Hunsaker of Plymouth, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. He is a 1997 graduate of Lutheran High Westland High School in Westland.

HEADMASTER'S LIST

Cadet Brian Munson an 11th grader at Howe, the son of Michael Munson of Canton, received his name on the headmaster's list. This special award is received by attaining at least a 3.0 average in his studied in a college prep curriculum.

ENLISTED

Shanon Burkhammer, daughter of Leslie and Mark Burkhammer of Westland, enlisted in the Air Force. Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, she is scheduled to receive technical training as a signals intelligence production apprentice. Burkhammer, a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, will earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

GRADUATED

Air Force Airman 1st Class, Leslie Y. Green has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations. Green is the daughter of Patricia R. Jennings of Canton, and the granddaughter of Clifford and Erma Ross of Knoxville.

Army Pvt. Jonathon L. Matulevich has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Knox, Ky. The training included basic military training and advanced individual training. The first eight weeks of initial entry training (IET) includes basic combat training, drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions. Matulevich is the son of Susan I. Matulevich of Plymouth.

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NANCY K. SWANBORG

From welfare to work: It's not a quick fix

There's been a lot in the media describing the necessity for the transition from welfare to work. Recently, I read a very interesting article by Dana Milbank, called, "Under the Underclass: A Bold Welfare Experiment Fails." The article describes the Marriott Hotel program that takes the client through a six-week program culminating in employment.

As I reflect on this situation, I have been looking at my own life experiences and those of the people around me. From my first memories, my father got up every morning and left home to work. My mother stayed within the home environment and worked everyday. If the family wanted to do something or go somewhere, it took planning. Individual members needed to be physically ready and have the finances to accomplish the event. I heard about the checks and bank accounts, mortgages and utility bills.

As I moved into adulthood, I began to take on the responsibilities for these livelihood activities myself. I expected to join the workforce. I was encouraged to complete an educational program and seek employment. Without a conscious intent, I learned

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Sing, sing a song

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Practice, practice: *Gerry Wyrabkiewicz of Wayne (from left), Carol McKee of Canton and Pam Majewski, also of Canton, join fellow members of the members of Spirit of Detroit Chorus in rehearsing "Orange Color Sky," by Nat King Cole.*

Chorus readies its world-class sound

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Watching the Sweet Adelines belt out songs during a recent practice felt like having front row seats to a Broadway show instead of a folding chair in the basement of a church.

The local group, called the Spirit of Detroit Chorus, has every reason to look polished and there are a lot of professional eyes and ears who think so. The 111 women recently won the regional division competition among 27 other Sweet Adeline choruses in eastern Michigan and western Canada.

"It's awesome to win it and know that everyone worked together to make it come together," said Carol McKee, membership co-director with Pam Majewski.

And their spirits are soaring, because this entitles them to go onto the international competition next November in Nashville, Tenn., to compete against other Sweet Adeline groups from around the world.

For the last nine years, the Spirit of Detroit Chorus has won every regional division competition they've entered. However, the highest they've rated at the international level was 15th, and this year they hope to place in the top 10.

Variety in group

Members of the local group range in age from 14 to their late 70s and they live in just about every community in the metropolitan Detroit area as well as Canada and Ohio. By day they work as secretaries, travel agents and countless other jobs.

And their musical repertoire is just as varied ... Nat King Cole, Gloria Estefan and Barbra Streisand, songs from Broadway to Motown, Big Band to jazz.

"The Sweet Adelines are great, because we don't have to read music," Majewski said. "You just have to carry a tune and swing."

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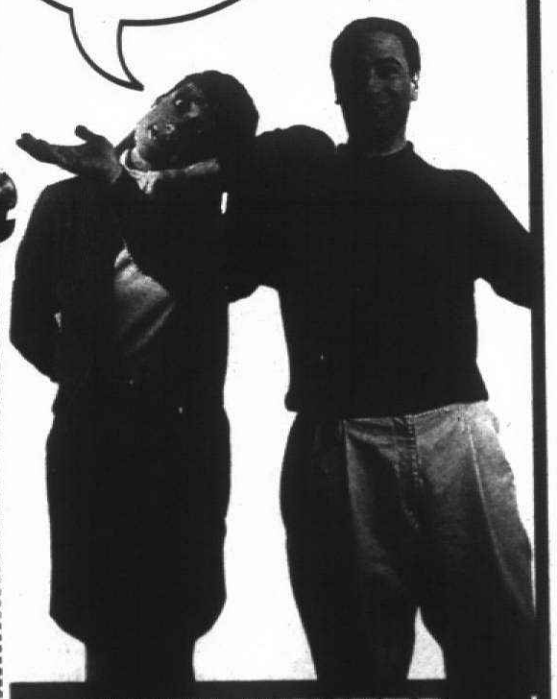

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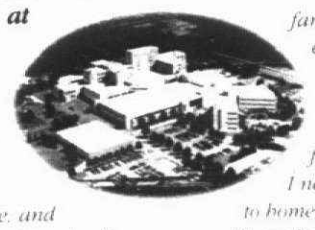

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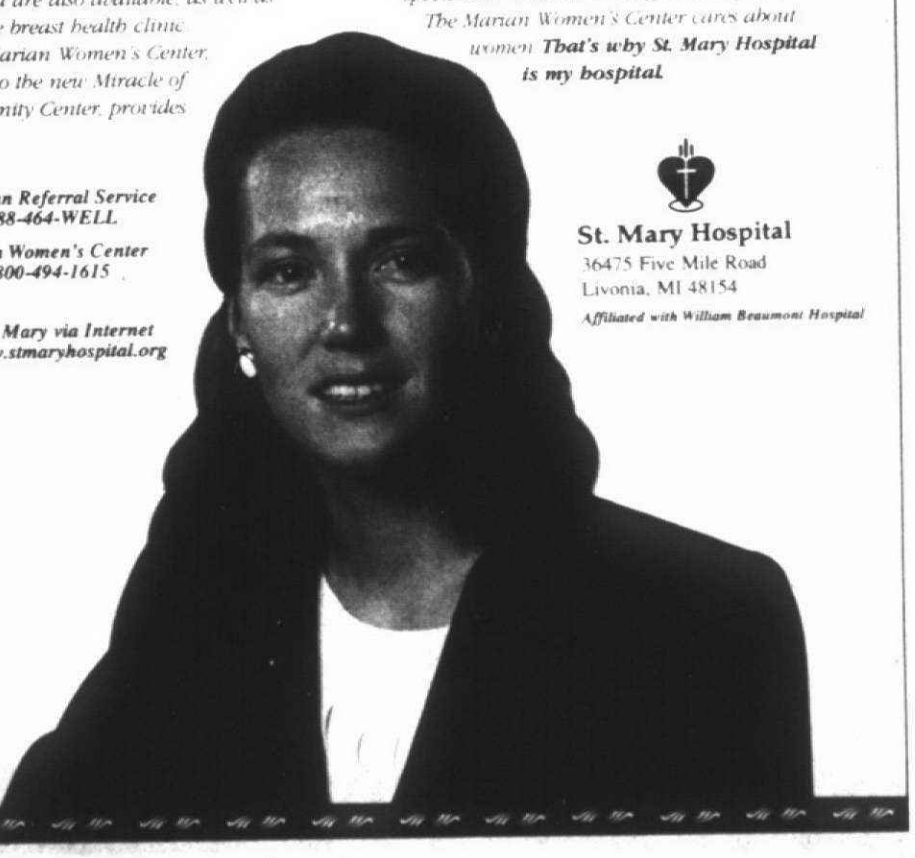

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"And smile," added McKee.

Dodi LaMarte, a Sweet Adeline for 20 years, said the group takes pride in teaching people how to sing.

"We show them correct posture, breathing and vocal production," LaMarte explained.

Marge Dugan, a member for 33 years, said the group has developed professionally over the years, "and the educational aspect has grown by leaps and bounds."

Their standout performances of four-part harmony in the barbershop genre don't come by accident. From 7-10 p.m. every Tuesday, all year long, they practice at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Five Mile in Livonia. They also practice songs and routines on their own.

Their next public performances are at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

Or, you might find them at nursing homes, women's auxiliary groups, weddings, funerals and other functions. They also perform during the summer Music Under the Stars program in Livonia as well as events in Farmington and Birmingham.

A week before the Mercy performance, the Sweet Adelines will take part in this year's regional competition. However, they won't able to compete in it because they are last year's winners.

They will perform the two songs, "So Mother, Kiss Your Boy Goodbye" and "World War I Medley" that they plan to perform during the international competition. The judges at the regional performances will make critical comments to help them perfect their act.

"Singing with this group is a thrill," Dugan said. "The chemistry is very good and the director (LeAnn Hazlett) is wonderful."

In fact, Hazlett drives back and forth to Swanton, Ohio, weekly for every rehearsal and for each performance. A Sweet Adeline since she was 17, Hazlett is also the lead singer of the 1991 International Queens of Harmony quartet, "Swing Street."

What motivates this all-volunteer group to maintain such a high level of energy and dedication?

"Most people are here, because they love to sing and it's a definite opportunity," said LaMarte, adding that the group offers positions in costume design, choreography and many administrative posts.

During the practice, the Sweet Adelines fine-tuned their choreography and voices to "World War I Medley." Linda Lupo, Sweet Adelines' chorus choreographer, coaxes them every step.

"Move into the hand gestures," she pleads. "Feel it. Establish that championship attitude."

They have to be in tune with one another for every step and note on stage and their comradeship is just as strong when they're not performing.

"My mother passed away suddenly and I had vans full of people coming over with food," LaMarte said. "It bowled me over by their support."

Membership seems to run in blood lines, too. LaMarte has two sisters, Peggy Gibb and Marilyn Grimes, who are fellow Sweet Adelines. There also are numerous mother-daughter teams and even twins in the group.

The Sweet Adelines are always looking for new members.

"All you need is a love of music and a spirit of fellowship," McKee said.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Cool moves: *Not only do Margaret Morgan of Westland (from left), Kathy Green of Farmington Hills and Dianna Sanburn of Livonia sing, they also dance as part of the chorus's rendition of "Heat Wave."*

For more information or for tickets for the Mercy performance, call Marge Dugan at (313) 937-2429. If you're interested in booking a performance, call Tish Tankersley at (734) 425-4049. To join the group, call McKee at (734) 459-3785 or Majewski at (734) 495-1505.

"Carol and I will make sure they're welcomed with open arms," Majewski added.

Prospective volunteers invited to orientation

Volunteer Impact is holding a prospective volunteer orientation for people interested in learning where their help is needed in the community.

The orientation will be 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Families, friends and co-workers are invited to come and find out more about where they can volunteer together. Some projects are appropriate for youth and seniors.

Preregistration is required and can be completed by calling Volunteer Impact at (248) 559-4950.

Based in Southfield, Volunteer Impact offers monthly calendar of approximately 25 volunteers projects to participate in based on interest and availability. There is no required time commitment or fee for membership.

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the value of getting up on time, being responsible for my attendance, being appropriately dressed, and having the language and communication skills to work well with others.

Today, as I watch colleagues anticipating retirement, I see the overt planning that they are doing as they are adjusting to a lifestyle change. Many employers hold classes in retirement planning; financial planners are sending materials everyday; and organizations and resorts are very willing to help in this transition time. What would my life be like if none or most of those underlying expectations were not present?

This description of a middle class lifestyle helps me frame the concerns that I have about the concept of welfare-to-work in a six-week project/program.

The welfare recipient

If I look at a welfare recipient, I find a woman who has a dependent child (AFDC = Aid to Families with Dependent Children). I find a woman who has multiple barriers to her success in the world of work: child care, medical care, time management, financial planning, physical and mental abuse, poor social skills, low reading and critical-thinking skills, poor self-esteem, a weak or nonexistent support system, repeated failure in a wide spectrum of choices, often no working private transportation or poor public transportation and often a lack of personal responsibility. Is it any wonder that individuals participating in these programs fail to adapt to their lifestyle changes as a result of a six-week training program?

In addition to learning the specific skills required for the job, the participant must reframe her day by arranging for the care of her children when they are well and when they are sick, find transportation to the place of training/employment, acquire the clothing necessary for the workplace or dress in the uniform provided, continue to maintain her household with meals, laundry, maintenance, interact positively with supervisors, address chemical dependency if it is an issue, and learn to balance the many simultaneous requests for her time and attention.

There is never the luxury of time to address her own personal needs and wants, hopes and dreams.

Those who have the ability to retire from full-time employment tell me that they are often disoriented (unaware of the day of the week) and initially experience anxiety due to change. Learning about and planning for retirement is a process that consumes them for many months, even years, before they embark on the change.

The more aspects they have thought about and anticipated, the easier the transition. As one humorist wrote, "For better or for worse, but not for lunch every day." Often the seemingly easy changes are the most problematic.

People in transition

The Women's Resource Center staff has worked with many women who are in transition. Some of the transition is from the home environment to the paid workforce. In our "Chips" (From Chocolate Chips to Micro Chips) program, we systematically address many of the issues mentioned here.

After 16 weeks in the formal program, we can see a dramatic change in many of the participants. Often the affirmation that each is a capable human being has been internalized to the point of belief and that is the driving force for continuing change.

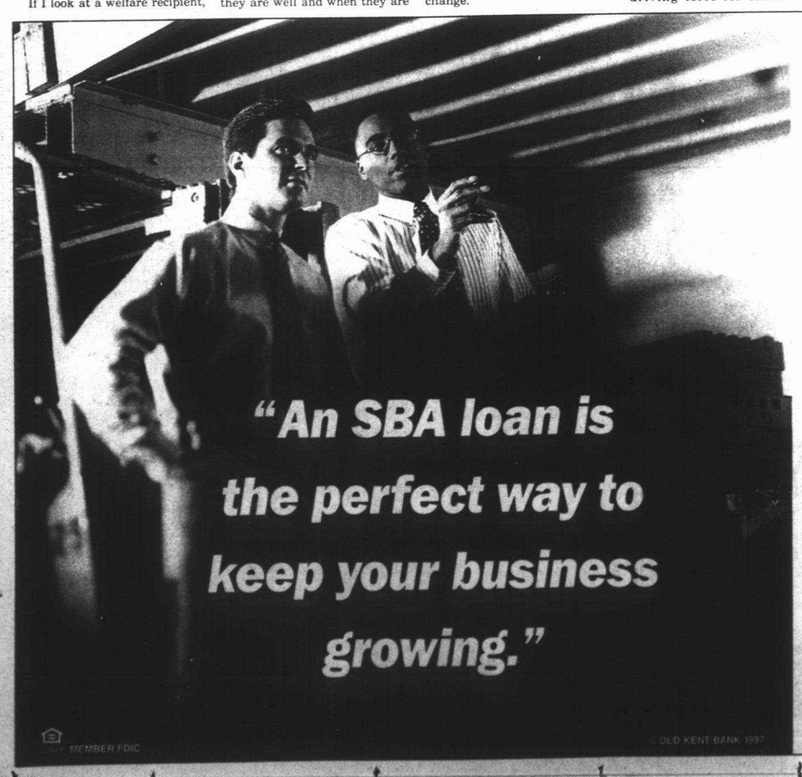
They have 16 weeks to begin to know themselves and to use that information to make a positive choice. The values of a support system become a reality: someone to call, someone who cares whether you make it or not, someone who will listen, someone who will help solve those difficult decisions, and resources.

After 16 weeks, the participants have their feet firmly in the starting blocks. They are ready to move ahead. Often their track is like a marathon route that has twists and turns, hills and plains, and the finish line is not in sight as they begin. But the cheering crowd is there and some refreshment, too. Some of the hurdles are lower and some are disappearing, while some remain ever-present to be overcome.

Some participants are ready to begin looking for paid employment; others need to build basic skills before employment is realistic. Taking the time to build a strong foundation will have enormous benefits for the future. It reminds me of the adage: "Give one a fish and one eats for a day; teach one to fish and one eats for a lifetime."

Are the welfare-to-work programs unrealistic? I think they are. Lifestyle changes require time for the process. They are not quick fixes. To be effective, they must be integrated into every aspect of a person's life. Six weeks is not long enough for that process to happen *and* to learn a marketable skill at the same time.

Nancy K. Swanborg is director of the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.



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For more information, call UCP of Metropolitan Detroit at (248) 577-5070.

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Pryce-Swiderek

Matthew David Pryce and Sharon Marie Swiderek were married Oct. 11 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth by the Rev. John Sullivan.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Pam Swiderek of Canton. The groom is the son of Brad and Jane Pryce of East Lansing.

The bride is a graduate of Divine Child High School in Dearborn and the University of Michigan. She is a fifth grade teacher at Burns Park Elementary School in Ann Arbor.

The groom is a graduate of East Lansing High School and the University of Michigan. He is an assistant business manager at Equity Residential Properties and Trust in Southfield.

They reside in Dearborn Heights and are planning a Caribbean honeymoon cruise at Easter.

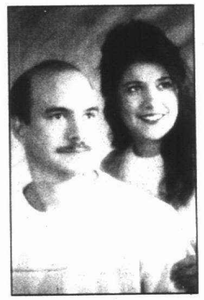
Clement-Shuttleworth

Clarence Clement of Westland and Mildred Pariseau of Weldon, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Terri L. , to Thomas G. Shuttleworth, the son of Michael and Norma Shuttleworth of East Tawas.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She is employed as a legal secretary by KPM Group.

Her fiance also is 1990 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He is employed by G. Campo Inc.

A February wedding is planned at St. Genevieve Catholic Church in Livonia.



Opper-Ritchie

Michael and Elaine Opper of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to Ronald William Ritchie, the son of Clyde and Sandra Ritchie of Southgate.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Madonna University, and a master's degree candidate at University of Detroit Mercy. She is employed by Southgate Community Schools.

Her fiance is a graduate of Wayne State University. He is employed as a supervisor with United Parcel Service.

An April wedding is planned at St. Edith's Catholic Church in Livonia.

Hagan-McCormick

Ken and Gail Hagan of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephania, to Sean McCormick, the son of Don and Jerri McCormick of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a student at Eastern Michigan University student where she is pursuing a teaching certificate.

Her fiance is a graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed as a police detective by the Pittsfield Police Department.

A July wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

Thompson-Huntington

Sandra Thompson of Plymouth and Norman J. Thompson of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacey C., to Charles R. Huntington Jr., the son of Joann and Charles R. Huntington Sr. of Pennsylvania.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. She is employed as a registered nurse at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Her fiance is a graduate of Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Ill. He is employed at Smith Barney in Bala Cynwyd, Pa.

An August wedding is planned at Narberth Presbyterian Church in Narberth, Pa.

Bist-Badrak

Donald and Delores Bist of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Laure, to Derek Badrak, the son of Donald and Jo Badrak, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. Her fiance is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School.

A May wedding is planned at St. Aidan's Catholic Church in Livonia.

Bernstein-Laurette

Lawrence Hui and Judy Hasty of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Sue Bernstein, to Philip David Laurette, the son of Frank and Nancy Laurette of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is employed as a dental receptionist in Westland.

Her fiance is a graduate of Schoolcraft College with an associate degree in applied science. He is employed as a controls designer for Motorama Engineering Group in Farmington.

A July wedding is planned at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington.

Lovett-Sukockas

Brad Alvie Lovett and Cindy Marie Sukockas were married Dec. 5 at Martha Mary Chapel in Greenfield Village by Mirriam Jarvis.

The bride is the daughter of Elsie Sukockas of Farmington Hills. The groom is the son of Bob and Barbara Lovett of Salem Township.

The bride is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in construction management. She is employed as a construction manager for Graystone Construction Co. in Novi.

The groom, a graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from Wayne State University, is pursuing a master's degree. He is employed as a chemical engineer at the Budd Company in Troy.

The bride asked Stacy Buatti to serve as her matron of honor with bridesmaids Shelley Malloy and Meghan Post. Sydney DeNuccio and Hayley Wilk served as flower girls.

The groom asked Edward Kull to serve as best man with groomsmen Joel Amyx and Michael Manson. Ronald Sukockas and Michael Buatti served as ushers.

The couple received guests at a reception at Lovett Hall in Greenfield Village, before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Aruba. They are making their home in Farmington Hills.

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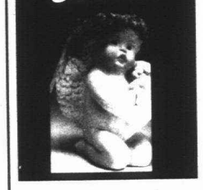

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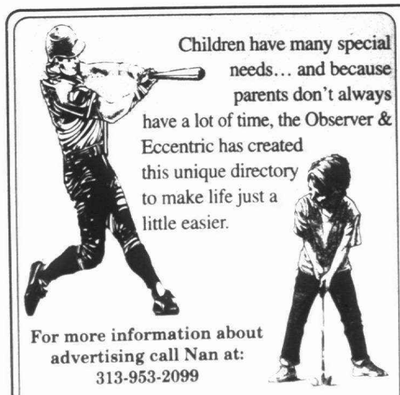

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Duggan's 8th annual dance raises money for First Step

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Eight ain't enough as far as Brian Duggan is concerned.

The Livonia city councilman is hosting the eighth annual charity dance to benefit First Step 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

Steve King, who like Duggan graduated from Livonia's Bentley High School, and his band The Dittilies will provide the entertainment.

Complimentary hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be served 7:30-9:30 p.m. Like years past, a chef will carve roast beef for dinner. To ease hunger pangs later in the evening, pizza will be served around 11 p.m.

Individual tickets are $18 in advance, $23 at the door. Checks should be made out to First Step, tax I.D. No. 38-220 8980. For more information, call Duggan at (734) 422-4333 or (734) 591-1900. Corporate sponsorships are also available.

Duggan came up with the idea for a First Step benefit more than eight years ago.

"I met Judy Ellis, the director of First Step, and she gave me a little pitch about what First Step is all about," he said of his partnership with the shelter. "I felt that it was a really good charity to work on. I've been doing it ever since."

First Step is a private, no-profit agency serving 35 communities in western Wayne County and Downriver. It provides such comprehensive programs as a 24-hour help line, First Response Team to answer calls for intervention in hospitals, clinics and police stations and temporary emergency shelter for the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Duggan's original idea was to have a beach party at Camp Dearborn, but when those plans fell through he chose a charity dance. "A couple years later I came up with the idea for corporate sponsors; that gives me more of an insight of how many people are coming. It's been growing since then," he said.

Last year, more than 1,200 people attended the event, and 200 businesses signed on as corporate sponsors or donated door prizes.

There are three types of sponsorships. The $1,000 platinum sponsors receive a separate, 3-by-10 banner with its name on it, a full-page ad in the program, 30 tickets (three reserved tables) to the dance, a bottle of champagne, a table sign identifying the company as a sponsor and company recognition in the program.

Gold sponsors who give $500 get a separate 3-by-6 banner with their company name on it, a half-page ad in the program, 20 tickets (two reserved tables) to the dance, a bottle of champagne, a table sign identifying the company as a sponsor and company recognition in the program.

For $200, silver sponsors receive 10 tickets (one reserved table) to the dance, a bottle of champagne on each table, a table sign identifying the company as a sponsor and company recognition in the program.

Duggan has tried to make other changes to the event, but admits patrons look forward to dancing.

"I have tried different things," he said. "I've been trying to get comedians out there, but people enjoy the atmosphere and they enjoy the dancing. That's pretty much what they want to do."

Even when the 60 to 100 door prizes are handed out, people are anxious to return to the dance floor.

"Sometimes that gets too long because they really want to dance," Duggan said.

St. Vincent DePaul holds 99-cent sale

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul will be selling coats, jackets, sweaters, blouses and pants for rock-bottom prices during February as part of its 12th annual 99-cent sale.

Beginning Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 3-4, and running through the end of the month, the society will offer more than 40,000 coats and jackets for just 99 cents each.

Thanks to the contributions of people in the metropolitan Detroit, the society is able to continue the largest nonprofit coat sale in the area.

Proceeds benefit the society's summer camp program, food depots and scholarship program.

The sales dates are Feb. 3-4 for coats and jackets priced at 99 cents, Feb. 10-11 for sweaters priced at 99 cents, Feb. 17-18 for shirts and blouses at 99 cents each and Feb. 24-25 for pants at two pairs for 99 cents.

The sales will be at the society's 17 store locations – 501 Gratiot, Marysville; 107 Capac, Capac; 5840 W. Fort St., Detroit; 14922 Kercheval, Detroit; 19310 Ecorse Road, Allen Park; 12354 Fort St., Southgate; 1337 24th St., Port Huron; 15725 Grand River, Detroit; 28251 Telegraph Road, Flat Rock; 14040 E. Nine Mile Road, Warren; 14704 E. Seven Mile Road, Detroit; 750 N. Perry St., Pontiac; 8138 W. Nine Mile Road, Oak Park; 25201 W. Outer Dr., Melvindale; 24021 Van Dyke, Center Line; 15001 Woodward, Highland Park, and 23746 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

Only the coat sale of Feb. 3-4 will take place at the St. Vincent DePaul Store at 27114 Michigan Ave., Inkster.

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ON THE INTERNET

Newburg United Methodist Church is asking the community to take a few minutes to visit its Web site – http://www.gbgm-umc.org/newburgumc/ – to find out the many activities and events taking place at the church at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

ANNUAL CARD PARTY

St. Richard's Women's Guild will have its annual card party at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, in the church social hall, 35851 Cherry Hill Road, Westland. Sloppy Joes, salad, beverage and dessert will be served. Tickets are $6 and can be purchased at the door, from a Guild member, or by calling Jan at (734) 721-5353.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, will have a Together Dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Divine Providence Catholic Church, Nine Mile Road between Beech Daly and Telegraph roads. The charge will be $8, including refreshments. For more information, call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

The group also meets on Sundays for breakfast and Mass – 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile Road west of Beech Daly Road, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, Farmington Road north of Six Mile Road, Livonia – call Val at (734) 729-1974 – for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Restaurant, Plymouth Road east of Merriman, Livonia, and for pinochle at 7 p.m. every other Friday – call Rose.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries's next installment of "Talk It Over" program will feature Linda Limbers Mitchell speaking about "Goal Setting" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Indoor volleyball is offered at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Knox Hall. A $1 donation is suggested to help maintain the equipment. For more information, call (734) 422-1854.

SUNDAY LESSONS

"Ground Hog Day" will be the lesson at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, at Church of Today West in Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook, between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads, Novi. The church also offers youth education, a course in miracles at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and others courses in 4T, meditation and unity basics. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or at its Web site, http://www.cotw.com.

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The radio series, "What is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 1:30 p.m. Sundays of WQBH-AM 1400. The topic will be "Does Christian Science do anything about the world's problems?" on Feb. 1 and "What would a Christian Scientist do if he were in a serious accident?" on Feb. 8. "The Christian Science Sentinel-Radio Edition" also can be heard at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. The conversational program discusses current public topics as well as shares healing through prayer from people all over the world.

EXERCISE FUN

The Merriman Road Baptist Church Fitness Bunch meets 6:15-7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The program consists of low-impact light aerobics, perfect for toning and shaping muscles. For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-0472.

NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, east of Merriman Road, Livonia, continues with its monthly speaker series at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, with "The Grief Process," presented by the Rev. Chuck Sonquist. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United of Suburban Detroit-West will have its International Student Day and carry-in casserole luncheon at 12:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. Students from other countries will speak about their homelands. The program will be presented by Bill Cameron of the Rotary Club.

Participants should bring a casserole to feed three people and paper products for First Step. Babysitting reservations can be made through Feb. 2 by calling Joan Patterson at (734) 591-1842.

RETHINKING MARRIAGE

Single Point Ministries' ReMarrieds Ministry will sponsor a Rethinking Marriage When Thinking Remarriage Workshop 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 7, in the Calvin Room of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. Cost will be $5, including workbook and continental breakfast. Registration can be completed at the door. For more information, call the ReMarried Ministry at (734) 542-7747 or Single Point at (734) 422-1854.

Single Point also is sponsoring a seven-week divorce recovery workshop at 7 p.m. Thursdays, Beginning Feb. 12, in Knox Hall. Cost will be $30 for those who register the first night of the workshop, $25 for preregistration and $15 for those repeating the workshop. Free child care will be provided. For more information, call the Single Point office at (734) 422-1854.

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

St. Theodore Parish will have a Las Vegas Night 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the parish hall, 8200 Wayne Road, Westland. Admission will be $3. There will be games of black jack, easy craps, roulette and money wheel. There also will be hourly 50/50 drawings and tickets available for the parish raffle with prizes of a trip for two to Las Vegas (three-night stay), overnight trip for two to Mount Pleasant, overnight trip for two to Windsor. The drawing will be at 9:30 p.m. Food, beer and wine and soft drinks also will be available.

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Wish you were here ...

In Italy: *Marian and Clayton Roshirt of Tampa, Fla., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in a grand style. They joined daughter Kathy Herrino (left) of Livonia on a trip to Italy. Herino. Armed with a Livonia Observer, the trio struck a picture postcard pose in front of the ruins of Pompeii.*

McLarens ask friends to tour hospice residence

About the only thing Alexander McLaren loved more than golf was his family. They were very close, and when he died, his wife, Margaret, and their six children and many grandchildren wanted to remember him in a special way.

"He had been ill for five years," Margaret said. "Then that last year he was really sick and we had him in Arbor Hospice care for the last five weeks. That's one good thing about hospice is that they get you to talking about the death.

"My daughter one day said, 'When Dad dies, I'm going to have a golf outing for him.' "

It seemed appropriate. Every time Alexander McLaren wound up in the hospital with complications from his emphysema or gallbladder cancer, the doctors would ask him what his expectation were.

"To swing the golf club one more time," he would reply.

He died in March 1996 and that August the first Alexander McLaren Memorial Golf Tournament took place in Canton.

The family, which hails from Livonia, Canton, Allen Park and White Lake, set up a foundation to run it, elected board members and had monthly meetings.

They contacted businesses for donations and asked for hole sponsors. The community response was generous, and they had prizes such as a new Saturn car to give away to the winner of the hole-in-one contest.

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Margaret McLaren
hospice supporter

From the beginning, Margaret knew she wanted the money to go to Arbor Hospice. Since 1984, the agency has cared for more than 5,000 patients and their families throughout southeast Michigan with more than 600 doctors referring patients.

Margaret and the children were very pleased with the care Alexander had received. With a new residence being planned to provide comfort and care for terminally ill patients during their last few months, the McLarens made it a goal to sponsor an entire private room.

The Arbor Hospice Residence will open in February, and the Alexander McLaren room is one of many rooms that will provide a comfortable, home-like place for patients who can't die at home for a number of reasons.

The Arbor Hospice Residence has been widely supported by the residents of southeast Michigan. Sixteen of its 26 patient rooms plus the gift shop, hallways, a conference room and dining room were donated by people living in western Wayne County.

Each room is individually decorated, and the McLaren room has a humming bird theme. Shades of soft green and pale pink and a handcrafted quilt, decorated with appliqued hummingbirds gathering nectar from flowers accent the room.

Along with the two golf tournaments, the foundation has hosted a euchre tournament at the Union Lake Grill and Bar where the owner donated a full course spaghetti and chicken dinner to the card players.

And financial support isn't the only help the McLarens have provided Arbor Hospice. Family members have helped with the Tree of Remembrance ceremony and other projects.

Margaret feels the residence, located in Ann Arbor, is an especially important part of Arbor Hospice.

"At the Tree of Remembrance ceremony, this woman came up to me and said, 'I'm so glad they're building that residence; it gives me a little bit of peace of mind,' " Margaret said.

When asked why, the woman told Margaret, "I've taken care of my mother, my sister and my husband. I'm the only one left. There's no place close enough for me to go."

Thankful for the community support, the McLarens are inviting their supporters to join for an open house 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, at the residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor.

"We've had a lot of good support from a lot of good people," said Margaret.

People wishing to join the McLarens in supporting the Alexander McLaren Foundation, can call Debbie Gambino at (734) 383-8800. For more information about a guided tour of the residence, call (734) 662-5999.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
Applications are being accepted for the spring craft show Saturday, March 7, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. The fee is $90 for a 12-by-12- foot space, $55 for a 10-by-10-foot space and $40 for a 8-by-9-foot space or an 8-by-4-foot hallway space. There is an additional $15 fee for electricity. To receive an application, call the department of marketing and development at (734) 462-4417.

ST. MEL'S
St. Mel's Catholic Church will have its spring arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 7 at the church, 7508 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights. In addition to crafts, food and beverages will be available. There also will be a special crafters raffle. Table and a 5- by 10-foot space costs $30 and a 5- by- 10-foot space only is $25. For more information, call Debbie at (313) 6881.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Crafters are wanted for the Livonia Churchill High School PTSA spring arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at the school, 8900 Newburg Road, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 523-0022 or (734) 523-9200.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
The Livonia Franklin High School Patriots Club will have a craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at the school, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia. More than 175 crafters will be featured. Admission will be $1 for those older than 5 years of age. No strollers will be permitted, however, people in wheelchairs will be admitted at 9:30 a.m.

DEARBORN HIGH
The Dearborn High School Yearbook Staff and Class of 1998 is sponsoring a spring arts and crafts extravaganza 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at the school, 19501 Outer Dr. Admission will be $1. Spaces are still available. For applications, call (313) 562-2677 or (313) 561-0158. Deadline is March 1.

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Crafters are needed for the Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club's Spring Spectacular craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 28 at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Spaces – 10 feet by 10 feet or 5 feet by 16 feet – cost $50. Limited electricity is available at no additional cost, and chairs (no tables) are available upon request. For an application or more information, call (734) 464-1041 or (248) 478-2395.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY
Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 13th annual spring arts and crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, in the Activities Center on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan Road, Livonia. Booth space measuring 9 feet by 6 feet with two chairs and one 6-by-8-foot table is $50. Booths with electricity are limited and are an additional $5. Exhibitors may purchase up to three spaces. Crafters will receive a $5 discount, if their forms are received by Sunday, Feb. 1. For more information, call the university at (734) 432-5603.

Suburban West BPW hears about 'hidden job market'

Joyce Fortier of "Create Your Career" will discuss the hidden job market when the Suburban West Business and Professional Women's Club meets on Monday, Feb. 2.

The group will meet at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn-Livonia, I-275 and Six Mile Road.

The evening will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m., followed by the dinner and program at 6:30 p.m. There also will be a silent auction.

For more information, call Eunice Taylor at (313) 254-9617.

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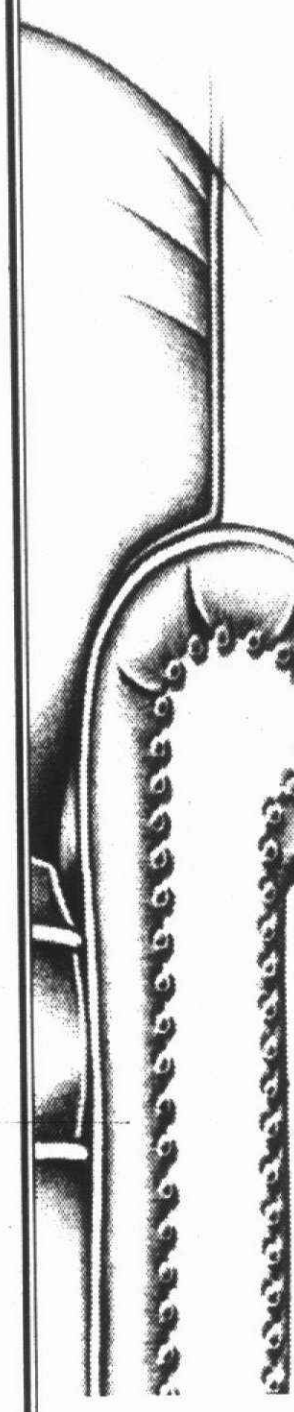

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Whalers make Top 40

The Top 40 will be put on ice Feb. 10 in Toronto, and a pair of Plymouth Whalers will be there.

Rookie center David Legwand and second-year defenseman Kevin Holdridge were both selected to the 40-player roster for the Chrysler Cup Challenge, a game featuring hockey's top prospects.

Legwand, who has 39 goals and 31 assists in 38 games this season, is rated second overall for the National Hockey League entry draft, according to the NHL's Central Scouting Bureau.

Holdridge, a 6-foot-4, 200-pound defensive defenseman from Novi, has four goals and 11 assists in 39 games, with a plus-18 plus/minus rating. Holdridge is rated a late first-round pick.

The three-day event surrounding the Chrysler Cup features practices and skill testing, ending with the prospects game, with one team coached by Hockey Night in Canada analyst Don Cherry and the other by Boston Bruin Hall of Famer Bobby Orr.

Soccer sign-up

■ The city of Plymouth's Department of Recreation will conduct registration for spring youth soccer through Friday at the Recreation office, located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

All registrations require a birth certificate. Cost is $40 for city of Plymouth residents and $60 for non-residents. Office hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

For more information, call (313) 455-6620.

■ SoccerZone-Novi is currently accepting registrations, either walk-in or mail-in, for its eight-game third indoor session, which runs from Feb. 14-April 17.

Cost is $695 per team, not including referee fees which vary by team age division. Individual player fee is $55.

Registration runs from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. through Feb. 5. SoccerZone-Novi is located off Grand River between Meadowbrook and Novi roads.

For further information, call (248) 374-0500.

Adult floor hockey

The Detroit College of Business still has openings for teams in its Sunday afternoon adult indoor floor hockey league.

All games are played at the Sheridan Recreation Center on Pardee in Taylor. Cost is $550 per team, which includes all expenses for a 10-game season plus playoffs, including referee fees, gym rental and trophies.

Individuals without a team interested in signing up, or anyone wishing further information, should call Kevin Brazell at (313) 581-4400, Ext. 389, or (313) 562-5033.

Murray's kicking camp

Former Detroit Lion Eddie Murray will conduct a youth placekicking and punting camp June 24-26 at Adrian College in Adrian.

The camp is open to all boys 8-20 years old who are interested in refining their placekicking and punting skills and techniques.

"We're teaching them kicking and punting, but we're also trying to tell them a little bit about life," said Murray, who kicked for the Minnesota Vikings last season. "What we're trying to do is not only make them better kickers, but better people as well."

For more information regarding the camp, call (800) 555-0801. Overnight housing is available.

Family skate

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services will again offer Family Skate Night starting Thursday, Feb. 5 (weather permitting) from 7-9 p.m. on the Heritage Park Ponds, behind the Canton Administration Building.

No registration is necessary and there is no charge. Ponds will be lighted and refreshments will be available.

Call (313) 397-5110 for more information or for skating conditions.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may fax them to (313) 591-7279.

Double defeat is a Whaler setback

There's still more than six weeks left in the season, with 21 games remaining on the Plymouth Whalers' schedule. But an opportunity escaped them last weekend, for certain.

The Whalers battled the London Knights in a back-to-back, home-and-home set, a two-game series that could go a long way toward deciding who the Ontario Hockey League's West Division champion would be.

London entered the weekend seven points in front of Plymouth, but the Knights had also played three more games — which meant the Whalers could conceivably eliminate six of those points.

Unfortunately, Plymouth did not take advantage of the situation. The Knights proved superior in both meetings, beating the Whalers 4-1 Friday in London and 6-1 Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The double setback left the Whalers trailing the first-place Knights by 11 points.

It was a game for a period both days. Plymouth drew first blood in each, getting a goal from Eric Gooldy just 1:30 into Friday's game. London tied it 10 minutes later on a goal by Richard Pitirri. Second-period goals by Rico Fata and Jay Legault gave the Knights a lead it would not lose.

The Whalers never did get on track offensively against London and goalie Gene Chiarello, who stopped 22 of 23 shots Friday and 37 of 38 on Saturday. Leading scorers David Legwand, Andrew Taylor and Yuri Babenko, who have 74 Whaler goals com-

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Canton can't stop Spartans

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

If frustration is creeping up on Plymouth Canton's swim team, it would certainly be understandable. After all, the Chiefs' 112-74 loss Tuesday to Western Lakes Activities Association foe Livonia Stevenson was their fourth in five dual meets this season.

But as Canton coach Kyle Lott is quick to point out, that isn't the case at all. "The way they're reacting to the problems is terrific," he said. "It wasn't a whole lot of fun tonight. Being 1-4 can't be a whole lot of fun.

"But we're probably one of the best 1-4 teams in the state. These kids are very competitive, like me, and I hate to see them get beat up and down the pool. They're swimming tired right now."

Stevenson, ranked in the state's top 10 — indeed, three of the four teams to have beaten Canton in duals are state-ranked — had too many frontrunners for the Chiefs. There were only two first-place finishes for Canton.

The first came from a first-year member of the team: freshman Ryan Cunningham posted his best score ever to capture top honors in diving (172.45 points).

Canton's other win was by Matt Heiss in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:07.98).

There were some other good times turned in by the Chiefs. Mike Dempsey had a season's best by three seconds in the 200 individual medley (2:15.79), finishing third; John Theisen broke a minute for the first time in his career in placing fourth in the 100 butterfly (59.91); and both Jason Musson and Justin Allen had solid performances in their first swims in the 500 freestyle this season, Musson placing second (5:20.3) and Allen fourth (5:25.5).

Despite their effort, however, it wasn't good enough to catch the Spartans, who had three double-winners in individual events (Keith Falk, 100 and 200 free; Mike Malik, 200 IM and 500 free; and Steve Domin, 50 free and 100 fly).

There was good news for the Chiefs. Don LeClair and Steve Blossom, both major contributors last year who have been idled by injuries (LeClair from knee surgery, Blossom from jaw surgery), returned to action, and David Le, another key competitor who had left the team early in the season, has returned and will swim against Farmington Harrison tonight. All three should boost Canton's fortunes.

"I really don't think we'll get beat in another dual meet this year," Lott predicted.

Still, the Canton coach is looking for something more. "I really haven't seen any of our 'A' guys step up yet," Lott said. "We need them to step up, to get into the top six (in the league)."

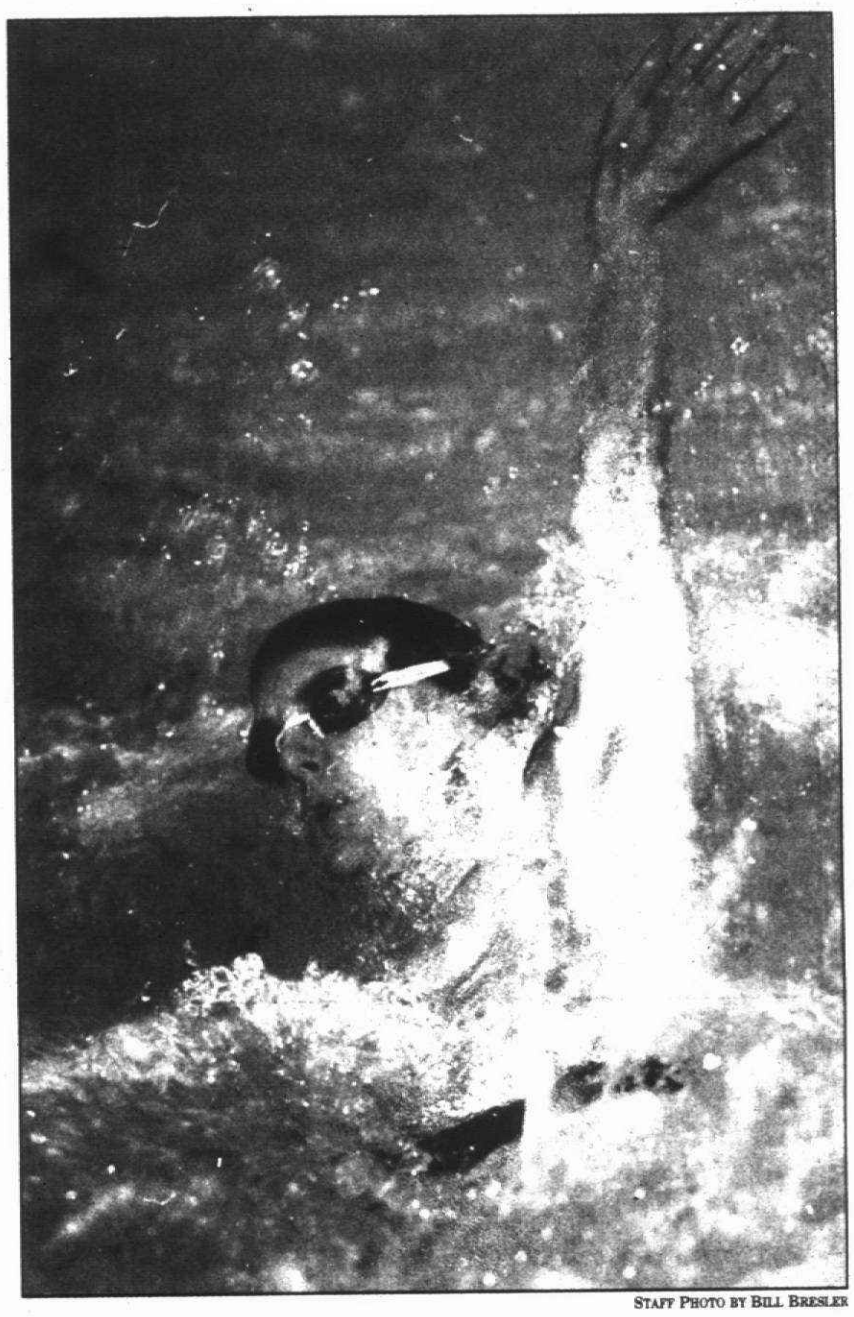
The Chiefs are hoping to challenge for the third spot in the WLAA, behind favored Plymouth Salem and Stevenson. But to do so, they'll need a number of their swimmers to drop their times enough to reach the league's top six.

And that won't be easy.

Last Saturday, Canton made a trip to the Monroe Invitational with a short-handed team. The Chiefs' divers did not go along.

How much that hurt Canton is not certain, but the swimmers did their best to propel the Chiefs to a second-place finish.

Milan ended up on top.



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Back against it: *Canton's Aaron Reeder gives it a good effort in the 100-yard backstroke, but Livonia Stevenson had a bit too much speed for the Chiefs.*

Rocks gain favorite status

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Sooner or later, time changes everything. Even an American Football Conference team will eventually win a Super Bowl, given enough time.

So when the Seventh Annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament gets under way Saturday morning at Westland John Glenn, expect some changes.

Nothing too drastic — three of last year's top four teams will probably still be at the top of the standings by day's end. What seems likely to change, however, is the order of their finish.

Livonia Stevenson is the reigning Observerland king. Indeed, the Spartans have owned the tournament the last few years, winning three of the last four. Only Redford Catholic Central was able to interrupt that dominance with a championship in '96.

"We've been lucky," said Stevenson coach Don Berg. "We've had some good wrestlers. We still got some good wrestlers, but I don't know if we're good enough to win it this year."

While the Spartans have had to plug holes in their lineup due to injury and graduation losses, the team that gave them the most trouble at last year's Observerland — Plymouth Salem — has flourished.

Which is why the Rocks, beaten by a mere six points at last year's tournament, are the favorites this time.

None of it means too much to Salem coach Ron Krueger. "You know, we're not even ranked in the top 10 in the state, and we've beaten several teams that are," Krueger said. "All that being favored and that other stuff doesn't mean anything."

Well, adhere to that path and the question that follows is: How important is the Observerland Tournament?

The answer: Don't underestimate it. "It's our last tune-up," Krueger said. "After this weekend, we have a week off, then we come right back in with the (Western Lakes Activities Association) tournament.

"We just have to keep ourselves

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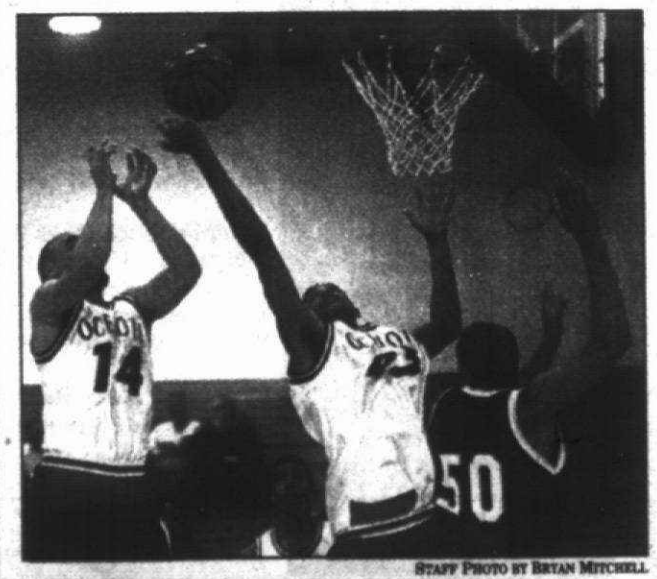
Observerland Tournament

- **When:** Wrestling begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.
- **Where:** Westland John Glenn HS.
- **Admission:** $4 (for all day). Concessions available.
- **Teams competing:** Plymouth Salem, Plymouth Canton, Farmington, Redford Union, Farmington Harrison, Garden City, North Farmington, Redford Catholic Central, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Livonia Churchill, Redford Thurston, Lutheran Westland, Livonia Clarenceville, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson.
- **Defending champion:** Livonia Stevenson.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Board battle: *SC's Dan Gomez (middle), from Canton, and Jose Bru get rebounding position.*

Ocelots mangle Macomb

A problem has emerged with Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team.

It has not been totally unexpected. When Ocelot coach Carlos Briggs was informed he would lose two of his top seven players to academics earlier this month, he knew depth could become troublesome.

Which means finishing games could be a problem.

In the second half of last Saturday's game against Mott CC and Monday's game at Macomb CC, SC was outscored by a combined total of 26 points. Fortunately, the Ocelots had a big enough cushion Monday against Macomb to withstand the onslaught: They won, 93-84, after building a 50-31 lead by halftime.

SC was not as fortunate against Mott. The 42-36 halftime lead wasn't enough; the Bears moved into a tie for first place in the Eastern Conference with an 85-75 come-from-behind win.

"We didn't handle their pressure well at all," said Briggs of the loss to Mott. "And it's something we can do. It was just one of those games . . .

"We didn't rebound the basketball well, either. (Mott) outrebounded us badly."

Monday's win was much-needed. It raised SC's overall record to 18-4; the Ocelots' conference mark is 7-1. With Henry Ford CC losing at St. Clair CCC Monday, two teams remained atop the conference standings entering Wednesday's games: Mott and SC.

Derek McKelvey's career-best 35-point scoring performance, which included six three-pointers, keyed the victory over Macomb. Others also played major roles, however. Kevin Melson contributed 26 points and 14 rebounds, Emeka Okonkwo tossed in 16 points, and Dan Gomez netted 10 points.

Reno Thompson's 30 points was tops for the Monarchs (7-11 overall, 2-6 in the conference).

Please see **OCELOTS**, C2

Crusaders knock off Tech to earn a split

■ WOMEN'S HOOP

Madonna University rebounded from a lopsided loss in Friday's first round of the University of Michigan-Dearborn Classic Tournament to earn a split by beating Indiana Tech Saturday in women's basketball.

On Friday, the Lady Crusaders were thumped by Central State (Ohio) 98-73. The Marauders are ranked in the NAIA's top 10.

On Saturday, five players reached double-figures in scoring to propel Madonna to a 93-86 triumph over Tech.

The split left the Crusaders at 13-8 overall.

The loss to Central State overshadowed a career-best performance from freshman center Lori Enfield, who led Madonna with 18 points (on 8-of-13 shooting) and 11 rebounds. Jennifer Jacek contributed 16 points.

However, for the second-straight game, the Crusaders top points producers were throttled. Chris Dietrich and Katie Cushman, who combined to score just nine points in a loss to Siena Heights a day earlier (they average more than 27), totaled 11 on 5-of-16 shooting against Central State. Cushman did have six assists and Dietrich got four, with two steals.

Central State was led by Marieme Lo, who poured in 30 points (13-of-21 from the floor), grabbed nine rebounds and had three steals. Sheba Lewis and Melissa Richards added 16 points apiece, and Sheri Fointo got 12 points and 13 assists.

In the win over Indiana Tech, Cushman and Dietrich hit stride, combining for 26 points on 8-of-14 shooting. Cushman had 19 points and four assists; Dietrich added seven points and four assists.

Enfield turned in her second consecutive strong performance, going 8-for-8 from the field to score 16 points. Angie Negri added 13 points, five assists and two steals; Michelle Miela got 11 points; Melissa Poma finished with 10 points; and Dawn Pelc totaled seven points, and 10 rebounds.

Indiana Tech got 25 points from Jan Johnson, 15 from Michelle Curry, and 10 apiece from Dawn Howard and Kelly Hays.

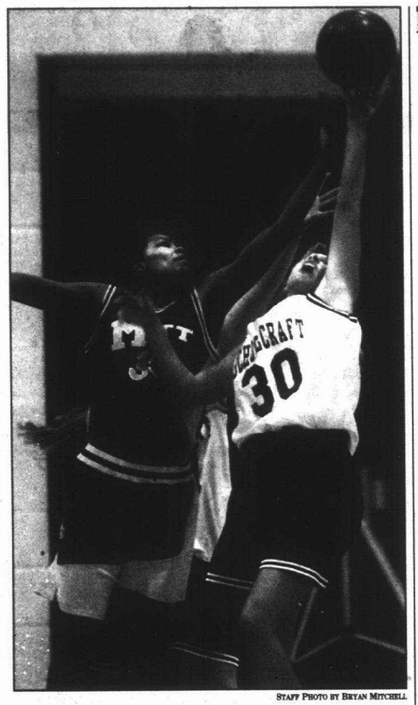
Macomb CC 88, SC 58: Schoolcraft College proved no match for the unbeaten frontrunner in the Eastern Conference Monday at Macomb CC.

The loss was the second-straight for the Lady Ocelots as their overall record fell to 9-9. They are 5-3 in the conference.

Macomb is 13-4 overall, 8-0 in the conference.

Deidra Fields riddled SC for 35 points and 13 rebounds. The Ocelots were paced by Amber Tackett's 18 points.

Last Saturday at SC, the Ocelots were upended by Mott CC 59-56. Mott lost Monday at Oakland CC, 68-62, dropping the Lady Bears to 6-14 overall, 3-5 in the conference.



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Stretching it: *Jenni Talbot (right) goes after a loose ball for SC during Saturday's game against Mott. Talbot won this battle, but the Lady Ocelots lost the game.*

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Friday, Jan. 30
Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 7 p.m.
Harper Wds. at Luth. W'sid, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Romulus, 7 p.m.
Lincoln Park at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Southgate at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Melvindale at Thurston, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Farmington at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Northville at Harrison, 7 p.m.
W. Wayne at Canton Agape, 7:15 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at Det. Loyola, 7:30 p.m.
PCA at Taylor Baptist, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Warren Bethesda at Marshall Middle School, 7:30p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Jan. 31
S'craft at OCC-Orchard Ridge, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Thursday, Jan. 29
Madonna at Aquinas, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 31
S'craft at OCC-Orchard Ridge, 1 p.m.
Madonna at Bluffton (Ohio), 3 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Jan. 29
Clarenceville at Liggett, 6:30 p.m.
Aquinas at Borgess, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 7 p.m.
PCA at Oakland Christian, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 30
Ply. Christian at Agape, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 31
Romulus Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
UM-Dearborn Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
E. Kentwood Tournament, TBA
Country Day Tournament, TBA
Greenhills Invitational, TBA
PREP HOCKEY
Thursday, Jan. 29
Redford Union vs. Franklin at Redford Ice Arena, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 30
Churchill vs. Stevenson, at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 31
Franklin vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.
Redford CC vs. G.P. North Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Jan. 30
Whalers at Sarnia, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 31
Ply. Whalers vs. Sarnia at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 1
Ply. Whalers vs. Kitchener at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
PREP WRESTING
Saturday, Jan. 31
Observerland Tournament at Westland Glenn, 9:30 a.m.

BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

Following is a list of Observerland boys best swimming times and diving scores. Coaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara by calling (313) 953-2141 or faxing the information to (313) 591-7279.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY
Livonia Stevenson 1:40.62
Plymouth Salem 1:43.04
Redford Catholic Central 1:44.38
Plymouth Canton 1:44.82
North Farmington 1:46.23
200 FREESTYLE
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:45.45
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 1:48.97
Nick Corden (Salem) 1:49.39
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 1:50.30
Matt Baran (Redford CC) 1:52.31
Jason Musson (Canton) 1:53.35
Brent Mellis (Salem) 1:53.37
Pete Bosler (Farmington) 1:54.50
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 1:55.18
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:55.20
200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 2:00.73
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 2:01.67
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 2:05.49
Brent Mellis (Salem) 2:05.73
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 2:06.18
Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 2:07.36
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 2:07.44
Nick Corden (Salem) 2:07.49
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:08.58
Brian Mertens (Salem) 2:11.51
50 FREESTYLE
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 22.11
Nick Corden (Salem) 22.14
Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.44
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 23.08
Dan Kelly (Salem) 23.10
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 23.13
Jacob Varty (Stevenson) 23.21
Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 23.29
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 23.36
Matt Baran (Redford CC) 23.70
DIVING
Joe Lebovic (N. Farmington) 243.40
J.T. Svoke (Harrison) 237.10
Jeff Phillips (John Glenn) 223.55
Chris Cameron (Salem) 223.00
John Lowry (Farmington) 221.00
Mike Belvitch (Salem) 189.40
Dave Sutton (Redford Union) 183.60
Mike Dzikowski (Franklin) 182.00
Greg Brazlunas (Redford CC) 174.90
Ryan Cunningham (Canton) 172.45
100 BUTTERFLY
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 53.18
Mark Sgriccia (Stevenson) 54.17
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 55.34
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 55.56
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 55.66
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 56.31
Paul Perez (Salem) 56.86
Brent Mellis (Salem) 58.38
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 58.43
Matt Tobkin (Redford CC) 58.45
100 FREESTYLE
Nick Corden (Salem) 48.47
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 49.02
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 49.80
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 49.84
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 50.00
Andrew Locke (Salem) 51.14
Matt Baran (Redford CC) 51.40
Pete Bosler (Farmington) 51.85
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 51.17
Ryan Zoumbaris (John Glenn) 51.60
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Brent Mellis (Salem) 5:03.43
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 5:05.84
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:09.05
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:11.80
Justin Barringer (Harrison) 5:14.21
200 FREESTYLE RELAY
Plymouth Salem 1:29.70
Livonia Stevenson 1:34.36
North Farmington 1:35.90
Plymouth Canton 1:38.16
Redford Catholic Central 1:38.54
100 BACKSTROKE
Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 55.23
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 56.03
Nick Corden (Salem) 56.17
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 56.61
Mark Sgriccia (Stevenson) 57.23
Brent Mellis (Salem) 57.53
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 58.74
Devon Hopper (Farmington) 58.85
Josh Duffy (Harrison) 58.91
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 59.39
100 BREASTSTROKE
Ryan Zoumbaris (John Glenn) 1:04.05
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:04.47
Matt Walker (Harrison) 1:03.34
Jody Gomez (Franklin) 1:04.87
Paul Connolly (Redford CC) 1:05.57
Matt Heiss (Canton) 1:06.27
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:07.31
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:07.67
Dave Bosman (Franklin) 1:07.73
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:07.80
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Whalers - C1

bined, were held scoreless.

On Saturday, the Whalers again had the early lead, thanks to a power-play goal by Harold Druken (his 23rd of the season) midway through the first period. Legault tied it for London on the power play with 2:42 left in the opening period.

Three second-period goals left the Knights in control. Max Spiridonov finished with a goal and three assists for London. Former Whaler Mark Cadotte scored a goal in each game for London, giving him 29 for the season.

The Whalers will once again have a busy weekend. They play at Sarnia Friday, host the Sting at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, then entertain Kitchener at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

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East Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Belleville Bulls	31	16	2	64
Ottawa 67s	26	11	7	59
Kingston Frontenacs	26	17	3	55
Oshawa Generals	19	26	4	42
Peterborough Petes	16	25	5	37
Toronto St. M. Majors	10	27	8	28
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pts.**
Guelph Storm	31	12	5	67
Barrie Colts	30	13	3	63
Kitchener Rangers	18	20	6	42
Owen Sound Platers	19	25	2	40
Sudbury Wolves	16	30	4	36
North Bay Centennials	12	31	6	30
West Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pts.**
London Knights	31	14	3	65
Plymouth Whalers	25	18	4	54
Sarnia Sting	22	17	8	52
Erie Otters	20	26	2	42
SSM Greyhounds	15	27	5	35
Windsor Spitfires	15	30	3	33

Ocelots *from page C1*

Mott, which improved to 15-4 overall with a victory over Oakland CC Monday, got strong play from its guards in beating SC last Saturday. Alex Spivey collected 17 points and Roy Davis scored 14 as the Ocelots battled to overcome the Bears' pressure.

Fouls also took their toll. Okonkwo sat out most of the second half in foul trouble; he eventually fouled out with three minutes left and SC trailing by six.

Melson's 23 points paced the Ocelots. McKelvey added 17 and Jose Bru came off the bench to score a much-needed 14.

SC will get another shot at the Bears Feb. 18 in Flint. "If we attack their pressure, this is a team we can beat," said Briggs.

There's a lot more territory to cover before that showdown, however.

St. Mary's 99, Madonna 85: Three Eagles combined for 73 points Saturday in Orchard Lake as St. Mary's College bested Madonna University for the second time this season.

The loss dropped Madonna to 2-19 overall.

Kevin Spencer did most of the damage for St. Mary's, pouring in 33 points (on 12-of-20 floor shooting) and grabbing 16 rebounds. Al Rogers and Pierre Brown contributed 20 points apiece; Rudy Elliott netted 12. Between those four, they made 27-of-46 shots (58.7 percent).

For the Crusaders, Mark Hayes led with 19 points and seven assists. Jason Maschke (from Livonia Franklin) had 17 and nine boards, Erick Giovannini (Livonia Stevenson) collected 14 points and nine rebounds, Chad Putnam (Redford Thurston) scored 13, grabbed six rebounds and had three steals, and John-Mark Branch and Narvin Russaw each totaled 11 points, with Branch hauling down eight boards.

However, their combined shooting was 35-of-83 (42.2 percent). St. Mary's was also 30-of-43 from the free-throw line (69.8 percent) to Madonna's 7-of-14 (50 percent).

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Viking pressure jolts Chiefs

■ BASKETBALL

The pressure was on for Plymouth Canton's basketball team. And as their coach, Dan Young, summarized: "We didn't deal with it very well."

Walled Lake Central attacked one of the Chiefs' weak points relentlessly, building a huge first-half lead and keeping it throughout for a 62-44 Western Lakes Activities Association triumph Tuesday at Central.

The win ended Canton's two-game winning streak, dropping the Chiefs to 3-7 overall and to 2-2 in the WLAA. Central evened its overall mark at 5-5; the Vikings are 3-2 in the WLAA.

"We didn't deal with their pressure very well," Young repeated, "and that was pretty much the story. We got down early and had to play catch-up, and that's hard for us."

Central took full advantage of Canton's inexperience in constructing a 20-9 lead by the end of the first quarter. The Vikings increased that to 34-17 by halftime.

Four players reached double figures in scoring for Central: Cory Heitsch (14), Dave Cardinal (12), Nick Hall (11) and Todd Negoshian (10).

Canton had just one player in doubles: Joe Cortellini scored 15. Eric Larsen was next highest with seven.

"One of our goals in practice is to get better against pressure," said Young. "We're a young team — we're going to have our ups and downs. One of the problems we've had all season is handling pressure. We haven't dealt with it all season."

The Chiefs will get another chance when they play at Livonia Churchill Friday.

Salem 63, Northville 43: Bit of an adjustment defensively and — voila! — another victory for Plymouth Salem.

For the Rocks, the win was their eighth-straight, pushing their overall record to 8-2. They are 4-0 in the WLAA.

Salem led 18-15 after one quarter, then made a few defensive changes that limited the Mustangs to 28 points over the last three quarters.

"We stepped up our defense a bit, played more aggressively," said Rocks' coach Bob Brodie. "We started it in the second quarter, and it carried over to the second half.

"(Northville) turned it over quite a bit in the second quarter."

Three Rocks reached double-figures in scoring, led by Jeff McKian with 15 points, 10 rebounds, five assists and three blocked shots. Bhavin Patel added 12 points and Andy Power had 10 points, five assists and five steals.

Dave Terakedis paced Northville with 12 points.

Salem outscored the Mustangs 17-8 in the second quarter and 28-20 in the second half.

PCA 67, Oakland Christian 62: It was another important league game for Plymouth Christian Academy Tuesday, and the Eagles came away with another important win.

Host PCA kept Auburn Hills Oakland Christian behind with clutch free throw shooting down the stretch, allowing the Eagles to improve to 9-2 overall, 3-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Oakland Christian, the defending MIAC champ, fell to 4-5 overall, 1-3 in the league.

"This is a big win for us," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "They've been handing us our lunch for a long time."

Indeed, this is only the third time PCA has beaten Oakland Christian since 1985. "We won ugly," Taylor said, "but we won."

Scott Carty's deadly three-point shooting again played a role. The senior guard scored 24 points, including six three-pointers. Jordan Roose added 14 points and Derric Isensee had 12.

Aaron Willson's 27 points paced Oakland Christian. Jimmy Mehlberg had 14 and Dustin Quarrella 12.

PCA led 15-13 after one quarter and 28-24 at the half. The Eagles were clinging to a 41-38 advantage after three quarters.

A 26-22 scoring advantage in that final period sparked the Eagles. Carty had seven in the quarter and Roose scored six, but the key points came from James Jones, who came off the bench to net six points, and Isensee. Both were 4-for-4 from the free-throw line in the final period.

Mike Lehoczky added to the Eagles' bench performance, grabbing seven rebounds.

Canton claims win

■ GYMNASTICS

It was close — right down to the final rotation.

In fact, the outcome of Monday's dual meet between Plymouth Canton and the tri-Farmington team seemed to be leaning toward Farmington after three events. Canton was ahead by nearly two points, but Farmington's final event would be the floor exercise while the Chiefs were on the balance beam.

And anyone who's familiar with gymnastics knows more points are usually scored in floor than beam.

Unless, of course, your team happens to be Canton.

"Canton's always been a beam team," said Chiefs' coach John Cunningham. His gymnasts proved it by scoring 35.15 points on beam to Farmington's 34.85 on floor.

That gave the Chiefs a 138.05-135.00 victory at the Farmington Training Center.

Canton improved to 6-3 overall in duals, 2-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"They've just got a very good team," Farmington coach Jeff Dwyer said of the Chiefs.

Canton gymnasts posted the best scores in three of the four events, with Liz Fitzgerald getting two of those. Fitzgerald won the vault (8.9) and uneven parallel bars (9.15); she was also second in the beam (8.9).

Fitzgerald's all-around total of 35.45 was highest in the meet.

Amy Driscoll had Canton's other first-place finish, winning the beam (8.95).

While the Chiefs dominated the beam, claiming the top four positions to outscore Farmington 35.15-33.1 in the event, Farmington got the better of Canton in floor exercise, posting the top three scores to outpoint the Chiefs 34.85-34.05.

Brook Rubin, whose all-around total of 35.0 was second to Fitzgerald, was first in floor (9.0). Kelly Barenie was second (8.85) and Marie Law was third (8.75) for Farmington.

Marcie Emerick, who had a second in vault (8.85), a third in bars (8.65), and fourths in both beam (8.6) and floor (8.65), had the third-best all-around total (34.65).

Battling the best

No. 1 Holt holds off Salem

■ WRESTLING

The final score seemed a bit confusing, and it certainly was upsetting to Plymouth Salem, which came out second to defending Class A state champion Holt at last Saturday's Holt Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

"If you score everything, which is what it seems they did, then we should have won," said Salem coach Ron Krueger. "We were right there with them. I'm not going to worry."

According to the final tally, Holt totaled 279.5 points to finish first. Salem was next with 266.5, followed by Bay City Western (248), Swartz Creek (238.5), Grosse Pointe North (229), East Kentwood (173.5), St. John's (148), Port Huron Northern (143), Walled Lake Central (128), Midland and Holt's 'B' team (each with 101), Ferndale (99), Lakeland (77), Owosso (72.5) and Portage Northern (70.5).

Four Rocks finished first in their weight divisions. Perhaps most impressive among them was the performance of Charlie Hamblin at heavyweight. In the championship match, Hamblin faced Port Huron Northern's James Nelson, who finished third in the state last year. Hamblin emerged with the win, 2-1 in overtime.

Another of the Rocks champions was Teono Wilson at 189. He beat Swartz Creek's Steve Bright 10-2 in the championship round.

Anwar Crutchfield turned in one of the tournament's most impressive performances with five pins in five matches at 160, including a victory in 3:57 over Port Huron's Northern's Nate Hurst in the division final.

The Rocks' fourth champion was at the other end of the weight scale: John Mervyn, who won the title at 103 with a 6-3 triumph over Holt's Jack Scott in the championship bout.

Three other Salem wrestlers managed third-place finishes: Dan Morgan at 119, with a pin of Swartz Creek's Joe Broderick in 2:59 of the consolation final; Josh Henderson at 125, with a 7-1 victory over Walled Lake Central's John O'Brien in the consolation final; and James Greene at 145, with a 3-1 triumph over Bay City Western's Brandon Brissette in the consolation final.

Rob Ash (112) and Dan Hamblin (140) both came away with fourth-place finishes. Hamblin lost in the consolation final by injury default after hurting his hand; he will not wrestle at Saturday's Observerland Tournament.

Demsick paces Canton

There wasn't a whole lot of positives for Plymouth Canton at last Saturday's Belleville Invitational, but it wasn't all so bad, either.

The Chiefs finished 14th in the 17-team tournament. Best performance among them came from Robert Demsick at 160 pounds. Demsick defeated Steve Wolf of Belleville 7-3 in the consolation final to place third.

The victory was a bit of vengeance for Demsick; a week earlier a the Romulus Invitational, Wolf had beaten him in a close match. For the day, Demsick collected four match wins at Belleville.

"We knew right off that many strong teams would be there, so we went there for the experience and to win matches where we could," said Canton assistant coach John Demsick. "We were able to stay out of the bottom three places as a team, so that's a start."

Canton will be among the 16-team field at Saturday's Observerland Tournament at Westland John Glenn.

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together."

That's something the Rocks have done quite well all season. Their lineup has few weak spots.

"They're real solid, all the way through," said CC coach Mike Rodriguez of Salem. His Shamrocks placed fourth last year, but he believes Salem's lineup is too complete for his team to challenge.

What Rodriguez will have in his lineup are two returning Observerland champs in Mitch Hancock, who won in '97 at 112 but has wrestled up to 135 this year, and Casey Rogowski, now a heavyweight who is unbeaten this season.

"We're young," said Rodriguez. "We only have two seniors."

Stevenson, which had just one Observerland champion last year (Nick Petryk, who graduated), still has plenty of firepower in Katsuhiko Sueda, Chris Goins, Dan Seder, Jeff Brach, Brian Barker and Joe Moreau. Goins and Barker placed third at the '97 tournament, while Sueda, Seder, Brach and Moreau all lost in the finals.

Several other defending Observerland champs return, like Wayne Memorial's William Laramie (heavyweight) and Nate Wensko (103) and John Glenn's John Fedulchak (140) and Matt Biddinger (152).

"Both Salem and CC have strong teams, strong traditions," said Berg. "It'll be interesting. If everything falls just right, we could wrestle well.

"We'll show up. We'll be there, we'll battle. You never know, if things fall our way."

Krueger won't be hoping for luck, although the status of one of his better wrestlers — 140-pound Dan Hamblin, who lost in the Observerland finals last year — is still in doubt. Hamblin injured his hand at the Holt Invitational last Saturday.

Salem does have one returning Observerland champion in James Greene at 135. Several others could challenge for titles, including John Mervyn at 103, Rob Ash at 112, Dan Morgan at 119, Anwar Crutchfield at 160, Teono Wilson at 189 and Charlie Hamblin at heavyweight.

"If we go in and wrestle the way we can, we'll do well," said Krueger. With victories already this year over Stevenson and CC, the odds would certainly seem to be in the Rocks' favor.

Of course, Green Bay was thinking the same thing at Sunday's Super Bowl.

Charger rally shocks Falcons

■ BASKETBALL

Livonia Churchill made it a clean sweep of the three Farmington schools Tuesday, clawing back from a 17-point halftime deficit to earn a 72-71 boys basketball triumph at Farmington.

The Chargers, fresh from a 51-45 upset Friday of Farmington Harrison, outscored the host Falcons 46-28 in the second half.

Churchill is 4-6 overall and 3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Farmington drops to 6-4 and 1-3.

Corey Cook, Lamar Smith and Erik Uhlinger combined for 32 second-half points to lead the comeback.

Cook, a senior forward, finished with a game-high 19. Smith added 17, while Uhlinger had 12, including the game-winning free throw with 16 seconds left.

Uhlinger also had nine assists and eight steals.

Junior guard Justin Jakes added 10 points, 12 assists, four steals and four rebounds.

Farmington's 6-foot-6 senior center Trevor Gaines led all scorers with 24.

Matt Orr and Justin Milus contributed 15 and 14, respectively, for the Falcons.

Farmington's Ryan Gargol cut the deficit to one with a pair of free throw with 10 seconds left.

Churchill followed with a turnover, but the Chargers' George Kithas sealed the win when he deflected a lob pass intended for Gaines and into the hands to Uhlinger as time expired.

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Early rampage boosts Shamrocks to win over Rice

BY JOE KYRIAKOZA
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BASKETBALL

If only the Birmingham Brother Rice basketball team had played the entire game with the same gusto and enthusiasm it exhibited in the fourth quarter.

If only the Warriors sprawled and clawed for every loose ball, banged for every rebound and worked hard for good shots in the first three quarters. If ...

The big IF.

Had the Rice players performed all of the above from the opening tip 'till the final buzzer, the outcome would undoubtedly have been different.

Instead, visiting Redford Catholic Central took the lead with 4:21 left in the first quarter and never let go of it, holding off a late but inspired comeback by Brother Rice to claim a 71-67 victory on Tuesday in Catholic League Central Division action.

"In our league on the road you've just got to be happy to get the win," Central (7-2, 4-1) coach Rick Coratti said. "Rice and Catholic Central are great rivals and that always comes into play. It's always a tough game."

Rice, which fell to 6-5 overall and 2-3 in the league, nearly avenged a 13-point third-quarter deficit with a 29-20 fourth quarter, but fell short as Central hit 8 of 8 free throws down the stretch.

"I felt pretty good with our free throw shooting toward the end," Coratti said. "I thought we had our best free throw shooters in the game."

Rice stayed competitive throughout the contest thanks to the sharp shooting of senior forward Jon Poyer, who scored 10 of his 29 points in the final period. But Central countered with the interior dominance of 6-11 senior Chris Young. The University Michigan-bound center collected 24 points, including 15 in the second half.

"We did a decent job of freeing him up inside," Coratti said of Young.

"In a game like this," Rice coach Bill Norton said, "they go to Young and we go to Poyer. If anything (we didn't go to Poyer) enough.

"I'd like to have two Jon Poyers, one to play inside and one to play outside."

The bulk of Poyer's points came from the outside, but the senior was Rice's only outside threat as the Warriors were unable to exploit Central's 2-3 zone defense.

"We needed to make shots," Norton said. "That was the key. They were in a 2-3 zone so we have to make those open shots and we have to recognize how to get those shots."

Especially in the first half, the Warriors failed to make most of their open shots as they trailed 16-10 after the first quarter.

Three straight buckets increased the Shamrocks' lead to 10 with 6:00 remaining in the second quarter. Poyer closed out the half with a jumper and a pair of free throws as Rice trailed 31-21.

The third quarter belonged to Young as he tallied 13 points including two three-point plays. Central sophomore forward Rob Sparks high-arching 3-pointer with under a minute left in the third quarter made the Warriors' deficit 51-38.

Rice, though, fought back to make it close early in the fourth backed by an 8-0 run which cut the lead to 51-46 with 6:16 remaining. But a pair of gutsy 3-pointers by senior guard Joe Jonna with 4:59 and 1:46 left kept Rice at a safe distance.

Poyer renewed hope for Rice with :57 seconds left as his 3-point shot swished and he was fouled. Poyer missed the free throw but the deficit was down to two points. Central went 6-6 from the charity stripe in the final 35 seconds to seal the win.

Young added 10 rebounds and four steals to his Central team-high 24 points. Jonna scored 13 points and hauled down nine rebounds and Sparks tossed in 12. Junior point guard Nick Moore added 10 points and eight assists.

Rice senior center J.P. Sullivan followed Poyer in the scoring column with 10 points off the bench. Senior forward Chris Petty collected nine points, six boards and three steals while guards Leon McDonald and Ron Austin had six points apiece.

Norton refuses to mail the season in because of one tough home loss.

"Win or lose, this does not make or break our season," Norton said. "We've got five big games coming up with teams that we played already and were 2-3 against. We need to do better this time."

The road to improvement can begin for the Warriors at home tomorrow as they host Warren De Lasalle. Catholic Central looks to continue its Catholic League success at Redford Bishop Borgess tomorrow.

John Glenn 73, Franklin 72 (OT): Sophomore Yaku Moton poured in 17 of his career-high 25 points during the second half Tuesday as host Westland John Glenn (7-3, 5-0) outlasted Livonia Franklin (4-6, 0-6) in overtime.

The 6-7 Moton and sophomore guard Eric Jones combined for 10 of 11 Glenn overtime points.

Jones had six, including a three-pointer, en route to a 19-point outing. Junior forward Stephen Lawson added 11 points.

Franklin senior guard Nick Mongeau led all scorers with a 27 points, hitting seven 3-pointers. He scored all 10 Franklin overtime points.

Senior guard Eddie Wallace contributed 24, including 13 in the final period.

Wallace scored with nine seconds remaining to give the Patriots a 62-60 lead. Jones answered, forcing overtime on a basket with just one second to go in regulation.

Franklin led 21-17 after one quarter as Mongeau connected on a desperation three-pointer from half-court.

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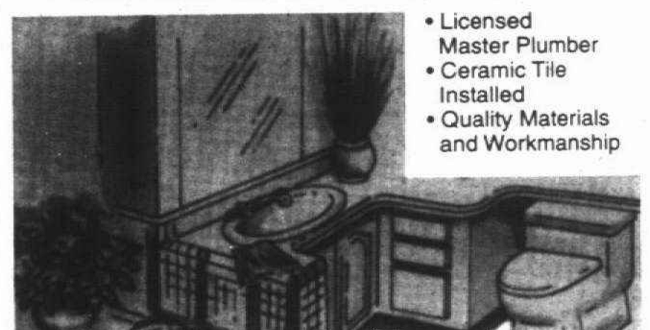

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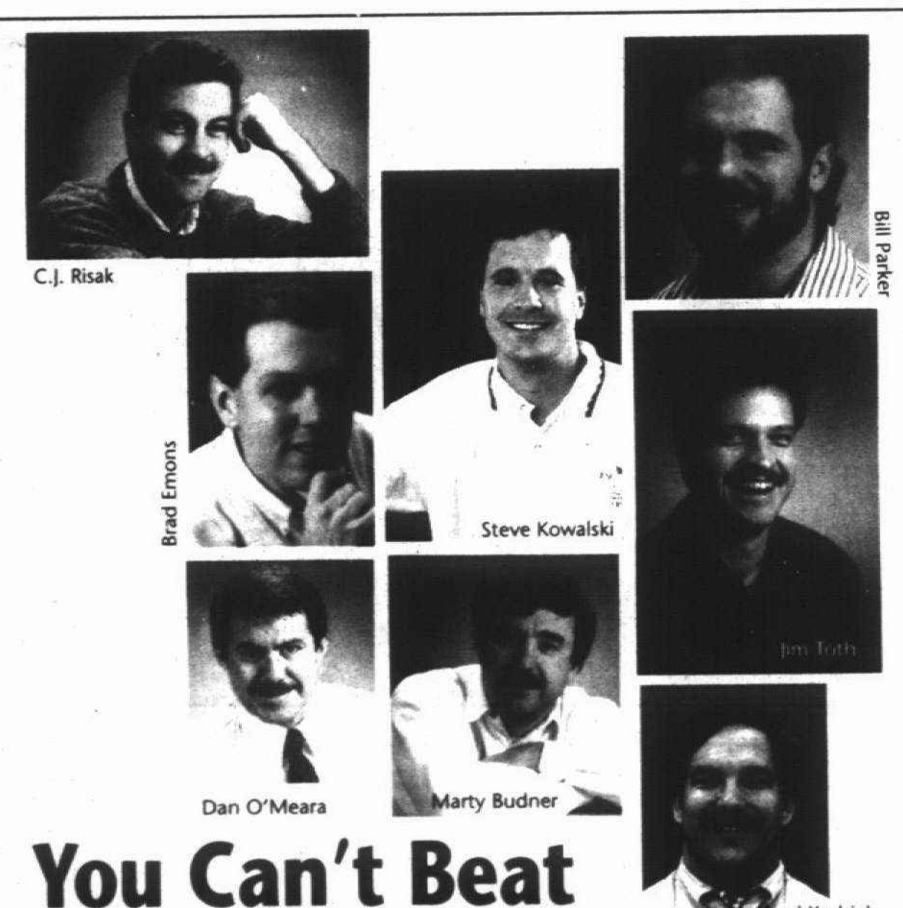

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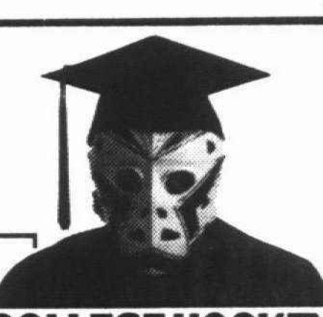

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OUTDOORS CALENDAR

OUTDOOR CLUBS

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

HOLLIDAY NATURE PRESERVE
The Holliday Nature Preserve Association meets monthly at the Livonia Civic Center Library. The next meeting begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4. Call (313) 522-8547 for more information.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

WINTER WALK
Kathy Treppa will lead a winter walk beginning at 12 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at the William P. Holliday Nature Preserve in Westland. Call (313) 522-8547 for more information.

OUTDOOR SHOWS

CAMPER & RV SHOW
The 32nd Annual Detroit Camper & RV Show will be held Feb. 7-15 at the Novi Expo Center (I-96 and Novi Road). Show hours are 2 to 9:30 p.m. weekdays, noon to 9 p.m. Saturdays, and noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. Admission is $6.50 (age 13 and up), $2 for children 6-12, and children five and under will be admitted free. Two-for-One coupons are available exclusively at participating MARVAC dealers.

DEER & TURKEY SPECTACULAR
The Michigan Deer & Turkey Spectacular will be held Feb. 13-15 at the Lansing Civic Center. Show hours are 4-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13; 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14; and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15. Admission is $8 adult, $3 for children ages 6-11 and children ages five and under will be admitted free. Friday is Family Night and all children ages 15 and under will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

BOAT, SPORT & FISHING
The 15th annual Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will take place Feb. 18-22 at the Pontiac Silverdome.

OUTDOORAMA
Outdoorama '98 Sport and Travel show will take place Feb. 20-March 1 at the Novi Expo Center. Show hours are 4-9:30 p.m. Feb. 20, 23, 24, 26 and 27; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Feb. 21 and 28; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Feb. 22; noon-9:30 p.m. Feb. 25; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. March 1. Admission is $6.50 adult, $3 for children 12 and under, and children ages five and under will be admitted free. A two-day adult pass is available for $10 and a two-day children's pass is $5.

SPORTFISHING EXPO
The 10th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo will be held March 5-8 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

MEETINGS

NRC
The next monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Feb. 11-12 at the Lansing Center. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should call Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 a week in advance to request assistance. The Commission will take public comment on the issue of legalizing the use of raised platforms during the firearms deer season. Persons wishing to give testimony should call Golden to arrange for a time to address the commission.

FISHING CLUBS

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Lt. Larry Schmoekel of the Wayne County Sheriff Marine Division will be the guest speaker at the Feb. 4 meeting. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS ANGLERS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Dearborn Civic Center. Call (313) 676-2863 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

GOOSE
The special late Canada goose season runs through Feb. 1 in southern Michigan. The boundaries for the late hunt have been changed this year and are now the same as those for the South Zone of the regular waterfowl season. The entire south zone is open during the late hunt with the exception of the five GMU's.

RABBIT
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

TURKEY
Feb. 1 is the deadline to apply for a spring turkey permit.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to dusk on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours through Dec. 22 are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for more information.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

1998 PERMITS
The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are $15 ($8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are $18 ($9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

NATURE ON STAMPS
Take a look at nature by studying stamps from all over the world during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Kensington.

WINTER ECOLOGY
Take a trek along the trails to learn about winter woodland ecology during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at Indian Springs.

CRITTER-N-CRAFT
Ages 5 and older will have a chance to get up close to "Kermit's Kissin' Cousins" during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Saturday at Stony Creek.

THE MISSING GROUNDHOG
Groundhog Day and no groundhog? Follow the mystery through the exploits of an enterprising reporter and puppet cast during the Fury Tale Theatre's production of "The Case of the Missing Groundhog," which begins at 1:30 p.m., 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

BACKYARD WILDLIFE
A slide presentation followed by a nature hike to learn about wildlife that can be found in your backyard begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Indian Springs.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

GROUND HOGS AND WEATHER PROPHETS
Learn how some animals and plants are used to predict the weather during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, at Independence Oaks.

SUNDAY SNOWSHOES
School-aged children through adults can explore the wonders of winter during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday at Independence Oaks. Participants should call the park at 248-625-6473 on Friday, after 10 a.m., to reserve a pair of snowshoes.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

BIRDING AT HAVEN HILL
Bird watchers can explore the nature area in search of winter resident birds during this program, which begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Highland Recreation Area. Participants should bring binoculars and meet at the Park Office.

RIVER TRAIL SKI/HIKE
Explore the River Trail by skis or by foot during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at Proud Lake Recreation Area. Ski rental is available and participants should meet at the annex parking lot.

BIRD HIKE
Bring your binocular and enjoy a guided bird hike during this program, which begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at Maybury.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing to consider:

An ordinance to amend Enrolled Ordinance No. 92-676, as amended, to add Section 3 to establish a duty upon the Director of each Executive Branch department to send to the Auditor General a copy of each audit or management or operations analysis performed on activities under their purview by auditors other than those of the Auditor General; and to establish civil infraction penalties for a failure to comply with this duty; and to establish misdemeanor penalties for a refusal to comply.

The hearing will be held:
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1998
Commission Chambers, 10:00 a.m.
Wayne County Building
600 Randolph, Detroit, Michigan

Copies of the proposed amendment to the ordinance may be reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit 48226. (313) 224-0903.

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RESA HEAD START PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Wayne County RESA Head Start, a federally funded, comprehensive preschool program serving 3 & 4 year olds is announcing the availability of $1,000,000.00 in Head Start funds to serve 340 children and families in the Western Wayne area, as a delegate of the above grantee.
(Inkster)

Wayne County RESA Head Start has operated Head Start in Wayne County outside of the city of Detroit for nearly 30 years. The present enrollment of this grantee is 3,743 children and families. Comprehensive services including health, nutrition, family services, parent education and parent involvement are provided in 23 sites throughout the service area.

Recent Community Assessments indicate an ongoing need for services in this area. Thus opening up an opportunity for an agency to expand their service commitment to children and families in the Western Wayne service area.
(Inkster)

The program must open September 1 and be able to provide the required weeks and hours of service.

The minimum number of children to be served is 340. At least 85 children must be provided full day service to meet the needs of working parents. Delegates must provide a 20% local match/non-federal share. The non-federal share is computed on the amount of the federal funds. The non-federal share may be met by cash and / or in-kind contributions in the form of space, equipment or services which has been fairly evaluated.

The Head Start program provides comprehensive health, education, nutrition, social and parent involvement services to primarily economically disadvantaged pre-school children. The legislative authority for the Head Start program is Title VI, Subtitle A, Chapter 8, Subchapter B of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, PL 97-35 commonly known as the "Head Start Act", which is codified at 42 U.S.C. 9801, et. seq. The Head Start program can be found in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) at 93.600.

Eligible applicants are limited by 42 U.S.C. 9836 to local public or private non-profit agencies, a federally-recognized Indian tribe or a local government entity. Any non-profit organization submitting an application must include proof of its non-profit status at the time of submission. The non-profit agency can accomplish this by providing a copy of the applicant's listing in the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) most recent list of tax exempt organizations described in Section 50 1 (c)(30) of the IRS code OR by providing a copy of the articles or incorporation bearing the seal of the State in which the corporation or association is domiciled.

The annual funding level for Head Start is dependent upon Congressional action but it is expected to continue. The successful applicant can expect continued funding if the program is operated in compliance with program requirements and provides quality services.

Requests for applications must be received by 3:45 EST on February 6, 1998. The requests must be made at the Bidders Conference or addressed to:

Patricia J. Horne McGee, Director
WCRESA Head Start
33500 Van Born Road
Wayne, MI 48184

No phone requests accepted.

Complete applications are due by 3:45 on March 27, 1998.

An applicant conference will be held at Thursday, February 5, 1998 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. in Room 20, WCRESA Annex. Questions will be answered at this time.

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CALENDAR

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WEEKEND

FAMILY TRIP

■ Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a family trip to see "Sesame Street Live!" on Saturday, Jan. 31. The theme will be "1-2-3 Imagine!" and the bus will leave Summit on the Park at 9:15 a.m. with a return at approximately 1 p.m. The cost is $14 per person; registration ends Jan. 30. Call (313) 397-5110 for information.

ORIGAMI EXHIBIT

■ Madonna University is continuing this exhibit through Jan. 30 in the University Library, during regular hours. Lessons and presentations are included and it is free. Call (734) 432-5711.

SCULPTURE EXHIBIT

■ Eastern Michigan University is hosting "The Powerful Object: Fetish Works" in its Ford Gallery, located in Ford Hall on the EMU campus. This sculpture exhibit has been described as "powerful, stunning, and dramatic." It runs through Jan. 30, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and it is free. Call (734) 487-1268.

HEALTH CARE PRESENTATION

■ Ron Lieberman will offer this lecture 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, at Summit on the Park in Canton, in the Maple Multi-Use Room. The focus will be on choosing the right HMO with information on current plans available. There will be no insurance representatives. Refreshments will be apple pie and ice cream. Call the Senior Program to reserve a space, 397-5444.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

■ The VFW No. 6695 Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting an "All You Can Eat" pancake breakfast on from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, Feb. 1. The tickets are $3.50. The VFW No. 6695 Hall is at 1426 S. Mill St. in Plymouth. Call Ann Smith for information, 453-1529.

CLARINET RECITAL

■ Dr. Kimberly Cole, Eastern Michigan University's professor of clarinet, will give a full recital 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, in Pease Auditorium, located at College Place at West Cross in Ypsilanti. Admission is free. Call the EMU Music Events Hotline, (313) 487-2255.

AROUND TOWN

SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP

■ The Midwestern Precision Championship will be 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Feb. 6-8, at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. This is the largest skating event this year in the United States with more than 145 teams and 3,000 skaters. Call (313) 453-6400 for information.

HEALTH FAIR

■ Health Fair 98 is taking place 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile in Livonia. This is an opportunity for seniors to receive free health screenings and a variety of health information. Visitors are asked to use the south entrance. Call (313) 427-8270.

ANTIQUE RADIO SWAP

■ The Michigan Antique Radio Club is hosting the only swap meet in the Metro area 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Armenian Community Center, 19319 Ford Road in Dearborn. Admission is $3 and sellers' tables are $5 each. "Radio Rescue" will be a free service to anyone who needs a radio repaired, sold, or evaluated. Call (734) 207-2346.

SIBLING CLASS

■ The Marian Women's Center, next to St. Mary Hospital, will offer this class 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 7, in the West Addition Conference Room A. Children are invited to attend and learn how much fun it can be to be a brother or sister. Registration is required and the cost is $10 per family. Call the center at (734) 655-1591.

FALL FESTIVAL BOARD

■ The Plymouth Fall Festival Board meeting will be 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, in the Plymouth Township Hall Annex (formerly Friendly's). All organizations considering participating in the 1998 Fall Festival should send a representative to this meeting. Call Kurt Lamar at (734) 453-7820.

MARDI GRAS

■ The Plymouth Newcomers are celebrating 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Water Club Grill. Join the fun in a costume or masks at this Mardi Gras Masquerade Dinner Party. The Water Club Grill is located at 39500 E. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. Call 416-0300 for information.

THE GAYLORDS

■ After enjoying the seven-course Italian dinner at Genitti's, enter the theater on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6-7, to be entertained by The Gaylords, a singing comedy duo. Tickets are $45 per person. Genitti's is located at 108 E. Main St. in Northville. Call for reservations, (248) 349-0522.

NEW DADS CLASS

■ St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer the class, "Just for Dads ... Childbirth and Beyond," 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, in the West Addition Conference Room B. Open discussion, instruction, and demonstration are included. The cost is $15 per person and registration is required. Call (734) 655-1100.

ARTS DEDICATION

■ The public is invited to help the Plymouth Community Arts Council officially dedicate the new Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts Saturday, Jan. 31. An open house for the public is scheduled 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children on hand at 10 a.m. will participate in the unveiling of the long-awaited sign in front of the building. The action is symbolic of the council's focus on the next generation. Following the unveiling, families can sample various art center classes and activities. Classroom art volunteers will be on hand to give short presentations of the picture, sculpture and culture units used in the schools. There will be short creative-dramatic workshops including theater games to highlight the joy of performing. In the art classrooms, families can experience different art media. In the evening, a private reception will be held to honor Joanne Winkleman Hulce, the founder of the Plymouth Community Arts Council, and to thank major contributors and longtime volunteers.

OSTEOPOROSIS

■ Oakwood Healthcare Center on Mercury Drive in Dearborn will be hosting a osteoporosis screening noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3. Receive bone density X-ray and results in minutes. Cost is $10, $5 for Oakwood Health Advantage members, and free for Head Start and Oakwood Healthcare Plan members. Call 1-800-543-WELL for further information.

SOCIAL SECURITY

■ Join in the discussion on Social Security 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at American House Westland II. Sarah Talley from the Social Security Administration will be there to answer questions. It is free. American House Westland II is at 39201 Joy Road near Hix. Call (313) 454-9838.

BUILD BOOK COLLECTION

■ Join the Plymouth District Library and help build the collection. Choose to donate to the adult or youth collection with $25. The staff will help select a title and a bookplate will identify your donation to honor a friend or family member. Call 453-0750, Ext. 213.

BOTSFORD CLASSES

■ Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills is offering a variety of classes and discussion groups throughout the month of January, including: Italian cooking, attracting winter birds, breastfeeding basics, aerobic training, CPR and much more. For a detailed list and dates, call (248) 477-6100.

BLUE LAKE FINE ARTS

■ Auditions for music, art and theater students to earn a scholarship to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp next summer will be held in public schools in Ann Arbor and the Detroit area during February and March. Scholarship auditions will be held in Dearborn Feb. 4-5; Ann Arbor Feb. 23-26; and Detroit March 3-4. Application forms and other information on Blue Lake Scholarship auditions may be obtained by calling the Blue Lake Scholarship Office at 1-800-221-3796 or (616) 894-1966.

BLOOD DRIVE

■ Schoolcraft College is sponsoring an American Red Cross Bloodmobile visit from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, in the Waterman Campus Center. Donors will receive a free bowl of soup, courtesy of Schoolcraft's College Food Service. Appointments may be scheduled by calling (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5050. Walk-in donors are welcome. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, just west of I-275, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

SWING SINGERS

■ Join the Swing Singers as they celebrate the music of Cole Porter and Nat King Cole at their winter concert, "Hot & Cole!," at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at Slauson Middle School, 1019 W. Washington. The Swing Singers is a program with the Ann Arbor Public Schools Community Education & Recreation. This concert is free and can be enjoyed by the entire family. For more information, call 994-2300, Ext. 228.

GERMAN CLUB

■ Fasching, Germany's version on France's Mardi Gras, will be celebrated from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. The festivities will be sponsored by the German-American Club of Plymouth. Authentic German food, wine and beer (for those of the appropriate age) will be served. Admission is $6.50 per person. Music for dancing, sing-along and entertainment will be provided by the Enzians, a German band well-known throughout the Detroit metropolitan area and beyond. Door prizes and prizes for the best and most imaginative costumes will be awarded. For more information on this local Fasching celebration and for tickets, call Fritz Sanders in Livonia at (313) 425-0044, or Phyllis Urban in Plymouth at (734) 459-4261.

PLYMOUTH YMCA

■ The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is currently accepting registration for the Winter 1998 classes. The classes are being offered for preschool through adult. Some of the classes offered are Bumble Bee Indoor Soccer, Y Pucks and "Y" Hoops for Preschoolers. Contact the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904 for further information or to register with a Visa or MasterCard.

■ The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is sponsoring the YMCA Parent/Child Guide Programs. Enhance your relationship with your child. Go on tours, canoeing, camping, hayrides. Make crafts together and build floats for the Fourth of July parade. Call (734) 453-2904 or come to the YMCA office to register at 248 S. Union St.

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

■ Livonia Little People's Co-op Preschool has openings for the 1997-98 school year in the 3- and 4- year-old classes. The preschool is located at 8820 Wayne Road, just north of Joy. For more information, call (313) 454-4964.

■ Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings now in all classes 18 months through 5 years old. Located in Livonia bordering Canton, Plymouth and Westland. Quality education offered with parental involvement. Low tuition. For more information, contact Michelle at (313) 421-6196.

■ Plymouth Children's Co-op Nursery will be holding an open house 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, for children ages 3-5. The nursery is located on Sheldon in Canton. For more information, contact Pam at 453-2832.

■ New Morning School in Plymouth Township is looking for a child care aide from 7-9 a.m. Monday-Friday. This could be a volunteer or a paid position. For more information, call (734) 420-3331.

KARATE REGISTRATION

■ American Okiniwan Karate Academy of Canton will hold winter registration for ages 6 years and up, Feb. 2 through April 23, Mondays and Thursdays at the gymnasium at Summit on the Park. Registration fee is $52 per annual pass holder (10-week session), $58 per Canton resident (10-week session), and $63 per non-resident (10-week session). A $5 late fee is charged after Jan. 26.

YOUTH SOCCER

■ The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will take Spring Youth Soccer registration during the month of January 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the recreation office, 525 Farmer. A birth certificate is required; $40 for residents, $60 for non-residents. Call 455-6620.

FUNNIEST VIDEOS

■ Enter "Michigan's Funniest Videos" at East Lansing's first annual Film Festival on March 29. Tapes should be acceptable for family viewing and no longer than 10 minutes. Deadline is Feb. 10. Send them to: Michigan's Funniest Videos, P.O. Box 025035, Lansing, Mich. 48909-5035. Call (517) 336-5802.

SALVATION ARMY

■ Senior citizens of all ages, get your exercise and have a good time, too, in the Senior Volleyball Program. The program meets 10 a.m. to noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. There is an annual fee of $10. For more information, call the Salvation Army (313) 453-5464 and ask for Martha.

■ The Salvation Army offers open gym time 1-4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. There is a $1 per person fee. For more information, call (313) 453-5464.

SCHOLARSHIPS

■ Schoolcraft College students are encouraged to apply for scholarships offered by Datatel Scholars Foundation. Awards range from $700 to $2,000 and applications are due in the Office of Marketing and Development no later than Friday, Feb. 6. For more information, call (313) 462-4463.

■ The Gamma Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is once again offering college scholarships to Canton or Salem graduating seniors majoring in education. The scholarships provide financial assistance, promoting the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Funds are the result of community participation in the annual fall craft fair held at West Middle School. Applications are available at both high school counseling offices or at Hoben Elementary School, 44680 Saltz Road, Canton.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SOUNDINGS

■ Soundings is a Center for Women and offers a variety of career programs, professional development and personal growth classes and workshops. The center is in Ann Arbor on 4090 Packard Road. There is a job resource room, financial counseling, job hunters and numerous support groups. Call (313) 973-7723 for further information.

EMPOWER

■ One free hour for parents or families to empower: counseling, resources and support for crisis situations, medical needs or ongoing issues. Call for an appointment, 981-3039.

CELIAC SPRUE

■ For persons who have celiac sprue and dermatitis herpetiformis, their families and friends. Monthly meetings at the Southfield Presbyterian Church, 21575 W. 10 Mile in Southfield. The next general meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9. For more information, call (248) 988-6996.

HIV/AIDS TESTING

■ The HIV/AIDS Resource Center (HARC) offers free walk-in testing at a variety of locations throughout Washtenaw, Livingston and other counties. Call (313) 572-9355.

NEW BEGINNINGS

■ The New Beginnings Grief Support Group meets 7 p.m. every Monday at the Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon, just south of Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Anyone who is grieving a loss of a loved one is invited to attend. There is no charge. For information, call (313) 453-7630.

ARBOR HOSPICE

■ A seven-week support and educational group for parents who have lost an adult child will be offered by Arbor Hospice. Groups will meet 4-5:30 p.m. Thursdays at Arbor Hospice, 3810 Packard, Ann Arbor. The group is open to any parent who has experienced the death of an adult child, regardless of whether the loss occurred recently or many years ago. A minimal donation will be requested. For more information and to register, call Arbor Hospice at (313) 677-0500 or 1-800-783-5764.

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■ Joel's Group is a group for the learning disabled and the educable mentally impaired that is looking for members. The group meets for social and educational activities Saturday nights. Call Joel Marwell at 476-8741.

MDDA

■ MDDA (Manic Depressive-Depressive Association) holds its meeting 2-4 p.m. the second and fourth Sundays 2-4 of the month at Oakwood-Canton Health Center Community meeting room. For more information, call Nancy at (313) 455-8598.

SUBURBAN WEST

■ Suburban Nights presents a consumer-run drop-in center open to persons with psychiatric disabilities (18 years and older) who want to meet new people. The program is open from 4:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 12:30-9 p.m. Saturdays. For information, call before 4:30 p.m. at (313) 425-3777. The club is located at 27595 Schoolcraft, Building 3, Livonia.

VOLUNTEER WORK

CANCER SOCIETY

■ Your local American Cancer Society is in need of help. Opportunities for everyone, as your schedule allows. Call (248) 557-5353, Ext. 336.

Fostering business-government ties

Lansing visit: *State Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, (back row, center) hosts the Canton Chamber of Commerce government relations committee during a recent visit to the House chambers. Carleigh Flaharty, chamber executive director, is at Whyman's left. The committee encourages business owners and managers to take a more active role in building relationships with state leaders. Committee members toured the Capitol, observed a legislative session and met with area legislators on the trip.*

CALENDAR FORM

The Canton 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, Canton 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.*

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY

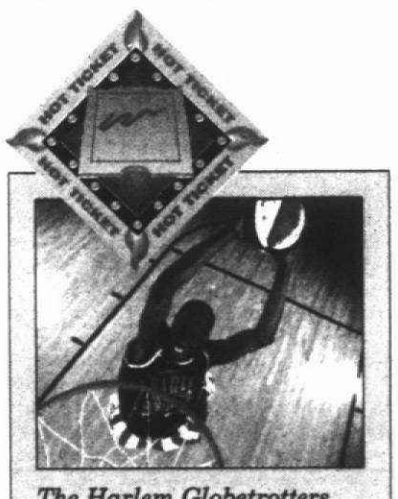
Saxophonist James Carter, and his Quartet, plus the Cyrus Chestnut Trio, perform 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. Tickets $38 to $13, (313) 576-5111.

SATURDAY

The Polo Fields Golf and Country Club in Ann Arbor presents Soupy Sales with special guest comedian Bill Barr, 7 p.m. (dinner) 8:30 p.m. (show), $60 per person, (313) 998-1555 or (248) 645-6666.

SUNDAY

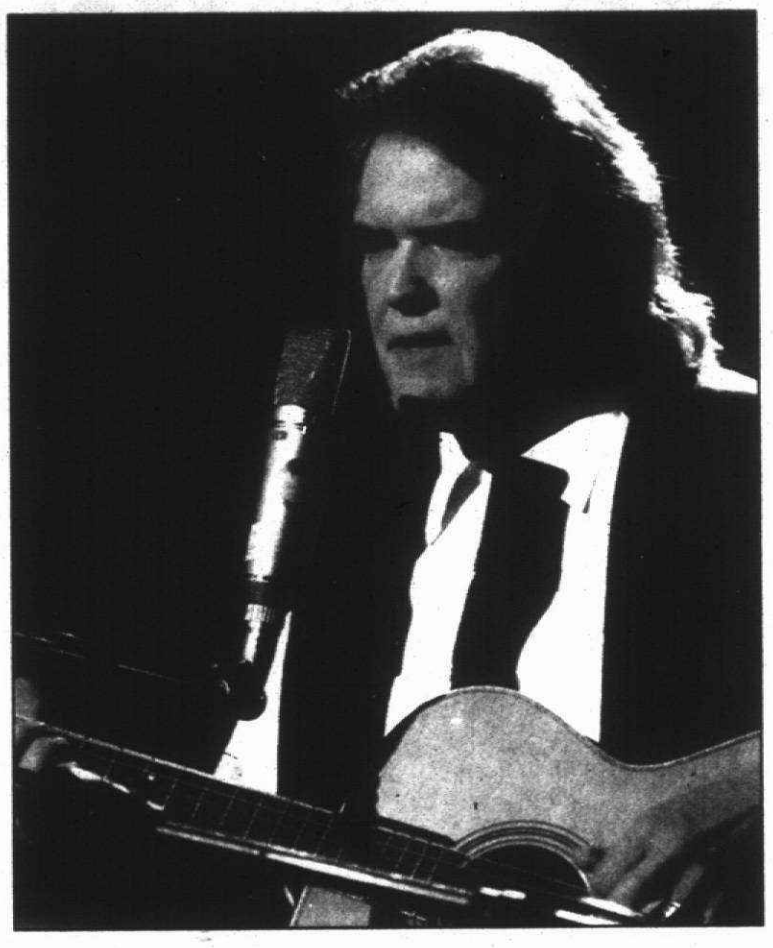
Robert (Dean Gaboury) watches as Sarah (Laurie Freedman) helps her husband Harry (Kevin Edwards) up after showing off her karate moves in "Company," 2 p.m. at Stagecrafters' Baldwin Theatre in downtown Royal Oak. Tickets $12-$14, call (248) 541-6430.



The Harlem Globetrotters suit-up for an all-star performance 5 p.m. Sunday at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets $18, $15, $13 and $11.50, (248) 645-6666.

ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL

Singers help float the Ark



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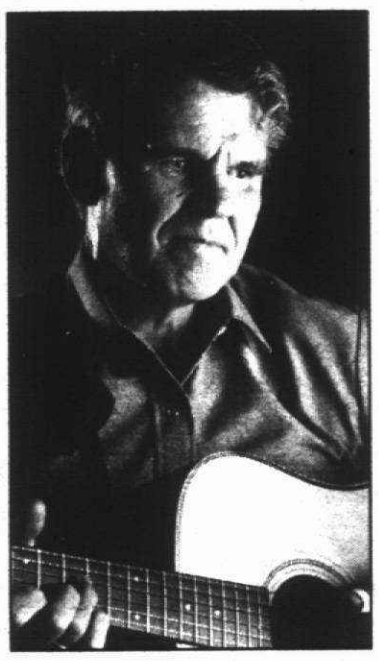

DOC WATSON

WILLY PORTER

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Grammy-nominated folk singer Guy Clark finally has the opportunity to help the Ann Arbor club that avidly supports him.

Clark will join Paula Cole, Doc Watson and David Grisman, Chris Smither, The Nields, Great Big Sea, Dee Carstensen, Karen Pernick and Willy Porter 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor for the 21st Ann Arbor Folk Festival, the annual fund-raiser for The Ark in Ann Arbor. Tickets are $25.

The event will be emceed by Cheryl Wheeler, a hit songwriter whose songs have been covered by Bette Midler, Melanie, and Suzy Bogguss.

"I've always wanted to do it," Clark said via telephone from his Nashville home. "Every time I play there I tell them, 'You have to have me for the lineup.' "

Among the benefits of playing a festival, Clark said, is the opportunity to play with Doc Watson.

"Plus, it's an audience that's coming to see that kind of music. They know what they're there to see. It's like preaching to the converted. You're home free."

The festival offers a variety of music including the Canadian Celtic band Great Big Sea, harpist Dee Carstensen, folk legend Watson as well as multi-Grammy Award nominee pop singer Paula Cole.

David Siglin, director of The Ark, said the definition of "folk" is so vague that every year he's able to touch on a variety of genres.

"I don't even know what the definition of folk is anymore. Is Shawn Colvin folk or pop? Is Mary Chapin Carpenter folk or country? I don't know those answers anymore. Paula Cole's music fits what The Ark does," he explained.

"Jewel is called folk/pop, but she never played The Ark or any folk club that I know of. What we're trying to do with the headliner is find someone whose music is compatible even if it's different. Obviously she'll draw a younger audience and that's cool."

Money raised from the concert represents a significant portion of The Ark's $750,000 budget, according to Siglin.

"It raises about $50,000 for The Ark, which off-sets the about $40,000 to $50,000 loss that we make at The Ark every year. It is vital. It's not like icing on the cake," Siglin explained.

"We are a non-profit organization. The goal is to break even but we want to do better than break even. The non-profits that break even keep going, the non-profits that don't go under. The folk festival is absolutely vital to The Ark."

Pop/folk singer Willy Porter, who's playing to support his latest release "Dog Eared Dream," said he's thrilled to help out The Ark.

"It's a nice opportunity. There's some great artists on the bill. I've just seen the people who played it in the past and it seems to be somewhat of a time-honored thing," said Porter who opened for Toad the Wet Sprocket and the Cranberries at Pine Knob Music Theatre in the summer of 1996.

Like Clark, Porter is looking forward to seeing Doc Watson perform.

"That's something that I've never gotten to do. Hopefully there will be some other people there who want to sit around late night and jam. I like that more than performing."

After the Ann Arbor Folk Festival, Porter will return to The Ark for a headlining show in February, while Clark will perform there in the summer.

"The room is designed for acoustic musicians so it's a really great environment when you walk through the door," Porter said of The Ark. "You're not going to stump them with your sound requirements. They've really sort of embraced contemporary acoustic music in a way that no other club has done."

Clark added that he feels comfortable playing The Ark.

"The venue supports the acoustic folky songwriter stuff. It's always nice to play where you feel comfortable. I like smaller rooms. It's just easier to communicate and a little more relaxed."

Ann Arbor Folk Festival

Who: Paula Cole, Doc Watson and David Grisman, Guy Clark, Chris Smither, Cheryl Wheeler, The Nields, The Great Big Sea, Dee Carstensen, Karen Pernick and Willy Porter

What: Perform as part of the 21st annual Ann Arbor Folk Festival

When: 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31

Where: Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor.

Why: To support The Ark, a folk-music club in Ann Arbor

How: $25 tickets are available at the Michigan Union Ticket Office, Herb Davis Guitar Studio, Schoolkids Records, and all Ticketmaster outlets. For more information, call (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666. Tax-deductible patron sponsor tickets are available at The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, or by calling (734) 761-1800.

Other upcoming shows:

- The Great Big Sea performs at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, in the Capitol Theatre's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave. West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Tickets are $20 Canadian. For more information, call (519) 253-8065, e-mail capitol@mnsi.net or visit http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol

MUSIC

Shop for a band to join at the festival

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Playing clarinet was something Ginny McDonald of Livonia used to do before she started having kids.

"I played in grade school, high school, and college," said McDonald who joined the Farmington Community Band after hearing them play at Twelve Oaks Mall during the Festival of Bands 10 years ago.

"I picked up a brochure the band gave out at the festival and gave them a call."

Since then, Monday nights are Ginny's, and she enjoys the time "playing a challenging selection of music," with other people who love music as much as she does.

If you miss playing in the band and are shopping around for a group to join, plan to spend some time at Twelve Oaks Mall Saturday during the 18th annual Festival of Bands. Six different community bands, including the Farmington Community Band, will be performing throughout the day.

"We performed in a festival in Flint, and talked about starting our own festival," explained Barber. With the support of management at Twelve Oaks Mall, the festival was launched.

"More bands called to see how they could participate," he said. "It's a win, win situation. The mall draws more shoppers, and it provides the general public with an opportunity to hear live music in an informal setting."

The musicians enjoy playing, and hearing the other bands play too. During the day there are two combined concerts.

"You get to know each other," said Barber. "It's fun to make music with one another."

South Oakland Concert Band, one of the oldest in the area, is among the participants.

"We started in 1965 in Royal Oak," said director George Gillespie. "Our band wants to do the festival every year. It's a good audience, and they know a lot of people in other bands. Over the years you develop friendships, and playing together as a mass band is exciting."

The music these concert bands play is as diverse as their membership. Farmington Community Band has 80 to 100 on their roster, and 50 to 60 members end up playing concerts. In addition to people like McDonald who studied music in school, and enjoy playing, the membership includes music teachers, and professional musicians.

South Oakland Band members include a policeman, lawyer, engineer, and retirees.

They play a variety of music, everything from light classical, pops, marches, and Broadway show tunes.

"We're here for folks to enjoy and have a good time making music," said Barber.

Farmington Community Band rehearses 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays at Harrison High School. You can call McDonald, who also serves as business manager, for more information, (734) 261-2202.

New members are always welcome. The

Please see BAND, E2

Festival of Bands

When: Begins 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31. Last band plays at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Twelve Oaks Mall, I-96 and Novi Road.

Admission: Free, call (248) 261-2202 or (248) 489-3412 for information, or check the Farmington Community Band web site http://www.mystery.com/fcb

Schedule:

- 11 a.m. – Schoolcraft College Community Wind Ensemble, directed by Dr. James Wissen.
- Noon – Plymouth Community Band directed by Carl Battishill
- 1 p.m. – Combined band concert featuring the Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble, Plymouth Community and Novi Concert Bands.
- 2 p.m. – Novi Concert Band directed by Jack Kopnick.
- 4:30 p.m. – South Oakland Concert Band directed by George Gillespie.
- 5:30 p.m. – Birmingham Concert Band directed by Grant Hoemke.
- 6:30 p.m. – Combined concert featuring the South Oakland Concert, Birmingham Concert and Farmington Community Bands.
- 7:30 p.m. – Farmington Community Band directed by Paul Barber.

THEATER

St. Dunstan's goes to the dogs – and the result is hilarious

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook presents "Sylvia, a romantic comedy by A. R. Gurney, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31 at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, (between Woodward and Lahser) Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are $12, seniors and students, $10, and available by calling (248) 644-0527.

Please note that the play does contain some explicit language.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

St. Dunstan's goes to the dogs in the comedic romp "Sylvia," a romantic love triangle about a wife, a husband, and his exuberant and affectionate mutt Sylvia.

The interesting twist is that Sylvia the dog can talk – and the humans seem to understand her as readily as we do. She may jump, drool, and wag an invisible tail, but the audience is privy to every amusing and doglike thought that crosses her canine mind (you can just imagine what she says to a disrespectful cat).

Kate and Greg are empty nesters who have traded the suburbs for a city apartment. Kate, played by Nancy Brassert, is finally free from the ties of motherhood. With a hard won masters degree in hand, she's ready to enjoy a career as well as travel and entertaining.

Greg, however, played by Keith Lepard, has become increasingly dissatisfied with his job, and discovers Sylvia, played by Janie Castagna, in the park one afternoon when retreating after a fight with his boss.

Greg and Sylvia fall instantly in love – she jumps all over him and readily admits he's "God"– while Greg acts like a middle aged man having an affair with a nymphet. Not only doesn't Kate want the responsibility of a dog, she quickly comes to realize that Greg pays more attention to Sylvia than her.

As the play progresses, Sylvia becomes a four-legged mistress as Greg fawns on her, and Kate plots to regain her status with her husband. Encounters with a fellow dog owner, a family friend, and a counselor further underscore the humor as we witness Greg's and Sylvia's bond grow as Kate's patience wears thin.

Janie Castagna brings unflapping energy and enthusiasm to the demanding canine role of Sylvia. She literally becomes a dog– albeit a wisecracking teenager of a dog. She pants, leaps, jumps on the furniture, and strains on the leash. She even pulls the old "dog on the leg of the seated guest" stunt, much to the amusement of the audience. We love the dog and at the same time sympathize with Kate's growing frustration and jealousy.

Greg's behavior is partly explained by his wife's new found independence and the departure of his children. Sylvia becomes his adoring dependent – she makes him feel important. Kate's opposition to the relationship seems to drive them closer together.

Brassert and Lepard make a likable, realistic couple, and bring the comedy realistically to life. Tom Peterson is delightfully versatile in the triple role of Tom, Phyllis and Leslie.

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Band *from page E1*

band is open to all adults, just show up for rehearsal. High school students must audition.

South Oakland Band rehearses 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays at Adams Junior High in Royal Oak, call (248) 548-5838. Like the Farmington Band, this band is also open to all adults. High school students can audition.

Birmingham Concert Band, led by Grant Hoemke, rehearses 7:30-9:45 p.m. Wednesdays at Groves High School. Membership is open to all adults, high school students may audition. For information, call (248) 474-4997.

"We have adults from all walks of life in the band," said Hoemke. "We have a few who took lessons, and then decided to play in the band. It's an opportunity to immerse yourself in the music and forget about everything else. It's an escape, and then there's the camaraderie, and friendships that develop in the group."

Like the other bands, Birmingham plays a wide variety of music. "We enjoy the festival because it's a chance to hear what the other groups are doing, and our members enjoy playing in the combined band."

Novi Concert Band, directed by Jack Kopnick of West Bloomfield draws its 45 members from throughout the metro Detroit area. They rehearse 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Novi High School, call (248) 932-9244 for more information.

"We don't hold auditions," said Kopnick. "All that's required is an ability to play."

The festival is just one of the many events these bands participate in throughout the year.

"We like to have a good time with music," said Gillespie. "The concerts are secondary."

Plan to attend the festival to learn more about the community bands in your hometown.

Don't count on 'Great Expectations'

TICKETS PLEASE

JOHN MONAGHAN

One of the occupational hazards of reviewing movies is seeing your favorite novels regularly mutilated for the screen. A case in point: "Great Expectations," a modern take on Charles Dickens' masterful treatise on the hazards of social climbing that already ranks as one of the most miserable misfires this year.

Though my day job as a high school English teacher makes me something of a literature snob, I'm not adverse to updating the classics. Last year's MTV approach to "Romeo and Juliet" was precisely what the Bard needed, with plenty of clever updates and sincere, likable performers to keep the lines fresh.

The new "Great Expectations," starring Ethan Hawke and Gwyneth Paltrow, stays relatively close to its source. Dotty old Miss Havisham still roams the overgrown family estate, where she was stood up at the altar three decades ago.

Instead of wearing her tattered wedding dress, Anne Bancroft's incarnation sports a new wig with each scene and is obsessed with the Cha Cha.

The orphaned Pip is now Finn, raised in the Florida Keys by his sister and her boyfriend Joe. It's here that he meets and is almost killed by a shackled convict (Robert DeNiro) who promises to gut the boy in his sleep if he doesn't procure food, drink, and some heavy duty steel cutters.

Soon after, Miss Havisham hires Finn to "play" with her niece Estella, making it no secret that she hopes to use the girl to break men's hearts. Finn's visits are just the warm-up act.

In the book, Pip's great expectations took him to 19th century London where he was prepped as a gentleman. Here Finn is thrust into the New York art scene, where he's given painting supplies, a to-die-for loft space, and a one-man show, all compliments of a mysterious sponsor.

The identity of Finn's fairy godmother (hint: it's not Miss Havisham) should come as no surprise, because the movie streamlines Dickens' characters down to only a handful. The movie is so insulated that even the busy New York streets are only sparsely populated by routine screamers and dog walkers.

One of the most poignant scenes in the novel was Pip's snub of Joe, his one true friend, whose impromptu visit threatens the boy's position as a gentleman. And with what he's got to work with, Joe is one of the few things that comes through the movie more or less intact.

The other performers take turns embarrassing themselves for the camera. For Ethan Hawke, most of these moments come when he's supposed to be in his late teens, sporting a fright wig and makeup only slightly less ghastly than Bancroft's.

Gwyneth Paltrow, who proved so charming in "Emma," is a statue in midriff-baring designer clothes. The erotic scene where she strips for Finn while he makes passionate sketches of her would have been tedious even if we hadn't just seen it in "Titanic."

As for Bancroft, the veteran actress tries to have fun with her Norma Desmond take on Miss Havisham. So why couldn't the filmmakers give her and the others a more interesting update of the story?

The answer: Because director Alfonso Cuaron has absolutely no idea how to make "Great Expectations" fly in the '90s. It's still a compelling tale, but in its present form one that will likely confuse Dickens novices as much as it irritates his scholars.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters as reviewed by John Monaghan.

Detroit Film Theatre Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-2323 ($5.50; $4.50 students/seniors)

"The Tango Lesson" (England-1997). Friday-Sunday, Jan. 30 to Feb. 1 (call for showtimes). Sally Potter stars as essentially herself, a talented and impatient filmmaker who becomes entranced by the art of tango. Soon she's taking lessons from a handsome and legendary Argentinian dancer living in Paris.

Magic Bag 22918 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, ($2)

"Full Metal Jacket" (USA-1987). 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29. This 10-year-old film is still the most recent film from director Stanley Kubrick. His Vietnam saga has two parts, both in training and in battle, but Lee Ermey's performance as a drill instructor in the early scene ranks as one of the screen's most vivid and frightening creations.

"Boogie Nights" (USA-1997). 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31. Nearly three-hour odyssey about the porn film industry in the 1970s.

Main Art Theatre 118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak, (248) 542-0180 ($6.50; $4 students, seniors & matinee; $3)

"The Sweet Hereafter" (Canada-1997). A study in collective mourning from Canadian director Atom Egoyan in which a town feels the pain when most of its children are killed in a school bus accident.

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STREET SCENE

Teddy Richards makes his own way

CHRISTINA FUOCO

Having purposely missed INXS's 1994 shows at the Pontiac Silverdome, Teddy Richards had no desire to travel to Grand Valley State University to see the Australian band's performance the following day.

But a good friend persuaded him to go, and it has proved to be a turning point in the Southfield pop singer's career.

Hanging out backstage with INXS, Richards slipped a copy of his six-song EP to Andrew Farriss, the band's songwriter/keyboardist.

"I thought it would end up in the garbage. This is a guy who has written 20 to 30 No. 1 hits, like he has time to listen to my tape," Richards said.

Not only did Farriss listen to the tape, he called Richards and suggested that they collaborate on a few songs.

"I couldn't believe he was making himself available, somebody of that stature. He thought he might be instrumental in helping me get this to the right people."

Farriss and Richards inked a deal through Farriss' publishing company to write two songs. By early 1995, Richards was on a plane to England, where Farriss resides. The two wrote the rock song "Naked" and the funk tune "Hangin,' " "both of which fell together quickly and easily." The two-song publishing deal evolved into 11 songs.

Showcasing material: *Teddy Richards performs Friday at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.*

"By watching him and working with him, I am able to reconstruct a song and make it more cohesive and not clutter the music. It lets it breathe," Richards said.

Richards also wrote songs with Oliver Lieber, who has penned songs for Paula Abdul and who is the son of Leiber and Stoller's Jerry Leiber, and also wrote with Gary Clark of the Interscope Records band Transistor.

Among the songs written with Clark is the ballad "Brand New Day," which Richards calls "the song that's getting my phone calls returned." If everything goes as planned, "Brand New Day" may show up in an episode of the television show "La Femma Nikita."

On his demo tape, which is not available for purchase, Richards shows his affinity for ballads while dabbling in Motown-flavored funk and ethereal pop.

He performed the material when he opened for INXS in California where he was reintroduced to Nina Blackwood, a VJ for MTV during the 1980s. The two met at the opening of the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio.

-"She offered some assistance. She could see that at that point I was running this thing on my own. All the people I was working with were in England."

Since his demo tape was finished, Richards played a showcase in England with his U.K. band that includes Depeche Mode's drummer. While rehearsing for the show, Richards was visited by Elvis Costello, who was practicing for a BBC special with the Bronsky Quartet.

On this side of the ocean, Richards will hit the Magic Bag's stage Friday, Jan. 30, to perform for the public and record company executives. His U.S. band includes longtime bassist Joe Hayden, keyboardist Randy Sly of the swing band Atomic Fireballs and formerly of BOP (harvey), guitarist John Antone, background vocalist Susan Calloway, and drummer Jerome Day of the Howling Diablos.

A musician all of his life, Richards was hired to play guitar for his mother, Aretha Franklin, in the fall of 1984. Since then, he has backed her up at the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame opening, on "The Late Show With David Letterman," and on numerous tours. He and his mother will make a return appearance on Letterman's show in late February.

"I love working with my mom. It's a real honor. It's a wonderful thing to be able to do. But I have my own song to sing."

Although he is Franklin's son, it hasn't been an easy road for the Oak Park High School graduate.

"Being Aretha Franklin's son does not make me privy to anything. ... I don't think there's a musician in the world who has an easy road. The average serious musician works really hard. It's not as easy thing to be a full-time musician. Most musicians are weekend warriors and have a full-time job somewhere else," said Richards who earned a degree in telecommunications from Michigan State University.

Teddy Richards performs with special guests Stewart Francke and Sue Calloway Friday, Jan. 30, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 18 and older show. Tickets are $6. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit http:// www.themagicbag.com.

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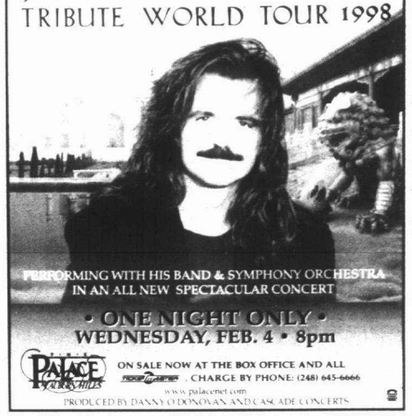
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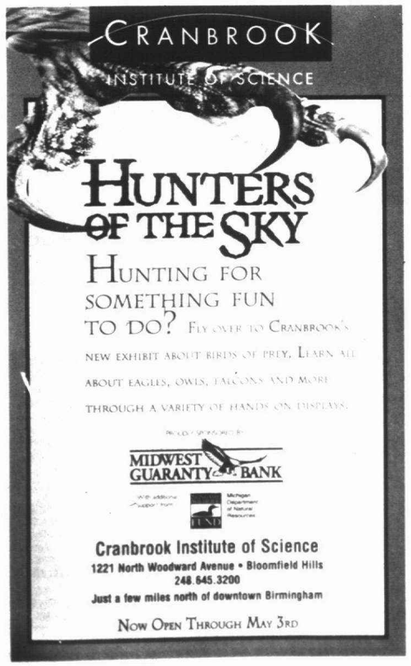

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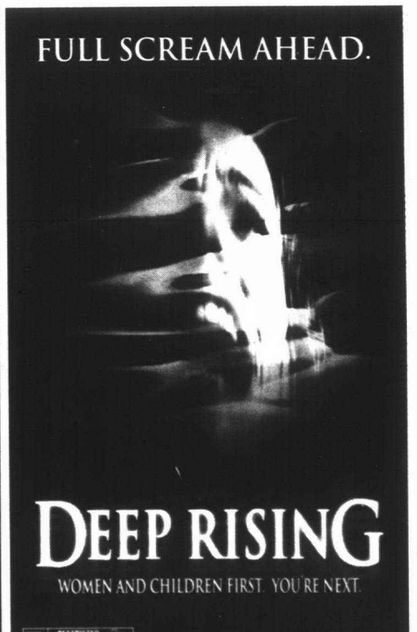
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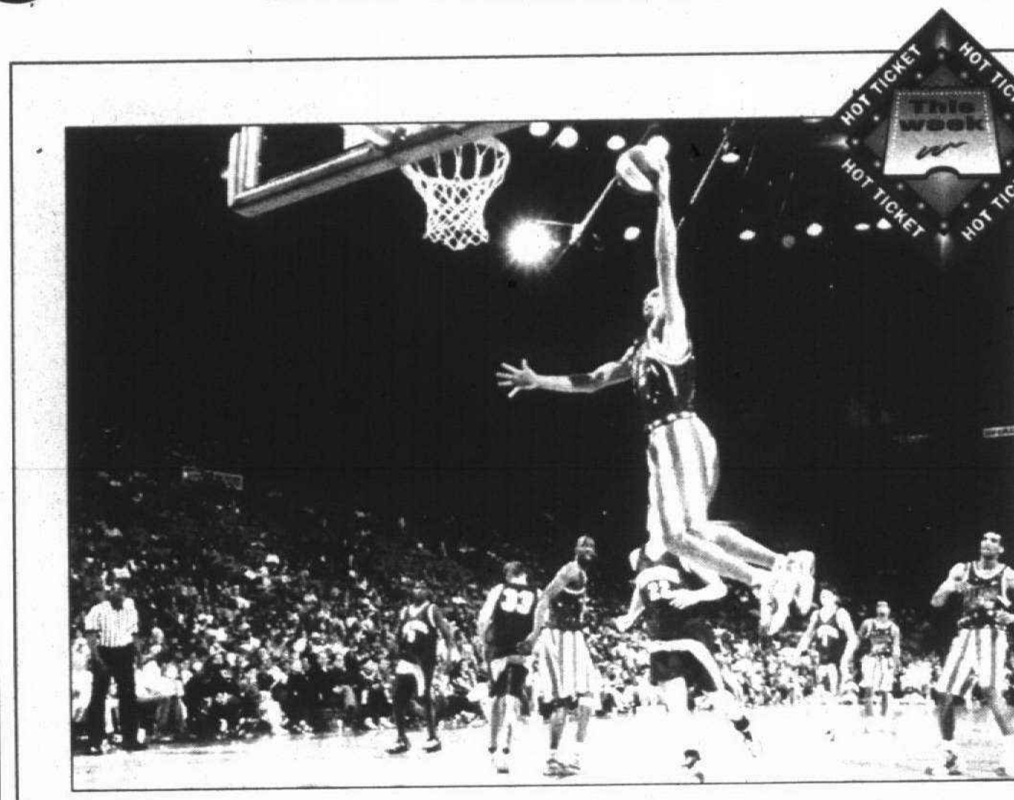

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"The Retirement Murders," an audience participation murder mystery comedy, 6:30 p.m. Saturdays through March 7, Fiorelli's Restaurant, 26125 E. Huron River Dr., Flat Rock. $28 in advance, $33 at the door, includes dinner, show, tax and tip. Non-smoking dinner theater. (734) 782-1431

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

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"Schoolhouse Rock," the U.S. national touring children's show based on the Emmy-winning ABC television series, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 ($15, Canadian); "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," one-hour musical based on the children's fable, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5 ($8, $7 children, Canadian), in the theater's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave. West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. (519) 253-8065 or capitol@mnsi.net or http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol

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The Performing Arts Program presents "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 5-7 and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8 at the high school, Walled Lake. $8, $5 students/seniors, all seats reserved. (248) 960-8678

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Camp Ticonderoga restaurant's annual event featuring reggae music by O.C. Roberts and the Samaritans, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, and La Trinity (formerly known as Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band), 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7, an oyster bar, hairbraiding, limbo contests, tropical food such as jerk buffalo balls, blackened catfish, Jamaican jerk chicken, rum runners and pina coladas, and tattoos in the tattoo hut, at the restaurant, 5725 Rochester Road (south of Square Lake Road), Troy. Free. 21 and older. Weekend also includes polar golf tournament, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7. $42 includes shotgun scramble tournament, a polar party pack, a Jamaican lunch, an imported cigar and a chance to win prizes. (248) 828-BUCK

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"Charity Launch," 6-9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Cobo Center, Detroit. $150 benefactors, $100 patrons, benefits the Lighthouse of Oakland County, Vista Maria in Wayne County, and Turning Point in Macomb County; The 40th annual Detroit Boat Show featuring more than 300 boat dealers and marine businesses, 1,000 boats of all types and sizes, more than 100 manufacturers, and a Squalus Live Shark Show with a 9,000 gallon saltwater tank, divers with huge circling sharks and an antique and classic boat exhibit, Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 31-Feb. 8, Cobo Center, Detroit. Noon to 10 p.m. Saturdays and Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m. Sundays, 3-10 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. $8 adults, free for children ages 12 and younger with an adult, free for seniors ages 62 and older on Monday. (800) 932-2628 (benefit)/(800) 224-3008 (show)

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"VISIONS TO REMEMBER"
Antiques show and sale, preview reception Friday, Feb. 6, show and sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, Edsel and Eleanor Ford House activities center, 1100 Lake Shore Dr., Grosse Pointe Shores. $6 for show, benefits Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology. (313) 824-4710

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"HEARTS FOR THE ARTS '98"
A benefit dinner and celebrity art auction presented by the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra and the Heart Care Program of the University of Michigan Health System, 6:30 p.m. champagne reception and silent auction, 7:30 p.m. dinner Friday, Feb. 13, Crowne Plaza, Ann Arbor. Last year's auction included contributions by artists and celebrities such as Chris Roberts Antieau, John Travolta, Lloyd Carr, Steve Yzerman, George Bush, Matthew Hoffmann, Billy Joel and Dr. Michael DeBakey. $75. (734) 994-4801

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"Two Tales of Cinderella," with storyteller Corinne Stavish introducing the audience to Jewish fairy tales through the story of "Shmutzie," the Jewish Cinderella, and the Russian-American puppet troupe Puppet Art performing the original "Cinderella" story with marionettes and a classical music accompaniment, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, Jewish Community Center's Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. $4 adult members, $5 non-members, $3 child members, $4 child non-members. (248) 967-4030

SESAME STREET LIVE'S "1-2-3 IMAGINE"
11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, and 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 31-Feb. 1, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $9-$15, with a limited number of VIP seats. (248) 433-1515

On Stage: *Janie Castagna stars as Sylvia and Keith Lepard as Greg in the St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook production of "Sylvia" a romantic comedy by A.R. Gurney. Performances 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30-31, at the playhouse, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets $12, senior and student tickets $10, call (248) 644-5027.*

CLASSICAL

AMERICAN STRING QUARTET
"Beethoven the Contemporary," 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. $16-$30. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With conductor Neeme Jarvi and soprano Kathleen Battle performing "Symphony No. 48 in C Major" by Haydn, and "Daphnis and Chloe, Suite No. 2" by Ravel, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 576-5111

URSULA OPPENS
Pianist performs "Beethoven the Contemporary," 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. $16-$30. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

OWAIN PHYFE AND THE NEW WORLD RENAISSANCE BAND
As part of the Rochester Conservatory of Music's program at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University campus, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. $10, $8 students and seniors. (248) 650-3366

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Performs a chamber concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, with harpists Allegra Lilly and Christina Szelag, and Youth Artist Competition winners Sarah Hamilton (flute) and Ross Huff (trumpet), in the Plymouth Canton High School Little Theatre, 8415 Canton Center Road (at Joy Road), Canton. $8, $6 seniors/college students, $5 children K-12. (734) 451-2112

ST. PAUL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
With pianist Emanuel Ax, conductor Hugh Wolff, and the Dale Warland Singers, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. $16-$45. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

DALE WARLAND SINGERS
8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Ann Arbor. $20. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

WINDSOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
"No Frills Friday," 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30; "Classics III: Rachmaninov Third Piano Concerto," 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Chrysler Theatre in the Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr. West, Windsor. (800) 387-9181 or http://www.city.windsor.on.ca/cleary

POPS

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With conductor Erich Kunzel, special guest Mercedes Ellington, vocalists Monica Cantrell and Sam Gibson, and dancers Mark Esposito, Lyn Wiltshire-Beer Elam, Rory Johnson and Jennifer Ladner, as part of "Sophisticated Ellington: Symphony and Swing," 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $17-$60. (313) 576-5111

"FESTIVAL OF BANDS"
Hosted by Carl Grapentine of WNIB radio Chicago and the "voice" of the University of Michigan Band, featuring performances by the Schoolcraft College Community Wind Ensemble (11 a.m.), Plymouth Community Band (noon), Schoolcraft College Community Wind Ensemble and Plymouth Community and Novi Concert bands (1 p.m.), Novi Concert Band (2 p.m.), South Oakland Community Band (4:30 p.m.), Birmingham Community Band (5:30 p.m.), South Oakland Community, Birmingham Community and Farmington Community bands (6:30 p.m.), and Farmington Community Band (7:30 p.m.) Saturday, Jan. 31, Twelve Oaks Mall, I-96 and Novi Road, Novi. Free. All ages. (734) 261-2202/(248) 489-3412 or http://www.mystery.com/fcb

AUDITIONS

"SESAME STREET LIVE"
Holds auditions for male character performers, 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, and full-body costume performers, 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Full-body costume characters (5'0" to 6'2") must be versatile in dance styles, with strong technical ability in jazz and musical theater. Gymnastics, tap and roller skating are a plus. Male live character auditioners should be prepared to perform a ballad and up tempo selections (a capella or instrumental tape). Show monologues and a dance combination will be part of the audition process. All auditioners should bring a picture and resume and wear or bring dance attire. Aerobic shoes can also be worn. Auditioners must be 18 and older. (612) 375-9670, ext. 704

STAGECRAFTERS
Auditions for "Lend Me a Tenor," by Ken Ludwig, 6:30 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Feb. 1-2, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak. Roles available for four men and four women. Those auditioning for the roles of Max, Tito and the Bellhop must "sing reasonably well" and should be prepared to sing a portion of "Dio, che nell'alma infondere" from Verdi's "Don Carlo" or the famous aria from "The Barber of Seville." An audiotape is on reserve at the lower level of the Royal Oak Public Library. Showdates are weekends March 20-29 and April 3-5. Script cut is available for a three-day check out from the theater office. (248) 541-4832

WYANDOTTE COMMUNITY THEATRE
Auditions for everyone from age 8 to senior citizens for "Camelot," 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Copeland Center, Fourth and Mulberry street (south of Northline), Wyandotte. Be prepared to sing one song from the show. For performances May 1-2, 8-9. (734) 479-0266/438-0126

CHORAL

RENAISSANCE VOICES
Performs "Requiem" by John Rutter, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, North Congregational Church, 36520 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. $5. All ages. (313) 317-6566

JAZZ

DWIGHT ADAMS TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (trumpet/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

MARCUS BELGRAVE
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Oakland Grill, 32832 Woodward Ave. (south of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free, complimentary sushi. All ages. (248) 549-7700

SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD
8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Royal Oak Brewery, 210 E. Third St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 544-1141/(313) 861-8101

GARY BLUMER TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO
7-11 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

JAMES CARTER QUARTET
With Cyrus Chestnut Trio, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-3700

HENRY GIBSON TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

HEIDI HEPLER AND MICHELE RAMO
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River, Novi. (248) 305-7330

KIMMIE HORNE
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (jazz/pop/R&B) (248) 852-0550

LEROY JENKINS
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road (south of Ford Road), Dearborn. $15. All ages. (jazz violinist/new music composer) (248) 548-9888/(810) 775-4770

JERICHO GUITAR TRIO
Three local guitarists performing jazz and pop arrangements, 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

CARY KOCHER/PAUL KELLER QUARTET
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann

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Arbor. $5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

KATHY KOSINS
7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 30-31, Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (between Main and Washington streets), Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 541-8050

SHEILA LANDIS
With Rick Matle and pianist Pat Cronley, 7-11 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older; With Rick Matle and guitarist/vocalist Lou Rye, 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. Free. All ages; With Rick Matle, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, and with Rick Matle and percussionist Dennis Sheridan, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7, Smitty's 222 Main, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 645-2150/(313) 271-4441/(248) 652-1600

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With vibist Gary Kocher, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29; With saxophone player George Benson, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington. $5 cover waived with dinner. (248) 474-4800

JEANNINE MILLER AND VINCENT SHANDOR TRIO
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. $5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY (MAS)
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (contemporary jazz/top 40) (248) 852-0550

RUBBERBAND TIMMY
Featuring James Page, formerly of Brothers From Another Planet, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (funky jazz trio) (313) 833-6873, gold_dollar@mindless.com or http://members.tripod.com/~gold_dollar

TANA REID QUINTET
9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7, and 2 p.m. showtime during 1-4 p.m. Sunday Brunch Sunday, Feb. 8, SereNgeti Ballroom, 2957 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Musicians workshop 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the ballroom. $20 per show and for the workshop. (313) 832-3010/(248) 645-6666

STEVE WOOD
7:30-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 29, and Feb. 5, Friday, Feb. 6, Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (between Main and Washington streets), Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050

NEW AGE

YANNI
8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. $65 and $39.50. All ages. (248) 377-0100

WORLD MUSIC

DADDY LONGLEGS
With Circus McGurkus and Grin, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $3. 19 and older. (reggae/rock) (734) 996-8555

HAWAIIAN SLACK KEY GUITAR FESTIVAL
With George Kahumoku Jr., the Rev. Dennis Kamakahi, and Cyril Pahinui, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $15. All ages. (734) 761-1451

IMMUNITY
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (734) 421-2250

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL
With Paula Cole, Doc Watson and David Grisman, Guy Clark, emcee Cheryl Wheeler, Great Big Sea, Chris Smither, The Nields, Dee Carstensen, Willy Porter and Karen Pernick, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. $25 festival tickets, $55 patron tickets, $110 sponsor tickets. (734) 761-1451

AL AND EMILY CANTRELL
Featured in the movie "A River Runs Through It," 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $11, $10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (fiddle/vocals) (734) 761-1451

CHESAPEAKE
With Slaid Cleaves and the RFD Boys, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $12.50. All ages (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451

DENNIS CYPORAN BAND
7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (bluegrass) (248) 203-0005

LISA HUNTER BAND
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Xhedos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile Road (west of Woodward Ave.), Ferndale. Free. All ages; 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Woodward Avenue Brewers, 22646 Woodward Ave. (one block south of Nine Mile Road), Ferndale. Free. 21 and older. (248) 399-3946/(248) 546-3696

JAN KRIST
10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 861-8101

MATT WATROBA
Celebrates release of CD "Live at the Ark," with a performance, 9-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, Xhedos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. (248) 399-3946

DANCE

AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE
"Giselle," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 5-6, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. $15-$62. (313) 874-SING

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
"Dances for Lovers," featuring seven dances about love and relationships, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, Smith Theatre, Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. $16. (248) 471-7667

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING
Workshop and dancing led by Eric Arnold and Don Theyken, with live music by David West and Donna Baird, hosted by the Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance, 7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. $4. (734) 663-0744 or (734) 662-5158

CHRISTINA KAMMUELLER'S ADULT INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED STUDENTS
"Moore and More Dances," noon Sunday, Feb. 1, Lascu School of Ballet, 982 Dennison Court, West Bloomfield. Free. All ages. (248) 960-0778

COUNTRY MAGIC FLOOR SHOW
Featuring Bobby Ray and Five-Piece Band, country music and music from the 50s and 60s, 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1 (dinner at 1:30 p.m.), at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Road (at Dequindre Road), Troy. $20 includes dinner and show. (248) 689-3636

MID-WINTER BALL CONTRA DANCE
With music by Silver Strings Dulcimer Society, and callers Karen Missavage and Tom Allen, 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Masonic Temple, 730 Penniman St., Plymouth. Beginners welcome. $7. (734) 332-9024/(734) 995-1336

U-M DANCE DEPARTMENT
"Changing Steps" by Merce Cunningham, featuring three U-M choreographers' interpretations of each point on the compass and Cunningham's work representing east, 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 5-7, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. $14 and $18, $7 students. (734) 764-0450

VIENNESE STRAUSS BALL
Featuring the Eric Neubauer Ensemble and a 22-piece orchestra directed by George B. Stepulla, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Riverview Ballroom at the Cobo Center, Detroit. $55. (248) 650-0889

COMEDY

HOLLY HOTEL
Mark Knopp and Jeff Margrette, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 29-31, at the hotel, 110 Battle Alley, Holly. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, and 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. 8:30 p.m. shows non smoking. (248) 634-0000

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Mike Veneman, Todd McCune and Jim Hamm, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 29-31 ($10); Chas Elstner and Joey Bielaska, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 5-7 ($10), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays (free), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays (new talent night/improv). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Wendy Liebman, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31 ($12, $25.95 dinner show package), and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1 ($10, $20.95 dinner show package); "Al the Only," 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5 ($8, $18.95 dinner show package), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7 ($10, $20.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

ALAN KING
8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road (at M-59), Clinton Township. $29, $26 students and seniors. All ages. (810) 286-2141

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Cathy Ladman, voted "Best Female Stand-Up" at the 1992 American Comedy Awards, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31 ($12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

SOUPY SALES
With Bill Barr, 7 p.m. dinner with 8:30 p.m. show Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31, Polo Fields Golf and Country Club, 5200 Polo Fields Dr. (off Zeeb Road, 1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. $60 includes choice of soup or salad, petite filet mignon with bernaise sauce, herbal veloute chicken breast, non-alcoholic beverages or one glass of wine, tax, gratuity, and show. Vegetarian entree available upon request. (734) 998-1555 or (248) 645-6666

SECOND CITY
"Generation X-Files" through Sunday, Feb. 8, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays ($10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays ($17.50) and Saturdays ($19.50). The cast performs a free improvisational comedy set after Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday shows, and the late shows on Fridays and Saturdays. The show's title is reflective of current cultural trends, not necessarily the show's content. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
"Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 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

DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY
African-American exploration on the web, Tuesday-Saturday, Feb. 3-7, at the library, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-4042

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays (indefinitely), and 3:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, and Sunday, Feb. 1; "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays-Fridays (indefinitely), 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, and Sunday, Feb. 1; "Tropical Rainforest," 1:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, and Sunday, Feb. 1; "Sharks" 2:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31; and "Destiny in Space," 2:15 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1; at the museum, 5020 John R (at Warren Road), Detroit. Special $4.75 admission through Sunday, Feb. 1, includes one IMAX Dome film, an interactive science demonstration, the Cyberspace Safari Exhibit Lab and a laser light show. $2.50 each additional IMAX film; After Sunday, Feb. 1, $6.75 for adults, $4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation. $2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. Discounts available to groups to 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or http://www.sciencedetroit.org

HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREENFIELD VILLAGE
"Echoes Across the Prairies: The Vanishing Black West," film by writer and producer Ann Eskridge, shown weekends during February, Black History Month, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd. (west of the Southfield Freeway, and south of Michigan Avenue), Dearborn. Museum and village hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. $12.50 adults, $11.50 seniors age 62 and older, $6.25 for kids ages 5-12, free for children ages 5 and younger and members. Group rates available. (313) 271-1620

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
"A Communion of the Spirits: African-American Quilters, Preservers and Their Stories" exhibits featuring 175 photographs of varying sizes, a selection of the surveyed quilts, interpretive panels, and a limited amount of other artwork related to the quilters, through Sunday, June 7. The exhibit features area quilters and celebrity quilters such as Maya Angelou, Rosa Parks, Bernice Johnson Reagon, Faith Ringgold, Sonia Sanchez and Alice Walker; "The Life and Times of Paul Robeson" exhibition featuring records, photographs and paintings on loan from private citizens and from the collection of the MAAH, runs Saturday-Tuesday, Jan. 31-June 30; "Walk to Freedom: Detroit Shares a Dream," photograph display of the 1963 civil rights march led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Detroit, through Saturday, Feb. 28; Wednesday movie night featuring African-American films 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays in February; "The Spirit of Harriet Tubman: One Woman Show," 10 a.m. and noon Tuesday, Feb. 3, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush Street), Detroit. Museum hours 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays. Open seven days a week during Black History Month, February. $3 for adults and $2 for children aged 12 and younger. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

JOHNNY BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BEAVER SHOOT
9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (experimental) (313) 833-6873, gold_dollar@mindless.com or http://members.tripod.com/~gold_dollar

BENNY AND THE JETS
With Unity, the Sea Monsters, and special guest "JT The Brick" from the sports radio station WDFN, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31, Diesel – Sports Rock Cafe, 22509 Ecorse Road (east of Telegraph Road), Taylor, part of the filming of "Benny and the Jets Movie." Cover charge. 21 and older (rock) (313) 730-1627

BIZER BROTHERS
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31, Pages, 23621 Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. 21 and older. (248) 477-0099

BLUE RAYS
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213

BLUE SUIT WITH GENE MORGAN
9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213

BLUESAHOLICS
9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Carriage House's Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440

BUGS BEDDOW BAND
6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. Cover charge. All ages; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7, Beale Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. $2. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 494-5800/(248) 334-7900

BOTFLY
With Fat Amy and FACE, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. **Cancelled**. (rock) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

BR5-49
With Gino and the Lone Valley Boys and Swingin' Demons, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, rescheduled from Friday, Feb. 6, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $12.50 in advance. 18 and older. (honky tonk country) (313) 833-9700

BRIDGE
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, and Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 5-7, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. $3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

BUSTER'S BLUES BAND
10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Mount Chalet, 4715 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 549-2929

THE CIVILIANS
10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (810) 731-1750

COAL CHAMBER
With Day in the Life, 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $8 in advance. All ages. (hard rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

COOLBONE
8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $8 in advance. All ages. (brass-driven hip-hop) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

KACY CROWLEY AND CHRIS STILLS
3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Borders Books and Music, 612 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (pop) (734) 913-1100

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With Bantam Rooster and The Go!, 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $6 in advance. 18 and older. (punk/soul) (313) 833-POOL

SCOTT FAB
With Dorothy and Fat Amy, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $4. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (734) 996-8555

FOOLISH MORTALS
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31, Woody's, 208 W. Fifth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (248) 543-6911

THE FOUR TOPS
7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road (at M-59, Hall Road, and Garfield Road, Clinton Township. $29, $26 students/seniors. (Motown) (810) 286-2222/(248) 645-6666

FREAKWATER
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $6 in advance. 19 and older. (roots rock) (734) 996-8555

GOVERNMENT HONEY
9 p.m. Sundays in February, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

THE GRUESOMES
With Soot, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

HIS NAME IS ALIVE
With Outrageous Cherry and Velour 100, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $5 in advance. 19 and older. (ethereal alternapop) (734) 996-8555

JILL JACK
10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Captain Tony's, 3333 Woodward Ave. (between 13 Mile Road and Coolidge Highway), Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (roots rock) (810) 731-1750/(248) 288-6388

JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS
10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older. (R&B) (810) 731-1750

KNEE DEEP SHAG
With Jazzoddity, 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (funk) (734) 485-5050

THE LOOK
10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110/(248) 360-7450

FREAKWATER
With Mike Ireland and Holler, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $6 in advance. 19 and older. (roots rock) (734) 996-8555

MACHINE HOUSE
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 581-3650

MASCHINA
10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

EDWIN MCCAIN
With Stewart Francke, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. $12 in advance. 18 and older. (pop rock) (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com

JIM MCCARTY WITH MYSTERY TRAIN
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

MEDICINE HAT
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31, and Wednesdays in February, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. $3 Friday-Saturday, free Wednesdays. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

MR. FREEDOM X
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

MORSEL
Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, and special guests Miss Bliss and Roundhead, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $5. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

MUDPUPPY
8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, as part of a book-signing party for "MusicHound Blues" with editor Gary Graff, and contributor/Observer & Eccentric music reporter Christina Fuoco, at Borders Books and Music, 43075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi. Free. All ages; 10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, Sisko's on the Boulevard, Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 347-0810/(248) 543-4300/(313)

MU330
With Earthmover, Gutterpunx, Suburban Delinquents and Ten-Cent Can, 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. $10 in advance. All ages. (ska/punk) (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com

ROBERT NOLL BLUES MISSION
8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Long Shots, 27189 Grand River Ave., Redford. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 533-9350/(313) 581-3650/(734) 451-1213

PAKISTANI TAMBOURINE
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Mondays in February, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

ROBERT PENN
9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

PULL
10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock/alternative) (248) 349-9110

LAURA RAIN
9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

TEDDY RICHARDS
With Stewart Francke and Sue Calloway, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $6. 18 and older. (pop) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

RIOT IN PROGRESS
With Fuel 357 and Harms Way, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. $6. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404

KEVIN SECONDS
Of the punk bank 7 Seconds does an acoustic performance, with special guest Chris Stills, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, Gargoyle's, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. $5 in advance. All ages. (acoustic) (248) 745-9790 or http://www.961melt.com

SHARECROPPERS OF SOUL
9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

SIDEWINDERS
10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (248) 349-9110

SISTER SEED
10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Tuscan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester. Cover charge. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 652-1600

SLIM
10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

SPEEDBALL
With the Motor Dolls, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, as part of a WRIF live broadcast at 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. $1.01. 18 and older. (rock) (248) 335-8100

SUPERDOT
9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (ska) (313) 581-3650

MARY THOMPSON AND THE DELTA CHILDREN BLUES BAND
8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, B.C. Beans Coffee House and Art Gallery, 2954 Biddle, Wyandotte. Free. All ages. (734) 284-2244

WILLIAM TOPLEY
7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. $10 in advance. 18 and older. (roots rock) (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com

THE TUBES
With Noval's Goat, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. $13 in advance, $16 day of show. 18 and older. (retro pop) (810) 775-6404

TWISTIN' TARANTULAS
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $6. 19 and older; With The Articles and The Dungbeetles, 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. $7. 18 and older. (rockabilly) (734) 996-8555/(810) 778-6404

UNSANE
With Today is the Day and Cromwell, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $8 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

RANDY VOLIN AND SONIC BLUES
9 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Feb. 3-4, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, Bogey's, 742 E. Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800/(248) 669-1441

WORKHORSE
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

DINING

Brothers pioneer new family tavern

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

With the same can-do spirit of pioneers who traveled "westward ho!" Brothers Dan and Joe Josifoski rustled up family and friends to turn a long vacant restaurant into a welcoming wagon stop. They opened Pick-A-Bone Family Tavern on Wednesday.

"We love the community, and thought it would be a great place to operate a family restaurant," said Dan Josifoski who spent four years renovating the former Vargo's, which closed 10 years ago.

"We felt Livonia was lacking a place where family and friends could gather. We will be working together as a family. We'll both be on the premises all the time to greet customers."

The brothers live in Livonia, and their parents – Danny and Zlatka, brought them up in the restaurant business. Dan's grandfather started their family-style restaurant in Roseville.

While Joe worked at the restaurant with his father and mother, Dan, who has a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, and an associate's degree in electronics, worked on renovations at Pick-A-Bone.

"We did a 120 percent job," he said. "Everything is new."

They worked with a designer, Roseanne Duncan of Bloomfield Hills, to create an Old West atmosphere that's fun, comfortable, and eclectic. A mural inside the saloon area was painted by local artist Frances Fletcher.

Like the setting, the menu also has a Western flare. Barbecue ribs are their specialty. Pick-A-Bone ribs are marinated in a flavorful blend of seasonings, smoked to enhance the flavor, then char-grilled and basted with a the family's secret sauce.

Ribs are served with garlic toast and choice of dinner salad or cole slaw, steak fries, red skins or baked potatoes.

Appetizer offerings include a rib sampler, buffalo wings, and Jesse James Cajun Style Pizza.

The brothers recommend "Picadillas," which they describe as being like Quesadillas only better. Of course there's chili on this menu, and onion soup.

Try one of the salads – Antipasto, Chicken Caesar, Greek, Tropical Chicken, or Blackened Chicken Salad.

Pick-A-Bone also offers a variety of sandwiches including burgers, a barbecue pork sandwich, Reuben, turkey and barbecue chicken sandwich, served with choice of soup of the day or steak fries.

Pick-A-Bone Family Tavern
Where: 30325 Six Mile Road, (between Middlebelt and Merriman) Livonia, (734) 762-2063, or (734) 762-RIBS
Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday.
Menu: Western Style fare including ribs, steaks, chicken, some seafood, salads, sandwiches, soups. Children's menu for kids 12 and under. Lunch menu served until 4 p.m.
Reservations: Accepted for parties of six or more.
Credit Cards: All majors accepted
Carry-out: Yes, they also offer Broasted Chicken by the piece for parties.
Banquet Facilities: For up to 120 people, dance floor. Banquet room has private entrance.
Seating capacity: Restaurant seats up to 190 people

If you're not in the mood for ribs, there are a couple of steak options – Cowboy Steak – the original T-Bone Steak; City Slicker Steak – 12 ounces of classic New York Strip, or a one pound mouth-watering Porterhouse. Pick-A-Bone uses top quality Black Angus Beef for their steaks.

Broiled pork chops, prime rib in 16 or 12 ounce cuts, and sirloin steak are also available. Steaks and chops are served with garlic toast, vegetable of the day, choice of dinner salad or cole slaw, and choice of steak fries, red skins, or baked potato.

With so many choices, it's hard to decide. Try one of the combos, barbecued ribs 'n chicken' barbecue ribs 'n shrimp, barbecued chicken 'n shrimp, or "The Ultimate B.B.Q" – ribs, chicken, shrimp, and pork loin. Combos are served with garlic toast, dinner salad or cole slaw, and choice of steak fries, red skins, or baked potato.

If you don't feel like "pigging out" seafood choices include jumbo shrimp, honey barbecued salmon steak, broiled white fish, char-grilled swordfish and tuna, or fish and chips served with salad or cole slaw, rice pilaf, vegetable of the day and garlic toast.

STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

New restaurant: *Joe (left) and Dan Josifoski welcome customers to Pick-A-Bone Family Tavern.*

There are also many other entrees to chose from including broasted chicken, barbecued chicken and pork loin, lasagna, spaghetti, Chicken Monterey, Chicken Pecan, and Chicken Stir-fry, Steak, Chicken or Shrimp Fajitas, served with dinner salad or cole slaw.

"We want to appeal to all groups of people, and different palates," said Joe.

Pick-A-Bone offers a variety of beers, white, sparkling and red wines, and specialty drinks including Margaritas – traditional, or raspberry, strawberry or lemonade.

The prices are reasonable, ranging from $4.45 for a Billy the Kid Burger to $16.95 for Whole Slab of Ribs for Two.

"We're here to stay, we're not travelers," said Dan. "We're devoted to Livonia." Joe said he's "glad open a business and serve the people."

Backstage Pass welcomes songwriter Bernie Taupin

BACKSTAGE PASS

ANN DELISI

Right now, Wisconsin is full of cheeseheads analyzing their performance this past Sunday. "Maybe if my head were made of American instead of cheddar ..." Assessment is a part of getting better, and we run each episode of Backstage Pass through a virtual spectroscope of analysis. Did it succeed in getting people to events? Was it fun? Did it keep the hot side hot, the cool side cool?

Any way you slice it, tonight's show is a winner. For starters, we have one of the most prolific lyricists of the 20th century in the Detroit Public Television studio: Bernie Taupin. And here's a surprise, he sings. Bernie will lead a trio with words he's written for his own voice.

Of course, people know Bernie Taupin from his 27-year collaboration with Elton John, a pairing that has resulted in sales of more than 100 million records. Together, these talented men have authored countless pop classics, including hits like "Your Song," "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road," "Daniel," "Candle in the Wind," and "The One."

Praise for the Taupin/John team has really poured in recently, as if the industry and fans have taken stock of the most amazing songwriting tandem since Lennon and McCartney. In '91, there was the CD/book/video package "Two Rooms," a tribute that included artists like George Michael, Sinead O'Connor, Sting, Eric Clapton and Phil Collins interpreting Bernie and Elton's music. Other accolades include 1994 ASCAP Songwriters of the Year, induction into the Songwriters Hall of Fame, six Ivor Novello Awards (the European equivalent to the Grammy), and the coveted INA's International Achievement of Excellence. Bernie was also inducted into the American Academy of Achievement in 1994.

Bernie has figured out the healing power of music, too. In 1992, he produced "Commitment to Life VI," which raised an unprecedented $4 million for AIDS Project Los Angeles. The event included top industry stars and was so successful that in 1995 Bernie introduced a follow-up event, "Commitment to Life VIII – Under the Influence."

Switch gears from pop to jazz, and we have another blockbuster booking: a quartet of world-renowned Detroit jazz all-stars, fronted by James Carter on saxophone and including Harold McKinney on piano, Don Maybury on bass and Richard "Pistol" Allen on drums. Each one of these guys has chops on the world jazz scene in his own right, and they're playing together as an ensemble exclusively for Backstage Pass.

James Carter, who plays this Friday night at Orchestra Hall, is widely regarded as one of the most exciting young saxophonists to arrive on the jazz scene in the last 25 years. I called our Backstage Pass jazz hosts Kim Hunter and W. Kim Heron for perspective on this special player. Hunter explained, "There's a big schism in jazz – there's the avant garde, and there's the classical. Most people can do one of the other. James can play both, and that's unusual. He's well respected in both camps, because he can play far out and really in."

Both Kims had great things to say about all the players in the Backstage ensemble. Kim Hunter said, "Harold McKinney is probably one of the best piano players on the planet. And he's gotten better as he's gotten older, which is rare for anybody. But Harold's still got it, and he's got a lot of imagination, too." W. Kim concurred, "McKinney's nicknamed 'The Baron,' and is an elder statesman of the Detroit jazz scene. He's played with people like Charlie Parker, John Coltrane, Donald Byrd, Charles Mingus, Sarah Vaughn – the list goes on and on.

Hunter continued, "Don Maybury is an incredible bass player. He did a great collaboration with a singer named Angie Smith. It's just the two of them, which is unusual. You can really hear what each of them do. And he has a great tone." Heron said, "'Pistol' Allen was a Motown mainstay. He's played with people like Nancy Wilson, Sammy Davis Jr., June Christy and Arthur Prysock and worked a lot at Baker's in his heyday." Hunter summed up our assemblage of talent, "Each one of these guys can just flat out play. They're not these young pyrotechnic players with something to prove. They just play.

We also welcome actor John Amos ("Roots," "Good Times," "Coming to America," to name a few), at Music Hall with his incredible one-man tour de force, "Halley's Comet," and visit the exhibition "White" at the Center Galleries. That's tonight on Backstage Pass on Detroit Public Television at midnight, repeated Friday at 7:30 p.m.

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