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**Music:** Joshua Redman is touring with a quartet and stopping at the Ark in Ann Arbor Saturday, providing a rare chance to see this performer in a small club setting. /E1

**Film:** Lots of people believe "Titanic" won't only sweep the Academy Awards on Monday night, it deserves to as well. See what our movie critic John Monaghan has to say. /E1

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## Cops break up after-school confrontation

BY VALERIE OLANDER  
STAFF WRITER

Canton police dispersed more than 30 car loads of teens gathered to watch a fight after school Tuesday. Two boys were ticketed for disorderly conduct.

Cars were lined up along Warren Road, between I-275 and Lotz, and a nearby dirt road. Police broke up the fight between two boys, one from a clique known as the "W-family" and the other, a "Skater."

One of the boys, a junior at Plymouth Canton High School, sat in the back seat of a police car as officers wrote him a ticket. They also confiscated driver's licenses of the students who came to watch the fight. The licenses were later returned.

The other student involved in the fight ran off when police arrived, but Officer Keith Lazar said police will go to the boy's house to ticket him for the

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## Mom: Daughter fought off attack



The mother of a 15-year-old rape victim says her daughter tried to resist during the March 5 assault at Plymouth Canton High School. Eventually, her daughter just "froze," the mother said.

BY VALERIE OLANDER  
STAFF WRITER

The mother of a 15-year-old girl allegedly raped at Plymouth Canton High School said her daughter let out a visible sigh of relief after giving a four-page written statement to Canton police last week.

The girl didn't tell anyone about the March 5 attack until the day after it happened. She confided in a friend, who in turn told his mother.

"(The friend's mother) came over about 12:30 a.m. (March 7). I couldn't believe she was telling me this," the victim's mother said.

The daughter told her mother very

little about the alleged rape, but opened up when a Canton police officer looked her in the eyes and told her it wasn't her fault. "I think it helped hearing that from a man," the mother said. "She just started writing about everything that happened."

Writing in a journal has always been an interest of the teen's, but recently the pastime has become a therapeutic outlet as news of the alleged rape became public.

**Criminal chapter**

Her classmate and neighbor, Christian Armstead, 17, is facing one count

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## District may close unsafe PCEP areas

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district this week completed a survey of all Plymouth-Canton Educational Park buildings to find out just how many potentially dangerous secluded places there are.

The survey was prompted by an alleged sexual assault March 5 under a Plymouth Canton High School stairwell. The defendant, Plymouth Canton student Christian Gerrard Armstead, has been suspended from school.

The report was released by the district Tuesday under the Freedom of Information Act. It listed areas in Plymouth-Canton Educational Park where students can congregate unseen, including the following locations at Plymouth Salem High School:

- Stairwells leading from the two gym balconies;
- Music practice rooms west of the gym;
- The backstage of the auditorium;
- The loft above the stage in the

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## A little, Irish-style romance



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISLER

Show of affection: Joan Kitrilakis and fiance Paul Axtell sneak a kiss while dancing a waltz during Tuesday's St. Patrick's Day Party for seniors at the Summit. The two recently became engaged and plan to marry on May 23. Iva Folts and Willard Aumann enjoy the dance also. For more on the event, please turn to Page A3 in today's Observer.

## Planners seek out education 'vision'

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

What will the Plymouth-Canton school district be like in five years?

That is the question the Long Range Planning Committee is continuing to discuss in a process that began in 1995. The 20-plus person committee comprised of parents, teachers, administrators and many other representatives held an informational meeting Saturday to kick off its "visioning" process. About 13 people attended Saturday's meeting, with some braving post-snowstorm roads to get there.

The meeting's purpose was to explain to the public what the committee is about and kick off a series of public meetings concerning the long range planning process.

"The long range plan is intended as a blueprint," said Joann Gustafson, a Lowell Middle School teacher and committee member. "It is a living and

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## Plymouth Township woman fills board vacancy

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education selected Judy Mardigian to serve as a school board member for the next two months at a special meeting Tuesday.

Mardigian, 45, of Plymouth Township, will fill a vacancy left by Jack Farrow, who resigned to pursue a district technology job. She will be able to run for the remaining two years of Farrow's term in the June 8 election. She



Judy Mardigian

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was selected from a pool of eight candidates, six of whom attended the meeting.

"I'm really excited and I'm really ready," Mardigian said after she was selected. "I want to help the district out."

Mardigian co-founded the Class-Size Action Partnership, a group dedicated to helping reduce class sizes in the dis-

trict. She is also a member of the Citizens Finance Committee, participates actively in community forums and is a parent volunteer at Isbister Elementary School, among other things. Her two children attend Isbister.

She is co-owner of Health Benefits Inc., a medical benefits consulting firm in Plymouth.

"As a result of my involvements I've developed some positive working relationships (within the district)," Mardigian said.

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## Naturalists, developers battle over 'park' land

BY VALERIE OLANDER  
STAFF WRITER

Builders of Koppnick Corporate Park are moving ahead with plans to build a road and drag water and sewer to a 90-acre industrial area east of I-275, between Koppnick and Warren roads.

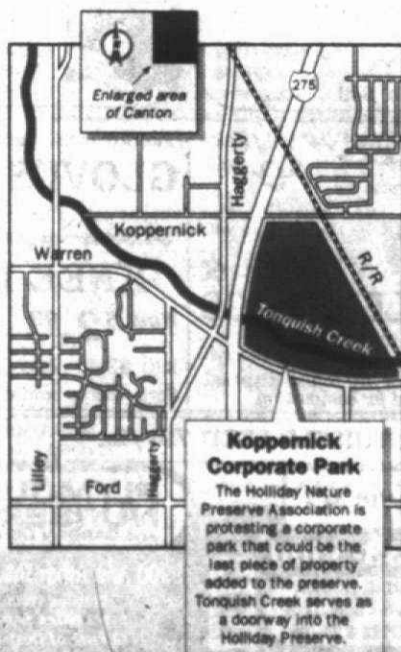
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A group of environmentalists is on the fast track attempting to save the property and add it to the 540-acre Holiday Nature Preserve. The preserve is located in Westland on Canton's eastern boundary.

A showdown is expected 7 p.m. Tuesday during a public hearing before the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

Burton Katzman Development Company is asking for a special assessment district (SAD) for the road, sanitary sewer and water main system, which is expected to cost \$1.2 million. The township would pay for the work and then

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## Mort Crim to headline April author luncheon

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

When Mort Crim describes his father, a minister, it is with admiration.

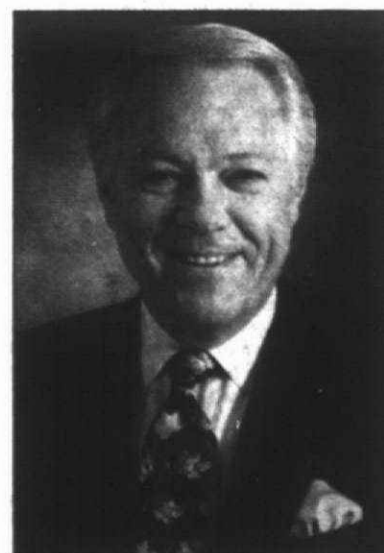
"If my dad fell into a pond, he would come up checking his pockets for fish," said the former WDIV-TV anchor.

Being positive in the face of reality. That's what Crim's father taught him. And to this day, Crim, who retired from WDIV in 1997, travels the country with his motivational essays and positive spirit.

"People equate optimism with unreality. But as a newsman I've seen my share of tragedy. I know about the negative," Crim said. "We can face things realistically, yet still be positive."

This is the message that Crim will

Please see BOOK LUNCHEON, A2



Mort Crim





Land use: A group of naturalists would like to add 90 acres in north-east Canton to the William P. Holliday Nature Preserve in neighboring Westland. The land is currently part of the Koppernick Corporate Park.

PHOTO BY BILL CRAIG

### Land battle from page A1

assess the costs to landowners over a 10-year period. "We spend hundreds of millions to fix the Rouge River and meanwhile developers spend hundreds of millions of dollars to damage it," said Bill Craig, president of the Holliday Nature Preserve Association. The Sierra Club approached Canton officials last month to buy the land, but they declined. Supervisor Tom Yack said the township is currently emmeshed in obtaining 218 acres of active recreational land east of Napier, between Cherry Hill and Ford roads. A state grant is paying for 40 percent of the costs, although the township's share will add up to approximately \$1.9 million.

**Fighting further development:** Bill Craig stands at the office building located to the west of the threatened wetland area.



The sewer would run adjacent to the Tonquish Creek which flows through the preserve and is a tributary to the Rouge River.

Other efforts are being made to obtain a Michigan Land Trust Grant by the Holliday Nature Preserve Association.

### 'We spend hundreds of millions to fix the Rouge River and meanwhile developers spend hundreds of millions of dollars to damage it.'

Bill Craig  
-president, Holliday Nature Preserve Association

Plans also include a five-acre detention basin on southeast corner of the property near Warren and the C & O Railroad tracks. The basin holds storm water runoff that outflows into the Tonquish Creek. "This is the last piece of property that could be added to the nature preserve... it's like the bottle cap on the bottle. It would be bad enough if we just lost this

to farming. The only thing worse is a landfill," Craig said. Chuck DiMaggio, project manager for Burton Katzman was unavailable for comment. Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said Burton-Katzman already has site plan approval to build the road - a boulevard that runs south from Koppernick splitting the property in the middle between the C &

O railroad tracks and I-275. "They plan to build out on the frontage along I-275 first... All the property along I-275 is 'high and dry,'" said Goulet. The eastern portion has woodlands and a small pocket of wetlands, he said. Anything designated as a wetland would require a permit from the state Department of Environmental Quality. The environmental surveys are pending. The planning staff already gave approval for two office/warehouse buildings on the I-275 frontage. "Right now, they're not even looking at the east side of the road," Goulet said.

### Book luncheon from page A1

bring to guests of the Third Annual Observer-HomeTown Friends Book & Author Luncheon Wednesday, April 22, at the Fox Hills Country Club. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased by mail to the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main,

Plymouth 48170. Attention: Diane Geddes. Proceeds from the Observer and HomeTown newspapers-sponsored luncheon benefit Friends of the Library organizations at the Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Novi libraries.

**Second thoughts** Crim will discuss his book, "Second Thoughts with Mort Crim," which includes his motivational and inspirational essays. "Mort Crim's Second Thoughts" also are heard on radio across the nation and sponsored by Kmart. His radio feature is heard in Detroit on WNIC and is also heard around the world on the Armed Forces Radio Network.

In his book and radio features, Crim says he uses humor and personal anecdotes to emphasize his belief in the positive aspects of human nature. Crim also draws on his knowledge of the human condition from his 30 years of news broadcasting. Journalism, especially broadcast, is also one of Crim's

topics. But maybe not the way you think a veteran newsmen would speak of it. **Journalistic optimism** His goal is to bring optimism to the world of journalism, calling for more balanced and positive news reporting. Crim says he is disappointed and disenchanted with what he calls a growing trend of sensationalizing and exploiting the news. "The line between news and entertainment has been obliterated," said Crim, who was a national correspondent for ABC Radio. His was the voice that described Neil Armstrong's landing on the moon. His resume also includes coverage of Robert Kennedy's funeral, the Yom Kippur war in the Middle East, as well as the Vietnam War with President Lyndon Johnson. While Crim concedes that part of the responsibility lies with the media's audience, it's not a good

enough answer. "If our ethic is to give audiences what it wants, than the same justification can be used by bookies and prostitutes," Crim said. Journalists are trained to determine what is news and what information is essential for the public. While some might say that such an attitude in journalists is arrogant, Crim disagrees. "It's no more arrogant than a doctor telling you he knows what's best for your body. We have to educate the public. It sounds elitist, but I don't mean to. It's like politicians who need to educate the public. The public needs leadership. "Journalists have to do the same thing. Present the facts, expose things. Generally, people will respond to that positively."

**Lengthy resume** "Second Thoughts with Mort Crim" is not his first book. "One Moment, Please" is a collection of radio scripts, which aired on more than 350 radio stations in the 1970s. Crim describes the book and radio features as similar to Charles Osgood's current

radio features. Crim is also author of "Take Off and Fly: Living Positive in a Negative World." Crim has been a broadcaster for stations from California to New York City. He also was the permanent vacation substitute for Paul Harvey 1980 to 1984. After spending a good amount of time in radio, Crim decided he wanted a change. "I really thought at that age I should try TV. Harry Reasoner wasn't able to move over so I went to Louisville, Kentucky." Three years later he went to Philadelphia where he worked with the late Jessica Savitch. He did a stint in Chicago. WDIV-TV became home to Crim as the senior editor and anchor of the evening news 1978-1997 and remains with the station as vice president of community affairs. "I miss the people, but not anchoring. We all still stay in touch, Carmen (Harlen) and Chuck (Gaidica). I really don't miss the work. I have moved into something that's more exciting for me at this stage of my life."

## Seminar aims to sharpen girls' math, science skills

The Seventh Annual "Girls Excel in Math and Science" (GEMS) conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Saturday, March 21 at Plymouth-Canton High School.

The conference is offered for sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. While the target audience is girls, middle school boys are also welcome to attend. Each student must be accompanied by an adult, usually a parent. One parent may bring two children in a family. One student may bring both parents.

The mathematics and science conference is designed to prepare students for the many challenges of the 21st century to increase the student's interest in mathematics and science and to provide information on mathematics and science careers.

"The girls of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools deserve the best opportunities that we can provide," Curt Perry, curriculum coordinator for mathematics and science said. "While the regular classroom offers many activities for both girls and boys to excel, this conference is geared to be more specific to girls' needs. Girls have typically been underrepresented in math and science classrooms. Plymouth-Canton Community Schools still provide this conference to show girls the importance of continuing with math and science throughout their educational lives."

## 3 charged in gas station holdup

BY VALERIE OLANDER  
STAFF WRITER

Three men were arraigned Monday in 35th District Court on charges of armed robbery for a weekend holdup at the Clark Gas Station, 45230 Michigan Avenue, near Canton Center Road. Rick Hickman, 17, of Ypsilanti, Timothy Reardon, 18, of Detroit, and Scott Foley, 22, of Belleville are being held without bond in Wayne County Jail pending a preliminary exam March 27. Canton Police were called to the gas station at 3:44 a.m. on an alarm. The clerk told police two men came in the store and one ordered him to "Give me all the money." The other pulled out a sawed-off shotgun from his pants. An undisclosed amount of cash was taken from the register. The robbers were seen leaving

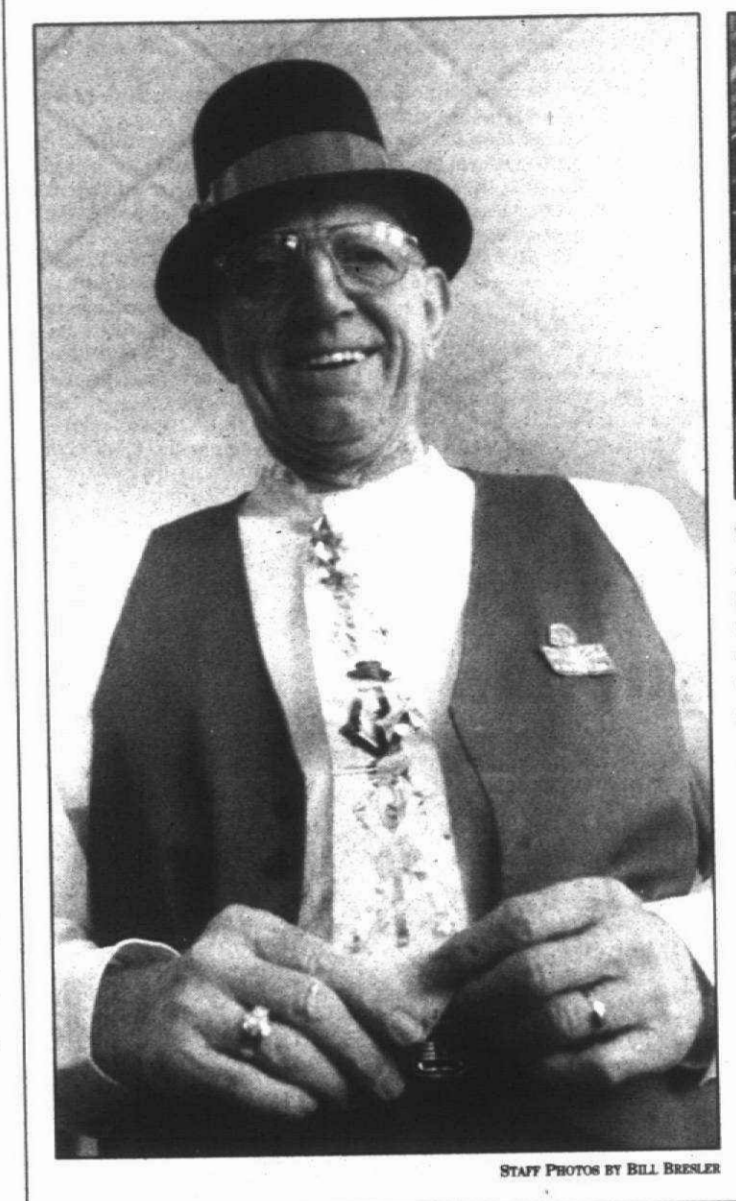
in a dark-colored station wagon with wood paneling on the side. The car headed westbound on Michigan Avenue. Van Buren police located the station wagon and the three men at the Hidden Cove Apartments on Belleville Road, south of I-94. Two shotguns and a handgun were found inside the car, police said. The money taken from the robbery also was recovered.

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Choices Open Doors: An update on course offerings at P-CEP  
TI-82 Graphing Calculator: Parents will come away with an appreciation of graphing calculators and math.

The conference is sponsored and funded by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, the Plymouth branch of the American Association of University Women, Federal Gender Equity Grant funds, the Educational Excellence Foundation, and Hines-Park Lincoln-Mercury. For more information, contact Curt Perry at 416-3005.

### St. Patrick's Day fun



**Wearin' of the green:** Hugh Cruse shows off his St. Patrick's Day lighted tie at the annual luncheon and party for senior at Summit on the Park. Above, an unidentified practical joke made sure even the statue outside the Summit was dressed properly for the occasion.

## Madonna hosts Volunteer Fair March 24

Madonna University in Livonia will hold its fourth annual Volunteer Fair 1-4 p.m., Tuesday, March 24 in the Take 5 Lounge on campus. At the event, organizations offer internships and other programs which can help expand career skills. Organizations which will be represented

include A Christian Ministry in the National Parks, FOCUS Hope, Habitat for Humanity and Franciscan Outreach Association. "This year we are planning to send out invitations to local high schools, churches and senior centers. We want to let the community know this event

and encourage their involvement," said Melissa Edmonds, junior history major and coordinator of community and public services at Madonna University. For more information, call campus ministry at (734) 432-5419.

## CANTON CONNECTION

### Expo headed to Canton

The first-ever Canton Community Information Expo is set for Saturday, May 2. Just what will you find there? Visitors will be able to mingle with municipal employees from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Canton administration building and find out about services and programs available in the Canton community. In addition to the various township departments, organizations like the Canton Public Library and Canton Waste and Recycling - as well as area commercial vendors offering home improvement services - will have information tables. The demonstrations will be free and are not intended as sales campaigns. The event is being co-sponsored by the Canton Homeowners Advisory Council, municipal government and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. For information call 397-5381.

**Kudos for Chamber chief** Carleigh Flaharty, executive director of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, is a recipient of the Michigan Chamber Professional Award.

The award from the board of directors of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce is given to those who have achieved specific educational and training goals. Flaharty was one of 18 chamber executives from Michigan to receive the award last month.

**Nominees sought** Schoolcraft College is seeking nominations for outstanding alumni who have made significant contributions to their profession, the community and the college. The award winner will be honored in person at commencement exercises Saturday, May 2. To be eligible, nominees must have earned a minimum of 30 hours credit at Schoolcraft, have excelled in or achieved special distinction in a particular endeavor such as civic affairs, a professional field or volunteerism, and have made a contribution to Schoolcraft while a student or alumnus. The Distinguished Alumni Committee created this award to recognize the overall success of Schoolcraft College students.

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, March 27. To obtain an application, contact the Department of Marketing and Development at (734) 462-4417.

**the Canton Public Library**  
Did you know:  
■ There are some new magazines in the Young Adult section: Jump, Game Pro, Blue Jean and Teen People?  
■ England's Mothering Sunday was celebrated on March 22? It was a time for attending services at Mother Church, family gatherings and visits to parents - now popularly known as Mother's Day and celebrated the second Sunday in May?  
■ Tuesday, March 24 is the American Diabetes Alert "wake-up call" to communicate the risk factors and symptoms of the disease?  
The source for this information is "Fugitive Fact File."

**Web Watch**  
Check out these new Web sites:  
■ <http://www.modernbride.com>  
■ <http://www.englishbulldog.com>  
■ <http://www.asiasociety.org>  
■ <http://www.petoftheday.com>  
■ <http://www.ojr.org>

**Q & A**  
Q. Where did the Motion Picture Academy's Oscar statue get its name?  
A. Originally nameless, the statue was shown to the academy's librarian, Margaret Herrich, on her first day of work in 1931. She remarked that it reminded her of her uncle Oscar and the name stuck.  
New fiction  
■ There are some new, fine fiction books available from the library:  
■ "The Autobiography of Foudini Mc Cat"  
■ "Canapes for the Kitties" - Baboon Keene

**Hot topic of the week**  
■ Star struck? Though the library can't offer you the video versions of the Academy Award nominees for best picture (yet), the library does have previous Academy Award winning films on video, film reviews, film star biographies, Oscar telecast information and Web page connections to you favorite films and the Academy Awards. The nominations for best picture are "As Good as it Gets," "The Full Monty," "Good Will Hunting," "L.A. Confidential" and "Titanic." Oscars will be presented Monday, March 23 on ABC-TV. @ the Canton Library is compiled by Laura Dorogi of the library staff. The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. For more information about library programs and services call 397-0999.

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of third-degree criminal sexual conduct for the alleged rape, which took place under a stairwell at the high school.

Armstead is free on \$10,000 personal bond. A preliminary exam is set for Friday in 35th District Court to see if enough evidence is present to bind the case over to circuit court for trial.

He has been suspended from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools pending an investigation.

Meanwhile, the girl is attending classes in a nearby school district, although she hopes to return to Plymouth Canton. She is also undergoing counseling through First Step, a domestic violence and sexual assault crisis center.

"She's meeting friends (at the new school) and doesn't have to

hear the rumors," said the mother. "Kids can be vicious." Names are being withheld to protect the identity of the victim. The teenager declined to talk on the record to the Observer, but was present during the interview with her mother.

Armstead was contacted by the Observer and declined to comment.

### Becoming friends

Armstead reportedly came to Plymouth Canton High School in January from Cass Tech High School in Detroit. The two were becoming "good friends," the mother said. They were not dating, she said, which has been one rumor circulating at the high school.

"They were in the lunchroom talking. She was upset... One of things she was upset about was

we had just put our dog to sleep," the mother said.

"He suggested they go someplace quieter." They sat in the stairwell talking when Armstead allegedly began making sexual advances. At one point, he put his hand down her pants.

"She not only told him, 'No,' but she tried to push him away several times," the mother said. The girl was bruised on her elbow and was cut and bleeding from Armstead's zipper, she said.

Two girls witnessed the assault, apparently believing it was voluntary, the mother said. They didn't report it to school administrators. The daughter didn't yell out to them for help because she was scared. "She froze," the mother said. "I guess she got that from me."

The girl's estranged father was an abusive alcoholic. The parents were divorced when she was 3 years old. "I don't know if she thought (Armstead) was going to hit her. I know from experience that there's only so much arguing you can do before you lock up and freeze," said the mother.

After the attack, the girl went outside and saw the two with several other kids. One of them asked her if she "got f---." Her daughter put her head down and walked away without saying a word.

"Instead of going to get security, they were laughing about it," the mother said, shaking her head.

### The letter

The next day her daughter received a letter from Armstead, apparently apologizing for the

incident. It alleged that the assault took place because her daughter touched his ears. "He knew he did something wrong. It's his way to justify it," said the mother.

Also on March 6, the mother took her daughter to an emergency room after swelling up with what was later determined to be stress hives. She also had abdominal cramps and was bleeding.

It wasn't until the next day, March 7, that the mother learned of the alleged rape. They waited for nine hours at Providence Hospital in Novi for a rape kit to be completed. The hospital called Haven, which put the girl in touch with First Step.

"It was First Step that gave her the courage to speak up," the mother said.

The mother is hoping the school district addresses issues of security at the high school, possibly adding cameras to hallways.

"With that many students how can there be secluded areas like that and with all the talk about opening a third school, it will make it more like a big college campus," she said.

There are already 5,000 students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP).

"The first weekend was so hard to get through. We're taking it day by day," she said.

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# District responds from page A1

auditorium; The orchestra pit; The scenery construction area below the stage; All restrooms.

Plymouth Canton High School locations cited by the report included: Three stairwells on the west side of Phase I; Two stairwells on the south end of Phase II; The balcony above the auto shop; All restrooms; Music practice rooms in Phase III; The instrument storage room above the music room in Phase III; The catwalk above the stage in the Little Theater;

The loft above Jan Sutherland's production room; Dressing rooms off the stage in the Little Theater.

Areas on the PCEP grounds included: The press box at the football field; Behind the maintenance garage; Behind all the trash containers; Around the concession stand at the football field; Under the portable classroom; Behind the transformer on the west side of Salem; Outside the south stairwell at Salem.

"We had the staff go through the (PCEP) and look for places

where people can congregate and not be seen," Superintendent Chuck Little said. "There are not very many places that fit that bill."

There are some places - like baseball dugouts and stage-pit areas - students can escape view that the district cannot do much about, Little said.

"These are fairly vulnerable places and can't be easily supervised," he said.

Other secluded places, such as the press box, are kept locked when not used.

Next, the district will ask state building and fire inspectors if some of the questionable areas can be blocked off without violating any codes, said John Birchler, the district's director of

finance and operations. "Later this week I will be reviewing the areas on site with a member of the local office of the state fire marshal," Birchler said. "We will be determining what preventative measures could be taken to reduce the possibility of undesired behavior within the context of the state fire code."

Counselors from First Step, a domestic violence and sexual assault awareness center in Canton were on hand at PCEP to talk with staff about prevention and legal issues.

But knowledge about preventing sexual assaults often comes too late, Little said. "I don't know if this particular (incident) was predictable."

# Domestic violence center offers support

Judy Ellis, executive director of First Step, said the center has worked with the district for about 17 years. "Our main purpose is providing support and providing education about prevention and support services," Ellis said.

The next step is to find out about students' and staffers' concerns.

"We're putting together a brief survey for students and personnel to look at issues in areas they might want to address," Ellis said. First Step is sending a survey prototype to building principals this week.

"I think it's important to let people know if students or parent have concerns about prevention we're ready and willing to give them any information we can. We're here to assist the community in any way we can."

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. First Step is planning a variety of events to promote awareness in schools. Though the month is always an important one, it's more important this year because of the reported incident at Plymouth-Canton High School, Ellis said.

"At this time there may be a more concerted effort to reach as many people as possible," Ellis said. "Unfortunately tragic incidents like this do form an impetus for change."

-By Heather Needham

# St. Pat's party launches McNamara's bid for new term



St. Pat's party: Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara (above) welcomed Don Brownell of Detroit (left) and Sally Ballelli of Livonia to Saturday's fund-raiser in Laurel Manor.

(At right) Cathy and Dave Tyler of Plymouth chat with Canton's Molly Noonan, who was recently named Maid of Erin by winning a pageant in Detroit representing the Irish American Community. Her escort was Jerry Reynolds of Canton (center left).



Welcome: Garden City Mayor Jim Barker (left) talks with Lucille McNamara (center) as Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara (center right) shares a laugh with Huron Township Supervisor John Mitchell.

County Executive Ed McNamara hopes a little "luck of the Irish" will translate into an election win as he officially announced his candidacy for re-election Saturday at his annual St. Patrick's Party at Livonia's Laurel Manor.

About 1,500 people from throughout the metro area attended McNamara's fund-raiser, which raised about \$75,000.

McNamara will be seeking his fourth term as county executive.

He is expected to be challenged by Sharon McPhail on the Democratic side of the ticket in the primary election Aug. 4. McPhail is expected to file this week.

"We began some great projects which I want to see completed," McNamara said. "The Metro Air-improvements, our parks

expansion, fixing the county's roads and our efforts to reduce crime are too important to step away from mid-stream."

McNamara also highlighted

several other projects during his announcement, including the stadium projects for the Detroit Lions and Tigers, building the new Dickerson Jail and the Wayne County Medical Examiners Office. 150 new projects and programs to improve county parks, and the \$60 million Partnership '98 road bond program to resurface 141 county roads.

McNamara, who lives in Livonia, oversees a \$1.9 billion county budget.

Irish tunes: Judy Plester, a music teacher in the Plymouth-Canton school district, plays the violin with the Irish band Strathmore at Saturday's party.

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# Confrontation from A1

disturbance. Westland police were called in for backup due to the large crowd that gathered, but weren't needed as Canton officers had the students quickly under control.

Students were seated inside their cars, which were blocked in by numerous Canton squad cars about 4 p.m.

"We were chasing this fight yesterday and for about two hours today," said Lazar.

"Apparently it started over one kid pushing another in school," he said.

The fight between the two boys originally was set for yesterday, but no one showed up. They also gathered at a house on Lotz Road, near Warren, earlier Tuesday afternoon.

"They (the W-family) talk smack about everyone," said senior Chris Szymoniak.

"I can't wait until my kids graduate. This stuff is crazy."

Mom at scene

One girl, who didn't want her name used, said both cliques are friends with each other. It was just the two boys who didn't get along.

The mother of one of the boys ticketed said she called Canton Police about the ongoing fight. She stood at the side of the road as police ticketed her son and then dispersed the crowd of students.

"I can't wait until my kids graduate. This stuff is crazy. I never had to put up with all this when I went to high school."

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by John Goodman  
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WILLIAM G. BRITCHER Services for William G. Britcher, 55, of Canton were held on March 14 at The Risen Christ Lutheran Church with Hugh McMartin officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

He was born on June 9, 1942, in Northville. He died on March 10 in Canton. He was a police officer in the late 1970s in Canton. For the past seven months, he was a machinist at Forst Technology Safety Systems in Plymouth, manufacturing crash dummies. He formerly worked at Dunn Steel and he is the owner-operator of his own 18-wheeler. He came to the Canton community 25 years ago from Plymouth. He was a member of the Risen Christ Lutheran Church of Plymouth. He was an avid Goldwing motorcycle rider and a member of the Goldwing Road Riders Association. He served in the Air Force from 1964 to 1968 as an inflight engineer in Vietnam. He loved bowling.

His survivors include his wife, Marlene of Canton; two sons, James (Holly) William of Plymouth, Matthew Thomas of Canton; his mother, Dorothy Britcher of Plymouth; one brother, Michael (Paula) of Highland Township; one grandson, Tyler Jaymz; and his beloved dogs, McGyger and Molly.

Memorials may be made to Risen Christ Building Fund, Arbor Hospice or the charity of your choice.

MARY T. CALLAN Services for Mary T. Callan, 80, of Northville were held on March 13 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton with the Rev. Alberto Bondy from St. Michael Catholic Church officiating.

She was born on Dec. 15, 1917, in Owosso, Mich. She died on March 11 in Livonia. She was a cashier for a credit union.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John T., and her son, Patrick J. Her survivors include her three daughters, MaryAnn (David) Youngs, Catherine T. Callan (Edward Boyle), Susan (Claude) Jodoin; two sons, John T. Jr., Thomas J. (Nancy); one sister, 16 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

LEAH M. BEARDSLEY Services for Leah M. Beardsley, 87, of Plymouth will be held Saturday, March 21 at St. John Episcopal Church, Plymouth. For more information on visitation and the times, please contact the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home at (734) 453-3333.

She was born on March 6, 1911 in Port Fostle, Md. She died on March 16 in Woodhaven, Mich. She was a mathematics educator and consultant. She received her teaching certificate in 1929 from Towson College, her B.S. Degree in 1955 from Wayne State University, and her M.S. Degree from The University of Detroit in 1965. She taught at Prince George County in Riverdale, Md., The Detroit Public Schools from 1952-1974, and was a diagnostic clinic teacher at Wayne State University. She spoke at numerous conferences throughout the U.S. and Canada. She was the author of "The Hundred Square" in 1972; "Mathematics Activities" in 1976; and co-authored mathematics textbooks from 1980-1985. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church.

She was a member of the Detroit Area Retired School Personnel, Michigan Area Retired School Personnel, member of The National Council Teachers of Math; Michigan Council Teachers of Math, Detroit Area Council of Teachers of Math, and Friends of The Library. She enjoyed speaking, tutoring, oil painting, traveling and bowling. In addition, she has participated in the writing of television scripts and outlines, activity guides, a course of study for the mathematics improvement class, and other material for the mathematics department.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cleland and Mamie (Thompson) Kirby, and her husband, Andrew Beardsley. Survivors include her two daughters, Anne Leah Beardsley, Seattle, Wash., Joan Ellen (William) Berger of Brownstown Township; one son, John Bruce Beardsley of San Francisco; eight grandchildren, Joan Gibson, Carl Gibson, Kenneth Ralston, Sandra Szekeley, Katherine Ralston, Corrina Beardsley, Aaron Beardsley, Colin Beardsley; six great-grandchildren; and three brothers, John Frederick Kirby of Maryland, Grover Lee Kirby of Florida, and Wilfred Woodrow Kirby of Reno, Nev.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Association.

HUGH F. CARPENTER Services for Hugh F. Carpenter, 59, of Plymouth will be held March 19 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Stanley Tokarski officiating. Burial will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

He was born on Jan. 20, 1939, in Detroit. He died on March 14 in Lake Township, Mich. He retired in 1992 as a police detective after 25 years with the Westland Police Department. He worked as an ordinance officer with the Northville Township Police Department for 1 1/2 years. He and Joan had been married 40 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1986 from Westland. He was president of the Westland Police and Fire Retirees Association. He was a member of the Wayne County Lieutenant and Sergeants Association, and he was a member of the Police Officers Association of Michigan. He loved his grandchildren and was interested in antique cars, boating, and outdoor sports.

He was preceded in death by parents, John R. and Marie Carpenter, and brother, George R. Survivors include his wife, Joan of Plymouth; son, Tim (Michelle) of Westland; daughter, Betty (Robert) Kurk of Westland; five grandchildren, Cynthia, Sharon, Rose, Jaclyn, Grace, sister, Mary Pimlott of Florida; and sister-in-law, Elizabeth Carpenter of Detroit Village, Mich.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Cardiac Care Department.

JAMES TYRA Services for James Tyra, 57, of Canton were held March 16 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charney officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Local arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

He was born on Oct. 5, 1940, in Cumberland, Ky. He died on March 13 in Canton. He was self-employed as a painter.

Survivors include his wife, Onalee Tyra; son, Todd of Garden City; three daughters, Joni Swanson of Brownstown Township, Janie Tyra of Novi, Tiffany Zendejas of Canton; parents, Houston and Verna Tyra; eight brothers; four sisters; and two grandchildren.

ANGELINE DOLORES HINDMAN Services for Angelina Dolores (Murphy) Hindman, 75, of Plymouth were held on March 16 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Plymouth with the Rev. Stanley Tokarski officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

He was born on Nov. 15, 1901, in Detroit. He died on March 14 in Livonia. Mr. Cutcher retired as a purchasing agent from Ford Motor Co. in 1944. He then owned the Dearborn Beer Store from 1944-46. He then worked as a purchasing agent for both Kaiser-Frazier and the Printing

Department of Wayne State University. He also sold real estate for Notebaert Realty on Main in Plymouth from 1968 to 1986. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by parents, Joseph D. and Melinda Cutcher. Survivors include his wife, Ann B. Cutcher of Plymouth; three sons, James L. Cutcher of San Rafael, Calif., Gerald (Rita) V. Cutcher of Farmington Hills, Daniel J. Cutcher of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; one daughter, Marjorie Ann Wielgosh of Glendive, Mont.; two sisters, Sister Margaret of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Order, Monroe, and Dorothy Lashbrook of Detroit. Memorials may be made as Mass offerings or donor's choice.

WILLIAM RIVARD Services for William Rivard, 65, of Plymouth were held March 18 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church. Burial was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

He was born on March 21, 1932, in Warren. He was a program timer for the automotive industry. He was in the Army 1954-56.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor Rivard of Plymouth; son, Daniel (Cheryl); one daughter, Kimberly (William) Williams; three grandchildren, Briana, Victoria, Olivia; a son-in-law, Zorita Vitca; and five brothers, Cecil Jr. (Delores), Edward (Joyce), Gilbert, Richard and Milagro Penzion Raymond.

CHARLES E. DIEBOLT Services for Charles E. Diebolt, 71, of Northville were held March 16 at the Church of the Holy Family with the Rev. John Budde officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born on Aug. 1, 1926, in Detroit. He died on March 12 in Northville. He was owner/founder and president of Dado Auto Supplier & Metal Stamping in Plymouth since 1995. The company was previously in Redford and Dearborn. He joined the Navy as a motor machinist 3rd Class at age 17. He served in the Pacific 1944-46. He saw active duty at Okinawa. He was a member of the church of the Holy Family, Novi. He was a volunteer for numerous charitable activities.

He was the first school board president of Bishop Borgosa from 1970-73. He was umpire in an intramural baseball league at Our Lady of Grace Parish, and he was also usher and lector at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Dearborn.

He was preceded in death by parents, Elmer and Mildred Diebolt. Survivors include his wife, Joann Diebolt of Northville; two daughters, Ann (Jeffery) Moss of Grand Blanc, Mich., Celine (Barry) McQuinn of Novi; three sons, Michael (Linda) Diebolt of Plymouth, Paul Diebolt of Plymouth, Mark (Jennifer) Diebolt of Old Lyme, Conn.; one brother, David (Dorine) Diebolt of Columbus; five grandchildren, Lisa Moss, Kevin McQuinn, Erin McQuinn, Jim Moss and Charlie Diebolt.

Memorials may be made to University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor 48109-0752.

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HELEN M. SUESS Services for Helen M. Suess, 68, of Canton were held March 16 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

She was born on Feb. 28, 1930, in Detroit. She died on March 14 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Andrew and Mary Marowski. Survivors include her daughter, Sandra (Arthur) Rader of Canton; son, Robert (Sharon) Sues of Berkley; two grandchildren, Rebecca, Karen; one great-grandson, Dakota; and one brother, Andrew Marowski.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Road, Suite 110, Southfield 48076.

JOHN 'JACK' N. DRURY Services for John 'Jack' N. Drury, 83, of Plymouth were held March 17 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Mallia officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

He was born on Oct. 11, 1914, in St. Louis, Mo. He died on March 14 in Plymouth. He was manager of organization and administration for Chevrolet. He retired in 1975 after 38 years of service. He also was district manager for the Chevrolet Motor Division in Cleveland, Ohio. He and Jean had been married 62 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1989 from Livonia. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth Township. He was the retired president of the GM Men's Club.

Survivors include his wife, Jean of Plymouth; three daughters, Barbara Wolford of Littleton, Colo., Gretchen Lamphere of Delaware, Ohio, Alice K. (Gerald) Tibaldi of Boyne Falls, Mich.; one son, John H. (Erin) Drury of Oakland, Mich.; 15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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GOP adds seat on county board

By Ken Abramczyk Staff Writer

When you are the minority political party, you take every victory you can.

Last Tuesday's election in Wayne County's Ninth District not only brought a new face in Kathleen Husk to the county commission, it added a third Republican to the 15-member, largely Democratic, commission.

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"We have the exterior of western Wayne County from Oakland County, all the way down Haggerty Road, you have Republicans," McCotter said.

"It is crucial that Husk is cutting into the interior of Wayne County."

But "chances are good" that a Democrat could win that seat back, Beard said.

"In any election, anything can happen," Beard said. "It's going to be an important election this year."

McCotter said Husk has served South Redford well as a school board member.

"Her experience on governmental issues will be a great addition to our caucus," McCotter said.

"Now Redford, Dearborn Heights and Livonia will hear the Republican side of the issues."

Husk has stated throughout her campaign she will work with "everyone" to represent her district.

"The first role of a county commissioner is to represent the people in her



# Insurance rebate

## House compromise bill seeks \$180 refund for state motorists

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Insurance executives of the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association were expected to decide today whether to distribute a refund of \$180 per car to Michigan motorists.

The decision comes on the heels of a state House vote to require the rebate. On Tuesday, lawmakers voted 104-3 to require a \$180 refund for each of 6.5 million insured cars to a total of \$1.2 billion.

The House bill appears to be a bipartisan compromise.

The original House Republican plan sought to rebate \$306 per vehicle, or \$2 billion from surplus. House Democrats believe Michigan's insured vehicle owners should receive \$1 billion or an average refund of \$153 per vehicle, according to state Reps. Robert Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, and Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, who presented the Democrats' proposal last Friday to the Conference of Western Wayne.

That same day Gov. John Engler called on the MCCA to voluntarily implement a propos-

al to rebate approximately \$180 to vehicle owners and would limit future assessments.

Engler, House Democrats and House Republicans want money taken out of a "catastrophic" fund — which reimburses insurance companies for no-fault auto medical claims exceeding \$250,000 — and refunded to car owners. That money is generally awarded to accident victims who suffer severe head or spinal cord injuries or are confined to wheelchairs.

The compromise House bill also caps the MCCA assessment for two years at its current rate. Without the cap, the assessment could rise to an estimated \$54 per year per car next year.

The bill denies the refund to insured drivers who have been convicted of two or more drunken driving charges within the past 10 years.

If the MCCA decides to volunteer to refund the money, the bill is moot. Otherwise it will be forwarded to the Senate.

But Doug Cruce, president of the Michigan Insurance Federation, believes state lawmakers have no business prying into the

financial affairs of a private insurance association.

"It doesn't matter if there is \$2 or \$2 billion in the MCCA fund, the responsibility of lifetime payments for victims of catastrophic auto accidents ultimately falls on auto insurance companies — not the state," Cruce said.

The Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association has \$6.5 billion in total assets, total liabilities of \$4 billion, leaving a total surplus of about \$2.5 billion, figures Brown reported to members of the CWW, a legislative consortium of 18 communities, in Plymouth.

Democrats proposed their bill in December.

"The rebate proposed by House Democrats leaves the MCCA with a fat \$1.459 billion surplus to cushion the fund against unanticipated liabilities," said Brown, who also represents Redford Township. "The remaining surplus still will be greater than the total \$1.3 billion payout over the fund's history."

On Friday, Engler said his proposal put back more money to vehicle owners immediately. "It

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## McNamara names new chief of staff

A former administrator with the city of Detroit was named chief of staff to Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara.

Charlie J. Williams, who was chief of staff for Coleman Young, will be responsible for overseeing 10 Wayne County departments and 5,000 employees. He will be considered the "number three" person in charge behind McNamara and Mike Duggan, assistant county executive.

Williams replaces David Katz, who has been appointed director of Wayne County's Detroit Metro Airport.

McNamara said the appointment of Williams is a "tremendous plus" for Wayne County.

"Williams is an experienced, talented and resourceful administrator who is well respected throughout government circles in Detroit, the suburbs, Lansing and Washington D.C.," McNamara said. "He is an exceptional leader who knows how to turn problems into opportunities."

Williams spent 27 years in Detroit city government, starting as a recreation leader and ending as Detroit chief of staff. During that time he headed several city departments including the Recreation Department, the Housing Department and the Water and Sewerage Department.

Williams initiated the city's drive to stamp out arson fires on the annual Devil's Night and was credited by McNamara with upgrading every department he headed.

Young recommended that Williams run for mayor to succeed him when he decided not to seek a new term, but Williams chose to retire from city government. Williams was president of New Detroit Inc. from 1994 to 1996 when he resigned and was succeeded by William Beckham.

Williams said he was eager to return to Detroit and to government to do "whatever I am able to handle the problems of this metropolitan region."

A lifelong Detroit, Williams was a softball player during his early years and was known as a slick fielding shortstop who starred on a number of premier teams. He was nicknamed "Charlie World" for his skill and earned a place in the Amateur Softball Association Detroit Metro area Hall of Fame. As he advanced through the city hierarchy, Williams earned a law degree from Wayne State University.

McNamara said Williams' appointment has been well-received throughout the metropolitan Detroit area.

"I have heard from many people throughout the area who have expressed enthusiasm for Williams' appointment," McNamara said.

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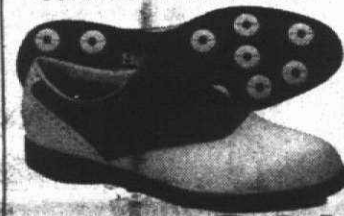
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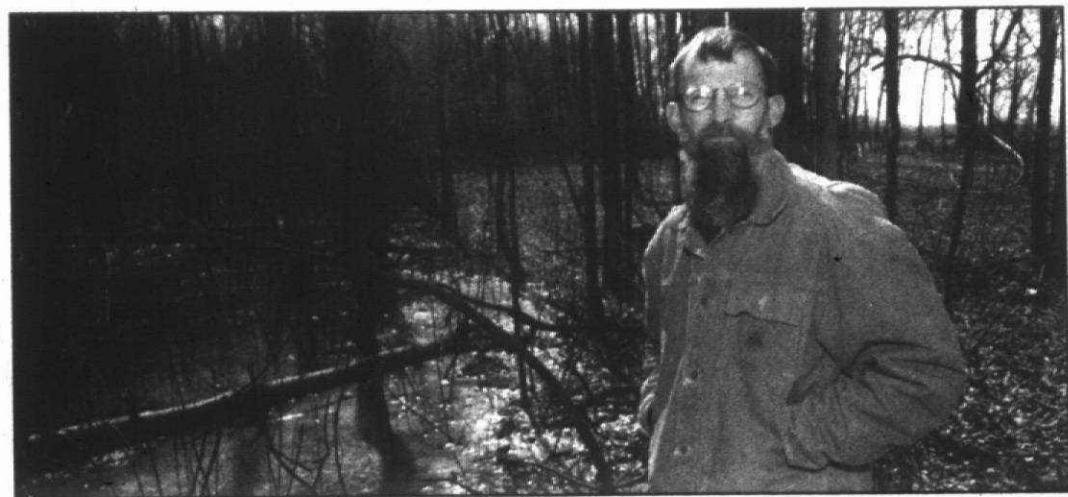
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# Group says county neglects nature preserve

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER



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Natural site: Bill Craig, a member of the Holliday Nature Preserve Association in Westland, says Wayne County Parks has not done enough to purchase property adjacent to the preserve in Canton Township.

Members of a volunteer association that helps maintain a nature preserve in Westland are unhappy with the Wayne County parks division, particularly Parks Director Hurley Coleman.

Two members of the Holliday Nature Preserve Association in Westland criticized the county's maintenance of the preserve, which is a part of Wayne County parks.

John Covert and Bill Craig, both Westland residents, complained that Coleman also has not done enough to seek the purchase of property adjacent to the preserve in Canton Township, a parcel that could act as a buffer for the preserve and the Rouge River, but instead is slated to be part of a corporate park.

"This is not just a small piece," Craig said. "It is a piece of the puzzle for an entire watershed."

In an open letter to western Wayne County residents, Covert criticized Coleman about two specific issues:

- A request to apply for state funds to purchase property adjacent to the preserve and located just south of Koppernick and west of I-275 in Canton Township, was met with "foot-dragging and platitudes" by Coleman.
- The Wayne County parks

"has never made a serious attempt" to barricade the Koppernick Road entrance to keep four-wheelers and partygoers from devastating the preserve's trails. The group also wants the parking lot closed off of Koppernick.

Coleman said the issues cited by the two men were important, but he did not believe the group's desire for a land purchase was as crucial as the capital improvement plan for the preserve.

The property is located between Koppernick and Warren Road, I-275 and the C & O railroad track. A public hearing on a special assessment improvement for road construction, sanitary sewer and water main will be held on 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, at Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Craig had hoped the five-year recreation master plan had been updated and certified to include the nearby land, and forwarded to the state. The county must include the site in its master plan before it can obtain land grant trust funds.

"It's disappointing to know that they know that's a prerequisite to get things done," Craig said. "They aren't on the speedball to get things done. You would think that they would have completed the paperwork."

Craig said the group applied for a state land grant acquisition last year when it first learned about the site early last summer. "We hoped that would

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# Feds pitch in for storm cleanup

Plymouth and Canton townships received \$20,000 in federal cleanup money for the July 2, 1997 storm that swept through southeastern Michigan.

The storm has been most notable for causing a fire that destroyed the fifth District Court building. The courthouse, in Plymouth, serves five communities including Canton.

Canton will spend most of its allotted \$7,842 to chip tree limbs, branches and brush left over from the storm. It was stored at its DPW building with other brush.

DPW crews spent most of the day after the storm clearing downed trees from Canton roadways.

On March 10, the Canton Board of Trustees awarded a contract to Beninati Contracting, Inc. for chipping the brush for \$5,500. The rest of the money will likely be split among other township departments, such as Police and Fire for their clean up efforts, said Aaron Machnik, municipal services Director.

Back in September, the Plymouth city coffers received \$12,000 in federal clean-up money through the state.

"We used it for tree removal, branch chipping, and to pay for some of the emergency response that went along with the storm last July," said Paul Sincock, the city's assistant city manager. "We had about \$30,000 in expenses from the storm, so we were glad to get it."

# Softball registration under way

Spring softball for men's, women's and coed teams at Canton Softball Center begins April 19 with registration already under way.

Register in person from 3-7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays with a \$100 deposit, or by phone with a credit card at (734) 483-5600, Ext. 2 or 3.

For more information on the spring softball session, call (734) 483-2913.

**Increase Appropriations** #230-250-977-000 \$3,190.00

Capital Outlay - Building  
This budget amendment increases the Cable Television budget from \$311,537.33 to \$314,437.33.  
Motion carried.

**GENERAL CALENDAR**  
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution to DENY the request of the Project Sponsor to conduct the special use for the proposed restaurant on parcel no. 002-99-0002-706.

Ayes: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Sheffery, Yack  
Nays: McLaughlin  
Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the rezoning of certain property identified by property tax EDP nos. 138-99-0008-000 and 138-99-0009-000 from C-1, Village Shopping, and MR, Multiple-Family Residential to RP, Research Park District. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the bid for brush chipping to Beninati Contracting Inc., for the amount of \$5,500.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to authorize payment to Wayne County for three applications of dust control on local roads for the 1998 calendar year, in the amount of \$12,000.00. The following roads are to be chlorided under the proposed action:

German Road	South of Ford Road	
Herby	North of Geddes and North and South of Dionne	
Dionne	West of Sheldon Road	
Morton Taylor	North and South of Michigan Avenue	
Willard	South of Michigan Avenue	
Willard	North of Cherry Hill Road	
Corrine	South of Michigan Avenue	
Washburn	South of Michigan Avenue	
Leopold	West of Corrine Street	
Artley	West of Sheldon Road	
Al Smith	South of Michigan Avenue	
Murray Hill	South of Ford Road	
Burchill	Pilgrim Hills Subdivision	
Thorndow	Pilgrim Hills Subdivision	
Topper Court	Pilgrim Hills Subdivision	
Elmhurst	McIntyre Gardens Subdivision	
Marlowe	South of Ford Road	
Marlowe	North of Saltz Road	
Gordon	Sheldon to Oakview	
Brookline	North of Saltz Road	
Brookline	South of Ford Road	
Oakview	North of Saltz Road	

The estimated road mileage for the above roads is 7.50 miles.  
The target date for the first application of chloride for the local roads should be the third full week of May.

Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to appropriate additional funds for sidewalk resurfacing at the Township Administration Building:

Increase Revenue #101-000-818-0000 \$ 21,000.00  
Appropriate from Fund Balance #101-000-899-0000 \$8,495.00  
Increase Appropriations #101-265-975-0000 \$8,945.00  
Capital Outlay - Buildings #101-265-975-0000 \$8,945.00

This budget amendment increases the Facilities Maintenance budget from \$917,794.00 to \$926,739.00 and the General Fund Budget from \$13,096,900.00 to \$13,105,845.00.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the bid with Northstar Sales Inc., - Avalon Tile for \$16,769.00 and a 10 percent contingency of \$1,676.00 for a total amount of \$18,445.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick, to approve the 1998 Amendment to the Municipal Credit Contract between SMART and the Charter Township of Canton for an increase of \$13,849.00 to the Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick, to award the bid for the five-year lease purchase of 100 golf cars, less trade-in of 100 cars from the low bidder, Club Car Inc., in the total amount of \$155,970.00 which includes sales tax and wheel covers. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the expenditure, up to \$150,000.00 to renovate the Canton Township facility on Geddes Road/Sheldon Road, to be used by the Western Wayne County Narcotics-Auto Theft Consortium which will be repaid over a period not to exceed ten years. Further to create and establish a budget for the following accounts by:

Increasing Account #101-300-975-0000 \$129,000.00  
Increasing Account #101-300-818-0000 \$ 21,000.00  
Appropriate from Acct. #101-000-899-0000 \$150,000.00  
Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the awarding of the bid from Siegal/Tuomala Associates in the amount of \$18,300.00 plus a contingency of 10 percent for a total not to exceed \$20,130.00 to perform the work as specified by the proposal at 44508 Geddes Road, which shall be part of the \$150,000.00 hereby approved by the Township Board, charged against Account No. 101-300-818-0000. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the purchase of a 1998 Chevrolet Tahoe, 2-wheel drive, Deluxe Police Package through the State of Michigan Bid, and additional equipment for a total cost of \$34,140.50. Motion carried.

**OTHER**  
Supervisor Yack resigned the Board that the study session on March 17, 1998 would be a closed session to discuss employee negotiations.

**ADJOURN**  
Motion by LaJoy, supported by McLaughlin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. Motion carried.

The news is a summary of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on March 10, 1998. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board of March 24, 1998.

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

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breathing document."

The committee was formed in late 1996 and was commissioned by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education. During this time, the committee has spent more than 100 hours in meetings and has gathered a variety of information, said Judy Evola, committee member and the district's community relations director.

The committee's first task was to analyze historical and trend data, focus groups and develop a community survey to find out what residents' biggest concerns were.

The results of the community-wide survey showed that school parents outnumbered other individuals, parents desire more curriculum information, class sizes are too large, enough funds are being spent on extracurricular activities and district personnel are doing their jobs, among other things.

The committee used the survey results to drive discussions and formulate the ever-changing

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rian said.

Other candidates included Carl Battishill of Plymouth, Carol Bollman of Canton, James Dietz of Canton, Carl Fanning of Canton, Paul Schrauben of Canton, John Stewart of Plymouth, and Dennis Wills of Plymouth. Dietz and Bollman were absent from the meeting. Patricia Rener of Plymouth, who had expressed interest in the seat, withdrew her name Tuesday afternoon.

Each board candidate introduced himself or herself, then fielded various questions from trustees before the board voted unanimously to select Mardigian. Candidates answered questions about labor relations, budget and finances, the bond issue and various other subjects.

There was initially some disagreement among board members about whether or not the new trustee should seek election in June.

Board member Roland Thomas

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1969 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 20, 1998 at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan:

**FORDLOTT-TOWNSHIP INITIATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT AMENDMENT - CONSIDER AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO INCORPORATE THE FORDLOTT CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN AS A SEPARATE ELEMENT.** This Plan affects properties located within Sections 12, 13, and the south quarter of Section 1, bounded by Koppernick Road on the north, Eastern Township border on the east, Detroit Edison power lines north of Cherry Hill Road on the south, and I-275 on the west.

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

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Published: March 19, and April 9, 1998

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS March 26, 1998**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1998 AT 7:30 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:

- Mason, Mass Enterprises, Inc., 5445 S. Sheldon Rd., Canton, MI 48188, for property located at 5445 S. Sheldon Road, Canton, MI 48188. Regarding Article 27, Section 05, Variances and Appeals, the applicant is appealing a decision by the Planning Commission relative to whether a specific use was permitted in the L1-2 zoning district pertaining to Article 22, Section 02, Permitted Uses and Structures, Parcel No. 136-99-0003-000 (Planning). (Tabled from November 13, 1997 meeting; Tabled from January 8, 1998 meeting; Tabled from February 12, 1998 meeting)
- Peter Tuomina, 47500 Hanford Rd., Canton, MI 48187, for property located at 44444 Ford Rd., Appalling Article 26.03, Schedule of Regulations, Agricultural and Residential Districts, Side Yard Setbacks. The request is for a variance of 12' from the required 20' side setback in R-1. Parcel No. 029-02-0006-000 (Planning).
- Frank Zantello, Ramco-Geransons Properties Trust, 27600 Northwestern Highway, #200, Southfield, MI 48034. For the property located at 44444 Ford Rd., Appalling Article 26.03, Schedule of Regulations, Agricultural and Residential Districts, Front Yard Setbacks. The request is for a variance of 35.5 feet from the required 85' front setback, in the C-2 zoning district. (Parcel No. 039-99-0028-005 (Planning)).

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Published: March 19, 1998

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

TO THE OWNERS OF ALL LOTS AND PARCELS OF PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: BETWEEN KOPPERNICK AND WARREN ROADS AND BETWEEN I-275 AND THE C & O RAILROAD INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING SIDWELL NUMBERS:

003-99-0008-715	003-99-0008-714
046-99-0002-001	004-99-0008-001
045-99-0008-001	

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of 1964, this Board has initiated proceedings relating to the construction of a road, sanitary sewer, and water main to benefit the area described in herin, and to accomplish this improvement and secure funds therefor by creating said premises into a special assessment district against which there shall be levied special assessments; and

WHEREAS, this Board having tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements 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 public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Canton Township, Michigan, for public examination.

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 2 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, 1964, AS AMENDED, PROVIDES THAT SAID SPECIAL ASSESSMENT SHALL NOT BE MADE WITHOUT PETITION IF THE RECORD OWNERS OF LAND CONSTITUTING MORE THAN TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF THE TOTAL LAND AREA IN 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, Township Clerk

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# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 10, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to move from an open session to a closed session at 6:07 P.M. to discuss pending litigation and employee negotiations. Motion carried.

**ROLL CALL - CLOSED SESSION**  
Members Present: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sheffery, Yack  
Staff Present: Durack, Rorabacher,  
Also Present: Eric D. Smith-Cummings, McCloy, Davis and Aho  
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to return to an open session at 7:05 P.M.  
Motion carried. Supervisor Yack led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL - OPEN SESSION**  
Members Present: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sheffery, Yack  
Members Absent: None  
Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Santomauro, Rorabacher, Champagne, 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 Sheffery, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of February 17, 1998. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of February 24, 1998. Motion carried.

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

Expenditure Recap		
General Fund	101	\$302,396.20
Fire Fund	206	40,140.16
Police Fund	208	65,757.04
Community Center Fund	208	25,983.82
Golf Course Fund	211	10,240.24
Street Lighting Fund	219	23,924.19
Cable TV Fund	230	647.70
Community Impro.	246	2,186.25
E-911 Emergency	261	695.02
Federal Grants Funds	274	3,324.39
Downtown Development Auth.	294	1,299.61
Retiree Benefits	296	6,807.00
CAP Proj-Road Paving	403	363.00
Eldg. Auth. Construct.	469	81,409.69
Water & Sewer Fund	592	407,162.82
Trust & Agency (Trailer Fees)	701	6,669.00
Recreation Checking Acct.	Jan./Feb. '98	3,126.50
Total - All Funds		\$982,135.43

**PRESENTATION**  
Supervisor Yack presented the Lieutenant Badge to Robert Kerr and the Fire Inspector Badge to Kevin Henderson.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the resolution for the Lower 1 Rouge River Subwatershed Management Group. Motion carried.  
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendments in the 1998 budgets for purchase commitments carried over from 1997:

Fund	Current Budget	Budget Amendment	Amended Budget
General Fund	\$13,105,845.00	\$177,539.00	\$13,283,384.00
Fire Fund	5,143,744.00	17,325.00	5,191,069.00
Police Fund	6,194,478.00	48,622.00	6,243,100.00
Community Center Fund	1,965,128.00	13,095.00	1,988,223.00
Golf Course Fund	2,176,870.00	33,838.00	2,199,708.00
Cable TV Fund	311,537.33	63,247.00	374,784.33
Community Improvement	5,479,970.00	894,425.00	6,374,395.00
911 Service Fund	161,000.00	2,868.00	163,868.00
Capital Projects			
Building Construction	0.00	29,904.00	29,904.00
Road Paving	1,287,126.00	269,208.00	1,555,333.00
Water & Sewer Fund	17,488,005.00	123,644.00	17,611,649.00
Special Assessment			
Tonquah Creek Drain	0.00	106,000.00	106,000.00
Beck Rd. Paving	0.00	182,274.00	182,274.00
S. Haggerty Rd. Paving	131,933.00	525,563.00	657,496.00

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:

Increase Revenue #851,294.00  
Increase Appropriations #851,294.00  
This budget amendment increases the 1998 Federal Grants Fund budget from \$188,702.13 to \$859,396.13.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton authorize the approval of the attached Charter Township of Canton Investment Policy which will become effective immediately upon passage. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendment in the Cable Television Fund to re-appropriate unspent 1997 funds to pay for the new gutter system to be attached to the cable television study.

Increase Revenue #230-250-977-000 \$3,190.00  
Appropriate from Fund Balance #230-250-977-000 \$3,190.00

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# Rape

## Dated attitudes must change

Our schools, particularly the high schools, are a microcosm of the society in which we all live. It stands to reason that the bad things that happen in our society will happen at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools.

Consider that with a total population of approximately 5,000 students, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park is really a small city.

Despite many comments by residents and students, the alleged assault of a 15-year-old girl at Canton High School is not about sex. It's not about disobeying school rules. It's not about skipping lunch hour or skipping classes. It's not about students being where they shouldn't be.

It is about violence. It is about a general disregard for each other and it's shocking. We are shocked because violence is not supposed to happen in one of our high schools.

Already, adults and kids are forming steadfast opinions - mostly based on hearsay, gossip and innuendo - about what happened between the two students, one who is now charged with third-degree criminal sexual conduct and the other who is now attending another school.

Let us remember that the truth - as best as it may be determined - will play itself out in a court of law, not in circles of gossip with sides being taken on guilt and innocence.

These are two young people whose lives have now changed. Both their futures are to be affected in any number of ways.

The Observer has received a number of comments, letters and e-mail from readers of all ages offering their opinions and insight on the alleged crime. They have assigned blame either on the girl or the boy, based on a number of interesting concepts, including the two may have been dating, the incident was consensual, there were no screams, no apparent anger, and on and on.

Incidents of this nature will always gener-

ate gossip and speculation. But let us never forget that in any type of interaction between human beings, no means no. It is that simple. No need for ifs, ands, or buts. There are no half-way measures here. No, means no.

It is surprising to us that a number of adults, who wish to speculate on this incident that occurred between two young people, have so easily forgotten that simple concept.

While equally offensive, we understand why teenagers or younger students may not quite understand that concept. Of course, it is up to their parents and other adults to ensure that as children become aware of sex and violence, and themselves become sexually mature, they are taught proper behavior, attitudes and values.

There is no room anymore for the ignorance of those who believe victims of crime may deserve what they get because of their behavior, their dress, their confusion, or the nonchalant attitudes of our society toward sex and violence.

Let's remember that even in Victorian times when clothing for men and women was neck to floor, both women and men were victims of innumerable crimes, including sexual offenses.

It is disheartening to find just how desensitized our society - including kids - has become. We have come to accept violence as a part of our lives, with little, if any, surprise or shock.

Instead of community members reaching out to each other and trying to understand what happened between these two young people, and possibly prevent similar incidents in the future within the student population, accusations and innuendoes have been thrown across the community.

It is equally disappointing to realize some people continue to harbor the same, age-old unenlightened attitudes about rape and rape victims. What will it take for people to get the message?

### Taking it hard



FILE PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

In mourning: Students from Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem High Schools reach out to each other for support at the funeral of Salem student Mike Kilgore, who died from a heart attack March 4. In e-mail to the Observer, some students have questioned why the school didn't officially inform them of the incident.

### LETTERS

#### Improve security

I am a freshman attending Canton High School and I must say that I'm not surprised something like this happened. ("Sex assault reported on PCEP campus," Canton Observer, March 12.)

With security as lax and incompetent as it is, our school is terrible when it comes to controlling couples showing affection. What people do in privacy is their business, but at school, I don't want to see it. However, every passing period, you can see people kissing if you walk around the halls.

I don't know any details about the alleged assault, so I don't know if she's lying about resisting or if it was rape or if it even happened, but I do know that the high schools need more security to enforce the actions of all of the teenage couples at school.

have written letters to help us secure the grant, further, they purchased all of the materials and tank to build our river habitat, as well as financed our original testing of the creek water.

We feel very lucky to have such a supportive group of PTO parents here at Field School! Rick Plecha, Sue Seelye and Pattee Rupert Field School teachers

#### Ford Road a mess

Having viewed the videotape "Back From the Brink," I am pleased to see the concept is now starting to make its way into the mainstream news. Now, if only the thick-skulled leaders of Canton could find a way to get the concept of "pedestrian-friendly" streetscapes. Nah. That would require THINKING.

They're so pleased with themselves about what they've done to Ford Road ("It's our version of a downtown.") that it's probably hopeless to think that they might someday, before it's too late, actually come to realize how badly they have raped this township.

Keep up the good work, Craig. You're in a position to prevent Pittsfield Township from becoming another Canton Township! If ever there were a worthy trophy for such good work, it would be a brass etching of Canton Township accompanied by the citation: "Thanks for not allowing us to become like them!"

Michael Olin Canton

#### Usage criticized

Re: "Secretary of State office moves Monday" (Canton Observer, March 8). Please tell me Liz Boyd, of the Secretary of State's office in Lansing, did not really say "more brighter."

C. McGurrian Canton

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### POINTS OF VIEW

# Summit a chance to speak out on school spending

BY JUDY MARDIGIAN AND MARK SLAVENS  
GUEST COLUMNISTS

The first Michigan Summit on School Equity will be held from 7-9 p.m. Monday, March 23, at Summit on the Park in Canton. More than 20 state representatives, senators and candidates for governor will attend.

This is the largest forum of state senators and representatives in our area in memory and is your chance to learn and question our representatives on school funding and the future of public schools in Michigan.

In 1994, Michigan law was changed to reduce property taxes and to dramatically change the method of funding for Michigan schools. Proposal A was designed to equalize funding across Michigan schools. Although

there are certain portions of Proposal A that are working, several others aren't and need to be fine-tuned.

One of this area's main concerns is the fact that the state of Michigan has ordered that the most per-pupil state funding that the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools can receive is \$5,986, whereas other school districts receive up to \$11,000 per student. This results in major differences in school funding levels. For example, Dearborn Public School District has approximately the same number of student and receives \$25 million dollars more per year than does Plymouth-Canton.

Unfortunately, the state has also ordered that there is nothing that we as citizens can do to close this disparity in per-pupil funding. Approximately 44 school districts can pass hold-

### GUEST COLUMNISTS



JUDY MARDIGIAN AND MARK SLAVENS

harmless millages to improve their curriculums, operate new schools, reduce class sizes, etc. The rest, including Plymouth-Canton, have no ability to improve their schools.

The state also promised when it passed Proposal A that it would eliminate the gap in per-pupil funding.

Unfortunately, the state has not kept its promise. Based on current projections, in 100 years, Plymouth-Canton will still lag behind these higher funded school districts. This means that our great-great-grandchildren will still receive less than their contemporaries in the highest-funded school districts.

How will we possibly be able to retain the best teachers, updated textbooks, and achieve small class sizes when completing with higher-funded school districts? Further, if our schools are viewed as second-rate, property values will soon follow.

This Michigan Summit on School Equity is open to the public. Local elected leaders attending will include Sens. Bob Geake, R-Northville, and

Loren Bennett, R-Canton; state Reps. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, and Tom Kelly, D-Wayne. Also candidates for governor will be in attendance and available for questioning. The program will be moderated by Tim Skubick, WWJ-AM radio Lansing correspondent and host of the Michigan public television program, "Off the Record."

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact chairman Mark Slavens at (734) 421-5210 or Judy Mardigian at (734) 451-2230. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you at the Summit.

Mark Slavens is chairman of the Michigan Summit on School Equity. Judy Mardigian is a member of the Class-Size Action Partnership Committee.

### LETTERS

#### Assault alarming

I am writing concerning the sexual assault at PCEP.

There are two issues that I would like to address in this letter, inspired by the article in the March 12 paper. The first comment I have concerns the events that took place. I am a senior who attends Plymouth Salem, and it is very alarming to hear that something of this magnitude took place where I spend a large amount of my day.

The story raised the question: Is the school to blame for the situation responsible, primarily the security? The answer to that question is partially yes. What was mentioned in the article is that there is a large amount of administration that also patrols the halls, and another problem is that the school has existed for a long time. They should know the trouble spots, and if they do not have administration or security to cover that vicinity then they should assign faculty to watch it. Also, I feel that

they do not teach the students how to respond to a situation like that, even though it is a rarity, there are other areas that could be addressed along with it.

It sounds all too suspicious that the boy actually raped this girl. You would automatically assume that if she was being raped she would cry out for help, and especially if there were two young ladies that approached them.

If she really didn't want to be involved in the sexual acts, she would have made it aware to the girls. By saying she was too scared, that leads you to wonder - was she too scared or could she possibly not been sure if she wanted it to happen? He can't be blamed for her changing her mind.

Has she considered the serious accusation she has made? Because if she got into a situation she wasn't prepared for, she should be responsible. She physically made a choice to go to that location. No body held a gun to her head and forced her, did they? If anything they are equally at

fault for the entire situation, and they both should receive the same punishment.

What is the School Council? If Ellie Shupra is as important as she sounds in this article, then why is she not aware of how our school functions. If she is a person that has influence on my education, then I feel that she should have a good understanding of who I encounter during my day and my experience as a student, when it concerns the security.

Overall, the ending note of your article is good food for thought. If the victim had been following the school rules she wouldn't have been in that situation. It is sad that this has to take place in my school, or any school at all.

I had known nothing of this incident until I read the paper. Why hasn't the school made us aware of this incident? If you compare it to the young man who died last week, we were never made aware of that either. We heard about it through word of mouth. They don't need to tell us the

second that it happens, but if in some way it could affect our lives we need to be made aware with a timely fashion. I sympathize with the victim in this incident.

Name withheld by request

#### A mother responds

Both as a mother of two little girls (ages 5 and 8) and a high school graduate of a small high school, I've long been concerned about the size and scope of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park location. In lieu of the recent "alleged" crime on the campus, I've renewed my worry. ("HS site draw debate" and "Sex assault reported on PCEP campus," Canton Observer, March 12.)

Any savvy instructor can tell you that security is grossly hampered when they can't call at least most of the students by name. Adding a third high school to the two existing should alleviate the problem, not add to it.

Deborah Tofil Canton

## The newspaper as teachers' aid

March is National Reading Month, a time when educators around the country - and throughout the Canton community - coordinate special activities to encourage children to read.

Reading, most educators agree, is the most important skill needed by students to achieve in school.

We can't let the month go by without pointing out to principals, teachers and parents how newspapers can be used to improve students' reading, writing and critical-thinking skills.

A quick review of academic journals and the Internet turned up several ways in which teachers use newspaper in their curriculum.

Here are some of the more common ways:

■ Educators use newspapers to improve their students' reading skills so they can perform better on standardized tests. Reading a newspaper is considered to be a basic skill for adulthood. Students seem to enjoy reading community newspapers like the Canton Observer because they get to read about their friends and neighbors and events that affect them most directly. They also find topics that interest them.

■ Educators use newspapers to give students ideas for topics to write about. Teachers

find that students write better when they are allowed to pick their own topics, particularly ones they feel passionate about. Newspapers are full of stories, editorials and letters to the editor on controversial topics students are sure to have opinions on.

■ Educators use newspapers to provide their students with an audience to write for and a forum for publication. Older students can write letters to the editor, guest columns, even feature stories. Having their work published and read by people other than their teacher makes students feel like authentic writers, which contributes to their learning about writing.

■ Educators use newspapers to help students hone their skills in punctuation and grammar. Teachers have students compete in class to see which group can find the most errors in the newspaper. This helps them to recognize their own mistakes when they write. (In this case, we hope the Observer isn't too helpful.)

■ Educators use newspapers to foster critical-thinking skills. By discussing the content of newspaper stories, editorials, letters to the editor and columns, teachers can help their students think critically about the issues affecting society today - even the role the media plays in presenting them.

### COMMUNITY VOICE

#### QUESTION:

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Mary Smith



"You can wear green and green is the color of money."  
Mike Gootes



"I can have a drink."  
Pauline Migot



"Drinking green beer and having a good time."  
Maude Truesdell

We asked this question during the St. Patrick's Day party for seniors at Canton's Summit on the Park.

## Tax cuts shouldn't be the only issue on the campaign trail

Early scenes from this, a political year: Busily running for re-election, Gov. John Engler has proposed a draw-out process by which the Michigan income tax rate would be cut back from 4.4 percent to 3.9 percent by the year 2000.

Equally busy but far less visible, Engler's main Democratic challengers are dutifully following suit.

Larry Owen wants to increase the personal income tax exemption to \$1,000 over three years, starting now. This would give the average Michigan family all of an extra \$3.30 a week when fully phased in. It also would cost something like \$1.8 billion in forgone revenue for state services, higher education and local schools.

Doug Ross wants to dump the Single Business Tax in favor of a corporate income tax on grounds that the SBT taxes both overall employment and net corporate profits. In 1995, revenue from the SBT made up around 12 percent of Michigan's total tax revenue. Taxes on corporate profits accounted for 4.7 percent in Ohio, 9 percent in Illinois and 7 percent in Minnesota.

Ross wants to convey a tax-cutting message, but he has a good policy point. The SBT is a bad tax because it penalizes precisely those companies that are growing, benefiting Michigan's economy by adding employees. These days, the fundamental article of faith among politicians asserts that the electorate is interested in little more than cutting taxes. Therefore, in order to pander to the voters, the thing to do is to never be outdone in tax cutting.

Forcing political discussion on tax policy into this single dimension would be sad if it were not so sterile. Obviously, very few of us want to pay more taxes. But merely promising to reduce taxes as an end in itself begs far more important questions that ought to be at the center of political debate.

For example: Assuming that the State of Michigan should be spending some money on something, just what budget priorities ought to drive that spending? Another example: Does the State of Michigan get full value for tax-paid government spending?

Engler's budget priorities have the virtue, at least, of being clear. He wants to build 5,400 more prison beds at the cost of \$180 million and increase spending on the Department of Corrections by 5 percent. On the other hand, he wants to spend only 1.5 percent more on Michigan uni-



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versities and zero more on community colleges.

Where is the rebuttal? I fear Democrats, so dazzled with the simplistic idea that cutting taxes is the sole purpose of political discourse, are missing a big opportunity.

It makes good sense to argue that we should increase state support for universities; and that to cut college tuition increases for thousands of Michigan families is a better choice than increasing spending to warehouse felons.

And it's easy to point out that if it's good public policy to move students from not very good high schools into more career-friendly community colleges to serve an economy that is critically short of skilled labor, the governor's education budget priority makes no sense at all.

And it's equally valuable to ask whether state government is really getting full value for such expenditures it does make.

Take the case of prisons, so large in Engler's scheme of things. State Rep. Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti, has produced compelling evidence that the amount Michigan spends per prison inmate is far in excess of what is spent in neighboring states. Any response from Engler or the Department of Corrections? None to date.

Take the case of road repair. Have you seen much discussion about how best to design roads able to survive Michigan's winters? Has anybody asked how much short-term patching will take place just before the election, with a likely half-life of a couple of years?

There is more to running a state than cutting taxes. I know Gov. Engler, Larry Owen and Doug Ross all know it. I just wish they'd act accordingly.

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

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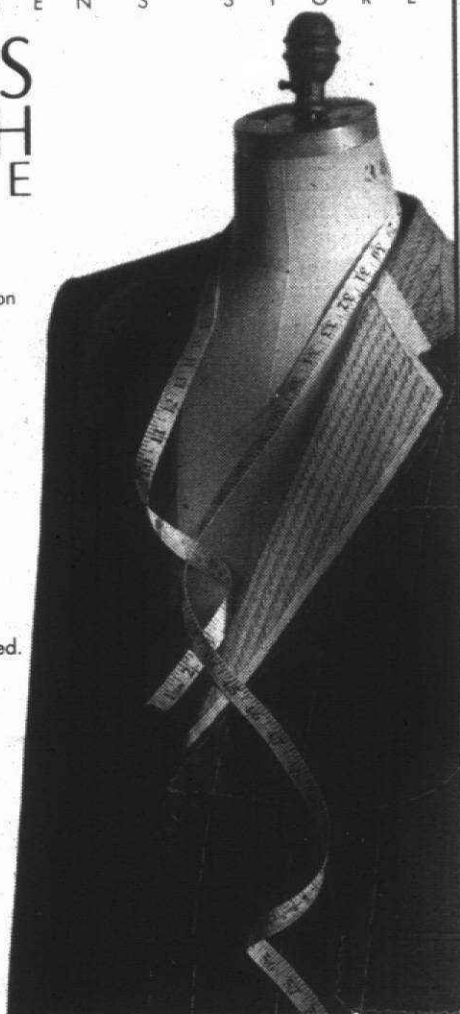
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## Preserve from page A11

move the idea forward," Craig said. "We wait, we wait, and we wait, and of course, our nomination was eliminated."

"We had hoped Hurley Coleman would move that up the chain."

Coleman acknowledged that the item needed to be included in the master plan for Wayne County to be eligible. Coleman said his department has been busy with other improvements, and needs more time.

"This request came to us less than a year ago, and it came at the same time we were busy with the millage improvements and the capital improvement plan throughout all the parks,"

Coleman said. "Before we act on the property, it has to be available for sale and we don't know if it is available for sale." The preserve was expanded through a land use grant from 500 to 540 acres, obtained by Wayne County's work with efforts from the county, a land use conservancy group and the state, Coleman said.

But Covert and Craig believe Coleman has had enough time to investigate a purchase of the site.

On the maintenance issues, Craig said he brings people on tours to the preserve. "I just cringe with what's around the corner," Craig said. "Pop and

beer bottles are busted all over the ground and it ends up being quite a mess.

"They will chop down trees, or bring pallets or car seats and have campfires."

Four-wheeler use has declined, but the preserve group still has problems with yard waste dumped onto the preserve, Craig said.

Covert said much of the preserve's forests contain wildlife animals, including deer, owls, foxes and salamanders.

"People have dumped yard waste," Covert said. "There's no real interest from the parks department and it's still that way."

Park vandals will drive up to the trees and to the end of the cul-de-sacs, and break glass.

"The parks department should be embracing us," Covert said. "People ought to be able to say, 'Look at this wonderful relationship, they take care of the preserve.'"

Coleman said last year he could not address these maintenance concerns because of a lack of staff, but he plans to increase it this summer. Park improvements will be made this year at the preserve, he said.

"I don't disagree with them," Coleman said about the letter. "I disagree with their tactics."

## Rebate from page A8

keeps future increases lower by limiting assessments. It's a plan that's good for vehicle owners, and it's good for catastrophically injured victims who will still be protected by unlimited lifetime benefits — which must remain a firm commitment."

Cruce told CWW members: "We have no idea what this will cost over the next 30, 40 or 50 years."

That \$2.5 billion surplus exists because of the \$4 billion in reserves, but the \$4 billion "estimate is only an estimate," Cruce said.

Cruce said a surplus credit of \$47.19 per vehicle was given to Michigan drivers in 1997. That resulted in a total assessment or charge per vehicle to motorists of \$14.94. Under its current program, MCCA plans to give credits for seven years until \$2.2 bil-

lion is refunded, or \$336 per insured vehicle.

John Truscott, Engler's spokesman, said that Engler's proposal left \$1.3 billion surplus in the fund. "That's plenty," Truscott said.

"MCCA re-evaluates the fund each year. They can reassess funds."

Policyholders deserve a rebate,

Truscott said.

Brown said he supported the unlimited benefits and help for medical and rehabilitative services. "Every person who owns a car pays the MCCA," Brown said.

Cruce argued that if the fund was depleted by such a large amount all at once, any slight market decline could "severely impact" the fund, jeopardized

the fund's ability to pay claims.

DeHart said that lawmakers had given 25 tax cuts over the past three years. "No one said in 1995 we should not give tax cuts because of the stock market might fall," DeHart said. "I think the stock market is relatively predictable. If it does fall, the whole state will go under, not just the MCCA."

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## PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH



GENE HUDSON

### How to find balance in co-parenting

In today's world, many people may share the role of parenting a child. Traditionally, both mom and dad are involved; not so traditionally, they may live in separate households. Grandma and grandpa or stepparents may also play a parenting role in a child's life.

While many different co-parenting structures exist, this diversity, when approached with understanding, can offer children an enriching, positive environment from which to grow and learn.

Whether your situation is traditional or not-so-traditional, here are some guidelines to consider as you discover a healthy balance to your role as a co-parent.

#### Recognize each parent's strengths.

Co-parenting partners will begin to find a balance as they acknowledge what each parent does well. Identify each other's strengths daily through observing and recognizing, or find some quiet time to have a more structured discussion where you write down each parent's strengths.

One parent may be better at getting the children to bed, or talking to teens about appropriate clothing for school. The same parent may not handle children's accidents and injuries well. Understanding and discussing what each partner is good at alleviates much of the stress caused from trying to master all parenting tasks perfectly.

#### Experiment with starting roles.

In spite of recognizing each parent's strengths and letting the parent with the "knack" handle those situations with which he or she is expert, it is also healthy to experiment with sharing roles. Sharing can take place by filling in for the co-parent who usually takes care of the task, or by just helping with that task.

Maybe dad usually handles bedtime because he can get the children to bed quickly and smoothly. Mom can experiment with this role by giving dad a break on the weekend so he can finish a carpentry project. If mom usually takes care of daily discipline, dad can fill this role during "mom's night out" (not wait for mom to come home to dish out consequences) and be supportive of her disciplinary decisions on a daily basis.

#### Respect the decision of the co-parent.

Once a decision has been made by a co-parent, other parenting partners need to acknowledge and follow through with that decision.

Perhaps grandma has let the children stay up late to watch a TV show because they cleaned their rooms. While difficult, it's best to respect grandma's decision even though you would not have allowed an extended bedtime. Conversely, grandma needs to respect your decision about what is allowed for snacks, and not contradict diet decisions that have already been established by you.

#### Accept different parenting approaches.

Each parent will approach the parenting role with a unique perspective. It's important to value differences and then help children to understand varying attitudes.

This is commonly a concern when parents are no longer living together. At dad's house, children may be allowed to eat snacks on the couch and not make their beds. At mom's house, children must eat all food at the kitchen table and make their beds every morning. Help children understand that one set of rules isn't wrong and the other right, but that each household follows different rules and both should be respected.

#### Balance empathy with reality.

When a child is disappointed in a parent, it's important to address the child's feelings without making excuses for the other parent or joining in an "attack."

If grandpa didn't get home in time

Please see PARENTING, B2

### An alliance of caring



At the helm: Cheryl Betz of Livonia (from left), Loisann Arnold of Salem Township and Pat Rensberger of Livonia are the driving force behind Rainbow Alliance Inc., that benefits children and their families infected or affected by HIV or AIDS.

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## Camp offers fun for AIDS families



■ A "60 Minutes" report on Birch Family Camp for families with HIV and AIDS served as the inspiration for Loisann Arnold to form the Rainbow Alliance Inc. and its Camp Rainbear for children.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Loisann Arnold held a well-paying job as an administrator for a mental health agency in Detroit until she saw a profile on "60 Minutes" of the Birch Family Camp for families with HIV and AIDS in New York.

It was then that the Salem Township resident traded in financial security for an increased sense of personal worth and to work on the Rainbow Alliance Inc.

She called on friends like Livonia residents Patricia Rensberger, a psychologist, and Cheryl Betz, a social worker, to create the nonprofit organization that recognizes a need for more comprehensive services for children and their families infected or affected by HIV or AIDS. Fellow board members are associated with Affirmations in Ferndale, the Child Abuse Prevention Center in Ann Arbor, and the Washtenaw County Domestic Violence Project.

"These are people who have concern for other people; they have the skills to make this thing really happen," Arnold said.

Its first project is Camp Rainbear, the first recreational summer camp

in Michigan for those children and their families. It will be held the last two weekends in July at The Fowler Center in Mayville, east of Saginaw.

"I have this need or desire to really work with kids who are out of the loop as kids," Arnold said. "The population of kids who have AIDS or any kind of terminal illness seemed like a really important population to start with."

The objective of Camp Rainbear is for children, siblings and parents to experience fun and recreation in an environment where they do not feel shame, and where the social and psychological environment is one of total acceptance.

During the camp, parents and their children will live in separate cabins, except for kids ages 5 and younger.

#### Fun for all

"Everybody gets a chance to go away for a time," Arnold said. "The parents live together and then the kids are divided up by ages. They don't have a clue who is HIV positive and who isn't. Some kids don't even know that they're infected. They just know that they take medicine."

Nurses and medical staff will be on hand to administer medication to the children.

Kids will participate in swimming, horseback riding, gardening, barn-animal care, arts and crafts, nature walks, boating and sports. Family-oriented activities will take place in the evening.

Parents will be pampered with massage therapy and makeovers as well as stress reduction and relaxation activities, nature walks, boating, swimming and horseback riding.

"I feel we can fill a gap there. If we can do it, it will really be satisfying," explained Rensberger, the Rainbow Alliance's treasurer.

"Kids will have an ordinary camp experience and so do the families," Arnold added.

#### 'Community project'

According to the Michigan Department of Public Health, there are 9,228 AIDS cases - 4,155 in Detroit, 871 in other parts of Wayne County, and 866 Oakland County - in the state as of Jan. 1.

There also are about 8,500-11,500 people in the state who are HIV positive. The department only offers estimates because many people don't realize that they are positive.

Arnold described the average camp participant as an HIV positive child who contracted the disease through his or her intravenous drug-using parent. Some kids may be hemophiliacs who contracted HIV through

blood transfusions.

Because some of the parents are ill, Camp Rainbear will cover grief-support issues, the future and financial planning.

"Hopefully, we'll get a lawyer or someone who's really skilled and knowledgeable to help set that up when they're (the parents) unable to anymore," Arnold said.

Participants will be referred to Arnold from Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit and Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Others who would like to participate can call Arnold at (248) 486-3872.

This year, the Rainbow Alliance is keeping the camp's attendance at 50 people. In following years, camp sessions will be one and two weeks. There is no charge to participate, and transportation is provided.

Rensberger explained that the organization needs to raise \$43,000 for the camp. Checks, made out to The Fowler Center, can be sent to Rensberger at 34276 Coventry, Livonia 48154. The alliance is also looking for donations of soft drinks, snacks, prizes and games.

"Those who don't have a lot of money to donate but would like to help can tell us what they can do. We'll find a way to use their skills," Betz said. "We really want this to be a community kind of project. We don't want to depend on one financial source that can back out on us and

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A bit of history: Bill Phenix of Plymouth has collected a few things related to his Scottish heritage over the years. Among them are an antique sword, kilt, shoes, dirk, a small knife that fits in a stocking and sporrans, the leather purse as part of the dress costume of Highlanders..



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## A Highland fling: Scotsmen prepare for Tartan Ball

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Bill Phenix calls it one of the most colorful events he's attended.

Tartan kilts spread their wings as men twirl their dates around the ballroom. Scottish music and the sweet smell of heather fill the room.

Reveling in Scottish heritage, the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit is holding its annual Tartan Ball at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at The Meeting House, 499 Main St., at Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

The formal evening of dinner and dancing includes Big Band dance music and the traditional sound of Scottish piping.

The evening begins with cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by 7 p.m. dinner with a choice of salmon or beef tenderloin tips. The cost is \$45. For information about the Tartan Ball, call Ruth Shulenberger at (248) 349-1831, Phenix at (734) 454-7689, or visit the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit's Web site at <http://www.detroitscots.com>. The reservation are suggested by Friday, March 20.

"The evening will showcase some of the finest aspects of our Scottish heritage," said Shulenberger, chairwoman of this year's ball. "This is the evening all of our community gathers with members of the society and the public in their finest Scottish attire."

The Tartan Ball includes appearances by The St. Andrew's Pipe Band, Scottish ballroom dancers and a special performance by a local theatrical troupe of a Celtic mystery drama.

"We're also going to try and do a grand march to the pipes. Everyone who comes will also learn about Scottish ballroom dancing. It's easy to do," said Phenix, a Plymouth resident who is the co-chairman for the ball.

Anyone, not just members of the St. Andrew's Society, is invited to attend.

"We'd like them (the public) to come just for the music and the color. This is a fun event. Like many Scottish families, I grew up with events like this with family and friends singing and dancing the

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to take your child to the ball game as promised, make sure you accept the child's difficulty moving with her disappointment, but without criticizing grandpa. If mom has missed a school event four times in a row because of work conflicts, help your child acknowledge his or her own dissatisfaction and hurt, empathize with your child, but don't make excuses for mom, or criticize her either.

**Allow individual relationships to develop.**  
Let each parent develop a special relationship with each child. As mentioned above, all parents have a unique approach to interacting with their children, and it doesn't always match our personal approach.  
Perhaps dad is helping daughter with a science project, and you think he's providing too much or too little assistance. Expectations that co-parents should approach the project just

as you would will only be disappointing. Try to enjoy their unique interaction and understand that the diversity in parenting styles is healthy for your children.  
For example, moms usually help young children develop a sense of precaution because they tend to be protective. Dads, on the other hand, often help their children learn to take risks. Both approaches are necessary for

children to develop a well-balanced perspective and identify their own safety zones.  
If you have a strong disagreement with a co-parent's approach, offer observations (preferably in private) without being judgmental. But chances are, once you think about the interaction, you'll decide not to offer an opinion, and rather, sit back and enjoy the special relationship being formed between your child and your co-parent.  
Close relationships with a variety of adults who share co-parenting roles can provide children with an enriching and rewarding experience that encourages them to develop additional relationships and gives them the confidence needed to relate to a wide range of people.  
Gene Hudson has been working professionally with children, adolescents and parents for 28 years. He is chief operating officer of Youth Living Centers, a private, nonprofit agency that specializes in serving children, youths and families from throughout southeastern Michigan.  
Jacque 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.

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evening away," he added.  
Phenix, a society member since 1987, was born in Belfast, Ireland, where "it is very much Scotch-Irish" influence. He moved to the United States when he was 5.  
Because of his heritage, he has always been interested in Scottish culture. He has seen its popularity grow since the release of Mel Gibson's movie "Braveheart."  
"It's aroused a lot of interest in the tradition and history of Scotland. A lot of people are attracted to Scottish culture because of its color and traditions," said Phenix, the former director of

Historic Fort Wayne.  
The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, founded in 1849, is the oldest benevolent society in Michigan. Membership is open to men and women of Scottish heritage. Money raised at its events, including the Tartan Ball, fund gift-giving throughout the year.  
"We contribute money to various charities like Gleaners (Community Food Bank), Habitat for Humanity and the Goodwill," Phenix said.  
The society's goal is to help those less fortunate and promote Scottish heritage.  
The motto of the society is

"relieve the distressed." The society's annual Highland Games will be held Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 1-2, at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.  
More than 12,000 people attended last year's games, according to Phenix. Those attending the Tartan Ball will have the chance to taste the Scottish culture before their year's two-day event.  
"Men will wear kilts, if they have them. It's colorful. The color of all the tartans is kind of attractive. It's really an attractive room. There's a grand piano and a fireplace," he added.



Stylin': Co-chairman Nancy Chapman (left) and Carol Secord show off a couple of the centerpieces that will part of the Catholic Central Mothers Club luncheon, slated for Sunday, March 29. Chapman's son, Roy, is a sophomore and son, Matthew, is a senior at the Redford high school.

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make this fall apart."  
The Rainbow Alliance will offer a training session for volunteers in June that will cover AIDS and HIV, universal precautions as well as "being a camper person," Arnold said.  
"We'll teach different things about the social aspect of these families, so volunteers don't come across as condescending," she said. "They'll learn what to say and what not to say."  
The Fowler Center is a 40-year-old Michigan camp that pri-

marily serves children and adults with developmental disabilities. Arnold admitted that Fowler Center board members and its neighbors were initially apprehensive of the camp housing children with AIDS or HIV.  
"We talked with them about universal precautions and got the support of the community," Arnold said. "The camp is located on a lake and it is surrounded by privately owned properties. They had questions about if they could get AIDS or be exposed (to

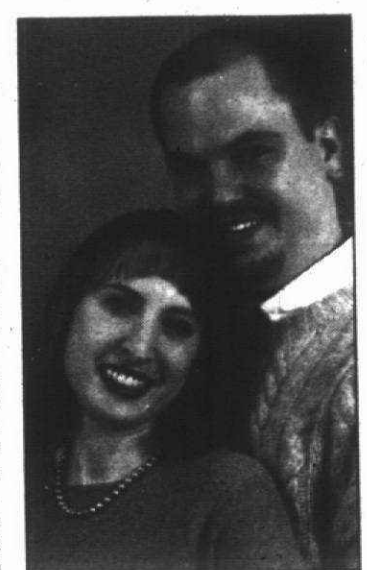
# CC Moms host fashion show

Rex Harrison won't be there coaching Audrey Hepburn on her diet, but the elegance of "My Fair Lady" will be when the Catholic Central Mothers' Club presents its annual luncheon and fashion show fundraiser, aptly named "My Fair Lady," on Sunday, March 29.  
The setting will be the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn and the fashions will be provided by the merchants of the Fairlane Town Center, also in Dearborn.  
The event will get underway at 12:30 p.m. with a special hour, followed by lunch and the fashion show.  
As in past years, the Catholic Central High School Stage Band will provide the entertainment.  
Models for the show will be a number of CC mothers and their sons. The honor is given to mothers who are on the club's board and whose sons are in their senior year.  
Tickets for benefit cost \$37 each and are available by calling Kathy Snider at (313) 957-0592.  
This is the 23rd year the club has staged the fashion show. The money the club raises is donated to the Redford high school at the end of each school year for major projects. In the past, it has been used for such things as new computers, air conditioning for the library and new stackable chairs.

# Arbor Hospice offers volunteer training

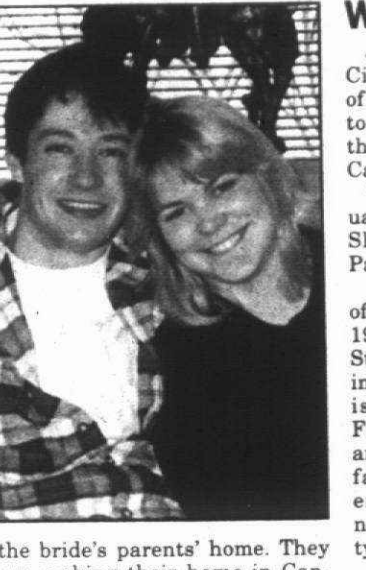
Arbor Hospice is offering a free training program for people interested in volunteering to provide services for patients and their families in western Wayne and Oakland counties.  
The training will be 1-4 p.m. Mondays for five weeks, beginning March 23, at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady, Northville.  
The training will cover such topics as the hospice concept, patient comfort and care and communication skills.  
There is no minimum time requirement and assignments

# Schwartz-Daguanno



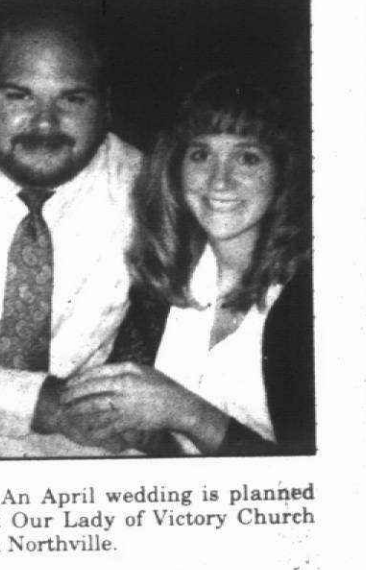
Steven Schwartz of Buffalo, N.Y., and Cheryl VanDeventer of Williamsville, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Elyssa Schwartz, to Darin Emilio Daguanno, the son of Fred and Sharon Daguanno of Livonia.  
The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Williamsville East High School in Williamsville, N.Y., and a 1993 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts degree in marketing communications and a 1996 graduate of Michigan State University with a master of business administration degree in materials and logistics management. She is employed in supply chain management at Detroit Edison and is pursuing a master's degree in industrial engineering from Wayne State University.  
Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School in Redford and a 1993 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in architecture. He is employed as an architectural intern at PDA Architects, P.C., and is pursuing a master's degree in architecture and structural engineering at the University of Michigan.  
A July wedding is planned.

# Selby-Disbrow



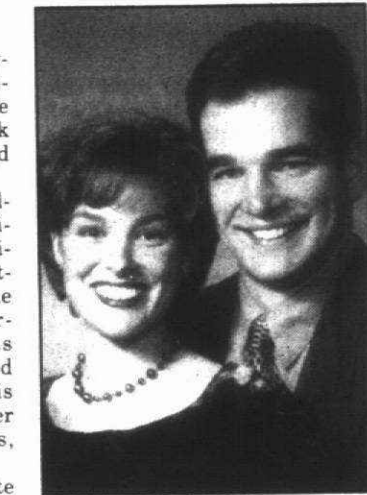
Daniel Selby of Canton and Piper Disbrow of Canton were married Aug. 14 at the Plymouth Gazebo in Plymouth by Susan E. Ewing.  
The bride is the daughter of Royce and Brooke Disbrow of Canton. The groom is the son of Daniel and Carol Selby of Dexter.  
The bride is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is a student at Eastern Michigan University where she is majoring in secondary education.  
The groom is a graduate of Dexter High School. He is employed at the family business in Dearborn.  
The bride asked Jennifer Bolsler to serve as her maid of honor. Andy Steiner served as best man.  
The couple received guests at

# West-Candela



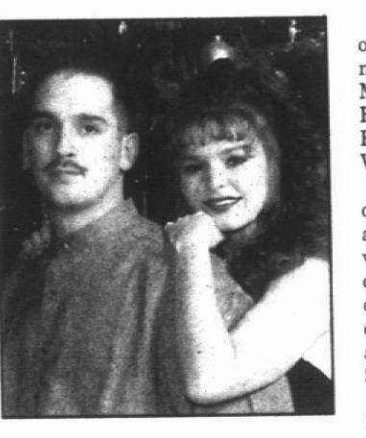
Jim and Helen West of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Marie, to Vincent Emanuele Candela, the son of Vincenzo and Nancy Candela of Northville.  
The bride-to-be is a 1986 graduate of Garden City High School. She is the manager of several Papa Romano's stores.  
Her fiancé 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 mold maker.  
An April wedding is planned at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville.

# Vente-Coletta



Russ and Sharon Vente of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Laurie Elizabeth, to Michael Patrick Coletta, the son of Vincent and Christina Coletta of Plymouth.  
The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration and marketing and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a master of arts degree in adult instruction and performance technology. She is employed as a training designer at Little Caesars Enterprises, Inc.  
Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of GMI Engineering and Management Institute with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering in 1992 and expects to earn a master's degree in business administration from the University of Detroit Mercy in 1999. He is employed as a business planner at the Ford Motor Company.  
A June wedding is planned at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church in Plymouth.

# Starr-Green



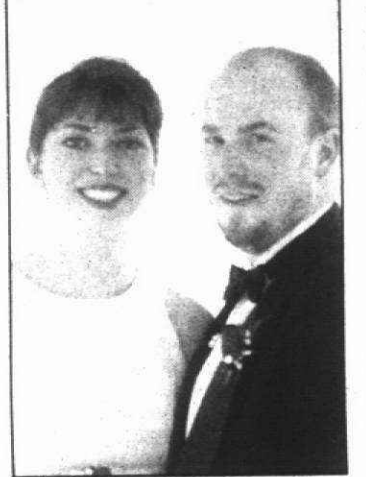
Joyce Dianne Cathey and James Thomas Charles Krom were married Feb. 7 at Little Chapel of the Flowers in Las Vegas, Nev., by the Rev. Gary W. Shroyer.  
The bride is the daughter of John and Mary Ann Marby of Ann Arbor and Fred Cathey of Redford. The groom is the son of Raymond and Peggy Krom of Ann Arbor.  
The bride is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts degree in education. She is employed by Redford Union School District.  
The groom is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. He is employed by Stegner Electric Controls.  
The bride asked Michelle Krom and Leigh McGrath to be her attendants. Greg Krom and Erik Wollesen served as the groom's attendants.  
After the wedding and a honeymoon in Las Vegas, the couple returned to the area to receive guests at Joy Manor in Westland. They are making their home in Redford.

# Schlaepfer-BeBeau



George and Dianne Schlaepfer of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Ann Marie, to David Thomas BeBeau, the son of Kathleen BeBeau of Livonia and the late Wilfrid BeBeau.  
The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and Wayne State University with a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry and master of arts degree in teaching. She is employed as a chemistry teacher at Livonia Stevenson High School.  
Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. Wayne State University with a bachelor of arts degree in French and Walsh College with a master of science degree in international management. He is employed as a lead consultant at SPX Corp in Warren.  
A July wedding is planned at Newburg Church in Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

# Krom-Cathey



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# Waggoner-Denning



Kim M. Waggoner and Christopher D. Denning plan to be married in May at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.  
The bride-to-be is the daughter of Barbara J. and James W. Margul of Michigan Center, Mich., and Karleen C. and Barry K. Waggoner of Copper Center, Alaska. She is a graduate of Lumen Christi High School in Jackson. She is employed in international Group Sales by United Airlines.  
Her fiancé is the son of Beverly J. and Daniel M. Denning of Westland. He is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. He is employed by Local Union 58 as a journeyman electrician.

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# Cassidy-Brandell

Robert and Anne Cassidy of Westland announce the engagement of their son, John Maitland, to Therese Norine Brandell, the daughter of John and Margaret Brandell of Delta Township.  
The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lansing Catholic High School and Lansing Community College. She is employed as a freelance court reporter.  
Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and the University of Michigan. He is a mechanical engineer with Lucas-Varty.  
An April wedding is planned at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in White Lake.



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## WEEKEND

### HIV/AIDS WORKSHOP

Madonna University in Livonia will offer the workshop, "The Values Dimension of HIV/AIDS: From Caring to Conviction," 1-3 p.m. Friday, March 20, at the Science Lecture Hall. The event is free and open to the public. A video and group activity will be included in the workshop. Refreshments will be served. Registrations may be made by contacting Dr. James Copi at (734) 432-5510.

### SPRING LUNCHEON

The Plymouth Community Art Council's newly-formed fund-raising committee, ArtReach, has scheduled a spring luncheon featuring dollmaker and illustrator, Tracy Gallup. The luncheon is planned 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 20, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts located at 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. The meal will be catered by Joe's Italian Bakery of Plymouth. For luncheon tickets, contact the PCAC at 416-ART. Tickets are \$15. Seating is limited. Anyone interested in being a part of the ArtReach group should contact the arts council at 416-4278.

### SKATE STATION II

Skate free at Skatin Station II from 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 20. All ages welcome, and there will be prize giveaways. Regular skate rental is \$2, and premium rental is \$5. For more information, call (313) 459-8400.

### PARENT FAIR

Madonna University in Livonia will host the 1998 Livonia Parent Fair titled "Keeping Your Families Strong" 8:15 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 21, in the Lake 5 Lounge. Participants will choose two of the 25 one-hour sessions to attend. The cost is \$5 per family, and child care for children ages 4-11 will be provided free of charge.

### LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Livonia Public Schools will be sending forms home with children. Also, sponsors, such as Madonna University have registration forms available at their locations. For more information, contact Elaine Kops at (734) 432-9669; Edna Rankine of Madonna University at (734) 432-6425; or Amy Rhode of St. Mary Hospital at (734) 655-2913.

### BENEFIT

Metro Crisis Pregnancy Center (MCPC) will host the Spring Forward Benefit at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the Father Patrick O'Kelly Knights of Columbus Hall, 23662 Park St., Dearborn. The evening will feature a catered buffet dinner, cash bar, live entertainment by local musicians "Special Blend," and the MCPC Annual Live and Silent Auctions. Tickets for the Spring Forward Benefit dinner and auction are \$18 per adult, \$10 per child 12 and under, and \$144 per table of eight. Dinner and auction combination tickets will not be sold at the door. Tickets for auction only will be available prior to the benefit, or at the door at \$10 per person (children and adults). For more information, or to order tickets, call (313) 581-8830 or (313) 562-4227.

### CONCERT

The Counselors Youth Chorus under the direction of Susan Linquist and Dr. Richard Schneider will join with the Ann Arbor Youth Chorus in a concert 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Our Lady of Good Counsel

Catholic Church in Plymouth. Admission is free, but donations are encouraged.

## LENTEN

The Knights of Columbus, Council 3230 is sponsoring the Fifth Annual Lenten Fish Fry from 5-7 p.m. Friday, March 20, at St. John's Catholic Church, on the corner of Hamilton and West Cross streets. All profits go to local charities. Takeouts are available. More information, call (734) 434-9638.

## AROUND TOWN

### WORKSHOP

D & M Studio's Once Upon an Easel presents "Teach and Parent Sunday Workshop 1" March 22. A hands-on approach to learning basic skills. A walk through pencils, pastels, watercolor and more. Enhance your art curriculum, reinforce your child's lessons or just have fun. Fee is \$15, which includes workbook and basic implements used in the workshop. Other related workshops include Skills II and "How To Partner Reading, Writing and Visual Arts." D & M Studio's Once Upon an Easel is located at 8691 N. Lilely Road in Canton. For more information, call Sharon Dillenbeck at (734) 453-3710.

### REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 1998-99 school year will be held in all elementary schools the week of March 23. Children are eligible to attend kindergarten if they will be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1. While registration can be made anytime during the year, parents are urged to register their children during this period in order to permit adequate planning for fall kindergarten classes. For more information, call Ginnie Murdoch at 416-4842.

### SAFETY SEMINAR

Lawrence M. Sweeney, president of Practical Defense Systems Inc. of Canton and author of "Practical Defense: A Personal Safety Survival Guide," will present a free personal safety seminar at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 19, in the library of West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth Township. The seminar is being sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Branch, American Association of University Women. Those interested in attending are asked to contact Delores Ten Broeck at (734) 453-0362.

### MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University in Livonia is holding its fourth annual Volunteer Fair from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, in the Lake 5 Lounge. The purpose of the fair is to allow the community to meet and learn about various local and nationwide organizations and what opportunities exist. Open to the public free of charge. For more information, call (734) 432-5419.

### MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University in Livonia is holding an Open House for prospective students from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 28, in the Lake 5 Lounge on campus. Those attending will tour the campus, meet the faculty, staff and students and learn about the more than 50 career-oriented programs offered during the day, evenings and weekends. Information on financial aid and scholarships will be available, and transfer students are encouraged to bring their transcripts. Complimenta-

## Grease is the word to describe parade

BY KEVIN BROWN

STAFF WRITER

Get ready, Daddy-o - this year's July 4 parade will have a 1950s theme.

"I'm thinking of poodle skirts and black leather jackets," said parade organizer Fred Hill.

It's not too early to begin organizing floats, said Hill. After all, he started organizing this year's parade last June.

Floats can depict historic events of the 1950s, or show how families in that decade celebrated July 4.

Three top local '50s-theme bands will perform on parade floats - Steve King and the Ditties, the Teen Angels and the Laredos.

Hill said he got involved last year "because the parade needed to be reinvented and rejuvenated."

Along with the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees, he recast the parade as "Good Morning USA." That name will return and so will the unique parade start time, 7:30 a.m.

Hill got the idea for the early start time in Canton, Ohio, home of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. His Brieftcase Drill Team has performed in the Hall of Fame parade, which draws 100,000 at 7:30 a.m. "If they can do it there, we can do it here," he said.

Hill also put to use other things he learned on the road with the Brieftcase Drill Team, about how to do a parade right.

"Like last year, he's signing up a range of entertainment - giant balloons, Navy F-16 airplane fly-overs, Detroit Tigers and Pistons team mascots, skydivers, Miss Michigan, bagpipers and more.

And don't forget the W.P. Cyclone Magnificent Highwheel Band, featuring 15 musicians performing on old-fashioned high wheel bikes.

In a parade, Hill explained, "every entry will be entertaining."

"We're certainly looking for groups who want to participate with floats," Hill said. "We are happy to help them with ideas."

Those interested in participating or providing parade sponsorships - it costs \$30,000 to pay for the parade - should call (734) 459-3738.

### ST. MARY HOSPITAL

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia will offer a six-week Pre-Postnatal Exercise Class from 6-7:30 p.m., through March 25.

The six-week class meets for 90 minutes one day a week and is designed to promote fitness and a healthy lifestyle prior to and following delivery.

The class will meet in Pavilion Conference Room A. Cost of the class is \$85 per person. Registration is required by calling the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1100 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615.

### SUMMIT ON THE PARK

Summit on the Park Senior Center is offering tax counseling for seniors. This service is offered every Tuesday through April 14 in the Parkview Room.

Appointments are necessary for counseling, and will be taken for morning or afternoon times. Arrangements can be made for those who are homebound. Call 397-5444 for further information.

### SCHOOL OPENINGS

Livonia Little People's Co-op Preschool has openings for the 1997-98 school year for the 3- and 4-year-old classes. The preschool is at 8820 Wayne Road, just north of Joy. For more information, call 422-1176.

### SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S CO-OP NURSERY

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.

### HENRY CLAY PRESCHOOL COOPERATIVE

Henry Clay Preschool Cooperative in Marshall Elementary School, 33901 Curtis, Six Mile and Farmington, Livonia, is accepting applications for the 1998-99 school year for 3-4-year-old classes. Morning and afternoon sessions are available. For more information, call Judy at (734) 953-9728.

### NEW MORNING SCHOOL

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## Students craft items for New Morning School auction

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI

SPECIAL WRITER

Two fourth-graders at New Morning School in Plymouth Township have high hopes for items they made for the school's biggest annual fund-raiser.

They helped craft six cement stepping stones that will be among more than 500 items available during the 22nd annual auction, a mainstay community event and a local harbinger of spring.

"They'll (the stepping stones) probably sell for about \$1,000 each," said J.P. Spencer, a 10-year-old fourth-grader from South Lyon.

His classmate, Jesse Zrull, 9, was a little more conservative. The Plymouth resident thought the highest bid for the cement garden stones with multi-colored glass pieces would sell for about \$900 each. Actually, the six stepping stones will be auctioned as a package.

Sitting in the open classroom of the Haggerty Road School, auction organizer Jane Fry's reaction to their optimistic expectations was a wide-eyed expression.

"That would be nice," she said. The theme, "Feeling Groovy, Then and Now," connects the event with another celebration this year, the school's 25th anniversary.

Advance tickets are needed for the auction 5 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 28, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are \$55 each and include hors d'oeuvres, sit-down dinner, open bar, dessert and a late night snack. Complimentary photos will also be taken of each guest. Dan Stall will conduct the live auction.

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Worth winning

The biggest ticket items is a Deal for Wheels package that includes a \$5,000 check good toward the purchase of a vehicle at Dick Scott Dodge, Don Massey Cadillac, Blackwell Ford or Hines Park Lincoln Mercury, all in the Plymouth community, or Saturn of Plymouth and Farmington Hills.

Each dealer contributed \$1,000 with the gamble that the \$5,000 check will be used at their dealership. The competitive edge has kept the dealerships coming back on an annual basis.

"They've been very supportive the last several years," Fry said. Raffle tickets will also be available for a two-year lease on a Ford Expedition XLT. The tickets are \$100 each and only 250 tickets will be sold.

Bidders can buy a spot in the driver's seat of a NASCAR vehicle with speeds of up to 150 miles per hour at Michigan International Speedway. Or, maybe you always wanted to pilot a fighter jet. Air Combat U.S.A. will provide the opportunity.

Other items that will be auctioned off include two University

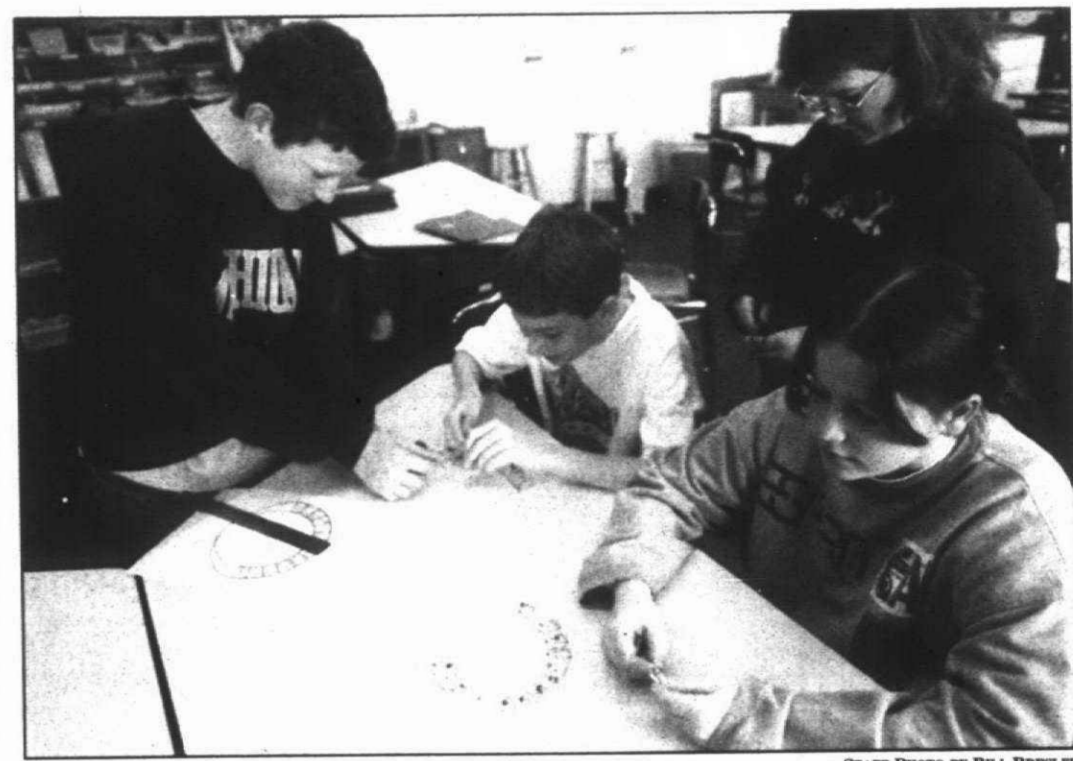
Plymouth Jewellers.

Fine furniture items were donated by Walker Buzenberg, a Thomas Kinkadee print donated by Wild Wings, and an electronic keyboard donated by Evola Music in Plymouth.

If you're looking for a good deal on a trip, the auction might be the place to find one. Pack-

ages to Florida, Lake Tahoe, Las Vegas and Washington, D.C., along with getaway packages in Michigan will be auctioned off.

"Businesses in the area were very generous," Fry added. The goal for the auction is to raise more than \$110,000 for the school's general fund. Last year, the event earned \$107,000,



Hard at work: New Morning School students David Spencer (from left), Brian Kutnick, Samantha Lowry and Christine Davinich work on pieces of jewelry that will be auctioned off at the school's 22nd annual auction March 28.

Michigan football season tickets, signed and framed sports jerseys from the Red Wings, Lions and Pistons, Harley-Davidson leather jackets, a TY Co. Princess Di Beanie Baby, donated by Gabriela's of Plymouth, and a custom-made, 14-karat gold mother and child charm on a chain, donated by

which accounts for about 20 percent of the school's operating costs.

The items range in value from \$25 to \$5,000 and include work from all New Morning School grade levels for the first time this year. The primary class made a quilted wall hanging, elementary students worked on the stepping stones, and the middle school class designed and helped craft a necklace, bracelet and earring set made out of silver.

Curator helping

Larry Hutchinson, a Farmington resident and curator at Cranbrook Institute of Science, will oversee the handmade jewelry project.



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## RELIGIOUS NEWS

### Dorner speaks at Friendship Sunday

Her mother used to say that she spoke her first word in the womb and read her first book in the delivery room. And it seems that Nancy Dorner has been speaking reading and writing ever since.

The Christian writer and speaker will speak at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church - Livonia Campus, 14175 Farmington Road, on Sunday, March 29, as part of the church's Friendship Sunday.

Dorner will speak at Friendship Sunday Brunch at 9:45 a.m. Guests also are invited to attend the worship services at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

At its Canton Campus - 46001 Warren Road - Christ Our Savior - Livonia's youth Christian band, Talk's Cheap, will perform at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. The band is committed to spreading the message that if you talk the talk about God, you have to walk the walk with God.

A former guidance counselor

and university instructor of interpersonal communication, Dorner is a master teacher. She combines years of scholarly pursuits with a lively sense of humor and fascinating anecdotes to make listening hilarious yet highly educational.

An accomplished artist, poet and author, her book, "A Woman's Guide to Spiritual Power through Scriptural Prayer," chronicles how this former atheist "discovered" through a series of "prayer experiments" that God is real, God Cares and God answers prayers.

Dorner is currently writing a Christian textbook on interpersonal communication, using scripture as her primary source, and a book with her husband on inner and outer beauty, "So You Want to Be Beautiful."

She also has authored numerous articles and poem, and her columns, "Keeping the Faith" and "Love and Laughter

Forever After?" have appeared in nine national and two international publications in seven languages.

Dorner earned her bachelor's degree in fine arts and psychology at Temple University and the University of Nebraska.

She is currently on six national speaker's bureaus - Christian Women's Club, World Home Bible League, Winning Women, Winsome Women, Women Answer Women, Aglow and CLASS (Christian Leaders, Artists and Speakers Service).

She also is a retreat leader for Baptist, Methodist, Reformed, Christian Reformed, Lutheran, Presbyterian, non-denominational and inter-



Nancy Dorner

6:15-7 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the church, 2065 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.

**OPEN HOUSE**  
Northville Christian School will offer tours of the facility 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25. The school, at 14355 Six Mile Road, west of I-275, has an enrollment of 450 students in preschool through the eighth grade. Classes have a minimum of 24 students.

Kindergarten through the fifth grade, in addition to their regular curriculum have art, music, physical education, library, Bible, computer and Spanish classes. Middle school student shave elective classes in art, band music, Spanish, computer, Bible physical education and Quilt Bow.

Parents interested in visiting the school can call the office at (248) 348-9031 to schedule a tour.

**FREE CONCERT**  
The Youth and Music Ministries and Missions Conference Committee of Trinity Presbyterian Church will present a free concert, featuring Matt Beckler, at 7 p.m. Friday, March 27, at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 459-9804.

**JESUS FOR JESUS**  
Jews for Jesus, based in San Francisco, Calif., will present "Christ in the Passover" at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Alpha Baptist Church, 28051 W. Chicago, Livonia. Using a visual display of traditional Passover items, including symbolic foods, the presentation will follow the Passover from Egypt to Calvary, examining ancient and modern Jewish customs as the background for the Christian mission. For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-6300.

**SPRING MUSICAL**  
The Prairiesiders of Memorial Church of Christ will present their spring musical, "Celebrate," at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the church, 34575 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The program will feature praise songs and memorized scriptures by the children ages 4-5. The musical is under the direction of Mike and Shona Vincent, John and Kim Friend, Mike and Michelle Pavack and Scott and Tammy Phillips. For more information, call the church office at (734) 464-6222.

**EXERCISE FUN**  
The Merriman Road Baptist Church Fitness Bunch meets

held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Sacred Heart Church, 29125 W. Six Mile Road, east of Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Children's clothing, baby furniture and maternity items will be sold. Admission will be \$1. For more information or table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

**BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST**  
Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, is hosting a 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.

**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 "Kindness Outreach Sunday" on March 22. For more information, call the church office at (734) 455-6022.

**MOM TO MOM SALE**  
The Mom to Mom Sale will be

weekly Sunday lessons at 9 and 11 a.m. Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School, Meadowbrook Road south of 13 Mile Road, Walled Lake. The topic for March 22 will be "Angel and the Frog." The church also offers youth education at both services. A course in miracles is taught year-round at 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Other basic courses include 4T, meditation and unity basics. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit its Web site at <http://www.cotw.com>.

**SISTERHOOD**  
The Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Following the meeting, a book review will be given on "Our Life, His Legacy" by Leah Rabin. A donation of a Passover ticket for Yad Ezra is requested. Passover recipes will be exchanged among members. Guests are invited, and refreshments will be served.

**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 can any religion be scientific?" on March 22.

### St. John's Episcopal installs new minister

The members of St. John's Episcopal Church in Westland have a new minister, following the institution of the Rev. Arthur Mack as pastor on March 15.

The Rt. Rev. R. Steward Wood Jr., bishop of the Diocese of Michigan, lead the celebration, with the Rev. Beverly Moore Tasy, rector of St. Clement's Church in Inkster, as his chaplain and the Rev. Paul Hiyma, the interim rector, preaching at the service.

Also participating were the Rev. Daniel Appleyard, rector of Christ Church in Dearborn, and the Rev. William Lieber, rector of St. Christopher's, P. a. l. Church in Detroit, who represented the Episcopalians of the Westside Area Council.

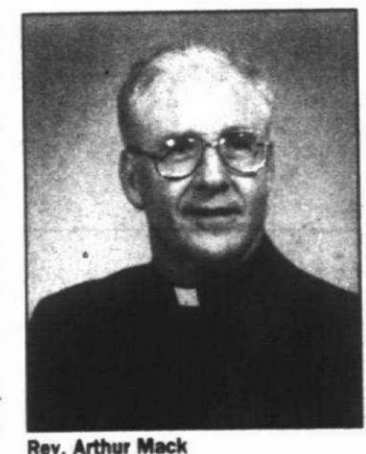
Special music was provided by Carter Eggers, a professor at Eastern Michigan University, Donald Harrell on the trumpet, Mary Harrell on the organ and the St. John's Choir.

As part of the worship service the different parish groups presented the new rector with the symbols of their ministries. Among the gifts was a quilt that stated, "Be among us as one who leads us to give comfort to others," from the St. Margaret's Guild.

St. John's, which has been a part of the Wayne and Westland communities for almost 100 years, has been without a full-time minister since the death of the Rev. Raymond Zips in 1996.

The congregation started as a mission in Wayne in 1901 and reached parish status in 1943. The church was moved to its current site on Wayne Road in Westland in 1956.

A native of upstate New York, Mack is a 1964 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West



Rev. Arthur Mack

Point, N.Y., and served with the Army Artillery in Hawaii, Vietnam and at Ft. Sill, Okla., where he felt the call to the ordained ministry.

He studied for three years at the General Theological Seminary in New York City and spent six years on active duty as a U.S. Army chaplain. He served congregations at Ft. Monroe, Va., and Ft. Richardson, Alaska.

Mack also served as an Army reserve chaplain for 17 years and was called up with a hospital unit sent to Saudi Arabia during the Persian Gulf War.

His ministry includes St. Paul's Cathedral in Syracuse, N.Y., Trinity Church in Louisville, Ky., and Epiphany Church in Sherburne, N.Y. His most recent ministry was at Trinity Church in Lancaster, a suburb of Buffalo, N.Y.

Mack also has devoted considerable study and practice to the ministry of healing.

Married, he and wife Susan have two children, Kara and Dan, who are students at Marshall Junior High School in Westland.

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# Schoolcraft offers 4 seminars on training toddlers

Parents of toddlers take heart. There is help.

Schoolcraft College is offering a set of four seminars designed to guide parents through the toddler period - just before child turns 2 until about age 3.

The series will be 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, March 24-April 14. Tracy Floto and Jean Shaunessy-Smith, early child development specialists, will be the instructors. The fee is \$65 for the entire series or \$26 for an individual session.

"This time is a developmental

turning point," said Melissa Rensi, who coordinated the program and survived the terrible twos with daughter Lydia, now a 3-year-old. "This is the time when your cherub turns into a person with her own strong opinions and demands."

Working parents can be especially torn when disciplining children at this age because they want to have a well-behaved child but might feel a little guilty for leaving them with a sitter or

at day care, according to Rensi.

"Your child may have been perfect all day, but when you pick her up at the sitter or day care, she falls apart, gets whiny and misbehaves," she said. "You may not provide structure she needs because the temptation is to overcompensate for your absence and the subsequent guilt."

The toddler period is when the fundamentals of discipline are laid down among family mem-

bers. It is the turning point for both child and parent.

The series will begin on Tuesday, March 24, with "No More Food fights," which details nutritional and appetite changes that may occur around age 2 and why some children develop strong dislikes, fill up immediately or not eat one food.

"Time Out!" on March 31 looks at discipline - setting loving but firm limits and sticking to them. This is one of the most important

and difficult parts of parenting because parents are laying the foundations for future parent-child relationships and child behavior. Participants will learn practical and effective techniques and share their experiences with other parents.

"Toddlers 101" on April 7 examines what makes toddlers tick and why they love to test their parents. There will be tips on how to accept and respect a toddler's behavior while teaching

responsibility and building self-esteem.

The last seminar, "Adventures in Toilet Training," on April 14, will help parents know when their child is ready for toilet training and how to make the process less stressful for everyone.

For more information about the seminars or to register, call (313) 462-4448. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, north of Six Mile Road, Livonia.

## CRAFTS

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

### LIVONIA CHURCHILL

The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA will have its juried spring arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at the school, 8900 Newburg Road, Livonia. Admission will be \$1; strollers and wheelchairs welcomed. For more information, call Diane at (734) 422-4507 or Garrett at (734) 464-7425.

### ST. DAMIAN'S

St. Damian's Church will have a collector's sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the church, 29891 Joy Road, Westland. Admission will be \$1, children under age 12 free. Table space, costing \$25, is available. Proceeds will benefit Christian Service. For more information, call (734) 421-6130.

### LIVONIA FRANKLIN

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

### LIVONIA STEVENSON

The Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club's Spring Spectacular craft show will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 28 at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile Road. For more information, call (734) 464-1041 or (248) 478-2395.

### CLARENCEVILLE

The Athletic Booster Club of Clarenceville High School will have "A Touch of Spring" craft boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 28 at the school, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. There will be more than 150 crafters, raffle and snack bar. No strollers will be permitted, and babysitting will be available. Admission will be \$2.

### FINNWEAVERS

The Finnweavers of the Finnish Center Association will have an arts and crafts fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 28 at the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Free admission and food will be available. For more information, call (248) 546-6527.

### MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 13th annual spring arts and crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 28 in the Activities Center on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. There will be numerous unique handmade arts and crafts and bake sale. The Easter bunny will be available to meet with and have photos taken with children noon to 2 p.m. There also will be a raffle (\$1 tickets available only at the show) at 4 p.m. with four prizes of \$25. Admission will be \$2 for adults and children under age 12 free. For more information, call the university at (734) 432-5603.

### SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart Church will have a craft show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile Road, east of Middlebelt Road, Livonia. In addition to crafts, baked goods will be sold. For more information, or table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

### HANDCRAFTERS

Handcrafters will sponsor its 16th annual spring arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, April 3, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main St., Northville. There will be more than 70 juried artisans displaying their work.

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Stingrays win state

The Plymouth Stingrays hockey team captured its second-straight Midget AA state championship Sunday when it defeated the Battle Creek Blue Devils 3-2 in Calumet.

Although the final score was close, the Stingrays dominated play through most of the game, outshooting the Devils 44-18. The Plymouth-based team took the lead on a first-period goal by Ryan Ward (from Northville), assisted by Brad Feiler and Mike Schultz (both from Canton).

Battle Creek tied it early in the second period, but the Stingrays recaptured the lead three minutes later on a goal by Mike Deschaw (Plymouth), from Paul Frusti (Plymouth).

The eventual game-winning marker came from Schultz, from Feiler, just 33 seconds into the third, making it 3-1. The Devils did manage to narrow the gap to 3-2 with a power-play goal scored with :40 left, but they could not get the equalizer.

Plymouth now advances to the National Midget AA (for 17-18 year olds) Tournament, April 1-5 in Anaheim, Calif.

The victory over the Blue Devils was the latest in a long line of successes for the Stingrays, coached by Fred Feiler. They swept through the state tournament, winning all five of their games.

On Friday, Plymouth beat Midland 4-2 and Redford 7-3; on Saturday, the Grosse Pointe Bulldogs fell to the Stingrays 5-4.

In the semifinals Sunday, Plymouth defeated the Downriver Stars 3-1 to set up their game with Battle Creek.

Frusti and Brad Feiler were the teams' top scorers in the tournament; Frusti had four goals and three assists for seven points in the five games, while Feiler contributed a goal and six assists for seven points. Schultz contributed three goals and three assists (six points), and Matt Krupa (Canton) got two goals and four assists (six points), ward chipped in with four goals and an assist (five points).

Gordie Smith (Westland) and Jesse Jones (Plymouth) split time in goal during the tournament. Smith was 3-0, giving up eight goals (2.67 goals-against average) and making 57 saves; Jones was 2-0, surrendering four goals (2.00 goals-against) and making 43 saves.

As impressive as that defense may sound, the team's coach was quick to note they have been better — the Stingrays' goals-against average for the season is under 2.00.

Their record: 55-13-6. As far as their chances at nationals this season (they finished third last year), Feiler was optimistic. "I like our chances," he said. "These guys have shown us a lot."

What makes the Stingrays run to the title more impressive is that only four players returned from last year's team: Feiler, Ward, Smith and defenseman Austin Meibers (Canton).

"I never stressed scoring as much as playing a good defensive game," said Feiler.

The rest of the team: Nick Anselm, Matt Hosch, Joe Wedesky and Josh Labanino from Canton; Ryan Frayer from Plymouth; John Gallagher from Livonia; Justin Schroeder from Westland; Joe Dzikowicz from Jackson; and Lewis Lanway from Waterford. The team's other coaches are Paul Safran and Joe Krupa.

Anyone wishing to help sponsor the team's trip to nationals is asked to call team manager Steve Meibers at (734) 459-4622. Those donating \$150 or more will receive a plaque of appreciation containing a team photo.

### Flames torch foes

The Canton Flames under-16 premier girls soccer team won the under-19A indoor soccer division at both Novi's Soccer Zone and Wixom's Total Soccer.

The team was unbeaten at both locations. Team members are Heather Thompson, Noelle Swartz, Susannah Bryant, Andrea Schimmel, Jessie Bucks, Jeannine Edwards, Jessica Palis, Amanda Lentz and Amy Dorogi of Canton; Jami Coyle and Abi Morrell of Plymouth; Emily Wilkinson of Belleville; Jessica Booth of Dearborn; Stephanie King and Megan Kelley of Redford; Karen Kramer, Lindsay Gusick, Julie Murray and Christina Lewis of Livonia; and Abby Shepherd of Milford.

The team is coached by John Schimmel, Ernie Bucks and Gary Palis.

## Salem splashes to a 9th

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

### SWIMMING

To reach your potential, you must be mentally, physically, emotionally at your peak — particularly in a sport such as swimming, in which success can be determined in a tenth of a second.

If Plymouth Salem's state swim meet qualifiers had been able to maintain such a lofty standard after the duress they had endured the previous 10 days, it would have been astounding.

Certainly the Rocks have nothing to hang their heads about. They

swam extremely well at the Class A finals Saturday at Eastern Michigan University, finishing ninth with 50 points.

As expected, Birmingham Brother Rice repeated as state champ, outscoring second-place Ann Arbor Pioneer by 100 points (256-156). Third went to Grand Blanc (135.5), with Rochester Adams and Birmingham Seaholm tying for fourth (89), Birmingham Groves placing sixth

(88.5), Grand Haven finishing seventh (87) and Livonia Stevenson placing eighth (53).

Could their performance have been better? Perhaps — losing someone like Mike Kilgore, the junior distance freestyler who collapsed and died of apparent heart failure March 4, would devastate any team.

"Obviously the Kilgore thing — it was a shock to everyone on the team," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "I was real proud of the way

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## Injuries plague Canton at state

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

Things started going wrong for Plymouth Canton's gymnastics team the week leading up to the Class A regional the Chiefs hosted. That downturn in fortune continued into the state meets Friday and Saturday at Rockford, only unlike at the regional — where Canton overcame the loss of Amy Driscoll, their No. 3 gymnast, to place second — this proved to be insurmountable.

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## This is going to be a war!

### Whalers, Sarnia take 1st 2 games down to the wire

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

If the first two games are an indication of what kind of playoff series this will be, expect a long, grueling struggle that will go right down to the final minutes of the final period of the final game.

On Tuesday, the Sarnia Sting broke a 4-4 tie with a short-handed goal by Jon Sim with 6:51 left, then clinched it with an empty-net goal by Andrew Proskurnicki with 41 seconds remaining to edge the Plymouth Whalers, 6-4 in Sarnia.

The Sting's victory evened the best-of-seven series at a game apiece. The Whalers won in a similar manner Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, getting the go-ahead goal from Harold Druken with 14:53 left and an empty-net score from David Legwand with 10 seconds to go in a 3-1 Whaler win.

The two teams resume their battle at 7:30 p.m. tonight in game three, at Compuware. Game four will be played at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Sarnia, with game five returning to Compuware at 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

In Tuesday's game, Legwand — the Whalers' 54 goal-scorer in the regular season — got a goal in each of the first two periods, bringing his two-game scoring total to three goals. Steve Wasylo added a power-play goal early in the second period to give Plymouth a 3-1 lead.

But the Sting battled back. Ryan Vanbuskirk, in the first period, and Greg Willers, in the second, got power play goals, and Jeff Heerema tied it at 3-3 with a score with 4:38 left in the second period.

Robert Esche made 27 saves in goal for Plymouth. Patrick DesRochers had 32 saves for the Sting.

Last Saturday, Esche surrendered a first-period goal to Chad Cavanaugh, then stopped everything else to boost the Whalers.

Sergei Fedotov scored on the power play for Plymouth in the first period. Legwand assisted on the first two goals before getting the empty net score late in the game.

Esche stopped 27 shots. So did Sarnia's DesRochers.

"It was playoff hockey," summarized Whalers' coach Pete DeBoer. "Intense and low-scoring. We played a real strong third period this time and ended up winning the game."

"It was a good sign."

Losing leads in the final period has been a disappointing development of late for the Whalers — one that could be particularly painful in the playoffs.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Net-finder: David Legwand led the Whalers with 54 goals, among the highest totals in the OHL. His performance has made him one of the NHL's top prospects.

## Legwand a hot NHL prospect

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

New kid comes into the league. First round pick, so expectations are high — especially on a team used to success that failed to reach the playoffs the previous year.

So what's the kid do? Does the rookie live up to those lofty predictions, all those hopes others have invested in him?

No — he exceeds them.

David Legwand, a 17-year-old senior at Grosse Pointe North HS, is the principle reason the Plymouth Whalers have gone from also-rans in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division to title contenders.

The Whalers missed winning the division crown by four points, finishing second to the London Knights. They are now into their "second season," having played the first two games of

their best-of-seven OHL playoff series against the Sarnia Sting.

Certainly other changes were made in transforming the Plymouth team from also-ran — they were fifth out of six teams in the division last year — but none has had the impact Legwand has.

The 6-foot-2, 175-pound center led the team in scoring with 54 goals and 51 assists for 105

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## Season's over, and so is an era

### Krueger was only Salem mat coach

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

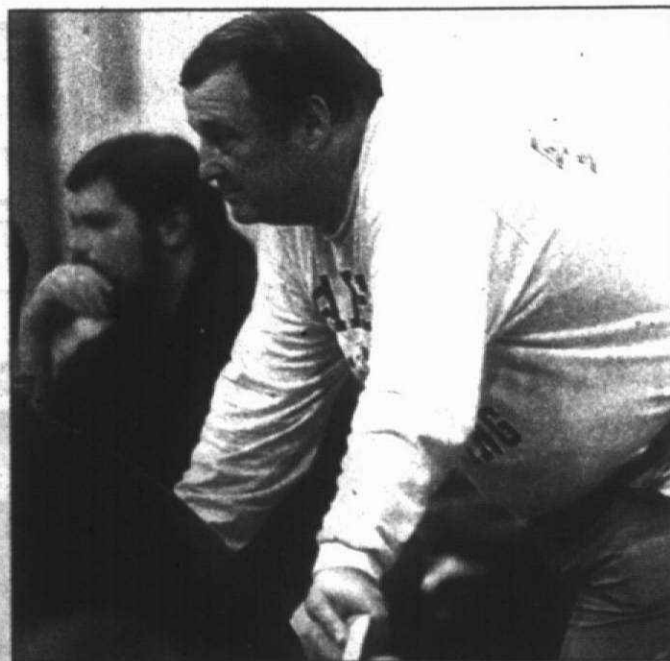
It's been 27 years since Plymouth Salem HS opened its doors. And in that time, the school has had one wrestling coach.

That will change next fall. "It's over," Ron Krueger said Sunday, making official what had been rumored for the past month. "I feel I have done all I can do."

"It seems like all we can do is go backwards like this. Like I said, I'm wearin' out."

"It's time for someone younger to take over." Although Salem enjoyed one of its best seasons this decade, the finish wasn't the spectacular one Krueger had envisioned. Two days after beating Northville in the Western Lakes Activities Association dual-meet playoff, the Rocks lost to the Mustangs in the WLAA Tournament, settling for second.

After that came another shocker, when Salem was beaten by Adrian in the Division I team regional tournament Feb. 25.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Focusing: Ron Krueger's intensity drove him, both on the mats and eventually into retirement.

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### Rocks' heavyweight reaches state finals

There was a bit of disappointment in Friday's opening rounds of the Division I state individual wrestling tournament for Plymouth Salem, but it was in whole a satisfying beginning.

Unfortunately, Saturday's final rounds weren't quite as big a success for the Rocks. Still, it was a solid showing; of the five Salem wrestlers who qualified for the state tournament, four of them placed in the top eight.

"We had spots of brilliancy, but in the end it all caught up to us," said Salem coach Ron Krueger.

Best for the Rocks was heavyweight Charlie Hamblin, who reached the state finals before losing in the championship match to Redford Catholic Central's Casey Rogowski, 10-2.

On Friday, Hamblin had beaten Carl Ham-maker of Birmingham Brother Rice, 6-4, and Lee Cruppenink of Flint Carman-Ainsworth, 3-2.

In Saturday's semifinals, Hamblin defeated

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BASKETBALL STATE TOURNAMENT

Irish luck: CC comeback clips Cooley

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Everybody should know better. Don't bet against the Shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day. Redford Catholic Central cleared a major hurdle in the state Class A boys basketball tournament with a 63-57 regional semifinal victory over Detroit Public School League power Cooley in a game played Tuesday at Dearborn Fordson.

CLASS A REGIONAL

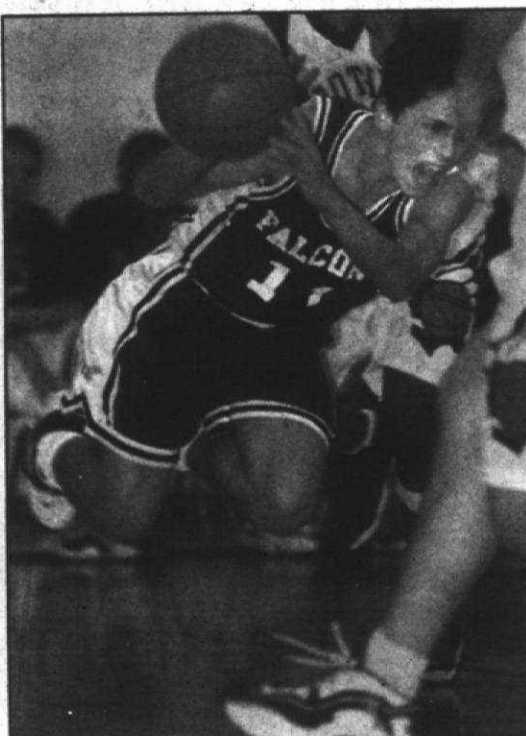
And Joe comes back after picking up four fouls and hit those two big 'threes.' It was 'boom, boom.' He's been a God-send. CC trailed by as many as 15 points in the opening half by the well-schooled Cardinals, under the direction of veteran coach Ben Kelso, controlled the glass and the tempo. Cooley jumped out to a 17-6 first-quarter lead, but CC sliced that deficit to seven at intermission, 29-22, despite a buzzer beating leaper just inside the free throw line by 6-foot-7 senior forward Edward Dotson.

man. I told our kids to get after it because there was no tomorrow. When Cooley's 6-7, 260-pound center Delvar Bennett went to the bench late in the third quarter with his fourth foul, the Shamrocks went to work. Jonna, who had four triples on the night, connected from the corner with 1:58 remaining in the third to even the count at 37-all. He finished with 18. But Cooley made a mini-run, a 6-0 spurt, and ended the period. A basket off the bench by Adam Tubaro followed by a pair of threes from Jonna pulled CC to within one, 45-46. The Shamrocks then earned their first lead of the night on a drive to the basket by Moore after a block on the other end from teammate Chris Young. It was 51-all with 2:35 to play when Jonna stuck a dagger in Cooley's heart with his fourth triple, piggybacked by a steal by Moore and subsequent three-point play. Two free throws by Moore with 1:39 to go gave CC its biggest lead of the

throughout the night. The 6-9 Young, who was six of 18 from the floor, was blocked seven times by the tall Cooley front line. But the Michigan-bound center would not back down, finishing with 14 points and 11 rebounds. He also administered four blocks of his own. "Chris played aggressively," Coratti said. "They doubled him up. He got a lot of attention." CC shot 24 of 61 from the floor (39.3 percent), while Cooley was 19 of 43 (44.1 percent). "We did not get what we would have liked and part of it was my mistake," Kelso said. "I should have changed up." CC now awaits Wednesday's other regional semifinal winner between PSL champ Detroit Cass Tech and Dearborn. (The final is set for 7 p.m. Friday at Fordson.) "We'll enjoy it, but got to come back Friday night," Coratti said. "This is just one step along the way."

majority of the time they did. "I don't know if I'd do anything different. I think we got the most out of our kids that we could." Chris Perry, who made all 10 of his free throws, led four senior starters in double figures for Rice with 16 points. Jon Poyer scored 15, Ron Austin 14 and J.P. Sullivan 13. Senior center Trevor Gaines scored a game-high 17 points for Farmington. He also had 10 rebounds and two blocked shots. Senior Ron Freeman came off the bench to score 16 points for the Falcons. Sophomore Justin Milus use a finger-roll instead of putting it right in the basket. Cooley blocked numerous CC shots

Nick's just a great player who made every big basket at the end along with the free throws (five of five), CC coach Rick Coratti said. "And sometimes we get kind of lulled by that, but we expect



Down but not out: Farmington's Matt Mikel stumbled here, but scored 10 points.

Falcons can't quite catch up to Warriors

BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER

Despite its underdog role, Farmington made a game of it and gave bigger, stronger Birmingham Brother Rice a scare in the first half of a Class A regional basketball game Tuesday. But eventually the clock struck midnight for the Falcons. Their Cinderella run in the tournament ended, and the Warriors advanced with a 76-66 victory at Plymouth Salem High School. Rice (16-7) will play the Detroit Central-Northville winner for the championship at 7 p.m. Friday.

"We have to play sharper than we did tonight," Rice coach Bill Norton said. "We have to play with more passion and with a sense of urgency. But a win is a win." After trailing at halftime 31-30, the Warriors scored the first five points of the third quarter and led the rest of the way. But the Falcons (15-8) refused to go away and stayed within striking distance until midway in the fourth quarter. "I'm proud of the way my kids played, not only tonight but all season," Farmington coach Denny Mikel said. "We were certainly the underdog coming into the game tonight. We told the kids to just go out and play — 'give it your best effort' — and the

at the free-throw line. The Falcons went right at the Warriors and matched them point for point throughout the first half. The score was tied, 15-15, after one quarter. Rice went up by six in the second, but Farmington finished with a 9-2 run to take the lead, 31-30. After Milus sank two free throws, Todd Anthony made a steal and layup with 24 seconds left to put the Falcons ahead. "If someone had told me we would be up by one at halftime on Brother Rice, well, I'm excited about that," Mikel said. "We told the kids 'We're playing the 1997-98 Brother Rice team, not all the past tradition and players. They have the same record as we have.' We told the kids it's just another game and to play it that way." While the Falcons shot 50 percent (21-of-42) from the floor, the Warriors were even better, making 23 of 40 attempts for .575. Rice was 9-of-13 in the third quarter. "But our intensity and awareness was not where it should be, so we can get more shots," Norton said. "We should get more than 40 shots." Rice also made 28-of-42 free throws, including 15-of-19 in the fourth quarter. Farmington was 21-of-28 at the line. Gaines made 7-of-10 free throws, Mikel 5-of-6.

Krueger from page C1

The season ended for the Rocks last weekend at the Division I individual state finals and, although four of the five Rocks in attendance placed in the top eight, there was no doubt Krueger had higher expectations for some of them. "All year long I felt we could have done better," said Krueger. "It just seems like we fell apart after we beat Northville." Although disappointed with the end of the season, it wasn't the only factor in his decision. His health has entered into the picture, a problem not helped by his own all-out approach. "It gets more frustrating for me," Krueger admitted. "I get too intense." Also, there is a fairly new consideration — his daughter Chris has a son, making Krueger a grandfather. But there's no doubting other political factors have weighed his decision. The lack of a middle school program has set

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Salem's wrestling program back to a position that is difficult to operate from. "There was a day when we thought, 'Will anyone else ever win the league meet?'" Krueger said. "Now we wonder if we'll ever win it again." In a school this size, and we had just five freshmen come out for the team. And the only reason is they're just not exposed to it." Also, athletes are becoming more singular, choosing to concentrate on one sport rather than playing several. It all adds up to the same thing: Krueger, who has also served as Plymouth Canton's girls swim coach and a Salem assistant football coach, has had enough. His legacy will be the multitude of titles collected by both the teams and the individuals he's coached. And the effort he put into the realization of those goals.

Grandville's Greg Molchan 5-3 before losing to Rogowski in the final to finish second. Others to shine for Salem on Friday were James Greene at 145 and Teono Wilson at 189. Both won their opening two matches, leaving them a victory away from the state championship bout. Greene pinned Andy Martin of Royal Oak Kimball in 3:12 in his first match Friday, then he beat Brandon Brissette of Bay City Western 12-3 in his second. Wilson enjoyed similar success, besting Chris Bettridge of Lake Orion 5-1 in his first match Friday and Chris Alayan of Sterling Heights on a technical fall in his second. However, neither could get a win in their pivotal first match Saturday. Greene was pinned by Brad Anderson of Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central in 3:01, and Wilson suffered a 9-2 loss to Pat Degain of Clarkston. Their day wasn't over, but it didn't get any better. Both finished sixth. In the wrestling semifinals, Greene was pinned by Southgate's Steve Mitroka in 2:59, then in the match for fifth and sixth he met Brissette again — this time losing 5-4. Wilson was beaten by Keyon Sanders of Flint Northern 11-4 in the wrestling semis, then lost to Charles Thompson of Romulus 5-2 in the match for fifth and sixth. Anwar Crutchfield, wrestling at 160, got off to a slow start and never quite got on track. He lost his opening match Friday to Rob North of Grand Haven, 14-5, then fought back to win in the first-round wrestling bout on a technical fall over Nate Hurst of Port Huron North-ern. His success continued when he was declared a winner by default over Chad O'Brien of Lake Orion in his second-round wrestling match Friday. Crutchfield could not sustain his momentum on Saturday, however. He was pinned in his opening wrestling match of the day by Rochester Adams' Rick Chalmers in 2:36, leaving him in the battle for seventh and eighth against Jason Creager of Grandville. Crutchfield lost, 8-7, placing eighth. The Rocks' fifth state qualifier was John Mervyn at 103. Unfortunately, Mervyn did not survive Friday's opening rounds. He lost his first match to Jack Scott of Holt, 2-1, won his second in the first round of wrestling, 8-7 over Vito Maniaci of Sterling Heights Stevenson, then lost his third in the second round of wrestling, 5-2 to Eric Gervais of Grand Haven.

State swim from page C1

They swam on Friday (in the preliminaries). And they swam well on Saturday. I just think they were a little emotionally spent. For a team that "normally does go faster on Saturday" according to their coach, seeing the Salem qualifiers that made it to the finals not match their prelim times may have been disappointing to some — but it was certainly understandable. "There were a couple of days (after Kilgore's death) that we didn't even practice," said Olson. "It was more important that they deal with some other things. And they did." If the Rocks weren't at their peak, they came very close. All three of their relay teams scored; the best placing came from the 200-yard freestyle relay team of Dan Kelly, Andrew Locke, Tim Buchanan and Nick Corden, which finished fifth (1:27.61). The 400 free relay team of Locke, Dan Jones, Corden and

Buchanan placed sixth (3:15.49), and the 200 medley relay featured some of Brent Mellis, Locke, Buchanan and Kelly took 11th (1:39.79). The medley was the only event in which Salem clocked faster than it did in Friday's prelims. The Rocks scored in two individual events, and it was Corden who did the scoring in both. The senior placed ninth in both the 100 (4:37.37) and 200 (1:44.50) freestyles. Although they didn't score, both Mellis and Buchanan turned in season's best times in their individual events. Mellis was 17th in the 200 individual medley (2:00.96); Buchanan placed 15th in the 100 butterfly (53.41). Other Rocks in individual events were Locke, who placed 32nd in the 50 free (22.33), and Brian Mertens in the 500 free, who finished 23rd (4:55.42). "It was a good state meet,"

summarized Olson. "I'm quite pleased with it. It makes me feel very proud, what they did, the way they hung in there. "I don't have any problem with our state-meet finish. Dual meet-wise, I still think we were in the top three in the state." Plymouth Canton's 200 free relay team of John Cook, Jason Musson, Kurtis Hornick and Don LeClair missed scoring by .46 of a second, placing 15th. Individually, Musson was 36th in the 200 free (1:53.39), and Aaron Reeder placed 42nd in the 100 backstroke (57.29). Also, Canton's 200 medley relay team of Justin Allen, Matt Heiss, John Theisen and Chad Williams placed 28th (1:43.20). "There weren't really any pure sprinters on the 200 (free) relay, so that was good for them," said Canton coach Kyle Lott. "We had 11 guys on the deck (at state meet), and hopefully they gained experience for next year."

BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

Table listing swim times for various events including 200-Yard Medley Relay, 100 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle, 50 Freestyle, 100 Butterfly, 50 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke, and 400 Freestyle Relay. Lists names of swimmers and their times.

Advertisement for 'You Can't Beat Our Line-Up!' featuring photos of sports figures and text promoting the Observer & Eccentric newspapers. Includes 'Tune in! WJR 760am' and 'Don't forget to tune in the Friday Night High School Basketball Scoreboard Show.'

Advertisement for CCHA Championship College Hockey at 'The Joe' arena. Details semifinals on March 20 and the championship game on March 21. Includes ticket prices and contact information for Joe Louis Arena.

Advertisement for 'BUY 2, GET 2 FREE!' featuring Detroit Pistons. Promotes purchasing any two games and getting two games free. Lists game dates and times for March 20, 25, and April 1, 17.

Advertisement for Detroit Vipers vs. Cleveland Lumberjacks. Features a photo of cheerleaders and promotes a game on Saturday, March 21 at 7:30 PM. Includes ticket information and contact details.



SPORTS ROUNDUP

Rockers slide

The Detroit Rockers fell behind 5-0 after one quarter against the Buffalo Blizzard and they never recovered, losing 16-8 in a National Professional Soccer League match played at Joe Louis Arena Sunday.

The Rockers' Jeff Gold (from Plymouth) did score a two-point goal in the second period to narrow the gap to 5-2. A second Rockers' two-point goal, this one early in the third period from Dennis Brose, made it a 5-4 game.

But the Blizzard scored the game's next eight points to ice the victory and improve to a North Division-leading 20-16.

For Detroit, the loss was its ninth in the last 10 games, dropping the Rockers to 12-24, in last place in the North Division.

For the season, Gold has 12 two-pointers and 10 assists for 34 points.

Teams sought

South Farmington Baseball is seeking

additional teams to participate in its first FBI International Baseball Tournament June 19-21 at Founders Sports Park in Farmington Hills.

The tournament will have a four-game, round-robin format, weather permitting, with separate house all-star and federation divisions.

There will be 10-and-under, 12-and-under and 14-and-under age groups. For information and registration forms call Steve Pelletier at (248) 476-8968.

Baseball clinic

The Plymouth Salem HS baseball team and coaching staff will sponsor a clinic on Saturday, March 21 and Saturday, March 28, in the Salem gymnasium.

Cost is \$20 for each session, which includes a T-shirt. The session for 11-15 year-olds will be from 9 a.m.-noon; the session for 7-10 year-olds will be from 1-4 p.m.

Checks should be mailed to: Plymouth Salem Dugout, 13900 High Ridge Ct., Ply-

mouth, MI, 48170. For more information, call Salem coach Dale Rumberger at (734) 453-4003.

Men's golf league

A 20-week men's golf league will begin play April 22, with all rounds at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

There will be a league limit of 36 golfers (Canton residents only, unless the league fails to fill up by March 27).

Cost is \$420 per golfer, which includes all league green fees, prize money, league outing and awards.

Open registration begins Monday and can be completed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Canton Parks and Recreation offices, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

There will be a league meeting at 6 p.m. April 8 at Fellows Creek to discuss league rules and regulations.

For further information, call (734) 397-5110.

Legwand from page C1

points, phenomenal numbers for a first-year player.

His point total was third highest in the OHL, an accomplishment made more impressive when considering Legwand missed seven games, many due to a commitment to play on the U.S. National Team at the Junior World Championships in Helsinki, Finland last December.

Legwand's development has not gone unnoticed. He's predicted to be the first or second pick in the NHL draft June 27.

"He was a pretty high pick," said Whalers' coach Pete DeBoer of the team's first overall pick — ninth overall — of a year ago. "But no one expects a rookie to come in and dominate the way he has."

Even Legwand never dreamt he could be so successful in his first year in the OHL.

"No, I didn't," he admitted. "I just thought it would be much tougher, playing against the older guys."

There was no arrogance there, just surprise. Legwand isn't new to Compuware Arena, home of the Whalers; he played in the North American Hockey League for the Compuware Ambassadors last season.

Which made it easy for the Whalers to scout him. Still, although his play was impressive — 21 goals and 41 assists in 44 games — it supplied little insight into what he would develop into this season.

Which is a scoring sensation. And what makes him so dominating? "His explosive speed," answered DeBoer. "He's got great vision and a great shot, but he does everything at such a high speed."

And the NHL today is all about size and speed.

Legwand has both. A left-handed shot who can play both center and wing, DeBoer figures he'll fill out to 195 pounds.

But there's something else that's impressive about Legwand: His attitude.

First, the deluge of media attention has been a distraction, but he's handled it. "You've just got to go out and play your game, then deal with it," he said with practiced, patient manner that suggested it wasn't the first time he's addressed that question.

Then there's his reply to a question about what part of his

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS (Final - Regular season) table with columns for Division, Team, W, L, T, Pts.

game has improved the most in the past year.

"My defense," he answered without hesitation. "I was a minus-four last year (at Compuware)."

"I just started concentrating on it more. I think I did (consider myself an) offensive player before. I didn't care much about it."

Legwand certainly has a number that shows his efforts have not been in vain. He ranks third in the OHL in plus/minus rating with a plus-50.

"He's head and shoulders (better)," said DeBoer. "If there was one weakness in his game coming into this season it was (defense)."

"He's maybe jeopardized his offensive numbers a bit, and I know that sounds crazy considering how well he's done. But he's made a real commitment to his defense."

His offensive game certainly came in handy in the first game of the Whalers' playoff series against Sarnia last Saturday. Legwand assisted on the Whalers' first two scores of the game, then netted the clincher, an empty-net goal with 10 seconds left to play, in the 3-1 victory.

When the NHL Entry Draft does roll around, no doubt both ends of his game will help Legwand become one of the first selections. And by next year at this time, his photo may be the 13th on the wall in the Whalers' lockerroom, under the heading, "Alumni in the NHL."

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Gymnastics from page C1

The Chiefs finished last in the 12-team field Friday, scoring 133.80. Northville-Novis, the Western Lakes Activities Association champion, finished first with 146.20, followed by Portage (143.85), Rochester (142.75), Rochester Adams (142.70), Hollander (142.60), Hartland (141.80), Troy Athens (140.75), Freeland (139.90), Brighton (139.65), Forest Hills (137.90) and Hillsdale (134.50).

The bad stuff started for Canton when junior Marcie Emerick, the team's second-best overall

gymnast, took a bad fall on the balance beam, suffering a serious arm injury (later diagnosed as badly bruised).

She managed to get a finishing score of 7.65 in the event, but she was unable to compete in the floor exercise or in any of the individual meet events Saturday.

"Our chances literally dropped off," said Canton coach John Cunningham, referring to Emerick's fall. "But going in, we weren't aspiring to anything that much better. We could have been

ninth, maybe." Cunningham figures the team could have scored four more points had both Emerick and Driscoll, who competed in just the uneven parallel bars Friday, scoring 8.25 after a slip, been at full strength. However, that would have moved the Chiefs up just one spot in the team standings.

"I have no serious complaints," he added. "The kids performed well. We had a decent meet."

Canton's best overall gymnast, junior Liz Fitzgerald, turned in a solid performance Friday. She scored 35.30 all-around, with an 8.7 in the vault, 8.8 in the bars, 9.0 in the beam and 8.8 in the floor exercise.

Prior to her fall, Emerick had posted an 8.65 in vault and an 8.35 in bars. Other top scorers for Canton during the team competition: Nicole Vaagens, 8.1 in vault and 8.05 in floor; Natalie Wood, 8.5 in floor; Holly Graham, 8.4 on beam and 8.1 on floor; Bobbi Jones, 8.25 on vault

and 8.3 on beam; and Michelle Farnsworth, 8.05 on vault.

During Saturday's individual finals, Canton's misfortunes continued. With Emerick out of action, only Fitzgerald competed in Division I. Her performance was solid in three of the four events, with scores of 8.7 in vault, 8.7 in bars and 8.95 in beam. But she had a far lesser performance in the floor, scoring just 7.85 with stumbles that, according to Cunningham, "hadn't happened all year."

How much did it truly hurt her positioning? Her all-around score of 35.3, posted during Friday's competition, would have placed her 17th. She finished 23rd with a 34.1 total.

"The competition was so good, the best she was going to do was eighth, ninth or 10th anyway," said Cunningham. "It was just a fluke thing."

Fitzgerald tied for 15th in beam, tied for 21st in bars, tied for 24th in vault and was 32nd in floor.

In Division II, Canton had one competitor, Holly Graham, who finished 37th in beam after a fall (7.9).

Plymouth Salem was represented by Alison Bracht in two individual events Saturday. Competing in Division I, Bracht tied for 27th in the vault (8.55) and placed 30th in floor (8.45)

Wayne County Commission Notice of Public Hearing

The Wayne County Commission Committee on Public Safety and Judiciary will hold a public hearing to consider:

- 1. A resolution to investigate, make findings, and issue recommendations on the issuance of Concealed Weapon permits in Wayne County. (98-66-007)
- 2. A resolution opposing the proposed Concealed Weapons legislation currently being considered by the House of Representatives as House Bill 5551-5559. (98-66-016)

The hearing will be held: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1998, 2:00 p.m. Wayne County Building, Room 402 600 Randolph, Detroit, Michigan.

Copies of the proposed resolutions may be reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit 48226. (313) 224-0903.

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ACTIVITIES

WHAT'S IN DAVE'S PACK Dave Tate, a veteran backpacker, alpine skier and outdoor photographer and an Eagle Scout will present a clinic on backcountry must-haves and everyday backpacking necessities during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

SPRING WALK Bill Graig will lead a spring walk beginning at noon on Saturday, March 21, at the William P. Holiday Nature Preserve in Westland. Participants should meet at the parking lot at Newburg Road, north of Warren. Call (313) 522-8547 for more information.

LIFE LINKS Learn about some of the fascinating connections between plants and animals and their habitats during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at U-M Dearborn. Call (313) 593-5338 for more information.

LAND NAVIGATION The School of Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR) presents a class on land navigation on Saturday, March 28, at the Waterloo Recreation Area. Call Linda Burke at (248) 471-9185 for more information.

ARCHERY JUNIOR OLYMPICS The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

CLASSES HUNTER EDUCATION Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold several hunter education classes in the upcoming

months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered March 28-29, Aug. 29-30, Oct. 3-4, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. To pre-register call (313) 532-0285.

YOUTH FLY FISHING The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will hold a Youth Fly Fishing School, 9a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center. The school is open to youths age seven to 15 accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Admission is \$5 and includes pizza, donuts, pop and hot chocolate. Call Dale Ross (734) 420-2233 or Tony Yuhas (248) 478-7461 to register and for more information.

CLUBS SOLAR The School of Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to

all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

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MEETINGS NRC The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, April 8-9, at the St. Joseph Hotel in St. Joseph. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing and other assistance.

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OUTDOORS CALENDAR

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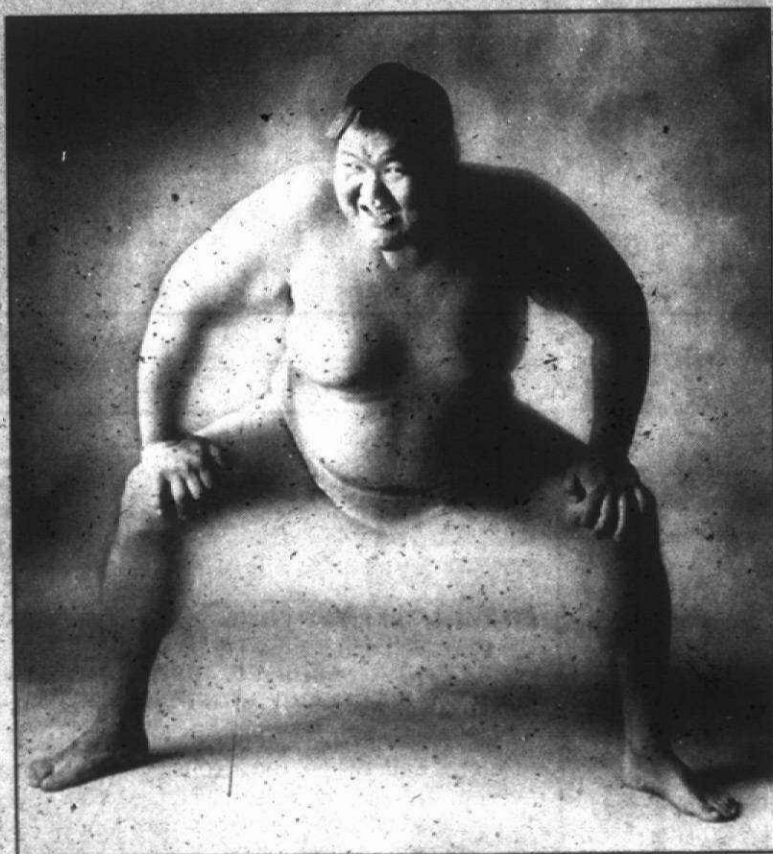
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### FRIDAY



Ahmad Jamal Quartet performs 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$13 to \$38 (box seats \$60), call (313) 576-5111.

### SATURDAY



John Seibert (left) and Thomas D. Mahard star in "Murder by Misadventure," opening 6 p.m. at Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. Tickets \$22-\$26.50, call (248) 377-3300.

### SUNDAY



Keegan-Michael Key (left to right), Margaret Exner and Eric Black in *The Second City - Detroit's 12th revue, "Down Riverdance,"* 8 p.m. at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$10, call (313) 965-2222.



**Hot Tix:** *The Shrine Circus, celebrating its 90th anniversary this year, features aerial artist Dolly Jacobs, the fabulous Flying Wallendas, elephants, acrobats, clowns and more. Performances noon and 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 19-20, 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21, and 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Michigan State Fair Coliseum, Detroit. Tickets \$6-\$14, call (313) 831-1620 or (313) 366-6200.*

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#### JOSHUA REDMAN

**What:** Jazz saxophonist leads quartet in new interpretations of classic tunes.

**Where:** The Ark, 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor.

**When:** 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21.

**Tickets:** \$20. To charge by phone, call (734) 763-TKTS or (248)645-6666. For information, call, (734) 761-1451.

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## SAX MAN REDMAN SETS STANDARDS AT THE ARK

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Since his debut album in 1993, Joshua Redman has been at the top of the jazz world as both saxophone player and composer.

Now, he thinks, the time has come to step back and perform the standards - old and new.

To work out the arrangements, Redman is touring with a quartet and stopping at the Ark in Ann Arbor Saturday, providing a rare chance to see this performer in a small club setting.

"One of the reasons we're playing venues like the one in Ann Arbor is I'd like to make this tour where we're working out the music for a new record, we're not going out on a major tour to get behind an album that's already been released," he said in a telephone interview.

The concept for the album, which he plans to record in April, is to offer interpretations of music by other composers.

"From the beginning, I recorded mostly my own music," he said.

"This is something I've wanted to do for a long time, but it was important for me to develop a unique voice as a saxophonist and as a band leader to play original music."

Redman has offered his interpretations of such standards as "Body and Soul" but only in limited doses. He said he now feels comfortable tackling the great songs.

"The goal of this project is to find ways of playing songs that were written before but reinvent them for our band today. These are the great songs from throughout the century, but we're reworking them for our band," Redman said.

The list includes songs by Gershwin, Berlin, Porter and Kern, songs that have been in the jazz repertoire since the 1930s and '40s. But Redman is also adding some new twists with jazz interpretations of music by the Beatles, Stevie Wonder, Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan and Prince.

This eclectic approach to music

has been a hallmark of Redman's career. He has said many times that growing up he heard all kinds of music.

After graduating summa cum laude from Harvard in 1991 he toyed with the idea of attending law school, but instead decided to follow his love for music. His father, Dewey Redman, is also a jazz sax player.

"Everything I've listened to and experienced, both as a musician and as a human being, comes through in my music, especially in my later albums," he said. "Especially 'Freedom in the Groove' where you hear how R&B, funk and rock and roll have influenced my music as a jazz musician in different ways, some subtle and some more deliberate."

He said he doesn't think consciously about these influences when he composes but instead keeps his focus on creating honest music.

"It's hard for me to analyze my

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## Violinist tries to do music justice

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Violinist Gil Shaham plays with such precision, warmth and authority, you wouldn't think he'd have any reason to feel like a failure.

But then you listen to him discuss his ambitions.

"To play the Beethoven concerto and feel happy about it. It's never going to happen," Shaham said in his soft, lightly accented voice during a telephone interview. "The music we play is so perfect. It's always hard to do it justice. That sounds corny, but it's true."

At 26, Shaham is widely hailed as one of the finest young musicians in the world, one who certainly comes close to that perfection he seeks. Tuesday, Shaham will perform Kabalevsky's Violin Concerto in C Major, Op. 48 with the Russian National Orchestra at the University of Michigan's Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor.

The Orchestra, under the director of Mikhail Pletnev, will also perform Kabalevsky's Overture from *Colas Breugnon*, Op. 24 and Prokofiev's *Symphony No. 5* in B Major, Op. 100.

Shaham was born in Illinois in 1971 but moved to Israel with his parents in 1973. He began playing violin when he was 7 and made his public debut in 1981 with the Jerusalem Symphony and the Israel Philharmonic. Shaham won a scholarship to the Juilliard in 1982 and attended there on weekends while attending Horace Mann School in New York City during the week.

He has since performed with major orchestras and chamber groups around the world to wide acclaim, performed in duo with his sister, pianist Orli Shaham, and released several recordings on the Deutsche Grammophon label.

"I guess my parents always were big music lovers and that's how we kids got into it. Our parents were passionate about music," Shaham said.

Shaham's brother and sister took piano, and he took violin.

"My brother started taking piano lessons. He's now a scientist, he was the smart brother," Shaham said with a laugh. "Some kids want to play the tuba. I just wanted to be different than my brother."

Shaham said he led a double life during high school. He said his regular high school was the source for Archie comics.

"The conventional wisdom is that these two worlds don't mix, the nerdy classical and the 'real world.' But I



Gil Shaham

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**Who:** Russian National Orchestra, directed by Mikhail Pletnev. Gil Shaham, violin.

**Program:** Kabalevsky's Overture from *Colas Breugnon*, Op. 24 and Violin Concerto in C Major, Op. 48 and Prokofiev's *Symphony No. 5* in B Major, Op. 100

**When:** 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 24

**Where:** Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor

**Tickets:** \$16-\$45. Call (734) 764-2538.

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## MOVIES

■ **The Uptown Birmingham Theatre** - 211 S. Woodward Ave. (just south of Maple) downtown Birmingham. Second Annual Best of the Academy Film Festival continues through Monday, March 23. Festival honors the best films of the year as honored by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences: "The Full Monty," "LA Confidential," "Titanic," "As Good As It Gets," and "Good Will Hunting," plus Academy Award-nominated documentaries, "The Long Way Home," which examines the post World War II period 1945-48, and the plight of refugees who survived the Holocaust, and "Ayn Rand: A Sense of Life," which focuses on the American writer's life from childhood and her escape from the Soviet Union, call (248) 644-FILM for information.

■ **Second Annual Official Oscar Night America Gala to benefit Detroit Film Theatre** - 8 p.m. Monday, March 23, Intermezzo Restaurant in Detroit's Harmonie Park. Tickets \$125 per person, includes buffet supper, open bar, and multi-

ple large-screen projection of the Oscar telecast. Call (313) 833-0247 for tickets. Each guest will receive an official Academy Award poster and souvenirs, and, as the only official Oscar Night America Party in town, this is the only place where each guest will receive the same limited edition program given to guests seated at the Academy Awards presentation in the Shrine Auditorium, in Los Angeles. Information about the Oscar Night America program and the 70th Annual Academy Awards can be found at the official internet site of the Academy Awards, [www.oscar.com](http://www.oscar.com)

### CELEBRATIONS

■ **Oscar Night at the Excalibur** - Gala event begins 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 23. Tickets \$60 per person includes a theme based four course gourmet meal, big screen TV and prizes for the most correct predictions in several key categories. Black tie encouraged. The restaurant is at 28875 Franklin (at 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway) Southfield. Call (248) 358-3355 for reservations.

## 'Titanic' still full steam ahead for an Academy sweep

BY JOHN MONAGHAN  
SPECIAL WRITER

According to the 36 patrons who attended the Troy Public Library's annual Night at the Oscars on March 12, "Titanic" won't only sweep the Academy Awards on Monday night, it deserves to.

"It's a strong movie on so many levels, such an achievement," said Peter Contano of Birmingham. "Besides, if it does not win, you're going to have this mass riot of teenage girls across the country. They're mad enough that Leonardo DiCaprio



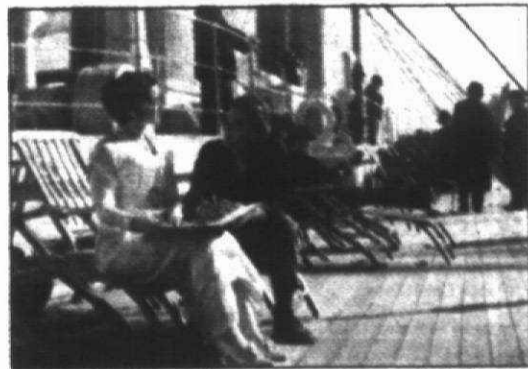
James Cameron

did not get nominated for Best Actor."

And the rest seemed to agree. Only the Best Actress category seemed shaky among the 14 awards that "Titanic" has been nominated for. The night was congenial, if contentious, as we attempted to pick the few wild cards in what many are calling the most predictable Oscar race in years.

But before you use the results below to change your bets in the office Oscar pool, realize that my

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MERIE W. WALLACE

Sharing Interests: Rose (Kate Winslet) is impressed by Jack's (Leonardo DiCaprio) drawings in "Titanic."



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predictions in the past have been wrong at least as many times as right. Ultimately, you're in the hands of fickle Academy voters, proof positive that peers are not necessarily your best judges. In Oscar night order:

**Best Supporting Actress**  
Remember the disappointment on veteran Lauren Bacall's face when she was overlooked for Juliette Binoche? Oscar could correct that by awarding the statuette to 87-year-old Gloria Stuart as "Titanic's" century-old Rose. I'd much rather see Julianne Moore for "Boogie Nights" reigning porn queen. Then there's the question: Why was Kim Basinger nominated over Sigourney Weaver, who was so superb in the completely overlooked "Ice Storm"?

**Your choice:** Gloria Stuart, "Titanic"

**My choice:** Julianne Moore, "Boogie Nights"

**Best Supporting Actor**  
From Jack Palance's pushups to the Cuba Gooding Jr.'s hyper-

active acceptance speech, this award usually starts the night with surprises. I loved Robert Forster as the savvy bail bondsman in "Jackie Brown," but not as much as Rupert Everett in "My Best Friend's Wedding," who was not even nominated. For me, "Good Will Hunting" was just Robin Williams lite and, yes, he'll probably win. I'm still rooting for Burt Reynolds, who served as father figure for the band of misfits that populated "Boogie Nights."

**Your choice:** Robin Williams, "Good Will Hunting"

**My choice:** Burt Reynolds, "Boogie Nights"

**Best Actress**  
When it comes to real acting, Oscar feels compelled to look overseas, which is why four of the five female nominees are British. Kate Winslet perpetuates the strong female heroines that have become a James Cameron trademark, but Oscar material? Then again, did

enough people see "Afterglow," "Wings of the Dove," and "Mrs. Brown?"

The smart money seems to lie with Helen Hunt, at least for putting up with Jack Nicholson's abuse in "As Good as It Gets."

**Your choice:** Helen Hunt, "As Good as It Gets"

**My choice:** Helen Hunt, "As Good as It Gets"

**Best Director**  
The best director should be in line with best picture, and Cameron definitely deserves it for keeping "Titanic" afloat. But I would not be devastated to see Atom Egoyan's name called for "The Sweet Hereafter" or even Curtis Hanson, who will likely never make anything as good as "L.A. Confidential" again.

**Your choice:** James Cameron, "Titanic"

**My choice:** James Cameron, "Titanic"

**Best Picture**  
I'd bet the house on it, yet a couple of your votes still went for "As Good as It Gets" and "L.A. Confidential." A "Full Monty" upset? Heck, just the nomination was honor enough.

**Your choice:** "Titanic"

**My choice:** "Titanic"

Still worried about those hard-to-predict categories? You're on your own with Best Animated Documentary Short Subject, but count on "Titanic" to deservedly sweep all of the technical awards, especially for sound and visual effects. And despite all the hype for Celine Dion, one of that movie's unsung heroes, according to Oscar Night attendee Frank DePetris of Sterling Heights, is composer James Horner.

"He's the color behind that enhances what's happening on screen. He's risen above John Williams and Jerry Goldsmith," DePetris says.

The award for Best Original Screenplay often goes to scrappy independents (think "Fargo" and "Pulp Fiction" in recent years), so expect "Good Will Hunting's" Matt Damon and Ben Affleck to take the stage. And since "L.A. Confidential" will be snubbed in most other categories, it would be nice to see it take Best Adapted Screenplay, especially when

you consider that James Ellroy wrote the novel with the express belief that no one could possibly make a movie out of it.

The Best Foreign Film Oscar is a crap shoot since most of the nominees have not opened yet. The Brazilian entry "Four Days in September" came and went within a week or two, while others do not even have a stateside distributor. Documentary awards still have a screwy voting system, but the popular choice should be Spike Lee's "4 Little Girls," which was truly excellent, and will try to offset the complete absence of black faces in the major awards.

And before you get too smug about "Titanic," think about this: Oscar Night's Debbie Tumoski of Clinton Township reminded me of a quote from "L.A. Confidential" auteur Curtis Hanson. When asked about his chances of winning, he said, "The Titanic was also a sure thing to make it to New York."

The other awards

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never found that to be the case," he said.

The work he will perform Tuesday is an old favorite that he learned as a child.

"It's a fun piece, a great piece," he said.

He discovered doing this piece that music sometimes brings up odd associations.

"When I went to Moscow to rehearse with the Russian National Orchestra, some of

the players came up to me and said, 'Why are we doing this piece?' It turns out the third movement was the official Communist Party music for the Soviet Youth, sort of their Boy Scouts. A lot of people who grew up in that period have these associations with the piece," he said.

Shaham praised the Russian National Orchestra as "incredibly quick and talented people."

Pianist Mikhail Pletnev saw the breakup of the Soviet Union as a prime time to organize a new orchestra. The RNO debuted in Moscow Nov. 16, 1990. In four months they recorded Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6 ("Pathétique") for Virgin Classics. The RNO has since toured the world and signed a 10 record contract with Deutsche Grammophon. The most recent recording was

a collaboration with Shaham, performing on his 1699 Stradivarius.

For years, Shaham has been telling people that his rare instrument was once owned by Benjamin Franklin's mistress when Franklin was ambassador to France.

"I don't think that's true," he said ruefully. "I've been telling

that story so many years, then I got this e-mail saying, 'Gill stop telling that story, it isn't true.'"

The e-mail isn't Shaham's only connection with computers. Several of his fans have created web sites in celebration of his talent. Shaham said it is flattering to have such loyal fans, but it is even better to turn non-fans on to classical

music.

"I guess some of the things that are more rewarding is when someone who has nothing to do with classical music comes back and says 'we really enjoyed that,'" he said. "We had a Vivaldi piece played on the Weather Channel and at a concert a group of meteorologists who had never been to a classical concert came back and said how much they liked it."

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composing processes. In the beginning I'm looking for some kind of mood, it can be found in the melody or a melodic fragment or a rhythm or harmonic changes or even a vamp," he said. "That mood becomes the core of the song and we built on that mood with our improvisations."

Redman said he's excited about the group he's working with on this tour.

"It's technically my band for the next couple of months, but really this is an all-star band," he said.

Brian Blade is on drums. He's played for years with Redman but also has his own group and will be releasing an album soon. Brad Mehldau is on piano; he played with Redman in 1993-94. Larry Grenadier is on bass.

Redman will be playing tenor, soprano and alto sax.

"Tenor is the instrument I started on and my primary saxophone. But I've tried to develop my sound on the alto and soprano. I've been playing them a lot on my recent albums and will be playing them in Ann Arbor," he

said.

Redman has never played the Ark before but welcomes the change of pace.

"In enjoy the diversity of different venues," he said. "I enjoy small clubs because small clubs are in the tradition of jazz and the boldest advances in jazz have been made at small clubs. But I also enjoy the bigger venues, too, whether it's a festival shed or a concert hall. Each has a different feel and mood. If I played just one kind of venue it would get boring and I wouldn't be inspired."

Inspiration and passion are of primary importance to Redman, who has no regrets about choosing music over law.

There are things I miss about school and there are sides of my personality and interests not fulfilled in music," he said. "But the thing that separates music is the fulfillment and inspiration it gives me intellectually, emotionally and spiritually. That connection with music is something I never had with my other interests."

This is Joseph Haynes fifth time as a director at SRO and his extremely diverse theatrical background shines through. Though the pace may seem somewhat sluggish in areas, the caliber of acting makes up for these minor lags.

# SRO shines in 'Sunshine Boys'

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BY TAM TARACCHI  
SPECIAL WRITER

It's back to the days of vaudeville for Al and Willie in SRO Production's interpretation of "The Sunshine Boys." In the spirit of Neil Simon, these two senior citizens aren't quite as "sunny" as their names imply. After 43 years in show business together they are called for a CBS reunion show highlighting famous vaudeville acts. Will they ever get past the first doorway entrance without bickering with each other? The chances are slim, but the humor is well worth postponing their "Doctor/Patient" skit, and witnessing all the mayhem in between.

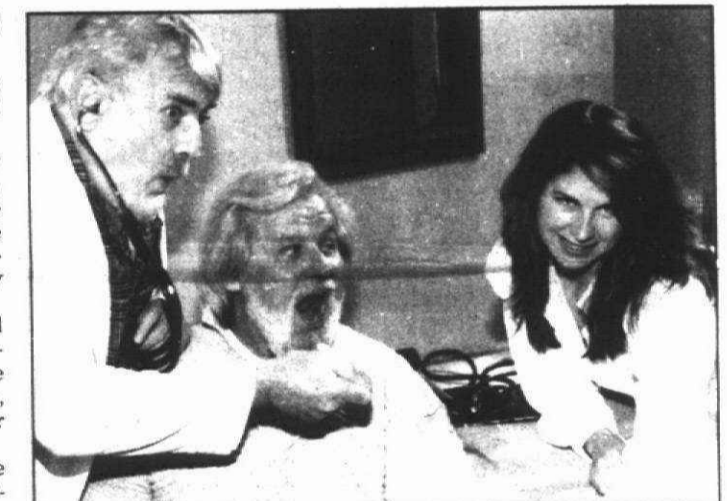
This is Joseph Haynes fifth time as a director at SRO and his extremely diverse theatrical background shines through. Though the pace may seem somewhat sluggish in areas, the caliber of acting makes up for these minor lags.

Bill Mandt deserves a hand for his creative design of the set. Despite the fact that the scene changes were cumbersome, the conversion from Willie's apartment to a CBS stage is cleverly executed.

Kathy Booker as Bev is a real acting standout in "The Sunshine Boys." She keeps the pace going in each scene she enters, not to mention the fact that her New York accent is right on.

Our two vaudeville stars are both making their debut performances at SRO, but their performances give the impression that they have walked many miles on the SRO stage. Playing the part of Willie, the angered actor who doesn't like to be poked or spit on, is Phil Berns. His 40 plus years of experience definitely show. Playing Al, the actor who is little more laid back in his dealings with Willie, is played admirably by award-winning thespian Jeff Shapiro.

Audiences will also be impressed with the talents of Robin Demaagd as the registered nurse (however, now one



In the act: Phil Berns (left to right), Ron DeMaagd, and Karen Elly in a scene from "The Sunshine Boys."

will believe she's in her 50s!) Dennis Hubel deserves an honorable mention not only for a nice job as Eddie, but also for all the weight he must have gained, having to shove in at least four doughnuts per performance. Nate Kusnit also appears in this performance, as the TV director,

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# Concert a 'Countdown' to year 2000

The Detroit Dance Collective will present "Countdown," the first in a series of dance concerts and arts events for communities, colleges and schools statewide 8 p.m. Friday, March 20 at the Aday Theater in the Mackenzie Fine Arts Building at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn.

Tickets are \$15 adults, \$12 students/seniors and available by calling (313) 965-3544/845-6314.

The title of the concert, "Countdown," refers to the Detroit Dance Collective's 20th anniversary gala in spring 2000. The concert features dances by the company's founders/artistic directors Barbara Selinger of Farmington and Paula Kramer, Huntington Woods. Selinger presents four of her most theatrical designs and acclaimed dances including "Telltale," set to early Renaissance music; "Mystic Skys," an ethereal work for four women and two danced to music

by Joan LaBarbara, Steve Roach and Philip Glass; "Other Places," with music by Jeffrey Stolet and costumes that become dance partners, and "Zydeco Songs," a cajun style work.

Kramer will preview "The Unknown Sequence," a new work supported by ArtServe Michigan in conjunction with the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs' Creative Artist Grant. The work is a multi-media piece involving a spoken voice score by Jo Powers, writer and painter, Royal Oak, and photo projections by Tom Kramer, Huntington Woods. The dance is based on the imaginative ways in which we think of rooms or private places and was choreographed in collaboration with the dancers.

Dancers on the program include Selinger, Karen Leighton and Christy Guth, Farmington; David Guzman, Southgate; Anh Nguyen, Windsor, and Susan

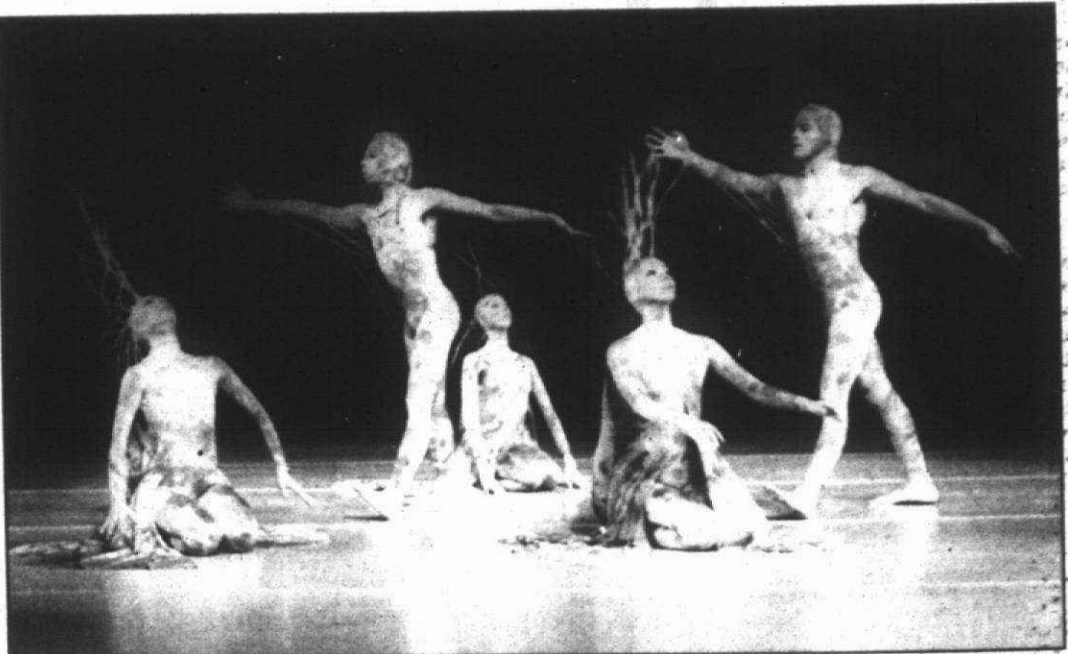
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The concert is part of the dance company's residency on the campus of Henry Ford Community College and includes a painting, writing and dance workshop and an exhibit of art, poetry and narrative work created during the workshop.

The Detroit Dance Collective is looking for a male dancer to perform with the company from March to May and for next season, Aug. 26 to May 1999. Dancers must be highly skilled in modern dance technique and improvisation and have training in ballet.

Auditions are by arrangement only and take place during company classes 9:30-11 a.m. Monday and Wednesday in Central United Methodist Church, on the corner of Woodward and Adams, Detroit.

For information, call (313) 965-3544.



Countdown: Barbara Selinger choreographed the dance "Other Places" to be performed by the Detroit Dance Collective Friday, March 20 at Henry Ford Community College.

# Hilberry gives Shakespeare a 1960s attitude

"Two Gentlemen of Verona" runs in repertory through May 9 at the Hilberry Theatre (near the corner of Cass and Hancock), on the campus of Wayne State University in Detroit. For tickets and more information, call (313) 577-2972.  
BY SUE SUCHTA  
SPECIAL WRITER

Imagine the scene, if you will: A Beatles tune wafts through the air as two young men go on one at basketball, while an attractive young woman flirts with them and watches from the sidelines. The opening scene for a modern day drama? Nay, ye knave - try "Two Gentlemen of Verona" - one of the immortal bard's timeless gems.

The talented Hilberry company has taken William Shake-

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Proteus and Valentine, two young men of Verona, share the competitive friendship characteristics of youth and inexperience. Proteus, basking in the romantic glow of his devoted Julia, stays home when his buddy Valentine takes off for Milan where he falls in love with Silvia, the daughter of Milan's ruler. An elopement is in the offing when Proteus hits town and, forgetting Julia, selfishly tries to thwart his friend's plans and win Silvia for himself. Matters become complicated when a distraught Julia arrives disguised as a boy.

Beatles songs fit the contradictory nature of love seen in the play most fittingly, and nostalgically reinforces the tone of the play during scene changes.

The 1960s theme let the company have a lot of fun with the show. The ruling elders are portrayed as Mafia Dons - Marlon Brando lives. Silvia's dad is a Jack Nicholson clone - so wonderfully matched that the audience chortled in recognition.

The gang of banished outlaws was cleverly characterized as well. We have a stuttering Harley tough, a dead rigor for Angela Davis, and assorted 1960s types.

The company was consistently strong. Matthew Troyer was outstanding as Valentine, and Peggy Johns was superb as his beloved Silvia. The 1960s setting afford-

ed her character a delightful additional measure of feistiness. John Franklin Ginn as Proteus, and Antonette Doherty as Julia brought an abundance of talent and energy to their roles as well.

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"Fences," 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 19-20, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at the theater, 13103 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 589-1341

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"A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline," 7:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 22, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2 p.m. Saturday, March 20, and 8:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at the theater, 18600 Haggerty Road, Westland. (734) 591-8222 and 127 with discounts for seniors, students and groups. Dinner packages available with Bac Abracci Restaurant. (248) 335-3540

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**STAGECRAFTERS**  
Auditions for "The Rink," with music by John Barker. Lyrics by Fred Ebb and the book by Terrence McNally. Auditions, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26, and 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 27, at Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Performances June 18-21, and 25-28. (248) 541-4832

**CHORAL**  
**RENAISSANCE CHORUS**  
Male voices are invited to attend a guest night, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail (east of Newburgh), Livonia. (734) 728-6865

**JAZZ**  
**GEORGE BENSON**  
7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St., (between Main and Washington streets), Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050

**SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD**  
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, Seamy's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$21 and older. (734) 662-8130

**GRIGORY SOLOVOKO PERFORMING**  
Musorogsky/Rimsky-Korsakov's introduction to "Khorovanchina." Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto No. 3," and Prokofiev's "Romeo and Juliet" excerpts, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 10:45 a.m. Saturday, March 20, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Orchestra Hall, 5711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 576-5111

**FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND**  
Spring Symphony concert originally scheduled for March 22 will be held 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Harrison High School, on 12 Mile between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads, Farmington Hills. \$3, \$2 students and available at the door, senior citizens free. (734) 261-2202/(248) 489-3412 or http://www.mystery.com/fcb

**NORMA GENTILE AND THE ANN ARBOR BRASS SINGERS**  
Perform chants and medieval polyphony by Hildegard von Bingen and other composers in conjunction with the 900th anniversary of von Bingen's birth and end of the construction of the University of Michigan Museum of Art's medieval collection, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the museum, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$15, \$10 students. (734) 647-0570

**ANDREW JENNINGS**  
Violin performs Prokofiev's complete works for violin and piano with pianist Joseph Yoo, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Britton Recital Hall of the University of Michigan School of Music, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 764-0954

**MARINERS' CHURCH OF DETROIT**  
"A Christmas Carol" concert with Kenneth Sweetman and Kevin Byisma playing the music of Bach, Brahms, Franck, and Pachelbel during Lent, 12:35 p.m. Thursdays, March 19 and 26, and April 6, 7 p.m. Sundays, March 19 and 26, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the church, 2235 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Free parking in Ford Auditorium Underground Garage at the median of Jefferson Avenue at the foot of Woodward Avenue. (313) 259-2206

**DEMARRE MCILLI**  
Flutist performs as part of Detroit Chamber Winds' "Nightgowns series, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 20, Hagopian's World of Music, 850 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. \$16 includes performance and refreshments. (248) 362-9329

**URSULA OPPENS**  
Pianist performs a "Beethoven for the Performing Arts" program, 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, RACKHAM AUDITORIUM, RACKHAM BUILDING, 915 E. WASHINGTON ST., ANN ARBOR. \$16-\$30. (313) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

**MARIA JACKSON TRIO**  
7:11 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Edson's 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

**AHMAD JAMAL QUARTET**  
8 p.m. Friday, March 20, Orchestra Hall, 5711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitjazz.org

**RUSSIAN NATIONAL ORCHESTRA**  
With violinist Gil Shaham, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$45. (313) 965-0505

**STEPHEN SHIPPS**  
Baroque pieces with harpsichordist Edward Parmentier, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Britton Recital Hall of the University of Michigan School of Music, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 764-0954

**PIPPIN HART**  
8 p.m. Friday, March 20, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. \$8 m. to midnight Saturday. (248) 865-1212

**MATT MICHAEL TRIO**  
With guest saxist Russ Miller, 8:11-30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, and guest vocalist Judie Cochran, 8:11-30 p.m. Thursday, March 21, at the Bortofund Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington. \$5 cover waived with dinner. 5-30 p.m. \$15. \$5 drink minimum. (248) 414-8800

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**A SPECTRUM OF STORIES**  
Plymouth storyteller Debra Christian tells stories, accompanied by original music performed by keyboardist Michael Wilson. 8 p.m. Friday, March 20, 10:45 a.m. Saturday, March 21, Fourth Avenue Gallery in the Town Center Building, 210 S. Fourth Avenue (between Liberty and Washington streets), Ann Arbor. \$5, free for seniors and children age 12 and younger. (734) 327-2041

**DANCE**  
**ANN ARBOR COUNCIL FOR TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE'S INTERNATIONAL DANCE AND DINNER**  
An afternoon of international dancing, and live music and dance instruction by Gaikara and a homemade. (734) 543-4300

**ORGAN MUSIC**  
**ROSA RIO**  
7 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Senate Theater, 6424 Michigan Ave. (at Livernois Road), Detroit. \$10. (313) 894-4100

**GOSPEL**  
**"GOSPEL GET DOWN!"**  
Featuring a host of Detroit gospel singers and dancers performing 21, 21, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$20 in advance, 18 and older. (Celtic) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

**WORLD MUSIC**  
**THE CLANCY BROTHERS**  
With the Lash, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 21, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$20 in advance, 18 and older. (Celtic) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

**ROCKY ROAD ADVANCED CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH DANCE**  
7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, Chapel Hill Condominium, 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15. (313) 965-0505

**WINDSOR SYMPHONY OR**



# 'Twilight' fades quickly from memory

**TICKETS PLEASE**  
**JOHN MONAGHAN**

"Twilight" has a richly-layered plot, strong performances, and gorgeous cinematography. So why was I so bored by it? Because the whole enterprise is like watching an on-screen hardening of the arteries. From the title to its reflective dialogue about growing old, the movie is something of a betrayal to the still-vital Paul Newman, Gene Hackman, and James Garner, not to mention Susan Sarandon and Stockard Channing.

Like "On Golden Pond" (or even an old "Matlock" episode), this is a swansong for great performers, something special for older fans who have enjoyed them so over the years. And there is a certain audience that will save "Twilight" from sinking completely at the box office. On the plus side it's got Newman as an aging private eye, and a far more interesting one than he played in his youthful "Harper" and "Drowning Pool" days. His Harry Ross is employed by a cancer-stricken movie star (Hackman) to carry out unpleasant tasks. Two years ago, he took a shot near the groin while bringing the actor's wayward daughter home from Mexico. There's still speculation among his old police pals about what the bullet took off.

Now he's entrusted with \$10,000 to pay off a blackmailer. Of course, it's never that simple and soon he's lying underneath the Santa Monica pier with a gash on his head and his guts nearly kicked out.

Add to this the sexy, suddenly interested actor's wife (Susan Sarandon), who secures Harry's loyalty as she digs into the disappearance of her former husband 20 years ago. She says, yes, she would kill for love, but emphasizes the "would" to stop short of a confession.

Meanwhile, a mysterious man from the past (Garner) admits that he's been in Harry's position as "clean up crew" for the family's messes. It's about this time that you get the sense that the back story is far more interesting than what's unfolding on screen.

Writer/director Robert Benton is no stranger to this kind of geriatric film noir. He made "The Late Show" for Art Carney and Lily Tomlin in the 1970s and was also entrusted with the last Paul Newman movie of note, the



Romantic: Harry Ross (Paul Newman) and Catherine Ames (Susan Sarandon) share an intimate moment in "Twilight."

much-better "Nobody's Fool." As a writer, Benton overdoes it while trying to give his actors profound and witty things to say. He jazes up long stretches of dialogue with all sorts of actors' business, from card games and fishing banter to Sarandon's pecking and inability to make a cheap lighter ignite.

When the actor's daughter ("Freeway") Reese Witherspoon) talks about how we are all just an audience for her parents' love story, she can't help but go on and on with the analogy until we're pummeled by it, a sensation I often feel during Benton's films.

As a director, he makes each shot count. There are beautiful sunsets at a California ranch house and great, romantic vistas of Los Angeles outside wide picture windows. The night scenes are awash in a velvety black while characters often deliver their lines half hidden in subtle shadows.

But at the heart you've still got an unsavory little detective story, strictly B-movie material with a A-list cast. The combination has rarely worked, only partly so in Benton's already-fading-from-memory "Twilight."

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1868.

# Family inspires Druckman's debut release

When Adam Druckman's father died 10 years ago, the 1986 Southfield Lathrup High School graduate inherited boxes of photographs of his parents and the journal that his dad kept from the day he was 13 to 30.

Grief kept Druckman away from the journals for years, but two years ago he found that it was just the inspiration he needed to produce his debut CD "Deserve You" (turnaboutrecords.com).

Druckman read stories about his father's childhood, how his parents met, and their treacherous ship ride when they moved from Israel to the United States. "Deserve You," Druckman said, is a loosely based concept album on his observations. Formerly known as a quiet singer/songwriter, Druckman fights that label on the nine-song album.

After being serenaded by a recording of a rabbi officiating at his parents' wedding, Druckman eases into the song "Picture."

"One of the things I'm a big fan of is dynamics. I like them to change. I remember playing it for Chris Moore (formerly of the Detroit band Crossed Wire). I wasn't sure what he would think but he said, 'Wow, that's cool.' That kind of musical turnabout could be applied to the album title.

"At first it sounds nice - 'Hey, you're great. I deserve you.' But on second thought it's a sarcastic response - 'Yeah I guess I deserve you too,'" Druckman said. The title track, an acoustic-based pop song, reflects that. In it Druckman sings, "We were making sweet love that just turned to sex/ This magic charm is really a hex/ should have told you this all them years before/ I don't deserve you anymore."

"X-Mas in Dec." shares the feeling of a child left empty - emotionally and materially - on the holy day. "Now the children are laughing as they open their toys/ Good girls everywhere still are good to their little boys/ But your stocking is empty/ It's like nobody cares/ Jesus, you got room for just one more?" says Druckman around a slow, country beat.

Ironically, this collection of songs is more upbeat than Druckman's earlier material.

"I've reached a different place with this time. It's dark and light as opposed to all the dark. Some of the material on this album, like 'God on My Side,' was written back then."

The intimate album was recorded in Druckman's Ferndale home with Moore, BMI's 1997 Songwriter of the Year, aiding in production duties and playing drums on most of the tracks.

"We were just sittin' around with a bunch of instruments. He and I just got creative and did wacky stuff and said we'll just fix it in the mix, which is what I'm best at," Druckman explained.

For his band, Druckman recruited the cream of the crop of Detroit musicians - Gary Watts of American Mars and Carey Marsh of Scott Fabb's band, both of whom played in Crossed Wire, Rich Griffith of Frank Allison and the Odd Sox, Dave McWilliam of the Kari Newhouse Band, and his girlfriend Audrey Becker.

Druckman has been honing his skills since the early 1990s when he played lead guitar for the Detroit-based punk band Strange Bedfellows.

His credits have since expanded to producer/engineer for Priscilla Ederle's "Last Will and Testament," the 1994 Detroit Music Award for Best Acoustic Record, Wally Pleasant's "Houses of the Holy Moley," Scott Fabb's "Peasant's Dream," M.E. Jonson's "Three Days at Dream Street," and the compilation disc "Lost in Detroit: The New Urban Songwriters."

Besides the two songs that appear on "Lost in Detroit," "Deserve You" is Druckman's first readily available piece of work at most independent record stores including Repeat The Beat and Off The Record in Royal Oak, and Dearborn Music.

"One of the reasons it took awhile to put out my first record is that I had to figure out who I am. I devour music. I listen to all kinds of stuff. I think in another life I was a music critic. I would effectively give Detroit's artistic and cultural programs their due credit."

The stack of letters I could excerpt is too deep to continue, but you get the point. The cultural venues, and the artists themselves, recognize that the Big Show generates attendance and support for the arts. And just as the pledge drives are an occasional reminder, so too is Backstage Pass your weekly reminder to get out and support artists in Southeast Michigan. They're our most valuable cultural resources.

Again, special Festival programming will preempt us from airing this week, but we'll return on Thursday, March 26 at midnight, repeated 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 27 on Detroit Public Television.

turnaboutrecords.com Druckman can be reached at info@turnaboutrecords.com.

If you have a question or comment for Christina Fuoco write her at The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich., 48150, or via e-mail at cfuoco@aol.com, or leave a message at (734) 953-2045, ext. 2130.

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## GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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**Canton 6**  
 Ford Rd., 1 mi west of I-275/961-1990  
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 Friday thru Thursday

**MAN IN THE IRON MASK (PG-13)**  
**TWILIGHT (R)**  
**GOOD WILL HUNTING (R)**  
**TITANIC (PG-13)**  
**U.S. MARSHALS (PG-13)**  
**HUSH (PG-13)**

**West Town Center 8**  
 Now Rd., South of I-96/344-8077  
 Advance same-day tickets available. \*VIP Restrictions.  
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**TITANIC (PG-13)**  
**GOOD WILL HUNTING (R)**  
**U.S. MARSHALS (PG-13)**  
**"HUSH" (PG-13)**  
**THE BIG LEBOWSKI (R)**  
**AS GOOD AS IT GETS (PG-13)**  
**WEDDING SINGER (PG-13)**

**Orchard Twin Cinema**  
 Orchard Lake Rd., 482-1900  
 All seats \$1.50. Shows from 12:30 after 6 p.m.  
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**THE MILL MONKEY (R)**  
**AMISTAD (R)**  
**THE WEDDING SINGER (PG-13)**  
**THE BOWROVERS (PG)**

**National Amusements**  
 Showcase Cinemas

**Showcases**  
**Anderson Hills 1-14**  
 2150 N. Opolee Rd. Between University & Walton Blvd. 810-373-2620  
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**MAN IN THE IRON MASK (PG-13)**  
**WINGS OF THE DOVE (R)**  
**U.S. MARSHALS (PG-13)**  
**HUSH (PG-13)**  
**THE BIG LEBOWSKI (R)**  
**TWILIGHT (R)**  
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**Star Theatres**  
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**U.S. MARSHALS (PG-13)**  
**HUSH (PG-13)**  
**KIPPENDORF'S TRIBE (PG-13)**  
**DAIK CITY (R)**  
**THE BOWROVERS (PG)**  
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**Star Westchester**  
 11365 S. Rochester Rd., Westchester Mall 248-656-1160  
 No one under age 6 admitted for PG-13 & R rated films after 6 p.m.

**U.S. MARSHALS (PG-13)**  
**DAIK CITY (R)**  
**THE BOWROVERS (PG)**  
**WEDDING SINGER (PG-13)**  
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**Star Westland 1-8**  
 6800 Wayne Rd. One Mi. S. of Warren Rd. 313-728-1868  
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## SCREEN SCENE

**A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.**

**Birmingham Theatre** 211 S. Woodward (near Maple), Birmingham. Call (248) 644-3456 for information. (\$6.50; \$5.50 students/seniors; \$4 twilight/matinee)

**"Tomorrow Never Dies"** (USA - 1997) 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25. James Bond is back in action in the form of Pierce Brosnan, but for many of us the real star is Michele Yeoh, the Hong Kong action who joins 007 in the annihilation of media mogul Jonathan Pryce.

**"Main Ari Theatre** 118 N. Main (at 11 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students/seniors and matinees; \$3 twilight)

**"Live Flesh"** (Spain - 1997). The latest from Pedro Almodovar ("Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown") is a well-drawn, but surprisingly ordinary, tale of murder, obsession, and unrequited love.

**"The Apostle"** (USA - 1997). Robert Duval served as writer, director and star in this story of a preacher who finds his personal road to salvation, helped in part by his wife (Farrah Fawcett).

**"Afterglow"** (USA - 1997). Julie Christie copped a Best Actress Oscar nomination for this tale of two couples whose troubled marriages become intertwined. Nick Nolte co-stars. Directed by Alan Rudolph ("Choose Me," "The Moderns").

**Michigan Theatre** 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 668-1186 for information. (\$6.50; students/seniors \$5.50)

**"Ann Arbor Film Festival"** through Sunday, March 22. Woody Allen's latest deals with his usual neuroses (getting older, fear of awards ceremonies, younger women) but in such a profane and off-unflattering way that many people have been turned off by it. But for the die-hard Allen fan this will stack up with his finest work.

**"Gummo"** (USA - 1997) 9:15 p.m. through Sunday, March 22. Harmony Korine, the teenage writer of "Kids," in his first movie as director. He turns his camera on the denizens of Xenia, Ohio, for a look at white trash disaffection that is full of bizarre and unsettling situations.

**Redford Theatre** 17360 Lahser (at Grand River), Detroit. Call (313) 537-2660 for information. Note that organ overture begins a half hour before showtime. (\$2.50)

**"The Great Ziegfeld"** (USA - 1936) 8 p.m. Friday, March 20. Elaborate screen biography of flamboyant Florenz Ziegfeld (William Powell), highlighted by the elaborate dance number "Pretty Girl is Like a Melody." An Oscar winner for Best Picture and Actress (Luise Rainer).

**"Mrs. Miniver"** (USA - 1942). 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21. Greer Garson leads the middle-class family trying to cope with the horrors of war in Britain in this movie which won six Oscars, including Best Director (William Wyler) and Actress (Garson, in her quintessential role).

**Southfield Centre for the Arts** 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Call (248) 424-9022 for information. (\$3)

**"The Day That Shook the World"** (Yugoslavia/USA - 1977). 7 p.m. Friday, March 20. Christopher Plummer and Maximilian Schell star in this chronicle of the events leading up to World War I, climaxing with the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand and his wife.

**Windsor Film Theatre** 2135 Wyandotte Street, Windsor, Canada. Call (519) 254-5161 for information. (\$5.25 Canadian; \$4 U.S.)

**"Deconstructing Harry"** (USA - 1997) 7 p.m. through Sunday, March 22. Woody Allen's latest deals with his usual neuroses (getting older, fear of awards ceremonies, younger women) but in such a profane and off-unflattering way that many people have been turned off by it. But for the die-hard Allen fan this will stack up with his finest work.

**"Gummo"** (USA - 1997) 9:15 p.m. through Sunday, March 22. Harmony Korine, the teenage writer of "Kids," in his first movie as director. He turns his camera on the denizens of Xenia, Ohio, for a look at white trash disaffection that is full of bizarre and unsettling situations.

**Detroit Film Theatre** Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors)

**"Mean Streets"** (USA - 1973). Friday-Sunday, March 20-22 (call for showtimes). Martin Scorsese's first studio feature introduced two electrifying actors to the screen. Harvey Keitel plays a low-level goonfella trying to keep old pal Johnny Boy (Robert De Niro) on the straight and narrow. This is also one of the first films to use popular music in an ironic way.

**"Badlands"** (USA - 1973). 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 23. Another debut, this time of director Terrence Malick, who focuses on natural born killers Martin Sheen and Sissy Spacek, who tear through the midwest on a killing spree.

**Marigle Bag** 22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information. (\$2)

**"Half Baked"** (USA - 1997). 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19. A new stoner comedy in the vein of "Up in Smoke" in which a pair of potheads resort to selling stolen grass to raise bail for a friend.

**John Travolta, Emma Thompson, Kathy Bates, Billy Bob Thornton.**

**"THE NICE GUY"**  
 Action comedy about a TV reporter chased down after being discovered videotaping a crime lord's illicit activities. Stars Jackie Chan.

**"RAT'S TAIL"**  
 Based on the award-winning children's book, this story chronicles the adventures of Monty, Isabella and their friends as they try to outwit Dolan in his attempt to eliminate the rat population. Scheduled to open Friday, March 27

## Thanks for pledging your support

Thank you! It's time for Spring Festival '98, one of two pledge drives every year at Detroit Public Television. Last week, we produced a special all-music pledge version of Backstage Pass with stellar names like Devin Scillian from WDM/Charlton 4's *Newsboat*, joined me, Gary Graff and Nkenge Zola in the studio to elicit and take calls from viewers.

The result: Backstage Pass pledged over projection! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Doing well during a pledge drive is important to the show. To understand why, let me explain a few things about PBS and pledging: Stations keep track of how shows "pledge out." In other words, how much they take in during adjacent on-camera appeals. If viewers call in support around a show, it's taken as a vote of viewer support for the program by programmers at the station, as well as by the show's underwriters. So a pledge is worth more than the dollar amount that's phoned in; it helps keep the show on the air by demonstrating worth to the people who give it an air slot - and the people who fund the production.

And to those who express frustration with the pledge breaks themselves (why let me explain a few things about PBS and pledging: Stations keep track of how shows "pledge out." In other words, how much they take in during adjacent on-camera appeals. If viewers call in support around a show, it's taken as a vote of viewer support for the program by programmers at the station, as well as by the show's underwriters. So a pledge is worth more than the dollar amount that's phoned in; it helps keep the show on the air by demonstrating worth to the people who give it an air slot - and the people who fund the production.)

Also, the pledge drives work. Sixty-one percent of Detroit Public Television's annual operating budget comes from individual giving. It's truly viewer supported public television, and the vast majority of that 61 percent comes in during the actual pledge drives. The drives are like a Post-It note on the busy refrigerator of people's lives - they remind them to do something they mean to do, but might forget. The calls don't come in when we're not asking. It's not that people don't value PBS and want

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## DINING

## Wood-Ruff's Supper Club soothes the senses

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
SPECIAL WRITER

A restaurant with a promise, a mission statement and waitstaff who professionally present diners a business card. That's Wood-Ruff's. But Wood-Ruff's delivers a lot more than that's soothing to the senses.

The credo reads, "We promise to welcome you warmly, to listen to you thoughtfully, to value your time as if it were our own, to offer you the finest quality food and beverages and to make sure you always feel special."

In Wood-Ruff's logo, the hyphen in the name is replaced with an oak tree. Why? "The oak tree was chosen to be our logo because it is a symbol of the many qualities to which we aspire." It's longer than this, but you can read the rest on the menu.

So you don't forget the waitperson's name, he or she presents you with a business card. Now, to some this may seem a tad overdone. Not really. Recall the number of times you wanted to get a waitperson back to your table, but no one in the party could remember a name.

What or who is behind all this in addition to excellent food and great jazz? Your main man is owner Steve Woodruff. This is his first restaurant venture, but he's also owner of the consulting firm The Woodruff Group, where he says he "helps people make good decisions."

Good decisions at Wood-Ruff's are made in a work environment built on shared values. Everyone from owner Woodruff and his partners, corporate chef and vice-president of operations Brian Gallagher and vice-president Paul Silveri, through service personnel and on to the dishwashers, are a team. All have been instilled with Woodruff's uncompromising levels of service philosophy.

"As I've traveled across the country on business, I've seen the best and worst in dining,"

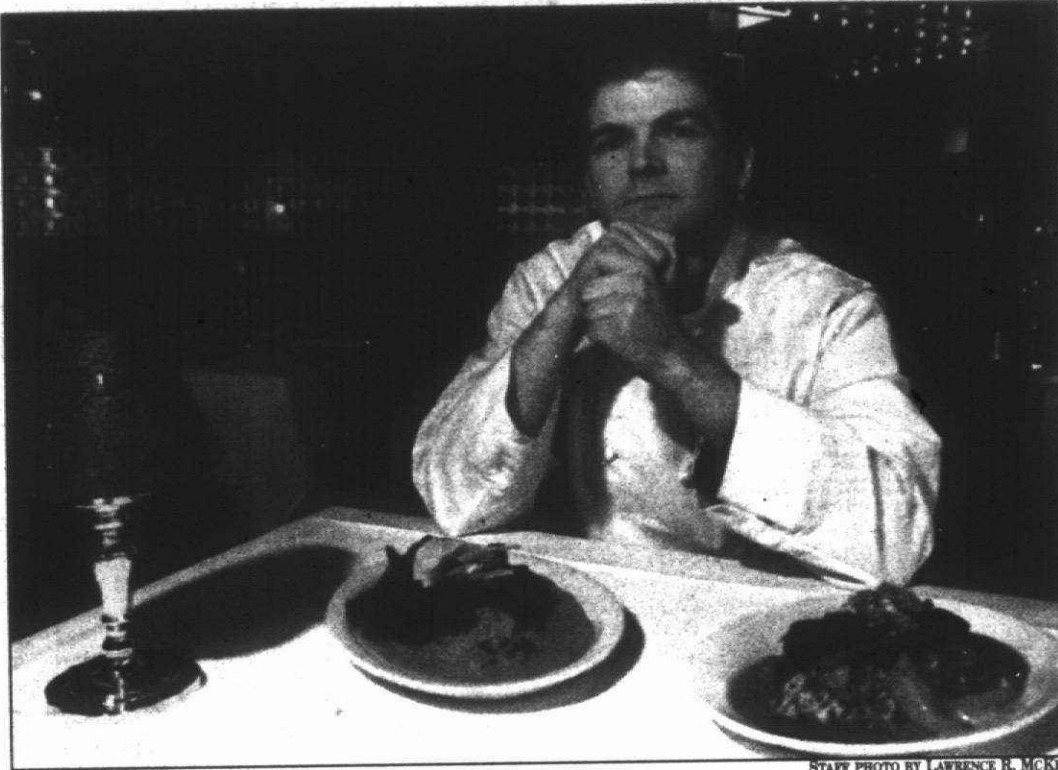
**Wood-Ruff's**  
Where: 212 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak, (248) 586-1519.  
Hours: Monday through Saturday 4 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sundays 4-9 p.m.  
Menu: Modern culinary twists on classics such as steaks, chops, duck and seafood served in a highly-stylized, adult supper club atmosphere where jazz is king of sound.  
Cost: Starters \$3-7. Entrees \$14-24 accompanied by salad, \$14-24 as appropriate and vegetable garnish.  
Reservations: Recommended.  
Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Woodruff maintained. "After my wife Laurette died two years ago, I decided to fulfill a dream. I had kept a best-ideas file, a kind of collage of the finer places to dine in North America. Everything you experience at Wood-Ruff's is purposeful; it's not discretionary. It's heart and soul here, not just some bricks, mortar and copper accents in a place serving food."

Woodruff believed downtown Royal Oak needed a restaurant catering to a mature audience who appreciate excellent food, exceptional service and great live jazz.

He's created this in a soothing-to-the-senses environment done in copper, jade and terra cotta with mahogany wood accents. In the Flamingo Room, there are high tops, but not the most comfortable for a long dining experience. Request a booth or table in main dining if you have more than drinks and jazz on your personal menu.

A big open bar, with a raised stage behind, features the Rodney Reeves Group (piano and sax) on Monday and Wednesday 7:30-11 p.m. The Ernie Wilson



Festive entrees: Executive Chef Bruce Allen presents Roasted Duck with Peach Hazelnut Sauce, and Salmon Wrapped in Collard Greens with Smoked Roma Coulis Sauce at Wood-Ruff's Supper Club.

Band with bass guitar, horn, sax, percussion and piano plays Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, it's piano only 6-9 p.m.

But it's the food that will keep 'em coming back to Wood-Ruff's. If you despaired some when Kyla's in Royal Oak closed, the food style is being reincarnated on the very same spot, by the very same person, Brian Gallagher. "After 23 years in the restaurant business, it is a challenge to make this all work at Wood-Ruff's," he said.

Placed prominently atop the entrees is Roasted Duckling, 1/2 boned crispy duck with seasonal fruit sauce and wild rice, a Gallagher signature from Kyla's.

There's Shrimp Flirting with Disaster, which includes in addition to grilled jumbo shrimp, corn fritters, refried black beans and tomato chorizo Espagnol which in no way reflects a name other than delicious.

Three seafood specials (\$20-25) are featured each evening. Try the Giant Sea Scallops. For the food adventurous, sweetbreads and braised lamb shanks make an occasional appearance. But a staple is Emu Stake, which tastes like New Yorker veal with veal-morrel Espagnol sauce. Escargot Lasagne, available in starter and entree size, is as billed "What legends are made of!"

A host of meatless-oriented dishes have both style and

attractive presentation.

Dinner wines by the glass range \$5-9. Domestic and imported wines by the bottle include some interesting finds such as Chateau Tahbilk Marsanne from Australia and go on to heavy hitters like Merryvale Profile.

Beers from ales to stouts, with such notables as Pilsner Urquell from Czechoslovakia and Kalamazoo's Bill's Best Brown, are on draft. After one of the many dessert offerings, the selection of specialty coffees, cognacs, brandies, port, sherry and cordials abound.

No worries about parking for this Royal Oak eatery. Valet parking is \$4. Consider that soothing, too.

## RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Restaurant Specials features restaurant openings and renovations, menu specials, and anniversaries. Send announcements to: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 86251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (734) 591-7279. You can also e-mail information to kwgyonik@oe.homecomm.net

## JUST OPENED

Flying Fish Tavern - 6480 Orchard Lake Road (northwest corner of Maple) in West Bloomfield opened Tuesday. Menu designed by Corporate Chef Jim Barnett and Executive Chef John Arnold features a daily Fresh Catch, and includes several creations influenced from Northern Lakes Seafood Company such as balsamic & basil glazed Jail Island Salmon served with grilled pineapple and vegetable fried rice; a blackened Mahi Mahi, garnished with a shrimp and papaya salsa; and a

crab, spinach and mushroom stuffed Rainbow Trout with a Chardonnay mustard. In addition to fish, Flying Fish Tavern offers salads, sandwiches, burgers, ribs, and pasta. Hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. (bar until 1 a.m.) Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight (bar until 2 a.m.) Friday-Saturday; and 3-9 p.m. (bar until midnight) Sunday. Call (248) 557-2510 for information. Look for feature by Eleanor Heald in next week's edition.

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## EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Just in case you missed it, or lost the paper. Here are some of the restaurants we've recently visited:

■ **O'Grady's Irish Pub** - 585 W. Big Beaver, Troy, (adjacent to the Drury Inn) (248) 524-4770. Open 11-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 1 a.m. Sunday. Menu: Irish theme, emphasis on fresh is best. Over 75 menu items from Irish specialties to Hebrew National award-winning corned beef to deep-dish Chicago-style pizza with crisp crust are homemade. Cost: Starters and soups \$3-\$7; burgers and sandwiches \$6-\$8; Irish specialties \$10; chicken, seafood, beef and ribs \$8.50-\$15. Reservations: Not accepted. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

■ **Mesquite Creek** - Two locations, 45250 Ford Road, Canton (734) 414-0100; and 7228 Ortonville Road, Clarkston, (248) 620-9300. Open 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Menu: Steakhouse fare with great seafood. 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. Cost: \$5-\$12 lunch; \$9-\$27 dinner. Children's menu available. Entertainment: Canton location - 7-11 p.m. Wednesdays, The Hits plays soft pop rock favorites.

■ **Marvin's Bistro** - 15800 Middlebelt, (between Five Mile and Six Mile roads) Livonia, (734) 522-5600. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday, Bar stays open to 2 a.m.; closed to the public Sundays, open for banquets. Menu: American regional cuisine with an Italian/French influence. Cost: Lunch ranges from \$4.95-\$6.95; dinner \$6.95 to \$13.95. Credit Cards: All majors accepted. Reservations: Not necessary, but advised on Fridays and Saturdays. Carryout: Available. Specials: Friday Lenten specials range from \$10.95-\$13.95. Entertainment: Carl Larson and Ernie Horvath at the piano bar, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 7-10 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. to midnight Wednesday-Saturday. Like her father, comedian Marvin Welch, Susan Anastasiou, who named her restaurant Marvin's Bistro in his honor, enjoys entertaining, but she's a food person.