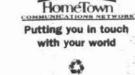
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On the move: Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, U.S. Customs and Northwest Airlines officials officially dedicated an expansion Tuesday of the Berry International Terminal at Detroit Metro Airport. The expansion will allow the airport to process more international travelers./A5

OPINION

Accountability: Allowing cameras into the courtroom helps to guarantee the integrity of the judicial process./A14

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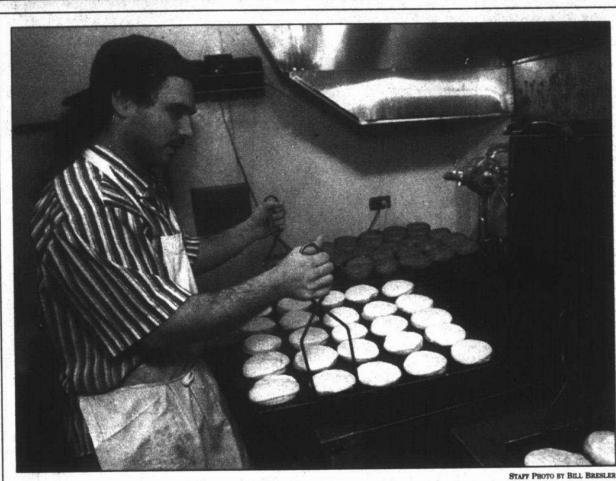
Different way: It was Italy's first woman doctor, Maria Montessori, who came up with the educational philosophy of teaching the child, not the subject, that is being celebrated during National Montessori Education Week this week. /B1

AT HOME

Harmonious arrangement: Keep positive energy flowing in your home and office through the ancient art of feng shui. / D6

ENTERTAINMENT

Theater: One-act plays take center stage at the Theater Guild of Livonia / Redford's Festival of One-Act Plays, and Heartlande Theatre Company's One-Act Play Slam./E1



It's time to make the paczkis: Rick Gau lifts a screen of paczkis into the fryer at the Ford Road Dunkin' Donuts store.

What diet? Paczki Day rakes in the dough

BY VALERIE OLANDER STAFF WRITER

Exactly how many calories were in the paczki you ate on Fat Tuesday? Apparently, it depends on where you ate that special jelly preservefilled doughnut, which has been called the "Cadillac of all doughnuts."

According to Laura Mertz, manager of Dunkin' Donuts on Ford Road in Canton, it had 1,300 calories

Matthew Dunnigan, co-owner of tion. The original paczkis has plum Joe's Italian Bakery & Deli in Plymouth, claimed his paczki had "at least 450 calories." "Have you picked up a box? That should tell you. They weigh a ton," he added.

Kathy Szelazek, a Polish immi-grant who lives in Canton Township, had a different caloric estimate. She made her own batch of 60 "original paczkis" Sunday night in preparation for the American Fat Tuesday tradimarmalade filling, not pudding, jelly and custard.

"I'd say about 500 calories, but who cares?

In fact, in Poland there's no such thing as Paczki Day or Fat Tuesday. "There's paczkis everywhere not only that Tuesday (before Ash Wednesday.) It's part of the carnival season."

Please see PACZKIS, A2

Treated water taps concern

The white particles coming from the faucets in some Canton homes are harmless and result from federally-mandated treatment to reduce lead, officials say.

BY VALERIE OLANDER STAFF WRITER

Canton residents can rest assured that the white particles found in their drinking water are safe, although not aestheti-

cally pleasing to look at.

The particles called "pipe scale" have created a nuisance in some homes by clogging faucets. "Pipe scale" is from the carbonate layer found on the inside of most household plumbing, possibly the hot water tanks, said Carl Goraham, special services foreman for Canton Public Works.

Canton's Public Works Department has gotten about 10 complaints in widespread areas of the township, said Goraham.

One report to the Observer came from the Sunflower subdivision between Canton Center and Beck, north of Warren.

"It's in limited areas. We can't explain why ... Canton is one of them,' said Steve Gorden, executive director of Detroit Water and Sewerage.

"We've not seen it in Detroit, possibly because there's low flow in the commu-

Please see WATER, A2

'Semi-retired' principal is district's fixer

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

He declines when you ask him his age. But he will reveal that he's been teaching for 37 years.

He'll use his Oklahoma drawl to get a point across, and sounds like your

grandfather when talking with kids. Teachers and parents alike adore

ame a school library

"Last year at Gallimore was just like magic," said Dodson, who had been principal there for nine years in the 1970s. "It's like a girlfriend. You're away from her a while, then you go back and find out she's much prettier than you remembered."

Feeling is mutual

Parents and teachers loved him so



Comedy: "Down Riverdance" is the name of The Second City-Detroit's 12th revue, which opens tonight./E1

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after him.

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And, despite being semi-retired, George Dodson has once again been called in to help the Plymouth-Canton school district weather another storm.

Dodson took over as interim principal at Fiegel Elementary School in Plymouth at the beginning of the year.

There were troubles with Barbara Young at the helm. No one ... not teachers, parents, the administration or the administrator's union ... wants to discuss why. But, all admit to serious problems which called for a change. Bring in George Dodson.

He did the same thing last year at Gallimore Elementary. Trouble was brewing. A change had to be made. Call in Dodson, whose last duty as principal was 1990 at Smith Elementary.

much they named the renovated school

"George is a people person, and very positive when it comes to kids," said Phil Radant, a Gallimore second grade teacher who worked with Dodson during his first stint as Gallimore principal and his return last year. "He's always looking for the best in kids."

Dodson is the type of administrator that also likes to take care of his staff.

"He always makes sure he sees everyone in the morning, making the rounds to find out how families are doing," added Radant. "He always took an interest in newer teachers, talking to them about their goals and interests."

Former school board member, E.J. McClendon, had Dodson in one of the

Please see DODSON, A4

Shut-

Out of business: Three

Ford Road stores close

BY VALERIE OLANDER STAFF WRITER

Three businesses closed their doors during the last month along the Ford Road corridor, although other tenants have expressed interest in the Canton market.

The Donut Scene, a landmark at the northeast corner of Ford and Lilley, closed one week ago after 20 years in business. Stiff competition from numerous national chain doughnut shops forced it out, according to a manager of the Northville store

Jumbo Sports, east of I-275 across from Auto Nation, is having a liquidation sale after changing its name last

Please see BUSINESS CLOSINGS. A4

library after him



Back at the helm: George Dodson has returned to Plymouth-Canton schools, this time as interim principal at Fiegel Elementary.

Board gives go-ahead on private arena deal

BY VALERIE OLANDER STAFF WRITER

A development agreement has been authorized by the Canton Board of Trustees for a privatelyoperated ice arena expected to be ready for play by next year.

The authorization was given at Tuesday's regular board meeting.

The two-rink ice arena is part of a \$20-\$25 million sports and recreation complex proposed by Southfield-based Griffin Properties. Plans for the park also include other indoor facilities, including basketball, soccer and golf range.

Griffin Properties will build the facility on 20 acres it buys from Canton Township on the east side of Haggerty Road between Michigan and Palmer roads

The development agreement outlines the terms of the sale, which will take place in about three months

The only facility they will be committed to (according to the agreement) is the ice arena," said Supervisor Tom Yack.

Griffin will buy the property for \$2.1 million. The township will give the developer credit towards the sale price for property used to build the long-awaited ice arena. (Approx-

Please see ARENA, A4



tered: The Canton Jumbo Sports is closing as part of a restructuring by the Florida. based compa-

Water from page A1

ities outside of Detroit. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department is attempting to educe the amount of aluminum



phosphorous and calcium phosphorous showing up in Canton's drinking water, which apparently is creating the pipe scale.

"We're looking into a process to see what we can do. We're working with the consultants that designed the system. It could be more of a balance of chemicals, but it also could be a function of temperature as in climate.

The phosphorous is a breakdown of chemicals put into the water treatment process in Detroit prior to the filtration for drinking water, Gorden said ... The chemicals are mandated by federal and state regulations to minimize the amount of lead and copper in the drinking water.

"It has been determined to be a non toxic substance that's more of a nuisance than anything else because it clogs the aerators," said Goraham.

Homeowners who find the STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER white particles in their drinking Safe to drink: Officials say water should flush their faucets residue found by some resfor several minutes to prevent clogging.

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A Feb. 5 story on Page A6 ing a confrontation between Wilkin was inaccurate in report- weapons involved.

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regarding the settlement agree-ment between Canton Township, Wilkin and a building contractor on the property at the southwest Proctor Road Holding Limited corner of Denton and Proctor Partnership and farmer Dennis Roads last July. There were no

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before Ash Wednesday. It would fluffy. When I make them everyhave been on Feb. 21 this year. For those counting, that's 58 days of paczkis! (Or 17 days if you're just celebrating on week-

ends.) "We never celebrated anything like this until my kids started school," she said. "But I've customized to the tradition here." Szelazek said she used to send her homemade paczkis to school

They brought so many friends home," she added with a laugh. She didn't know if the Ameri-

can paczki or the original had more calories, but she said the original recipe is definitely better. She makes a special trip to Hamtramck to pick up a jar of

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Appointments must be made for the above dates except March 14, which is set aside for walk ins. To make an appointment residents should call the Canton assessor's office at 397-6831 between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. through March 2.

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All of the review hearings will all be held in the lower level of the Canton administration build ing at 1150 Canton Center Residents can appeal an

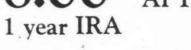
assessment for one of two reasons: hardship or market value Residents who claim hardship must fill out a hardship form. Those who appeal on market value should bring any documents showing recent sales in their neighborhood. The assessor works off a two-year sales study to make the assessments but that study ended in March of 1997. Any sales after that may or may not be applicable to the appeal. The Board of Review can

either deny an appeal or change it. A resident can appeal further to the Michigan Tax Tribunal as long as they do so prior to June



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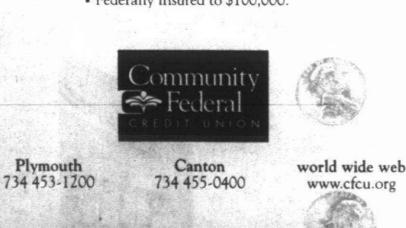


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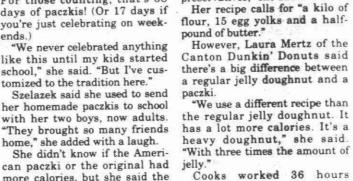
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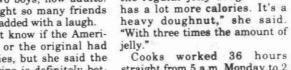
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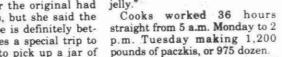
plum butter, or Povidel. "The paczkis here I call doughnuts. My paczkis are light and **Insulation Special**



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

"We use a different recipe than the regular jelly doughnut. It has a lot more calories. It's a heavy doughnut," she said. "With three times the amount of





pounds of paczkis, or 975 dozen. Joe's Italian Bakery made 800 dozen paczkis, many of which were special pickup orders, said Dunnigan. One Flint business ordered 200 dozen, he said.

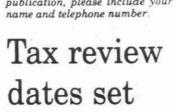
St. Michael's Catholic School in Livonia ordered 80 dozen paczkis from Joe's Bakery. Paczki Day has become an annual celebration in the classroom for the 781 students at St. Mike's, said secretary Karen Diamond.

thing is natural, there's no

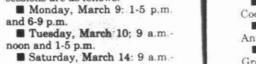
preservatives," she added.

"We got the raspberry jellyfilled - without the powder sugar because of the obvious mess," she said. To comment via e-mail: tschneider@oe.homecomm.net. If

your comments are intended for publication, please include your name and telephone number.



Dates have been set for the March Tax Board of Review during which residents who wish to do so can appeal their property tax assessment. The hearing dates for the Board of Review sessions are as follows:





Q&A

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

al and Beck roads.

The township planning com-

mission has given tentative site plan approval for the first phase

of the project at North Territori-

Phase one includes a sanctu-

ary with 1,499 seats, fellowship

hall, administrative offices,

meeting rooms and parking for

500 cars. The total cost for

phase one is expected to be

"We hope to have final

approval in April, and ground-

preaking sometime in May," said

OLGC has taken care of one

We used a giant tree spade to

move magnolia, pine and spruce

trees," said Sullivan. "The pine

and spruce were each 50-feet

problem, and is looking to reme-

dy another, before groundbreak-

pproximately \$10-million.

Rev. John Sullivan.

Smart companions |Church to break ground in spring star in PETelethon

BY KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

Is your pet Mensa material? The second annual "Smartest Pet in Detroit" contest raises money for the tri-county Michigan Humane Society. It also offers a \$500 first prize and other prizes.

Contest promoter Joe Fucini said the contest helps promote the Humane Society PETelethon from noon-5 p.m. Sunday, March 15 on Channel 50. While the pet telethon idea

isn't new, Fucini said the Detroit area holds the record nationwide for money raised as \$302,000 was raised last year in this area's first PETelethon. "The closest was Houston last

year with \$200,000," Fucini said. To enter the Smartest Pet contest, make a 2 minute or less VHS tape that demonstrates Supplies Plus store - including one on Ford Road in Canton - by 5 p.m. Sunday, March 8.

Second place prize is \$200, third place \$100, and there are prizes of a year's supply of Nature's Recipe dog food or Nine

Last year's winner was a border collie named Cody, from Grosse Pointe Woods. "He'd be sitting on a couch. His

owner would say, 'Do you want to go for ride?' and he'd run across couch to the kitchen, open a cabinet and take out the car keys and go to the front door,"

Fucini said. When told to put his toys away, Cody would drop several toys one by one into a toy

Another winner was a cat named Hydrox, who on command would roll over, shake hands and do other dog-like



Celebrity guest: Morris the Cat will appear at local Pet Supplies Plus your animal's smarts. The tapes stores in conjunction with can be dropped off at any Pet the March 15 PETelethon to be televised on UPN Channel 50.

> The contest is sponsored by the tri-county Michigan Humane Society, Heinz Pet Products and Pet Supplies Plus. Money raised in the telethon

helps the Humane Society pay for veterinary services and costs to shelter 53,000 animals brought to their shelters each year. The nearest shelter is in Westland. Fucini said classes for pet

owners in dog training are also provided.

"Most people turn them in because of behavioral problems," Fucini said. "If a dog didn't get house broken, wouldn't stop barking, chews the couch, these are all correctable behaviors," he said

success rate." By moving the three trees, the new church will sit in the middle

Plans are moving ahead for a of the wooded portion of the spring groundbreaking for Our property Lady of Good Counsel's new "We want the church to church in Plymouth Township.

enhance the area," noted Sullivan. "The architects have been careful not to get rid of the trees on the property. One thing the church does

want to get rid of is a house which currently sits on a portion of the 36 acres. "It's a custom home built in the 1940s by Paul Wiedman, who owned one of the early Ford dealerships in Plymouth," said Sullivan. "We'll give it to anyone with a parish connection who will move the house and base-

ment to another lot, and restore the land for us to build on.' Sullivan says he would hate to demolish the three-bedroom ranch with 2 1/2 baths, which also has a new furnace, plumbing, plaster and roof. Not only because he'd be demolishing a solid structure, but also because it will cost the church nearly

\$40 000 to tear it down.

STAFF PHOTO BY BELL BRESLE Moving ahead: Our Lady of Good Counsel hopes to find someone willing to move this custom-built home from the site of its planned church in Plymouth Township.

1999, if construction plans con- grade. tinue on time

Phase two of the OLGC project will include recreational facilities with an indoor gymnasium, a soccer/football field, two ball fields and a concession building. The third phase will consist of

Church officials estimate it will take 10-20 years to complete the entire project.

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za Bottler Day? The "holiday" celebrates when the number of the day is the same as the number of the month - or an excuse to have a party at least once a

The Friends of the Canton Public Library raise community awareness and appreciation of the library, as well as support the library's goals and services? ■ March 8-14 is National Girl Scouts of America Week?

March is National Youth Art Month? The month is set aside to emphasize the value and importance of participation in art for all children and youth.

New fiction

Here are some new books available from the library: "Miracle Cure" by Michael

■ "Return Journey" by Maeve

The Upstart" by Catherine "Brunswick Gardens" by

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Web Watch Check out these new Web

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Q: Does Michigan have a pledge of allegiance?

Sen. Geake recognized by health association

work on mental health issues

tal Health Award" was given to citizens.

annual winter conference held this week in Lansing. The awards luncheon was ence in Washington D.C.

(R-Northville) for hard hard MACMHB is to provide quality

Geake at the organization's Last year Geake was recognized by the American Psychological Association at a confer-

defined a pledge of allegiance to the state flag: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of Michigan, and to the state for which it stands, two beautiful peninsulas united by a bridge of steel, where equal opportunity and justice to all is our ideal." The source for this information

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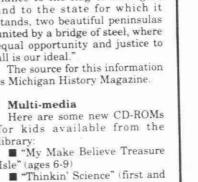
Hot topic of the week In an effort to better meet the needs of local daycare facilities, the Canton Public Library will be offering outreach story times. A storyteller will travel to local daycare facilities and pro-

piled by Laura Dorogi of the ed at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. For more information about library programs and services call 397-0999.

The Michigan Association of attended by more than 400 rep-Community Mental Health resentatives of the mental health Boards (MACMHB) has recog- community from throughout nized state Senator Bob Geake Michigan. The goal of the

care within the community to an The 1997 "Go to Bat for Men- at-risk population of Michigan

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For your listening pleasure Here are some new talking

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vide 30 minutes of stories, songs and finger plays. Interested participants may call the library's

youth department. @ the Canton Library is comibrary staff. The library is locat-

Dodson from page A1

classes he taught at the Univer- men teaching in the elementary sity of Michigan. Later, he got to schools, especially since there know Dodson well during his 17year stint on the Plymouth-Canton school board.

"George is a person with high character," said McClendon. "He does good things, and for the right reasons. He is thoughtful and concerned when it comes to together." children, staff and parents.

"Of course, we hit it off right away since we're both from Oklahoma," McClendon said with a smile

Dodson, who teaches adult education at Starkweather Edu- have a big nose,' " said Dodson cation Center when he's not putting out fires, said he like what grade he was in. When he teaching more today than when he started in 1965.

"I think I'm a little more effective now because I've learned a few things," said Dodson. "I know how to run a school and help staff. I expect teachers to work hard for the kids, that's the bottom line."

Arena from page Al

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are so many one-parent homes

without fathers these days. "If you can believe it, we don't have any male teachers here (Fiegel)," said Dodson. "We have an excellent staff. The school community just needs to come

Dodson not only likes to work with the younger children, you'll find him in the halls interacting. "One day a boy came up to me and said 'Mr. Dodson, you sure with a chuckle. "I asked him

told me second, I told him that's the same grade he was going to be in next year." Assistant School Superintendent Pat O'Donnell likes the idea

of having someone like Dodson ready to step in.

"George pretty much knows the people in the district and how to get things done quickly," said O'Donnell. "He knows how Dodson would like to see more to work with people, and that's

for a public ice arena for several

an important strength. That strength has left a lasting impression on Gallimore media specialist Marsha Payne, who worked with Dodson last

"He brought the staff together by knowing how to help people heal," said Payne. "Children are first to him. They like him so much. He's almost like a pied piper.

Dodson says he'll continue in the Plymouth-Canton schools as

long as he can. "As long as I'm healthy and I feel good, I will help them because I like the challenge," said Dodson.

"My mother used to tell me 'I want you to amount to something.' I'm still trying, and I might make it yet.'

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Competition: Donut Scene manager Vera Alverson said national chains forced the sale of the longtime Canton store.

Business closings from page A1

year from Detroit Sports and said Rec. The Florida-based sporting goods company closed all of its Michigan stores during a "restructuring that is part of plan to reduce the company's

arena has been estimated to cost long-term debt." Carousel Crafts, across from Griffin properties has been in the Super K, closed Jan. 20 after negotiations with the township less than a year in business. A representative from the business The ice arena will be built by was unavailable for comment. an "internationally-known oper-Poor visibility has been blamed ator" with two full-size regulafor its demise tion NHL rinks. There will be

Canton Chamber of Commerce Director Carleigh Flaharty said she was optimistic new tenants would be found, particularly for The Donut Scene, which is a prime location in the Ford Road husiness district.

In addition, road improvements are planned at the Lilley intersection this summer as part

to locate at The Donut Scene site, according to a spokesman for Source Real Estate and Investment Company.

signed, but it's pending tentative approval from the township," he banquet facility," said Schmitt.

The Donut Scene Manager Vera Alverson said Canton's will be a bit trickier to lease. building boom compelled the longtime mom-and-pop business into the sale.

"They're building like crazy out there. Dunkin' Donuts is across the street. Tim Hortons is on the other side. Then, you have the Super K selling doughnuts for 33 cents. There's Brueg ger's Bagels. Einstein's (Bagels) supposedly wanted in. There was just too much competition," she

"And the traffic is horren

Retailers have shown interest in the Jumbo Sports location since it went on the market one month ago, said Anthony Schmitt of The Lutz Companies Lutz purchased the building from Jumbo Sports and will lease the 62,000 square-foot

"We've had a number of prospective businesses call. Some have been similar-type sporting good uses. There's others in the home category - not home improvement - medical, a

The two-story 29,000-square foot Carousel Crafts retail space "It's a huge facility. It faces challenges because of the location and signage isn't Ford Road

Bruce Goodwin of Friedman Real Estate Inc. said the former crafts mall, previously a fitness and racquetball club, is being marketed for medical, office and retail, "although it makes more sense for medical and office because of the Ford Road frontage," he said.

A 96,000-square-foot medical and office building blocks the other building from Ford Road

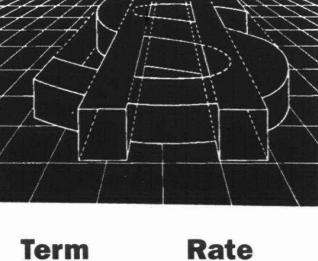
The empty storefronts join three other noticeably vacant buildings along Canton's busi ness district: the old Kmart building where a Kohl's department store is planned, neighbor ing Winkelman's and Arbor Drugs at Harvard Square.

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frontage," said Flaharty.

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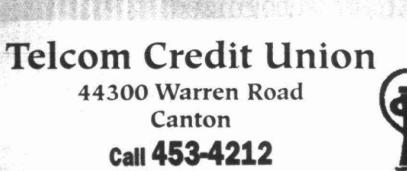
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Taking credit Income tax breaks expected to quadruple for some families with college students

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

One key senator is taking a very hard look at Michigan's income tax credit for college tuitions, hinting it should go. "It looks like it's robbing Peter to pay

Paul," said Sen. John J.H. Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, chair of the Appropriations subcommittee on higher education budgets. "Maybe after the election, when we're all

objective again," he said as his panel listened Feb. 20 to its first testimony from university presidents in Ann Arbor. In tax year 1995, Michigan gave \$8 million

in income tax credits to families paying tuition to 27 public and private colleges. But by tax year 1998, tax credits will quadruple to \$35.3 million to families of stu-

dents in 37 colleges In that time, legislators have engaged in a bidding war to win taxpayer favor. The first tax credit in 1995, sponsored by Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, was limited to \$250 per student - 4 percent of tuition and fees - in families with a household income below \$200,000. Currently, the credit is up to \$375

per student - 8 percent of tuition and fees - \$1.44 billion. to a larger group of families, those with adjusted gross income below \$200,000.

Big winners this year will be students' credits of \$250 per student. Credits for public community college students will be around \$70 apiece; and for public universities, \$150 or less (except for the University of Michigan and Michigan State).

And this December may be the time to kill the tuition tax credit, Schwarz figures, because many families will lose it anyway. The tax credit is granted only where the student's college holds tuition hikes below 2.3 percent, the official inflation cap in the conumer price index.

"There may not be anybody qualifying with a state appropriate at 1.5 percent (increase) and upward pressure on tuition," Schwarz said.

College officials agree they'll have a tough time holding tuition hikes below 2.3 percent costs above the CPI rate, though some is because Gov. John Engler is proposing an being offset by private and corporate gifts. across-the-board increase of 1.5 percent in state aid: to \$1.46 billion from the current

Schwarz argues that \$35 million could be put to better use by boosting general fund aid to universities. "Is the tuition tax credit families at private colleges. Most will get tax appropriate public policy?" he asked one witness after another. "It wouldn't be my first choice," said a cau-

tious Jay Wortley, economist with the Senate Fiscal Agency. University of Michigan President Lee

Bollinger said, "We'd have to raise tuition by 5.6 percent" to raise U-M's total revenues by 3.7 percent, the amount personal disposable mes are rising statewide.

Added Dr. James Renick, chancellor of U M Dearborn: "If state appropriation increases are at or below the rate of inflation, 1998-99 student tuition and fees are expected to increase in the range of 5 percent or higher." Renick said the Dearborn campus' growth

in master's degree enrollments, new technology and deferred maintenance are pushing

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County, U.S. Customs officials open expanded international terminal

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Contrary to popular belief, the processing capacity of U.S. Detroit Metro Airport is "alive, Customs, Immigration and Agriwell and functioning. culture from 800 and 1,200 pas-

sengers per hour."

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million project also increases the

baggage area, allowing for quick-

er arrival of passengers from

With that introduction Tuesday afternoon, Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara along with other county, U.S. Customs and Northwest Airlines officials - officially dedicated an expansion of Metro's Berry

McNamara credited Northwest International Terminal. and Metro's other airlines for the "We are doing all we can to make the current airport as conexpansion. "The expansion of this termivenient as possible for our passengers," McNamara said. "The nal is one of the many coopera-

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improve the facilities and ease the congestion at Detroit Metro Airport," McNamara said. "We are in the process of building a world-class airport together, and this is just one of the interim steps on the way there."

Here are some of the improvements Ticket counters and lobby areas for passengers and airport staff to meet and greet passen-

gers were expanded. A new circular baggage 30,000-square-foot terminal tive projects between Wayne carousel was added which can addition is estimated to increase County and the airlines to accommodate twice as much lug-

gage than pre-expansion era. The bus shuttle and transfer orridor has been expanded, including additional counter space for checking and transferring luggage and an additional security screening area. Federal inspection areas for

U.S. Customs, Immigration and Department of Agriculture have been redesigned and expanded, allowing for improved traffic

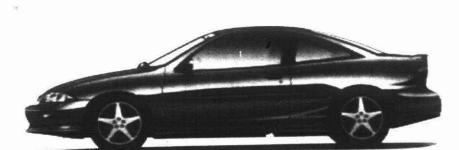
The entrance road in front of the terminal was widened by adding a lane of traffic. County officials say it has helped ease the curbfront congestion in front Please see AIRPORT, A6



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A similar 5 percent tuition of \$4.9 million. hike was predicted by U-M Flint Chancellor Charlie Nelms. For fiscal 1998 (beginning Oct.

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sury Department estimates, are the costs by college:

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\$443,000. Washtenaw - \$70 per student for 5,245 students, total of \$312,000

Henry Ford, Lansing and 13 others - not eligible. Total: \$4.3 million to 13 community colleges.

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Private colleges Cleary - \$250 per student for

874 students, total of \$218,000. Detroit College of Business \$250 per student for 3,979 students, total of \$995,000.

William Tyndale - \$250 per student for 600 students, total of \$150,000. Total: \$4.2 million to 14 pri-

vate colleges. The Senate Appropriations

subcommittee on higher education will meet at 10 a.m. Mon day, March 2, in Oakland University's Meadowbrook Hall Rochester. Northern Michigan University is scheduled at 10

a.m., Wayne State at 10:30, Michigan Tech at 11 and Oakland University at 11:30.



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phase in the \$1.6 billion airport

expansion. In November, a new

international departure facility

dedicated. Other improvements

include a six-gate extension to

Concourse C, new moving walk-

ways, an expanded luggage sys-

tem in the Davey Terminal and

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The expansion is the latest

The area features signs in four languages besides English -Japanese, Korean, Arabic and Chinese. Islands were added to next to the Davey Terminal was aid with foreigners needing to fill out paperwork.

All the additional room is appreciated by customs officials. "If it's easier for us to work in, it's easier for the passengers," Freeman said.

The new baggage carousel is 100 feet long, and it can carry baggage from a filled 747 - or about 420 passengers - and then room for more, said Rod Blanchard, a U.S. Immigration official

"We have a goal that 95 percent of passengers will exit the Customs hall within five minutes of entering," Blanchard said. That time will be checked periodically and randomly by Customs officials who do not work at the airport.

Northwest Airlines International Manager Bill Lewis likes the expansion and what it does for baggage processing. "We will do 1,200 bags twice a day, Lewis said. "Before that, it was about half of that."

Pleased with expansion Wayne County Commission

Chairman Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, also attended the dedication, as did Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland. Solomon believed passengers

will travel internationally in a "faster, more efficient" way. "It will mean more international travel," Solomon seid. "It will make Wayne County

more accessible to the rest of the world, and the rest of the world more accessible to businesses here," Beard said.





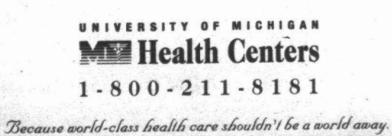
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Outdoor fun: Horseback riding is offered by some camps. The Eighth Annual Super Summers for Kids: A Camp and Activities Fair will be offered 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1, at Wayne State University's Oakland Center, 33737 W. 12 Mile in Farmington

Swap meet held March 7

The 14th Annual Detroit- awards, a patch-drop box, and be held at Madonna University in Livonia Saturday, March the northwest corner of I-96 and Levan Road.

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Camp is a 'life-changing experience' for Livonia woman and her family

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Sue Schafer of Livonia went to Camp Tamarack, for Jewish young people, for three summers as a girl. Camp must have held some appeal, because it's now a way of life for her family.

"We go to camp every year, said the third-grade teacher at Tyler Elementary in Livonia. They have gone to family camp annually since 1982, with both daughters having grown up going. The younger, 13, is a Riley Middle School student and the older, 18, is a University of

Michigan freshman. Schafer, who is married to Steve, also attended day camp as a child. The family now goes to Cedar Campus, run by Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship, in the Upper Peninsula's Cedarville, "It's the best thing we could have done for our children," she

said. It helped them to develop friendships and gave them a sense of belonging and a Christian perspective. They meet people from all denominations.

now considers herself part of Elaine Sturman of Bloomfield said. both faiths.

"Camp can be wonderful for both children and adults," Schafer said. "It can be a lifechanging experience for children, teens and adults."

Thinking of summer camp for your kids or yourself? Information on summer camp opportunities will be found 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1, at the eighth annual Super Summers for Kids: A Camp and Activities Fair at Wayne State University's has existed since 1920, is devot-Oakland Center, 33737 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

The event is presented by The Merrill-Palmer Institute, Wayne State University, with co-sponsors the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and metroParent magazine. A total of 94 U.S. and Canadian camps will be repreented

"It came to our attention a ong time ago that parents were teens. There's also an opportuniin great need of finding opportu- ty to find summer employment" (313) 872-1790.

Hills, development coordinator for The Merrill-Palmer Institute. Having one place allows parents "to find just that right program. ' literacy, sports, drama or other We were just the right venue to put on such a fair."

There is no admission charge, and advance reservations aren't required for those attending. At the camp fair, a directory with information on each program will be provided.

The research institute, which ed to helping children and families. The camp fair was seen as a beneficial offering.

"We encourage them to bring their children," Sturman said. The event is designed for young people age 2 through college. Day programs from the metropolitan area will be repre-

came to know Jesus in college, nities for their children," said for older kids and adults, she

Some camps are designed for children with special needs. Some are focused on computer areas. Some offer scholarships.

Sturman attended Camp Tamarack as a youngster, where her father served as assistant director about 10 years. "So it's in my blood. Every year of my life, and I still go to family camp. I was a camper, I was a counselor.

She has found that attending camp helps young people to become independent, make new friends and try new activities that might not be available in an urban setting.

"It's a chance to really learn," new things in an independent setting," Sturman said. "It's justso special.

For more information on the "We have a lot of programs for Super Summers for Kids: A Camp and Activities Fair, call

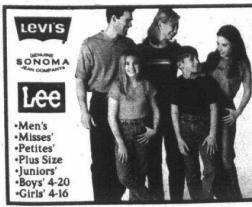


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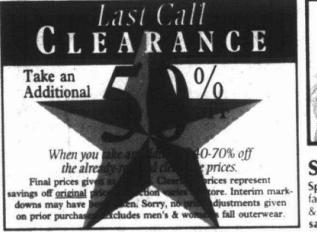
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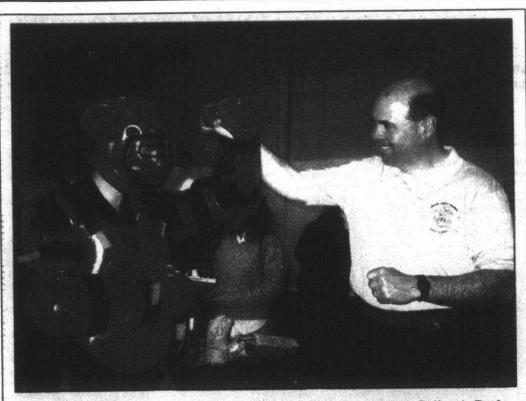
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Learning tactics: A recruit at the police academy at Schoolcraft College's Radcliff Center learns defensive tactics while wearing the "Redman" suit from instructor Fred Stanton, who is also a sergeant with the Dearborn Police Department.

Recruiting talent Police academy changes with times

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Being a police officer isn't about chasing down the bad guys and slapping the cuffs on them as television and Hollywood generally depict officers these days.

At least not at the police academy at Schoolcraft College's Radcliff Center in Garden City.

Today, the 19-hour academy course features instruction on human relations, sexual harassment, civil rights and criminal law along with the physical training and militaristic disciplines, including marching in the Radcliff hall- in way. s

You might say the academy has changed with the times.

"I think it's evolved and come into its own," said Dan Antieau, the academy's deputy director. "Training institutions are addressing these things in a big way.

"We are dealing with more academically. A few years ago, somebody (hired as a police officer) with a degree was unheard of. The education level of the officers has increased, and so have the sensitivity classes.

RADCLIFF CENTER

"You are dealing with a more educated person. The days of the image of an officer wrestling a suspect in an alley are passé."

Robert Pearce, associate dean of the college, said less than one half of one percent of officers' time is spent fighting crime, so the class also deals with firearms, defensive tactics, precision driving and

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Public safety agencies featured at fair

Nearly 52 public safety and law enforcement agencies will visit Schoolcraft College's Radcliff Center in Garden City on Wednesday, March 25, to participate in the center's annual public safety career fair.

The fair will feature agencies ranging from the FBI to local fire and police departments. Equipment will be demonstrated for visitors.

An inter-active firefighting/ emergency medical technician training system will combine "hands-on" firefighting training with computers that are designed to help firefighters and EMTs learn needed equipment during the decision-making process, said Schoolcraft's Elaine Gerage.

Another piece of equipment is the Firearms Training System (FATS), which is an interactive tool used to help police academy recruits learn how to react in a critical situation.

"This interactive computer

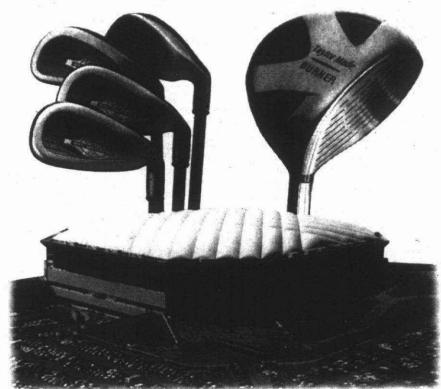
program gives the student a specific real-life situation in which there are only seconds to react," said Gerage.

The fair also features the following units: canine, bicycle patrol and motorcycle, and the red-man suit, which is used to instruct defensive tactics to recruits.

The demonstrations, along with presentations by public safety organization represen-

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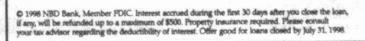
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"There's a greater emphasis on think that students who graduate from here are capable of dealing with everyone on the street." Pearce said.

A record number

This semester, Antieau, who is also a police officer in Canton Township, is administrating the academy's largest class - 60 recruits. Before they enter the academy, potential recruits are screened for drugs and tested for physical agility and face an oral board exam from two police chiefs.

Antieau credits the academy's placement rate, "sound" reputation and support from local police chiefs for the program's

"We have a 95 percent placement rate for preservice kids," Antieau said. Preservice students are those

who are not employed by a law enforcement agency and must cultural diversity and interper- complete 41 credit.hours of sonal relations. We'd like to course work for the associate degree before attending the police academy.

The police academy prepares police recruits in the following areas: investigation, crime scene process, patrol procedures, operations and techniques, conflict mediation, report writing, detention and prosecution of prison-

ers, first aid, investigations, evidence collection, disaster control, civil disorders and tactical opera-By the end of those classes,

students will have accumulated 60 credit hours.

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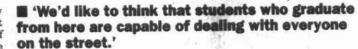
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Westland. About 34 of the 60 clients are preservice, 26 are "In the inservice program, (the recruit) went to the city and applied, is hired to work there,

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Antieau said

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tive firearms simulator, which allows a person to walk into a potential crime scene, and using a laser, protect a partner. The next move depends on the action of the so-called assailant, who could appear harmless as a quiet homeless man on a bench,

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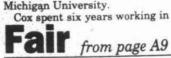
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the officer It is an instantaneous decision in a mock scene, but a crucial one a recruit must be correct about, or someone gets hurt or the stipulation he attend the

A new recruit

Al Cox is in the academy's inservice program through the city of Plymouth's Police Department and a Canton Township resident. He grew up in Canton and graduated in 1987 from Ply-

mouth Christian Academy. Cox received a bachelor's degree in political science and criminal justice from Indiana train, I like to teach. I tell them, Wesleyan University in Marion, Ind. Cox also is working on a you're doing seriously, but don't thesis for his master's in public administration from Central



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Cox expects to graduate May

For Antieau, the academy is a

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Lawmakers puzzled over CMU's refusal to give auditors academy documents

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

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tence.

majority of the 100 PSAs in exis-House members have made CMU a particular target since last September's performance audit found a long list of faults in the way CMU Charter School Office supervised its PSAs. Among the flaws: conflicts of interest among board members, uncertified teachers, failure to check arrest records of hirees, not posting public meetings, lack of special education, and so on. "I've had the auditor general around two or three times," said Rep. Clyde LeTarte, R-Jackson, a former community college president. "Organizations would like not to have embarrassing situations made public. How do we know it isn't something else?" At the end of the hearing. LeTarte said he was "still strug-







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After listening two hours to Central Michigan University's explanations, state lawmakers still were puzzled why CMU refused to give the state auditor general 34 documents concern-

"I'm just a dumb plumber from Kalamazoo," said Rep. Ed LaForge, a Democrat on the House Education Committee, "but I'm totally baffled how a state institution (CMU) with

ments on how the money is "It casts a shadow over the university and the public school academy chartering process," LaForge said during a Feb. 18

Richard McLellan, a Lansing lawyer working with CMU on chartering academies, said the documents had to do with the attorney-client privilege; that "attorney-client relations aren't financial; they're how to carry out a legal duty" - rather than a

McLellan is a close associate and friend of Gov. John Engler, who championed the idea of specialized public school academies (PSAs) chartered by universities but not the State Board of Education. CMU has chartered the

gling" to understand why CMU invoked the attorney-client privilege to avoid releasing 34 unnamed documents. "How do we know it isn't covering up exactly what we sent you (the auditor general) to audit?"

Rep. James Agee, D-Muskegon, noted CMU said it without releasing all. "This is a real stretch - an enormous ing legal advice."

'It casts a shadow over the university and the public school

stretch," said Agee, a former public school superintendent. Center of the grilling was Jim Goenner, new director of CMU's charter school office. The House Education Committee in January publicly reviewed the audit and asked to have CMU officials explain what corrections they made - and why they were hiding 34 records under "attorney-

many of the specific questions.

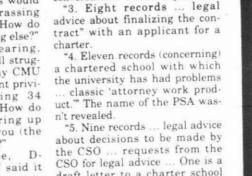
tools to police PSA charter "You can't withhold schools. their state aid. Your only tool is the 'death penalty' - to pull their harter," he said.

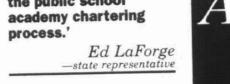
declined to give copies of their response to the press until the meeting ended. That response, signed by CMU counsel Eileen Jennings and containing 12 case law citations, classified the 34 withheld documents into four

uestions for use in an investigation of concerns about a school . If these are disclosed to the auditor general, the chartered school

"2. Three records ... an agenda and notes at meetings between the CSO staff and its attorneys. If the privilege is waived for these records, then the privilege is likely also waived for all the conversations that took place ...

couldn't release some documents draft letter to a charter school from outside counsel ... provid-





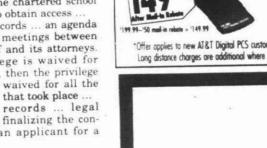
client privilege. Goenner said he had held the ob two weeks, replacing Dr. Blanche Fraser; that CMU had acknowledged the findings, agreed to all the recommendations, and instituted the reforms; but he was unable to answer

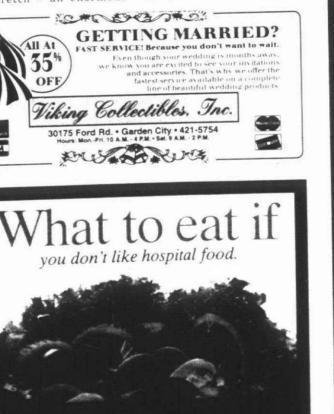
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McLellan and CMU officials

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Crime Stoppers solicits tips Korean business community program pays rewards to about criminals and fugitives share Sheriff Robert Ficano's anonymous tipsters when an through newspapers, TV, flyers vision of building a crime-free arrest is made. The program and posters at the Wayne Counhas resulted in the arrest of ty jail and word of mouth. A

major buildup of volunteer and corporate involvement in the program in the next two years. The hotline phone number is 1-888-743-7433. Tips are assigned a number and are kept anonymous

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LUCIENNE C. MAGEE A memorial Mass for Lucienne C. Magee, 70, of Plymouth was held on Feb. 24 at St. Thomas A Beckett Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating.

Mrs. Magee was born on July 13, 1927, in Detroit. She died on Feb. 22 in Plymouth. Mrs. Magee lived in Plymouth and Livonia for 60 years. She formerly worked for Daisy Air

Rifle and Adistra Corp. More recently she enjoyed baby-sitting, especially for her greatgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Emile and Rose E. Eergeron. Her survivors include her husband, Ellis L. Magee; three sons, Robert (Jeananne) John Magee of Marritt, Mich.,

David (Lori) Magee of Mancelona, Mich., Mark Magee of Plymouth; two daughters, Carol McMichael of Nashville, Tenn., Sandra (Thurman) Bitting of Windsor, Ohio; two broth-

ers, Edgar Bergeron of Howell, Emile Bergeron of Okinawa, Japan; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

LEE ANDERSON OWENS Services for Lee Anderson

Owens, 73, of Plymouth were held on Feb. 21 at the First Unit-

ed Methodist Church with the Rev. Dr. Dean A. Klump officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Mr. Owens was born on Jan. 26, 1925, in Hickman, Ky. He

died on Feb. 17 in Plymouth. Mr. Owens worked for Evans Products in Plymouth from 1945 to 1971. He worked for Ford Motor Co. in the Detroit Parts Depot in Redford as a heating service engineer from 1971-86 and then retired. He was a former volunteer fireman in Plymouth and worked part time at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in the 1960s and 1970s. He was a veteran of the Korean conflict and was a member of the VFW in Northville. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth where he was active as a church coach in Plymouth. He was a friend to all who knew him, he

best of them. His survivors include his wife

E. ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW The Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will convene in the City

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Other hearing dates and times may be schedules as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 1998 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY and must be submitted to the Front Office, located on the First Floor of City Hall before an appointment can be made. The "DEADLINE" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 4, 1998 by 9:00 P.M.

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usher and volunteer in the soup kitchen. He was a Little League oved to hunt and taught many to hunt, and he fished with the

Marian Ida Owens of Plymouth; one daughter, Janice Ida Owens

of Plymouth; three sons, John (Theresa) Owens of Anchorage, Alaska, Timothy (Roberta) Owens of Troy, Thomas Owens of Plymouth; four grandchildren, Lindsay, Andrew, Kyle, Katie; and one brother, Cecil Owens of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church soup kitchen of Plymouth.

MERRY C. NOWRY Services for Merry C. Nowry, 73, of Westland were held on Feb. 23 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was at Livonia Center Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Nowry was born on Dec. 25, 1924, in Westland. She died on Feb. 19 in Westland. She worked for Kmart in Plynouth as a supervisor of the cafeteria for 16 years. She came to the Westland community in 1942 from Plymouth. She attended the Church of the

Nazarene in Plymouth. She was a member of CATS (The National Order of Alley Cats) an auxiliary of the Disabled American Veterans. Her survivors include her

three sons, Ronald of Westland Kenneth James of Waterford, Michael (Tammy) of Bessemer, Mich.; five grandchildren, Michael, Kelly, Jeffrey, Joseph Kimberly; and one brother, Roger (Ethyl) Spencer of Pinckney, Mich. Memorials may be made to

Karmanos Cancer Institute.

RICHARD G. WISNIEWSKI Services for Richard G. Wisniewski, 79, of Plymouth were held on Feb. 21 at Divine Savior Catholic Church with the Rev. Alexander Kuras officiating. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens, Superior Township. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral

Home in Plymouth. Mr. Wisniewski was born on Dec. 3, 1918, in Detroit. He died on Feb. 16 in Howell. He was the former owner of Forest Motor Sales in Plymouth. He sold the dealership in 1962.

He came to the Plymouth community in 1940. He was a member of Divine Savior Catholic Church. He served in the Army during World War II. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen. His survivors

include his son, Richard R. (Marion) Wisniewski of Lakeland, Mich.; three grandchildren, Richard C. (Kathy) Wisniewski of Garden City, Brenda (Andrew) Bunnell of Howell, Barbara (Allan) Gaydos of Canton; and five great-grandchildren, Cassandra Bunnell, Robert Bunnell, Brian Wisniewski, Tommy Wisniewski, Matthew Wisniewski. Memorials may be made to

Myasthenia Gravis Association. LLOYD LAMAR BREAZEALE Services for Lloyd Lamar Breazeale, 82, of Prudenville, Mich., formerly of Plymouth, were held Feb. 23 at Houghton Lake Baptist Church with the

Rev. Timothy Collard officiating

the service. Burial was at Denton Township. Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by Christler Funeral Home in Houghton Lake, Mich. Mr. Breazeale was born on

Jan. 3, 1916, in Purvis, Miss. He died on Feb. 20 in Prudenville. Mr. Breazeale was a retired shipping clerk and a member of Houghton Lake Baptist Church. He was a resident of Highland before moving to Houghton Lake eight years ago. He was a veteran of World War II.

His survivors include his wife, Grace Breazeale of Prudenville; one daughter, Sharon (Gene) Armstrong of Prudenville; and

four grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Houghton Lake Baptist Church MARY H. SHESTAK

Services for Mary H. Shestak 80, of Ann Arbor will be held on Saturday, March 7, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating the service. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Lake Station, Ind. Local arrangements were made by Vermuelen Funer-

al Home. Mrs. Shestak was born on July 17, 1917 in Hazelton, Pa. She

died on Feb. 17 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She lived and worked in Gary, Ind., until her retirement from the Anderson Company in 1981. Since that time, she has resided in Ann Arbor, happy to be closer to her beloved family. She was preceded in death by

her infant daughter, Maryann, and her husband, John Survivors include her daughter, Arlene (John) Jensen of Ply mouth; one grandson, Erik Jensen of Seattle, Wash.; one granddaughter, Julie (William) Mokanyk of Farmington Hills; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice or as

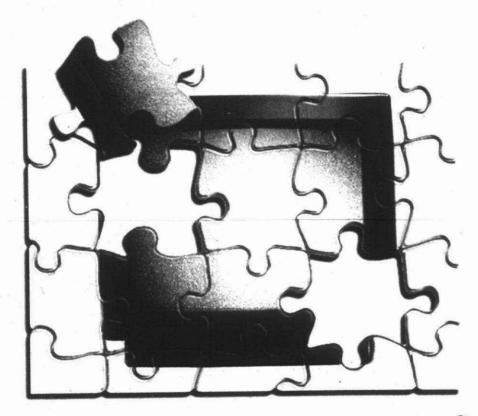
Mass offerings. VELMA L. MCMANN

Services for Velma L. McMann, 81, of South Lyon, for merly of Plymouth, will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. James Skimins officiating the service. Burial will follow at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Visi tation will be held from 2 to 9 p.m. today at the Schrader-How

Il Funeral Home. Mrs. McMann was born on Jan. 11, 1917, in Union City, Tenn. She died on Feb. 23 in Ann Arbor.

She came to Plymouth in 1947 from Union City, Tenn. She worked for Packaging Corp. in Plymouth (now Tenneco Corp.) for 30 years, retiring in 1977. She was preceded in death by her husband, John, in 1995. Sur vivors include her son, Lee (Holli) McMann of South Lyon and one grandson, Aaron McMann of South Lyon.

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BY RENEE SKOGLUND STAFF REPORTER

Welcome to your friendly Wayne-Westland school cafeteria kitchen, where laughs are plenty and mistakes are few . but memorable.

Like the time Nancy Allen. assistant cafeteria leader at Wayne Memorial High School, switched seven pounds of salt for sugar in the school's much-loved chocolate chip cookie recipe. The recipe makes about 200 quarterpound cookies, so you're talking about a lot of salty dough

Fortunately, a-co-worker discovered the mistake. "We put it in the garbage. The

custodians could hardly lift it. They said 'why did you throw it out?' We could have fed the cookies to the football players," Allen said with a hearty laugh. Allen has been a food service worker in the district for 17

Wayne-Westland school officials recently decided to honor the district's 93 employees like Allen by declaring Feb. 13 "Cafeteria Employee Recognition

"Our cafeteria workers are among the backbone of the school district. They serve thousands of meals a day," said Superintendent Gregory Baracy. "For the price, the food is pretty darn good. I like the hot dogs." Certainly it takes a lot a good humor to keep the district's cafeterias in order. Cafeteria employees cooked up 154,419 breakfasts and 873,619 lunches last school year. So far this year, they're averaging 9,143 meals a day. Sixty-seven percent of district students buy school meals. Donna McGahan, a 27-year veteran of Wayne Memorial's cafeteria, starts each day at 5:15 a.m. That's when she begins preparing sausage and egg muffins, sweet rolls and French toast for hundreds of students And no sooner are the breakfast crumbs swept away then it's lunchtime for more than 1,000. McGahan loves her job and the

students. "Why do I love it? It's just nice. If you treat the kids right, they treat you right. They're our customers. We wouldn't have a job if it wasn't for them." Geraldine Rowan took a job as

a food service worker 28 years

NEA chief to speak at Salem

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The president of the 2.3 milon-member National Education Association will make a stop next month at Plymouth Salem High School.

Robert Chase will give a 3 p.m. speech on Thursday, March 5 followed by a question-andanswer period and reception. Chase has focused his efforts

on recreating the NEA. He describes his efforts as "a new unionism," in which the traditional union roles between labor and management are broadened to include a more aggressive agenda of excellence for the nation's schools.

"The new unionism speaks to educators taking an active role in policing their own organization ... in peer mediation, review and helping when you know someone isn't performing the way they should," said Charles Portelli, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association. "It speaks to taking the initiative to change, making education a better profession and better for kids.

Superintendent Charles Little said Chase is a recognized player in U.S. labor relations.

"I had an opportunity to read two of his speeches," noted Little. "To me, they represent the kind of understanding, dialogue and vitality it will take employees and management to agree upon to reassert public education as the number one source of

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learning in this country." Portelli believes it's something that can work in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

"We're taking baby steps, but we're getting there," said Portel-"The labor-management team is making some changes. I think Chuck (Little) has taken an active role.

go because the hours were good and also gave her the time she needed at home with her children. Her children are grown but Rowan still works the cash register at Wayne Memorial. "I've always loved my job.

get mad when someone com plains," she said. Rowan said pizza, at \$2.25 for Little Caesar's, has long replaced the traditional hot

"We serve four different kinds of pizza. If we didn't do that, we wouldn't be in business." Chili dogs, nachos and French fries also sell well.

Allen, McGahan and Rowan have no plans to hang up their aprons. "It's silly and it's enjoyable,

Allen said about life in the cafe-"I think it's nice to get paid for

what you're doing," McGahan

said. "Most people stay here for- employees on Feb. 13. ever.

here in Canton

Kudos: Mary Gottert has worked in the Madison Elementary cafeteria for 26 years. She was honored they take me out of here," Rowan along with other cafeteria

CANTON CONNECTION

Canton hosts forum

Come 350 legislators, educators and con-Scerned citizens are expected to attend the state's first "Michigan Summit on School Equity" event 7-9 p.m. Monday, March 23 Sumt on the Park in Canton.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Leglative Action Committee is hosting the event and inviting school districts and interested citizens throughout the state to attend. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness

of inequities in school funding throughout the state: dialogue with legislators about the issues of school funding; discuss the pros and cons of Proposal A; to gauge where the state's gubernatorial candidates stand on the issue, and to propose possible changes and amendments to the state awmakers.

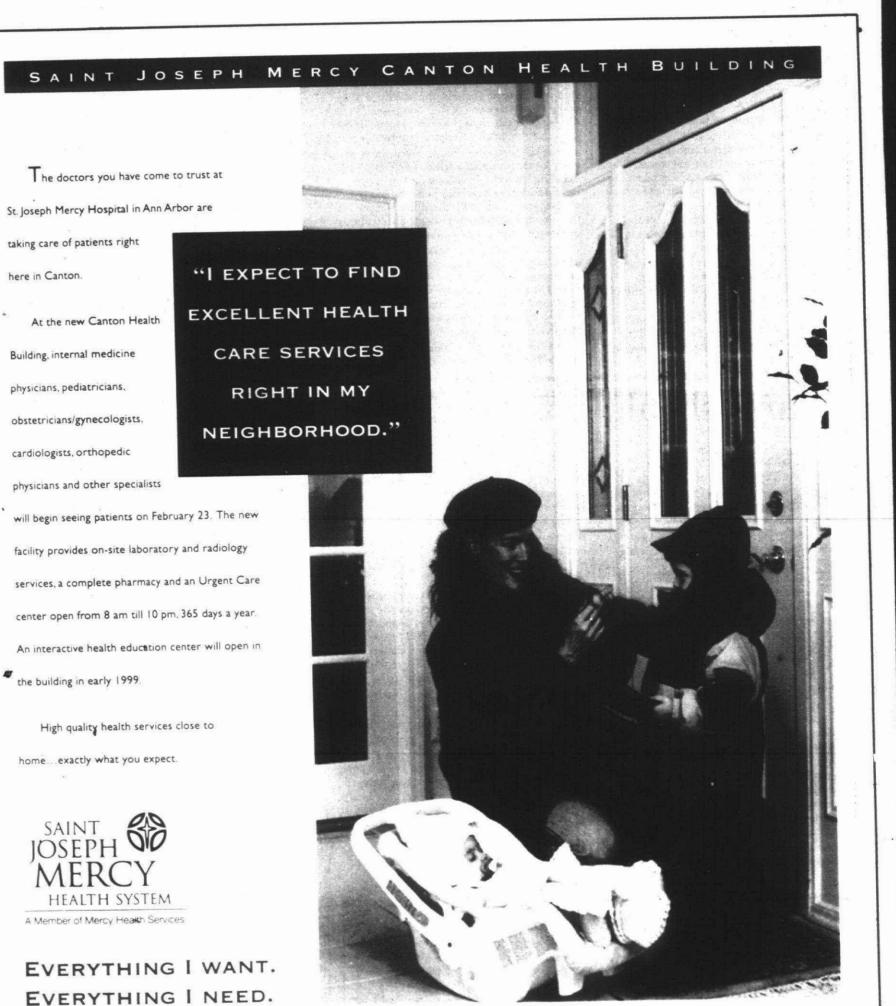
"Plymouth-Canton may be hosting the event ut there is interest among superintendents, chool boards, educators, and communities proughout the state on this issue. We hope the ducation community, parents and interested cit zens will attend the event and become immersed n this important issue," Mark Slavens, a Plynouth-Canton parent chairing the event, said. Chuck Little, Plymouth-Canton superintendent, said: "This is an opportunity for individuals to hear the whole school funding story and to determine what they want for all public schools in Michigan."

In charge at Saint Joe's

Caint Joseph Mercy Health System has Snamed Canton resident Sally Bailey, RN, MS, as site administrator for its new Canton Health Building and Chelsea resident Meleah Mariani-Raupp, RN, as clinical nurse manager of the facility's Urgent Care Center. The new building, which is located at Canton Center and Summit Parkway, opened Feb. 17 and replaces the former Canton facility on Ford

Mariani-Raupp will provide administrative and clinical leadership for the Canton Urgent Care. She has been with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor since 1985.

Bailey will direct operational activities, provide administrative oversight of staff and programs and will represent SJMHS in the community to help improve overall community health status. Bailey has been with SJMHS since 1985 and managed urgent care on Ford Road for four years.



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OPINION

Canton Observer

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1998

Partnerships Public benefit is key measure

he co-mingling of public and private dol- | the land to revert to the township. Canton lars to attract and sustain development carries with it obvious benefits and risks. The trick in evaluating whether a government-private partnership makes sense (from the public's viewpoint) is to figure which category tips the scales.

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By that measure, the sports and entertainment complex proposed for southeastern Canton seems to be a hit. But the Observer believes the planned mega development at the eastern end of the Ford Road business corridor - at least initially - misses the mark.

The sports park, on the east side of Haggerty between Michigan Avenue and Palmer, will be a joint venture between the township and Southfield-based Griffin properties. The developer will bring in facility operators to run the planned ice arena, indoor soccer complex, basketball facility, golf range and restaurant.

Canton's involvement will come mainly from the sale of 20 acres of township land to Griffin. The sale price has been set at \$2.1 million, with Griffin getting a credit of \$109,875 per acre for space devoted to the two-sheet ice arena.

The deal is attractive to taxpayers for several reasons:

A mix of recreational and entertainment uses not currently available in Canton. (The proposed agreement includes language that gives local residents first preference for booking the facilities.)

A complex that will act as a regional drawing card and bolster existing area businesses and business development

Independent operators mean the township won't be responsible for operating

expenses, which will likely exceed revenue in the early going.

But the most significant factor tipping the scales is this: no harm, no foul. Should the project fall through, the agreement calls for

would be free to pursue another buyer, or even keep the property for future consideration and taxpayers would experience no real loss.

Unfortunately, the same can't be said for plans at the southeastern corner of Ford Road and I-275. There, the developer is planning a multi-use project on 124 acres. It would include a 14-20- screen movie complex, hotels, a strip mall and apartments.

Burton-Katzman Development Company is seeking \$3.2 million from Canton's Downtown Development Authority (the project would be part of the district) and \$1 million in additional assistance from the township. The money would be used to begin construction of interior roads and for extending water and sewer utilities to the site. The DDA portion would be ecouped in a bond issue.

While parts of the completed project would benefit the public with amenities not currently available, the case isn't as strong as it is for the sports park. •

Township officials also believe, rightly so, that a large-scale planned approach to developing the eastern end of the commercial corridor is preferable to haphazard, piecemeal pro-

jects that would be a likely alternative. One has to wonder though about the pockets of Burton-Katzman, which in effect is pleading "poverty" by asking for the money. Representatives have said publicly that the developer committed \$18.3 million - more than it expected - to purchase the land and for permit applications and soil studies.

But the biggest reservation has to be this what happens to the taxpayer investment if the project never or only partially materializes? The public apparently will be paying for roads and sewer lines leading to nowhere, with no real benefit beyond subsidizing future commercial growth along Ford Road.

That kind of public-private partnership is one we'd prefer not to see.

Courts should get the picture

onorable judges in courts throughout the land, please take note. This is just a reminder, as gentle as we can make it:

Courts are public property and the public needs to know, has every right to know, the details of the cases decided therein.

Therefore, court proceedings should not be closed to the public or the press, which "acts as a segment of the public in guaranteeing the openness and integrity" of the judicial system.

The words are those of Blair Moody Jr., State Supreme Court justice, who in wrote the high court's opinion that a judge may close criminal proceedings to the public only under extraordinary circumstances when no other alternatives exist to protect the rights of the accused.

"It is important that citizens be free to observe court proceedings to insure a sense of confidence in the judicial process," Moody's opinion continued.

And just how do the majority of citizens observe? Through words and pictures provided by the media, print and electronic, of course. We are the eyes and ears of the public.

In the late 1980s, the Michigan Supreme Court modified its long-standing rule against cameras in court. Justice James H. Brickley

was a promoter of the change.

We reiterate the high court's opinions and stress the visual aspect - at this time in light of a decision Feb. 13 by James P. Sheehy, veteran judge of the 52-3 District Court in Rochester Hills.

Sheehy said "no way" to cameras and tape recorders at the preliminary examination of a Rochester Hills teen charged with first-degree murder in the shotgun slaying of his younger

The high-profile case had attracted the expected crowd of media-types from the Detroit-area newspapers and radio and TV stations. The judge's decision didn't raise many eyebrows; he seldom allows cameras in his courtroom.

Sheehy said his decisions about cameras have been based on a need to keep decorum in the courtroom and a lack of space.

Granted, most local courtrooms are small. How about pool setup - one still and one TV

camera. It's better than nothing. And let's make sure that, when cameras are allowed, the rules are followed so that decorum is maintained.

The Supreme Court has spoken on open courts and cameras. It's important for the courts and the press to work together to implement the finding.



Disputed development: A Farmer Jack supermarket project won approval from Canton's planning commission this month, over the objections of some residents in the Canton Center-Cherry Hill neighborhood where it will be built. The threat of a lawsuit from the developer was enough to sway five of six commission members in favor of the proposal, which had been rejected in January. Commissioner Cathy Johnson voted against the project. The rezoning must still be approved by the township board.

LETTERS

Peaceful dialogue

As members of the Detroit Archdiocesan Catholic Campus Ministers' Association, we are called by our mission to be "educators for justice" on our campuses, and it is to that end that we speak.

We are extremely concerned about the willingness and apparent eagerness of the U.S. government to abandon multifaceted diplomatic options in favor of a massive violent attack on the people of Iraq. Such an attack can also increase the suffering of the civilians who have already suffered so much due to the embargo, while most likely increasing the stature of Saddam Hussein - its intended target. We believe that the most serious consequences will be felt by a populace living outside his palaces, people who never selected him as a leader. Such an attack will lead directly and inevitably to a staggering loss of life and to increased degradation of the global environment. While threatening to ignite an even broader global conflict, a military attack on Iraq cannot even promise to achieve its stated aim of reducing the threat of Iraq's biological and nuclear weapons.

We want to be a voice for peace and dialogue at a time when massive violence appears to be our only option. Conscious of the

large number of our students who have family and friends in harm's way in Iraq, we urge our leaders to also see "bombing targets" as brothers, sisters, grandmothers and uncles. We are a global community, and it seems ironic that at a time when our leaders urge us to recognize economic ties around the world, we are quick to opt for severing the more important human ties that are destroyed in any act of violence. Instead of creating more problems through bombing, we must all work to find a solution through peaceful dialogue. The Detroit ACCMA

Don't kill Motor Voter

The League of Women Voters is deeply con-cerned that some members of Congress are attempting to pass new legislation that would undermine, and in some cases, effectively kill, grammers of such legislation will get to the the National Voter Registration Act, known as | trough before the other pig-barrelers. the "Motor Voter" law. It will be a sad day if that happens. Motor Voter has been a tremendous success. The law provides for con-

venient voter registration opportunities at government agencies, including the Secretary of State offices and through the mail. Today, more citizens are registered to vote than ever

before. Nonetheless, opponents of Motor Voter are pushing ahead. Four voter registration bill are being considered that would abolish Voting Rights Act protections against discrimination. Three bills would overturn critical Privacy Act protections to allow states to require Social Security numbers on voter registration applications, even though voter registration applications are public documents. Three bills would require Americans to document their citizenship, despite the fact that few of us carry our birth certificates.

We call on our representatives in Congress to oppose the proposals that would kill or significantly weaken the federal Motor Voter law. The major voting problem in this country is the lack of participation by so many citizens. Congressional efforts that would undermine critical voting rights protections by raising the false specter of vote fraud deserve to be soundly defeated.

> Paula E. Bowman president, League of Women Voters western Wayne County

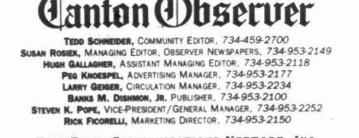
Wrongheaded policies

linton's socialist policies are much Bmore damaging and much more to be feared than his naughty, nasty miscreant behavior. He wants taxpayers to pay for the child care two non-stay-at-home parents would like to have on the cheap. When mom and dad want a higher standard of living and suggest their neighbors pay for their children's keep, we have more than a right to say "no." We should insist that one parent stays home or they pay in full for any care given their offspring.

When Clinton maintains that allowing 55to 62-year-old seniors to be included in the Medicare program will not add one dime to the deficit, all he is saying is that the pro-

Neil Goodbred Livonia

COMMUNITY VOICE QUESTION: Would you have given President Clinton a high approval rating as the recent llog "No. I wouldn't. 'I wouldn't have "I think he still "No. But I didn't claimed? like him in the does. I wouldn't voted that way. **Beverly Schmidt** first place." have given a **Irene Duffey** Plymouth high rating." We asked this Livonia question at the William Uptor Plymouth Dis-Plymouti Northvill trict Library.



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POINTS OF VIEW

Parenting's a job that requires much and gives much

One of the reasons I'm happy to live in Michigan is that our state Legislature, six years ago, declared the month of March "Parenting Aware-

The purpose of this month is to celebrate people who are raising children, to show the importance of good parenting to a child's well-being and to promote parenting education. With March only a few days away,

I ask parents, and others who play a caregiving role in a child's life, to help celebrate Parenting Awareness Month by following three simple

Adopt "Every day a little play"

here's only one job I know of that | - remember, you're supposed to

be having fun. Focus on spending fun time with your child to develop a sense of warmth and sharing between the two of you. Hold your baby toward you

and sing a lullaby. Share in your young child's favorite board game. Ask your teen what he or she would enjoy doing together. Whatever you do together should be your child's choice.

Create balance between your children and yourself - remember, you need time too.

Find time to take care of yourself and you'll take better care of your children. Think about what re-energizes you. Decide on one activity that makes you feel better and do it. Balance is also found by simplifying your life. Can you, your children and your spouse give up one extracurricular



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activity to find more balance as individuals and as a family? Practice on-the-job training -

children don't come with a manu-Like any challenging job, parenting requires training. Parenting skills are

sharpened and improved over a lifetime, and what works today may not

work tomorrow. It's important to expand your ideas and increase your options. Read parenting books or magazines. Find a parenting mentor

- someone whose children you admire - and ask him or her to share techniques. Network with friends whose children are the same age as yours. Lastly, as you educate yourself, think about what will work for you and your family and follow your instincts.

As we celebrate Michigan's Parenting Awareness Month, please take some time to bring these basic ideas to the forefront of your life, and hopefully, you'll carry them with you well into the future.

Note: Professionals from Youth Living Centers will be focusing on a different parenting topic each week in the Observer Community Life section throughout March. We hope you'll enjoy reading these articles to gain

new insights as you explore your role as a parent. If the topics don't apply to your family, please pass the articles on to a friend.

> To kick off this special month, you might want to sign up for a Parenting Awareness Month activity. Here's a sampling

Bridging the Gap Family Day. March 14, (248) 644-2245;

Dad's Night Out, March 14, (734) 728-3400: Parenting Matters Expo and

Conference, March 21, (313) 345-3922

Ouida G. Cash, Ed.D., has committed the past 28 years to improving the lives of children and families in Michigan. She is chief executive officer of Youth Living Centers, a private, nonprofit organization that specializes in serving children, youths and families from southeastern Michigan.

Ameritech owes some of its customers \$76.1 notice; consult an attorney for further Bell, Wisconsin Bell who had "Line hat kind of headline, in inch-

high letters, should have been on the notice telephone customers received with their February bills. Instead, Ameritech printed the notice in teensy-weensy type,

designed to produce eyestrain. It disguised the news with a tiny headline with a headline that tells you next to nothing: "Notice of pendency of class action proposed settlement and hear-

I surveyed eight colleagues. Only

One sentence contained 170 words, guaranteed to be incomprehensible. The lawyers who crafted this notice ignored the lessons they've been getting about how to write plain English.

A court forced Ameritech to send out the notice, and company lawyers vowed they would roast in the netherworld before they would write clearly. I shall endeavor to translate.

The notice goes to customers of Michigan Bell, Ohio Bell, Indiana

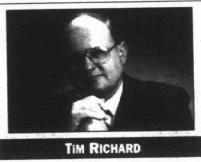
Backer" service between Jan. 1, 1987 and Nov. 7, 1997. On page 2, under a wooden heading called "description of the lawsuit," we

get to the guts of the matter. A plaintiff named Deborah Todt and others filed a class-action suit in Madison County, Ill., saying Ameritech "misled its customers into paying for an optional service called inside wire maintenance service'

IWMS) "Ameritech markets this service under various trade names, all with the term Line Backer," said the notice. The customers said Ameritech misled them "in violation of applicable state consumer fraud laws."

The parties negotiated a settlement. Ameritech agreed to pay approximately \$76.1 million to all members of the class. In addition, Ameritech will pay the plaintiffs'

attorneys fee of \$1.9 million. If you were one of the misled cus-



tomers, you have three options: Ask to be excluded so you can file your own suit. Write to the plaintiffs' attorneys by March 9 and ask to be excluded in the case of Todt v. Ameritech No. 97-L-1020. The attorneys are Stephen M. Tillery and Richard P. Paletta, 10 Executive Woods Court, Swansea, Ill. 62226. Give them your name, address and

Object to terms of the settlement (pages 2 and 3 of your fine-print

translation). By March 9, send your written objections to the Court Clerk, Madison County Courthouse, Civil Division, Edwardsville, Ill. 62025.

a hearing for 9:30 a.m. April 6 to determine if the settlement is "fair, reasonable and adequate." Edwardsville is a bit northeast of St. Louis and just west of I-55, about three-fourths of the way across Illi-

Accept the settlement. To accept, you must file a "proof of claim" form. weensy legal notice. They need your phone bill showing you paid for Line or fewer lines. Send it to:

IWMS Settlement; PO Box 9454; Gar-

If you threw away your legal notice (as Ameritech hopes you will do), don't call me. Tell Bob Cooper, president of Ameritech Michigan, general offices at 444 Michigan Ave., Detroit (no ZIP code is given in the telephone directory). Office phone is 800-257-0902

Despite the potential \$78 million cost, the company is defiant: Ameritech denies that it has violated any laws, and denies that any of its marketing or sales of IWMS has been misleading in any way." Yeah, sure. . Ameritech's leaders are the kind

who, if they were caught up to their necks in offai, would swear it was rose petals. The only question is whether

Ameritech will cover the \$78 million by a) cutting its dividend, b) axing another 1,560 workers or c) cutting the executive payroll and bonuses. I vote for c.

Tim Richard's Touch-Tone voice mail number is (734) 953-2045, Ext. 1881.

'Cure' doubtful

emember the old line about the cure being worse than the disease? Here's a real-life

The Michigan Senate passed earlier this month a package of bills that would consolidate school board elections on the November general election ballot instead of being held at various times during the year.

The disease, everybody agrees, is poor

turnout at school elections. "I was a township clerk. We have too many elections," said Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, sponsor of one of the bills. "We have turnouts of 30,000 for presidential elections and 1,500 for school board elections."

Worse, there's good evidence that school people - board members, principals, teachers' unions, PTOs, whoever - often conspire to schedule elections at times when low turnout makes it possible for a dedicated minority of supporters to pass bond issues. "I nearly fell off

my chair," said Sen. Joanne Emmons, R-Big Rapids, "when a school board member, who shall be unnamed, said in our hearing, 'We don't want all those people voting in our election?"

A quick look at recent Michigan school election statistics confirms the fear. Michigan has 555 K-12 school districts and

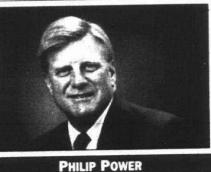
57 intermediate (countywide) districts. They produce a lot of elections. According to the Senate Fiscal Agency, there were 1,074 school elections in 1994 and 641 in 1995.

This can produce low turnouts, especially in millage elections. In 1994, for example, Birmingham voters by 3-1 approved 24.61 mills in February 1996. That's fine, but only 5,455 people voted out of 60,000 eligible voters, a 9.09 bercent turnout.

So what's the cure?

The Michigan Senate, 31-5, thinks it's holding school elections only at specified times: Tuesdays following the first Mondays in April, August and at the November general elections. Schools could hold elections at other times, but they would have to pay 105 percent of the cost a big disincentive.

Maybe so, but consider what really happens when you add school elections to the bedsheet ballot we see in November When folks are trying to figure out voting for president, governor. U.S. senators, U.S. representatives, state senators, state representatives, county officials and judges, it's easy for school issues to get lost. This concerns opponents of the Senate bill. Sen. Alma Smith, D-Salem, a former South Lyon school board member, said, "In June, the newspapers can focus on the school board. In November, they are focused on the president and governor. Where do you think we're going



to get coverage of the same quality and quanti-

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, agreed: "I have problems mixing the school board with the general election. It gets lost on the ballot , and school boards don't get the same kind of attention."

They're right. Responsible hometown newspapers such as this one spend a lot of time covering all kinds of races and interviewing candidates. But time is not endless, and space in the newspaper is scarce. Adding school elections to the November ballot can only worsen the crunch of providing solid coverage for important issues. The Senate bill package is a perfect example

of the cure being worse than the disease. Fortunately, there is a good alternative available to the Michigan House as it starts to consider the matter. That is to lump together all education races into one single education election. Voters would select members of the State Board of Education, regents of the University of Michigan, trustees of Michigan State University, governors of Wayne State University, community college boards, and members of local school boards.

Confronted with an entire election dealing with matters educational, the news media would be obliged actually to cover the races, to question candidates, to evaluate qualifications and question positions. Candidates would be required to explain their positions. "Name" candidates would be discouraged. Voters could think about total education policy.

Interestingly, this is exactly what we did in Michigan prior to adoption of the 1963 Constitution. Education races were clustered into one election held in odd-numbered years. When the new Constitution was approved, it undid a sensible system of education elections.

Members of the House have a terrific opportunity to solve this problem that has been festering for 35 years. Let's hope they can see that the cure proposed by the Senate is far worse than the disease of low turnout.

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



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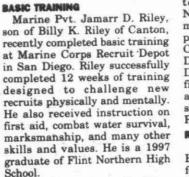
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MILITARY NEWS

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

DEPLOYED

Marine Sgt. Steven C. Sullivan recently departed on a six-month deployment to Okinawa, Japan, with 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines. He departed from his home base of Camp Lejeune, N.C., in December as part of the Unit Deployment Program (UDP). He is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and joined



Navy Airman Apprentice Ryan S. Dahlman, son of Robert D.

and Robin A. Dahlman of Canthe Marine Corps in June 1991. ton, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training and was meritoriously promoted to his present rank at recruit Training Command , Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight weeks, Dahlman studied naval customs,

first aid, fire fighting and many aspects of water and aircraft safety. He is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. REPORTED FOR DUTY Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class

Bobby Asher recently reported for duty with the aircraft carrier Precommissioning Unit Harry S. Truman, based at Newport News, Va. Asher's new assignment is an example of how Navy and Marine Corps men and women are assigned to ships, squadrons and shore commands around the world. He is a 1990 graduate of Belleville and joined the Navy in October 1990.

OVERSEAS TRAINING

Marine Capt. Kerry J. Block, son-in-law of Harold B. and Dorothy Palmer of Plymouth, was recently in Guam fro training with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), homebased in Okinawa, Japan. Block's unit was participating in urban train-

ing when Super Typhoon Paka hit the region. Training was called off and the unit provided humanitarian assistance. He is a 1982 graduate of Livonia Stephenson High School and joined the Marine Corps in 1988. He is also a graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

DEPLOYMENT

Marine 1st Lt. Douglas W. Smith, son of Nicholas and Joan E. Smith of Plymouth recently participated in Exercise Invitex while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard

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the ships of the USS Guam Amphibious Ready Group. Smith's unit helped naval units from France, Italy, Turkey and the United States by conducting training on surface and undersea warfare, fire support, maritime interdiction, ordnance and mine disposal drills. Sailors and Marines from the USS Guam Amphibious Ready Group and 24th MEU also conducted mock noncombatant evacuation operations and amphibious raids.

Smith is a 1993 graduate of Indiana University Alumni Association, with a B.A. degree.

Board meets 2nd, 4th Tuesdays

The Canton Township Board of Trustees holds regular voting meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month.

Meetings begin at 7 p.m. on the first floor of the township administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.



CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN MEETING NOTICE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, March 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:

310 Park Ave. Z-98-03

Non-Use Variance Requested Front Yard Setback Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Charlie Poat

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disability. disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

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

All interested persons are invited to attend. Publish February 26, 1998

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 17, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. ROLL CALL

Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Members Present Shefferly, Yack Members Absent: None Durack, Minghine, Gouin, Dates, Weyer, Abbott, Staff Present:

Zevalkink Neighborhood Improvement Committee Members: Also Present: Jim Cisek, Michelle Hall, Bob Dettling, Sue Glebe, Paul Gackenback

Griffin Property Representatives: Scott Griffin, Bob Turner, Connie Griffin

ITEM 1 NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATIONS After self introductions, the Neighborhood Improvement Committee reviewed their recommendations to the Board. Mr. Cisek said that the reviewed their recommendations to the board. Mr. Cleek said that the charge of the committee was to see what could be done to keep the community up scale and housing values up. He said that you accomplished this by keeping you neighborhoods up. The committee's recommendations included the following: <u>Roads</u> -Develop a data base containing the condition of every

neighborhood street Sidewalks - Create an ordinance that addresses the condition of

neighborhood sidewalks Home Maintenance - Create an ordinance that establishes a "time of

sale" home inspection Street Cleaning - Implement a program of street cleaning

Street Signs - Implement a street sign maintenance and replacement

program Subdivision Entry Signs - Implement a street sign maintenance and

replacement program Incentive Programs - Initiate a neighborhood clean-up day

Fencing - Implement a replacement program

Trustee McLaughlin noted that the Board may give some recommendations to the specific Home Owner's Associations. She pointed out that the service levels vary greatly from city to city and from city to township. Ms. McLaughlin initiated a discussion on self determination by subdivisions mandates. She said that a

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., March 12, 1998 for the following:

PURCHASE OF COLD WATER METERS

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

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 am., March 12, 1998 for the following:

TO PROVIDE SUMMER/WINTER TAX MAILER FORMS FOR

CANTON TOWNSHIP TREASURER

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk



After 54 years of serving the Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor areas, Smith Furniture will close its doors...IN JUST 10 DAYS! Tyner Furniture of Ann Arbor will open its NEW EASTSIDE SHOWROOM giving you two locations to choose from.

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versus involving taxpayer dollars and local Community Information Expo was being planned for Saturday, May 2, 1998 that could help get some of these messages and ideas to residents. Supervisor Yack said that the Board would consider the recommendations and keep the Neighborhood Improvement Committee informed of any actions or happenings.

ITEM 2 GRIFFIN PROPERTIES

Tony Minghine, Director of Finance and Budget gave a summary of the iony saingnine, Director of Finance and Budget gave a summary of the proposal for the sale of 19.48-acres of property to Griffin Properties for \$2,140,000.00. The property is located on Haggerty Road near I-275. Mr. Minghine said that the agreement required two (2) sheets of ice be incorporated and that Canton residents get first rights to usage of the facility. Economically, benefits to the community are that the private owner will assume the existing SAD for the paving of Haggerty Road and the property will revert to the tax rolls. He said that in his opinion, a public and private participation for the sports complex was the best scenario for an otherwise cost-prohibitive project.

Scott Griffin, President Griffin Properties, said that the project was threephased. Proposed are two regulation-sized ice rinks, indoor and outdoor soccer fields, indoor and outdoor basketball courts, two sand volleyball pits, a two-tiered indoor golf range designed with turf to double as soccer and Lacrosse fields, an in-line roller hockey area, and a mountain climbing Mr. Griffin said that the mountain climbing wall would be area. hydraulically operated so the surface can change elevation. The climbing wall may include an ice component for ice climbing. Sport theme restaurants are also being proposed.

Mr. Griffin said that phase two would expand to add a pro shop, and possibly a Sony IMAX theater. He added that the indoor and outdoor recreational entertainment complex would be on approximate 5 to 6 acres with room for expansions. Mr. Griffin said that they were still working out many details, including phase three, and administrative operations. He stated that a common management would handle maintenance of parking lots, landscaping and other shared elements. Due to on going negotiations, Mr. Griffin declined to reveal partners or facility operators. He anticipated more than two (2) million visits per year. Mr. Griffin said that he expected that the operator's prices to be comparable to other facilities at \$110 to \$180 an hour for ice time.

Supervisor Yack said that expected the agreement to come before the Board of Trustees in the future. Mr. Griffin anticipated things going well and closing the deal within the next three or four months.

In response to the seemingly overwhelming positive reaction from Plymouth Canton Hockey Association members present. Supervisor Yack advised the community to be "cautiously optimistic."

Supervisor Yack adjourned the meeting at 9:20 P.M. The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on February 17, 1998 The full taxt of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on March 10, 1998.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervis **TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk**

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Let's dance: Brendan Wu (center) enthusiastically joins with his classmates at the Plymouth-Canton Montessori School

in dancing to the music

of "Ball and the Jack."



JACK GLADDEN

And Wookie makes 5 ...

e're not taking the dog! Not on a driving trip to Florida!"

"He'll be fine. He sleeps most of the day anyway." "He's a nut case. He'll be all over

everything. And that's a small car." "He's a small dog. There's plenty of room. He'll ride in the back seat with

your daughter." "I say we put him in the trunk." "No, we won't!"

"Sure. Those seat backs fold down. We fold one down and stick him in the trunk. We can keep an eye on him."

"He's riding in the back seat." "Oh, all right. But what about the cats? And the goldfish? And the hamsters? Are they coming, too?"

"Don't be silly. Can you imagine taking the cats on a trip to Florida?

They'd yowl all the way." "Yeah, and shed. Scooter's fur

would be flying like porcupine quills." "Well, it doesn't matter. Amy's coming over to feed them. And the fish. And the hamsters."

"So why can't she feed the dog, too?" "We're not leaving him alone for a week. He'd think we deserted him.'

"What about the cats?" "They don't care. As long as they're

fed, they'll be perfectly happy. "I suppose so. Who was that on the phone?

A slight problem

"Uh, we have a problem. Amy's going out of town. She won't be able to feed the animals."

"Oh, great. What about your sister?'

"She can come over on weekends but not during the week. She's working two jobs."

"So now what?"

"I'll go to the pet supply store tomorrow and check out those selffeeders and self-waterers. Maybe they'll work."

"Yeah, right. The water will be OK. And the feeder will be fine for Wookie. But can you picture Scooter in front of a perpetual feeding machine? He'll just keep eating and eating and ...

"That's all we can do. I'm sure they'll be fine. Did you check out that pet travel cage my mother left here? in Jasper stand up in it? He'll just need it to sleep in the two nights we're at a motel."



Montessori way Philosophy is to 'teach the child, not the subject'

It was Italy's first woman doctor, Maria Montessori, who came up with the educational philosophy of teaching the child, not the subject, that's being celebrated during National **Montessori Education Week** this week.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

Japanese-inspired artwork lines the hallways. French is spoken in a classroom down the way.

Showing the utmost respect for adults, the students patiently wait for their teachers to finish speaking before asking a question. These polite students who speak

French and create impressive art are all between the ages of 2 1/2 and 6.

The Livonia Montessori Center and Plymouth-Canton Montessori School are molding the youngsters into Renaissance children.

"I try to do a lot of art and music lessons and culture the students. I think it's important for them to round out their world view," said Annie Dopkins, a "head directress," the traditional Montessori term for a teacher, at the Livonia school. "Today I talked with



What's for lunch?: A curious Michael Lentz (center) checks out what classmates Katrina Stevanovich and Evan Melvan are eating at the Plymouth-Canton Montessori School.

Finding a Montessori school

All of the Montessori schools in the area have long waiting lists, so school administrators suggest that parents look into the schools before their child is born.

Livonia Montessori Center is in St. Maurice School, 32765 Lyndon, between Merriman and Farmington roads, Livonia. For half-day classes, the cost is \$3,075 per school year. Full-day tuition, which includes Montessori class and unlimited day care, is \$5,490. The school is having an open house from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 15. Call (734) 427-8255 for more information.

Plymouth-Canton Montessori School, 45245 Joy Road, between Canton Center and Sheldon roads, Canton, can be reached at (734) 459-1550. Half-day tuition is \$2,925 and the full-day tuition is \$5,240.

Northville Montessori Center, 15709 Haggerty Road, Northville Township, offers full-day classes for \$4,600, and half-day classes for \$2,300. Unlike the other area schools, children up to age 11 are accepted. Call (734) 420-0924 for more information.

Montessori Center of Our Lady is at 36800 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Half-day sessions cost \$1,500 and full-day sessions are \$3,100 for the school year. For more information, call (734) 591-1599.

For a free brochure about Montessori schools, write to Department A, American Montessori Society, 281 Park Ave. South, New York, N.Y. 10010, or call 888-872-9574. Information also is available on its Web site, http://www.amshq.com.

tor of the Livonia school.

Upon sitting, the children place their own rug on the ground.

"We employ social graces as well as

spring break.

Certain philosophy The philosophy of Montessori was aria Montessori the

acquiring a certain knowledge or skill, Neff explained.

She also felt that children absorb knowledge by interacting with their environment and responding to it, and they are motivated from within. Adults must "teach the child, not the subject" which offers opportunities for experimentation and growth that are consistent with the needs each child demonstrates.

"He won't fit."

"You mean he can't stand up?"

"No, he won't fit. He's too big. I tried to get him inside and he wouldn't even fit through the door. He acted like I was trying to stuff him into a torture chamber.

And another one

"Guess I'll have to pick up another one of them, too.'

"This is starting to sound expensive. Why don't we just get him his own motel room? Or hire a live-in nanny for a week?"

"Stop complaining. I'll take care of it."

"So, how much did all this stuff cost?"

"Not that much. The travel cage was on sale. But you'd better see if it will fit in your car."

"It fits. Just barely, but it fits. Takes up half the space in the trunk." "Oh, it's not that big."

"Seems like it. And how's this automatic feeder supposed to work, any-

"You just fill it with food, put the base on and turn it upside down. It works on gravity. See.

"I can see Scooter lying on his back with his mouth under the spout. He won't even have to eat. Just let it flow in. So what about the fish?"

"The man at the pet supply store said the fish would be fine for a week. Just feed him before we leave. And we can put an extra dish of food in the hamster's cage. Everything's taken care of."

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"So are we ready to go?" "I think so. The dog's cage is in the trunk. We have a bottle of water, bag of dog food and his food and water dishes. Blankets and leash in the back seat. The other animals have

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them about Georgia O'Keeffe and for music, George Gershwin is the man of the hour."

The atmosphere at the schools is a quiet one. Students remove their shoes as they enter the building and replace them with slippers.

"It keeps the noise level down, plus it keeps their clothing clean. The chil-dren do a lot of floor work," said Barbara Nader, the assistant administratheir own personal space," Nader said. "We want the children to feel good about themselves. That's the main objective."

This week, Montessori schools around the United States are celebrating National Montessori Education Week. To honor the event, the Livonia school held a "Dad's Night" on Monday and Tuesday, and planted bulbs on Wednesday. Today, the students begin

developed by Dr first female doctor in Italy, through her work with disadvantaged children, said Kay Neff, owner of the Livonia and Plymouth schools. She also owns the Dearborn Heights Montessori Center, which is open to elementary and middle school students.

Montessori believed that children have sensitive periods in which they are particularly able and interested in

"Our teaching should foster the development of the whole child - social, emotional, intellectual, physical and

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New duties:

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Attorney finds time for civil rights work

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

Ameritech attorney Al Calille has a full docket. Named in January to the Michigan Civil Rights Commission by Gov. John Engler, the Plymouth resident fills his schedule with appointments as a hearing panel member for the State of Michigan Attorney Disciplinary Board and as a mediator for the Wayne County Circuit Court and to do pro bono work for the Plymouth Community YMCA.

Despite all that, Calille's family - wife Stephanie, daughter Kate, and son Dave - comes first. For example, he makes time to coach his son's Plymouth-Canton recreation league basketball team.

"The team's doing OK; they're 3-5, but my son has a 14-point average," he said of Dave, a student at Smith Elementary School in Plymouth.

Calille also is actively involved in Dave's Cub Scout troop.

"I attend meetings with him," he said. "I do most of the activities with him. I never was a Boy Scout, but I'm living vicariously through him."

Glancing at Calille's resume, it seems appropriate that he was appointed to the Civil Rights Commission. A 19-year Plymouth resident, Calille grew up in Lansing and earned his undergraduate degree from Michigan State University's James Madison College with a concentration on social and political issues. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of Michigan with a degree in law.

"Ever since college, I've dealt with issues about how society manages itself," he said, adding that he's not sure what spurred his interest in those issues

An attorney with Ameritech since 1979, Calille



LARON LEMIRUS TAFF

recently served as vice chairman of the Michigan Employment Security Commission which oversees the unemployment compensation agency. A year ago, the commission was abolished as a result of an executive order.

As a member of the Michigan Civil Rights Commis-

sion, Calille has two primary roles - to investigate alleged discrimination against any person because of religion, race, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, height, weight, arrest record and physical and

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piritual. These aspects of the equal importance," Neff wrote in a recent newsletter. The doctor, who was born in

believed that children are selfteachers. Adults are models for the children and adults' behavior should exemplify the attitudes that the kids should imitate. Michael Eanes, national direc-

tor of the New York-based American Montessori Society, summed it up as "a method of education using your child's natural curiosity and love of learning about the world around

"We want children to be able to think for themselves, problem solve, be independent, and not rely on a lot of direction," Nader said. "They don't realize that they're doing work. We're a learning school and we make

work fun for the children. AMS schools are attended by children from six weeks to 18 years old, but most take children from about 2 1/2 to 6.

The Livonia and Plymouth-Canton centers, both of which are nonprofit corporations, offer a complete Montessori program

The Rev. and Mrs. Jack Spitza

celebrated their 50th wedding

anniversary with friends and

family. In honor of their

anniversary, the couple also

plans to take their youngest

grandson, Zackery, to Disney

This was a special celebration

World in Florida for two weeks.

for the Spitzas. Two years ago.

the Rev. Spitza was diagnosed

with congestive heart failure

and was not expected to live

His doctors put him on the heart transplant list even though he

was considered past the age

limit for the surgery. Five

months later, he received his

The couple married Oct. 22,

1947, in South Bend, Ind. She is

They have two children - Jack

the former Betty Williams.

Spitza

new heart.

practical life (washing, polishchild are inseparable and of ing, sorting, personal care, food preparation); sensorial (texture, weight, size, color-shape-sound), mathematics (proportion, count-1870 and died in 1952, also ing, decimal beads and computation), language (verbal development, prewriting and writing,

> phy (large puzzle maps and related materials) and botany. Montessori Center of Our Lady in Livonia takes a slightly

ophy. "We teach a Christian aspect in our school. We teach Christianity, morality and other related topics," said Sister Paulita, director of the 22-year-old school. "The children learn many, many different things. We expose them to geography, history, science, math, reading and phonics."

Directresses lead classrooms which house students of various ages, another basic principal of Montessori philosophy, in essence providing 25 little teach-

"It's always nice to find a peer. The anticipation of seeing what the big kids can do is a real sparkler. It motivates them to do you're not good at it, you can with full equipment in all areas the things they need to do. For

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the older children, it's a confidence builder for the younger kids to seek their help," said Heidi Gauger, a teacher at that Livonia school

At Montessori schools, children are allowed to learn at their own pace.

"They don't all do the same art project. We show them the work when they're ready to see it.' Dopkins explained. "They like to learn because it's at their discretion. We follow the child: Inevitably, they'll go to what they need. They know what they need to do. For example, children who are ready to read will come to me and say, 'Help me

Montessori teachers go through a two-semester training period after earning a bachelor's degree and do a one-year internship. Locally, they study at a school in Rochester Hills. Dopkins, a Boston native now living in Ann Arbor, began her career teaching fourth-grade special education students. When her job was eliminated, she pursued

"As a teacher, you have to be a Renaissance person. Even if teach it." Dopkins said

a career in Montessori.

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issues in the civil rights arena these days; I'm looking forward to the opportunity to be involved in the development and debate of civil rights issues as well. For those issues," said Calille, a past example, it ordered that the Nortrustee of the State of Michigan west Theater Company discon-Worker's Compensation Funds.

been fed. We're all set."

"We'll stop and pick up some bagels before we get on the "I hate bagels. Say, remember that Chevy Chase movie? 'National Lampoon's Vacation. The one where that flaky family

the equal protection of such civil action," Calille explained. "We Ford-Tel Theater in Dearborn matters on behalf of Ameritech," rights without such discrimina- decide to what extent should ion. "There's a lot of significant affirmative action programs to "There's a lot of significant and how they should be tai-and how they should be tailored."

> with employment issues, but tinue its admission policy of not

Wally World? That's what this

reminds me of. We're just like

"They didn't have a dog."

"No we're not. We're not at all

"Oh yeah? How do you figure?"

the Griswolds."

like them.

mental disabilities and to secure tion and scope of affirmative age 6 into its theaters - the experience litigating civil rights Heights and the Mercury and the governor said. "He is a very

> decision ing patrons," he explained.

Engler said that Calille was appointed to the commission because he "is a dedicated indus- the Michigan Department of try leader with a sincere desire to tackle complex civil rights issues.

"He's uniquely qualified in that he has been responsible for litigation at Ameritech in the things to do; it's not simply private sector, and also has focused on one area," he said.

He is active in his community and an all-around good leader."

A former engineer, Gauger is

extremely satisfied with her job

"I feel very lucky. I get to play

choice.

Calille joins chairwoman Dr. "The circuit court said that Evelyn L. Crane of Detroit, vice of Livonia, treasurer the Rev. Edgar L. Vann Jr. of Detroit. secretary Richard J. Garcia of East Lansing, Tim A. Attalla of Dearborn, Valerie Simmons of Grand Rapids and Gary Torgow of Oak Park.

> More information about the commission is available through Civil Rights at its Web site http://www.mdcr.com.

Adding the commission to his ever-expanding resume, Calille said, makes his life "fun." "It gives you a variety of

with the big bigger and biggest group of ducks at the Livonia Montessori Center.

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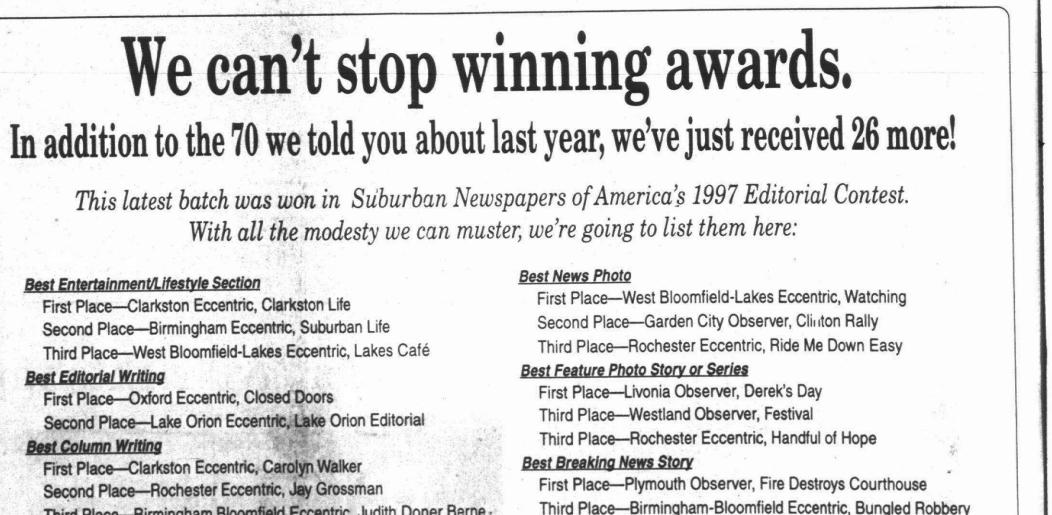
Judith and Joseph Tompkins of Plymouth and Douglas and Bonnie Knight of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann Knight, to Timothy George Allard, the son of Ken and Sheila Allard of Waterford. The bride-to-be is employed at American Community Mutual Insurance and Unique Dreams Studio Her fiance is employed at Hon eywell.

A May wedding is planned at First Baptist Church of Ply-**Reynolds**-

McCorquodale Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stover of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, 📕 Melissa Dawn Reynolds, to Donald C. McCorquodale, the son of

Colin McCorquodale and Phyllis McCorquodale, both of Dearborn Heights. The bride-to-be, a 1992 graduate of Garden City High School, is employed as a sales coordina-Her fiance, a 1990 graduate of

Crestwood High School, is employed as a product designer. An August wedding is planned at Mount Hope Congregational Church in Livonia



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Best News Photo

Best Breaking News Story

First Place—Plymouth Observer, Fire Destroys Courthouse Third Place-Birmingham-Bloomfield Eccentric, Bungled Robbery

Best Local Election Coverage

Third Place—Farmington Observer

Best Young People's Coverage

First Place-Plymouth and Livonia Observer, Life in the 6th Grade Best Coverage of Local Education/School District

Second Place-Farmington Observer, Back to School series Third Place-Southfield Eccentric, Professor who Survived Holocaust



Spitzas also have three grandchildren - Jack III, Shawn and

Zackerv He is the founder of New Hope Jr. of Burlington, Ontario, and Teri Chipps of Westland. The pastor for 37 years.

Best Entertainment/Lifestyle Section

First Place—Southfield Eccentric

Best Sports Photo Journalism

Best Editorial Writing

Best Column Writing

Best Editorial Page

Best Sports Section

First Place-Clarkston Eccentric, Clarkston Life

First Place-Oxford Eccentric, Closed Doors

First Place-Clarkston Eccentric, Carolyn Walker

Second Place-Rochester Eccentric, Jay Grossman

Second Place-Lake Orion Eccentric, Jay Grossman

Best Coverage of Local Business & Economic News

Third Place-Birmingham-Bloomfield Eccentric

First Place-West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric

Second Place-Livonia, Westland Observer

Not Quite Spring Training

Second Place-Birmingham Eccentric, Suburban Life

Third Place-West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric, Lakes Café

Second Place-Lake Orion Eccentric, Lake Orion Editorial

Third Place-Birmingham Bloomfield Eccentric, Judith Doner Berne -

Second Place-West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric, Riding the Wave



"Did you pack a lunch for the

Oh, but they did is driving to California to go to lives in Canton

At the forefront is the "defini- allowing children younger than Gladden from page B1

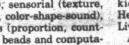
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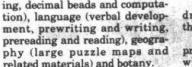
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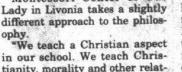
Jack Gladden is a copy editor for the Observer Newspapers. He

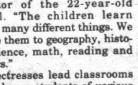
theater owners could do so to chairman Francisco J. Villarruel protect the enjoyment of remain-Created by the state constitution in 1963, the Michigan Civil Rights Commission is an eightmember board appointed to four-

year terms with not more than vo expiring the same year.









Gauger began teaching 10 1/2 her children who are now in high return." years ago after her children school. "They were also really attended Montessori school in excited about the next thing they "They have a feeling of respect expect to be respected by adults for their own work," she said of and they respect adults in for six hours.

Ohio

were going to do. They also



Gagnon-Bommarito Claude and Patricia Gagnon of

Redford Township.

Redford Township announce the

engagement of their daughter,

lise Nicole, to Michael James

Bommarito, the son of Joseph

and Carol Bommarito, also of

The bride-to-be is a 1995 grad-

uate of Redford Union High

School. She is employed at Red-

Her fiance is a 1992 graduate

of Fairlane Christian High

Wayne State University's Col-

lege of Nursing. He is employed

as a registered nurse at Botsford

General Hospital in Farmington

A May wedding is planned.

School and a 1997 graduate of

ford Credit Union in Redford.

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Rice-Pickett

announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Mary Rice, to Todd John Pickett, the son of David R. and Linda K Pickett of Allen Park. The bride-to-be is a 1987 gradate of Plymouth Canton High School. She also is a graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed by CSV Sales

Ruth Ann and Richard J.

Wanserski of Plymouth

Inc., a local food brokerage. Her fiance is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in accounting. He is employed as a certified public accountant for BDO Seidman LLP in Troy.

An October wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

Williams-Strayer

Greg and Joan Williams of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Joan, to Eric Richard Strayer, the son of Lynn and Carol Strayer of Novi.

The couple are 1997 graduates of Michigan State University. The bride-to-be, a 1993 graduate of Ladywood High School, is employed as an accountant at

Her fiance, a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, is employed as an engineer at Nis-

A May wedding is planned at

Wilmot-Blankenship

Michael and Suzanne Wilmot of Livonia announce the engage-M. to Raymond R. Blankenship. the son of William E. and Ida Blankenship of Westland. The bride-to-be hopes to grad-

University later this year. She is employed by A.S.K. Services Inc. Her fiance is employed by Promold Tool and Engineering.

St. Aidan's Catholic Church in



Whalen-Morgan

Angela Michelle Morgan and William Henry Whalen were married Aug. 16 at the historical chapel at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia. The Rev. Donald DeVine officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Donald and Elaine Morgan of Livonia. The groom is the son of William and Patricia Whalen of Pittsburgh, Pa. The bride is a graduate of

Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University with a degree in material logistics management. She is employed as manager of business development at Ryder Integrated Logistics.

The groom is a graduate of North Allegheny High School in Pittsburgh, Duquesne Universiwith a bachelor's degree in ccounting and the University of Virginia with a master of business administration degree. He is employed as a controller by Magna Interior Systems Inc.

The bride asked Jennifer Radloff to serve as matron of honor with bridesmaids Sandra Baldwin, Heidi Riggs and Kristin Weinbeck and flower girl

Schumacher-Kautz

John and Clemelia Schumach er of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter. Sarah Catherine, to Franz Andrew Kautz, the son of Frantz and Elizabeth Kautz of Southampton, Pa.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a graduate of the University of Michigan where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in 1992 and a master of usiness administration degree n 1995. Her fiance is a 1992 graduate

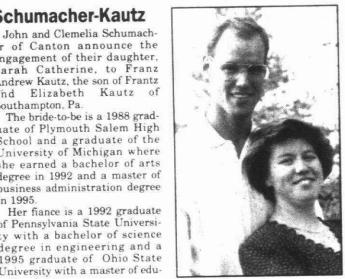
of Pennsylvania State University with a bachelor of science degree in engineering and a 1995 graduate of Ohio State

cation degree A May wedding is planned in Dayton, Ohio

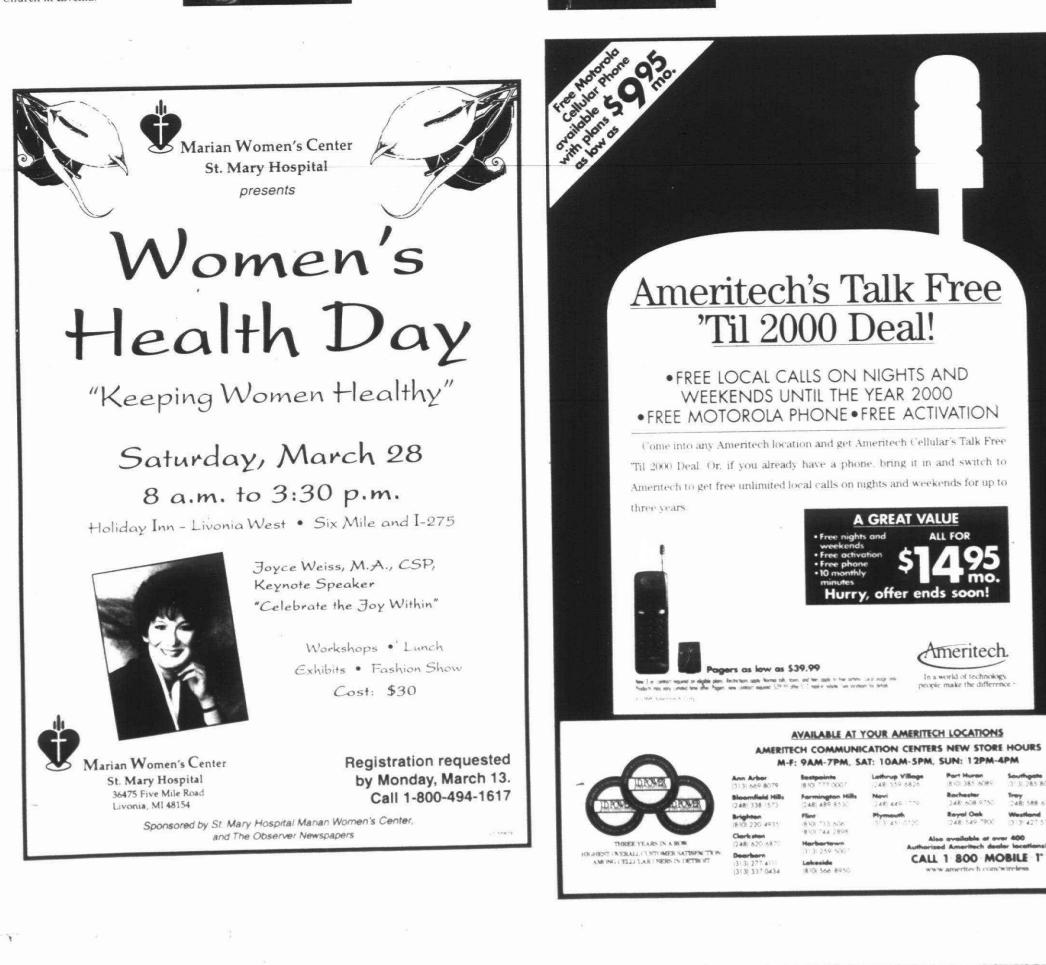


The groom asked Robert Whalen to serve as best man with groomsmen Bradford Morgan, Joseph Unger Sr. and

Ronald Carden and junior groomsman Joseph Unger Jr. The couple received guests at Burton Manor in Livonia before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Negril, Jamaica. They are making their home in South Lyon.













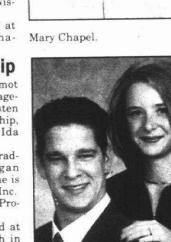
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Greenfield Village's Martha- Mary Chapel.

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Show benefits BPW scholarships

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

To get a taste of the glamorous world of fashion shows, you don't need to go any farther than Laurel Manor in Livonia. The Garden City Business and Professional Women's Club is already planning its fifth annual "Parade of Fashion" for noon March 15 in Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Take Time Fashions will once again be presenting fashions from the stores of Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. The models strutting the runways won't include Christy Turlington, Naomi Campbell or Cindy Crawford but members of the BPW, Garden City High School student Sara Niemiec and even "grandmother" types who will show off the latest fashions, said Beth Csicsila, BPW vice president.

"It's the best." she said of the show. "Each show gets a little better than the one the year before.

Proceeds from the show go for the club's annual scholarships. The Rose Schilawski Scholarship raffle is earmarked to ease the transition of women into the work force, Csicsila said. It will go to an adult female education graduate who wants to continue her education

Prizes include a trip for two to Atlantic City, courtesy of the Travel Desk, an estate planning package, courtesy of attorney Sandra Larsen, a stay for two at the Parish House Inn and a \$100 gift certificate from Orin Jewelers.

The second raffle is designated for a Garden City High School graduate. Last year's winners were Lawrence Henkel and Nicile Carpenter. The raffle prizes include a painting by artist Todd Marsee, a painting by Kara Janick, a lacquered Russian box and the Sweetheart basket from Longaberger.

There also will be a multitude of door prizes, ranging from stays at local inns and hotels, gift certificates for massages, haircuts and styling and restaurants, loaf of bread a week for a year from a local bakery, autographed books, Detroit Red Wings tickets, watches, jewelry, colorful throws and gift baskets filled with foods and beauty products

Five years ago, the club decid-



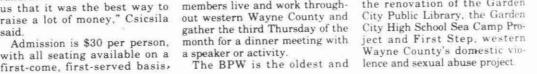
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fundraiser because it seemed to was founded 45 years ago. Its us that it was the best way to members live and work throughraise a lot of money," Csicsila out western Wayne County and month for a dinner meeting with with all seating available on a a speaker or activity.

and economic self-sufficiency for Garden City BPW chapter

gather the third Thursday of the

working women Locally, the club is supporting the renovation of the Garden City Public Library, the Garden City High School Sea Camp Pro-



Open house to showcase child development center

The University of Michigan- Annex on the UM-D campus, Dearborn Child Development Evergreen Road between Ford Center is having an open house Road and Michigan Avenue. for its kindergarten, preschool and toddler programs 4-6 p.m. teachers and staff members will programs are available for chil-Wednesday, March 4.

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four shows, club members were

"We chose the fashion show

Admission is \$30 per person,

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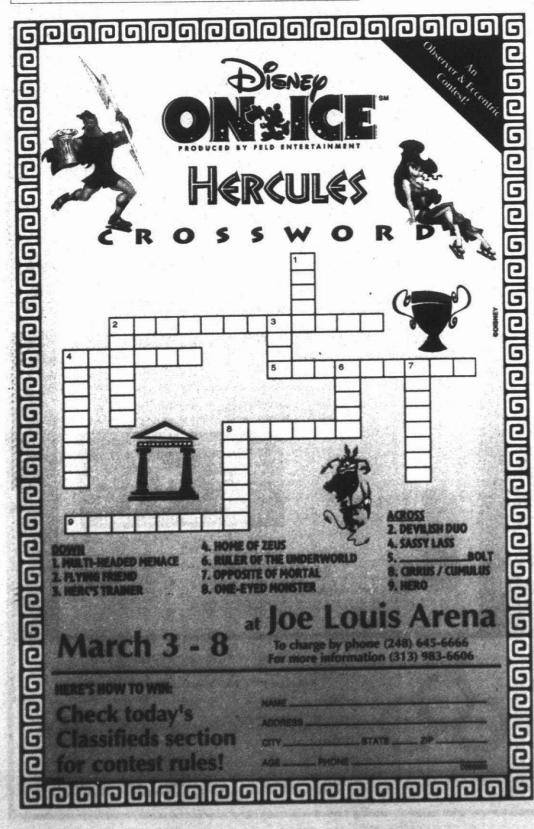
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Early childhood program be available to answer questions The open house will be in the regarding educational programs,

Enrollment for the fall 1998 kindergarten program is open to all children who will be age 5 by Dec. 1 Toddler and preschool dren ages 1 (who are walking) to

age 5. For more information, call (313) 593-5424







Activities Club will have a

Arbor Trail. east of Inkster

show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21

Road, Livonia. Admission will be

at the school, 8900 Newburg

\$1; strollers and wheelchairs

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

953-5914

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Garrett at (734) 464-7425. spring craft show 9 a.m. to 4 ST. DAMIAN'S St. Damian's Church will have a p.m. March 14 at the school, Ann collector's sale 9'a.m. to 3 p.m. Road. An 8-foot table or space Saturday, March 21, at the costs \$27.50, the 6-foot table or church, 29891 Joy Road, West space is \$25. For more informaland. Admission will be \$1, chiltion, call Jane Palmer at (313) dren under age 12 free. Table

space, costing \$25, is available. Proceeds will benefit Christian Service. For more information, Crafters are wanted for the Livocall (734) 421-6130. nia Churchill High School PTSA juried spring arts and crafts

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.

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

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. March 28 in the Activities Center on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Booth space measuring 9 feet by 6 feet with two chairs and one 6-by-8-foot table costs \$50. Booths with electricity are limited and are an additional \$5. Exhibitors can purchase up to three spaces. For more information, call the university at (734) 432-5603.

welcomed. For more information, request. For more information, call Diane at (734) 422-4507 or **ACTION!** sponsors community meetings

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE Schoolcraft College will have its

onal consultations, curriculum matching etc. available

no later than noon Friday for the

next Thursday's issue. They can

be mailed to Sue Mason at

48150, or by fax at (734) 591-

7279. For more information, call

St. Mel's Catholic Church will

have its spring arts and crafts

show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 7

addition to crafts, food and bev-

erages will be available. There

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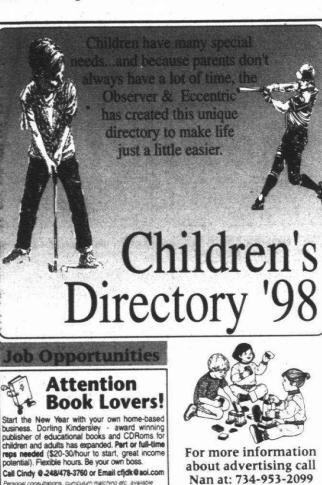
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(734) 953-2131.

ST. MEL'S

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Listings for the Crafts Calendar spring arts and crafts show 9:30

should be submitted in writing a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 7 in the

Physical Education Building on

150 crafters and hourly raffle

available. Admission will be

dren under age 5. For more

The Memorial Elementary

School PTA will have its 11th

annual craft fair 10 a.m. to 4

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available. For more information

call Darlene at (734) 425-4221.

dle Belt and Henry Ruff roads,

Garden City. Table space is

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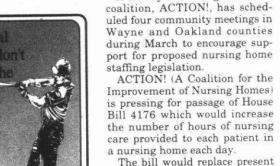
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dren ages 5-11 and free for chil-

information, call (734) 462-4417.

campus at 18600 Haggerty Road,

Livonia. There will be more than



nursing home staffing law which was passed in 1957. The meetings have been set up to explain the legislative pro-

cess. There also will be a letter writing workshop to rally support of lawmakers to pass the bill quickly. The first meeting will be 2

p.m. Sunday, March 1, at the William P. Faust Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. The guest speaker will be State Rep. Eileen DeHart. Meetings also have been set

2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the Farmington Community Library, 23500 Liberty, Farmington. State Rep. Andrew Raczkowski will be the guest speaker.

■ 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 16 at the Novi Public Library, 45245 Ten Mile Road. Novi. State Rep. Nancy Cassis and Sen. Bill Bullard Jr. will be

A newly formed grassroots the guest speakers. 📕 6:30 p.m. Monday, March uled four community meetings in 23, at the Royal Oak Library, the guest speaker.

222 E. 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak.

For more information about State Rep. John Freeman will be the meetings, call ACTION! at (248) 988-7139.



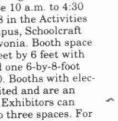
Of membership: The honor fell to Nancy Mayette of Romeo (at right) to present 50-year pins to Dorothy Campbell of Livonia (from left), Dorothy Hileman of Royal Oak and Eleanor Froehlich of Rochester Hills with pins marking their 50th year as members of the Delta Omicron Fraternity. The musical fraternity, founded 88 years ago at the University of Cincinnati, raises funds for musical scholarships for college and high school students, operates a musical camp in the Berkshires in Massachusetts and has a music exchange program with such emerging countries as Hungary and Poland.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, when John Spence talks about "Lonely and Lost in a Confused Culture" at 7:30 p.m. in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. A free-will offering will be taken and free child care will be avail able. For more information, call (734) 422-1854.

EXPERIENCING GOD Canton Community Church

God's word

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continues its seven-week series "Experiencing God" with Pastor Eric Moore beginning at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, March 1, with the topic "God Speaks" at the church, 41600 Ann Arbor Trail, Canton. It continues with "Crisis of Belief" on March 8, "God's Chiropractic Clinic" on

more information, call the church office at (734) 455-6022. SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

March 15, "Kindness Outreach

Sunday" on March 22 and "Expe-

rience Pays" on March 29. For

The 40-member Black Methodist for Church Renewal Mass Choir, under the direction of the Rev. Phillip A. Burks, will perform at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1, as part of a Lenten program of worship and son at Farmington First United Methodist Church 33112 Grand River Ave. Potluck and fellowship will follow. For more information, call (248) 474-6573.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, is hosting a "Crazy Hats Dance" at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, West Chicago at Inkster Road, Redford. The \$8 charge includes refreshments.For information about the dance, call Rose at 734) 464-3325.

It also meets regularly 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, 17500 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 Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinochle at 7 p.m. every other Friday - call Rose. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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 "How do Chris

tian Scientists feel about recreational drugs such as marijuana, alcohol and tobacco?" on March

"The Christian Science Sen tinel-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.

'BRING-A-FRIEND'

The Lola Valley United Methodist Church will have a "Bring-a-Friend" Sunday at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 1, at the church, 16175 Delaware, Redford. All friends and neighbors are welcome to attend the worship service and catered dinner. For more information, call (313) 255-6330

LENTEN SERIES

The Lenten series entitled "By My Hand? For My Sake!" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through April 1 at St. James

Presbyterian Church's McCal-

mont Chapel, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. Each week there will be a different Biblical visitor. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-7730. EXERCISE FUN

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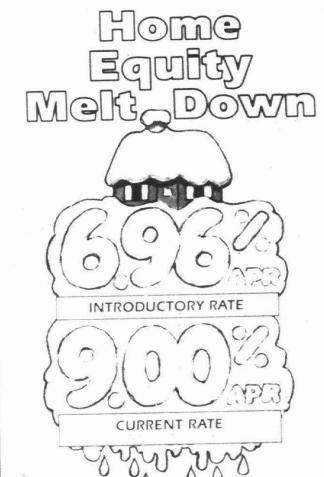
The Merriman Road Baptist Church Fitness Bunch meets 6:15-7 a.m. Mondays, Wednes days and Fridays at the church. 2055 Merriman Road, Garden

City. The program consists of low-impact light aerobics, perfect for toning and shaping mus cles. For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-0472.PANEL ON 'DEATH'

Church of St. Edith is hosting a panel discussion called "A Parish Response to Life and Death Issues" at 7 p.m. Monday, March 2, in the parish hall, 15089 Newburgh Road, south of Five Mile Road, Livonia. Assisted suicide and post-abortion stress syndrome will be dis-

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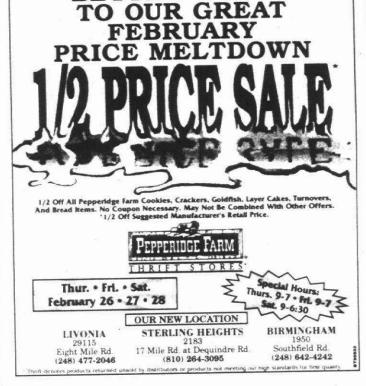
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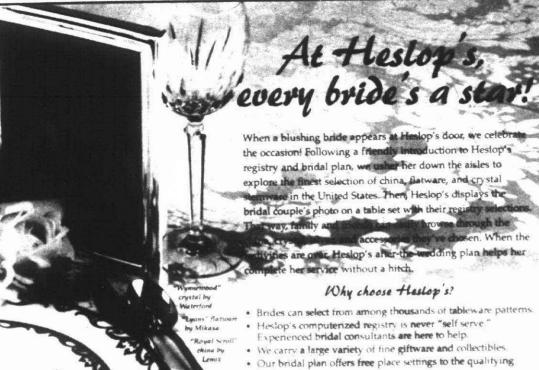
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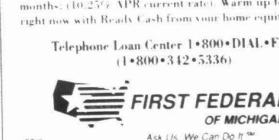
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cussed. For more information, call (734) 464-2027.

LOSS SEMINAR

The First Baptist Church of Wayne will sponsor a Responding to Loss seminar 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26, at the church 36125 Glenwood, Wayne.

The seminar is for people who are dealing with the loss of loved ones. Topics include how grief impacts us, what can be done ahead of time to lessen the impact and what can be learned from scripture to help us travel the road to grief recovery.

Ruth Sisson, a registered nurse and the author of two books, "Instantly a Widow" and "Moving Beyond Grief," will present the seminar. To register or for more information, call the church office at (734) 721-7410.

NEW BEGINNINGS New Beginnings, a grief sup-

port 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. Thurs-day, March 5, with "Help for the Family in Grief/Depression and Grief," presented by the Rev. Kurt Stutz. 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.

MILLENNIUM PRESENTATION

St. Raphael Parish, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City, is hosttions. Rev. Dave West will discuss "What it Means to Church People" at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5, while Sister Betty Fla-herty will talk about "What the Millennium Means to the Church" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24. Both talks will be held at the church. For more information, call (734) 427-1533.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Lola Valley United Methodist Church in Redford is celebrating "World Day of Prayer" with a program entitled "Who is My Neighbor?" at 12:45 p.m. Friday, March 6, at the church, 16175 Delaware, east of Inkster Road and north of Five Mile Road. Babysitting is available by reservation only. Call Dorothy Saksa at (313) 535-3247 by March 2 to reserve a spot. Those attending the program should bring hygiene products. For more

information about the program, call (313) 255-6330 PRAYER SEMINAR

The Rev. Anthony M. Coniaris, noted theologian, author and publisher, will speak during a Lenten seminar on prayer and its role in helping us answer the following questions: "Why am I here?" "What is my purpose in life?" and "Where am I going?" from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 36375 Joy Road, Westland. The cost is \$15 and includes the seminar, materials and lunch. The registration deadline is Saturday, March 7. An orientation will be held from 8-9:30 a.m. Friday, March 13. For more information, call (734) 525-6789

OPEN HOUSES

St. Damian Catholic School will have an open house and registration noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at the school, 29891 Joy Road, Westland. The school offers kindergarten through

eighth grade education. For more information, call (734) 427-1680

The open house for Little Lambs Christian Preschool will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon Road, Enrollment information for the 1998-1999 school year will be available. Open registration will take place 1-6 p.m. March 16. For more information. call Shari at (734) 414-7792.





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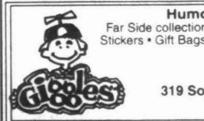
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

All-conference choice

Henry Ford CC's women's basketball team finished tied for first in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. and one good reason why was the play of freshman forward Kristi Fiorenzi.

Fiorenzi, a 5-foot-11 forward from Plymouth Canton, was named to the all-Eastern Conference second team. Her Hawks' team finished the regular season at 15-10 overall, 12-4 in league play, tied with Macomb CC and St. Clair CCC for first.

Schoolcraft College, which was 9-7 in the conference, did not have a player on the first two teams.

Other Hawks honored were Kathy Panganis, a first-team selection; and honorable mention choices Becky Vachow (from Plymouth Canton) and Stacey Walczak.

SC's Chrissy Harmon, Amber Tackett and Theresa Cooper were also honorable mention picks.

Applauded

Schoolcraft College's men's basketball teamcompleted its best regular season ever last Saturday with a victory over Macomb CC. That allowed the Ocelots to finish 24-6 overall and in second place in the MCCAA's Eastern Conference at 13-3, one game behind champion Mott CC.

SC will take its plaudits to the NJCAA Division I Regional hosted by Cincinnati State. Vincennes (Ind.) plays Lansing CC at 6 p.m. Tuesday, with SC going against host Cincinnati State afterward. The championship game will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The Ocelots were rewarded for their season by being recognized in the NJCAA's final regular-season coaches' poll, in which they received honorable mention. It was the first time ever an SC men's basketball team was so honored.

Also, leading scorer Kevin Melson finished second in the NJCAA in scoring, averaging 28.9 points per game one-tenth of a point behind the NJCAA leader.

Hornets sting

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The Canton Hornets, an under-15 First Division Little Caesars boys soccer team, won the under-16 championship in the first-ever 11-on-11 indoor season at Wixom Total Soccer.

The Hornets finished first in the regular season, then won two playoff games to collect the championship. Eight of the team's 10 games finished in shutouts.

Team members are Patrick Calandro, Derek Gismondi, Jeff Haar, Mike Harkins, Andrew Holmes, Chris Lamasse, Matthew Magers, Tommaso Mainella, Evan Malone, John McGlone, Mike Reoch, Keith Schenkel, James Steinert, Eric Sullivan, Nick Tochman and Michael Zemanski. The Hornets are coached by Mark Zemanski, Roscoe Nash and Rick Schenkel.

Whalers staying close to top spot



BY SCOTT DANIEL

a major reason.

As the season winds down, the importance of each game mounts. Last Sunday's against Owen Sound was no different. And although the Whalers got five of six available points last weekend, the one that got away will be remembered.

Whalers' coach Peter DeBoer was disappointed his team couldn't put Owen Sound away. If the Plymouth Whalers fail to win

"It was a game we had in hand and should've won," he commented. "We let

a point slip away." The tie left Plymouth two points behind London for the West Division lead, with London having played one more game. The Whalers, now 33-18-6 on the season, play three road games in Oshawa Friday and continuing at Erie on Saturday and Sunday.

"If we want to continue to hunt for first place," said DeBoer, "we have to get three out of four points."

Two points looked like a certainty for the Whalers in Sunday's game. Despite playing for the third time in four days, they were sharp in the opening minutes. Yuri Babenko scored an unassisted goal just 59 seconds into the game off a scramble in front of the Owen Sound net.

Less than a minute later, Andrew Taylor got his 29th goal of the year. It came on the Whalers' first rush up the

three days this weekend, starting at ice after Babenko's tally. Owen Sound goalkeeper Curtis Sanford was screened on the shot, which sailed past his left shoulder and into corner of the net

Plymouth kept on charging. Babenko spearheaded the attack with a pair of spectacular rushes down the ice. Then, after several more good scoring chances, the Whalers' David Legwand notched his 49th goal with Harold Druken assisting.

Plymouth had opportunities to add to its lead, but couldn't. Sanford shook off his poor start in the Platers' net to make numerous good saves. The

Please see WHALERS. C3

Stunner: Salem sidelined

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR

in the state tournament. It's a hard lesson. But one bad day, and your team can bid the post-season adios.

the West Division of the Ontario Hock-

ey League, Sunday's 5-5 tie with the

Owen Sound Platers may be viewed as

Plymouth surrendered a three-goal

lead in the third period, then hung on

for dear life in overtime to forge a tie.

Salem's wrestling team wasn't aware of that simple fact before Wednesday's Class A state team regional tournament at Walled Lake Western, they're certainly acquainted with it

now The Rocks went up against a determined Adrian squad in the regional semifinal and simply were not in tune, losing 30-23. The Maples went on to face Howell, a 53-24 victor over host Western in the other regional semifinal, for the region championship. Salem finishes 19-2 in dual meets.

"It just didn't happen for us," was about all Salem coach Ron Krueger would say after the meet. "It was a bad day."

Certainly some of the Rocks who have excelled all season came up short against Adrian. Others, conversely, sparkled.

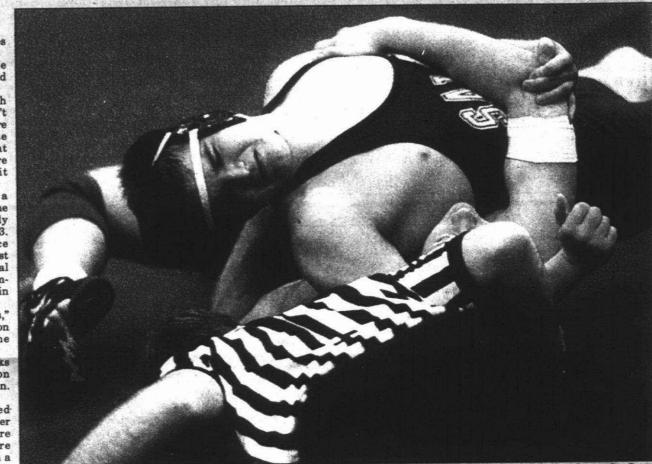
Salem's problems started with the first match and never relented. For one, there were only two pins in the entire meet, and only one came from a Rock.

At 103 pounds, Salem's Rob Ash was beaten by Mike Starinski 11-7, and after teammate John Mervyn got a 6-2 victory over Eric Jones at 112, Adrian's Omer Rivera upset Dan Morgan 3-1

at 119. The Rocks were in immediate trou-

ble. They got decisions in two of the

next three matches, Josh Henderson



Reversal - big time: Salem's Kevin VonHolten (on top) went into his match at 189 pounds knowing he needed a win, and he got it. Trailing 13-6 with 30 seconds left, he first got a reversal against Adrian's Nick Vanover, then he pinned his adversary.

Mike Popeney lost 8-0 to Chris Ardrich at 160.

Anwar Crutchfield reversed the tide by beating Adrian's Keith Gauardo 9-0 at 171, then Kevin VonHolten gave the Rocks a major boost by pinning edging the gambling Hamblin 4-3 with a reversal in the final seconds.

4 champs for Rocks

Plymouth Salem had four weight division champions at Saturday's ividual state district tourname at Adrian and will send seven to the individual regional, to be this Saturday at Temperance Bedford. Perhaps the most interesting match, as far as the Rocks were concerned, came at 103 pounds. Salem's John Mervyn won, beating teammate Rob Ash in the final on a pin in 5:49. Both advance to the regional. Charlie Hamblin also won at heavyweight, beating Northville's Ted Bow-

ersox in the final 3-1. Bowersox had edged Hamblin 2-1 in overtime in the heavyweight final at the Western

Lakes Activities Association meet. Other Salem champs were James Greene at 145, beating Adrian's Matt Barrett 18-4 in the final, and Anwar

There are no second chances

If any member of Plymouth

Hoop shoot-out

The Milford Police Athletic League will sponsor its seventh-annual 3-on-3 Junior Shootout, open to boys and girls in grades 4-12, on March 20-22.

Entry fee is \$60 per team. There will also be a special "shootout" in each division to win a pair of \$100 Converse basketball shoes.

For more information, call Rick Sharpe at (248) 684-1322.

Softball sign-up

The Canton Softball Center is planning its 14th season of operation, with registration for the spring sea-son beginning March 16. Play starts in April.

Cost for the 16-game season is \$595 per team plus umpire fees. Game balls, USSSA registration and first and second place awards for each league are included.

Register in person Monday through Friday, 3-7:30 p.m., and Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. with a \$100 deposit at the Canton Softball Center, located on Michigan in Canton, or register over the phone with a credit card at (734) 483-5600, ext. 2 or 3.

Also, the Canton Softball Center will host USSSA Softball Tournaments every weekend beginning April 18 with the annual Early Bird Classic, which has a guarantee of four games for \$125. For more information about this tournament or for a com-plete listing of tournaments, call (734) 483-5600, ext. 2 or 3.

edging James Cousino 9-7 at 125 and Dan Hamblin getting a 16-4 major decision over Nate Ruesink at 135. But in between, the Maples' Scott Westfall stuck Justin Bruner in 1:52.

The next four divisions spelled doom for Salem. Adrian got a technical fall when Ray Adams beat Greg Smith 15-0 at 140; Matt Barrett upset the Rocks' James Greene 6-4 at 145; Eric Greene was beaten 7-3 by the Maples' Matt Duncan at 152; and Nick Vanover in 5:41 at 189. Von-Holten was losing 13-6 with less than 30 seconds left in the match when he reversed Vanover and pinned him.

Teono Wilson's 11-4 triumph over Aaron Rubley at 215 kept Salem's hopes alive, but at heavyweight, Charlie Hamblin needed a major decision (a win by eight or more points) for the Rocks to win, and that didn't happen. Adrian's Will McLaughin played it cautiously and ended up Crutchfield at 160, with a 12-9 victory over Ann Arbor Pioneer's Chris Kirby in the final.

The Rocks had two other qualifiers: Dan Morgan placed third at 119, los-ing 11-10 in the semifinals then beating Adrian's Omer Rivera 4-2 for third place; and Teono Wilson at 189, who pinned Pinckney's Tom Sheehan in 4:31 of the consolation final to place third.

Rocks' win worth a conference title

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR

For the first time in this Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball season, Plymouth Salem lost Monday.

Fortunately for the Rocks, it was only a game. And they proved their mettle by bouncing back after losing the first in a best-of-three-sets match to win the final two and the match, 9-15, 15-7, 15-12 at Salem

"It took us three games, but we won it," said Rocks' co-coach Allie Suffety. "(Central) came out

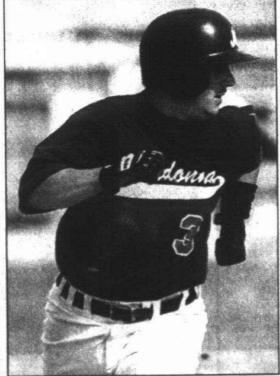
"We were just hesitant in the first game, that's the only way to describe it. The kids showed great heart. I was a bit discouraged when we got way down in the first game, but when they came back I knew we'd win."

The Rocks went 11-0 in the WLAA; they are 39-5-1 overall.

The Vikings, who finished tied for second in the WLAA with Livonia Stevenson at 9-2, jumped out to an 11-3 lead in the opening set. But the Rocks battled back, narrowing the gap to three before uccumbing.

The second game was Salem's turn, and it was

Please see VOLLEYBALL, C2



STAFF PHO TO BY BELL BRESLE Strong lineup: Brandon Jaskolski is one of two starting candidates at second base for Madonna.

Crusaders: Strong hitting, new pitching

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR

Let's be honest: To start with, it could be pretty

Madonna University's baseball team has talent, however, and after all - it's how the season ends that really counts, right?

So now you know how Greg Haeger is approaching his second season as the Fighting Crusaders' coach, and the team's first season as a member of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

There are questions, created mainly by the loss of three starting pitchers: Craig Benedict (from Plymouth Canton), Dan Pydyn and Eric Butler. Between them, they combined for 31 starts, 200 innings and 10 victories

Pydyn, who went 7-4 with a 2.99 earned run average and was an all-region and honorable mention NAIA All-American selection, will be the toughest to replace on a team that posted a 25-30-1 record and reached the NAIA Regional semifinals in '97.

But one thing Haeger, a life-long Livonia resident and Redford Catholic Central graduate, does have in his pitching staff is choices.

"We're going to miss those three," he admitted. They were good. But in judging this staff, it should be as good as last year's, and by year's end the poten-

Please see MADONNA BASEBALL C3

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43-25.

added 10 apiece

Cavin seven.

boards for Schoolcraft.

Oakland Community College rallied in the second half Monday to defeat visiting School-

craft College in the first round of the Michi-

gan Community College Athletic Association

The Lady Raiders trailed 40-28 at halftime

OCC's Jessica Regentin scored 15 of her.

but outscored the Ocelots in the second half,

game-high 27 points in the second half. Jon-akieta Sledge finished with 11 points; Mya

Badger and Carrie May (North Farmington)

Sledge also had 15 rebounds and Regentin

nine, but the Lady Raiders were outrebound-

ed, 57-52, as Theresa Cooper pulled down 19

Cooper also paced the Ocelots with 15

points while Kim Washnock (Farmington)

Schoolcraft's other starters, Jenni Talbot

and Crissy Harmon, added nine points

apiece. Talbot had eight rebounds and Stacy

The Lady Raiders shot 38 percent (26-of-

and Amber Tackett tossed in 10 each.

Aquinas College wore Madon-

The host Saints held only a 33-

na University's men's basketball

team down and then wore it out.

27 lead at halftime Saturday but

posted a 44-25 second half mar-

gin to wind up with a 77-52 vic-

Mark Hayes led the Crusaders

(4-25) with 11 points but was the

only member of his team to

reach double figures. Nick Hur-

ley had eight while Mark

Mitchell, Jason Maschke and

Cameron Newbauer scored six

Narvin Russaw pulled down a

Following is a list of Observerland boys

best swimming times and diving scores.

Coaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara

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Plymouth Canton swim coach Kyle Lott from

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Nick Corden (Salem) 1:44.60

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game-best nine rebounds and

women's basketball tournament, 71-65.

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ing seed on Tuesday.

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point lead by the time the game was six min

inal minute of the opening half.

utes old and expanding that to 17 by the

The Crusaders carried a 43-26 advantage

into the final 20 minutes and kept it, never

allowing Aquinas closer than 13 in the sec-

Madonna will take a 17-12 overall record

7-5 in the WHAC, into the playoffs. Aquinas

Five players scored in double-figures for

the Crusaders: Mary Murray with 16, Lori

Enfield with 15 (and six rebounds), Dawn

Pelc with 13 (and seven boards), Katie Cush

man with 11 (and six assists) and Chris

Dietrich with 10 (with six rebounds and five

assists). Angie Negri added seven points and

points and Lisa TerHaar's 12.

Aquinas was led by Jenifer Forkner's 14

The winner of Thursday's game plays at

No. 1 seed Spring Arbor Saturday in the

WHAC semifinals. The tournament champi-

onship will be hosted by the highest remain

day, March 4.

the winner of the first game

between Vincennes (Ind.) and

Lansing CC at 7 p.m. Wednes-

Beating Macomb CC left

Schoolcraft 24-6 overall and 13-3

Derek McKelvey backed Mel

son, who sank 8-of-10 free

throws, with 17 points and

Arnoldo Sherrell and Terry Pat

terson each added 15 fo

Reno Thompson had 16, while

in the Eastern Conference, a

game out of first place.

Emeka Okonkwo had 14.

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 55.36

Paul Perez (Salem) 56.34

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 58.10

Brent Mellis (Salem) 58.38

Matt Tobkin (Redford CC) 58.19

Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 55.66

James McPartlin (John Glenn) 55.75

COLLEGE SPORTS

Lady Raiders eliminate Schoolcraft

68) from the floor and the Ocelots 30 percent

(25-of-83). Schoolcraft's shooting cooled off in

the second half (from 15-of-37, almost 41

percent, to 10-of-46, 21.7 percent) while

OCC's improved slightly from (37 percent on

OCC made just 2-of-18 three-point

attempts; Schoolcraft was 5-of-19. OCC also

sank 17 of 26 free throws (65 percent) - 16 of 24 in the second half - and Schoolcraft 10

The Lady Raiders have won four straight

rames and 10 of their last 13 to improve to

Madonna 80, Aquinas 62 (women): The

Lady Crusaders warmed up for the Wolver-

ine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs -

their first-round game is against Aquinas at

7 p.m. tonight at Madonna - by routing the

Madonna can't keep pace with Aquinas

Madonna got it going early, building a 10-

15-12 overall. The Ocelots are 13-14.

visiting Saints Saturday.

MEN'S HOOF

Hayes had six. Andres Lopez

had a team-best three assists as

The loss left Madonna with a

3-9 record in the Wolverine-

Hoosier Athletic Conference

while Aquinas (19-10) improved

Joe Crittendon scored 20 and

Aquinas scored 30 points off

Brandon Lowe 19 to lead the

turnovers to just 14 for Madon-

a substitute.

to 7-5.

13-of-35 shooting).

of 14 (71 percent).

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shots in the period. ump on the Platers early. back in the game."

situation as Sean Avery beat

Sound. The period ended with Plymouth up 5-2. But the momentum had definitely switched to he Platers.

Ryan Rivard tied the contest at "Instead of sticking with our game plan," DeBoer said, "we vere trying to run up the score." Owen Sound dominated the Sound had a power play for 1:07 third period. After a brief bit of as Druken served part of his energy from the Whalers early, double-minor penalty called near the end of regulation. The the Platers took command. Lankshear got his second of the Platers got one good chance durgame at 6:52 to make it 5-3. It ing the man-advantage, but was a soft, high shot that sailed Randy Davidson shot wide right and dipped like a baseball pitchof the Whalers' net. er's knuckleball. "Everyone lost sight of the

Two things this staff has that last year's didn't: depth and lefthanders. "We only had eight pitchers last year, and Butler went down early and was out most of the year," said Haeger. He also had only two lefthanders. This staff numbers 12 pitchers, five of which are south-The top returnees are junior righthander Bob Mason (3-5, 4.28 ERA, nine starts), sophomore lefthander Mitch Jabczenski (3-1, 3.96 ERA, three starts, one save), senior lefthander Mark Serra (1-1, 10.52 ERA, three starts) and senior righthanded closer Jason Carter (3-2, 3.71 ERA, five saves).

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Thursday, Feb. 26 Wayne at Belleville, 7 p.m.

Garden City at Southgate, 7 p.m

(Catholic League Semifinais

R.O. Shrine vs. East Catholic

at Schoolcraft CC, 6 & 7:30 p.m.

John Glenn at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 27

Clarenceville at Luth. W'sld, 7 p.m.

Andover at Garden City, 7 p.m.

Crestwood at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Thurston at Annapolis, 7 p.m.

Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Canton, 7:30 p.m.

Huron Valley at Light & Life, 7:30 p.m.,

Cardinal Mooney at PCA, 7:30 p.m.

(Western Lakes Playoffs-1st Round)

W.L. Central at Harrison, 7 p.m.

Farmington at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.

Salem at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 1.

(CHSL finals at U-D's Caliban Hall)

East-West championship, 2 p.m

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 26

(WHAC Playoffs-1st Round)

(A) Aguinas at (B) Madonna, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 28

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Feb. 27

Whalers at Oshawa, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 28

Whalers at Erie Otters, 7:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, March 4: Championship final.

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Saturday, Feb. 28

UM-Dearborn Tournament, 8:30 p.m.

Metro Tourney at Luth. North, 9 a.m.

at Harrison, Farmington, 9 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Western Lakes Tournament

TBA - time, site to be announced.

Thursday, Feb. 26

Western Lakes meet prelims

at Plymouth Salem, 1 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 27

Western Lakes diving prelims

at Plymouth Salem, 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 28

6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional final

Saturday, March 7 at Compuware Arena vs.

Grosse Pointe South district champion.)

Rice vs. (B) Redford Catholic Central, 6 p.m.

Stevenson vs. Livonia Franklin, 6 p.m.

champion at Trenton's Kennedy Arena.)

vs. A-8 winner, 8 p.m.

at LIVONIA'S EDGAR ARENA (Host)

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

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ras, is still out with an ankle injury that sent her to the side lines three weeks ago.

Canton finishes its Canton two starters and, on son at 6-5, 3-2 in the division. Stephanie Chefan led the Chiefs with eight kills. Liz Elsner had seven kills, and Robin Hamilton filled in at setthe loss of middle hitter Amy ter capably for Germain, netting 15 assists to kills and 15 digs.

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SUMMARY NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AND HEARING TO: ALL PRESENT AND FORMER PARTICIPANTS AND BENEFICIARIES IN THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE OF

This class action is pending on behalf of all participants and beneficiaries of the Michigan Conference of Teamsters Welfare Fund ("MCTWF"). The Class has been certified by the Court in conjunction with the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement. The Complaint asserts claims under Employees Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA") against the ICTWF, certain of its present Trustees, the Teamsters Joint Council 43, the President of Teamsters Joint Council 43, and the Motor Carriers Employers Association, and the Michigan

Cartagemen's Association and their The purpose of this Notice is to advise you of the proposed settlement of this action and of the hearing on the settlement to be head on May 18, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. before the Honorable Nancy Edmonds, United States District Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, in the U.S. Courthouse, 231 Lafayette Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48226. This Notice does not indicate any expression of opinion by the Court concerning the merit of any of the claims or defenses asserted in this action.

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Judge Nancy G. Edmunds

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The Saints shot 47 percent

Schoolcraft 84, Macomb CC

60: Kevin Melson's 30 points

paced the Eastern Conference

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their final tuneup prior to the

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Schoolcraft plays at 8 p.m.

State in the second half of the Macomb (5-11, 10-16).

BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

Tuesday, March 3, at Cincinnati

opening doubleheader of Region

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match: 12 of them came in the second game.

ger in the second game. The third game, however, was the gap to a single point three assists in 50 attempts. times. But they never did tie it.

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senior middle hitter Amanda assists and two service aces in Play begins at 9 a.m. Abraham who led the charge. the match. Angie Sillmon con-Abraham totaled 28 kills in the tributed nine kills, 17 digs, two Canton tumbles solo blocks and six block assists Kelly Street totaled nine kills;

and were never in serious dan- digs; and Ellen Stemmer had seven kills. Setters Kari Flynn and Laine a different story. Salem did get Sterling both excelled. Flynn had the early lead, going up 9-5. The 22 assists to kills in 40 attempts, Vikings kept rallying, narrowing while Sterling picked up 24

Abraham also had nine digs, Saturday's WLAA Tournament, week. five solo blocks, four block hosted by Farmington Harrison.

Monday at Walled Lake Western, a possible share of the WLAA's Western Division title. The Chiefs could not overcome Plagens and setter Angie Ger-

Salem will be the No. 1 seed at season-ending knee injuries last

A third Chief, Jennifer Sciber-

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Injuries have cost Plym



Mark Sgriccia (Stevenson) 56.16 500 FREESTYLE Nick Corden (Salem) 56.17 Devin Hopper (Farmington) 57.30

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puck," DeBoer said. "Owen

Two more goals tied the game.

Avery got his second goal at the

13:50 mark off a rebound, then

When overtime began, Owen

Despite the tie, DeBoer said

ound got a few breaks."

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Whalers from page C1

Whalers peppered him with 17 After a five-hour bus ride to Plymouth's Compuware Arena, DeBoer knew his team could

"We knew they'd be flat at the beginning," he added, "and they were. But we let them get their legs underneath them and get

The turnaround started late in the second period. Randy Fitzgerald gave Plymouth a 4-0 lead with 6:12 gone in the period. It started going downhill for the Whalers after that, however. Owen Sound broke through against goalie Robert Esche at 9:54 of the second. The Platers took advantage of a two-on-one

Esche high on the left side. The teams traded goals before the period ended. Nik Tselios got his ninth of the season for Plymouth and Mike Lankshear hit the back of the net for Owen his team has played excellent hockey of late. "We've made up 11 points on London in three weeks," he commented. "We've put ourselves in a position to win the division." Druken powered Plymouth with three assists Sunday.

Whalers 8, Sault Ste. Marie 0: lymouth played at home Saturday as well and took an easy victory over the Greyhounds.

Taylor paced the offensive attack with a pair of goals. Legwand, Sergei Fedotov, Paul Mara, Babenko, Tselios and Kris Purdy also scored.

The Whalers netted five goals in the second period to blow the game open. It was their fourth shutout of the month.

"We jumped on them early," DeBoer said, "and then did the right thing and not let them back in the game."

Whalers 6, Windsor 3: Plymouth again got out of the gate uickly Thursday at Windsor building a 3-0 lead by the end of the opening period with Druken getting one goal and assisting on nother.

The Whalers eventually built their advantage to 6-1, with second-period goals from Babenko, Tselios and Brian Passmore. Tselios totaled a goal and two assists, and Eric Gooldy had two assists

Esche played the first two periods in the net, giving up two goals, with Robert Holsinger playing the final period.

Madonna baseball from page C1

tial is there for it to be better."

Mason, at present, is No. 1 on the staff, but that could change. With the influx of new players, so could a lot of things.

Four freshmen and a transfer are "all going to get a chance" to leges. present is righthander Kevin Bilbia, an Orchard Lake St. Mary's graduate from Plymouth. "He will be in our rotation some-

Paul Barkai, a righthander, and from Aquinas College. Haeger has switched two other return; the other four do.

players, senior Jeff Gutt (CC) Haeger admits experience is and junior E.J. Roman, to fulllacking. "Our pitchers will have time pitchers. Both saw limited the most difficult job, there's so action on the mound last year; much inexperience. They'll pret- Gutt started 36 games at first ty much have to learn on the base and designated hitter, slugging eight home runs and driving in 28 runs. Many factors could be a factor

in the staff's development, from the weather to injuries. Currently, Carter is just recovering from a stress fracture to his right forearm, suffered while weight lifting. He was expected to pitch on the spring trip to Florida

While the pitching staff may need time to jell, the position players shouldn't. Only one starter from last year is gone: all-sectional third baseman Dan Taylor. His position is expected to be filled by junior Daryl Rocho, a catcher last season (.379, 10 doubles, two homers, 26

RBI in 28 games). There's plenty of experience everywhere else, even at first base, vacated by Gutt's move to the mound. He'll be replaced by J.R. Taylor, a senior transfer who has been a bit of a journeyman, attending four other col-

however. Together with homers, 54 RBI, 51 runs scored), Haeger figures to have a very Others to watch: freshmen potent one-two power punch.

Shrewsbury, like Pydyn an all-Pydyn and Dan Taylor don't the WHAC for Madonna.

Rocho's move to third base opens the catching position up for junior Delano Voletti (Westland), one of those all-sectional picks (.333, four homers, 28 RBI). Brandon Jaskolski (.264, nine RBI, nine errors) and Mike LaPointe (.333, two RBI, two errors, all-sectional), both seniors, are currently sharing the second base position.

Eric Marcotte (from Plymouth Canton), another senior, returns at shortstop (.364, 22 RBI, 15 errors in 53 games).

Todd Miller, a sophomore transfer from Oakland University; Neil Wildfong, a freshman from Plymouth Canton; and Jeff Warholik, a junior (.239, five homers, 19 RBI), figure to provide infield depth.

Shrewsbury will be joined in the outfield by seniors Kevin Foley (.317, three homers, 26 RBI, 40 runs scored, 16 stolen bases, all-sectional) and Redford Thurston grad Pete Quinn (.362, four homers, 24 RBI, 17 steals) and sophomore Bob Hamp (.267, five homers, 13 RBI). Quinn is expected to miss a week with a hamstring injury.

"My (everyday) lineup is Taylor, who last played at great," said Haeger. "Position vowed. Leading the freshmen at Siena Heights, has proven abiliplayer-wise, we're set. It's nice to junior outfielder Aaron Shrews- back. They've been through the bury (.455, 20 doubles, 13 wars before, and they've been

This year, they'll have start the season with an unproven pitching staff, it's true - which nor (from CC), both lefthanders, orable mention All-American ball-like scores. But by season's and junior Matt Snyder, a status, was one of six Crusaders end, should that staff mature,

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Nick Newman and James O'Con- sectional player who earned hon- could lead to some barbaric footrighthander who transferred in to earn post-season honors. this could be a big first season in

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Borgess, CC in semis St. Mary's fell to 8-10 overall BY STEVE KOWALSKI

The next meeting with Detroit St. Martin DePorres can wait. That much is certain after four games were played in the Catholic League Central-AA boys basketball playoffs Sunday afternoon at University of Detroit-Mercy's Calihan Hall.

Redford Bishop Borgess advanced with a 75-55 win over Orchard Lake St. Mary's, earning a berth in Thursday's semifinal against Harper Woods Notre Dame. Redford Catholic Central also advanced with a 76-57 victory over Dearborn Divine Child. Notre Dame reached the semifinals with a 67-64 upset victory over DePorres, which figures to

be Borgess' biggest obstacle in repeating as Class C state cham-Borgess coach Roosevelt Barnes doesn't know if it's good

or bad that the next opponent isn't DePorres, which beat the Spartans earlier this season and is expected to show up again in the Class C regionals.

He's just glad to advance, thanks to the continued strong play of senior center Sam Hoskin and senior guard Aaron Jessup, who had 23 and 20 points. respectively. Also finishing in double figures was sophomore guard Donald Didlake with 11 after one quarter before the points and senior guard Kevin Jordan with nine.

The Spartans, who lost their 32-19 halftime lead.

BASKETBALL

first four games of the season are 8-8 overall. Tipoff for Thursday's semifinal at Schoolcraft College in Livonia is 7:30 p.m. ND, 11-6 overall, will be led by Whitney Robinson, who scored 32 in the Irish's quarterfinal victory.

"We'll be all right, hopefully, Barnes said. "That's part of what we believe in - playing a tough schedule early, taking our lumps, learn from it and go forward. We're playing better defense and making that extra pass. If you don't show up, you get tapped."

Hoskin usually scores his points on put-backs and post noves without putting the ball on the floor. He produced some highlight film material, however, when he took a pass in the paint and scored after doing a 360 spin while dribbling in the first half. He looked a little like Barnes did back when he starred at Bowling Green State University

about 50 years ago. "Hoskin is able to make them moves, but sometimes they call him for walking," Barnes said. "He's a very good player, he's just got to get more looks." The teams were tied 15-15 Spartans outscored the Eaglets 17-4 in the second quarter for a

Redford CC 76, Divine Child 57: Detroit Catholic Central finished strong Sunday, outscoring Dearborn Divine Child 19-3 in the last 4:30 to turn a close game into what looked like a rout on the scoreboard.

The Shamrocks led only 57-54 with 4:30 left and DC had the ball in the hands of the player it wanted: Nick Sobczak, who had buried seven shots from three-point land in the first half. But Sobczak's three-point attempt. which would have tied the score, was off the mark.

The Shamrocks rebounded the miss and finished their possession with a fast-break basket by Don Slankster at the other end for a 59-54 lead.

A three-point shot by Nick Moore and a three-point play by Slankster in the ensuing couple minutes put the Shamrocks ahead comfortably 65-54. Sobczak led DC with 26 points. Andy Kisabeth added 12.

The Shamrocks advanced to meet Southgate Aquinas, a 59-52 winner over Birmingham Brother Rice, in a semifinal (held last night at Schoolcraft)

Aquinas is 12-5 overall.

Junior guard Nick Moore led the Shamrocks with 27 points and senior center Chris Young added 21. Slankster didn't reach double figures

but he figured, for sure, in the victory - again. A first-team All-Observer choice as a tight end in football. Slankster is pleasantly surprised he can be as much of a factor in basket

Shamrocks earn regular-season title

worked hard and just barely

Greg Berger and Jason Tardif

scored goals for CC, which takes

a 15-3-3 overall record into the

postseason. The Shamrocks

earned the Metro title with a 12-

Senior goaltender Rickey

Marnon earned his third shutout

of the seasoon, stopping 20

shots on the Rice netminder.

shots. The Shamrocks had 32

hung on.

-3 record.

HOCKEY

Redford Catholic Central ended the regular season Saturday at Redford Ice Arena with a 2-0, shutout victory over rival Birmingham Brother Rice and an outright championship in the Michigan Metro Hockey League. The Shamrocks haven't seen

the last of the Warriors. They open the Class A district tournament with a first-round game at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth "It's tough to play the same

team twice in a week," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "We went all out. They were tough; we

Marnon seems to be playing some his best hockey at the right ime for the Shamrocks. "He had the mid-season blues

kind of thing," St. John said. "He's playing well now." CC led 1-0 after Berger scored assisted by Tardif and Tony Keshishian, at 10:48 of the first

period The score stayed 1-0 until Tardif scored a short-handed goal at 11:27 of the third period with an assist by Dave Turner. Tardif's goal came on a break away

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The annual Camp Fair will be 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at Ypsilanti High School, 2095 Packard Road, corner of Packard and Hewitt, Ypsi lanti. Sponsored by Washtenaw Camp Placement Association. Free. For more information, call (734) 971-4537. MADONNA UNIVERSITY

ST. PATRICK'S Madonna University in Livonia will hold a Lenten

retreat, "Finding God Wherever You Are," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the campus Residence Hall and Chapel. The cost for participating is \$12 and includes lunch and refreshments. For more information, call (734) 432-5419.

EXPO 98

Single Place Ministries presents Expo 98, "Meeting on Earth: Beyond the Mars/Venus Syndrome," by Susan Baranoff 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main, Northville. Lunch and con tinental breakfast includ-

ed. Cost is \$17.50 in advance or \$20 at the door For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

WINTER DANCE

Ford Ballroom Dance Club presents a "Winter Dance" at the Mayflower Meeting House, 499 S. Main, Plymouth, with a free Latin workshop-spot turns Friday, Feb. 27. Music by ballroom dance DJ Gary Green. Lesson is at 8 p.m., with Gary Green; and dancing is 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. There will be light refreshments. Cost is \$10 per person for nonmembers and \$5 per person for Ford Ballroom Dance Club Members. Attire is dressy casual. For more information, call (248) 349-8782.

EATING DISORDERS

A free, confidential, walk-in information and screening program, will be ffered by the Center for Eating Disorders through the National Eating Disor ders Screening Program 4 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at the Center for Eating Disorders, 552 Main, Ann

AROUND TOWN

The Canton Historical Museum will open for the 1998 season on Tuesday, March 3. Hours for the museum are 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday. The museum is on South Canton Center Road at Proctor Road in the former Canton Center School. For more information, call 397-0088. Parking is available at the rear of the

building. PANCAKE BREAKFAST

■ The VFW No. 6695 Ladies Auxiliary will hold a pancake breakfast 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, March 1, at the VFW No. 6695 Hall, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. The price is \$3.50 for allvou- can-eat pancakes. Public is welcome. For more information, call Ann Smith, 453-1529.

PARENTING WORKSHOP Carousel Co-op Preschool

& Discovery Toys will be hosting "Raising A Reader Parenting Workshop at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at Carousel Co-op Preschool,

11900 Belleville Road. For more information, call (734) 697-3821 or 941-1249

CONCERT The Boychoir of Ann Arbor presents a concert sponsored by the Worship Committee at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at First Pres byterian Church, 701 Church St., Plymouth Adults \$5 and youth in grade 12 and under free. Seating is limited. Tickets may be purchased in the church office 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday or 10-11 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call (734) 453-6464.

DINNER/DANCE

The Sixth Annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance & Auction to benefit Commu nity Hospice & Home Care Services will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. Live Irish entertainment, live and silent auction, din ner, dancing, and open bar Three ticket levels : Benefactor, \$125 each; Sponsor \$75 each; Supporter, \$50 each. Corporate sponsor tables are available at \$1,000 for 10 tickets, bottle of champagne for table, full-page advertisement in evening's program. All proceeds are designed for the CHHCS Hospice Home. Tickets are available on a first- come, first-serve

basis, For tickets, call CHHCS at (734) 522-4244

ICE SKATING PARTIES The city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is offering sev eral different ice skating party packages. Celebrate a child's birthday or a spe cial occasion during any open skating session for as little as \$8 per child. For an additional \$1.50 per child, hot dogs, chips, and pop are served, and for an additional \$2 per child, pizza and pop are served All parties require a minimum of 10 people. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620. SKATIN' STATION

Skatin' Station II will hold open skating for midwinter break from 1-4 p.m

through Feb. 27. \$4.25 for rental Arbor. For more informa tion, call (313) 668-8585.

MUSEUM

admission and \$2 skate BLUE SPRUCE TREES Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during February. The free trees are part of the nonprofit foundation's Trees for America

campaign. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge. To become a member of the foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to National Arbor

Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410, by Feb. 28. GARDEN WALK The Canton Garden Club wants to host its first garden walk this summer.

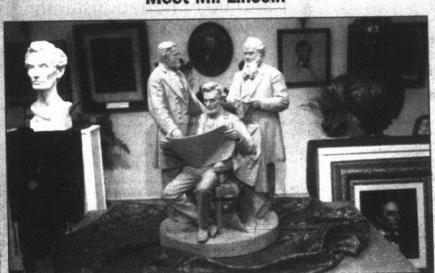
This is not a contest, but a way of finding those wonderful gardens within our community. If you think you'd enjoy being a part of the Canton Garden Club's first walk or future garden walks, send photos of your garden to: Donna McDonald, 7530 Chichester, Canton, Mich. 48187. For more information, call (313) 455-8446.

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Blood pressure screenings are held at 1 p.m. every third Monday of the

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Presidential artifacts: "Images of Lincoln," a collection of memorabilia surrounding the life of President Abraham Lincoln, is on display at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The museum at 155 S. Main in downtown Plymouth purchased the collection of Dr. Weldon Petz and the exhibit opened this month. Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, and 2-5 p.m. Sundays. Special group and student tours are available. For information call 455-8940.

the class is \$55. Preregis-

tration is required for this

month at the Summit in Canton. No appointments are necessary, just check in at the Senior Desk in the Parkview Room. This free service is provided by the Senior Advantage Program of Beyer Hospital. PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS

Free prescription drugs

to middle-income seniors if you qualify will be available by appointment only at the Plymouth Township Hall Clerk's Office 1-4 p.m. For more information, call 455-7526. ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

The city of Plymouth Parks & Recreation Department is looking for

crafters for its annual Spring Arts & Crafts Show. The show will be a one-day event and take place 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4 The cost of an 8-foot table space is \$50. Admission and parking are both free Interested crafters should call the city of Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620 Madonna University is

accepting applications from crafters for its 13th Annual Spring Arts & Crafts Showcase, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, in the Activities Center on campus. Booth space measur ing 9-by-6 feet with two chairs and one 6-foot or 8foot table is available for \$50. Booths with electrici ty are limited and are an additional \$5. Exhibitors may purchase up to three spaces. For an application or information, call (734) 432-5603.

ST. MARY HOSPITAL

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospi tal in Livonia offers a child birth preparation class hased on the Lamaze method that increases expectant parents' knowl edge of the birth experience A six-week session will be 7-9 p.m., every Tuesday through March 17, in West Addition Con ference Room A. Cost of

class. For more information, call (734) 655-1100 or toll-free at 1-800-494-1615. The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia will offer a six-week Pre-Postnatal Exercise Class from 6-7:30 p.m., through March 25. The six-week class meets for 90 minutes one day a week and is designed to romote fitness and a ealthy lifestyle prior to and following delivery. The class will meet in Pavilion Conference Room A. Cost of the class is \$35 per person. Registration is required by calling the Marian Women's Center at

(734) 655-1100 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615. A breastfeeding class is scheduled from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia in the West Addition Conference Room A near the south entrance off Levan Road. This class is designed for expectant mothers between the seventh and eighth month of pregnancy. Cost of the class is \$15. Preregistration is requested, but mothers can register at the class. For more informa tion or to register, call the Marian Women's Center at

(734) 655-1100 or toll-free at 1-800-494-1615.

SUMMIT ON THE PARK Summit on the Park Senior Center is offering tax counseling for seniors This service is offered every Tuesday through April 14 in the Parkview Room. Appointments are necessary for counseling. and will be taken for morn ing or afternoon times. Arrangements can be made for those who are homebound. Call 397-5444 for more information.

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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 in 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.

OUTREACH CONCERT

The Ann Arbor Cantata Singers announce their third annual Student Outreach Concert at 4 p.m., Sunday, March 8, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, Haggerty north for adults, \$2 for students door. Performers include Ann Arbor Cantata Educational Park and Huron High School. For more information, call Jutta Gerber at 975-9151.

PLYMOUTH YMCA

The Plymouth Comm ty Family YMCA is curreatly accepting registra tion for the winter 1998 classes. The classes are 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 infor

grams. Go on tours, canoe-

🔳 American Okiniwan Karate Academy of Cantor will hold winter registration for ages 6 years and up, through April 23. Mon-

days and Thursdays at the gymnasium at Summit on the Park. Registration fee is \$52 per annual pass nolder (10-week session). \$58 per Canton resident (10-week session), and \$63 per non-resident (10-week

session). A \$5 late fee is charged

SALVATION ARMY

Senior citizens of all ages, get your exercise and have a good time, too, in the Senior Volleyball Pro gram. 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

The Gamma Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is 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 partic ipation 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.

Make crafts together and

build floats for the Fourth

of July parade. Call (734)

453-2904 or come to the

248 S. Union St.

SCHOOL OPENINGS

YMCA office to register at

Livonia Little People's

Co-op Preschool has open-

ings for the 1997-98 school

year in the 3- and 4-year-

old classes. The preschool

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Quality education offered

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ing applications for 1998-

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available. For more infor-

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New Morning School has

Openings exist for fall 1998

students in full and half-

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Morning School. Mid-year

openings are available for

New Morning School is a

state-certified and licensed

nonprofit school. For more

information, call (313) 420-

Preschool will hold an open

Preschool is located at Cass

Elementary School, 34633

Munger, south of Six Mile

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Programs for children 18

The Livonia League of

Women Voters is working

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Soundings is a Center for Women and offers a variety of career programs, profes sional development and personal growth classes and workshops. The center is at 4090 Packard Road in Ann Arbor. 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. COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate

Friends support group meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at St. Timothy's Presbyteri an Church on Newburgh. Open to all parents whose children have died. Bereaved parents only. For more information, call (734) 462-2774.

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. 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

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. A minimal donation will be requested. For more information and to register, call Arbor Hospice at (313) 677-0500 or 1-800-783-5764.

LIFE MINISTRIES

Have a problem? Want to talk? Call Life Care Ministries at (313) 427-LIFE 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Confidential. No charge.

LEARNING DISABLED

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 of the month at Oakwood-Canton Health Center Community meeting room. For more information, call Nancy at (313) 455-8598

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of Eight Mile. Cost is \$4 and \$10 for family at the

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MI. 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions Event:

Date and Time. Location: Telephone

Additional info



END MY SEARCH Catholic SW morn, 24, 5'4*, lives in Canton, enjoys volleyball, tennis, hockey, movies, playing cards, seeks SWM, 24-32, for friendship first. Ad#.8648 DWF, 35, 5'6', morn, N/S, educated, out-going, enjoys films, theatre, classical music, comedy clubs, seeks N/S, SWM, 35-45, to share same interests. Ad#.6171 LOVING AND CARING A BRIGHTER SIDE

M, age unimportant. Ad#.1739

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DW mom, 42, 5'2", professional, Catholic, participates in bible study, youth ministry,

enjoys camping, family activities, the out-doors seeks family-oriented Catholic WM 35-49, children okay. Ad#.5515

DEEP BELIEFS

ndependent SBF, 27, 5'5', full-figured, hotestant, employed, enjoys bible study, novies, sports, boating, opera, classical numic, saeking never married Christian ISM, 28-35, Adll.5201

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Protestant DWF, 53, 5', 110lbs., N/S, warm, witty, fun, happy, enjoys dining out, cooking, day trips, music, seeks neat, pro-fessional SWM; for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Ad#.3334 Easygoing SW mom, 23, 5'2", Catholic, anjoys meeting new people, dining out, quiet times with someone special, seeks

LIGHT UP MY LIFE Catholic DWF, 58, 5'2", 118lbs., br eyed brunette, lives in Livonia, seeks hon-est, romantic, trim SWCM, 54-62, who enjoys dancing, travel, movies, concerts, fine dining and conversation. Ad#.3355 STRONG BELIEVER

DW morn, 43, 5'6', 180lbs., friendly, down-to-earth, witty, serious, participates in Christian activities, seeks humorous, trustsensitive, faithful, d SWM, 40-55, Ad# 3845 honest.

sional, thoughtful, fun-loving, sponta-neous, humorous, warm-hearted, looking for stender, professional, romantic SWF, with drive and direction in her life. Ad#.1013

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DWM, 31, 6[°], outgoing, caring, generous, friendly, enjoys being outdoors, children, sports, seeking an attractive, kind, nice SWF, 18-31, for friendship, possible rela-tionship. Ad#:2415

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SWM, 40, outgoing, sincere, athletic, romantic, well educated, seeks siender, SF, age unimportant, to spend quality time with. Ad#.4567 WARM & LOVING SWM, 43, 6', 220lbs., brown hair/ eyes.

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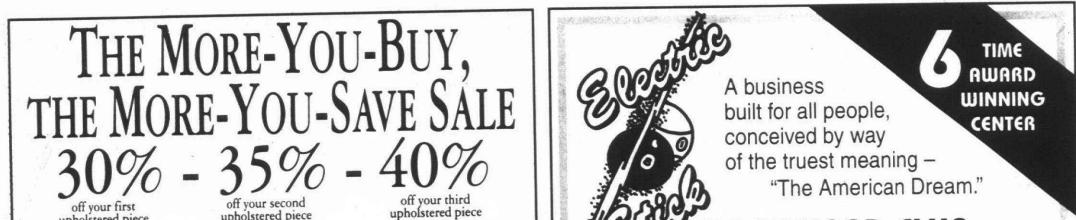
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The Observer

5 WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Avon Players presents "The Odd Couple," the female version 8 p.m. at the theater, 1185 Tienken Road, Rochester. Tickets \$11, (248) 608-9077.

SATURDAY



Meg (left to right, Maribeth Monroe), Lenny (Kristi Sorkin of West Bloomfield), and Babe (Kelly Komlen of Livonia) star in "Crimes of the Heart," 8 p.m. at Wayne State University's Studio Theatre, 4743 Cass Ane., Detroit. Tickets \$5-\$7, call(312) 577-2972.





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Artists at work: Playwright Paul Kittinger, 14 and director Matthew Ripper discuss Kittinger's one-act play, "A Funny Thing Happened on The Way to Africa."

Festivals bring original one-act plays to life

BY KEELY WYGONIK. STAFF WRITER

Seeing what started out as little keys on his keyboard jumping up and down on stage is a thrill, and Paul Kittinger of Farmington Hills can't wait for opening night.

His one-act play, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Africa," is one of four original plays being presented during the Theater Guild of Livonia/Redford's Festival of One-Act Plays opening Friday, March 6.

"I write a lot," said Kittinger, 14, a ninth grader at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills. "I started out writing short stories, and then started writing more.'

He describes the storyline of his play as kind of an Odd Couple story about two college roommates get-ting ready to go to Africa on

a study program. One of the characters was

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other is packing at the last minute. Kittinger envisioned the 2, at The Cadieux Cafe, 4377 Cadieux (1.5 roles being filled by two guys, but the director Matthew Ripper of Redford miles east of I-94 on Cadieux). General admission \$5 at the door, Writer's Admispicked one guy, and a girl. "It could have worked both sion and Entrance Fee

ways," said Ripper, who is making his directing debut at the Theatre Guild. "One woman, Trisha Ali, who auditioned was really good, and a man, Drew Parker, was really good. Actually it turns out funnier this way." The conflict is between

packed two weeks ago, the

"There have been minor edits for clarity. It's amazing. One rainy Saturday I was typing up this short play, and then I was watching people read and audition for parts I wrote."

Ripper is also enjoying working with Kittinger. You don't give him credit for the amount of insight he has. Some of his plays on words were very intelligent. He's easy to work with because he learning. He gets my feedback, but you don't want to overstep him, because he wrote the play."

Patricia Feldt is also a new playwright whose work The Town Meeting" was selected for the festival.

"I can't wait to see the real thing," she said. Her story takes place at a town meeting. The town has inherited some money, and there are stipulations. They must decide how to spend it at a town meeting. Each person builds a case for their needs, the meeting doesn't end until midnight.

The idea just sort of came to me," said Feldt, the mother of nine children ranging in age from 4 to 21. From the time I was little I loved to tell stories. They were just in there."

Feldt started writing plays in 1995 when her parish Our Lady of Loretto in Redford decided to script their own mystery dinner theater. The next year she expanded on the characters, writing more about them.

"Once I got started, it got me thinking, I'd like to write, it awakened my creative writing talent."

Last year, she wrote most of the script for the Our Lady of Loretto mystery dinner theater. "Once the characters got more detailed, it was harder for people. I could write six or seven pages about them where others struggled."

In the fall she attended her first play "Mousetrap" at the Theatre Guild of Livonia/Redford playhouse. "I was amazed at the talent," she said. "As soon as I Thursday, February 26, 1998

Down Riverdance has no dancing, isn't even Irish BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

"Down Riverdance," is the name of The Second City - Detroit's 12th revue, but the show, which opens tonight, has nothing to do with "Riverdance" and



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Irish dancing. "It's something clever that we came up with,"; said Rico Bruce Wade, Second City - Detroit'snew executive producer. It's the tradition of Sec; ond City -Detroit to pick titles for shows. that don't necessarily relate to; content but to hot topics of the

New producer: day. Not wanting to Rico Bruce give anything Wade, an alumaway, Wade said ni from The Sec-"Riverdance," takes many dif-Detroit Mainferent looks at stage, was relationships in today's society, recently named and provides executive pro-"our take on corporate culture what it's like to

be in a pressure cooker, and why we're gravitating toward cigar bars and the retro look; why we've become attracted to the rat pack generation."

Wade, well known to fans from his Mainstage acting days, April 1995 to February 1997, isn't the only newcom-

Mary Jane Pories, formerly with the touring company, joins veterans Larry Campbell, Margaret Exner, Catherine Worth, Keegan-Michael Key, Eric Black, and Brandon Johnson, on the Mainstage. Marc Evan Jackson is the new musical director, and Michael Gellman the new resident director.

Wade is excited about his new role. "I have the sensibility of an actor, and the welfare of an actor in mind," he said. "I want to provide

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hear all ideas, they are hidden gems." Like everything else, Second City -Detroit builds from scratch. Someone says 'I have an idea this is where it begins," said Wade. "Sometimes something will happen spontaneously on stage." Wade also wants to educate his audience, especially those who are disappointed. "They come expecting to see

for information.

The 3rd Level Impre Troups: Performs at Joey's Comedy Club, 8 p.m. Sun-days (free). The group will headline at the club above Kicker's All American Grill. 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia, Thursday, March 12 (free), and Friday-Satur day, March 13-14 (\$10): Performances 8 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Satur days, call (734) 261-0555 for information, or (313) 438-1381 for information about The 3rd Level Totally Unrehearsed The atre performs at Big Red's Comedy Club, Friday-Satur day, Feb. 27-28, inside Mr. B's Roadhouse, 595 N. Lapeer Road (M-24), Oxford Performances 9 p.m. Friday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday. Admission \$10 per person. call (248) 628-6500

Hot Tix: Discover Stars on Ice features Scott Hamilton. Kristi Yamaguchi, Katarina Witt, Ekaterina Gordeeva, Torvill and Dean, and others, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (1-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Tickets \$42 and \$30, call (248) 377-0100.

March 13 Cameron, who is ready to go, 14; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8 and March 15, at the theater, 15138 and Joel, who is not.

"Anyone who has traveled Beech Daly (south of any where can relate to Five Mile Road), Redthis," said Ripper. "Joel is in ford. Tickets \$10, \$1 a panic, he keeps going back discount for students to the apartment because he and seniors, call (313) forgot something."

Kittinger said the ending

is a real show stopper. He submitted a play last year, but it was rejected. "Too short on substance," said Blanche Graham of Redford, Guild executive director explaining the reason. "This one's a laughing good comedy."

"If you have an idea go for it," said Kittinger. "They wanted original one-act plays so I sat down and wrote one.

Working with a director is a new experience. "Matt's nice and easy to work with," said Kittinger.

walked in the theater I said, Tve got to get involved, this is great."

She submitted a one-act play for the festival, and truly expected one of those thanks, but no thanks let-

"I got the news they were going to do my play on Christmas Eve," she said. "It was like a Christmas present."

At the theater, Feldt is content to stay in the background, observing and learning. "It was just amazing to me, I didn't have any preconceived ideas of what the characters would be like. It's very exciting to see characters come to life."

She applauds her director, Rob Papineau. "He's great at character development," she said. "Even if his ideas differ from my own, I'm having so much fun with this."

With nine children, Feldt either has to get up real

Please see ONE-ACT, E2

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FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

Disney on Ice - Hercules When: Tuesday, March 3, through Sunday, March 8. Performances 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 11 a.m. Thursday; 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday; 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday. III Where: Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit.

I Tickets: \$17.50, \$14.50, and \$11.50 with limited \$30 non-discounted rinkside seats, (248) 645-6666 or visit the Ticketmaster website www.ticketmaster.com

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Disney's 'Hercules' an ice show of heroic proportions

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

Ten headed Hydra is a monster, but audiences love this 20- foot tall menacing beast who comes to life in Disney on Ice - Hercules.

"The kids really get into seeing Hydra up so close," said Mitch Matsunaga, assistant company manager of the show opening March 3 at Joe Louis Arena. Part inflatable balloon, part hydraulics, Hydra fights back each time Hercules cuts off one of his 10 heads, and grows another one.

"It's the most threatening and realistic monster that we've ever created," said Mark Freddes, scenic coordinator. "He's quick, and since he's always moving, the

Hydra never blocks the view of the audience.

Like the movie Hercules, Disney on Ice - Hercules, presented by Feld Entertainment, is a high energy, fast- paced show with upbeat music.

"We follow the movie as closely as we can," said Matsunaga. "Were trying to bring a story to life on ice."

Hades, a fast-talking hothead, isn't very happy with his underworld assignment, so he hatches a plan to unleash the Titans and rock Zeus off of Mount Olympus. Strongman Hercules stands in his way.

On the road to prove himself a hero worthy of the gods, Hercules hooks up with Phil, a feisty satyr who's a firstrate trainer, and Pegasus, the winged

wonder horse. Along the way he falls for a sassy lass named Meg.

An international cast of 19 male and 21 female skaters, representing 11 countries, including the United States, Canada, Sweden and Japan, tells the story of Hercules

"They're fantastic skaters," said Matsunaga, "they can jump, spin and act."

Hercules focuses on Mount Olympus, celestial home of gods and goddesses. 'It's a tremendous center set piece," said Matsunaga, "it's four scenes in one.

Self-propelled Mount Olympus rises 25 feet off the ice, and rotates to reveal other scenes including Hades' habitat, and the city of Thebes.

Please see HERCULES, E2



Ice spectacular: Strongman Hercules falls for the feisty Meg in Disney on Ice - Hercules.

write.

the show

Renaissance Chorus presents concert

The Renaissance Chorus presents "You Must Remember This" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7 at Mercy High School, 11 Mile and Middlebelt, Farm-

ington. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/students, and available by calling (313) 438-2364.

Guest artists are international medalist quartet Michigan Jake, Fanfare, and the Sweet Adeline Quartet Harmonix.

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Also of note attend a guest night 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24 at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh, Livonia. for more information, call (734) 728-6865. "We're inviting anyone who

likes to sing," said Gary Simon, Renaissance Chorus member.

Also of note: Jazz Dance Theatre, under the direction of

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Adam B. Clark, will give its third Male singers are invited to annual benefit concert 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at the I wake up at 3:30 or 4:30 and Power Center for the Performing Arts in Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$8 students/seniors, and available by calling Dance Theatre Studio at (734) 995-4242. Clark is an instructor at Miss Harriet's School of Dance in Livonia. This year's concert benefits the American Heart Associ-

A PUN

"We have 30 people, my immediate family, coming opening night. My oldest will watch the younger ones, and I'll be taking her and a girlfriend to the show the next

Feldt said she would like to take some classes to grow as a writer. "When you enjoy something the learning comes easy.'

Graham wants the festival to be just that - a learning experience for playwrights and directors.

There will be a talk back after

can reserve a performance slot in early, or stay up late to write. each performance so the audience can comment on the plays. In addition to the original one the door. acts, the Guild will be presenting

one published work, "The Actor's Nightmare," by Christopher Duran. Tony Lawry of Garden women) provided by Heartlande City will direct. "The festival is good," said Rip-

per. "We bring in new talent, writers, directors and actors." **One-Act Play Slam**

Birmingham based Heartlande

In addition to short plays that

The slam is open to all writers

March 2.

Hercules from page E1

"It helps us move the choreography," explained Matsunaga. We're able to switch scenes as the show continues so the flow is smooth and fluid."

To separate villains from heroes, Disney made them big. The Titans (Ice, Earth, Lava and Wind) and other oversized bad guys are portrayed by performers, some on stilts, who are not wearing skates.

"We did not cast skaters for some of these roles, but rather used people who are accustomed to performing in large, heavy body costumes," said Jerry Bilik, creative director.

ductions, Hercules is larger than

"We have several special effects," said Matsunaga. We use pyrotechnics and fireworks to nelp Hades express his rage sound and lighting are special

Pegasus, the winged wonder horse, is a prop. "He moves and flaps his wings as Hercules rides him." said Matsunaga.

phy also have a role in conveying is acrobatic and incorporates performers were doing their job."

nev on Ice -Hercules.

> handsprings and back flips. The muses dance their way through the show to the beat of the 1950s Motown sound



Hercules and Meg's costumes were designed after extensive historical research and a perusal of Greek mythology. An iridescent cape underlined in bright reds, oranges and yellows accentuates the fiery temper of Hades. In keeping with the movie ver-Costumes, sets and choreogra- sion, Phil is a comic. The skating the story is over, because the

they're at an ice show," said Matsunaga. "They're drawn into the story, and before they know it,



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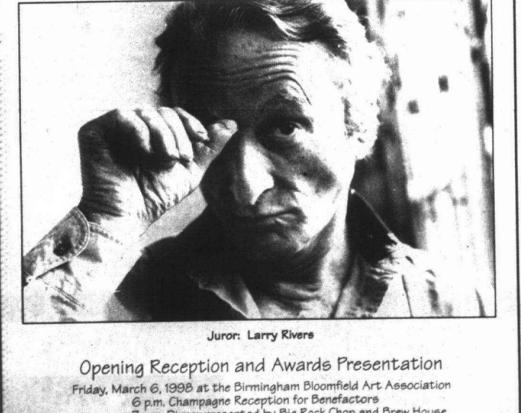
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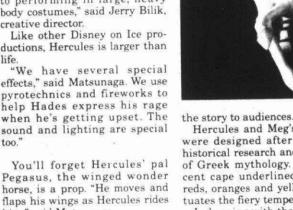
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advance by calling the number listed in the chart, or sign in at Writers may provide their own actors or use any of the "six brilliant" actors (3 men and 3

> Theatre Company, or enlist anyone in the audience "foolish enough to volunteer." A randomly selected panel of udges will "score" the material using any criteria they like.

Plays should take more than 10 minutes to perform. Food and beverages will be sold at Cadieux Cafe during the evening.

Proceeds from the evening will help support "Playscape '98" Heartlande's annual festival of

> Ice Show: Hercules and his pal Pegasus, a gift from his father Zeus, are flying high in the new Feld Entertainment production of Dis-

Theatre Company is hosting its first One-Act Play Slam at Cadieux Cafe in Detroit on will be presented, the evening will be emceed by the improv troupe Void Where Prohibited.

and would be writers. Writers original full-length plays.

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One-act from page E1

"When I get on a creative streak

She and her husband, Jim,

have been married 23 years. Jim

is planning a party for her after

"They're excited," said Feldt.

Riverdance from page E2

"We're satirists, iconoclastic, rreverent. We do sketch comedy with an ensemble, and work in

ongs.'

Audiences are familiar with having a great time. "It's very what happens on Mainstage, and exciting to watch a production on the road when the Touring take shape," he said. "To see a kernel of vision become a show." Company comes to their town, but there's more to Second City rience to the Mainstage. "She's a Detroit than that. fine improviser and has had a

Second City - Detroit takes comedy seriously, and offers a rich and multi-faceted life, which variety of classes, and programs for businesses. "We want to offer something

will be subtle changes. "It for everyone," said Wade. "We're evolves as the actors find more looking at creating programs for effective ways to steer the mesyoung people, a two week sumsage," said Wade. "We're open to mer day camp, and an abbreviated off-site program for adults. making changes. We're obligated, It's fun, a chance to play, and the we must be the voice of the comskills are valuable in so many munity." walks of life.

"You learn to be more creative, The 3rd Level how to work as a team, new creative ways of solving problems. Skits are a journey to find solutions to problems. You gain confidence performing, and become an active listener - listening is vital to our work." Improvisational comedy, which

challenges the audience to use their imagination, and the cast theirs, was a freeing experience for Wade.

"When it's done in a safe, trusting environment it's a chance to freely speak ideas, to and after completing the "third

a stand-up comedian. That's not share with the audience and the level" of classes, decided to start what we're about," he said. people on stage," he said. "We their own troupe ask you to come on stage and play. We spend all our lives not doing that.

The pressure is on, but Wade is

Pories brings a wealth of expe-

is important. She's a tireless

As the show continues, there

The 3rd Level Improv Troupe,

performing Sundays, and head-

lining Thursday-Sunday, March

12-15, at Joey's Comedy Club in

Livonia, is a different voice in

Marc Warzecha, Joe Gillis.

Angie Potvin, Jeff Fritz, Michael

Lomas, Billy Zakolski, and Mary

Lindsay met at Second City -

Detroit while taking classes

and presence to his roles as the can't.

client who wants the house, the

watches finches as his pompous

father tells him, Polonius fash-

Eric Kent Franz is very light

on his feet and turns in strong

performances as various chil-

dren, the zippy architect, the

nephew from Amherst who pho-

tographs his aunt and her fin-

gerbowls for an anthropology

ion, how to "do" his funeral.

the community.

together.

her roles.

worker, and very funny."

"I personally like the spon

taneity of improv, and the chal lenge of doing something differ ent every night, and playing off the audience," said Warzecha a member of The Second City -Detroit touring company. "You hear something on the news and you can work it into a skit. You get to say a lot, maybe make a point about the world around you, sometimes it's funny. I really like that aspect of it."

Third Level has been performing together since April. Warzecha said he had a very good experience at Second City, and improv is something he real ly enjoys doing.

"Our troupe has something unique and different to offer," he said. "We are all between the ages of 21 and 26, we're younger, and this gives us a different perspective. We take more chances, we're definitely the most spontaneous of the major improv groups in the area such as Totaly Unrehearsed Theatre."

Like Second City - Detroit, Third Level is planning to offer improv classes.

Final details are being worked out, and Warzecha said classes are scheduled to start the end of information

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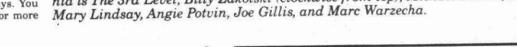
The Village Players production four other women living through of A. R. Gurney's "The Dining various stages in the lives of leaves for a factory, a child at a she had reserves to call on. She

immensely lively father, and many others. He's especially fine the dining room table, the selfson, Tickets are 1/2 price on

grace and a sense of comedy to an elderly mother who's lost her Cook has a large gift. memory and as a trouble daugh

Room," continues 8 p.m. Thurs- upper middle class WASPs. birthday party, a teen who does- seems to be upholding WASP day Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday Hammell brings great energy, n't drink; she's especially fine as traditions quite on her own

Pietro DiGiorgio is an Gary Sekerak lends solidity ter who wants to come home but Maureen Cook exudes radiant psychiatrist who outwits his intelligence as a rattled mother, as the grandfather who bought architect who wants to knock out the aunt who knows about finthe walls, the lover Ted, and gerbowls, china and glassware, a made man who tells his grandeight men who move from the cook who can make butterballs 1900s to the present. Sekerak is and a woman who perpetually Thursday, Feb. 26.



Comedy troupe: Bringing their own brand of improv to Joey's Comedy Club in Live Detroit while taking classes are scheduled to start the end of March, and meet Sundays. You They got along well together, an call (313) 438-1381 for more Mary Lindsay, Angie Potvin, Joe Gillis, and Marc Warzecha.

Village Players serve superb 'Dining Room'

moving as the son who nods and needs a drink. Cook has a

at the Playhouse, 752 Chestnut St., Birmingham. Adult tickets are \$12, students \$10, available at the door or by calling (248)644-2075.

BY HELEN ZUCKER SPECIAL WRITER

The Village Players production of A.R. Gurney's "The Dining Room," directed by Jane Pfeifer and Joan Reddy, is superb. The talented cast of six lob Gurney's funny, poignant lines across the 1898 "Made in Virginia" table with an intense sense of theatre. Linda Hammell is marvelous. She opens the play as a bright real estate agent and quickly dissolves into a proper mother, a girl who'd rather see "Saint Joan" with her maiden aunt than



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"Cats," through Sunday, March 1, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17.50-\$42.50. All ages. (248) 433-JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

"Taking Sides," through Sunday, March 8, Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays and Vednesday, March 4. \$13-\$23 with dis-

counts for seniors, students and groups. 248) 788-2900 OW BROOK THEATRE

"What the Butler Saw," a comedy about philandering psychiatrist who's chasing his would be secretary while his wife has an affair with a hotel belihop," runs through Sunday, March 8, at the theater n Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. 8 p.m. Tuesday days (\$22), 2 p.m. Wednesdays (\$22) 8 n.m. Fridays (\$26.50), 2 p.m. Saturdays (\$22), 6 p.m. Saturdays \$32), 8 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$22), and 6:30 p.m. Sundays

(\$26.50). (248) 377-3300 ATIONAL THEATRE OF THE DEAF With Pilobolus Dance Theatre perform Ibsen's "Peer Gynt," 4 p.m. Sunday March 8, Mercy High School, 29300 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$20, mail check or money order with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Deaf and learing Impaired Services, Inc., 28600 11 Mile Road, Suite 103, Farmington Hills, 48336. (248) 473-1888/(248)

473-1875 (TDD)

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY "Julie Johnson," Wendy Hammond's poignant story of an uneducated young mother who seeks a better life for herself and her two children, through Saturday, March 14, at the theater, 137 Park St. Chelsea, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 (\$20) 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 (\$25), 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Seturday, Feb. 28 (\$25), 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1 (\$20). Wednesday. March 4, show cancelled, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 5 (\$20), 8 p.m. Friday March 6 (\$25), 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7 (\$25), 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8 (\$20), Tuesday, March 10, show cancelled, 8 p.m. Wednesday March 11 (\$20), 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12 (\$20), 8 p.m. Friday, March 13 (\$25). and 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14 (\$25). (734) 475-7902, group sales 475-5817

OPERA

GINO QUILICO Opera singer who has appeared in "Carmen" with Placido Domingo at the Metropolitan Opera, performs songs from his album, "Le Secret," a collection of romantic French melodies, and popular opera arias, 8 p.m. Monday, March 2, St James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple Road (at Chester Street), Birmingham \$30, (248) 644-0820

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EMU THEATRE Anne of the Thousand Days, Maxwell Anderson's epic tale of the lives of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8, and 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday March 12-14, Quirk Theatre on Easter higan University campus, Ypsilanti. \$7 Thursday, \$12 Fridays and Saturdays, and \$10 Sunday matinee, \$2 discount for ickets purchased in advance. (734) 487-1221

WSU BONSTELLE THEATRE

"Of Mice and Men," by John Steinbeck, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26; "A Woman of No Importance," by Oscar Wilde," 8 p.m. lav-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28; "Twelfth Night," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave, on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit, (313) 577-2972

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE 'Two Gentlemen of Verona," by William kespeare, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, at the theater, 4743 Cas Ive. on the Wayne State University Detroit, (313) 577-2972 WSU STUDIO THEATRE

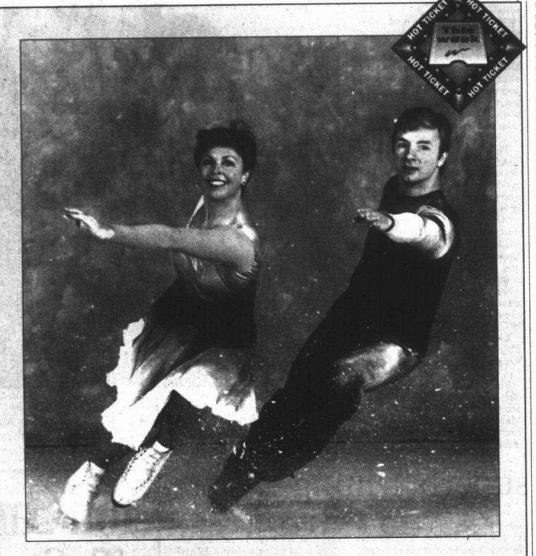
Crimes of the Heart," by Beth Henley, m. Thursdays-Saturdays, F.b. 26-28, and March 5-7, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 1 and 8, at the theater below the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER AVON PLAYERS

The Odd Couple," (Female Version), 8 Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, March 6-7, March 13-14; 2 p.m. Sunday, March and March 8; 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, Rochester. Tickets \$11, student senior and group rates available at the hursday and Sunday performances, 248) 608-9077.

WAY BUDDIES That Broadway Beat," a comedic musi at review featuring songs from time," "Evita," "La Cage Aux lles," and more, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb 28, at the Wunderground Theater, 110 S St. (above ACE Hardware), Royal lak, \$10, benefits GLSEN Detroit. (248) 41-1763

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Ice Show: Discover "Stars on Ice" features Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean, Scott Hamilton, Kristi Yamaguchi, Katarina Witt, Ekaterina Gordeeva, and others, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (1-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Tickets \$42 and \$30. Groups of 15 or more receive \$4 discount. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

27-28 and March 6-7, Tappan Middle School Auditorium, 2251 E. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 994-3508 FARMINGTON PLAYERS "The Heiress," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday Feb. 26-28, at the Players Barn, 32332

W. 12 Mile Road, (1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington. \$8. (248) 553-2955 PLANET ANT

"Garage," a musical written by Park and Nancy Hayden and performed by Park, 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 26-28. midnight Sunday, March 1, at the coffeehouse, 2327 Caniff, Hamtramck. \$10. A

ages. (313) 365-4948 PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN "Crimes of the Heart," a heartwarming story of three sisters in Hazelhurst, Miss., in the early 1970s, 8 p.m. Fridays Saturdays, Feb. 27-28 and March 6-7, 13-14, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15 at the theater, 21730 Madison (southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive),

Dearborn. \$10, \$8 for students younger

than age 18 with proper ID. (313) 561 TKTS PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD "Sweet Charity." 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Feb. 27-28, at the Water Tower Theatre. 41001 W. Seven Mile Road (west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville roads), on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital. \$11 in advance. \$12 at door, (248) 349-7110 RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

Brigadoon," Feb. 27-March 1, March 6-8 and 12-15, at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake Road (1/4 mile west of Livernois Road), Troy. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, and 3 p.m. Sundays. \$13, \$12 Thursday and Sundays for students and seniors, coffe and sandwich afterglow included. (248) 988-7049

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of comedians, dancers, musicians ranging from alternative to folk, actors, sto tellers and multi-media performers in a cabaret-style environment, 8 p.m. ridays-Saturdays, March 6-7 and 13-14, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile Road (at I-275), Livonia. (734) 464-6302 VILLAGE PLAYERS "The Dining Room," by A.R. Gurney, 8

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"The Retirement Murders," an audience participation murder mystery comedy,

6:30 n.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 theate (734) 782-1431

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS The Wizard of Oz," Saturdays and

Sundays, Saturday, Feb. 28-Saturday April 11, Historic Players Club, 3321 E Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Noon lunch and p.m. show Saturdays, and 1 p.m. lunch and 2 p.m. show Sundays. \$7.50 ncludes lunch YOUTHEATRE 'Ishangi's Africa" by Ishangi Family, as

part of the Movin' Up Club Season for those ages 7 and older, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1, at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, \$7, Children younger than 5 will not admitted to the heater, (313) 963-2366

SPECIAL EVENTS " CAPITAL THEATRE FAUX FEST" Canada's top impersonators perform trib-

Fiton John, Neil Diamond, The Blues Brothers, Elvis Presley, Tom Jones, Liza Minelli Tina Turner, and Frank Sinatra, 8 n.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1, at the theater, 121 University Ave. West, Windsor, Ontario Canada, \$15 (Canadian) (519) 253-7729 **GREATER DETROIT SPORTFISHING** AND TRAVEL EXPO" 4-9-30 nm Thursday-Friday, March 5-6. 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 7, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 8 The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapee

Road), Auburn Hills, \$7.50, \$3.50 chil dren ages 6-12, free for children ages 5 and younger. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

OUN AND KNIFF SHOW Featuring games, rifles, hunting supplies, ammo and more, noon to 9 p.m. Friday

March 6, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday. March 7, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday March 8, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road (Eureka Road and 1-75). Taylor, (734) 287-2000

BENEFITS

MERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION'S HEART BALL With mistress of ceremonies Diana Lewis from WXYZ-TV, and honorees Dr. Joseph 5. Bassett of Bloomfield Hills and Jimmy Launce of Farmington Hills, 7 p.m. cock tails and 8 p.m. dinner Friday, March 6, Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood. Dearborn, \$200, benefits the association's education programs and research (248) 557-9500, ext. 451.

LAS VEGAS PARTY 7 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, and 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Sheraton Inn on Boardwalk at Victors Way (194 at the State Street exit), Ann Arbor, \$5 evenings, \$2 from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, benefits the Michlgar Theater. (734) 668-8397 MAKING DREAMS HAPPEN"

United Way Community Services auction to benefit youth programs features permancy by Kenny G, a sit-down dinner catered by Opus One, a silent and live

auction and raffle prizes including a 1999 Limited Edition Plymouth Prowler 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$150. (313) 226-9413 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE FUNDRAISER With live Irish music by Larry Larson.

Charlie Taylor, Odd Enough, Michael O'Brien, Black Mist and Terry Murphy, and dancing on two stages, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1, Bonnie Brook, Telegraph Road (between Seven and Eight Mile roads). \$10 donation. (313) 963-5745

FAMILY EVENTS DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Raiders of the Lost Symphony," conduc tor David Alan Miller asks his audience of young "Raiders" to help uncover the origins of the symphony by solving riddles posed by the Symphonic Spinx, as part of "Young People's Concert Series, 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7 \$27. (313) 576-5111 or

http://www.detroitsymphony.com "DISNEY ON ICE - HERCULES" 7:30 p.m. Tuesday March 3-Wednesday arch 4 11 a m and 7.30 n m Thursday, March 5, 7:30 p.m. Friday. March 6, 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, and 1 p.m and 5 p.m. Sunday, March 8, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit \$11 50 \$14 50 and \$17 50, with limited \$30 non-discounted rinkside seats. Families save \$5 on tickets for 7:30 p.m. uesday, March 3; Save \$3.50 on tickets for Family Night Wednesday, March 4: and save \$2 on tickets for kids 12 and rounger for 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. hursday, March 5, and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 7, shows. (313) 983 6606/1248\ 645-6666 SHRINE CIRCUS Noon and 7 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 10:30

a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturdays, and 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, from Friday-Sunday, March 6-22, Michigan State Fair Coliseum, Detroit \$6-\$14. (313) 831-1620/(313) 366

CLASSICAL

STEPHEN ARON Classical guitarist, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb 27, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, \$12 rows 1-5. \$8 general seating. (7-34) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kcl CAVANI STRING QUARTET With planist Anton Nel performing with the Schumann Plano Quintet, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 1, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbo \$25 rows 1-2, \$15 rows 3-5, and \$10 general seating. (734) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kch CUTTIME PLAYERS mble composed of seven DSO

musicians, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1, Henry Ford Estate - Fair Lane, University of Michigan - Dearborn, 4901 Evergree Road, Dearborn, (chamber music) (313) 593-5330 DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

A new enser

With conductor Jerzy Semkow and violin ist Emmanuelle Boisvert, perform all-Mozart program, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday March 5-6, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313)

576-5111 or http://www.detroitsympho-DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHES-

With conductors David Daniels and Ya-Hui Wang, perform "Tragic Overture" by Brahms, "Symphony in D Minor" by Franck, and "Symphonic Dances From 'West Side Story,' " 7 p.m. Sunday, March 1, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6, \$25 boxlevel seating. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsymphony.com FASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY EMUs Department of Music presents a performance of Johannes Brahms' "A German Requiem," performed by the EMU University Choir, EMU Festival Choir, First Presbyterian Church Choir of Ann Arbor and the EMU Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Kevin Miller, associate professor of music. soloists are faculty members Glenda Kirkland, soprano, and Donald Hartmann. bass-baritone, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, in Pease Auditorium, corner of West Cross Street and College Place, in Ypsilanti. \$5, \$3 students/seniors, and available at the Quirk Box Office (734) 487-1221, or Pease Auditorium one hour before the performance. "AN EVENING OF JOHN CAGE" Featuring "Sonatas and Interludes for

Prepared Piano" (1946-48) performed by Stephen Rush, assistant professor at the University of Michigan School of Music. and "Cartridge Music" (1960) performed by Quartex, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4605 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$12. (248) 548-9888 CHARLES GREENE Pianist performs 7-11 p.m. Friday

Saturday, Feb. 27-28, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley, Cover charge, 21 and older. (248) 399-6750 LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With conductor Volodymyr Schesiuk, per

forms music and songs from Broadway shows and light classics, at its annual cabaret concert, 7 p.m. Friday, March 6 Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road (west of Inkster Road), Livonia, \$25. includes hot hors d'ouevres. (734) 421-1111/464-2741 OWAIN PHYFE

9 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Feb. 26, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley, Cover charge, 21 and older. (renaissance) (248) 399-6750 **"SPHINX COMPETITION FINALS CON-**CERT

Finalists for the national competition. which promotes the development of string instrument and piano experience in young African-Americans and Latinos perform with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 1, Hi Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor Free. (734) 763-7014 or

sphinxcomp@hotmail.com WINDSOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "No Frills Friday," 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27:

"Classics IV, Percussion Colours," 8 p.m Saturday, Feb. 28, Chrysler Theatre in the Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr. West, Windsor, Ontario Canada, (800) 387-9181 or

http://www.city.windsor.on.ca/cleary POPS

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With conductor Erich Kunzel, soprano



Porter," 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, 8:30 p.m. Friday Saturday, Feb. 27-28, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 1, Orchestra Hall, 371: Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$17-\$60, (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsympho

ny com PINO MARELL

Sings international pop standards and originals in English, Italian and Spanish, 6 p.m. Tuesdays through March, Ardo's Grill N' Chill, 27900 Hoover Road, Warren, Free, All ages. (810) 582-0080 SPEBSQSA CONCERT The Wayne Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America

annual show features the chapter's Renaissance Chorus, international meda ist quartet Michigan Jake, 17-member ensemble Fanfare, and Sweet Adeline quartet Harmonix, 8 p.m. Fridayaturday, March 6-7, Mercy High School 29300 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$12, \$10 seniors 62 and older, and full me students. (313) 438-2364

AUDITIONS

BALLET WORKSHOP he Livonia Civic Ballet Company hosts a weekend dance workshop with Ana Lobe principal dancer with the Cleveland-Sar ose Ballet Company, Friday-Sunday, Fe 27-March 1, at Miss Jean's Dance Arts. 15621 Farmington Road (one block orth of Five Mile Road), Livonia. Workshop is for beginning to advanced dancers ages 7 and older. (734) 427

HARTLAND PLAYERS

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Auditions for "The Foreigner," 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1, and 7 p.m. Monda March 2, Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon St., Hartland, Script evailable a Cromaine District Library. (810) 220

3521 PLAYERS QUILD OF DEARBORN Auditions for nine men, eight women three children, and several River City fownspeople and Kids for Beth Henley' "The Music Man," 1 p.m. Sunday, Mar (children only), and 7:30 p.m. Monda luesday, March 2-3, at the theater; 21730 Madison (southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive), Dearborn. Be prepared to sing and dance. For performances

April 24-25, and May 1-3, 8-9, 15-17. (313) 561-TKTS (press option 3)

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD Auditions for "Arsenic and Old Lace," 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 2-3, Water Tower Theatre, on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road (between Haggerty and Northville roads), Northville Performance dates May 1-3, 8-10, and 15-17, (248) 349-7110 STAGECRAFTERS

Auditions for the romantic musical Kismet: A Musical Arabian Night," 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1, and 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 2, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Seven principal roles and 20-30 chorus parts are available. Performance dates May 15-17, 21 24, and 28-31, and June 5-7. (248) 541 4832

CHORAL

CANTATA ACADEMY Songs from Around the World Concert," ts annual fundraiser, 4 p.m. Sunday. March 1, Christ Episcopal Church, 120 N. Military, Dearborn. \$20 in advance

only, includes tea and desserts. (248 546-0420 ZAMIR CHORALE OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT

Spring concert, "Lebn Zol Columbus -From the Shtetl to Broadway," 4 p.m. Sunday, March 1, Birmingham Temple 28611 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills \$10, \$5 students and seniors. (313) 861-8990

JAZZ

REGGIE BRAXTON 7:30-11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5 Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (between Main and Washington streets) Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-

CAVANI STRING QUARTET 4 p.m. Sunday, March 1, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, \$25 rows 1-2, \$15 rows 3-5, \$10 general admission. (734) 769-2999 JUDY COCHILL TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, March 6 Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

KURT ELLING WITH THE LAURENCE HOBGOOD TRIO 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday March 6-7, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbo

\$15 in advance. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 or http://www.99music.com ETHNIC HERITAGE ENSEMBLE Featuring two percussionists, saxophone and trombone, led by Khalil El'Zabar, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, \$15 rows 1-5, \$10 general seat ing. (*Merging of African styles of per

sion with contemporary American jazz styles") (734) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kch SCOTT GWINNELL TRIO 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28

Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birminghan Free, 21 and older, (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150 WENDELL HARRISON TRIO

7-11 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, Edison's 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass trio) (248 645-2150 INTRIGUE

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, D.L Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Free 21 and older. (contemporary jazz/top 40) (248) 852-0550 SHEILA LANDIS TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27

Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham,

Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Free

With Jimmy Lee Trio, 9:30 p.m. Friday

Saturday, Feb. 27-28, Bird of Paradise

207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor, \$5, 21 and

With Jon Ross's "Witness the Magic

Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St.

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PAUL VORNI

Show," 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, JD's

Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and

older. (contemporary jazz/magic) (810

With guest trumpeter Louis Smith, 8-

guest vocalist Eric Brandon, 8-11:30

11:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, and with

p.m. Thursday, March 5, at the Botsford

Farmington, \$5 cover waived with dinner

:30-11:30 p.g. Friday-Saturday, March

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With Gold Sparkle Trio, 9 p.m. Tuesda

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sion, \$5 students.

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March 3, as part of Mood Indigo night at

Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. 9734).

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Arbor. \$12 rows 1-5, \$8 general admis-

saxophones/bass/drums) (734) 769

7-11 p.m. Thursday, March 5, Edison's.

nd older. (plano/bass/drums trio) (248

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LORI LEFEVRE

older. (734) 662-8310

DARRON MCKINNEY

Free, 21 and older: 10 p.m. Friday-

Saturday, March 6-7, Jimmy's, 123

St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. All

With Gravel Train, 8 p.m. Sunday, March

1, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave...

Ferndale. \$13 in advance. 18 and older

With Black Lab and Headswim, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 6, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E.

With Stepchild, Cauldron and Red Tree, 9

Roseville. \$3. 18 and older. (rock) (810)

p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, The Palladium

Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road,

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Mondays i

March, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414

Telegraph Road (one block north of Five

Mile Road), Redford. Free. 21 and older

With Gods Made Love and Outer Drive, 9

p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Griff's Grill, 49 N.

with Blink 182 and the Alkaholiks, 6

p.m. Sunday, March 1, as part of The

2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in

advance. All ages. (funk/punk) (313)

961-5451 or http://www.961melt.com

9 p.m. Friday, March 6. Cross Street

Cover charge, 19 and older, (rock) (734)

9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, Moby Dick's,

charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581

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With Morsel and Atphosmere, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3, Magic Stick in the

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Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave.

Vith vocalist McKinley Odom, trumpetor

Bob Enos, trombonist John Wolf, alto and

tenor sax player Rich Lataille, baritone

sax player Kevin May, guitarist Chris

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p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Magic Stick in

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older. ("robot rockers") (313) 833-POOL

With Triple Fast Action and Menthol, 6

p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, The Shelter below

Detroit. \$7 in advance. All ages. (alterna

With Plum Loco, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb.

27. Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Anh

Arbor. \$5. 19 and older; With Blue Eyed

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9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Carriage

's Blues Alley 24200

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With Bond, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26. 7th

House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. \$10 in

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9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, JD's Macomb

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eaturing Skeeto, 10 p.m. Thursday,

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9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, Hamlin Pub's

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Thursday, March 4-5, Fox and Hounds.

560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills

Free 21 and older. (blues) (248) 814

9 p.m. Friday Saturday, Feb. 27-28, Moby

Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn

Cover charge 21 and older (blues)

8109/(248) 644-4800 or

http://www.rockindaddys.com

orth, 741 S. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion.

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March 3, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward

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Featured performers: The Irish Rovers are stepping into their fourth decade with two new members, Wallace Hood, and John Reynolds, plus the original five. Their program 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 4 at the Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Devel (at 10.10 Mill Parch). SouthField Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen ad (at 10 1/2 Mile Road), Southfield will include "The Unicol The Black Velvet Band," and other classics. Tickets \$18-\$20, call (248) 424-9022/(248) 424-9043.

streets), Royal Oak, Free, All ages 248) 541-8050

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

STEVE WOOD TRIO 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 28, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave. (corner of Center Street), Royal Oak, Free, 25-cent surcharge on drinks during live entertainment. All ages. (sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 546-1400

WORLD MUSIC

CAPLETON With Anthony B., 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit \$12.50 in advance. 18 and older. (reggae) (313) 833-9700

CELTIC FIDDLE FESTIVAL With Kevin Burke, Johnny Cunningham and Christian LeMaitre, 8 p.m. Thursday March 5, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 ar http://www.a2ark.org

GREAT BIG SEA 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, in the Capitol Theatre's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave. West, Windsor, Ontario. Canada. \$20 (Canadian). All ages. (Celtic) (519) 253-8065 or capitol@mnsi.net or

http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol IMMUNITY 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27.

Checker's, 36759 Mound Road, Sterling Heights, Cover charge, 21 and older: 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb 28, Corradi's, 1090 Rochester Road. Troy. Free, 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older (reggae) (810) 264-9500/(248) 588-3471/(248) 360-7450 -PINO MARELLI

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BASH" With performances by the Sun Messengers 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday Feb. 26, and La Trinity, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, along with grass skirts, beach balls, rafts, streamers, tattoo hut, hair braiding, limbo contests, and a Tiki Bar with Jamaican Red Stripe beer, rum runners, pina coladas premium margaritas, a Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 26-28, at Moose Preserve Bar and Grill, 2395 Woodward Avenue (north of Square Lake Road) Bloomfield Hills, Free, 21 and older, (reggae) (248) 85-TROUT

DDD ENOUGH 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick hall, 8269 E. Eight Mile Road, Warren. Free. 21 and older. (Irish) (810) 758-7602

SOLAS Featuring Seamus Egan, Winifred Horan, John Williams, John Doyle and Karan Casey, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. A ages. (Irish) (734) 761 1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

FOLK/BLUEGRASS EDDIE ADCOCK AND RFD BOYS 8 p.m. Friday, March 6, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members. students, seniors. All ages. (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org MICHAEL COONEY

8 p.m. Sunday, March 1. The Ark. 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. 734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

LISA HUNTER 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26. The Tap Room, 201 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilant Cover charge. 21 and older; 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27. Cafe Anzu, 1733 Plymouth Road, University of Michigan north campus, Ann Arbor, Free, All ages; 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Dexter Bowi 2830 Baker, Dexter, Free, All ages Hosts open mic night, 7:30 p.m. Sunday. March 1, Gargoyle's, 7 N. Saginaw. Pontiac, Free, All ages. (acoustic

pop/folk originals) (734) 482-5320/(734) 769 1212/(734) 426 4707/(248) 745-9790

JAN KRIST 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 544-1141 IOEL MABUS

8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Off The Wall Acoustic Coffeehouse, St. William Parish Hall, 531 Common, Walled Lake.

\$7.50, \$15 family, \$5 student. (248) 624-1421

JIM PRESLEY 8-10 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, Espress Royale Caffe, 214 Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 HIRD TIME OUT 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Oakland ommunity College, Lila Jones Johnson

Theatre 739 S. Washington, Royal Oak, \$12. All ages. (vocal bluegrass) (248) 544 4903

MATT WATROBA Celebrates release of CD "Live at the rk," with a performance, 8 p.m. Friday Feb. 27, Borders Books and Music 45290 Utica Park Blvd., Utica. Free, All ages. (810) 726-8555

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD CRISPIN HELLION GLOVER'S BIG SLIDE

SHOW Actor who starred in "Back to the Future" and "The People Vs. Larry Flynt" brings his slide show, spoken-word performance, copies of his book and the dependent film "What Is It?" 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$16 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com STORYTELLING FESTIVAL"

With Jay O'Callahan, Sheila Kay Adams and Mustard's Retreat, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 (\$12.50); Storytelling and creativity workshop with storyteller Jay O'Callahan, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. eb. 28 (\$30); Bill Harley, Michael Cooney and Patricia Vereen-Dixon, 8 p.r Saturday, Feb. 28 (\$12.50); and children's storytelling concerts, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 1 (\$6), all at The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, All ages. (734) 761-1451/(734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.org

DANCE

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING Workshop and dancing led by Eric Arnold and Don Theyken and live music by David West and Donna Baird, 7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 663-0744/(734) 662-

BIG RED'S COMEDY CLUB Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, Friday Saturday, Feb. 27-28; Kirk Noland, Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, inside Mr B's Roadhouse, 595 N. Lapeer Road (M 24), Oxford, Cover charge, (248) 628-

ANDREW DICE CLAY

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8 p.m. Friday, Feb 27, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster, All ages, (313) 961-5451 http://www.961melt.com

ID'S MACOMB THEATRE Open mic comedy night with MaryAnn DeMoss and musical guest Ernie Douglas, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, at the club, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older

(810) 469-0889

IDEX'S COMEDY CLUB ommy Chunn, Steve Bills and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, Feb. 26 (free), and Friday Saturday, Feb. 27 28 (\$12); Randy Lubas, J.R. Remick and Joey Bielaska. Thursday, March 5 (free), and Friday-Saturday, March 6-7 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Nymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. hursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 8 p.m. Sundays

for new talent/third level improv. (734) 261-0555 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S Emmy Award-winner Kevin Meany, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 aturday, Feb. 28 (\$15, \$27.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE Eddie Clark, 8 30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 (\$7), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday Saturday, Feb. 27 28 (\$10); Totally Inrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4 (\$4): Margaret Smith, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5 (\$9), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday

Saturday, March 6-7 (\$12), at the club, 14 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal

Oak, (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com INSURGENTS Down River Dance," 8 p.m. Wednesdays \$10), Thursdays (\$10) and Sundays (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays (\$17.50) and Saturdays

965-2222 MUSEUMS AND TOURS

(\$19.50), through spring, at the club,

2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313)

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM "Sounds Out of Africa." with CCS Institute of Music and Dance, celebrate the musical traditions of Africa, noon and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28. \$2; Planetarium_demonstrations, "Winter Skies," 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays at

the museum, 67 E. Kirby, Detroit. (313) 873-8100 DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY/MUSEUM

"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; "Doorway to Freedom," exhibit on Detroit and the Underground Railroad; Black Historic Sites Tours, full and half day tours available for groups of 25 or more, 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

iberian cooking with Phyliss Sancho, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the library, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-4042 DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

IMAX movies showing indefinitely nclude: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays; and Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 m. Mondays-Fridays; at the museum. 5020 John R (at Warren Road), Detroit \$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 xhibit 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 ttp://www.sciencedetroit.org HISTORIC CHURCH TOUR With visits to Nativity of Our Lord Roma

Catholic, St. Anthony Roman Catholic, St. John-St. Luke United Church, Annunciation Roman Catholic and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic churches. Monday, March 2. \$11 Detroit Historica Society members, \$16 non-members, in advance only, and includes bus, tour and

luncheon. (313) 833-1405 HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREEN-FIELD VILLAGE

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Vanishing Black West," film by writer and producer Ann Eskridge shown weekends during February, Black History Month; Family Fun Month" featuring hands-on activities such as a family radio show where they can produce and perform a radio play, classic cartoons and/or serials as part of "Automobile in American Life" exhibit's drive-in theater, "Making and Having Fun" with puppet-making, shadow puppetry, cat's cradle and pape airplane-making, and "Take a Trip Dowr Memory Lane" treasure hunt, weekends throughout March at the complex, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard (at Village

Road, just west of the Southfield reeway, south of Michigan Avenue earborn. \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 seniors 62 and older, \$6.25 for kids ages 5-12. and free for children younger than 5 and embers, Group rates available. Museum open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. (313) 271-

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HIS-

TORY A Communion of the Spirits: African-American Quilters, Preservers and Their Stories" exhibits featuring 175 photographs of varying sizes, a selection of e surveyed guilts, interpretive panels. and a limited amount of other artwork related to the quilters. through Sunday lune 7. The exhibit features area quilter and celebrity quilters such as Maya Angelou, Rosa Parks, Bernice Johnson Reagon, Faith Ringgold, Sonia Sanchez and Alice Walker; "The Life and Times i Paul Robeson" exhibition featuring ecords, photographs and paintings on loan from private citizens and from the ollection of the MAAH, runs through Tuesday, June 30; "Walk to Freedon 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: "Strong Women Keep Coming" theatrical perfor mance, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 26-27. 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 and 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March Photo quilt collage workshop. Saturday, Feb. 28: Detroit Lions' defer sive tackle Robert Porcher reads from the new book, "Jackie Robinson. An timate Portrait," 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb 28, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush Street), Detroit. Museum ours 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

THE AUTUMNS 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Motor Lounge. 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. Cover charge 1 and older (alternative rock) (313)

369-0090 or motor3515@aol.com JOHNNY BASSETT AND THE BLUES

9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge, 21 and older, (organ-driven blues) (734) 451-1213 BUGS BEDDOW BAND 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb 28, Tap Room, 201 W. Michigan Ave.

Ypsilanti, Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 482-5320 NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL STARS

9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 27, Bacci Abbracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. II ages. (variety) (248) 253-1300 BENNY AND THE JETS 9 p.m. Sundays through April 26, Buck's

Place, 23845 W. Warren Road (one block east of Telegraph Road), Dearborn Heights. Free, 21 and older. (rock) (313) 274-6005 or http://members.tripod.com/~BennyJet,

BIZER BROTHERS 8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays in March, Pages, 23621 Farmington Road, Farmington, Free, 21 and older, (pop) (313) 567-4400/(248) 477-0099 BLACK FUZZ

9 p.m. Thursday, March 5, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge, 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154

BLESSID UNION OF SOULS With InDrama, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville, \$15 in advance, \$17 day of show. 18 and older. (pop) (810) 778-6404

BLUE CAT WITH KEN MURPHY 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older (blues) (248) 644-4800

BLUE RAYS 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older (blues) (248) 644-4800 BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older (blues) (248) 644-4800 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, and Thursday

Saturday, March 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 BROKEN TOYS With Merge, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27.

Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$6, 18 and older, (rock) (248) 544-3030 or ittp://www.themagicbag.com

THE BUSINESS With Dropkick Murphys and Skraps, 6 m. Friday, March 6, The Shelter below t. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress. Detroit. \$11 in advance. All ages. (ska

(313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

SUSTER'S BLUES BAND p.m. Friday, March 6, Library Pub. 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 421-

CHAIN REACTION 9 p.m. Thursday, March 5, Moby Dick's 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn, Cover charge, 21 and older, (rock) (313) 581

CIRCUS MCGIRKUS With Funktelligence, 9:30 p.m. Friday

March 6, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (rock) (734 996-8555 THE CIVILIANS

With Swirly Boy and Teddy Salad, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292 DANNY COX

8-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Zhedos Cafe 240 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, Cove charge. All ages. (singer/songwriter) 248) 399-3946

TOMMY D BAND 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28. Bachelor's One. 1967 Cass Lake Road Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues/rock) (248) 682-2295

THE DETERANTS With The Deans, 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross it., Ypsilanti, Cover charge, 18 and older. (pop/surf) (734) 485-5050

DETROIT BLUES SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP EVENT"

Featuring a 1 p.m. demonstration of east cast fingerstyle blues with Don MacIntyre, a 1 p.m. harmonica workshop with Larry Everhart, 3-4:30 p.m. acoustic am with Bob Codish, 5 p.m. showcase set with Boogie Chilluns Band followed by an electric jam with members of Boogie Chilluns, Sunday, March 1, Attic Bar, 11167 Jos. Campau, Hamtramck blues) (313) 365-4194

D.O.C. Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guests Power Face, NISH and 7 Days Dead, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, JD's Macomb Theatre. 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge, 18 and older. (heavy rock) (810)

465.5154 GLEN EDOY

9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave .. Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older: o.m. Friday, March 6, Lower Town Grill 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644 4800/(734) 451 1213 "FAMOUS COACHMAN INDOOR BLUES

FESTIVAL' with Bugs Beddow Band and various

other blues artists, 9 p.m. Friday, March 6. Millenium Theatre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Southfield. Cover charge All ages (blues) (248) 552 7000

With Blue Eyed Soul, 9 p.m. Friday, March 6, Sardine Bar, 1548 Franklin, Detroit, \$5, 18 and older. (alternative rock/rock) (313) 567-4955

5 TON CREEK 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, Bo's Bistro. 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and ider. (alternative rock) (248) 338-6200 FOOLISH MORTALS 10 p.m. Friday, March 6, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110

With Fuel 357 and World of Hurt, 9 p.m. Thursday, March 5, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. \$5. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404

SUE GARNER Formerly of Run-On, with Fez, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$6 in advance, 18 and older. (singer/songwriter) (313) 833-POOL GILLESPIE, RASMUSSEN AND RAFFOUL 9 p.m. Monday, March 2, Four Green Fields, 30919 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, Free. 21 and older: 10 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, Woody's Dine 208 W. Fifth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older, (acoustic rock) (248) 280-2902/(248) 543-6911

ROBERT GORDON With Shack Shakers, 8 p.m. Saturday Feb. 28, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$13 in advance, 18 and older. (rockabilly) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

GOVERNMENT HONEY 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, and Sundays in March, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford, \$3, 21 and Ider. (rock) (313) 533-4477 HEPCAT

With The Gadgets and The Slackers, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance

All ages. (ska) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com HOWLING DIABLOS Vith Gods Made Love, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 28, Blind Pig. 206-208 S

10 p.m. Friday, March 6, Coyote Club,

I. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21

8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, Royal Oak

With Mr. Freedom X, 9:30 p.m. Thursday.

Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (funk) (734)

With David Rice, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb.

27, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W.

advance. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 546-

10 p.m. Sunday, March 1, Mount Chalet,

4715 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free.

21 and older. (rockabilly) (248) 549-

8 p.m. Friday, March 6, Magic Bag.

://www.themagicbag.con

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND

9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Lower Town

With Drop, 9 p.m. Thursday, March 5

Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St.

rosilanti, Cover charge, 19 and older.

With Clutch and Sevendust, 7:30 p.m.

Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$14.50 in

advance, All ages, (punk/hard rock)

9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, Blind Pig

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10 p.m. Thursday, March 5, Library Pub.

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O.p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, Cross Street

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Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover

charge, 21 and older. (R&B) (734) 451-

22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$8 in

advance, 18 and older, (rockabilly) (248)

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Feb. 26, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St.,

Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak.

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BOOGIE NIGHTS (R)

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one It has taken five years for of star Rufus Sewell as well, who As the police detective who tries morning in a Proyas, still haunted by Brandon can't help but remind you of a to break Murdoch down, William hotel room to Lee's accidental shooting death young Peter Lorre. It's through Hurt injects his dry sense of find his memory on "The Crow," to get this movie his somewhat buggy eyes that he humor but not much enthusitries to discover exactly what asm. has completely off the ground. disappeared. After stalled starts at other happens each night when the Think of Jennifer Connelly as

To reveal any more of the story movies, especially this one, withpect in a string and a release date held back for would be unfair, because there out a clue. of grisly mur- almost a half year, the Aus- are so many clever plot twists. ders, he's not tralian writer/director finally But I will say that Proyas and sure whether he committed them delivers the movie exactly the his team of special effects wiz- the memories from people with way he envisioned it. In a world ards have invented bizarre ways the help of special syringes. The "Dark City," the second film where movies are increasingly to depict a city which reinvents from "The Crow" director Alex studio "products," this is reason itself nightly, with buildings sprouting from the ground.

As protagonist John Murdoch. of ourselves, where shadowy City" is a complete success. In Rufus Sewell makes a believable streets are shot from odd angles many ways it's the maddening Everyman. You're sure you've and the sun never bothers to result of an imagination so seen him before, but not exactly active that you're worn out by where (unless you're a fan of Complex and uncompromising, the closing credits. In this sense BBC productions like "Middle-"Dark City" is a visionary film it owes plenty to the oppressive march," where he is still best that is both mind-boggling and visual style of German Expres- known.) This unfamiliar familmind-blowing. And while not all sionist silent films like "Metropo- iarity is a perfect complement to

HALF BAKED (R)

KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST

The rest of the cast employs an straight out of ideas and crazy visuals for about gari." The rest of the cast employs an Adozen films. This is evident in the casting odd mix of styles and non-styles.

When he's told studios, title changes (it was clock stops at the stroke of mid- more or less typecast since she walks through most of her

Worst is Kiefer Sutherland, in the part of a doctor who extracts part was supposed to be played by someone older (was father Donald busy or something?) and, worse yet, he adopts this stammer between each syllable that reminds you of a cross between William Shatner and Renfield, As with those old German

films (and the recent "City of Lost Children"), technique and amazing visuals can often get in the way of true audience empathy. We don't really care about Murdoch because director Provas is essentially doing to him what the evil overseers do: moving a pawn throughout an elaborate abyrinth.

Maybe someday someone will movies as ambitious and inter- dial (734) 953-2047 on a touchmake a film that wows us visualesting as "Dark City."

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

Baldwin Theatre 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Call (248) 541-6430 for information. (\$10) Silent comedy night 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1. A quartet of exceptional short films from the early days of movies. Charlie Chaplin in "The Rink," Buster Keaton's "Cops," Laurel and Hardy in "Two Tars," and Harold Lloyd in "His Royal Slyness." Live organ accompaniment from Father Jim Miller.

Detroit Film Theatre Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Drama: Ralph Fiennes (Oscar) and Cate Blanchett Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5.50; \$4.50

students/seniors) "Fire" (India/Canada-1996) Thursday, Feb. 27 to Sunday, March 1 (call for showtimes). A contemporary tale of two Indian women who fall in love, thus breaking the old order's bonds of obedience, fidelity, and silence. "Conspirators of Pleasure" (Czech Republic-1996), 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 2. A bizarre new

movie from Jan Svankmajer, the surrealist filmmaker ("Alice") who examines "ordinary people who engage in obsessive, darkly comic rituals. Magic Bag 22918 Woodward. Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for

controversial wagering priest water by staging a fake war with information. (\$2) "The Fully Monty" (Britain-96) 9:30 nm Thursday Feb. 26. The Oscar-nominated comedy about a group out-of-work guys who think they can earn some

fast money by performing as strippers. The only problem: their very non-Chippendale physiques. Main Art Theatre 118 N.

Main Street (at 11 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students, seniors and matinee; \$3 twilight)

"Live Flesh" (Spain-1997). The latest from Pedro Almodovar "Women in the Verge of a Ner-

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 27

tale of two couples one in their 20s the

In a world where women have few rights

and are treated like property, the most

captivating woman of her day dares to

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Futuristic thriller about a man who

Family comedy about a widowed

awakens in a hotel room, only to discov

er he is wanted for a series of murders

anthropology professor who uses grant

hildren as an "undiscovered" tribe

money to raise his family, disguising his

confront convention to become a power

other in their 40s whose troubled mar-

riages become entwined. Stars Nick

"AFTERGLOW"

Nolte, Julie Christie.

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ful force for change.

Stars Vincent Perez.

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from New Guinea. Stars Richard Dreyfuss, Lily Tomlin, Jenna Elman. Exclusively at the Main Art Theatre. A

Starts Friday.

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"KISSING A FOOL" Comedy about a nervous groom-to-be who asks his best friend to court his fiancé in an attempt to test her lovalty. Stars David Schemer, Bonnie Hunt.

"CAUGHT-UP"

Drama about an ex-con struggling to leave his old life behind, only to find himself caught in a web of deceit, Scheduled to open Friday, March 6

"THE BIG LEBOWSKI"

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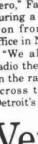
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Clutch shakes things up with support from Dan K

Based in West Virginia, the rock band Clutch considers Detroit its second home. Sweat rips off the walls at St. Andrew's Hall and Harpo's, both in Detroit, because Clutch shows are so packed. The antagonistic rock band's merchandise goes over the countertop like a water-

Singer Neil Fallon has two words for his band's success -Dan K. The crazy bartender at The Shelter swings from the rafters, pontificates from the bar top, publishes the local fanzine "Big Hard News," and plays Clutch's music so loud it drowns out the music upstairs from St. Andrew's Hall.

"I don't think I need to tell Detroit who he is. He's a local during a recent phone conversation from Columbia Records' office in New York.

radio there. Once you get played

rock band, that's good for us."

with Limp Bizkit and Sevendust Clutch's previous two albums. when the "Ladies Night in Cam-State Theatre in Detroit.

efforts, 1993's "Transnational Speedway League" (EastWest)

and 1995's "Clutch" (Elektra). have to listen to a few times before you understand what's continue to find things," said drummer Jean Paul Gaster via

is much more rich as well.

er, is Fallon's acute sense of the artwork. On Thursday, March 5, Detroi- humor. Lyrics like "Beebopalters will get a taste of Clutch's loobopawopshamboo/ domo ari- said of the website. "I brought a upcoming album "The Elephant gato if I got to" and "little bunny bunch of pictures taken over the Riders" when the band performs foo foo" remain buried in years and I'm going to be putting

"There are some songs that I I'll be changing it every couple bodia '98 Tour" comes to the think are humorous. It is a little weeks or so.' more, I hesitate to call it dark, "The Elephant Riders," due in heavy. That's a great word. departure from its previous it entertains other people as a year. well," Fallon explained.

He added that the poor relationship Clutch had with its pre-"It's the kind of record you vious record label caused the attitude change.

"It kind of took away the energy. It has been very difficult to selves to fall back on in our get that back. Going on tour music. They can't take that away helped out immensely. ... It's from us. been difficult. I think we were getting very tired of everything being an uphill battle to do the simplest things. Columbia's defihero," Fallon said with a laugh lot more rich, there's a lot more nitely got their act together. Now things happening. Not only with all of a sudden I feel as if there's an opportunity now that wasn't there before." To promote the album.

Columbia Records has set up a on the radio it spreads the music is peppered with horns and website for Clutch, http:// www. across the atmosphere. Plus, bluesy guitars on "The Elephant elephantriders.com, and brought

"I saw it last night," Fallon these pictures up on the website.

Now that Clutch finally feels at home with Columbia, the stores Tuesday, April 14, is a That's what entertains us. I hope band expects to release an album

> "There was way too much time between this album and the last one We're talking three years. That's unacceptable

"Columbia is doing good by us so far. But we always have our-

Clutch, Sevendust and head liners Limp Bizkit perform Thursday, March 5, at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$14.50 in advance, but the first 400 women through the doors March 5 will be admitted free For more information, call (313 961-5451 or visit http:// www



It's a war out there: Clutch - from left, drummer Jean Paul Gaster, vocalist Neil Fallon (sitting), guitarist Tim Sult and bassist Dan Maines - hopes to bring the troops into the State Theatre in Detroit Thursday.

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telephone from the band's home in West Virginia during the recording of the album. "Just as the music itself is a the lyrics but the vocal delivery

"We also got played on the There's a lot of tones and colors." Clutch's heavy, melodic sound

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Comedian's daughter takes food seriously

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

DINING

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Like her father, comedian Marvin Welch, Susan Anastasiou, who named her restaurant Marvin's Bistro in his honor, enjoys entertaining, but she's a food person.

"When we're busy I feel like we're entertaining you - we're entertaining you - we're pleas-ing you with our food, drinks, and clean restaurant," she said. "You get that same satisfaction. It's almost an art when you do it right. We really try hard."

Marvin Welch has been an entertainer all his life. "When he's here on weekends, usually 5:30-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, he goes to all the tables and tells his jokes and signs autographs" said Anastasiou. "They come in because they remember him."

Fate played a role in Anastasiou's staging of Marvin's Bistro. After her mother's death, Anastasiou and her father went into the attic and started going through things.

"We found an old, mildewed box, and nearly tossed it out, but something caused me to stop and look inside," she said. "She saved everything from his career. I found little newsclippings, pho-tographs, tons of stuff. They were night life people, and that's what we want to bring to this side of town."

Inspired by her discovery, Anastasiou decorated the restaurant with her father's memorabilia, and bought a piano bar. She also hired two new chefs, Remy Berdy and Mark Benenati, and the former American Inn, run by her husband, Angelo, took on a new persona. Angelo helps out as an adviser, but Susan runs the show.

"We just put it all together," said Anastasiou. "It fell into place. We hung a few new curtains, and the lampshades are different."

Wixie

Well known to Detroit TV audiences, Welch is a comedian and wonderful singer. He was a disc jockey on WBRB but is best known for Wixie, a role he played on WXYZ-TV in the early 1960s. His Wixie costume hangs in the restaurant.

"My father got Soupy Sales started in the business," said Anastasiou. "He was a character, still is."

Welch and his wife, Dolores, owned their own supper club on Marvin's Bistro

Where: 15800 Middlebelt, (between Five Mile and Six Mile roads) Livonia, (734) 522-5600

Hours: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday, Bar stays open to 2 a.m.; closed to the public Sundays, open for banquets.

Menu: American regional cuisine with an Italian/French influence Cost: Lunch ranges from \$4.95-\$6.95; dinner \$6.95 to \$13.95 Credit Cards: All majors accepted

Reservations: Not necessary, but advised on Fridays and Saturdays.

Carryout: Available

Seats: 145 comfortably, handicap accessible. Specials: Friday Lenten specials range from \$10.95-\$13.95. Two or more seafood specials will be offered every Friday, and may include: Marinated Salmon, Maryland Crab Cakes, Lemon Sole Rebecca, Broiled Whitefish, Grilled Tuna with Citrus Sauce. Served with soup - homemade Manhattan Chowder or New England Chow-

der, or salad, potato and vegetable medley. Entertainment: Carl Larson and Ernie Horvath at the piano bar, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 7-10 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. to midnight Wednesday-Saturday.

Gratiot in Roseville in the late 1950s. "He would entertain at his own club," remembered Anastasiou.

Exposed to both the food business and show business as a child. Anastasiou chose the food business for her career. "You don't want to hear me sing or see me dance," she laughed.

Chefs

Chef Remy Berdy, who worked at the Kingsley Inn, and opened the Whitney and the original Hard Rock Cafe in London, is executive chef. Mark Benenati left Disney World to work at Marvin's Bistro with Berdy.

"I was looking for the right kind of place," said Berdy explaining how he came to Mar-vin's Bistro. "I was looking for a free-standing restaurant and Susan was looking for a chef. We kind of fell in love. Angelo and Susan are wonderful people. They backed us, and gave us an excellent kitchen. They bought us the equipment we wanted."

Berdy is a classically trained chef and studied in Europe. He learned from master chefs, and met his wife, who is from Detroit, in Israel in 1967 during the Six Day War. He moved to the metro Detroit area with her in 1968, and never looked back.

"There's a revolution in food. People are a lot more conscious about ingredients," he said. "We create our style of cuisine, with the accent on freshness. Michigan is very much a treasure trove.

Everything is fresh and home-

made at Marvin's Bistro. "We add a little cilantro to the mushroom barley soup to give it a different zing, almost a whole different atmosphere," said Benenati.

The chefs are committed to keeping the enthusiasm going, and are always challenging each other. Berdy has at least 1,000 cookbooks he looks to for inspiration

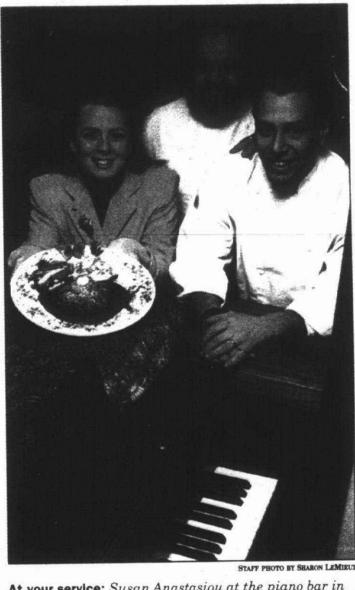
"People eat with their eyes, it's a challenge for us every day," he said. "I always look for something new and exciting. We believe in giving good portions, and explain dishes to the waitstaff so they can talk to customers."

Lunch is served 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. followed by dinner. Berdy and Benenati would also like to offer a late night menu.

Appetizing choices

The chefs aim to please, and offer something for everyone's tastes. Calamari, escargot and steamed mussels are best selling appetizers, and their wild mushroom fettuccine is an often requested dish.

For lunch there are appetizers, soups including French onion and chili con carne served with tortilla strips, shredded jack cheese, diced tomatoes and onion; salads such as caesar, grilled poached Norwegian salmon, and warm grilled chicken breast salad, and a variety of sandwiches. In addition to the usual hamburger, club sandwich, and grilled ham and cheese,



At your service: Susan Anastasiou at the piano bar in Marvin's Bistro with Chef Remy Berdy(center) and Chef Mark Benenati.

you'll find a veggie pita, and the Remy Marvin Sandwich, a grilled chicken burger with pine nuts, shallots and carrots served on an onion roll.

Dinner also offers soups, sandwiches and salads for lighter appetites, along with a number of fish and seafood items such as marinated salmon, broiled whitefish, shrimp tempura and grilled tuna with citrus sauce, chicken entrees such as Breast of Chicken Nouvelle - breast of chicken stuffed with a mushroom and spinach duxelle wrapped in puffed pastry with a glaze, grilled chicken, and Breast of Chicken Roulade; medallions of veal morel, scallops of provimi veal marsala, steaks grilled to your specifications, pasta primavera, and seafood fettuccine

Save room for dessert, white chocolate chambard cheesecake and creme brule are among the choices, and be sure to ask about the daily specials.

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Just in case you missed it, or lost the paper. Here are couple of the restaurants we've recently visited:

Il Posto, 29110 Franklin Road (at Northwestern Highway), Southfield (248)827-8070. Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. lunch Monday-Friday; 5:30-10 p.m. dinner Monday-Saturday. Menu: Impeccably served, ambitious, authentic Italian dishes from many regions of Italy. Cost: Hot and cold antipasti average \$11; homemade pasta \$17-22, main dishes \$19-25. Reservations: recommended. Credit cards: all majors accepted.

If you discovered Il Posto (translated "the place") on a trip to Italy, you'd be talking about it for months! Save the plane fare and head to Franklin Road at Northwestern Highway in Southfield for an Italian food feast, the kind you'd find in Italy's countryside outside Florence, Milan or Naples.

Beans & Cornbread, 29508 Northwestern Highway (east side between 12 Mile Road & Inkster in the Sunset Strip), Southfield, (248) 208-1680. Hours: Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday until 11 p.m.; Saturday 4-11 p.m. and Sunday until 10 p.m. Menu: In a totally non-smoking environment, Soul Food is taken into the next century. Cost: At lunch, soups, starters and sandwiches \$3-7; entrees \$6-7. Dinner starters, soups and salads \$3-10; sides \$2-4; main plates served with chef's choice of accompaniments \$8-15. Reservations: recommended at dinner. Credit cards: all majors accepted.

Gulf shrimp, fritters, down home, soul, collard greens, blackeyed peas, catfish, hoppin' John, mama's and country are eye catching menu clues. Beans and Cornbread is a way cool happening, struttin' soulful Southern!



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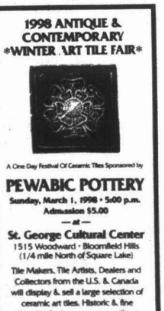
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