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Local school trustee resigns

Plymouth-Canton school board member Jack Farrow has resigned from his position in order to seek employment with the school district.

"I want to apply for the position of research and technology vacated recently by Dave Rodwell," said Farrow. "A board member can't be an employee of the school district."

Rodwell recently left Plymouth-Canton Community Schools to accept a position with the Walled Lake schools in Oakland County.

Farrow has worked for Medar Inc. in Farmington for nearly 26 years. His current title is electronics design engineer, which Farrow says includes "a lot of computer programming. I would like this position to help kids. Technology will eventually replace books, and I want to be part of that."

Rodwell's former position pays \$86,322. Farrow indicated money wasn't an issue in his decision, and didn't cite his current salary at Medar.

Farrow made the surprise announcement to fellow board members on Tuesday night, when board members gathered for a closed session on the expulsion of a student.

Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel, said the posting for the position is due to come down Friday. He would not comment on any other candidates for the position, and hopes a committee to oversee the interview process will pick Rodwell's successor soon.

The school board has 20 days to appoint someone to replace Farrow until the June election. Voters, who are slated to elect two board members, will now also elect someone to fill the two years remaining in Farrow's term.

DDA, developers plan private chat



The fate of a proposed \$100 million project on Ford Road depends on information developers give a DDA subcommittee in a closed meeting. The developers are seeking \$3.2 million in DDA funds to jump-start the project.

A subcommittee of three members of the Canton Downtown Development Authority will meet behind closed doors with developers of \$100 million project at the southeast corner of I-275 and Ford.

Burton-Katzman Development Com-

pany wants \$3.2 million in public assistance from the DDA to begin an interior road network and a waterway management system on the 124-acre site.

The proposed project includes a multiplex cinema, hotels, restaurants, retail and apartment complex.

"We'll be looking at potential occupants of the buildings that will be there and we'll be looking at (Burton-Katzman's) financial to decide if (the \$3.2 million) is something truly needed," said Ralph Shufeldt, chairman of the DDA board.

The three-member subcommittee will be comprised of Shufeldt, David Khoury and Dave Griffin. A meeting date has yet to be set, Shufeldt said.

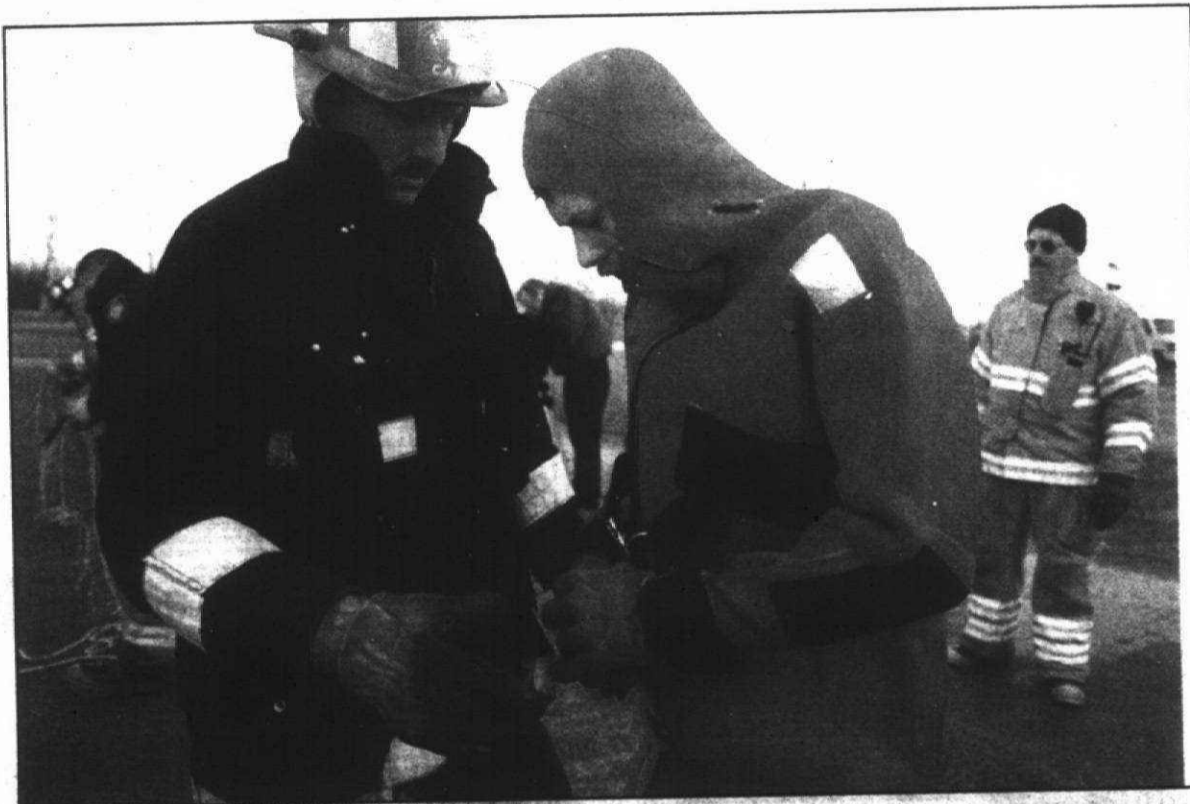
The subcommittee will make a recommendation at a public meeting

March 19 to the 10-member DDA board, which will make the decision as to whether to secure \$3.2 million in bonds.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, who also sits on the DDA board, said advice was sought from township attorneys at Hemming, Polaczyk and Cronin. The subcommittee meeting wouldn't violate the Open Meetings Act because no one will be rendering a decision and full disclosure will be made to the DDA

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Getty ready for a chilly dip



Cold and wet: The return of winter-like weather wasn't enough to postpone practice for Canton Township firefighters Tuesday. The firefighters worked on water rescue skills, using the pond behind the library in Heritage Park as their staging area. Above, firefighter Ron Battani assists Russ Averill with the rescue rope attached to Averill's suit.

Reward, extra help give hope to family

HIT-AND-RUN CASE

Retired law enforcement agents, including Plymouth private investigator Roger Kehrier, are donating their time and energy to find a hit-and-run driver responsible for killing a 28-year-old bicyclist in Canton Township.

The Canton business community also increased a reward for the arrest and conviction of the person responsible of the Jan. 3 death. Led by attorney Mike Gerou, businesses have pledged \$1,500.

Last week, fliers announcing the reward were posted along Michigan Avenue and throughout Wayne and Washtenaw Counties.

Canton police are looking for a maroon Ford Aerostar van, believed to be a 1989 model, with damage to the front grill and windshield. The Ford

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COMMUNITY LIFE

What's your bid? When the auction gavel drops for the last time on April 3, Dr. David Janda hopes to have raised \$30,000 for the Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine. /B1

ENTERTAINMENT

Music: Matt Watroba has returned to his roots at Plymouth Canton High School to pay his respects to those who inspired him. /E1

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Health center finally unwrapped

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
STAFF WRITER

Like the birthday present you save for later, the wraps officially came off the new St. Joseph Mercy health center Tuesday — two weeks after the medical center opened its doors to the Canton community.

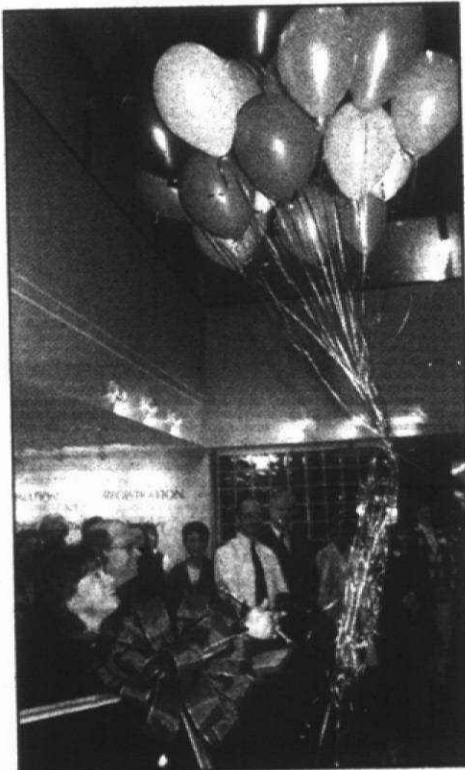
St. Joseph officials gathered along with local leaders and the township business community for a ribbon cutting and reception at the nearly-completed 83,000-square-foot building on Canton Center Road and Summit Parkway.

The health center is the second in Canton for Saint Joseph Mercy Health Systems, which has now completed the transfer from the building at Ford and Lilley roads it occupied since 1986.

Some 936 patients came through the doors in the center's first 11 days, using the urgent care, radiology and lab departments, said Sally Bailey, site administrator. Staff can expect to handle about 20,000 urgent care patients during the first year, based on 1997 visits at the Ford Road building, Bailey said.

In fact, the center's first patient was a celebrity of sorts, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, who walked up to the reception desk at 8 a.m. Feb. 17 for a routine visit. On Tuesday, Yack said he had planned to go to the Ford Road building the previous evening but found it closed. "This was a

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Ceremony: Kathleen Kittle, of the St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building, cuts the ribbon and releases a balloon bouquet during Tuesday's festivities. The new health center has been open to the public since Feb. 17.

Proposal A helps keep lid on tax increase

Canton residents can expect to pay about \$60 more in taxes in 1998 based on the average assessment increase on a \$150,000 home.

Increases in a home's "taxable value" are capped at 2.7 percent or the cost of living in accordance with Proposal A.

In actuality, housing assessment values have increased an average of 7.07 percent, said Canton Assessor John McLenaghan.

"Commercial is at 1 percent and industrial at 1.5 percent. There was no change for agricultural property," said McLenaghan.

Residential areas to see the largest increase are "older, relatively smaller homes" in the eastern half of the township. Some went up as high as 12 percent in assessed value. Vacant land west of Canton Center Road also saw big increases, he said.

In the fast-growing western portion of

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Yack: Focus shifting from growth to maintenance

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
STAFF WRITER

The Canton community will face key challenges over the next few years to maintain the "prosperous, stimulating and productive" climate residents and businesses enjoyed in 1997.

Supervisor Tom Yack, in his annual State of the Township address Wednesday, said the top issues for 1998 involve incorporating the slew of growth during the last decade and maintaining Canton's maturing neighborhoods.

"For a long time, people just passed through this community," Yack told a crowd of about 300 people at Summit on the Park for the speech and Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon. "But now we've developed a community that residents can buy into and remain throughout their lives."

The trick is holding onto those qualities and expanding the partnerships

that make them possible, he said.

Yack used the casual, 30-minute talk — and accompanying slide presentation — to set an informal agenda for the Canton he hopes to see in the next millennium. Road improvements, maintaining housing stock, business retention and community planning for the year 2000 and beyond all made his list.

Canton officials are continuing discussions with Wayne County regarding a transfer of road responsibilities, Yack said. How much is currently allocated by the county for road maintenance, and how much Canton would be able to spend in the future, are sticking points.

"We feel the residents of Canton have said 'We want something different' and it's our job to get there," he said of the potential transfer.

Yack said a future millage or bond proposal for roads was a possibility. Voters narrowly defeated a similar pro-

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Goals: Tom Yack describes his vision of Canton in the next century, as well as recent accomplishments, during Wednesday's State of the Township Address.

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Canton the competition among developers is keeping assessment hikes relatively low, he said.

"People should be looking at the taxable value. Someone who can show their home is not worth two times their taxable value (should) appeal to the Board of Review," he said.

The Board of Review meets from 1-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. on Monday, March 9, and from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. Tuesday, March 10. Both days are by appointment only. Walk-ins are welcome on a first come, first served basis from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 14.

Residents appealing their assessments need to bring proof

of the home's value, such as an appraisal or recent sale information of the neighborhood.

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board at a public meeting. "The subcommittee will not say anything to the group in specifics. They will say whether there will be a huge return on this or if the money will make a difference in whether the project gets off the ground or not," said Yack.

Kelly Keenan, assistant state attorney general, said "as long as the subcommittee is acting as an advisory board and isn't doing this to evade the Open Meetings Act, then they can meet in closed session."

The University of Michigan Board of Regents recently lost a lawsuit filed by Booth Newspapers for holding several rotating subcommittees to interview presidential candidates for the college, he said. That was a direct evasion of the OMA, he said.

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"Sometimes you find holes in the law," said Keenan. "I don't know how you balance what's in the public's interest."

Burton-Katzman's permit application to build on the southern-most area where the cinema and 240-unit apartment are expected to be located. The land has been designated "forested wetland."

An appeal is being made to the EPA in Chicago, said Burton. A decision is expected by May 2.

After two public meetings the DDA board has yet to decide whether to secure the \$3.2 million in bonds for the Burton-Katzman project.

The DDA has already committed itself to secure \$5 million in bonds for road improvements along Ford Road, including Lil-

ley and Sheldon. The bonds will be paid back with taxes it captures in the recently expanded business district that stretches along Ford, from the Westland boundary, to west of Canton Center.

Burton said he has already invested \$17 million in purchasing the property and \$1.3 million in permit application fees and various soil studies.

The \$3.2 million is needed to get the project off the ground, he said.

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Plecha, whose expertise is the

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pretty convenient alternative," said the supervisor, who both lives and works within walking distance of the new building.

"We're about 95 percent occupied, with just one suite on the third floor still waiting for a tenant," Bailey said Tuesday.

Construction is nearly finished too. Work continues on the lower level, which will house a health education center designed primarily for children and the Eatz

Cafe on the first floor. Canton's Bagel Express has signed on as the food service provider, Bailey said.

On Sunday, March 29, St. Joseph Mercy will hold a community open house and offer free health screening services to the public.

Completion of the new building comes about 19 months after groundbreaking in Canton's civic center area.

"Our mission is to bring health care to people where they need us," said Jim Frenza, spokesman for the health care provider.

Yack said the building complements other nearby facilities - including the Summit community center, Pheasant Run golf course community and township administrative buildings. "It makes the community complete," he said.

The 14-member community

advisory committee that has guided development of the facility also drew praise for its work on the project and its continuing role in assessing the area's health care needs.

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Dual purpose

Grant will provide drain cleanup, educational opportunity

A trio of Field Elementary teachers, who once were denied money to buy rubber boots, will now be able to purchase them and more after receiving a \$23,000 grant from the U S WEST Foundation.

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technology aspect of the project, said "part of the project includes giving the school three laptop computers to input our findings, which can be added to the Web site of the Friends of the Rouge."

Some of the money may go towards purchasing optical microscopes, which can be hooked up to televisions so an entire class can look at what's under the microscope, instead of one student at a time. The teacher will also be sent to Denver this summer to receive technology training.

"We know there are a lot of plants and animals missing from this true-water habitat," noted Rupert. "Over a period of time, we hope the kids will be able to see things return to the stream as it becomes healthier."

The area the teachers want to clean up is a mile-long stretch from along the school on Haggertry Road west to Lilley Road.

Approximately 1,200 feet belongs to the school, with the remainder running through two subdivisions.

The levels of contaminants in the drain are currently unacceptable.

"The initial test results weren't good," said Plecha. "There is a high fecal and E. coli count. We sent the test results to the Wayne County health department, Wayne County Township officials, and Canton Township officials. We also notified parents to keep their children and pets from the water."

This section of the drain, which is part of the lower Rouge River watershed, is only 1 1/2 miles from its source. There is no industry involved, so speculation persists the contaminants come from the school, the subdivisions or from ducks who gather at the Lilley Road drain.

The grant is a coup for the group, which has been trying a long time to get money for the project. Being turned down by the school's PTO didn't deter them.



Making plans: Teachers Sue Seelye and Rich Plecha look over the Truesdell Drain, adjacent to Field School in Canton



First-hand look: Sue Seelye peers into the tank that contains a clean stream environment. There are several inhabitants of the tank that are indigenous to the Truesdell Drain including a minnow, a grey tree frog, a toad and a green turtle.

"I started out trying to get 30 pairs of boots from the PTO, but they had concerns about the various sizes and we never did get it," said Seelye. "I've gotten a lot of practice writing grants."

Now, the school will be able to buy boots, eye goggles, latex gloves, testing kits and a lot of other necessary equipment to begin the project.

At the end of its five-year program, the Truesdell Drain Project will be published in both notebook form and on the Web site.

"Once we have this established, we may be able to teach others about how to create a site like this," said Seelye, who is the environmental awareness teacher of the group. "We have an ideal location for teaching environmental re-develop-

ment."

Rupert, who makes sure the science fits the curriculum, believes this is education at its best.

"We should be able to take our information, put the data on computer and make scientific predictions," said Rupert. "Kids don't always get to do this. Can

you imagine the feeling of a 9- or 10-year-old who predicts something that comes true? This is real science."

Natural habitat: A small toad hides in a log in the tank.



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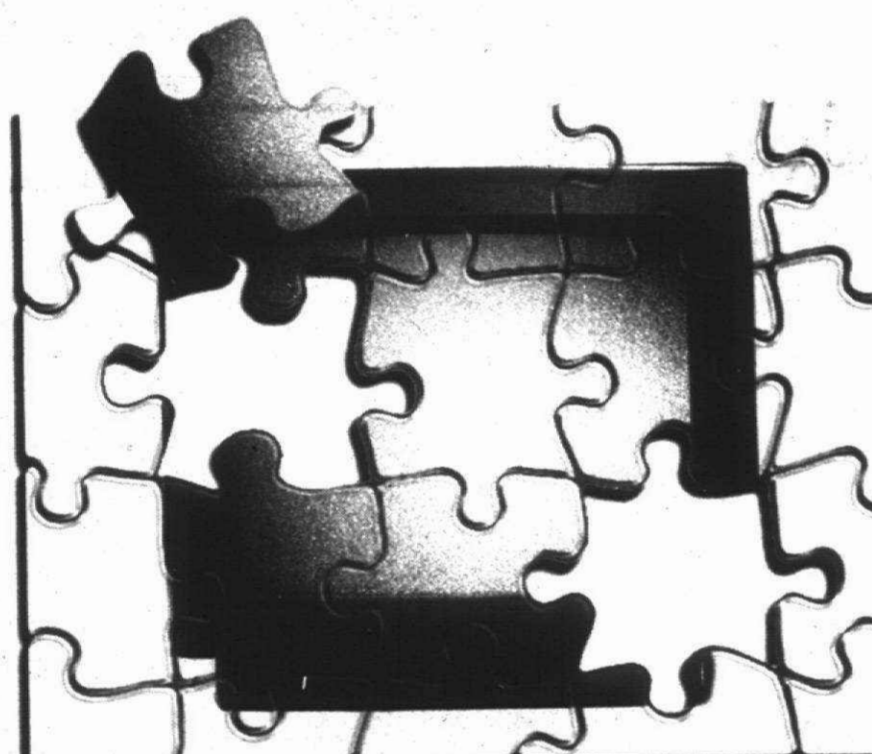
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CANTON CONNECTION

- Community honors set**
 - Eleven individuals and community groups have been selected as Canton Community Achievers for 1997.
 - They will be honored - along with new Canton Hall of Fame inductee Louis Stein - in a special ceremony this month.
 - Community Achiever awards are given each year to individuals or groups making an outstanding achievement or contribution to the community.
 - This year's honorees include: Mike Gerou, Jean Tabor, Kelly Holmes, Dale Yagiela, Paul Denski, Bob Boyer, Henry Huang, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Pickwick Village Homeowners Association and Agape Christian Center.
- DAR cites student**
 - Elizabeth Fick, a senior student at Plymouth Christian Academy in Canton, was among students honored recently by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.
 - Elizabeth is the daughter of John and Peggy Fick of Canton.
 - The DAR Good Citizen Award winners were chosen by their high school for possessing outstanding qualities of dependability, community
- service, leadership and patriotism. In addition, each student composed an original essay on the theme: "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility to Preserve It."
- Fick will compete in the Michigan state competition to be held at the Kellogg Center of Michigan State University in East Lansing on April 1.
- The eventual national award winner will receive a \$3,000 scholarship to his or her choice school of choice and a silver bowl engraved, "DAR Good Citizen 1998." The second-place and third-place winners receive \$1,000 and \$750 scholarships, respectively.

the Canton Public Library

Did you know:
Friday is the anniversary of the battle at Alamo! The fall of the Texas fort occurred March 6, 1836.
Monopoly celebrates its 65th anniversary on Saturday? The ever popular board game by Parker Brothers made its debut on March 7, 1933. Mass marketing of the game began two year later.
March 8-14 is Universal Women's Week? The week is a time to remind ourselves and others of the value of women of all ages and classes.

New non-fiction
Here are some new books available from the library:
"Hush Little Babies" - Davis Tucker
"Journey Into Darkness" - Douglas
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"Inventor Labs"

For your viewing pleasures
Here are some new videotapes available from the library:
"Face Off"
"Ridicule"
"The Whole Wide World"
"Rough Riders"

Hot topic of the week
A new collection in the Canton Public Library's Youth Room is called "Illustrated Fiction," found at the beginning of the Youth Fiction section. Illustrated Fiction is a collection of books written for older kids, with pictures and more mature stories than can be found in the Picture Book area. Authors include Chris Van Allsburg and Graeme Base. If you're in the mood for a story with great illustrations, but think you're too old for picture books, check out the Illustrated Fiction area.
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Man arrested for careless driving after crash

A 21-year-old Canton man was arrested for allegedly driving a friend's 1991 Geo Storm into a ditch and through a fence at The Crossings of Canton apartment complex early Monday morning. Police on patrol noticed the abandoned car at Joy and Honeytree shortly before 3 a.m.

During their investigation a 19-year-old Westland woman approached police saying she owned the car. An acquaintance had borrowed the car to get more beer for a party in the apartment complex, police said. He had just returned to the party and informed her of what had happened, she told police.

The 21-year-old was arrested at his apartment. He had a warrant for his arrest out of Detroit for a misdemeanor charge, police said. Canton police also cited him for careless driving, leaving the scene of an accident, having an invalid driver's license and violation of the party ordinance. A court date is set for April 2.

Citizen assistance
An elderly man was reunited safely with his family shortly after police were called to the 7-Eleven, 7171 N. Canton Center Road about 3:14 a.m. Monday. The clerk called police when the 83-year-old bare-footed man came into the store saying he

COP CALLS

was lost. He was dressed in pajamas and his feet were bleeding, police said. The elderly man claimed to live in Chicago. He was taken to Oakwood-Canton, where he was treated for hypothermia. Police sent area messages through Wayne and Washtenaw counties to find his family.

The man recently moved from Chicago to Canton to be with family members. He suffered from Alzheimer's.

Malicious destruction

Two teens were arrested for allegedly vandalizing two construction trucks, a tanker and an excavator, at a construction site on Geddes Road near the Holiday Estates Mobile Home Park. Police were called about 2:30 p.m. Sunday on a report of five boys beating on a tanker truck. Officers reported "severe damage" to both vehicles. Windshields and mirrors were broken and miscellaneous equipment and gauges from the trucks were laying next to it.

A witness saw two boys, 13 and 14, beating on the tanker truck. Two other boys, 10, were stopped by police as they walked on Geddes Road, one with a Daisy pump BB gun in hand. Both were taken home to their parents after admitting to shooting out windows.

The 14-year-old arrested lives in Holiday Estates and was taken to a youth home pending charges on additional charges of breaking and entering and arson of a nearby abandoned home.

Break-in
A concession building for the baseball diamonds at Heritage Park was burglarized and vandalized sometime between Feb. 20 and 27, police said.

An employee discovered the damage Friday, but was unsure what was all taken from a storage area and cabinet at the time of the report. A black spade with letter "W" in the middle was spray painted on a wall.

The 13-year-old faces charges for the vandalism. The arson was discovered at the same time police discovered the damage to the construction trucks. The abandoned house is expected to be demolished to make room for new homes. Police found a makeshift fire-place and burned debris inside the home.

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WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY
Amy Sonnanstine, daughter of Alan and Kathy Sonnanstine of

Plymouth has been named to the Dean's list at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio for the fall 1997 semester. Sonnanstine, a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, is majoring in Biology and Theater. She is also a member of the Varsity Swim Team, the Symphony Orchestra and the Flute Choir.

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE
Mary Elizabeth Hubert, daughter of Urban and Maryane Hubert of Plymouth, has been named to the academic honors list for the fall 1997 semester at Saint Mary's College in South Bend, Ind.

AQUINAS COLLEGE
Pam Bierzynski of Plymouth is

on the Dean's list at Aquinas College. She is a sophomore at Aquinas.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Rob Zdrodowski, son of Watson and Barbara Zdrodowski of Canton was awarded a \$5,000 "Top Dog" scholarship, which is awarded to top high school students throughout the U.S.

Resident questions wetland 'trade-offs'

Bill Craig, a Livonia resident who regularly attends meetings of the Wayne County Commission's Committee on Environment, Drains and Sewers, said he opposes a wetlands preservation fund's use in the hands of Wayne County.

"The biggest flaw is (the county) using parks property," Craig said. "It's trading one habitat for another."

Craig believes the county could "trade" a baseball diamond - to be developed as new wetlands - for an old established wetland to be revamped as a buildable site, paved and used for development.

Craig is also active on an advisory council overseeing the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan to clean the river and is active with the Friends of the Rouge, but he said he was critical of this wetlands program "as a citizen."

"It's a risky business," Craig said. "It's banking. There is a risk involved; even with the best technology and all the experience and education in creating wetlands, it's still a man-made project and it might not succeed."

Some of the plants and animals lost in one area of wetlands turned into development may

Wetlands control Commission examines proposed fund

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara wants to start a fund to help preserve wetlands near the Rouge River, to aid in improving water quality and acquire lands for recreational activities.

McNamara and Cameron Priebe, assistant county executive and director of Wayne County's Department of Public Services, submitted to county commissioners a proposed resolution and a draft copy of a proposal to be sent to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Commissioners have sent the proposals to the commission's Committee on Environment, Drains and Sewers for study. It may be discussed at the committee's next meeting,

tentatively scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 10.

Funds for wetlands
Under the program, the wetlands fund or "bank" will generate mitigation credits that the county can use or sell to the developer "to offset in advance the unavoidable loss of wetlands."

Revenues from the sale of the credits will be used by the county, in part, to purchase or otherwise acquire land for the creation and maintenance of public parks. That money would be placed in the wetlands preservation fund and reported to the MDEQ by Wayne County.

The MDEQ must issue a permit for any wetland construction.

The county would use those proceeds to first repay costs of construction and then reimburse the county for operating and maintenance costs of the wetlands.

"The remainder of the funds will be used as determined by the Board of Directors to acquire upland properties for public parks, for economic development activities to benefit the citizens of Wayne County and the surrounding areas, and to finance the further expansion of the mitigation banking program," according to the county's draft proposal.

Under the proposed county resolution, a board of seven to 11 members would manage the fund. The resolution also allows the board to accept

donations of land to be included in the bank; they may select properties currently owned by the county or acquired by the county to be included in the bank.

Commissioners react
County commissioners have questions about the proposal because the fund will be managed by seven county officials - directors of public services, environment and jobs and economic development, chief financial officer, a representative chosen by the county executive, a county commissioner and parks division officer.

For the most part, commissioners want to see more information before voting on

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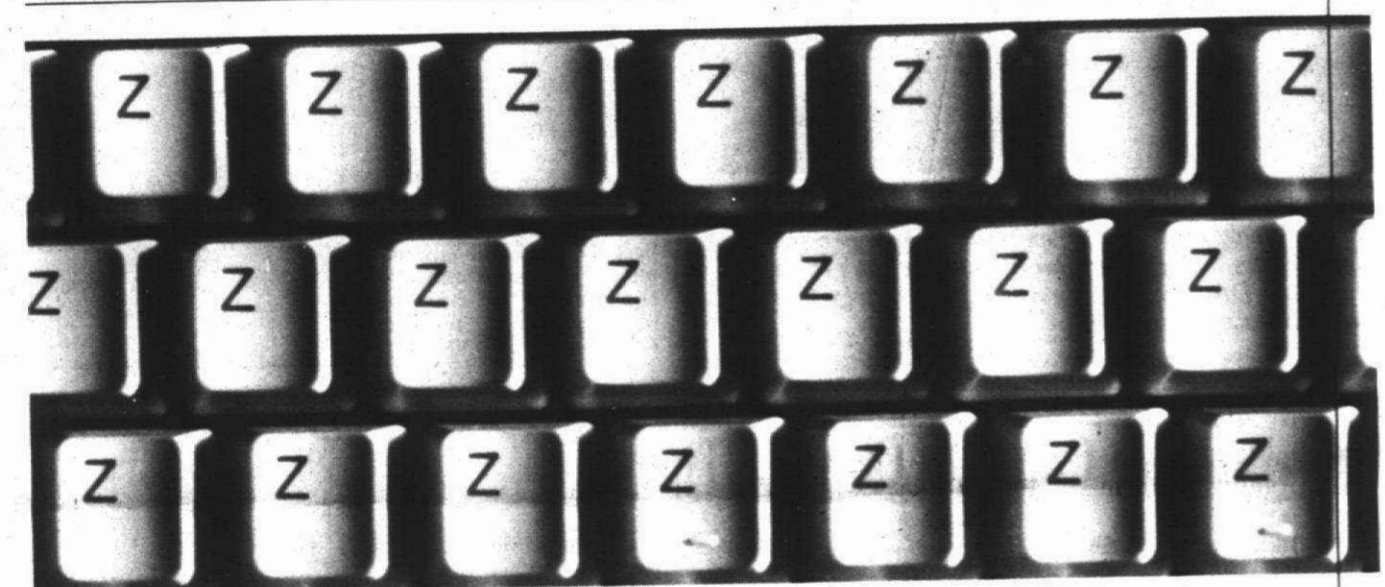
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Judge sues to stop court reorganization

An Oakland County circuit judge has filed a lawsuit against the state of Michigan challenging the constitutional-ity of the reorganization of Wayne County's court system, following a similar legal argu-ment in a lawsuit filed last year.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Richard Kuhn, his attorney Larry Bunting and two registered Wayne County voters filed the complaint Feb. 23 in U.S. District Court, chal- lenging a 1996 law that abol- ished Detroit Recorder's Court and transferred 29 Recorder's Court judges to the Circuit Court.

The merger and reorganiza- tion approved by state law- makers forces the removal of divorce and child custody cases from the circuit court docket, and removal of juvenile delin-

It's a legislative fiat.

Judge Richard Kuhn
-Oakland County Circuit Court

quency cases from Probate Court. A new family division in Wayne County Circuit Court was created to handle divorce, child custody and juvenile delinquent cases.

But Kuhn, a delegate to the 1961 state constitutional con- vention, challenged the state law and has requested an injunction.

"For the Legislature to ap- point someone from recorder's to circuit court is a violation of the constitution," Kuhn said. "The only other means of filling a vacancy under the Michigan constitution is the appointment by the governor and by election."

"We have the separation of

powers. It's plain and simple."

Wayne County Chief Circuit Judge Michael Sapala, who is overseeing the court reorganiza- tion, would only say the law- suit was "wholly without merit." A motion is expected to be filed next week by the office of the state attorney general calling for the judge to expedite the case.

U.S. District Judge Avern Cohn will hear the case. A similar case has been filed with the Michigan Court of Appeals. A ruling in that case is expected at anytime, Sapala said.

In that case, Wayne County Circuit Judge Robert Colombo Jr. denied Kuhn's request in September 1997 for an injunc- tion and sided with the defend- ants because Kuhn "lacked legal capacity to sue."

SC trustees to review architectural firms for Waterman project

The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees expects to meet Wednesday, March 25, an archi- tectural/food service consultant team to design the expanded Waterman Center.

A study session is set for Sun- day, March 22, to discuss the bids, previous projects completed by the teams and references.

Trustees spent Saturday interviewing the three teams for 40 minutes each. Once they completed the interviews, they wanted more information, so they advised Butch Raby, Schoolcraft's vice president of business services, to check on references and previous work completed by the architects and food consulting firms.

Last Wednesday, Raby told trustees he would check on the last couple construction projects. "We will actually check with the clients, that these projects finish on time," Raby said.

Originally Raby contacted about 15 firms, then narrowed that field to three firms, each with a food service consultant.

BEL Associates/Stephens Bangs, DiClemente-Siegel Engi- neering, Inc./T. Kenneth Rohlfing and Ghafari Associates/E.F. Whitney were the final three teams. Bids for the teams range from \$430,000 to \$650,000.

Raby believes the center may cost about \$10 million.

Civil rights warriors

Fraser, others honored for activism by Detroit Urban League

Douglas Fraser, a former UAW president, will be among four people honored as "Disting- uished Warriors" for their civil rights activism at a salute sponsored by the Detroit Urban League on Thursday, March 19, in the Westin Hotel, Detroit.

Fraser, a Northville Town- ship resident, will be honored for his work as a member of the United Auto Workers International Executive Board and UAW president. Fraser was instrumental in bringing about changes in the work- place to improve conditions for union and non-union workers in the United States.

Other honorees include: ■ Sidney Barthwell, a regis- tered pharmacist who estab- lished the largest chain of African American-owned drug- stores in the United States. He also established the Wayne State University School of Pharmacy endowed schol- arship fund for minority stu- dents.

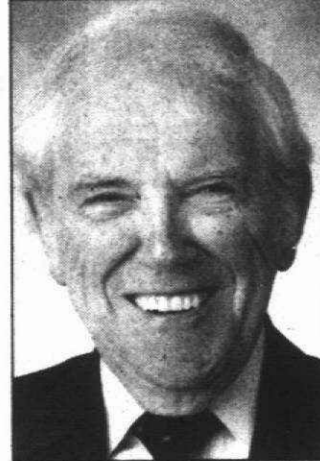
■ U.S. Court of Appeals

Judge Damon Keith, a mem- ber of the federal judiciary since 1977, has defended the constitutional and civil rights of people throughout his career.

■ Morris Gleicher (posthu- mously), the former president of the Metropolitan Detroit branch of the American Civil Liberties Union. Gleicher was an organizer and officer of Michigan Friends of the South, an interracial body that supported and encour- aged financial personal elec- tion assistance to register and protect citizens who wanted to secure their 15th Amendment right to vote.

More than 1,300 people are expected to attend the Detroit Urban League's 1998 "Salute to Distinguished Warriors" dinner, which is the organiza- tion's largest fund-raiser.

Since 1980, the Detroit Urban League has recognized the contributions of more than 100 individuals who have devoted most of their adult lives to the struggle for human



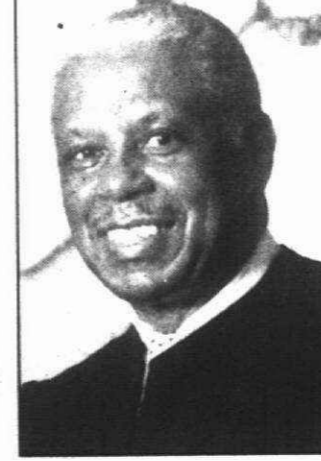
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and civil rights. "The mission of the Detroit Urban League is to enable African Americans and other persons of color to achieve their greatest potential," said Detroit Urban League presi- dent N. Charles Anderson. "The lifelong contributions of our honorees have earned

them the designation of 'Dis- tinguished Warriors.'"

Chairing the 1998 dinner is John Rakolta, chairman and CEO of Walbridge Aldinger, a Detroit-based company. "The Detroit Urban League serves more than 40,000 clients annu- ally with more than 20 special- ized programs; this dinner sup-

ports the programs," said Rakolta. "I am very excited about the event and look forward to striving to reach its \$200,000 fund-raising goal."

The Detroit Urban League's "Salute to Distinguished War- riors" dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Renaissance Ball-

room of the Westin Hotel. Tick- ets for the dinner are \$100 per person; a portion of the contri- bution is tax-deductible.

For additional ticket infor- mation, call the Detroit Urban League at (313) 832-4600, Ext. 29, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

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Commissioner Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, opposes it in its current form, because he believes it undermines local con- trol. "Notice of all these persons (directors of public services, environment, and jobs and economic development and chief financial office, plus a represen- tative of the county executive, county commission and parks division) are already appointed by the county executive except

the one county commission representative. And, all are poten- tially non-elected, and therefore, potentially less than accountable to the public appointments." Patterson also wondered why money was earmarked for recre- ation. "Why shouldn't these be targeted to the stormwater watershed problem that is being fought out in federal court?" he asked.

Commissioners Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Edward Plawewski Sr., D-Dear-

born Heights, who also repre- sents Redford Township and a part of Livonia, want to review the ordinance before comment- ing on it. "I want to hear why the coun- ty has to do it," McCotter said. Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, was out of town at a conference on Mon- day, but an aide said she has concerns about the proposal.


Schoolcraft's open house is March 22

Schoolcraft College is planning an open house from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 22. Participants can tour the cam- pus and explore the range of pro- grams available to persons of all ages. As the community resource for lifelong learning, the Col- lege's various divisions will pre- sent information for graduating high school seniors, for adults who have not attended college or have some college but have not completed a degree, for those seeking personal enrichment

classes and for parents interest- ed in summer enrichment courses for their children. Visitors may drop in anytime between noon and 3 p.m., take guided tours of the campus and talk with current Schoolcraft students. Prospective students can learn about admissions, financial aid, career planning, tutoring, student activities and athletics, weekend college and distance learning, and Contin- uing Education Services. The event includes free infor-

mational materials, and faculty members will answer questions and give hands-on demonstra- tions to acquaint visitors with their degree programs. Public Safety will display the police, fire and EMT vehicles; Culinary Arts will have a table display; Computer Assisted Drafting will demonstrate software; and Continuing Education Services will have material on its Talented and Gifted Program for children. For information, call the Office of Admissions at (734) 462-4426.

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One of the first things Edward T. Hamilton wants to do when he is elected governor is keep his own salary from getting too high.

Seeking legislation to cap the governor's salary at \$90,000 is just one of many things Hamilton, a Troy resident and 1998 Democratic gubernatorial hopeful, wants to do if he is elected governor Nov. 3.

"I want to put our state government on a kosher diet - no more pork," Hamilton said Tuesday, while addressing the Westland Democratic Club.

Hamilton, 55, is a new vehicle and new product launch manager for the Chrysler Corp. He was part of the original team that launched the company's first minivans in the late 1970s. He

also is an executive committee member of the Oakland County Democratic Party.

He is married to Silvia, and has two children, Adam, 15, and Krystle, 13. He has lived in Troy for more than 20 years.

He said he wants to apply the cost-cutting strategies he's learned in his 20-plus years experience at Chrysler to make state government more efficient.

He hopes to accomplish that by eliminating the state employees' profit sharing plan unless they eliminate billions of dollars in taxpayers' money wasted annually and by instituting a prison industry to help pay for the state's prisons, the state's second-highest budget item. A prison industry also would help

prisoners develop valuable work skills, he said.

"My theme is to push for a low-cost, high-quality compassionate government," Hamilton said.

Hamilton says he is the only conservative Democratic candidate in the governor's race - and considers a choice voters need.

"I consider myself part of the new Democratic coalition," under the new Democratic majority sweeping the country. The new Democrats are "more modern, more pragmatic and less dogmatic," Hamilton said.

"I believe in hard work and family first," he said, though "we're a vanishing breed."

Hamilton claims to be the only

high-profile Democratic candidate who supports term limits, something he says is vital to keeping fresh voices in government.

"Too many legislators think it takes 20 years to learn how to be a good legislator," Hamilton said. "It doesn't take 20 years."

Unlike many of his Democratic brethren, Hamilton opposes increasing gas taxes, as well as many other taxes.

Running for office was a logical step for Hamilton, who said he was inspired to take part in politics after volunteering as a youth in a John F. Kennedy election campaign.

"Running for office is the highest form of citizenship," Hamilton said.

His most recent bid for public office was in 1996 for Oakland County executive. Though winner L. Brooks Patterson out-

spent him by a 100-to-1 margin, Hamilton garnered 200,000 votes - more votes than Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer received in the 1997 election.

This time around, his main Democratic competitor, Larry Owen, has backing by the UAW and the Michigan Education Association, the state's teachers' union. Hamilton isn't scared by Owen's big money, though. A recent Detroit News poll shows him to be in a "statistical dead heat" with Owen, he said.

The first chance Michigan voters will have to pick their governor is in the Aug. 4 primary election. To date, Democrats who have filed in the gubernatorial race are Hamilton, Owen and Doug Ross.

Republican incumbent Gov. John Engler also has announced his re-election bid.



Edward Hamilton

DEM PRIMARY RACE

Miss Michigan appears at scholarship dinner auction

Miss Michigan 1997, Kimberly Stec of Rochester, will make a special appearance at Madonna University's 10th annual "Around the World Scholarship Dinner Auction."

The auction begins at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 24 at Burton Manor in Livonia.

Items up for bid include Northwest Airlines tickets to Hawaii and other destinations throughout the continental United States; a seven-day Caribbean cruise; vacations spots in Baden Baden, Germany, and seven days in a villa at the Orange Tree Golf and Country

Club in Orlando, Fla.

Numerous collectibles up for bid include a replica of the Olympic Torch and pins; signed sports memorabilia from the Red Wings, Tiger Woods, Ted Williams and Ted Lindsay and a wide selection of new and retired Beanie Babies.

A 1998 Cadillac Catera from Don Massey will be awarded in a raffle. Only 750 raffle tickets will be sold at \$200 each.

General admission ticket price is \$65 and includes dinner, open bar and the live and silent auction. Gold Inner Circle Seating tickets are \$100 and allow spe-

cial seating near the center stage.

For more information call (734) 432-5588 or 432-5421. Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

Parenting exposition scheduled for Saturday

A parenting exposition, complete with demonstrations, brochures and speakers, will be held 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 7, in the Atrium (first floor) of the Wayne County Building.

Open to the public at no charge, the event is sponsored by Wayne County Commissioner Jewel Ware, D-Detroit. Commissioner Ware also introduced a proclamation declaring March as "Parenting Awareness Month" in the county.

"We're all so busy now and we've got to make time for our children. We need advice and tips on how we can give our children quality time and the guidance to make them tomorrow's leaders," Ware said.

Several service agencies and vendors will be speaking and distributing information throughout the program. Refreshments also will be served.

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Local host families are needed for summer exchange students

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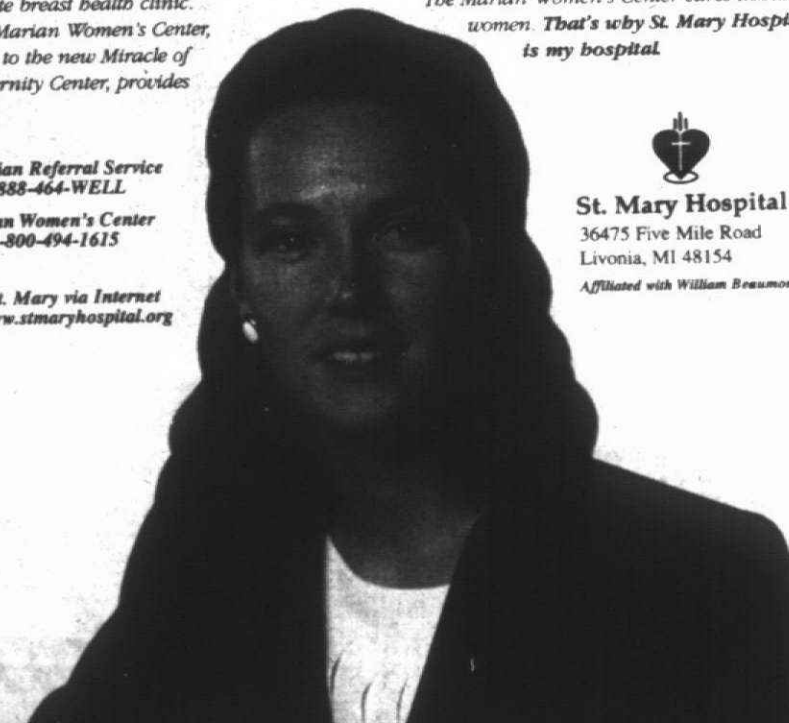
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Scale down SBT, business urges panel

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Don't junk the single business tax. Just scale it down so Michigan is competitive with other states.

That's what small business owners told the House Tax Policy Committee in a public

hearing earlier this year in Southfield.

"The message is that the tax is too high," said committee chair Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti. "There's talk of going to a corporate income tax. But that would require a 16-20 percent rate to raise the same \$2 bil-

lion plus in revenue.

"Perhaps the SBT is too high. We're grabbing so much now. We'd scare the heck out of everybody (by replacing SBT with a corporate income tax)," said Profit.

"It's still a barrier to growth," said Dan Nemus, a

certified public accountant in Bingham Farms representing the Small Business Association of Michigan. "Firms have a strong incentive to suppress sales and earnings."

Nemus urged the panel to eliminate health care expenses

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HomeTown VP wraps up lively newspaper career

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

His turning point came when he was a 26-year-old Chicago cab driver sitting in a Halsted Street bar with a pal. The pal advised John Reddy to go to college.

"I'll be 30 by the time I get out!" Reddy objected.

"You're going to be 30 anyway," said the friend, and that settled it.

"I went down to the University of Illinois at Navy Pier. I majored in journalism," Reddy recalled. "Why? I had a difficult time expressing my opinion and communicating with people. I truly enjoyed knowledgeable and stimulating people. I would have to offer them something of interest in return."

At 30, married and with one child, Reddy earned a U-I degree and got a job on the Sterling (Ill.) Daily Gazette. The one-time Navy carpenter and cab driver had launched his career in people-oriented journalism.

The working part of his career will end March 31 when he retires at 65 as vice president for editorial of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this and more than 60 other weekly and semi-weekly newspapers in Michigan, Ohio and northern Kentucky. He'll spend the month of March breaking in his successor, Jeanne Towar.

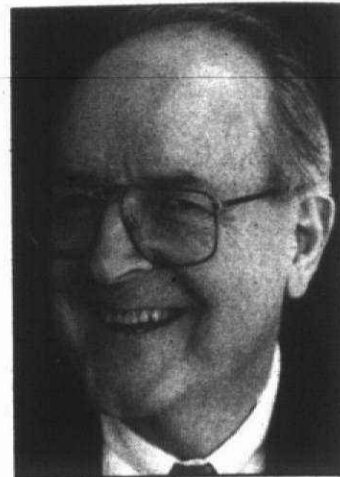
Why readers griped

Reddy wanted to make a difference. Many agree he has.

"I used to get the bulldog edition of the Chicago Tribune. People always bitched about papers," he said.

"Many Republicans thought that flaming young liberals were running the (suburban) papers. My view was that anyone has a right to have a position fairly and well represented."

Rich Perlbarg, now general manager of the HomeTown Newspapers headquartered in Howell, was among many who



John Reddy

absorbed Reddy's message.

"There is one overriding dogma of Johns," said Perlbarg. "When someone is upset about our news coverage or editorial position of a particular issue, we should be able to ask, 'Was your position fairly and accurately reported in the paper?'"

"If we are doing our jobs, the answer has to be 'yes.' And most fair-minded people, even if they disagree with our overall coverage, will eventually concede that we have done our job if we have hit that standard," Perlbarg said.

Next, Reddy became a community editor in Palatine, Ill., for Paddock newspapers in the northwestern Chicago suburbs, then moved to the Chicago Sun-Times' suburban and city desks. He was impressed by the fact that the woman who interviewed him for the job had helped make journalism — and film — history by spotting a cleaning woman's classified ad that said "Call Northside 777." The paper's investigation freed an innocent man from prison.

"I came here to (Michigan) 30 years ago this month. The National Newspaper Association put my resume in the hands of Henry Hogan (then publisher of

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the Birmingham Eccentric). By then I had changed my mind about looking for a new job, but Hank said, 'Don't say no until you come over and look.'

"Joan (his wife) encouraged me. We drove over here with four kids and looked. There was a sense of community here. That was the time of the fair housing ordinance fight (following the 1967 Detroit riot). I told him he had to support the fair housing ordinance or I wouldn't come. Hank was very supportive of the editorial department and of me as an editor."

"I was managing editor. We created the 'Troy edition, then West Bloomfield, Rochester and Southfield. I was managing editor while all that went on."

"Then Hank bought paper in Cincinnati and needed someone to run it. I was there from 1972 to '75," he said.

Reddy deprecates his own work as a general manager, but others don't. HomeTown's Perlbarg recalls how Reddy stepped in as manager of that group of six weeklies after Rollie Peterson's sudden death on Christmas Eve of 1989.

"Rollie's death was traumatic," Perlbarg said. "John walked into a shell-shocked division and provided the leadership and guidance necessary to keep operations stable."

"He wisely led those with experience the way when appropriate, but he was far from a caretaker GM. He implemented marketing strategies and directed operations. Then he helped the new GM during a 90-day transition period and gracefully stepped aside."

But that's getting ahead of the saga.

Heading the merger

In 1975 Reddy was brought back from Cincinnati to be executive editor of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, formed a year earlier by the merger of Hogan's Eccentric group with Phil Power's Observer group.

"When John was in charge," said board chair Power, "the company's newspapers won more state and national awards for editorial excellence than any other group of community newspapers in the country."

Reddy likes to tell reporters — young and old — to observe peo-

ple browsing in a bookstore. "If they see dialogue, they'll read it. If they see long, gray paragraphs of prose, they'll skip it or put it down. Dialogue is people." The moral: Use direct quotes to tell a good news story.

Another lesson is to make use of graphics — charts, pictures and graphs that tell the "what" of a story. "That frees up the writer to explain the why and how and the implications."

While media critics often deplore USA Today as "McPaper," Reddy praises it for use of charts. "Charts were slow to come into newspapers because senior management and well-trained young professionals to drive it."

So part of the business is listening to people.

More than boosters

And part is building communities.

"We're building communities, not as blind boosters (a 19th century term used on papers that flacked for real estate interests), because they suffer from failed credibility."

"There's an implied social contract. We have to fulfill our readers' expectations," he said, only hinting at the heck an editor will catch if he or she fails to display changes in the trash pickup schedule on page 1 or the rites of passage such as marriages and deaths.

The reward: "They (readers) will give you license to talk about the prickly things that disturb their consciences and make them uncomfortable. The single most important distinguishing characteristic is its editorial page and its editorial voice."

Oh, and a good paper should be "predictably unpredictable."

At O&E Reddy moved up the ladder to general manager (1977-82) and corporate vice president for editorial (since 1982), with fill-in stints, as Perlbarg noted, managing various divisions.

Reddy is blunt about the sometime adversarial role of editorial and advertising people within newspapers.

"There are not enough good editorial people in senior management. The reason is that they refuse to learn anything about

management. The only way you can have a free press is to have an economically sound press."

"There's really a strong need for senior management to have an advocate for the editorial department. It's easier for them if it's personified in their midst."

"I'm not sure how well I did, but at least they had to look at me before they walked all over the editorial department."

Power is sure Reddy did well. "He used the position as a bully pulpit from which to preach the special role and notable successes of community journalism."

"We will miss his constant wise counsel and his unflinching attention to making our craft as community journalists better," Power said.

A playwright?

And soon retirement.

"I saw a couple of people retire, and they were like fish out of water. That's not going to happen to me," vowed Reddy, relating how he arose at 4 that morning to practice on the piano (Albeniz and Chopin).

"Joan has always wanted to go on an archeological dig. I can sit and do water colors while she does that."

"My goal is to write some plays. It's an extension of (a reporter's use) of quotes. There needs to be a chemistry between the playwright, the director and actors. You have to construct it so they (director and actors) have some ownership in a way that won't distort it."

So far he has written three vignettes, but details must wait until opening night.

There was something he failed to appreciate as an 18-year-old in the Navy that he has been correcting — foreign travel. This year he and Joan will see the cave art in Spain.

After studying Spanish in high school and French in college, he is working on Chinese. "I'm listening to tapes. If anybody wants to help me talk Chinese, I'd be glad to hear from them," he said.

It's more than just knowing the words. It's understanding how other people think because, said Reddy:

"I truly enjoy knowledgeable and stimulating people."

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from the SBT base. "Taking the health care benefit is bad public policy and bad tax policy."

Nemus also asked that the threshold for paying SBT be raised from the current \$250,000 to \$500,000 of business earnings. "And a simplified form would help," he added.

Profit appeared to like that idea, noting that 56 percent of those who pay SBT produce less than 1 percent of its revenue. "A whole lot of effort for so little return makes no sense," the chairman said.

Raise threshold

"Small business is the economic engine of growth," said Linda Jolicœur, a member of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce. "Many small businesses are above the \$250,000 threshold for small business method."

"SBT is the closest thing to a value-added tax," said Harvey Bronstein, who teaches small business courses at Oakland Community College. "No other state has a VAT, nor does the

federal government.

"It's a stable source of revenue, but it has disadvantages. If you hire someone or give them a raise, you have to pay added SBT. The biggest negative is that you can be taxed at a significant amount in a year after you've lost money in the previous years."

"And it's unfair to small and medium Michigan businesses that operate in Ohio and Indiana."

SBT, passed in 1975, replaced eight other taxes, including the corporate income tax, corporate franchise fee, savings and loan tax, and domestic insurance company tax. It taxes 2.3 percent of a business' value added — basically payroll and earnings.

There's also an alternative profits tax of 2 percent a business can elect to pay.

But because of SBT's complexity, many small businesses must hire an accountant, who must figure the firm's tax two ways — at the employer's expense, said Harry D. Pevos, a Southfield CPA.

Pevo's, representing the

Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, called for updating some of SBT's provisions to account for inflation.

Burden lighter

Charles Owens, Lansing spokesman for the 23,000-member National Federation of Independent Business, praised lawmakers for recent years' steps to lighten the SBT burden to 4 percent rates. "Owens said:

"In the past, our polls showed 'Yes, repeal it.' Now it's a guarded 'Be careful what you get.' They (NFIB members) want a look at what replaces it. There are a lot of mixed signals in the small business community."

Democrat Profit praised Republican Gov. John Engler on the SBT issue. "This governor has been very good in saying we don't have to raise revenue to match spending. This governor has been very good to taxpayers."

"But we're still not in great shape. We're still third or fourth highest in the country on the business tax burden."

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Dems chide CMU over report on charter schools

By TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Gleeful Democrats said "I told you so" as the House Education Committee took up the auditor general's scathing report on how Central Michigan University weakly supervised its public school academies.

"It greatly concerns me," said Rep. James Agee, D-Muskegon, "that CMU claimed the attorney-client privilege 34 times (in holding back documents from the auditors). The people have a right to know. The attorney-client privilege is OK if there's pending litigation (lawsuits), but this is totally ridiculous."

Michael Mayhew of the auditor's staff said using the attorney-client privilege was rare.

Richard Stafford, the administrator who supervised the CMU audit, begged off answering what might be in the hidden papers because "we can't say what the documents contain if we did not see them."

Agee, a former school superintendent, asked about a reported

March 1997 meeting between CMU officials and Art Ellis, state superintendent of public instruction, to discuss the responsibilities of chartering bodies such as universities. "We don't know what happened. Nothing came of it," Agee complained.

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"Was CMU invited to this meeting?" asked Rep. Penny Crissman, R-Rochester.

"A CMU representative responded, but then she left the responsibility of chartering bodies such as universities," Crissman replied. "We don't know what happened. Nothing came of it," Agee complained.

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not hire some staff as conditional employees pending the results of criminal records checks," as required by state law.

Eight PSAs employed individuals to teach who did not have certificates or permits to teach.

One PSA "had students with special education needs who had been attending the PS for more than one year without special education services" being provided.

The audit said CMU needed to improve its monitoring of PSA boards for "potential conflicts of interest" — such as being employed by the PSA or doing business with the PSA. CMU "had not timely identified potential conflicts of interest for nine board members."

the official records of board actions.

Asked how CMU officials responded to the auditors' criticisms, Stafford replied, "They took it seriously. They were quite concerned."

But Rep. Rose Bogardus, D-Davison, disagreed, sharply. Here's how CMU responded in a news release — it was about file cabinets, paperwork and documentation, not about performance of schools. CMU is not taking it seriously," she said.

Brown was also bothered that 12 of 13 CMU field representatives did not report attending the required number of PSA board meetings. "Liaisons are a very good control device between management and production," said Brown. "From what I read, these people weren't doing their jobs. They weren't showing up."

Stafford replied that the issue for CMU was whether to use university employees or independent contractors as field reps. "It's a management prerogative

— whether to use centralized or decentralized reps," he said.

State Board left out

The elected State Board of Education was prohibited from issuing charters. So far, 68 of the 78 authorized charters have been issued by universities; 67 of the 68 were issued by universities whose boards were appointed by the governor.

In a 1997 executive order, Engler stripped the State Board of Education of supervisory authority over PSAs. State Board members are considering ways the department could oversee PSAs.

CMU has issued 40 of the 68 university-granted charters. Among nearby CMU-chartered PSAs are:

In suburban Wayne County — Academy of Detroit Westland, Thomas Gist Academy in Westland, Michigan Automotive Academy in Taylor, Summit Academy in Taylor.

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neighbor attended the girl's funeral and befriended family members after the death. His wife confessed to officers who arrived at the house, saying she lived with a guilty conscience for two years. He served no time in jail after a plea bargain agreement.

Gerou stepped forward to help in the Cowans accident after seeing the Cowans family pleading for someone to come forward with information. The family didn't have the funds to offer a reward, he said. Gerou's interest resulted in Kehrier taking the case on pro bono basis as well.

Kehrier met with his friends — all private investigators — at Vassal's restaurant in Plymouth about five days after the accident. The group brainstormed making some basic assumptions about the "hit skip" as the PIs call a hit-and-run driver.

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Cowans was an EMU graduate who worked the midnight shift at a Belleville Road security company. He was less than a mile from there when he was killed. Family members said his car recently broke down, causing him to ride his bike to work — a long trek from his apartment in Ypsilanti.

Anyone with information is asked to call Canton police at 397-5340.

Nature programs

County parks plan special events

Wayne County parks hosts a series of special events this month including programs for children and a special evening session on birds of prey.

On Wednesday mornings in March programs designed for children ages 3 and 4 will focus on various topics each week, such as animal homes and tracks, birds, reptiles, outdoor hikes and scavenger hunts. The program are held in the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center.

Crafts, games and stories ensure fun for all as children and parents explore the outdoor world. Participating chil-

dren should be dressed for the outdoors for a part of the program each week.

Parents are not required to stay, but are welcome to if they wish.

The program fee is \$20 for all four sessions.

On Friday, March 21 nature lovers are invited to spend an evening at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center to learn about night time birds of prey — the owls.

An indoor discussion is set for 7 p.m. in the nature center. Afterward, the group will drive to the Koppernick section of Holiday Forest and Wildlife Preserve in Canton

Township and engage some of the owls "in conversation." The program will end at about 8:30 p.m.

Fee is \$1 per participant and the program is best suited for ages 8 to adult.

Participants should dress appropriately for a night hike and can bring flashlights if they wish.

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Parking is available off of Hines Drive.

For information, contact the Nankin Mills center at (734) 261-1850.

Rivers will host tax forum

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will be sponsoring a public forum on "Tax Reform: For Better or Worse?" on Saturday, March 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the College Theater of the Literature, Arts and Sciences building at Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Drive in Ann Arbor.

Rivers has invited several guest speakers to discuss proposed changes in the tax code, including the flat tax, the national sales tax and the constitutional issues surrounding taxation. Guest speakers include Professor Gary Wolfram of Hillsdale College, Professor Kyle D. Logue of the University of Michigan Law School, Howard Mason of Citizens for an Alternative

Tax System, and Donald Lubick, assistant secretary of the U.S. Treasury for Tax Policy.

There will be ample time for questions and comments from the audience after the discussion.

For information, contact Rivers' district offices in Ann Arbor (734) 741-4210 or Wayne (734) 722-1411.

Secretary of state mobile unit in Livonia

The mobile branch office of the Secretary of State will visit Livonia on Tuesday, March 17.

The branch office is scheduled to be at the Farmer Jack supermarket at 28107 Eight Mile from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to give branch office services to residents.

Those services include driver's license renewal, change of address on licenses, plates and titles for vehicles, voter registration and information on becoming an organ and tissue donor.

"Customer service is the operative phase of my administration and the mobile branch office has been on the road providing full branch office services to residents across the state," said Candice Miller, secretary of state. "I am pleased the mobile branch office can be in Wayne."

August, the mobile branch office has served thousands of customers at senior events, fairs, exhibitions, and in towns, cities and villages across the state.

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emblem, wiper blade and right side view mirror will be missing.

"We're trying to reach out to someone with a guilt complex (confessed) or someone who's in it for the money," said Kehrier.

Ronald Glenn Cowans of Ypsilanti was killed by a motorist as he rode his bike on eastbound Michigan, east of Beck, sometime between 10:30 and 11 p.m. Jan. 3. A passerby discovered his body and twisted bike the next morning.

Kehrier said there is hope that the person responsible will be caught even though two months have passed.

It took two years for a man responsible for the 1988 death of Melissa Chisolm, 14, of Canton, to be caught for the fatal hit-and-run accident at Ford and Lilley.

A neighbor of Chisolm's was arrested after an anonymous tip led police to his home. The

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 10:00 a.m., March 19, 1998 for the following:

**TWO GOLF CAR TYPE UTILITY VEHICLES
ONE HEAVY DUTY UTILITY VEHICLE
ONE SAND BUNKER RAKER
ONE 4-WHEEL DRIVE ROTARY MOWER
ONE OUT-FRONT ROTARY MOWER**

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

Publish: March 5, 1998

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, February 24, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Trustees, dated February 10, 1998, to move from an open session to closed session at 6:07 P.M. for the purpose of discussion of purchase of property and employee negotiations. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL - CLOSED SESSION
Members Present: Bennett, Burdzik, Kirchgatter, Lajoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Durack, Santomauro
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to return to an open session at 7:02 P.M. Motion carried. Supervisor Yack led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL - OPEN SESSION
Members Present: Bennett, Burdzik, Kirchgatter, Lajoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Santomauro, Zevalkin

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of February 10, 1998. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS
Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

EXPENDITURE REPORT
General Fund 101 \$199,947.63
Fire Fund 206 29,854.91
Police Fund 207 23,763.76
Commun. Center Fund 208 36,614.12
Cable TV Fund 211 24,991.85
Commun. Improve. Fund 246 4,686.25
Special Invest. Fund 267 669.42
Federal Grants Fund 274 5,414.79
State Proj. Fund 289 1,513.55
DCA 294 655.00
Retiree Benefits 296 9.00
Bldg. Auth. Debt Fund 369 347.50
Cap. Proj./RD. Pw. Fund 403 10,392.40
Big. Auth. Const. Fund 469 151,045.07
Water & Sewer Fund 592 329,024.33
Total All Funds 282 780,333.33

RECOGNITION
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution recognizing Canton resident, John Spenser. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to approve the creation of general ledger account numbers for the Community Center Fund Budget. Motion carried.

INCREASE REVENUES
Appropriation from Fund Balance \$101-000-699-0000 \$2,000
Increase Appropriations \$101-270-971-0000 \$2,000
This budget amendment increases the Grounds Maintenance Division budget from \$132,841 to \$954,841, and the General Fund budget from \$13,110,960 to \$13,112,960. Motion carried.

GENERAL CALENDAR
Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to amend the 1998 Federal Grants Fund budget to the amount of unspent Community Development Block Grant funds as of December 31, 1997, as follows: Decrease Revenues - \$337,825
Decrease Appropriations - \$337,825
This budget amendment decreases the 1998 Federal Grants Fund budget from \$525,967 to \$188,072. Motion carried.

GENERAL CALENDAR
Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to execute the attached deed, deeding the Hanford Road right-of-way to Wayne County. Motion carried.

GENERAL CALENDAR
Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to approve the resolution to grant final Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the resolution to grant final approval of the plat for the proposed Cherry Knoll Estates Subdivision No. 2. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2
KOPPERNICK CORPORATE PARK ROAD, SANITARY SEWER AND WATER MAIN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (SAD NO. 1998-3)

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, Michigan, held in the Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road in said Township on February 24, 1998, at 7 o'clock p.m. PRESENT: Members Bennett, Burdzik, Kirchgatter, Lajoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

ABSENT: None
The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Bennett and supported by Member Kirchgatter:

WHEREAS, this Township Board, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, has initiated proceedings relating to the construction of road, sanitary sewer, and water main improvements more particularly hereinafter described;

AND WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused to be prepared by the Township Engineer plans showing the improvement and location thereof;

AND WHEREAS, the same has been received by the Township Board;

AND WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to proceed further with the proposed public improvement;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The plans showing the improvement and location thereof and the estimate of cost thereof shall be filed with the Township Clerk and be made available for public examination.

2. The Township Board tentatively designates a special assessment district against which the cost of said improvements is to be assessed, consisting of the lots and parcels of land more particularly described in the notice set forth in paragraph 6 of this resolution.

4. The Township Board shall meet at the Township Hall on March 24, 1998, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at which time and place the Township Board shall hear objections to the petition for the improvement and to the special assessment district therefor.

5. The Township Clerk is hereby ordered to cause notice of such hearing to be published twice prior to said hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township, the first publication to be at least ten (10) days before the time of the hearing, and shall cause notice of said hearing to be mailed by first class mail to all owners of or persons with interest in property in the special assessment district as shown on the current assessment rolls of the Township.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to create and fill the position of Deputy Building Official in Building & Inspection Services. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to amend the General Fund, Public Works Division budget to transfer funds to the Roadway Manager Corporation:

Increase (Decrease) Appropriations:			
Roadway Manager Corp.	#101-441-950-0000	\$7,380	
Contribution-Road Manger	#101-441-969-0000	7,380	
Total			14,760

Motion carried.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt Resolutions 1 and 2 to tentatively set up a special assessment district and to set a date for the Hearing of Necessity for the Koppernick Corporate Park Road, Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Special Assessment District. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1
KOPPERNICK CORPORATE PARK ROAD, SANITARY SEWER AND WATER MAIN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (SAD NO. 1998-3)

Charter Township of Canton
County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in the Township Hall in said Township on February 24, 1998, at 7 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. PRESENT: Members Bennett, Burdzik, Kirchgatter, Lajoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

ABSENT: None
The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Bennett and supported by Member Kirchgatter:

WHEREAS, the Township Board has received petitions requesting the construction of a road, sanitary sewer and water main executed by the owners of record of acreage constituting at least 51% of the premises to be assessed for such improvements;

AND WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, tentatively declares its intention to undertake public improvements consisting of road, sanitary sewer, and water main to serve

properties north of Warren Road, South of Koppernick Road, East of I-275, West of C & O Railroad in a proposed special assessment district tentatively described as consisting of that acreage situated between Warren and Koppernick Roads and between I-275 and the C & O Railroad; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board tentatively desires to proceed with the proposed public improvement;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Township Engineer is hereby ordered to obtain preliminary plans of the improvements from a registered professional engineer licensed in the State of Michigan and estimates of the cost thereof, and the same hereby are ordered to file the same with the Township Clerk.

2. Said engineers, when the plans and estimates are completed, are ordered to file the same with the Township Clerk.

3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

Ayes: Members Bennett, Burdzik, Kirchgatter, Lajoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Nays: None
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED
Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on February 24, 1998 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

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KOPPERNICK CORPORATE PARK ROAD, SANITARY SEWER AND WATER MAIN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (SAD NO. 1998-3)

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ABSENT: None
The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Bennett and supported by Member Kirchgatter:

WHEREAS, this Township Board, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, has initiated proceedings relating to the construction of road, sanitary sewer, and water main improvements more particularly hereinafter described;

AND WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused to be prepared by the Township Engineer plans showing the improvement and location thereof;

AND WHEREAS, the same has been received by the Township Board;

AND WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to proceed further with the proposed public improvement;

at least ten (10) full days before the date of said hearing.
6. Said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF HEARING
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT
BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

ADVERTISING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, BETWEEN KOPPERNICK AND WARREN ROADS AND BETWEEN I-275 AND THE C & O RAILROAD INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING SIDWELL NUMBERS:

003-99-0008-713 003-99-0008-714
046-99-0002-901 046-99-0008-901
045-99-0008-001

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of 1954, this Board has initiated proceedings relating to the construction of a road, sanitary sewer, and water main to serve the areas described in herein, and to acquire the improvement and secure funds therefor by creating said assessment district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed;

AND WHEREAS, this Board having tentatively declared its intention to make such assessment district and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed;

AND WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the improvement, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Canton Township, Michigan, for public examination;

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Take further notice that the property owner's included in the special assessment district have the right to appeal the special assessment levy to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. In order to protest the levy an appearance by the property owner, by mail, or by an agent of the property owner must be made at the public hearing where the roll is confirmed.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the board will meet on Tuesday, the 24th day of March, 1998, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements, and to the special assessment district therefor.

ACT 188, PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN, 1954, AS AMENDED, PROVIDES THAT SAID PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SHALL NOT BE MADE WITHOUT PETITION IF THE RECORD OWNERS OF LAND WITHOUT OBJECTION TO THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FILE THEIR WRITTEN OBJECTIONS THERETO WITH THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AT OR BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, THE 24th DAY OF MARCH, 1998.

Terry Bennett, Clerk
Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to approve the attendance of Fire Inspector Frank Barrett at the 30th State Certified Fire Inspector School at a cost not to exceed \$1,934. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to waive the bidding requirement and approve the signing of a contract with the Michigan Humane Society for animal sheltering for 1998 and authorize the Township Clerk to sign the contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzik, to approve the signing of the contract for janitorial services with AAA Mikro-Cleaning Inc., Ann Arbor, MI for the 2nd floor of the Public Safety facility. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the radio systems maintenance agreement to Mobile Communications Sales & Service, Inc., 3441 Industrial Road, Livonia for a total cost not to exceed \$13,599. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to approve the purchase of a 1998 Jeep Cherokee 4-door, 4-wheel drive through the State of Michigan Bid, from Sneathkamp Jeep/Eagle, Redford, Michigan for a total cost of \$23,085. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the purchase of a John Deere 5310 tractor and box blade to Weingartz Golf & Turf Equipment in the amount of \$25,147.17 under the State bid package. Contract Agreement No. 071B6000724. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the Specialized Transportation Services Agreement with Help Source for the period of March 1, 1998 through February 28, 1999 not to exceed an annual amount of \$135,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve payment for the Employee Service Awards to the O.C. Tanner Recognition Company in an amount not to exceed \$7,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to award the bid of Sodium Hypochlorite for Summit on the Park to the low bidder, Northwest Pools, Inc. in the amount of \$6,935.00 and a 10 percent contingency of \$693.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the following budget amendment in the Cable Television Fund to appropriate the unspent 1997 funds to purchase equipment for Canton's Community Television.

Increase Revenues \$230-000-699-0000 \$3,537.33
Increase Appropriations \$230-250-977-0000 \$3,537.33
Capital Outlay - Equipment #230-250-977-0000 \$3,537.33
This budget amendment increases the Cable Television budget from \$308,000 to \$311,537.33. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to waive formal bidding and award a contract to Wolverine Fireworks for fireworks display in the amount of \$16,000 for the 1998 Canton Liberty Fest. Motion carried.

Supervisor Yack recognized Aaron Machnik, Tim Foss, and the others who worked during the rain event last week to get over relief at the south BQ again.

McLaughlin stated that when we warn people of possible sewer backups, we also need to advise them of the steps necessary to safely clean up sewer backups if they occur.

ADJOURN
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 P.M. Motion carried.
The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on February 24, 1998. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on March 9, 1998.

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Court costs

Time to redraw building plans

A whopping \$9 million for a new 35th District Court is a bit much. Certainly there's something to be said for building with the future in mind, but there's no need for a Taj Mahal.

Apparently, court officials already know that. A finance committee, appointed by the court's advisory board, has asked the architect for two alternatives.

One is a scaled-down version of the proposed three-story courthouse - drawings of which were unveiled in February. The second is a drawing that will somewhat mirror the structure that burned down July 2.

Sticker shock is an understatement, especially considering that insurance money from the fire has thus far left the court with less than a third of the estimated \$9 million. And there is still a \$900,000 debt being paid on the former courthouse.

Court officials are in a tough spot. It's a great idea to build for the future and anticipate population growth. Actually, it's the sound thing to do.

And talking about population growth, perhaps it's also a time when court officials should consider and determine whether the court jurisdiction will in the near future be divided perhaps between the Plymouths and Canton, and Northvilles.

Unfortunately everything boils down to money, even when there is a need for foresight

A way to build with price in mind while planning for the future may be to ensure that a new building allows for expansion, if necessary.

and planning. Surely at some point, taxpayers will be called upon to help pay for a new courthouse. It will be hard to convince them to support a project that right off the drawing board costs \$9 million. A winning plan must carry a price tag that's considerably less.

Court officials are wise to send the architect back to the drawing board. And if the resulting plans still don't boast a reasonable cost, court officials are urged to continue whittling down the plans until they do. A way to build with price in mind while planning for the future may be to ensure that a new building allows for expansion, if necessary.

The burning of the Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice July 2, 1997, was indeed a tragedy. Court officials and employees are to be commended for their flexibility when court business was conducted throughout the area in the aftermath of the fire, and now in the modular units across from the former court.

But reason and prudence must prevail as court officials plan for the new courthouse. There's no point in planning for the future if it can't be afforded.

Changes along Ford Road



Doughnut shop closes: The manager of The Donut Scene at Ford and Lilley roads cited competition from national chains in Canton as a major reason for closing down after 20 years at the location. Canton officials expect another business - possibly a gas station or convenience store - will be interested in the high-profile corner that is part of the township's main business district.

LETTERS

Park those privileges

Re: Your article, "Committee seeks scaled-down courthouse plan from firm" (Canton Observer, March 1).

I couldn't help wondering, when I read an earlier issue of O&E, what made the proposed new courthouse cost \$9 million? Now, I know. Whose idea was it that judges have to have underground (translated: out of the cold and rain) parking?

If I pay their salary, don't I have a right to make the rules? Everyone can park in the same lot. Better yet, give me the underground parking. This is the kind of thing that infuriates taxpayers. Scale it down - I should say!

Nancy Austin

Steps to boost education

We are very happy that your paper is concerned with education. In response to Gov. Engler's concern about education, the staff of Erikson Elementary in Canton, with cumulative teaching experience of 605 years, has suggestions that would have a positive effect on children's learning:

- Move the cut-off date for starting kindergarten from Dec. 1 to Sept. 1.
- Lower class size in kindergarten through third grade to 18 students as suggested by President Clinton in his State of the Union Address.
- Provide an optional transitional year between kindergarten and first grade.

President Clinton's proposal is that students are successful readers by the end of fourth grade. Gov. Engler's proposal is that students are successful readers by the end of third grade. The implementation of our three suggestions would have the greatest impact on achieving these goals.

The Erikson Elementary Staff
Canton

Birthday wishes

On Feb. 14, WSDP celebrated its 26th anniversary. For those not familiar with WSDP, we're an educational FM station owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton

Community Schools. You can check us out by listening to 88.1 FM.

Last Nov. 1, we celebrated the station's 25th anniversary with an alumni reunion at the Summit on the Park in Canton. Nearly 125 people attended, including all six station managers. Staff members came from all parts of the U.S. to relive memories and see old friends. It was especially exciting to see the large turnout from the station's first few years. Twenty founding staff members were recognized for their work to make WSDP a reality. I would especially like to thank former managers Bonny Dore, Mary Phyl Sieger, Jeff Cardinal, Andy Melin and Dave Snyder. Also thanks to former station adviser John Seidelman. You all have a special place in the hearts and minds of many people because of your job gave.

We are currently working on a written history of the station and an alumni newsletter. Interested alumni can contact the station at (734) 416-7732. In her portion of the station's history, founding station manager Bonny Dore summed up many people's feelings about WSDP. "Great things always start with a dream... one great idea... that a small group of people focus on, and dedicate a portion of their lives to make that dream come true... no matter what the odds. The creation of WSDP was one of those dreams. And I read the comments of the students and community... I know that our dream lives on, on the air and in their hearts."

Happy 26th birthday, WSDP. To everyone who has given, we say thank you. May the station be part of our hearts and dreams for many more years.

Bill Keith
station manager

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— Philip Power

Peggy's journey toward death shows true courage

By DAVID BEVINGTON
GUEST COLUMNIST

If you want someone to change the topic quickly, just talk about death. But there are some people who are positive even about this subject. One of them is a resident of Angela Hospice, Peggy. The story you are about to read concerns her.

Peggy was born in New Jersey, but her parents moved to the Detroit area when her father needed employment. What better place for a tool and die worker?

Peggy grew up in Michigan. She did secretarial work in various offices of Tamaroff Buick. When asked about her admission to the care unit of Angela Hospice, she said, "I left Tamaroff Buick on Friday and entered Angela Hospice on Monday." Peggy has been a patient in the unit for more than seven weeks.

When probed about her favorite activities, Peggy said she enjoyed photography, making porcelain dolls and

collecting anything that related to Disney. Her room was filled with Disney memorabilia. Things have been thinning out a bit, though, since she has been giving things away.

Some people think of the services offered by hospice as a "last-ditch effort." Frankly, they wait too long to get the services provided because they don't understand the benefits that are available, including pain management, medication, nursing care and spiritual care.

Peggy didn't wait. She entered Angela Hospice Care Center with a positive attitude and a big smile on her face. She thought of life, not death. Her positive attitude and her affirmation of life have helped her cope with her impending death.

When asked about the care she received, she said without hesitation, "It felt like home the first night." It had not been easy for her to deal with her deteriorating physical condition. She shared her anxiety prior to her

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admission to the hospice program. How did she deal with her feelings? She talked freely to staff and friends.

"What about the staff?" I asked Peggy. She said she was impressed with the positive attitude of those who cared for her. Both physical and spiritual care had been offered. Her needs were being met. An example was her lack of appetite. The staff asked her what foods she really enjoyed, then made those foods available.

Peggy remarked that hospice was different from staying in a hospital. In hospice, she received care according to her needs.

As chaplain, I know how despondent and frightened some patients become at the prospect of their death. The unknown terrifies them. "Are you frightened, Peggy?" I asked her. "Not really," she replied. "I've enjoyed life... and I am so grateful that I have



David Bevington and Peggy have been free of pain. Pain management is one of the "plus" factors of hospice care.

Peggy has done many of the things people put off until retirement. She has traveled to Paris and Japan to visit the Disney facilities. She has studied Japanese. She has blessed the lives of her friends. Her years of employment brought satisfaction.

Getting back to her feelings, I said, "Peggy, how did you react when you were told you were terminally ill?"

She said that at first she could not deal with her feelings. She withdrew into herself. She was angry, and she did not share her problems with anyone.

A fringe benefit of hospice was the freedom to visit with her friends, and the opportunity to share her feelings with a caring staff.

My final question was, "What impresses you about this care unit?" Without hesitation she said, "I have complete comfort here." In a nutshell she shared the philosophy of the hospice program, to help persons face their death, to die in dignity, free of pain, to die in the presence of someone who cares... not alone or in pain, but in the best of circumstances.

If you are in a situation where you need this kind of help, give Angela Hospice a call at (734) 464-7810.

David Bevington is a chaplain with Angela Hospice in Livonia. Margaret (Peggy) Mensch died on Feb. 5, following about two months in hospice.

State tax cuts: There's more to them than meets the eye

In an election year, we can expect a governor's budget to be as much a political document as a spending plan. The journalist, however, is under no obligation to make a case for or against incumbent Republican John M. Engler. So here are some random reflections:

■ Engler may indeed beat Democrat Jim Blanchard's job creation record by year's end. Blanchard boasted 600,000 new jobs during his tenure (1983-90). Engler, after seven years, boasted 550,000, and his economic outlook predicts 51,000 more jobs during calendar 1998. That would add up to 601,000 new jobs on his watch.

■ Headline on Engler's news release: "FY 99 Budget Reflects Twin Goals: Tax Relief and Spending Priorities." He now counts 25 tax cuts, including some that you won't see until 1999 and one you won't see until

2000 that hasn't been enacted yet. "Tax burden continues to tumble," says the text in Chapter A.

Meanwhile, the fine type in Chapter O gives us the other side of the coin. "Oil and gas regulatory fee increase. Wetlands permitting fee increase. Air quality fees - eliminate sunset. Court fee fund... Diesel tax increase," the last with this footnote: "FY 98 initiative not yet enacted; passage built into budget assumptions for FY 99."

Sorry, there's no detail about how much new revenue he expects to collect from the fee hikes and diesel fuel tax hike. Just don't be fooled about the tax-cut talk when there are many, many fees that are still governmental revenue.

■ Big winner in Engler's budget, as many media have pointed out, is the Department of Corrections, up 4.2



TIM RICHARD

percent to \$1.45 billion. Prison population is 42,000, and the governor expects to expand it by 5,420, or 13 percent, in just four years.

Engler's message concentrates on locking 'em up and throwing away the key. "Now is no time to retreat. If you're serious about getting tough on violent criminals, then you'd better get serious about building the prisons to lock them away," said he.

His data: In 1989, we put away 51 percent of prisoners for violent felonies for an average of 7.2 years. Today, 60 percent are being committed for crimes of violence, and the average sentence minimum sentence is 8.1 years.

Parole is harder to get. In 1991, under the civil service parole board system, inmates had a 54 percent chance of being released after their minimum sentence. Today, their chances have shrunk to 42 percent.

I looked in vain for any mention of English as a second language (Spanish-speaking inmates need this) or more job training (it's practically nonexistent). Remember, most of these guys and gals will be back on the streets at some time, even if Engler wins a third term.

■ State elected officials had little to applaud. Engler's budget proposes 0.5

percent for the executive office (his or his successor's), 0.5 for the Legislature and 0.4 for the judiciary. This is in an era where his economic forecasts see 2.3 percent inflation.

■ Overall, Engler's general fund is up 18.5 percent since fiscal 1992, the first one for which he was totally responsible, to \$8.77 billion.

■ Total state spending, which includes federal aid and non-discretionary funds like transportation and school aid, has soared more than 54 percent, from \$20.7 billion to \$32 billion. The transportation fund is fed by our new 4-cents-a-gallon fuel tax. The school fund is fed by our increased 6 percent sales tax.

Those tax cuts aren't all they seem, are they?

Tim Richard's Touch-Tone voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

Achievers improve Canton life

Each spring, Canton Township singles out a group of people and/or local organizations with Community Achiever Awards.

The common thread among Community Achievers is that their efforts improve the Canton community for all. The fact that honorees are nominated by the public helps ensure that.

But the true surprise is the literally hundreds of ways the community benefits from those efforts. This year's list of honorees is no exception. It includes:

- Attorney Mike Gerou, for helping to get All Saints Catholic School off the ground in Canton;
- Jean Tabor, whose efforts as Canton Public Library director have paid off for one of the busiest libraries in Wayne County;
- Kelly Holmes, a Plymouth Canton High School graduate who helped the University of Michigan women's softball team into the 1997 College World Series.
- The Community Youth Initiative, for the introduction of Character Counts! to Canton;
- Dale Yagiela, for his efforts in finding a Canton home for the Growth Works social services agency;
- Paul Denaki, of Canton Waste Recycling, for generous personal and financial contributions to many local programs;
- Bob Boyer, for contributions to the community including acting as host for the National Archery Championship picnic;
- Henry Huang, for his work with the Canton Chinese School;
- The Canton Chamber of Commerce, for 25 years of service to the community;
- Pickwick Village Homeowners Association, for fund-raising and upgrading efforts;
- Agape Christian Center, for its educational efforts and helping to restore a sense of pride in the community.

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- The 1997-98 Achievers will be honored at a reception later this month at the Summit.
- The Observer congratulates the 11 honorees and thanks them for their efforts, both individually and collectively, in making Canton a better place to work and live.

Hurry up and snow - or else!

Snow blowers are sitting unused in western Wayne County garages next to snow shovels, skis, snowshoes, all gathering dust for the lack of use during our disturbingly warm winter.

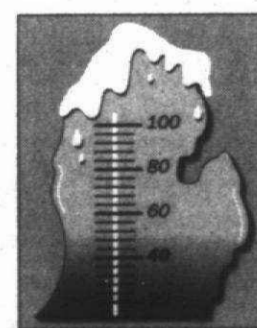
Blame it on El Nino, a term coined by Peruvian fishermen to describe a change in ocean circulation off the coastline that leads to poor fishing.

While the Peruvians have had some fishless days, the warm, wet weather in the Midwest has made us forget what winter in Michigan usually means. Gone are the bone-chilling temperatures, north winds out of Hudson Bay and snow up to our knees.

Some may be enjoying the balmy March. But others are waiting for the other snow-storm to drop.

Michigan residents proudly endure our winters, trudging through snowdrifts in our boots and four-wheel drive vehicles. We even turn winter into a sport. Anglers trudge onto windswept lakes, snowmobilers race along two-track roads, skiers schuss down hills, and snowshoers walk quiet back-country landscapes.

Turning suffering through winter into a sport is almost a spiritual experience for us Michigan residents. It builds character. We're



not wimps like those folks in Atlanta who think a winter storm is 2 inches of snow.

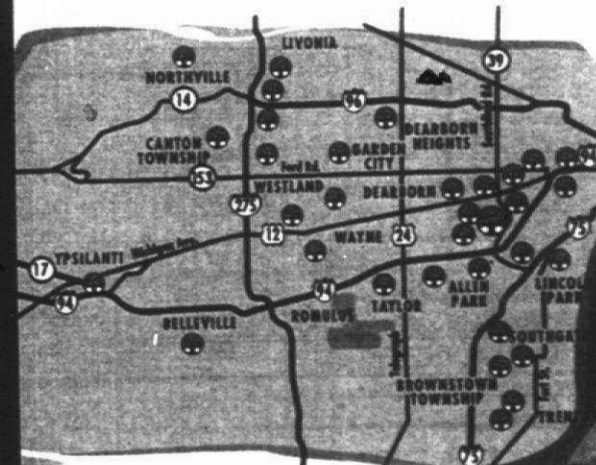
That's why a mild winter produces some guilt in us. We're supposed to be suffering during January and February. We should be staring at the ice and snow building up on the roof and worrying it's doing some damage. Instead, we're washing our cars outside with the hose.

It's just not right. We all know this. We're going to pay for this, we know it in our hearts. Winter will arrive, finally, in April and will last through June. It'll warm up for a few days in July, we'll plant a few flowers and they'll freeze solid in August.

We've got a few weeks yet to have a winter. Bring on the snow, and some cold weather. It'll help us get rid of our guilt. Only then after some true winter suffering can we fully enjoy spring when it arrives.

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Tests make sense

The debate over our schools keeps taking fascinating twists and turns.

Released last week, the results from the most comprehensive and rigorous international comparison of performance in science and math revealed that American high school seniors score among the industrial world's worst. "This study has burst another myth," said Michigan State's William H. Schmidt, who coordinated the American part of the study. "Our best students in mathematics and science are simply not world class."

In January, the Detroit Free Press published an enormous series on the MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) tests that have become the main basis for comparing student achievement between schools. Relying on complex regression analysis, the Free Press concluded that simply comparing numerical scores between districts was inherently unfair because other factors - the number of single parent households, unemployment, students eligible for free lunch and school per pupil revenue - had a big effect on the results.

Quite possibly in response, The Detroit News last month ran its own analysis of the effects MEAP test results of per pupil spending, hiring more teachers and raising teachers' salaries. The News concluded that the relationship was "minimal," observing that schools scoring "in the top half statewide on MEAP exams and HSPTs differed little from schools that scored in the lower half."

So a House Education subcommittee now holding hearings on the MEAP test has a lot to think about.

First question: Is the test as now designed a useful indicator of how our kids are doing in school?

Not entirely, says Ernest Bauer, a consultant for Oakland Schools, the countywide intermediate service agency. There appears to be a disconnect between the scores kids actually get on the MEAP and the scores required to get a "proficient" ranking.

The latest fourth-grade reading results showed that just under 50 percent of the students were 'satisfactory.' Bauer told the subcommittee, "Most educators and parents are amazed that the most common score in the state for those same fourth-grade students on the narrative reading test is 19 out of 20 possible."

Second question: Can the tests be improved? Sure. When the Legislature passed laws last year on the MEAP, it agreed on a bunch of bipartisan improvements. Time to take the test, for example, was cut from 505 to 370 minutes in 1998. The hated labels of results - "proficient,"

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posal in 1995. In a brief departure from his generally positive tone, Yack criticized the ongoing lawsuit by former state Rep. Jerry Vorva to overturn the March 1997 Plymouth-Canton school bond election. Although not referring to Vorva by name, he said individu-

als were engaged in a divisive effort to derail needed improvements for a "fast-growing" school district.

"I happen to believe (the suit) is a method to get through the court system what they couldn't get at the ballot box," Yack said.

The lawsuit contends that a \$79.7 million bond issue for the construction of new schools and other improvements should be invalidated because there were 716 spoiled, touch-screen ballots. The referendum passed by 96 votes.

Among the 1997 accomplishments Yack listed was the opening of the new St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building. He also cited plans by Henry Ford Health Systems for a new facility on Haggerty north of Ford and hinted that a third, major health care provider will announce expansion plans or a new facility in Canton by year's end.

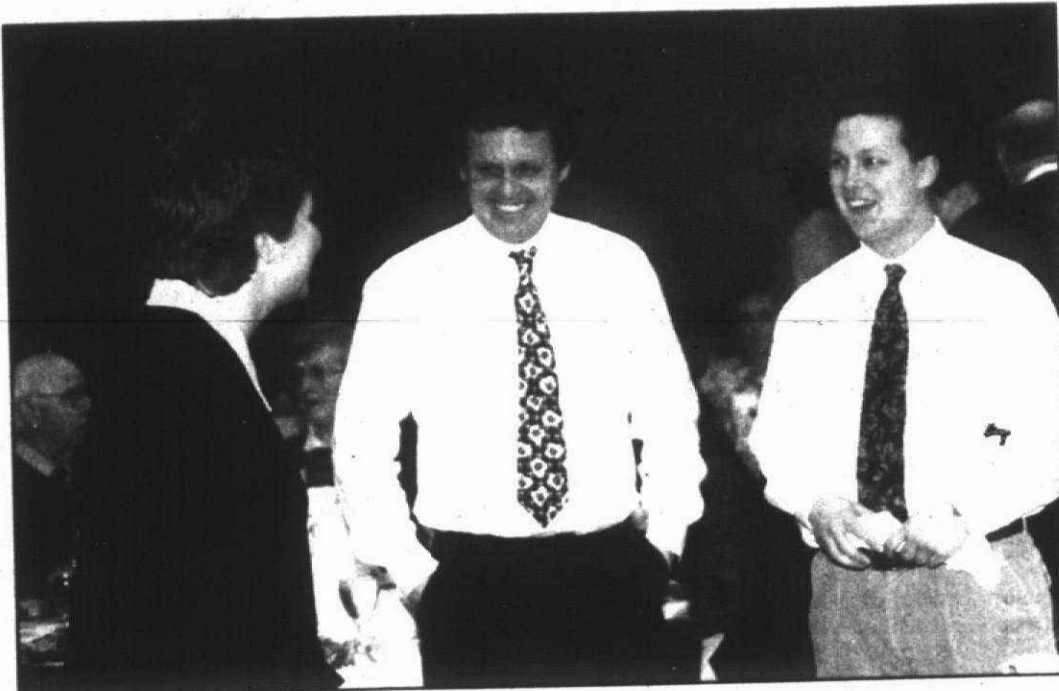
Reportedly, M-Care is looking at a Canton location.

Yack praised Southfield-based Griffin Properties for its "innovative" deal with the township to build a two-sheet ice arena and possibly other recreation facilities as part of a sports park project on the east side of Haggerty, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer. The township is selling about 20 acres for the sports park to Griffin and the developer will get a credit for the land devoted to the ice arena.

"If (the entire project) happens, for very little money we will have produced probably \$20 million worth of recreation for the people of Canton," Yack said.

Yack said Canton's State Equalized Valuation will show a gain of some \$200 million for 1997 and the taxable value of all commercial, residential and industrial property could surpass \$2 billion for the first time.

He said a goal for the next few years would be to encourage and create development that will give Canton a more "balanced" ratio than the current 75-25 percent mix favoring residential.



Small talk: Joan Noricks of the Canton Community Foundation greets local Realtors Joe Van Esley (center) and his nephew, Louis Van Esley, before Wednesday's luncheon and speech.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

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ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT (98-1)

(1) Consider request from Danny Veri, 4952 Dewitt, Canton, Michigan 48084 to amend:

Article 11, R-1 through R-5, Single Family Residential Districts, Section 11.02B, Permitted Uses and Structures - Special Land Uses, by creating subparagraph 15 to allow adding Single Family Attached Residential Units in R-4 and R-5, subject to the provisions in Section 6.03 - Site Development Standards for Residential Districts;

Article 6, Site Development Standards Applicable to Specific Uses, Section 6.03, Site Development Standards for Residential Uses, by creating Subsection A1., defining the criteria for Single Family Attached Residential Requirements in R-4 and R-5;

(2) Township-initiated proposal to amend:

Article 5, Landscaping, Screening and Walls, Subsection 5.02, General Landscaping Requirements; Subsection 5.03, Specific Landscaping Requirements for Zoning Districts; and 5.04, Standards for Landscape Materials;

Article 18, C-4, Interchange Service District, Subsection 18.02 B, Permitted Uses and Structures - Special Land Uses, by creating subparagraph 4 to allow adding Essential Services, subject to the provisions in Section 2.16, sub-section A.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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**WILES/PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 068 99 0009 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.** Property is located on the northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Beck Roads.

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How to build kids' positive relationships

Your two young children are in the family room over the TV remote control and your angry teen is laying on her bunk bed pleading for her own "space." Does this sound familiar?

The challenge of building healthy relationships in your home may seem daunting at times. But with a little advice, you can resolve some chronic sibling problems that seem incurable.

Here's a list of tips to help you encourage and develop positive sibling relationships in your own family:

Tip No. 1 - Don't share???
Allow children to have special items and space they do not have to share, as well as community property. Set up clear rules about respecting each other's boundaries and property to alleviate conflict and "forced" sharing.

With rules clearly established, your children may be more likely to share popular items willingly, without your intervening.

Tip No. 2 - Suggest chore time!
Assign activities that encourage cooperation. Believe it or not, household chores work well and teach responsibility. Other activities that help siblings bond include making a birthday breakfast for a parent, helping with yard work, baking cookies or putting away toys.

Recognize how well the activity went and tell your children that you're proud of the way they interacted together.

Tip No. 3 - Watch and wait.
Children need to practice resolving disagreements on their own. To begin this process, you may need to show children how to cool down and explain what they feel happened.

After siblings air their differences, help them brainstorm solutions or ways to avoid the problem from happening again. Eventually, children will be able to practice these skills on their own, and, much to your relief, you won't have to play "the judge."

Tip No. 4 - Call to order.
Regular family meetings allow children to air concerns and conflicts before resentment or hurt feelings build between siblings. Children can be responsible for setting up agendas or leading meetings. This is a great time to applaud achievements too.

Tip No. 5 - Celebrate individuality.
Children are sensitive to sibling differences, so it's important to appreciate and acknowledge each child's unique approach to life. "Fair" doesn't necessarily mean giving children the exact same clothes, toys or attention. Spend equal, but separate, periods of time alone with each child, dedicated to doing activities that he or she enjoys and that celebrate individual interests and strengths.

Tip No. 6 - Tag along?
To help older siblings feel less burdened and resentful of younger siblings, allow older children a choice in how and when they help with younger ones. Discuss the reasons why younger siblings want to tag along.

It's important that older children understand the younger sibling's admiration. Even when a new baby is brought home, point out how the baby watches and imitates older children.

Tip No. 7 - Have fun.
Have fun as a family. Take vacations together for a change of pace and to remove the distractions of home and friends. Allow children to take turns choosing your vacation destination, or where to go for family outings or dinner out.

Also, celebrate each other's accomplishments, big and small. Find ways to enjoy each other and express pride in your children. When children feel good about themselves, they can feel good about others.

Tip No. 8 - Pass out privileges!
Give your children privileges that involve cooperation. Allow them to walk to the corner store together

Please see PARENTING, B2

Sports connection

Auction funnels money into preventing injuries

■ When the auction gavel drops for the last time on April 3, Dr. David Janda hopes to have raised \$30,000 for the Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine, which is dedicated to the prevention of sports-related injuries and health-care cost containment.

You might not be good enough to fill Elvis' shoes, but for a price you can fill his pants.

The pants that the singer wore in the film "Girls, Girls, Girls" are one of the many items to be auctioned off at the Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine's annual event from 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 3, at The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Fairlane Plaza, 300 Town Center Drive, Dearborn.

WOMC morning show host Dick Purtan and former NBA player Tim McCormick, now the assistant director of the NBA Players Association, will serve as host auctioneers for the celebrity auction. Purtan also donated the opportunity to spend an hour with him on the radio to the auction.

Tickets are \$10 and include two raffle tickets for two round-trip airfares to anywhere in the continental United States courtesy of Anew Travel. For more information, call (734) 434-3390 or visit its Web site at <http://users.aol.com/wwwipsm/>.

This year's auction offers a variety of items up for bid ranging from sports memorabilia to autographed historical documents to the opportunity to be a "Fighter Pilot for a Day."

Detroit Red Wings fans can bid on autographed jerseys from Steve Yzerman and Brendan Shanahan, a poster signed by Vladimir Konstantinov just prior to his limousine accident, and an autographed Detroit Red Wing golf bag.

U-M connection

Former University of Michigan basketball star Juwan Howard, now of the Washington Wizards, donated a signed basketball, jersey and poster.

Former Pittsburgh Steeler Lynn Swan gave the institute an autographed football.

"We met when I was on 'Good Morning America' and we stayed in touch over the years," said Plymouth resident Dr. David Janda, the institute's director. "Every year he donates a signed football."

Historians may want to try for a typed, signed letter from Eleanor Roosevelt, a signed limited edition print of



What's your bid? Dr. David Janda enlisted the aid of his daughters - Allison, 9 (left), and Katie, 7 - to show off some of the sports memorabilia that will be auctioned off April 3 to benefit the Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine.

Jimmie Doolittle, the original FBI wanted poster for Bonnie and Clyde, and checks signed by Thomas Edison and the Wright brothers.

A three-day, two-night stay at the Luxor in Las Vegas, Nev., dinners at Gratz and Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor and tickets for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Bulls, Toledo Mud Hens and Detroit Red Wings are also up for grabs.

"We have an oral section and a silent section; the silent section is first for people who are afraid to bid," Janda explained.

Public awareness

Janda, an orthopedic surgeon whose subspecialty is in shoulder injuries, said he hopes to raise \$30,000 for the nonprofit organization, which is dedicated to the prevention of sports-related injuries and health-care cost containment. It is based at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

"It's the only fund-raiser that we have," said Janda who donates all his time, 20 hours a week, to the institute. "The money is immediately plowed back into research. We receive no money from sporting goods manufacturers. If we accepted money from

sporting goods manufacturers, there would be a perceived and real conflict of interest."

He will speak about the institute's work from 7-8 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 737-0110; and from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, at Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham, (248) 203-0005.

The Ann Arbor-based chain has come on board as a prominent sponsor of the auction. As part of the agreement, Borders will sponsor a celebrity sports author at the auction who will sign copies of his or her book and will donate autographed books and CDs to be auctioned.

Borders, Janda said, is helping him share safety tips with the public.

"This is another outlet for us to reach the public. Our goal is to bring our research to the public's doorstep."

Studies by The Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine, which specializes in children's injuries, have focused primarily on three topics.

It concluded that softball and baseball players who slide into bases which break away from their bases sustain 96

percent fewer injuries. Despite that research, Janda explained, some organizations are hesitant to use the equipment.

"They prevent 1.7 million injuries a year; that would save \$2 billion in health-care costs," he said. "So you spend \$1,000 (on the bases) and save \$2 billion. It's a no-brainer."

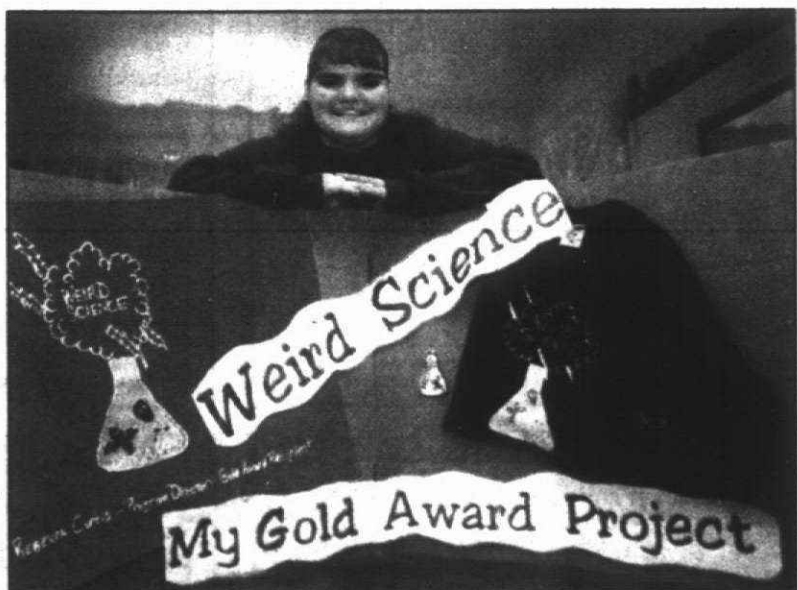
Like the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, baseball fields for the Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia, in 2000 will be equipped with the bases.

The institute also looked into preventing deaths caused by children who are hit in the chest with baseballs or softballs. Janda found that the softer baseballs and chest protectors on the market did not reduce the risk of injury and, in some cases, enhanced the risk of injury.

"The softer baseballs were actually heavier. It stuck to the chest for a longer period of time, then it pushed off and it was a double hit," Janda said. "The chest protection idea was not a bad idea but the materials it is made of actually funneled it (the ball) in."

In research that will be published this spring in the Journal of Trauma,

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Good camping: It wasn't quite weird science, but the Wayne-Westland Day Camp Becca Curtis (left) organized for her Gold Award project let Junior Scouts and Brownies earn different badges. Tommi-Jean Mason kept a scrapbook of her project, a Bible day camp she organized for her church, Westland Christian Union.



Day camps become golden honors

Two local girls are poised to receive the highest honor bestowed by Girl Scouting.

Huron Valley Girl Scout Council members Becca Curtis, a John Glenn High School senior, and Tommi-Jean Mason, a 1997 John Glenn graduate, will find out if they earned Gold Awards during a ceremony May 11 at Washtenaw Community College.

The Gold Award is the highest award given to girls in Girl Scouting.

"It is the equivalent of the Boy Scouts' Eagle Award; it represents the highest achievement that a girl can reach as a Girl Scout," Charlotte F. Luttrell, HVSC's public relations manager. "This is a culmination of all their years of Girl Scouting. The

Gold Award project must be a significant community service project that reaches out beyond the Girl Scout circle."

Curtis and Mason, both of whom finished their projects in the summer of 1997, are called candidates for the Gold Award until their reports are completed and accepted by the Gold Award committee. The volunteers review the project and decide whether or not they will receive the awards.

Similar projects

For her project, Mason, a freshman studying music education at North Central Michigan University in Petoskey, designed a day camp for youngsters at her church, Westland Christian

Union Church. The Bible day camp ran from July 28 to Aug. 1, but she began planning it in October, 1996.

"My church hasn't had a day camp in many, many years," Mason said. "It was a lot more work than I expected at first. When the actual project came and all the kids came, it was exciting."

During her Bible camp, Mason concentrated on science projects teaching kids how to make a "tornado in a bottle," as well as crafts like making cement patio blocks using pizza boxes as a mold, and designing picture frames.

In the back yard of her parents' home are color-

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ful cement patio blocks made by neighbors and relatives. As a token of appreciation, the students at the Bible camp gave Mason a scrapbook of their experiences.

Curtis' project was similar. He organized the Wayne-Westland Day Camp, which hosted about 260 girls in July in Central City Park. Themed "Weird Science," the camp allowed girls participating in Junior Girl Scouts and Brownies to earn badges.

"It didn't always fit into the theme," Curtis added.

Brownies, for example, learned about bike safety while the Junior Girl Scouts learned about fingerprinting.

Set to graduate in June, Curtis is a band member, president of the Ecology Club, and a member of the student council, SADD and D.A.R.E. at her school.

She helped build the playscape in Central City Park and has

aided with food and blood drives.

Recently, she was accepted to the People to People Student Ambassador Program set up by President Dwight D. Eisenhower as a way to help students learn about different cultures. She will travel to the England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales this summer. The group may also visit Princess Diana's gravesite.

"One of the things I'm looking forward to are home stays," she said. "We stay with a family for

three days and see how they live on a daily basis. We get to see their traditions and the type of food that they eat.

"Just seeing how another family lives in another country sounds really cool.

In order to go, Curtis needs to raise \$4,000 by April. She is seeking sponsors and donors. Those interested in helping can call her at (734) 595-6011.

Both girls were inspired by their mothers to become Girl Scouts. Mason helped her mother, Gloria, who was a Girl Scout for two years, an adult co-leader for 14 years and a service unit manager, with her troops. The elder Mason organized Girl Scout troops at Kettering, Elliott and Hamilton elementary schools.

Curtis' mother, Judy, is a former director of day camps.

"I saw what my mom had done," she said. "I knew that this is what I always wanted to do. I

CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

(734) 953-2131.

ST. MEL'S
St. Mel's Catholic Church will have its spring arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 7 at the church, 7508 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights. In

addition to crafts, food and beverages will be available. There also will be a special crafters raffle. For more information, call Debbie at (313) 261-6881.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
Schoolcraft College will have its spring arts and crafts show 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 7 in the Physical Education Building on campus at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. There will be more than 150 crafters and hourly raffle prizes and refreshments will be available. Admission will be \$1.50 for adults and children 12 years and older, 50 cents for children ages 5-11 and free for children under age 5. For more information, call (734) 462-4417.

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.

PRCUA SYRENA
The PRCUA Syrena Parents club will have a holiday craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at the Dearborn Heights Canfield Community Center, 1801

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The institute determined that injuries can be significantly reduced by changing the material and lighting the mass.

Janda contends, however, that the most effective way to reduce injuries is for coaches to train players to avoid a ball.

"If you look at Cal Ripken, if a ball is coming at him he leans in, turns away and takes the ball in the upper back."

A study performed at the institute also found that the use of padded goal posts could prevent injuries in soccer.

The auction takes place during the sixth annual Mid-American Sports Medicine Symposium 1998 April 2-4, which is geared toward physicians, physical therapists, athletic trainers, physical therapy assistants, sports medicine practitioners, residents and students. The three-day course brings together clinical experts to discuss current trends in the evaluation, treatment and

prevention of sports-related injuries. Registration ranges from \$175-\$475.

"If you look at the Sports Medicine Symposium when we started this six years ago, we had tremendous competition. Since then, our symposium has become the largest in the state of Michigan."

Borders is dubbing the week of the symposium Sports Injury Prevention Week and will feature books and research on the subject.

Although Janda enjoys speaking to people in the medical profession, his primary focus is to get the word out to the public.

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(when age-appropriate), but not alone. Or allow them to open up a new board game, as long as they'll learn the rules together.

Tip No. 9 - Play games.
Design activities for your children that educate them about cooperation. Disguised as fun games, team activities involve everyone creating a piece of one project. For example, each sibling draws a section of landscape that contributes to a panorama drawing to be mounted on the

and parents at Safe Stay Crisis Nursery & Family Respite Care Center, a short-term residential and crisis program for children. The Westland-based program also provides home-based counseling services for children.

Jacquie Martin-Downs and Jack Gladden are on hiatus, so The Observer Newspapers and Youth Living Centers can present a four-part educational series as part of Parenting Awareness Month.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed bids will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48186 until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 19, 1998, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following:

1998 SPRING TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC HEARING FY 1998 CDBG PROGRAM ACTION PLAN

On Thursday, March 26, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room, Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, the Canton Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council will conduct a public hearing on the FY 1998 Canton Township Block Grant (CDBG) Program Action Plan. All interested citizens are invited to attend and comment on the FY 1998 CDBG Program, which will be funded at \$433,000. Project proposals to be discussed, among others, are: First Step, \$50,000; HelpSource (Adult Day Care), \$7,500; The Salvation Army (summer day camp), \$20,000; Growth Works, \$10,500; Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, \$10,000; Harrison Drain Improvements, \$175,000 (est); Construction Contingency, \$50,000 (est); Housing Rehabilitation, \$45,450 (est); Program Administration, \$84,200; ADA Doors Retrofit, Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway Note: Not all project proposals are necessarily listed; not all projects listed will necessarily be approved for FY 1998; nor will all projects accepted for funding necessarily be funded for the requested amounts. Final program decisions are made by the Board of Trustees. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Development Specialist, Resource Development Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (313) 734-5392.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ADVERTISEMENT FOR ENGINEERING PROPOSALS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS to provide **ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES** for the Design of Intersection Improvements at Ford and Haggerty Road, in Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan

The Canton Township Downtown Development Authority is soliciting proposals for engineering design services for intersection improvements at Ford Road and Haggerty Road.

The "Request for Proposal" describes the project and the format for the Scope of Services. A "Request for Proposal" can be obtained from Canton Township Engineering Services at the address below. If there are any questions call Canton Engineering Services at (734) 397-5405.

If your firm is interested in providing these services, please submit your proposal to Canton Township Engineering Services, by 5 p.m., Friday, March 20, 1998.

The Canton Township Downtown Development Authority does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

The Canton Township Downtown Development Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Address all proposals to:
CANTON TOWNSHIP ENGINEERING SERVICES
Attn: Susan Polson
2nd Floor
1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
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CANTON TOWNSHIP ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton 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, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley
ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton
1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48186
(734) 397-5435
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BUILDING/FIRE BOARD OF APPEALS MARCH 12, 1998

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE BUILDING/FIRE BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ON THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1998 AT 10:00 A.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE LOWER LEVEL #1 CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING LOCATED AT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. THE FOLLOWING AGENDA WILL BE DISCUSSED:

ROLL CALL: KORCHAK, PACIOCCO, PENNINGTON, SCRAMSTAD, YESSAYAN

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

1. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM PASTOR JEFF LEDBITTER OF CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1545 RIDGE ROAD, FOR A VARIANCE TO THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE, SECTION F500.7, AND 500.8, FIRE HYDRANT REQUIREMENTS. (TABLED FROM FEBRUARY 5, 1998)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 10:00 a.m., March 19, 1998, for the following:

PHASE THREE TREE PLANTING AT PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB

Bid specifications will be available in the Finance and Budget Department. Canton Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 10:00 a.m., March 19, 1998 for the following:

RENTAL OF PORTABLE TOILETS FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND GOLF COURSES

Bid specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. Canton Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS March 12, 1998

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1998 AT 7:00 P.M.** The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Plat of Allegiance to the Flag
Roll Call: Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern, Williams
Acceptance of Agenda

1. David Wenz, City Sign Co., Inc., 101 E. Walton, Pontiac, MI 48340, representing Super Kmart, for property located at 41660 Ford Rd., Canton, MI 48187. Appealing Ordinance 120, Section 9.1, regarding Wall Signs/Awning Signs. The request is for a variance in order to add one (1) wall sign to the store front which would be an additional 30.03 sq. ft. Parcel No. 044-99-0017-704 (Building). (Tabled from January 8, 1998 meeting; Tabled from February 12, 1998 meeting)

2. Annette Webb, 1644 Sheldon, Canton, MI 48187, for property located at same. Appealing Article 26.02. Schedule of Regulations, Agricultural and Residential Districts, Rear Yard Setback. The request is for a variance on the east side of property to build an addition. Parcel No. 057-01-0508-000. (Building)

3. Wayne C Cooper, 8470 Holly, Canton, MI 48187, for property located at same. Appealing Article 26.02, Schedule of Regulations, Agricultural and Residential Districts. The variance is for a Side Yard Setback, to build a garage. Parcel No. 001-01-0177-000 (Building)

4. Carlo Carlini Jr., 3210 Herby, Canton MI, 48188, for property located at same. Appealing Article 26.02 & 2.09, Schedule of Regulations, Agricultural and Residential Districts. The variance is to build a deck. Parcel No. 107-99-0022-000 (Building)

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 1998

TERRY G BENNETT
CLERK
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Cortese-Petzak

William and Pamela Cortese of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Jo, to Jeffrey Allen Petzak, the son of Ronald and Carol Petzak of Murfreesboro, Tenn.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in special education and a master's degree in early childhood education. She is employed as a special education teacher at the Detroit Public Schools' Early Intervention Diagnostic Center.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Ludington Senior High School and Saginaw Valley State University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. He is pursuing a master's degree in educational leadership at Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as a fifth grade teacher at Logan Elementary School in Ann Arbor.

A May wedding is planned at Martha-Mary Chapel in Greenfield Village, Dearborn.



School in Ann Arbor.

Knight-Alland

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 Alland, the son of Ken and Sheila Alland of Waterford.

The bride-to-be is employed at American Community Mutual Insurance and Unique Dreams Studio.

Her fiancé is employed at Honeywell.

A May wedding is planned at First Baptist Church of Plymouth.



Foltz-Gehring

Janine Foltz of Ann Arbor and Don Gehring of Northville have announced their engagement.

The bride-to-be is employed as a teacher by the Westwood Community School District.

Her fiancé, the son of Marguerite Gehring of Livonia, is a printer at Gehring Printing in Redford.

An April wedding is being planned.



WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

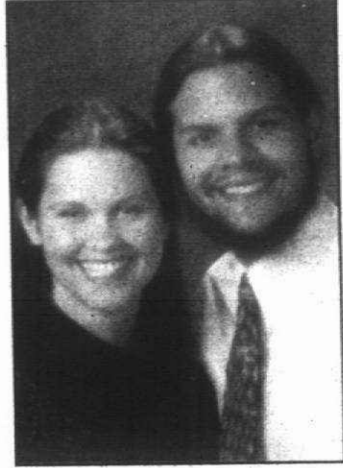
Paquin-Peltier

Ronald and Bette Paquin of South Lyon announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Jane, to Andre Francis Peltier, the son of Gary and Marianne Peltier of Canton.

The bride-to-be attends Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a cashier at WholeFoods Market of Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé is graduating from Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as an assistant dairy buyer at WholeFoods Market in Ann Arbor.

A May wedding is planned at Summit on the Park in Canton.

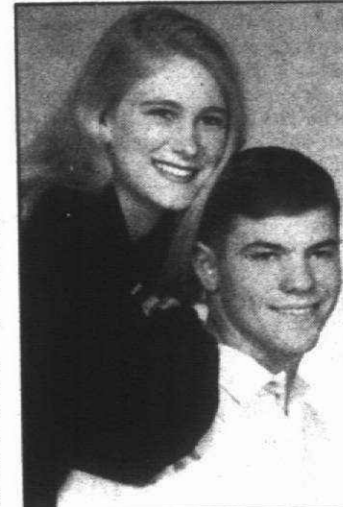


Klapper-Murphy

Scott and Peggy Klapper of Saline announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristi Ann, to Jamie Lee Murphy, the son of Patrick and Mary Murphy of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Saline High School and expects to graduate from Eastern Michigan University in June 2000 with a dual major in special education and mathematics. She is employed at Pearl Vision.

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland. He is doing his internship at Henry Ford Hospital in cardiac rehabilitation and expects to graduate in April from EMU with a degree in sports medicine. He also works for Ray and Jan's concession stand at Home Depot in Canton.



An August 1999 wedding is planned in Saline.

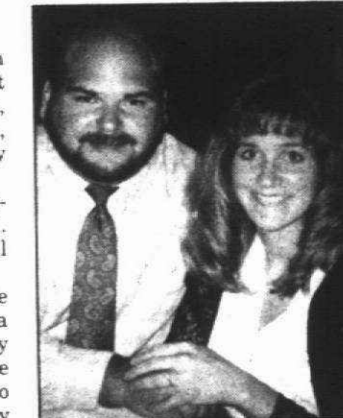
West-Candela

Jim and Helen West of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Marie, to Vincent Emanuele Candela, the son of Vincenzo and Nancy Candela of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Garden City High School. She is the manager of several Papa Romano's stores.

Her fiancé is a 1982 graduate of Northville High School and a 1987 graduate of Grand Valley State University with a degree in secondary education. He also is a 1992 graduate of Henry Ford Community College with an associate's degree in manufacturing technology. He is employed by Megatech Engineering in Warren as a prototype metal model maker.

An April wedding is planned at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville.



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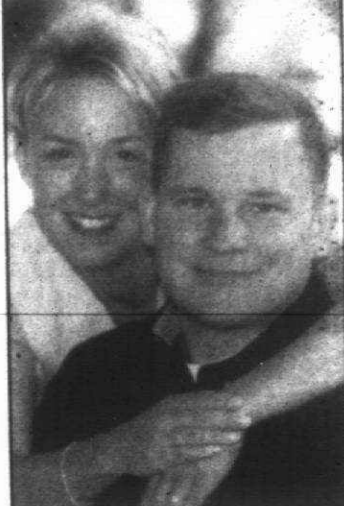
Pearse-Barlow

Robert and Donna Pearse of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynn Michelle, to Mark Steven Barlow, the son of Robert Barlow and Ann Maria of Florida and Jean Barlow of Tucson, Ariz.

The bride-to-be is a first-second grade teacher for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Her fiancé is a manager at the Ernest and Young management consulting practice.

A July wedding is planned at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.



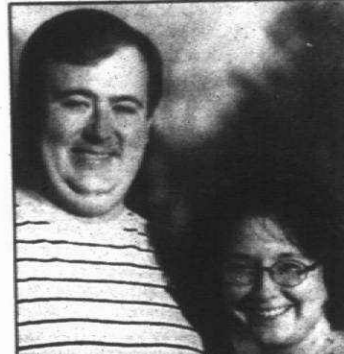
Carter-Greening

William and June Carter of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Ellen, to Charles Anthony Greening, the son of Charles and Juliana Greening of West Bloomfield.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree and Oakland University with a master's degree.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University and Wayne State University, where he received his master's degree in business administration.

A spring wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.



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McLellan-Yule

Donald and Judith McLellan of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Beth, to Matthew John Yule, the son of John and Evelyn Yule, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree in behavioral science. She is employed as a human resource supervisor at a major automotive supplier.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed as a FEA engineer at CMI Tech Center Inc.

An October wedding is planned at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia.



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March 8th
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6:00 p.m. Guest: Rev. Terry Jones

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Bible Class & SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.
Monday Evening Service 7:30 P.M.
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9:15 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.
Nursery Provided

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Rev. Timothy Halborn, Assoc. Pastor

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Sunday Memorial Service 10:00 A.M.
Sunday School 11:30 A.M.
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CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SERVED
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Family Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Hugh McLaren, Lay Minister

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Sun. BIBLE STUDY & WORSHIP 10:00 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.
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Sunday Evening 7:00 P.M.
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ST. TIMOTHY CHURCH
16700 Newburgh Road
Livonia 48154

Sunday School for All Ages 9:30 a.m.
Family Worship 11:00 a.m.

March 8th
Rev. Dr. Janet Noble Richardson,
preaching
Rev. Dr. Daniel Naps, Pastor
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Pastor: Kenneth MacLeod • tel: 313-421-6780

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ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Chas. Songstad, Pastor

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Nursery provided • 422-4038

NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
36550 Ann Arbor Trail
422-0149

Worship Services & Sunday School 9:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

March 8th
LENTEN SERMON SERIES: "Jesus Came, Jesus Went, WHO CARES?"
Rev. Benjamin Bohnsack, preaching
Rev. Thomas G. Badley, Rev. Melanie Lee Carr
Rev. Edward C. Coley

Worship Together

Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m.

New worshiping opportunities for 1997-98 school year:
WLCV 1500 SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.

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

NEW BEGINNINGS, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, east of Merriman Road, Livonia, continues with its monthly speaker series at 7 p.m. Thursday, 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) 386-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

MILLENNIUM PRESENTATION
St. Raphael Parish, 51530 Beechwood, Garden City, is hosting two millennium presentations. Rev. Dave West will discuss "What it Means to Church People" at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5, while Sister Betty Flaherty 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.

LENTEN DINNERS
The Senior Youth for Christ at St. Matthew Lutheran Church are serving Lenten dinners 5-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays through April 1 at the church, 5885 Venoy Road, Westland. Cost will be \$4 per person, \$12 for a family of four and \$3 for senior citizens. Proceeds will be used to help the youth finance their trip to the National Youth Gathering of the Lutheran Missouri Synod in Atlanta in July. There also will be Lenten worship services at 7 p.m. and 11 a.m. Thursdays. For more information, call (734) 422-0260.

ST. SABINA PARISH is having its Lenten fish fry 4-7 p.m. Fridays during Lent at the Activities Hall, 8147 Arnold, Dearborn Heights. Fish dinners cost \$5.50 for adults, \$5 for seniors over age 62 and \$3 for children under age 12. Shrimp dinners are \$6, baked fish \$6.50 and macaroni \$3. Pierogis are \$4.50 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12. For more information, call (313) 561-1977.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST 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. The group's St. Patrick's Day Dance will be held at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth. The \$8 charge also includes refreshments. For information about both dances, 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 Dale 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 Archdiocese Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinocle at 7 p.m. every other Friday - call Rose.

BLOOD DRIVE
Newburg United Methodist Church will have a Red Cross blood drive 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at the church, 36550 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. People between the ages of 17 and 70, in reasonable health and weighing at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate. Call Sandy at (734) 464-82 86 or Larry at (734) 522-1977 for a blood donation appointment.

EXPERIENCING GOD
Canton Community Church continues its seven-week series "Experiencing God" with Pastor Eric Moore at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at the church, 41600 Ann Arbor Trail, Canton. Topics include "Crisis of Belief" on March 8, "God's Chiropractic Clinic" on March 15, "Kindness

Outreach Sunday" on March 22 and "Experience Pays" on March 29. For more information, call the church office at (734) 455-6022.

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 you know there is a God?" on March 8.

"The Christian Science Sentinal-Red Edition" also can be heard at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. The conversation

discusses current public topics as well as shares healing through prayer from people all over the world.

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.

ST. AGATHA GRADE SCHOOL will have an open house 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at the school, 19900 Beech Dale Road, Redford. The school offers preschool through eighth grade classes. Parents should bring their children. For more information, call (313) 532-1940.

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 the hands-on, theme-based academic program that provides a Christ-centered foundation for the first school experience. For more information, call Shari at (734) 414-7792.

LENTEN PROGRAMS
Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will have mid-week Lenten services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Pastor Gregory Gibbons will preach on the general theme of "Walk with Jesus." Each service will be followed by a fellowship time, featuring light refreshments. For more information, call the church at (313) 532-8655.

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 McCormick 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.

HOSANNA TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH will serve a variety of dinners each Wednesday during Lent. The dinners will be served 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. They will be followed by a worship service in the church, 9600 Leverage, north of West Chicago between Beech Dale and Inkster roads, Redford. There will be a pre-service hymn at 6:45 p.m. The Lenten series is based on John 17 and the Lord's High Priestly Prayer. A free offering will be accepted for dinner. For more information, call the church at (313) 937-2424.

NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH is having Lenten dinners/programs Sunday evenings at the church, 36550 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The pot luck dinner buffets (meat, coffee and milk provided at small cost) are at 5:30 p.m., with the programs at 6:30 p.m. The programs include "Roots and Wings" on March 15 and "Portrayal of Mary" by the Rev. Laurie Plate on March 29. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-0149.

AS PART OF ITS Lenten programs and meals, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will present a drama, "The Other 12 Disciples," at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, March 8, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. A child luncheon will follow and participants are asked to bring a salad or dessert. Bread and beverage will be provided. Registration for lunch can be made through Friday, March 6, by calling the church office at (734) 422-6038. A nursery for children up to age 5 will be provided.

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

GARAGE SALE
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will have a garage sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. In addition to used household items, fresh baked goods will be for sale.

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NEW VOICES

Craig and Darcy Lapan of Livonia announce the birth of **Nathan Grant** Dec. 12. Grandparents are Melyin and Dorothy Koliba of Brighton and Richard and Carol Lapan of St. Albans, Vt.

Jeremy Seth Roe and Elizabeth Ann McIntyre of Westland announce the birth of **Austin Alexander Roe** Dec. 12 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are David and Laurie Morton, Harold Roe and Debbie Ventimiglia, all of Westland.

John E. and Laura L. DeSmit of Garden City announce the birth of **Antoinette Joyce** Jan. 27 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a brother, Zachary E. Grandparents are Dr. Laurence W. Nagy of Plymouth and John E. DeSmit Sr. of West Branch.

Robert and Tonya Sayn of Westland announce the birth of **Christian John** Dec. 15 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Andrew, 9. Grandparents are Robert and Shirley Sayn of Westland and Henry Semeniuk of Wayne.

Dan and Patti Mullins of Columbia, Md., announce the birth of **Cuinn Ethan** Dec. 21 at Howard County Hospital in Columbia. He joins siblings, Kristin, 12, Katie, 9, and Connor, 3. Grandparents are Robert and Eleanor Mullins of Garden City and Bernard and Pat Clark of Harbor Springs.

Kevin and Ann-Marie McCarthy of Livonia announce the birth of **Spencer James Paul** Dec. 18 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Kyle Kopja, 6 1/2. Grandparents are Jack and Marilyn Kimble of Northville and Don and Sue Simonelli of Livonia.

Anthony and Theresa Raines of Redford announce the birth of **Dexter Von** Nov. 11. He joins a brother, Trevor. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dattilo and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Raines, all of Redford.

Joel S. Kuzich and Fairlena M. Jarrell of Redford announce the birth of **Lindsey Sue Kuzich** Dec. 19 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Tony and Linda Jarrell of West Branch and Joel and Sue Kuzich of Redford.

Wyatt and Julie Hazlett of Plymouth announce the birth of **Hayley Piper** Nov. 12 at St. John Hospital in Detroit. She joins a sister, Jessica, 4 and a brother, Andrew, 2. Grandparents are Judy Anderman of Harper Woods and the late William E. Anderman III, and Mary and Wyatt Hazlett Sr. of Plymouth. Great-grandparents are June and William E. Anderman Jr. of Grosse Pointe, Mary Lane of Port Huron, Robert and Florence Hazlett of Wolverine, Mich., and Ross and Viva Murdock of Canton.

Michael and Susan Sarten of Canton announce the birth of **Dakota Robert** Dec. 19 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Kenneth and Deborah Compagnoni of Garden City, and Virginia Sarten of Plymouth.

Kyle and Akiyo Fisher of Westland announce the birth of **Kira Joy** Jan. 11 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins a sibling, Miyabi. Grandparents are William and Cheryl Fisher of Canton and Hideo and Kimiko Kitamura of Kyoto, Japan.

David and Christine Jenkins of Garden City announce the birth of **Brian Gabriel** Dec. 19 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Elizabeth Anne, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Bill Paton of Detroit, Peggy Mopes of Livonia, Justice Jenkins of Artemus, Ky., and Barbara Jenkins of Irvine, Ky.

Brian M. and Susan E. Smith-Edoff of Redford announce the birth of **Savannah Sarah Christine** Nov. 16 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Robert and Sarah Smith of Plymouth and Beverly and Mary Kay Edoff of Brighton, formerly of Plymouth.

Steven and Sally May of Garden City announce the birth of **Kendall Ashley** Dec. 19 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Delaina, 2. Grandparents are Fred and Joy May and George and Beverly Kelegjian, all of Garden City.

Steven and Melissa Sambrone of Plymouth announce the birth of **Chloe Gabrielle** Jan. 23 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins two sisters, Heather Ashley

Rice and Chelsea Megan Rice. Grandparents are Vito and Marvel Sambrone of Plymouth and Frank and Kay Howard of Belleville.

Patrick Fletcher and Beckey Proctor of Flat Rock announce the birth of **Danielle Michelle Fletcher** Dec. 16 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Nancy Sedler of Redford and Sandy and Jerry Fletcher of Wayne.

Michael Wiater of Garden City and **Kristy Heuser** of Ply-

mouth announce the birth of **Kayla Marie Heuser** Dec. 16 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Lynn Heuser of Plymouth and Jack and Kim Wiater of Garden City.

Marty and Debbie Biek of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of **Jacob Alexander** Dec. 20 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins two brothers, Zachary, 6, and Adam, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Bruce Jeczen of Garden City and Jim and Rita Biek of Dearborn

Heights. **Vincent and Tracie Scovel** of Garden City announce the birth of **Alison Mae** Dec. 22 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Audrey Rasmussen, Ken Rasmussen and Mary Scovel.

Timothy and Darlene Howell announce the birth of **Angelica Pearl** Dec. 22 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. She joins two siblings, Dana, 4, and Kyle, 2. Grandparents are Charles and Carol How-

ell of Garden City and Barb and Jack Richards of Redford.

Raymond and Ronda Oatman of Plymouth announce the birth of **Raymond Hunter** Dec. 22 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins three sisters - Thyra, 16, Samantha, 6, and Chelsea, 20 months. Grandparents are Fred and Linda Gorlitz of Plymouth, Raymond H. Oatman of Dearborn Heights and Frank and Theresa Roberts of Delta, Colo.

Richard and Karen Franklin of Garden City

announce the birth of **Kayla Noel** Dec. 22 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Ryan James, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Mae Franklin of Garden City and Geri and David Welch of Redford.

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Lynn wins

Oakland University's first trip to a major swim event in the NCAA Division I was solid, if not spectacular.

One of the best showings for the Pioneers at the National Independent Conference Championships, held last week in Cincinnati, came from freshman Yvonne Lynn.

The former Plymouth Salem stand-out finished first in the 100-yard backstroke in 57.23. Lynn also took a third in the 200 back (2:07.62).

OU capitalized on a pair of other local standouts at the NIC meet. Jill Mellis, a senior from Plymouth Canton, placed fourth in the 100 breaststroke (1:07.02), and Kellyann Williams, a freshman from Plymouth Salem, was sixth in the 100 breaststroke (1:07.34).

The Lady Pioneers placed fifth out of 10 teams, while OU's men's team took fifth out of eight teams. The NIC championships draws NCAA I teams who are members of other conferences but wish to compete in a conference championship situation.

All-conference cagers

The Michigan Independent Athletic Conference has picked its top players for this basketball season and Plymouth Christian Academy is represented.

The Eagles, 13-6 overall this season, tied for second in the MIAC with Taylor Baptist Park at 6-4. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist won the league title at 9-1.

The all-MIAC first team consists of Inter-City's Jason Marshall and Ryan Newsome, Aaron Wilson of Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, Jim Watkins of Baptist Park and Rob Jones of Bloomfield Hills Roper.

Marshall was the league's most valuable player, and Inter-City's Mark Cratz was coach of the year.

Two PCA players were named to the second team: Derric Isensee, a sophomore, and Scott Carty, a senior. Also selected were Brandon Hoffman of Baptist Park and Neil Ashmon of Roper, and Jared Compton of Inter-City.

Spring hockey sign-up

Registration is currently under way for Recreational Adult Spring Hockey Leagues, with play at the Plymouth Arena and at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington.

Sign-up is for the Plymouth Rockets (over 20), Plymouth Masters (over 40) and Golden Eagles (over 50) leagues, and the new women's Lady Rockets league. The season consists of 12 games over six weeks.

For more information, call John Wilson at (248) 471-0658.

Spring hoop tourneys

The Great Lakes Spring Classic, a boys basketball tournament for 12-and-under and 13-and-under teams, will be Friday through Sunday, April 17-19, at Garden City Junior High and High School.

The championship team from each age group will advance to the National Invitational Tournament.

The cost is \$245 per team (includes U.S.S.A registration and insurance). Trophies and individual awards will go to the first and second place teams for each age group. An all-tournament team and MVP for each age group will also be recognized. Age eligibility is based on Sept. 1, 1998. All rosters must include birth certificates.

For more information, call Kevin Wilkinson at (313) 981-3000 (work) or (313) 274-5405 (home); or Jeff Bradley at (313) 595-6096.

The eighth annual North American Youth Basketball Tournament will be May 22-24, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn (other area sites will be used).

There will be 10 different age brackets for boys and girls including grades 5-6, seventh grade, eighth grade, 9-10 and 11-12.

The entry fee is \$90 including two-game guarantee.

Awards will go to the first, second and consolation place winners.

For more information, call Mike Trudeau, Detroit NAYB area director at (810) 469-4242 or the NAYB toll-free hotline at 1-888-629-2275.

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Rocks roll into finals

The first half was a struggle, for both Farmington and Plymouth Salem in one of Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association basketball tournament semifinals.

Salem, the host and WLAA regular-season champion, led by seven as the third quarter started. And then . . . well, it was over.

Just like that. If you looked away for a minute or two, if you let your mind wander through the day's earlier events, or even if you stopped to concentrate on your popcorn for a short time, chances are you missed it.

The Rocks put it away that quickly. They scored the first 11 points of the second half to push their lead to 18, and the closest Farmington could come after that was a dozen.

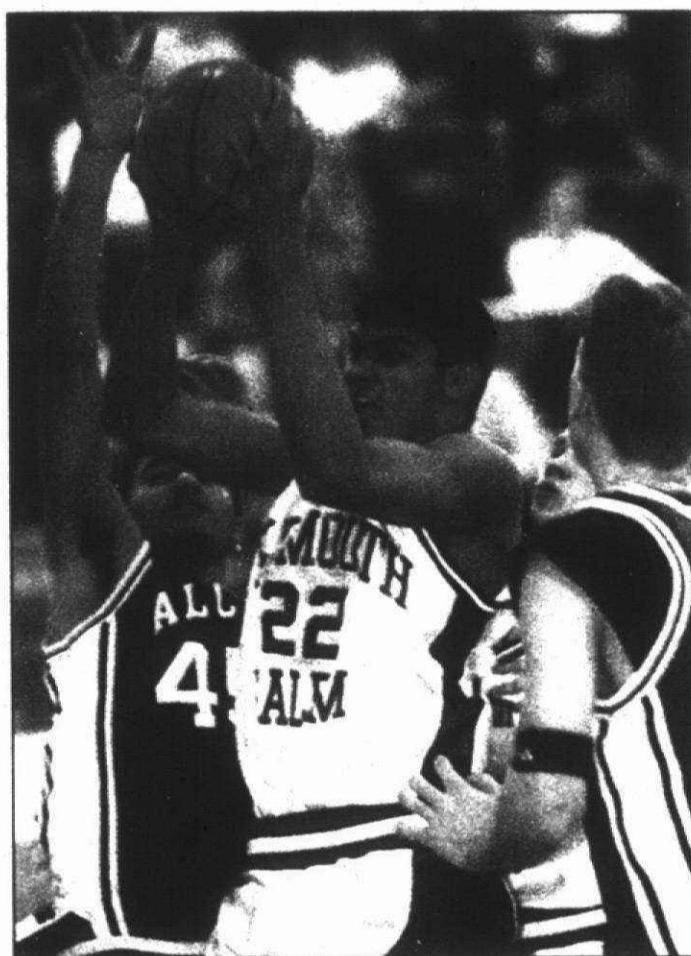
The final was 67-41, which was an improvement for the Falcons over Salem's regular-season margin of victory: 76-41, a span of 35 points.

The victory puts the Rocks, now 16-3, into Friday's WLAA tournament championship game against Westland John Glenn, a 69-59 winner over Walled Lake Central Tuesday. That game will be at 8 p.m. at Livonia Churchhill.

Farmington plays Central in Friday's consolation game, at 6 p.m. at Churchhill.

"In my opinion, Salem's got a great team and we can't play with them," said Farmington coach Denny Mikel, his team now 12-7. "We tried some different things this time, we tried zone (defense), man-to-man, we tried to pressure the ball. They just had an answer for everything."

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Determined: Salem's Bhavin Patel (22) worked his way past any Farmington foes en route to scoring 10 points.

Salem collects league title

Plymouth Salem held serve Saturday in Western Lakes Activities Association girls volleyball tournament held at Farmington Hills Harrison.

The Rocks, unbeaten during the 11-game WLAA schedule, pounded Livonia Stevenson in the championship match, 15-5, 15-4.

It was Salem's first WLAA crown since 1995.

Now 44-5-1 on the season entering Class A district tournament play, Salem went undefeated in pool play against Plymouth Canton, Livonia Churchhill and Farmington before

VOLLEYBALL

defeating Livonia Franklin in a semifinal match, 15-8, 15-8.

In the other semifinal, defending champion Walled Lake Central was ousted by Stevenson, 15-13, 15-12.

"We didn't expect to see Stevenson, but we knew they were capable," Salem co-coach Allie Suffety said. "They seemed to be pretty spent after that match with Walled Lake Central. They were really flying around. Maybe

they had dead legs when they faced us, but our kids played well when they had to."

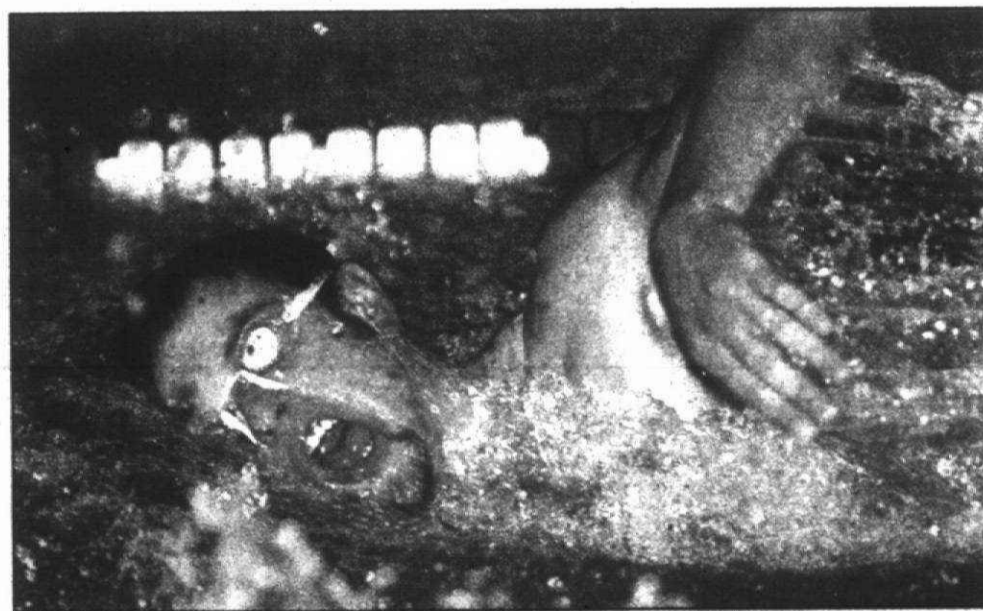
Several different players contributed in Salem's tournament conquest.

Jenny Trott, bound for Central Michigan, recorded 28 kills, 38 digs and did not make an error in 43 attempts for the entire day.

Senior Amanda Abraham had 26 kills, 15 solo blocks, 10 block-assists and 18 digs, while junior Angie Sillmon had 23 kills, nine solo blocks and seven

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Make that 6!



Speedy return: Canton's Jason Musson (left) finished fifth in the 200-yard freestyle and sixth in the 100-yard freestyle, while Salem's Brent Mellis (below) was fifth in the 200-yard individual medley and ninth in the 100-yard backstroke at the WLAA finals.

Rocks rule WLAA; Chiefs finish 4th

Transforming a league swim meet, from fast to super-speed, can be accomplished by a couple of individuals, really. They set a couple of new records while winning a few events and onlookers figure, "Wow, it must be a fast year."

At the Western Lakes Activities Association boys swim championships last Saturday at Plymouth Salem, some records were set. And it was considered a fast meet.

But the reasons go a bit deeper than a couple of rare individuals who happen to be tearing up the league.

"Our league always ranks as pretty fast," acknowledged Livonia Stevenson coach Doug Buckler. "But this was definitely a bit faster."

Getting such a proclamation from Buckler is no surprise. After all, his team is ranked among the state's top 10, a standing that's well-deserved. His Spartans swam extremely well Saturday, collecting four first-place



finishes and setting one of the league's new records.

Getting such a proclamation from Buckler after his team finished second by 74 points, however, does say a bit more.

"I think we swam fantastic," Buckler said without hesitation. "I'm proud of my whole team."

The Stevenson coach knew it would take a super-human effort, and a few

spartans by Plymouth Salem, for the Spartans to unseat the defending WLAA champs. And that didn't happen.

Stevenson swam extremely well. So did North Farmington and Plymouth Canton and Farmington Harrison, for that matter.

Problem was, Salem was equal to all challenges.

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BASKETBALL

PCA stops Greenhills; Chiefs win

Scott Carty made sure his final home basketball game at Plymouth Christian Academy would be one to remember as he led PCA to a 59-51 victory Tuesday over Ann Arbor Greenhills on Seniors Night.

The guard poured in 20 points, including five three-pointers, to help the Eagles (14-6) pull away.

PCA played all nine of its seniors in the first half, but needed a second-half charge to hold off Greenhills.

"We stepped up our defense in the second half," PCA coach Doug Taylor said. "Our guards did a good job of dribble penetration and hit some big shots for us, too. We did a good job of working the clock down the stretch."

"This was a good way to end the season and gives us a lot of positives going into the districts."

Sophomore Derric Isensee added 18 points and eight rebounds for PCA. Senior forward Nick Brandon chipped in with 10 points.

Greenhills (11-7) received 12 points from Justin Tergotenhusi.

Canton 65, Northville 59: Plymouth Canton rallied in the fourth quarter Tuesday to pull out the victory at Northville.

Trailing 42-41 entering the final period, the Chiefs outscored Northville 24-17 in the final eight minutes. Scott Samulski led the surge, scoring nine of his 14 points in the period. Joe Cortellini added seven and Dan McLean chipped in with six.

Canton, which hosts Livonia Franklin tonight, improved to 7-12. The Mustangs, who will host Livonia Stevenson, slipped to 9-10.

"We had a nice flow," said Canton coach Dan Young. "A lot of people played well for us, especially Cortellini and Samulski. Everybody contributed."

Cortellini, a junior guard, finished with a game-high 24 points to lead Canton. The Chiefs, who were 20-of-30 at the free-throw line, were paced by Samulski, who was 7-of-10 from the line in the decisive fourth quarter.

Canton also received eight points apiece from Nick Cabautan, Eric Larsen and McLean.

Dave Terekedis led Northville with 14 points and became the school's all-time varsity scoring record. Kelly Bingley chipped in with 10 points.

Pontiac Greater Life 52, Agape 44: Canton Agape Christian got to experience the big time Monday, but the Wolverines' performance came up short.

Playing prior to the Detroit Pistons-Dallas Mavericks game at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Agape struggled against a team it had beaten twice this season.

Senior center Jason Helton's 12 points led Agape (14-5). Junior forward Jeremy Austin and freshman guard Paul Anleitner each had eight points.

Greater Life (12-6) received 16 points from senior guard Jarrod Robertson and 10 from Tom Copeland.

Redford CC 86, Southeastern 69: Senior center Chris Young scored 21 points, grabbed 20 rebounds and blocked four shots as Redford Catholic Central won a non-league game Tuesday against visiting Detroit Southeastern.

Joining the Shamrocks in double figures were Joe Jonna with 18 points, Nick Moore with 13 and Don Slankster with 10.

Aaron Bell scored a game-high 31 for Southeastern.

CC is 15-4 overall.

St. Agatha 89, RU 62: Redford St. Agatha needed less than a half Tuesday to prove it was best, beating neighbor Redford Union in a non-league game.

Five Aggies scored in double figures, led by senior forward Ian Wincher with 16 points. Gelano Miles had 14, Eric Jones 13, Chris Coverson 11 and Wesley Shaw 10.

Jon Desir led RU, 6-12 overall, with 12 points.

St. Agatha is 14-6 overall.

Canton's Young was assistant to stricken coach

Dan Young spent four years as a student manager for former Central Michigan University men's basketball coach Charlie Coles and two as a restricted earnings coach for Western Michigan University's Bob Donewald.

So Young walked into WMU's University Arena last Saturday with divided allegiance as Coles' current team, Miami (Ohio), battled Donewald's Broncos in a Mid-American Conference first-round playoff game.

Young, the Plymouth Canton

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boys basketball coach, sat four rows from the floor near half court.

"Both are wonderful people, great coaches and mean everything to me," Young said. "I'm not much of a fan per se. I'm a fan of both. I don't cheer."

But with 11:23 remaining in the first half and the teams tied at 14, Young started rooting only for Coles. The 56-year-old Red-Hawks coach suffered a heart attack, collapsing at the end of a timeout.

Fans who didn't even know Coles started crying. Both teams knelt, embracing in prayer.

The crowd noise, which commenced earlier was deafening, turned silent.

"I was just thinking at that point, both teams were playing great defense, having a hard time getting any good shots," Young said. "The game was electric. The fans were into it, intense - this was going to be a war."

"I didn't see Charlie fall, any of that. All I saw was seven or eight players jumping up and down, pointing and screaming hysterically. I looked over and I didn't see Charlie's red tie, his handkerchief. It was just awful. No one moved for 20 minutes. I just kept praying, saying 'Our Father' over and over, hoping Charlie would get up. I love that man."

Everyone's prayers are being answered. By Sunday, Coles was conscious and on Monday his condition was upgraded from critical to serious.

Coles has a history of heart trouble. In 1985, his first year of a six-year stint as CMU's head coach, he suffered a heart attack

and underwent successful triple bypass surgery.

Young said a doctor raced from the stands and joined the WMU medical staff in working on Coles.

"He just shot out of the stands and with the medical staff they were on Charlie as fast as you could get to him," Young said. "It was just phenomenal what they did for him. Like Gins (Dave Ginsberg, a former CMU assistant coach and close friend of Coles) said, 'Good thing it didn't happen on a bus, walking through the park.'"

"Evidently that guy is a miracle worker or so damn tough he wouldn't die. It wasn't his time. I've never seen anything like that and hope I never see anything like it again. It was horrible but I'm glad I was there in support of coach Coles and Donewald. If that's Charlie's last nine minutes of coaching I'm glad I got a chance to see it."

Within 25 minutes of his collapse, Coles was taken off on a stretcher and transported to the Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo.

Not long after the public address announcer said Coles' condition was improving, prompting a two-minute standing ovation from the crowd of nearly 5,000.

The Miami players elected to resume the game and at 4 p.m., after a nearly two-hour delay, returned to the court. The No. 7 seed Red-Hawks used 30 rebounds and a career-high 16 points from star forward Wally Szczerbiak to upset the No. 2 seed Broncos, 67-65.

The hugging and crying resumed and Young called it the most courageous effort he's ever seen.

Prior to Saturday, the strangest thing Young had seen on a basketball court came in 1988 when a CMU fan who spent too much time at Happy Hour received a police escort out of a game at Bowling Green for berating officials.

"It's a moment Young hopes to laugh about with Coles when the two talk again."

Coles has won two MAC tournament titles in only seven years in the league. He also won a Class A state championship coaching at Saginaw High School.

"Coach Coles is a big reason I got with Donewald," Young said. "I never would have been a manager if he hadn't been there to help me in everything. Coach Donewald took me on with no experience and that's because of Charlie. Number one, he said I'd be loyal to him and coaching is all about loyalty."

The loyalty never ends.

Farmington credit, they did a lot of different things in the first half. But it's hard to run those trick defenses against teams that have a lot of weapons."

According to Brodie, Farmington tried to use a triangle-and-two combination defense, but the Rocks found the open man in the third quarter — first Mair, then Power.

They outscored the Falcons 22-10 in the stanza, hitting 9-of-16 shots from the floor. Farmington, which did score six-in-a-row to narrow the gap to 12, was 4-of-12 from the field.

Power, who totaled 20 points in the game, scored eight in the quarter and Patel had six points in the game.

Gaines' 22 points led Farmington, Justin Miller added eight.

Friday's championship clash will provide Salem with a shot at vengeance. John Glenn is the only WLAAT team to beat the Rocks this season, by a 56-50 margin Feb. 13.

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Bhavin Patel followed with a basket. Andy Power nailed a triple-try and, with the half just 2 1/2 minutes old, Salem's lead had gone from seven to 18 (35-17).

"We're an explosive team," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "It's just the way we are. Give

Salem hoop from page C1

"When you're playing Salem, you can't afford many mistakes because they'll take advantage of them."

Which, quite basically, is exactly what the Rocks did. The Falcons tried to keep Salem off-balance by switching their defenses, and for a while it worked. The Rocks converted just 10-of-31 shots from the field in the first half (32 percent).

Problem was, Farmington's shooting was even worse. The Falcons were a mere 7-of-28

from the floor in the first half (25 percent) — which is why they trailed 24-17 at the break.

And if that looked bad, well, it got worse. Trevor Gaines, Farmington's 6-foot-6 senior center, scored 15 of his team's 17 first-half points.

"Obviously, he's our go-to guy," said Mikel. "We don't have the balance Salem has. We need to have people step up. If they don't, we'll have trouble."

Which is where Farmington found itself to start the third

quarter. Salem's Matt Mair set the problems in motion for the Falcons; he converted a three-point play, then hit a three-pointer to score six straight points.

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Friday, March 6, at WESTLAND JUNIOR
First round: (A) Wayne Memorial vs. (B) Belleville, 9 a.m.
Semifinals: Westland John Glenn vs. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 10:30 a.m.; Garden City vs. A-B winner, noon.
Championship final: 1:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, March 14, at Plymouth Salem vs. Berkeley district champion.)

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CLASS C
Friday, March 6, at DETROIT HENRY FORD vs. (B) "Softball" 9 a.m.
Semifinals: Farmington Hills Harrison vs. Westland Lake Central, 11 a.m.; Walled Lake Western vs. A-B winner, 11 a.m.
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at WESTLAND LAKE

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Semifinals: Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian vs. Allen Park Agatha Baptist, 10 a.m.; Redford St. Agatha vs. Detroit Holy Redeemer, 11 a.m.
Championship final: Noon. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, March 14, at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes vs. Taylor Light & Light Christian district champion.)

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DIVISION I INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL TOURNAMENT Feb. 28 at Temperance Bedford
275 pounds: Casey Rogowski (Redford Catholic Central) pinned Charlie Hamblin (Plymouth Salem), 5:52; consolation: William Laramie (Wayne Memorial) pinned Ted Bowers (Northville), 4:51.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Men's softball Men's modified fastpitch softball teams are needed for Monday nights in Livonia (Class A) and Wednesday nights in Plymouth (Class B).
A managers meeting for new teams in Livonia will be at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at the Civic Center Library meeting room, 32775 Five Mile Road.

RAMS NEED PITCHER

The Michigan Lake Area Rams

WLAAs VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT Feb. 28 at Farm Hills Harrison
Championship final: Plymouth Salem defeated Livonia Stevenson, 15-5, 15-4.
Semifinals: Salem def. Livonia Franklin, 15-8, 15-8; Stevenson def. Walled Lake Central, 15-13, 15-12.

BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

Following is a list of Observant boys best swimming times and diving scores. Coaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara by calling (313) 953-2141 or faxing the information to (313) 991-7279.
Also, anyone with concerns regarding the coach's state swim rankings are asked to call Plymouth Canton swim coach Kyle Lott from 2-5 p.m. Fridays at (734) 416-2931.

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(C) at Harrison: 1. (tie) Walled Lake Central and Livonia Franklin, 5-1 each; 3. (tie) Farmington Hills Harrison and Westland John Glenn, 1-5 each.
ALL-WLAAs TEAMS
ALL-CONFERENCE: Ashley Ossola, Sr. OH, Northville; Amanda Abraham, Sr. OH, Plymouth Salem; Jerry Trutt, Sr. OH, Plymouth Salem; Angie Sillimon, Jr. MB, Plymouth Salem; Becca Sadana, Jr. Setter, Walled Lake Central; Stephanie Dutz, Jr. MB, Livonia Stevenson; Brooke Hensman, Sr. MH, Livonia Franklin.

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Newcomers raffle benefits hospice

The Canton Newcomers Club is seeking donations from local businesses as part of its annual effort to raise money for Community Hospice Services of Plymouth. The hospice group serves western Wayne County and surrounding communities by providing terminally ill patients with a chance to live in a comfortable and peaceful setting in their own homes. Donations will be used as prizes for the Newcomers raffle on May 6. For information, call 397-3924 or 453-1533.

Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings

Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings now in all classes 18 months through 5 years old. Located in Livonia bordering Canton, Plymouth and Westland. Quality education offered with parental involvement. Low tuition. For more information, contact Michelle at (734) 421-6196.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Soundings is a Center for Women and offers a variety of career programs, professional 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 (734) 973-7723 for further information.

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

Area man helps in Florida tornado cleanup

"It's sunny and 76 degrees down here," said Dick Merrill of Plymouth on his cell phone.

For most of us, three weeks in Florida is a great vacation, especially in February and March. However, for Merrill, it's the beginning of long, hard work days as he helps put central Florida back together after deadly tornados destroyed the region.

Merrill landed in Orlando as an American Red Cross volunteer Feb. 24, less than 24 hours after numerous funnel clouds

touched down, killing at least 30 people and injuring hundreds.

He estimates he'll stay two-three weeks.

"I got here at 2 p.m. Tuesday, and immediately went to work," said Merrill. "With my background in communications, I'm one of the first to get in and help set up Red Cross headquarters and service centers. We not only set up telephone communications, but also radio talkback for our trucks which travel the area with food."

At age 61, Merrill has been retired from Michigan Bell and AT&T since 1987. After retirement, he sat around and didn't do much for nearly two years.

"But after a while, that got pretty boring," admitted Merrill. "So, I trained to become a Red Cross volunteer."

Lucky for the Red Cross, because the Plymouth native is one of the first men in the country to be called when disaster strikes.

"I'm told that I'm the one of the first dozen people to be contacted when there's a disaster," said Merrill. "Communications and crisis centers need to be up and running immediately when the Red Cross responds. With my background I can do that fairly effectively. I feel honored they consider me an important part of getting things done."

Merrill became a volunteer in 1983, and his first taste of disaster

came five years later.

"In 1988 Hurricane Gilbert struck San Antonio, Texas and I packed up and drove down to help," noted Merrill. "Forty-eight more disasters over the next ten years... hurricanes, tornados, mudslides, floods. I've probably seen just about every kind of disaster there was."

Merrill says he usually spends about three weeks in a disaster area, helping out until the local Red Cross chapter has everything under control.

"The people in Florida are used to handling disasters, so I may be home in a couple of weeks," said Merrill. "When I first got here, I was putting in 14-16 hour days. The days are getting a bit shorter, but I don't have any trouble sleeping."

Merrill, who is also a Plymouth fireman, said he almost ended up in California helping in the mudslides, instead of Florida.

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"I just came back from the ice storms in New York and the Red Cross wanted me to go to California," said Merrill. "I told them I needed a couple of weeks to recover. Well, that's about all I got when the tornados struck here."

When you mention Merrill, the Red Cross immediately recognizes him as one of their gems.

"Dick is a very dedicated individual who knows how to go into an area where there is confusion and pull it together," said John Schultz, spokesperson for the Southeast Michigan chapter of the American Red Cross. "He's very compassionate, knows what the victims are going through, and is willing to listen and help."

"There are many times I get a

lump in my throat, seeing what some people have to endure," said Merrill. "However, you try to help by being upbeat, listening to them and trying to keep their spirits up."

Merrill said he's enjoying the Florida sunshine, and would like to visit under better circumstances. "You know, I've never been to Disney World. I'm staying in a hotel right across from it. I think I'll have to come back and visit sometime."

But, unlike many, he doesn't want to retire there.

"I like Michigan," said Merrill. "A little flooding, a few tornados, but no hurricanes, mudslides or earthquakes."

The American Red Cross is accepting monetary donations for central Florida regions hit by tornados. Call 1-800-HELPNOW or 1-800-435-7669.

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE RESIDING IN THE PLYMOUTH/CANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Plymouth/Canton School District has petitioned the Charter Township of Northville to collect the 1998 school year taxes on the 1998 summer tax bills. If you reside in the Township of Northville and you are in the Plymouth/Canton School District, your summer tax bill, which is collected by the Township of Northville, will include the full year school taxes. If you have any questions on this change, please contact the Township Tax Department at (248) 348-5810.

RICHARD M. HENNINGSEN, TOWNSHIP TREASURER

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is requesting proposals for a Group Dental Insurance Program. Interested and qualified companies may obtain information and proposal forms by telephone (734) 416-4834 - Personnel Department - during regular business hours. Proposals are due on or before 2:00 P.M. on Friday, April 3, 1998.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

JOHN F. FARROW, Secretary Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR USE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from DeMattia Associates, to approve the Use Subject to Special Conditions for Outdoor Storage for Tower Automotive in the IND, Industrial District, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The subject property is lot 15 and part of lot 16 of the Plymouth Oaks Business Park Subdivision located east of Sheldon Road, north and west of the CSX Railroad Tracks, and south of the M-14 Expressway, Application No. 1509/0198. Tax I.D. Nos. 016-02-0015-000 and part of 016-02-0016-000.

The Planning Commission seeks input to determine if approval of the Use Subject to Special Conditions should be issued under Section 15.2 of Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The land is currently zoned IND, Industrial District.

Questions regarding the request may be directed to the Community Development Department during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Planning Commission will consider the request at its regular meeting on March 18, 1998, commencing at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, Michigan. Written comments concerning the request will be received prior to the meeting. The address for the application review and for written comments is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone Number 734-453-4372.

MARCIA SAYLES, Secretary Planning Commission

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MARGARET H. HUBBARD

Services for Margaret H. Hubbard, 78, of Dearborn were held on Feb. 26 at the Neely-Turovski Funeral Home in Canton with the Rev. Kenton Gottschalk officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery.

Mrs. Hubbard was born on June 21, 1919. She died on Feb. 22 in Dearborn. Mrs. Hubbard was an accountant in the medical field.

Her survivors include her three brothers, Elmer, Fredrick and Geroge Hoffman; and many nieces and nephews.

KATHLEEN JUNE KALOWICK

Services for Kathleen June Kalowick, 34, of Green Oaks, Mich., were held on March 2 at the Tr-City Christian Center with the Rev. Rocky A. Barra officiating. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth.

Mrs. Kalowick was born on Aug. 27, 1963, in Garden City. She died on Feb. 26 in Green Oaks Township. She was a homemaker.

Her survivors include her husband, Michael K. Kalowick of Plymouth; her parents, Thomas M. McMullen and Geneva J. McMullen of South Lyon; one son, Nathan M. Kalowick of Plymouth; one daughter, Nicole K. Kalowick of Plymouth; one brother, Kenneth D. McMullen of Canton; and one sister, Karleen M. Mrazik of Clio, Mich.

Memorials may be made to Tri-City Christian Center Building Fund, 39390 Michigan Ave., Wayne 48184.

TIMOTHY J. KEPLER

Services for Timothy J. Kepler, 53, of Plymouth will be held on March 7 at the St. John Neu-

mann Church in Canton with local arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Mr. Kepler was born on Sept. 15, 1944 in Altoona, Pa. He died on Feb. 27 in Plymouth.

He was an iron worker for a construction company.

His survivors include his wife, Marney L. Kepler; one daughter, Amy Canfield; two sons, Andrew Kepler, Thomas Kepler; his parents, Frank and Ruth Kepler; and one brother, Thomas Kepler.

Memorials may be made to Karmonas Cancer Institute or Alcoholics Anonymous.

BERTHA S. SHONYO

Services for Bertha S. Shonyo, 92, of Livonia, formerly of Plymouth, were held on March 2 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul White from First Baptist Church in Plymouth officiating. Burial was at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.

Mrs. Shonyo was born on Nov. 3, 1905, in Magog, Quebec, Canada. She died on March 1 in Livonia.

She was employed at Michigan Bell Telephone Co. as a methods office employee. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John H. and Annie H. Shonyo. Her survivors include her friend, Reid (Carolyn) Becker of Canton; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth 48170.

LINDA KAY ABNER

Services for Linda Kay Abner, 52, of Plymouth were held on

March 3 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with David Thomas officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland.

She was born on Oct. 8, 1945. She died on Feb. 26 in Ann Arbor.

She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1955 from Tennessee. She and her husband Charles had been married for 33 years. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Plymouth for 42 years. She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1963. She loved her grandchildren and her hobbies included reading and baking. She enjoyed her friends at church.

Her survivors include her husband, Charles of Plymouth; one daughter, Kimberly (Mark) Kays of Canton; two sons, Chuck (Lorie) of Wayne, Paul (Lisa) of Plymouth; three brothers, William Newbill of Tennessee, Bobby Newbill of Westland, Kenneth Newbill of Waterford; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon Road, Plymouth 48170.

ALICE C. MCCLUMPHA

Services for Alice C. McClumpha, 94, of Canton Township were held on March 5 at St. John Episcopal Church with the Rev. William B. Luper officiating. Burial was at Kinyon Cemetery in Canton. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Mrs. McClumpha was born on Oct. 13, 1904, in Long Rapids, Mich. She died on March 2 in Ann Arbor.

She was a homemaker. She was a librarian and teacher in the Plymouth-Canton School system, retiring in 1959. For years, she was the elementary school librarian for Starkweather, Bird and Allen Schools. She also taught at the Huff and Kinyon, and Hanford Country Schools. She came to the Plymouth community in 1926 from Long Rapids, Mich. She was interested in family genealogy and loved her flower gardens.

She was preceded in death by her late husbands, Hurd McClumpha and Warren Palmer. Her survivors include her sons, Dr. Clif (Rita) McClumpha of Canton; four grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth.

DOUGLAS KEITH DOTY

Services for Douglas Keith Doty, 36, of Detroit were held on March 4 at Santeiu Chapel with Rev. Rob White of Shovel Rock Bible Church officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Church in Livonia.

He was born on March 5, 1961, in Trenton. He died on Feb. 28 in Detroit. He was an artist in the graphics industry.

His survivors include his mother, Iris Elaine Doty of Canton; his father, Jim Doty; three brothers, Jim (Julie) Doty, Darin (Maria) Doty, Bradley (Tonya) Doty; one sister, Valerie (Phil) Carmack; seven nieces; and three nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.

JESSIE FIELEK

Services for Jessie Fielek, 76, of Whitmore Lake were held on March 4 at St. Patrick Catholic Church with the Rev. Terrence J. Dumas officiating.

She was born on Oct. 22, 1921, in Detroit. She died on March 1 in Whitmore Lake. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Andrew and Kathrine Furmanczyk. Her survivors include her husband, Anthony Fielek of Whitmore Lake; four sons, Anthony (Carole) C. Fielek Jr. of Whitmore Lake, Andrew (Elizabeth) J. Fielek of Bloomfield Hills, Stephen (Candace) A. Fielek of Plymouth, Michael (Gretchen) A. Fielek of Okemos, Mich.; one daughter, Mary Ann Fielek of Gibraltar, Mich.; one brother, Edward Furmanczyk of Detroit; and three sisters, Estelle Pilkiewicz of Detroit, Helen Turonek of Detroit, and Lottie Czapaki of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor 48105.

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The Planning Commission seeks input to determine if approval of the Use Subject to Special Conditions should be issued under Section 10.2 of Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The land is currently zoned OS, Office Service District.

Questions regarding the request may be directed to the Community Development Department during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Planning Commission will consider the request at its regular meeting on March 18, 1998, commencing at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, Michigan. Written comments concerning the request will be received prior to the meeting. The address for the application review and for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone Number 734-453-4372.

MARCIA SAYLES, Secretary Planning Commission

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR CLEANING AND CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION INSPECTION OF THE WTUA SANITARY SEWER INTERCEPTORS PHASE 2 "MIDDLE ROUGE PARKWAY INTERCEPTOR"

The Western Townships Utilities Authority is seeking bids for sewer cleaning and closed circuit television inspection of the WTUA "Middle Rouge Parkway" sanitary sewer interceptor. Companies or individuals who desire a copy of the bid documents should contact:

Ms. Sandy Forrest
Western Townships Utilities Authority
40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187
(734) 453-2793

All submittals must be received by March 30, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. at the above address. A public opening of the bids will immediately follow the bid closing.

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Black Lab (pictured) and Headswim open for Our Lady Peace at 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, at Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets are \$15 in advance for the all-ages show. Call (248) 333-2362 or visit <http://www.961melt.com> for more information.

SATURDAY

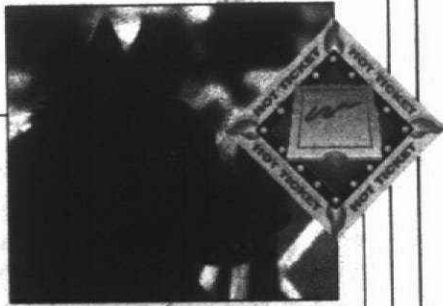


Metro Theater Company brings their "Stuff" to Youtheatre, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door, call (313) 963-2366.

SUNDAY



Local Celtic favorites Blackthorn will be appearing at the Concerts-in-the-Garden series, 3 p.m. at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Tickets \$8, call (248) 424-9041 to charge tickets, or (248) 424-9022 for information.



Hot Tix: Lots of breeds will be dog tired after competing in the 80th Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8 at Cobo Center, One Washington Boulevard, Detroit. Tickets \$9 adults, \$6 for children under 12 and senior citizens available at the door, or Ticketmaster. Family ticket also available. Call (248) 352-7469 for information.



Aiding program: Matt Watroba, an English teacher and advisor of the PCEP Perspective student newspaper at Plymouth Canton High School, will perform Friday, March 20, at the school's Little Theatre. The show benefits Plymouth-Canton's journalism program. Watroba, also the host of WDET's "Folks Like Us" program, plays a free show Friday, March 13, at Borders in Birmingham.

Musician returns to source of inspiration for CONCERT

Matt Watroba remembers the day vividly.

He was sitting in a classroom at Plymouth Canton High School in the mid-1970s when his English teacher played a Tom Paxton album to demonstrate satirical songs.

"Something about it really spoke to me. It was fun to listen to," Watroba said.

The folk legend proved inspirational to Watroba.

"It really wasn't long after that that I went to The Ark to perform. Ironically, I was kind of influenced in the very same room where I teach now," Watroba said.

The 1978 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School returned to the school in 1990 to teach English. In 1993, he became the advisor of the Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools' newspaper, the PCEP Perspective.

Watroba has returned to his roots to pay his respects to those who inspired him. On Friday, March 20, his performance in the high school's Little Theatre will benefit the high schools' journalism program.

His debut CD, released in late 1997, honors the room that launched his folk-singing career. "Live at the Ark" is a collection of some of his favorite songs including "Miss the Mississippi" by

Who: Matt Watroba
What: Performs
When: 8 p.m. Friday, March 20
Where: The Little Theatre at Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 N. Canton Center Road, Canton.
Why: It's a benefit for the journalism program at Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton high schools.
How: Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students. For more information, call Watroba at (734) 416-2922.
He also has two free Borders shows:
 ■ 8-10 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 737-3980.
 ■ 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, at Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Call (248) 203-0005 for more information.
 For information about Watroba's upcoming shows, write to him at P.O. Box 629, Hartland, Mich., 48353 or MattW41469@aol.com. He can also be reached at (810) 750-3420.

Jimmy Rodgers, "Handful of Songs" by Jerry Rasmussen, and "Home to Me is Anywhere You Are" and "Peace Will Come," both by Tom Paxton.

Watroba chose to release an album of cover songs because writing doesn't come easily to him.

"Writing for me takes a lot of time. I'm so busy that it doesn't leave a lot of time for me to write. Even if I started writing like crazy, I don't know if I'd record them."

"Plus, there's so many great songs. I'm happy to pass along those songs as well."

Besides teaching and performing, Watroba also hosts the radio show "Folks Like Us" from noon to 3 p.m. Saturdays on radio station WDET (101.9 FM).

In planning the recording of his album, Watroba didn't set his sights on the Ann Arbor venue.

"I thought, 'This is it.' I'm going to go into the studio and record 12 to 14 of my favorite songs. Then it occurred to me, these songs were born and raised for me to sing live in front of an audience."

"It's a good decision I think. The audience on the CD is part of the band. These songs did come alive that night."

Ark patrons act as background singers on "My Sweet Wyoming Home" by Bill Staines whom Watroba considers "one of our country's best songwriters."

Besides the audience, the local folk singer Jan Krist joins Watroba on "The Bramble and the Rose," by Barbara Keith, and

Please see **CONCERT, E2**

Big band swings OU students

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Swing is on the upswing. From New York and Los Angeles dance clubs to college campuses, young people are listening to the music that reached its peak when their grandparents were young.

"The reason is you always have to return to melody," said trombonist Ron Kishuk. "In big band music you have questions and answers in the music, it's music that makes sense from beginning to the end and that winds up appealing to people. As baby boomers get older, they lean toward that music



and when young people get tired of the rhythms they start to listen to it, too."
 Kishuk will lead the Oakland University Jazz Ensemble March 7 in a selection of theme songs from the Big Band era, followed by an Alumni Ensemble performing the big band charts of Thad Jones and Dizzy Gillespie under the direction of former OU jazz studies director Marvin "Doc" Holladay.

Kishuk teaches music at OU and Wayne State University. He has played with some of the biggest names in jazz including Gillespie, Freddy Hubbard and Mel Lewis.

Kishuk became involved in jazz in the late 1970s while a music student at Wayne State.

"It interested me more than other music. It wasn't just reading notes off a page," he said. "It was more fun, more challenging and harder to play than classical music."

Kishuk said that to play jazz you not only have to have command over your instrument but you have to be able to compose on your feet, handle

music theory while you play. He said he admires jazz trombonists like J.J. Johnson and Carl Fontana and trumpeters like Freddy Hubbard.

"I like any hard playing, aggressive players on the edge," Kishuk said.

The March 7 performance is part of the university's Celebrate the Century arts festival.

"We're going back to the '40s. We'll do the big band theme songs such as Glenn Miller's 'Moonlight Serenade,' Duke Ellington's 'Caravan,' Charlie

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THEATER

'Dreamgirls' actor plays dreamy uncle in Birmingham

BY JULIE YOLLES
SPECIAL WRITER

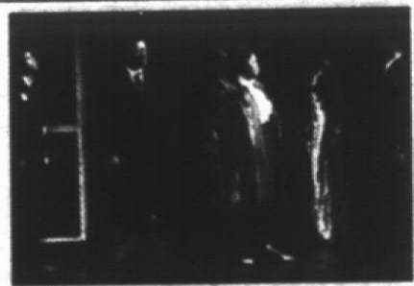
Michael Goddard's about to lead a more plush vagabond existence. A product of an Air Force family, Goddard's used to moving around - having already lived in nine places in his 30 years - not counting the 18 cities that he'll have set up temporary residence in within an eight-month period this year. Three days ago, he packed up his clothes, laptop and favorite body pillow in Cleveland and boarded the bus with the cast and crew of "Dreamgirls" and headed to Detroit for a three-week run of the Tony-Award winning musical at the Detroit Opera House. But this time, Goddard won't be stay-

ing in a downtown hotel like his other castmates. Instead, he's campin' out at his big sister Julie Brettschneider's house in Birmingham, along with her husband, Brad and their two daughters, Blair, 9, and Lane, 6-1/2.

In between e-mailing messages to Goddard, including Blair's and Lane's Girl Scout cookie order form, Julie Brettschneider's been busily coordinating ticket sales for "Dreamgirls" with her friends - she's planning on seeing the show at least three times. One of Goddard's and Brettschneider's sisters will also be flying in from Tucson to catch the show. She'll be staying with the Brettschneider's, too.

Goddard's Detroit agenda is getting

Dreamgirls
What: Tony Award-winning musical based on the rise of Motown's Supremes.
Where: Detroit Opera House, downtown Detroit.
When: Through Sunday, March 22. 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, matinees 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.
Tickets: \$24-\$49. On sale at all Ticketmaster outlets, the Fisher Theatre and the Opera House box office. To charge by phone, call (248) 645-6666.



pretty full. Brettschneider's got him lined up to speak at Quarten Elementary, Blair's and Lane's school. And, of course, there's delivering the 81 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies that Uncle Michael

sold by proxy to the ensemble, on behalf of his nieces. In between extra rehearsals to tweak and polish the show for an expected spring '98 Broadway opening, Goddard has places to go and

Please see **DREAM, E2**

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Detroit bluesman Robert Jones helps out with "Amazing Grace/That Kind of Grace." "They're two of the finest musicians I know. It was like good friends getting together and making music." On the album, Watroba explains the background and the inspiration of the songs. Before going into "Miss the Mississippi," he explains it reminds him of his father and the late Gamble Rogers. "My Sweet Wyoming Home," he jokes, reminds him of "the last time Gary and Neil and I got together back when we used to ride the rodeo in the 1930s up in Wyoming." He delves into his personal life by revealing that the Tom Pax-

ton song "Home to Me is Anywhere You Are" was sung at his wedding to his high school sweetheart Kim. "It was a really cool night. I've only been talking about doing it for 15 years," he said about the recording of "Live at the Ark." Watroba explained that he is honored that he's been able to play the Ark since he was 15. "In terms of folk music, it's the finest acoustic music in the country. I feel really fortunate that I've been able to play there. People all over the country are dying to play there." Since that day in high school, Watroba hasn't strayed from his folk sensibilities. "What's kept me in folk music is it's shared music of our people.

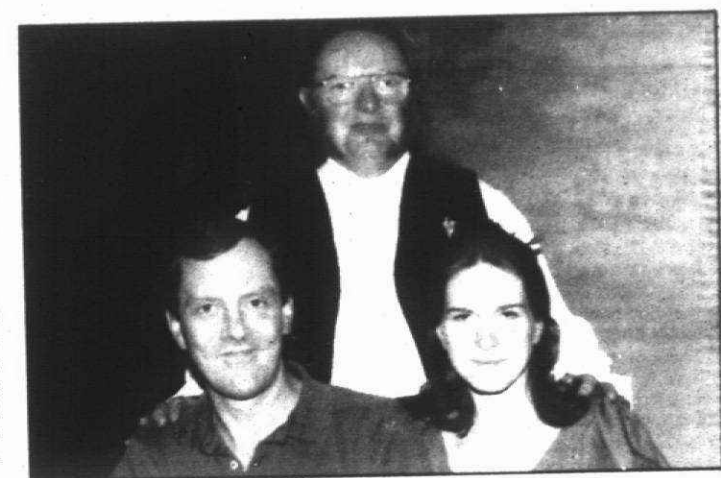
The thing that makes folk music different (from other genres) is that it holds on to the tradition that brought it here. It doesn't seem to change like everything else." During his career, Watroba has shared the stage with Tuck and Patti, Don McLean, to whom Watroba's voice has been compared, and Donovan. "He surprised me mainly because I didn't know what to expect. He told me stories for the whole hour and a half between shows." Watroba has had a successful career teaching, radio and performing. But most importantly, he's opened for his hero, Paxton. "That kind of stuff is just precious."

misfortune, of claustrophobia, especially in the forest scene where he is hunted by the well-intentioned menfolk and carelessly killed. Megan Hughes is very fine as Fiona MacLaren, the girl who induces Tommy Albright to move from New York to Brigadoon. Hughes has great sweetness and she conveys it when singing "The Heather on the Hill," and "Almost Like Being in Love."

Bob Hagle as Tommy, the fickle lover from the Big Apple who learns to be true in Scotland, is decent, restless, earnest and believable. Tommy walks away from a good job, a girlfriend who's let him call off their wedding unmet times and his best friend Tommy is definitely not a

funny as the dairy seller who is half Gypsy, half Scot and 100 percent man-crazy. Michael Jerries looks the part of Mr. Lundie, the schoolteacher who explains the mystery of Brigadoon. Cheryl Adams does a solemn, graceful turn as Maggie, the sole mourner as Harry's funeral. Frank Gerace is a totally believable bartender. Jules DeWard does a great cameo as Jane. Costumes by Doris Harmon and crew are good. The kilts are wonderful. The bagpipes before the wedding scene are the best thing about the production. The sword dance is effective, and sorting out the Scottish clan names is fun. The energy exhibited by the large numbers of people involved is awesome.

Pluto, Chip and Dale and Jimmy Cricket. He rose so high through the ranks that he was one of the few people who was cleared to sign Walt Disney's name to drawings. "Mr. Carlson went up to UPA Pictures, who produced cartoons like Gay Purree, Dick Tracy and, of course, Mr. Magoo. He did a lot of work on Magoo, working in all phases of production, including the voice sessions with Jim Backus. He was the voice of Magoo and later played Thurston Howell III on 'Gilligan's Island.' Paul says that Backus was Magoo, that 50 percent of his lines were improvised. "These animators never knew that these production cells would become collectibles. He says they were most of the work away. He drew some characters for us. He signed and dated them. He just loves to bring a smile to people's faces."



Musical: Bob Hagle, (left to right), John Farley (of Plymouth), and Megan Hughes in a scene from "Brigadoon."

Big Band from page E1

Barnett's "Skyliner." We're trying to it out of the realm of songs you always hear from those bands. "Kissin' a Fool" is not every number will be remembered, it either, Kishuk said. The OU group will involve various ensemble, solo and vocal performances. He said some numbers, such as a rendition of Miller's "In the Mood," will follow

tradition while others will pursue new arrangements. The student ensemble players will include beginners as well as advanced performers who play around the metro area. The alumni band will be inviting back several name performers who studied at Oakland University. Holladay, who now lives in South Carolina, was director of OU's jazz studies program

from 1972 to 1988 and was a member of the Stan Kenton Orchestra. Players coming back include Walt Szymanski on trumpet from New York; tenor saxophonist Scott Peterson from San Francisco; guitarist Steve Carrey, director of the jazz guitar program at Wayne State; tenor saxophonist Steve Wood; tuba player

Funny man producer meets star animator

Some weeks this is easier than others. Writing in this space has been one of my favorite outlets since we started Backstage Pass a year ago now at Detroit Public Television. It gives me a chance to talk to all the great talent hosts he have contributing in the various artistic disciplines. They're all top-notch professionals with real-world experience in their fields of expertise. They hail from respected places like WDET, Wayne State, the Detroit Institute of Arts and the like.

Then there's this week. Jimmy's a tough interview. He's ostensibly one of the show's producers. Ask him what that means and he gives you a vague answer like, "I sometimes roll around in a big pile of press releases while my voice mail fills up." Then he laughs maniacally. Jimmy's also an on-air contributor. "Why?" you ask. "What is his area of expertise?" Well, for 8-1/2 years Jimmy worked the road as a standup comedian (this is a self-reported description on his part). So when we have subject matter that we think might lend itself to a comedic touch, we send Jimmy to act incise and enhance said comedic offering, bringing the comedy right out of the thing, leaving a sad, lifeless mess in its place, or c) it's a coin toss between a) and b).

Last week, he filled in for me on the air while I was out of town, and now he's contributing a report from the field. Is he behind the camera? In front of the camera? Apparently, he can't decide, caught in a Jekyll-and-Hyde-like duality that threatens to prevent him from even being a wholly actualized human being, or even from catching up on his filing.

So when we heard that Gallery Animato in Birmingham was bringing in cartoonist Paul Carley-Mouse for its exhibition of UPA Studio animation cels, we put Jimmy on the case. "When I was a kid, I wanted to be a cartoonist," Jimmy said, "and Paul Carlson is an example of why I should have done it. He's the nicest guy in the world, generous with his talent, and has absolutely loved his career." And what a career he's had. Jimmy ran down his history. "Mr. Carlson wanted to be a cartoonist, so when he was 19 he moved to California hoping to get a job at Walt Disney Productions as an animator. They told him he had to have two years of college - he had none - so they turned him away. He told them, 'Call me if you have any openings.' Two months later he started out in the mail room. That was a great start because he delivered mail to everybody. Walt included. He expressed his interest in cartooning to some of the old animators and they took him under their wings. "His credits at Disney include 'Sleeping Beauty,' '101 Dalmatians,' 'Lade and the Tramp' and 'How to Draw' books of Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Goofy.

That's all on Backstage Pass, tonight at midnight on Detroit Public Television, repeated Friday at 7:30 p.m.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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DINING

Mesquite Creek offers taste of Southwest

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Eating out is a treat, and if you're hungry for steaks or seafood, comfortable Mesquite Creek aims to please.

Owned by Brian Hussey of Plymouth and Mark Laramie of Ann Arbor, they just opened a second location in Canton and are celebrating their fifth anniversary in Clarkston.

"Brian was my next door neighbor in Union Lake," said Mike Ross, kitchen manager. "We grew up together. He was the best man at my wedding."

After graduating from college, Brian and Mike moved to Texas and ended up working in the restaurant business.

"Brian's dream was to open a restaurant in Michigan," said Ross. "He worked in many different restaurants in Houston."

The dream became reality five years ago when Brian and his father opened Mesquite Creek in Clarkston, which has been enormously successful.

Mark Laramie owned 60 Little Caesar's franchises and left his job as corporate vice president to become a co-owner of Mesquite Creek.

"We're trying to create a nice warm, comfortable feeling," said Laramie, of the new Canton restaurant, formerly the Misty Duck. "We changed the decor inside," said Laramie. "We warmed it up and made it more comfortable, airy and light."

The floor is ceramic, trimmed in wood. Original Southwest prints hang on the walls. There are 16 high back booths at the Canton restaurant, perfect for unwinding, and enjoying dinner.

"We're hometown guys running the show," said Laramie. "Mike's a great guy, and he's real good in the kitchen."

Besides steaks and prime rib, Mesquite Creek "sells a ton of seafood and chicken," said Laramie. "Everything we make comes off the mesquite charcoal grill. It puts magnificent flavor into everything."

They serve Certified Angus Beef, and the fish and chicken are purchased fresh daily, never frozen.

"We start with high level ingredients and keep it simple," explained Laramie. "Prime rib is one of our specialties. On Mondays and Tuesdays we offer Prime Time - prime rib, baked potato and salad for \$10.99."

The salsa is made fresh daily from scratch, and served with

Mesquite Creek

Where: Two locations, 45250 Ford Road, Canton (734) 414-0100; and 7228 Ortonville Road, Clarkston, (248) 620-9300.

Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

Menu: Steakhouse. Mesquite Creek takes a Tex-Mex spin on everything they do, and uses Certified Angus Beef.

Reservations: Sunday-Thursday for parties of eight or more.

Credit Cards: All majors accepted.

Carry-out: Yes

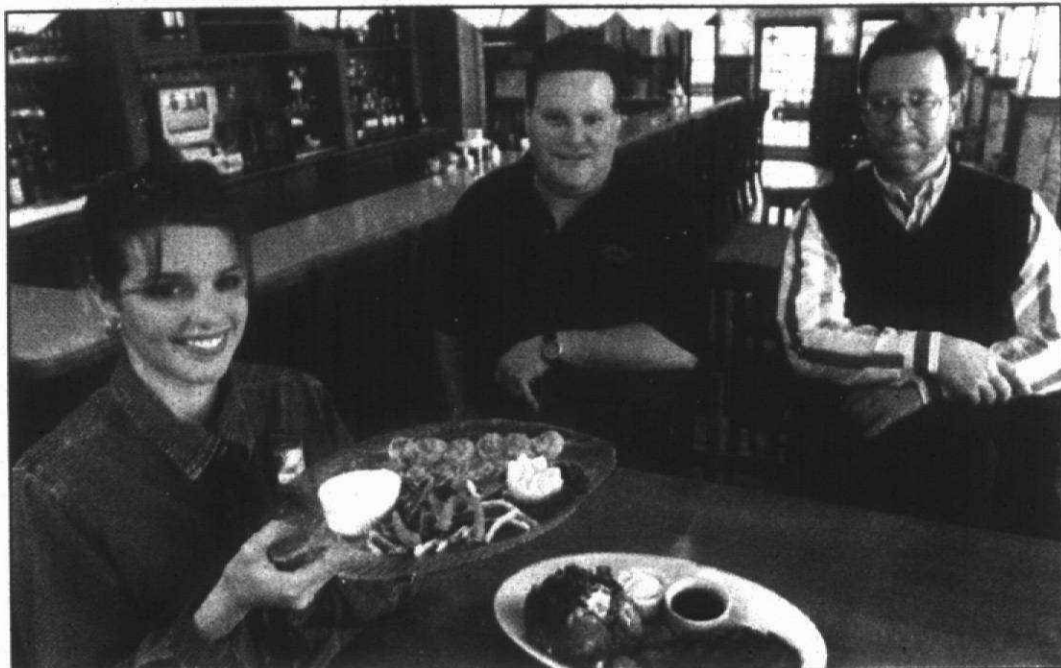
Cost: \$5-\$12 lunch; \$9-\$27 dinner.

Children's menu: Available

Seating capacity: 150 with bar in Canton; 250 Clarkston.

Entertainment: Canton location - 7-11 p.m. Wednesdays, The Hits plays soft pop rock favorites. They perform 7-11 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Clarkston location.

Banquet room: At Clarkston location, seats 50-70 people.



At your service: Kristy Young, Mike Ross and Steve Palmiere present some of Mesquite Creek's specialty items in the bar area of the newly opened restaurant in Canton.

hot homemade chips. Baked potatoes are huge, and served with your choice of toppings at no extra charge.

Starting with the lunch menu, Laramie pointed to the Spicy Chicken Soup - fresh chicken broth simmered with fresh vegetables and a hot chili puree, topped with a dollop of sour cream. There's also a corn chowder.

"It's made from scratch," he said. "Nothing from a can." Like the soup, you'll find a lot of the same items on the lunch and dinner menu. "There are more sandwiches and salads on the lunch menu," said Laramie. "Fresh seafood is available all day long."

Specialty items include Shrimp Tetonka - six large shrimp marinated in hot spices and garlic and grilled over mesquite is available as an appetizer with bleu cheese dressing or as entree Mesquite Shrimp.

Shrimp Brochette - extra jumbo shrimp stuffed with a sliver of jalapeno and monterey jack cheese, wrapped in thin bacon and mesquite grilled is another

favorite.

"People are just crazy for Chicken Durango - chicken breast topped with sautéed mushrooms, tomatoes, bacon, chives, and melted monterey jack cheese served with honey-dijon dipping sauce," said Laramie.

Southwest menu items include quesadillas, nachos, and fajitas. For dinner you can tailor your entree to your appetite. Sirloin is available in 8-ounce and 12-ounce sizes. Order prime rib in 8-ounce, 12-ounce or 16-ounce portions. Filet Mignon, New York City Strip, and Porterhouse de Pueblo are also available in different sizes.

Entrees are served with your choice of baked potato, Texas Fries or Creek Vegetables, and dinner salad. Caesar and Greek salads are other flavorful choices. There are also pork chops, lamb chops, veal chops and baby back ribs on the menu.

If you're craving surf n' turf, you'll be happy to know that you

can add six mesquite shrimp, three pepper shrimp, three brochette shrimp or a lobster tail to any entree for an additional charge.

Grilled fish is another option at Mesquite Creek, yellowfin mahi mahi, salmon, yellowfin tuna or swordfish.

Parents with finicky eaters will appreciate the children's menu, which includes grilled cheese, hamburger, shrimp on a steak, pork chop with apples and mesquite chicken.

Save room for "Happy Endings" - Pecan Ball, Haagen-Daz ice cream rolled in toasted pecans and topped with Sander's Hot Fudge and real whipped cream, sopapillas, a Mexican pastry, and empanada - your choice of cinnamon apples or fresh sliced bananas and pecans wrapped in pastry and gently fried, served with vanilla ice cream, are among the choices.

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