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# Officer ticketed in gambling raid



**An unidentified Canton police patrol officer has been suspended with pay after being ticketed by Royal Oak police in a gambling raid Sunday at the Royal Oak Music Theatre.**

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A veteran Canton police officer has been suspended with pay after receiving a misdemeanor citation for being at a high-stakes gambling party Sunday in Royal Oak.

According to Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro, an internal investigation began Monday after the officer reported the incident to him.

The officer, whose name was withheld by police pending arraignment in 44th District Court in Royal Oak, is a patrolman of more than 10 years with the township force.

From the investigation, which is being conducted by the patrolman's commanding officer, the veteran cop will either be exonerated or recommended for disciplinary action.

If that recommendation is made, Santomauro would preside over a disciplinary hearing and make final judgment on punishment, if any. He said it could range from written reprimand to termination.

"We have rules of conduct for our officers that's a little higher than what's expected from civilians," Santomauro said. "We expect a higher standard of conduct."

No previous disciplinary action has been taken against the officer, he said. "He has been a very good employee," Santomauro said.

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## High-tech system is problem tracker

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It's almost inevitable that at some point each winter, a water main or two will break somewhere in the area.

Detroit city workers, for example, had trouble keeping up with numerous breaks during the past month. With a little help from technology, Canton is hoping to avoid similar scenarios.

The township Board of Trustees recently approved two new components for its Geographic Information System (GIS) that will help track utilities. Within a year, the township will know in much greater detail water main, sanitary sewer and storm water flows, among other things.

According to Canton Planner Judy Bocklage, township workers will soon be able to look at a section of pipe on a computer screen and know when it was installed, what it's made of, how big it is and how much water flows through it on a daily basis, all with a couple of mouse clicks.

That may not sound like a big deal. But it could prevent future problems — like water main breaks.

It's just one benefit of GIS, Bocklage said.

"In the greater scheme of things," she added, "the number of informational layers we can add to the system is limitless."

Canton's GIS program began back

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## Shear dedication

### Girl lets locks go for worthy cause

BY LILLY A. EVANS  
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Instead of just receiving gifts on her ninth birthday, Brielle Zuzo of Canton gave a gift. She donated some of her long, light-blond hair to an organization that provides hair pieces to disadvantaged children with hair loss.

Brielle started her birthday party Saturday by having her aunt, Renee Perelli of Novi, cut 11 inches off her waist-length hair, bundle it and send it to Locks of Love, a not-for-profit organization that provides hair prosthesis to disadvantaged children.

Brielle's mother, Cheryl Zuzo, said giving to the needy isn't new to Brielle. She has been taught the importance of giving through her family, church and the Girl Scouts since she was very young. So, when the family saw a segment on a nighttime news show about sick children with total hair loss receiving human hair from Locks of Love, the long haired third-grader of Miller Elementary wanted to help.

"I think it is a nice thing to do, it will help someone," Brielle said.

Since Brielle's mother says Brielle's hair grows fast, she said they may donate her hair time and time again.

Locks of Love was founded in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in 1997. According to Leah Edeward, media relations volunteer, it is the only organization in the world that provides custom-fit human hairpieces to disadvantaged children free of charge or on a sliding scale.

"These are high quality custom-fitted prostheses that are suctioned to the head, you can swim and ride a roller coaster. Children can feel normal again, it looks so natural you can't tell," Edeward explained.

Locks of Love is an all-volunteer organization that accepts clean, non-processed, bundled hair 10 inches or longer and tax-deductible donations to purchase synthetic hairpieces. The organization also seeks corporate sponsors to donate money for synthetic hair and expenses.

The founder, Peggy Knight, formerly of Cali-

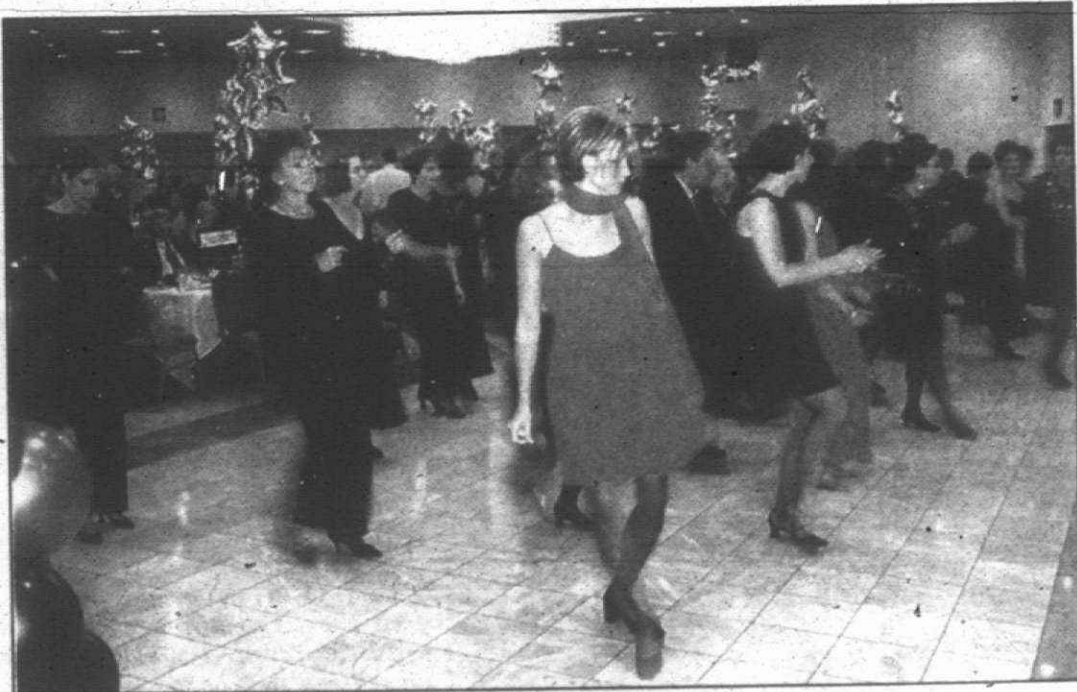
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**Waiting game:** Brielle Zuzo was a little nervous before getting her hair cut Saturday. She donated her sheared tresses to Locks of Love.

## Friday night fever



**Winter Ball snapshots:** Lynn Freiman (above, center) shows off some disco steps at the Canton Community Foundation's annual Winter Ball Friday at Laurel Manor. At left, The Teen Angels mix in with the crowd on the dance floor. For a story and more photos from the fifth annual dinner-dance, please turn to Page A3 of today's Observer. An editorial on the foundation's success is on Page A12.

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## After-school language program a hit

### ■ PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS

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When Barbara Young and Pat Van Dusen decided Community Education should provide after-school foreign language classes at the elementary schools in the Plymouth-Canton district, they knew the program would be accepted. However, they weren't certain how well.

"We decided to take a risk and set it up," said Young. "We took the attitude that if you build it, they will come."

And they did ... in droves.

The women coordinate Language Adventure, which currently teaches either Spanish or French at all 14 elementary schools, as well as three middle schools, supplementing the district's eighth- through 12th-grade curriculum. There's also one class in Italian.

"It started out word of mouth that we were going to have the program," said Van Dusen. "And in five months we had 407 children in grades second through fifth learning a foreign language."

Van Dusen said Community Education was going to wait until next fall to start a middle school foreign language program, but the demand created it a year earlier.

"We got calls from parents who wanted the same opportunity for their older kids," she said. "We sent out fliers, talked to our instructors, and ended up with another 33 sixth- and seventh-grade students taking Spanish at West

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The Observer &amp; Eccentric! THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1999

## Officer ticketed from page A1

A series of tips to Farmington Hills police led to a raid of the Royal Oak Music Theatre Sunday evening. Officers from Royal Oak, Farmington Hills and Oakland County Sheriff departments carried out the raid, which resulted in 13 arrests and more 300 tickets being issued.

In all, police seized more than \$221,000 in cash in the betting operation that involved football cards. People bet \$500 on a square with \$100,000 payoffs, police said.

"It was a high-stakes betting operation," Farmington Hills

**Santomauro said a misdemeanor conviction would be grounds for termination of the Canton patrolman. 'It would be a severe violation of department rules and would be punishable up to and including termination.'**

Police Chief Bill Dwyer said. South Oakland Narcotics Intelligence Consortium - which includes Hills and Novi police officers - tracked information that revealed a gambling opera-

tion under the ruse of an investment seminar that would take place at the theater. The "seminar" coincided with the NFC and AFC championship games Sunday.

"It was really just a front," Dwyer said. "These packages that we were given out said TW Investments and it even had the date."

Those ticketed were cited for frequenting a place of illegal gambling. If convicted, the misdemeanor carries a \$500 fine and/or 90 days in jail.

Santomauro said a misdemeanor conviction would be grounds for termination of the Canton patrolman.

"It would be a severe violation of department rules and would be punishable up to and including termination," he added. Santomauro didn't give a specific timeline on the internal investigation. But he said such investigations are usually done quickly.

## Man reports robbery outside doughnut shop

A 27-year-old Wayne man was the victim of an armed robbery in the early morning hours of Saturday in Canton.

The incident occurred at Dawn Donuts on Michigan Avenue at about 4:45 a.m., according to police reports.

The Wayne man and his wife pulled up to the shop and parked on the far southeast side of the building. As he exited his vehicle, he noticed a man jogging toward him.

Police reports said the man jogged a couple of feet past the Wayne man, then turned around abruptly. He then thrust his fist under the Wayne man's chin and appeared to be holding a shiny metallic object, reports said.

The man then said, "Give me your money and we will have no problem." The Wayne man gave him \$30-40 and the suspect, who police described as 5-foot-5, about 130 pounds and 20-24 years old, then ran behind the doughnut shop and wasn't seen again. No injuries were reported.

Reports said there were no other witnesses to the incident. The case is under investigation.

### COP CALLS

#### Larceny

More than \$400 worth of items were stolen from a car belonging to a 17-year-old Canton woman on Saturday.

The incident occurred in the 1300 block of Aberdeen at about 3:30 a.m., reports said. Witnesses saw three males walking down the street looking into cars.

The woman's car, an older model Buick, had a pair of cell phones and numerous compact discs stolen from it. Canton police later recovered all the items.

**Protection order violated** - An Ann Arbor man was the victim of unwanted attention from an ex-girlfriend early Sunday morning.

The woman, which police reports didn't identify, was observed going through the man's vehicle, which was parked at Bailey's Pub on Canton Center. She eventually left the parking lot in her own car and headed eastbound on Ford Road.

She was later stopped by Canton police on northbound I-275. Reports said officers questioned

her about her actions and she admitted to go through the man's vehicle.

The woman also produced a key to the vehicle. Police then arrested her for violating a personal protection order the man had placed against her.

Her vehicle was impounded. Police later recovered golf clubs belonging to the man from her vehicle.

**B & E** - About \$1,500 worth of equipment was stolen from a 55-year-old Canton man's Napier Road home Sunday afternoon.

Reports said the man opened the door from his home into the garage and saw another man. The man ran quickly out of the garage and jumped into a vehicle and fled the scene.

A witness to the incident followed the man, who was believed to be in a dark-color Toyota, to his vehicle but couldn't get a license plate number. A pair of saws, a power washer and a drill were reported stolen from the Canton man.

The incident occurred at about 3:30 p.m. Reports described the suspect as being 6-foot-1, about 200 pounds with blond hair and wearing a gray sweat shirt.

## Bennett takes oath for 2nd Senate term

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, was sworn in to a second four-year term Jan. 13 during a special ceremony marking the opening of Michigan's 90th Legislative Assembly. Michigan Supreme Court Justice Maura Corrigan administered the oath of office to Bennett.

Bennett, who was re-elected in November, was joined in the ceremony by his wife, Terry, daughters Wendy and Cindy and his brother John and his wife, Chris.

"It is truly an honor to again serve the people of western Wayne County in the Michigan Senate," Bennett said. "There are many important issues fac-

ing my district and I am going to work hard to make sure they are taken up in Lansing."

Bennett said he is looking forward to the new session, especially his new role as chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

"Improving public education is one of my legislative priorities," Bennett said. "I will now be able to work more closely on the problems and to help find solutions."

In addition to his committee chairmanship, Bennett also will serve on the Senate Appropriations Committee and as the assistant majority leader.

## High-tech from page A1

In 1991, the township's planning department started using the system in earnest a few

years later. Using GIS at the municipal level was impractical until then. Bocklage said, because of the vast amount of information that needs to be stored. When computer technology improved and became cheaper, it spurred local governments into using the system, she added.

In a nutshell, GIS allows infinite amounts of information to be attached to maps. The system is used extensively in Canton's planning department. Other departments like the clerk and assessor's offices will use it soon.

In planning, the system works in conjunction with zoning maps, for example. Bocklage can click on any parcel of land in the township and pull up key information such as the owner, setbacks, right of way and current zoning.

The system also allows information to be analyzed. If Bocklage needed to know every township parcel that holds a residential zoning and is two acres in size, she could find out in seconds.

Funding for the new components to Canton's GIS came from federal grants.

A total of 13 communities received similar GIS grants as part of the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project. The project is designed to help clean up the Rouge River basin of which Canton is a part.

## Good time, good cause

### Winter Ball revelers help raise Canton foundation profile

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Ties were a little looser, dresses a bit bolder and smiles more plentiful Friday as local political and business elites met for an evening of fun at the Canton Community Foundation's Winter Ball.

More than 1,300 people attended the annual event held at Livonia's Laurel Manor. According to Foundation President Joan Noricks, the ball was a success.

"I'm pleased with how it turned out," she said. "The purpose really is for people to enjoy themselves. It's a good occasion for them to interact in a non-business setting."

Guests were treated to a seven-course meal including pasta, filet mignon and chocolate raspberry torte. Live entertainment and dancing rounded out the night.

"My observation is that every-

one had a really good time," said Canton Trustee Melissa McLaughlin. "It has always been a real enjoyable evening."

Township dignitaries weren't the only political types at the affair. Livonia, Plymouth and other western Wayne County officials were on hand as well.

"It's definitely becoming a regional event," said Noricks. The Winter Ball began as the idea of developer and Canton resident Bob Pacio.

"People were cynical that it would work," said Noricks. Five years later, the ball has grown in attendance from 900 to a high of 1,400 in 1998.

"It just seems to be a very fun party," Noricks said. "Things go very smoothly."

The ball is the Foundation's biggest fund-raising event each year. Noricks thinks the foundation will make \$45,000 to \$50,000 on this year's ball when all the figures are tallied.

If that's true, it will represent

about a \$6,000 gain from last year. Increased donations from businesses is a major reason for the jump, said Noricks.

Yazaki of North America was the biggest contributor. A check for \$30,000 was presented at the ball.

"It's a matter of good corporate citizenship," said Yazaki Vice President of Finance Tom Moore. "We think it's a good idea to be involved in the community."

Yazaki is one of Canton's biggest employers with about 1,500 workers. The company has contributed \$250,000 to the foundation since the ball began.

"It's our way of giving back to Canton," Moore said.

Giving back is exactly what the Canton Community Foundation does each year. The nonprofit organization's budget of about \$120,000 goes into four areas: performing arts, education, human services and community enhancement.

The foundation, for example, granted \$18,000 recently to fund a feasibility study for a performing arts center in Canton. A total of \$12,000 was given to local students last year in the form of scholarships.

Noricks said the foundation will be expanding its reach in upcoming years. That will be possible because of its growing endowment.

The foundation currently has about \$200,000 in its endowment fund. Eventually, Noricks hopes the foundation will be able to operate off the interest from the endowment.

A larger endowment also means less money will need to be raised. The foundation will also be able to give larger grants, said Noricks.

For the time being, however, Canton Community Foundation will continue to have events such as the ball. A 10-year anniversary celebration is planned for September.



All smiles: Sandra (Sam) Florek (center), dean of marketing and development at Schoolcraft College, dances with her husband, Bob, after dinner at Laurel Manor in Livonia.



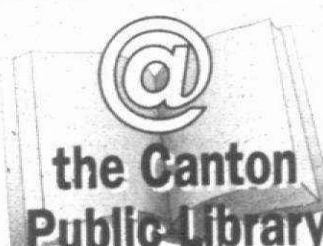
Meet and greet: Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack greets guests as they enter Laurel Manor Friday for the fifth annual Canton Winter Ball hosted by the Canton Community Foundation.



Getting together: Paul Sincok (second from left), acting Plymouth city manager and his wife, Leslie, chat with Bill Graham and his wife, Terry, during the festivities.



Flooring it: Newly-elected 21st District State Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, checks out the dance floor with his wife, Phyllis.



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A: In 1897, Michigan legislators called for the naming of a state flower. Joint resolution 10 of that year noted "one of the most fragrant and beautiful flowered species of apple, the Pyrus Coronaria, is native to our state," and thus named the apple blossom the state flower. Michigan apples have gained a worldwide reputation, and a century later, Michigan ranks second in the nation in apple production.

The source for this information is Michigan History Magazine.

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**Language** from page A1

and Pioneer middle schools, and French at Central."

Young said a learning window and a world economy were the

impetus for offering after-school language classes.

"Research shows there's a window of opportunity for young

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 12, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to move from an open session to a closed session at 6:02 P.M. for the purpose of discussion of property purchase, employee negotiations and pending litigation. All Ayes.

**ROLL CALL - CLOSED SESSION**

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Durack, Ager, Ron Witthoff, Township Counsel

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to return to an open session at 7:05 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL - OPEN SESSION**

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Santomauro

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

General Calendar Item 10, Purchase of 1999 Pontiac, Grand Prix, SE for use as an Administrative Vehicle for Public Safety, was deleted from the agenda.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the agenda as amended. All Ayes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of December 15, 1998 as presented. Motion carried.

Ayes: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack

Abstain: Shefferly

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of December 22, 1998 as presented. All Ayes.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin, to pay the bills as presented. All Ayes.

**Expenditure Recap**

General Fund	101	\$256,183.10
Fire Fund	206	\$7,512.13
Police Fund	207	159,764.90
Community Center Fund	208	32,365.27
Golf Course Fund	211	4,308.14
Street Lighting Fund	219	16,917.16
Cable TV Fund	230	\$24.98
Community Improvement Fund	246	72,335.43
E-911 Emergency Funds	261	1,701.82
Federal Grants Funds	274	9,474.07
State Projects Fund	289	689.87
Downtown Devel. Auth.	294	25,596.00
Retiree Benefits	296	7,305.06
CAP Proj-Road Paving Fund	403	18,583.35
Bld. Auth. Construction Fund	469	488,742.41
Water & Sewer Fund	592	313,451.63
Trust & Agency (Trailer Fees)	701	6,675.00
Construction Escrow	702	195,425.73
Tonquish Creek Storm Drain	804	21,751.05
Koppernick Corp Park	812	416,980.25
Recreation Checking Act	Dec 98	1,683.50
Total All Funds		\$2,108,250.85

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to set the public hearing for January 26, 1999 to consider the industrial facilities exemption application of Greenfield Die & Mfg. For their new facility located at 8301 Ronda Drive. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to authorize the Treasurer's Department to enter into an agreement for collecting 1999 school taxes in July 1999 as follows: 100% Plymouth/Canton, Van Buren and Wayne-Westland at a charge of \$3.55 per tax bill. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to reappoint Jeffrey Smith and Marcel Loochbrock to the Canton CDBG Advisory Council for additional two-year terms ending December 31, 2000. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, that the request from CLUB CANTON, INC. to transfer all stock in 1998 Class C licensed business with Dance Permit, located at 39651 Michigan, to new stockholder, Jean Hunt Trust; Emmett H. Hunt, Trustee (50,000 shares) (Step I) be considered for APPROVAL; it is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance. Further that the request from CLUB CANTON, INC. to transfer all stock in 1998 Class C licensed business with Dance Permit, located at 39651 Michigan, Canton, MI 48188, Canton Township, Wayne County, through transfer of 50,000 shares of stock from existing stockholder, Jean Hunt Trust; Emmett H. Hunt, Trustee to new stockholder, Emmett H. Hunt (Step II) be considered for APPROVAL; it is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the resolution in observance of the International Year of Older Persons 1999. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to transfer \$1,660.60 from purchase order 8911 for Waterland Trucking, Inc. to purchase order 9761 for Testing Engineers & Consultants in order to pay them for testing on the Michigan Avenue Water Main Project. All Ayes.

**GENERAL CALENDAR**

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution granting tentative approval of the preliminary plat for Cherry Blossom Estates Subdivision. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the rezoning of certain property identified by property tax ED# 8077-99-0005-000, 077-99-0006-000, 077-99-0008-000, 077-99-0009-000, 077-99-0010-000, 077-99-0011-000, 078-99-0001-000, 078-99-0002-000, 078-99-0003-000, and 078-99-0004-000 from RR, Rural Residential to R-2, Single-Family Residential. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the special use for the proposed Kirkwood subdivision. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to waive the formal bidding and to award the contract for design work on the MIS office expansion to Sigal/Toumaala Associates in the amount of \$7,250.00. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the FCC Form 394 application request to transfer the Ameritech New Media, Inc., Cable Franchise to SBC Communications Inc. conditioned upon Federal Communication Commission and Justice Department approval of the SBC/Ameritech merger and conditioned upon SBC's compliance with Section 104 of the Multi-Channel Service Provider Regulatory Ordinance. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the contract between Canton Township and the Canton Police Lieutenants and Sergeants (POLC) union to run from 1/1/99 through 12/31/2001. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to award the Utility Coverage Component of the GIS Round 1 Project Grant to Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment in accordance with their proposal for \$47,514.00 with a 15 percent contingency of \$7,127 for a total amount not to exceed \$54,641.00. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the Public Education Component of the GIS Round 1 Project Grant to Sigma Associates in accordance with their proposal for \$10,611.00 with a 15 percent contingency of \$1,592 for a total amount not to exceed \$12,203.00. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Inter-governmental agreement with Wayne County for the paving of Beck Road, from Ford to Cherry Hill Road and upon bidding to pay \$180,000.00 to Wayne County All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick, to approve payment of an additional \$592 to CIPA Architects, Southfield, MI for providing architectural drawings for the renovation of the Public Safety booking room at a total cost of \$2,522.00. All Ayes.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on January 12, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on January 26, 1999.

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

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children to learn foreign language," said Young. "Small children learn to speak at 3 or 4, and the window closes at about 12. If you're going to learn a foreign language, you have to start young."

And, if a youngster has those foundations now, it will open doors of opportunity in the job market in the years to come."

And, the research hasn't been lost on parents, who are now encouraging their children to learn more languages.

"I think any language kids can take at an early age will help them when they get older," said Chris Plester, whose 8-year-old son, Paul, is taking French at Isbister Elementary. "When I was in third grade I learned Spanish, and I remembered it so easily."

"If I ever travel to France, I'll be able to speak the language," added Paul.

"I think it's easy. I'm learning numbers, colors and adjectives," Pamela Reyes, 8, of Plymouth said proudly.

Diane Danek of Canton teaches the French class at Isbister, which consists of nearly a dozen students in second through fifth grades.

Danek agrees her younger students do better than high school students she's taught.

"These kids can pick up a lot faster than the high school stu-

dents did," she said. "We do a lot of learning with pictures, which helps them learn faster."

"For some of these kids, it's their third or fourth language," said Danek. "I have one child who has lived in China and will be moving to France, who knows seven languages."

The foreign language program gets its instructors from the community. There's a parent from Bentley Elementary who is a former Peace Corps volunteer in South America; a translator who worked with the French automaker Renault, who has a certificate in teaching; and a translator from Venezuela who teaches Spanish to Johnson Controls executives.

Young believes Community Education needs to have a strong connection with the school district's curriculum. She believes foreign language fits the bill, and much more.

"Learning a foreign language opens doors in the world and in the mind," said Young.

"Research studies indicate students do better on achievement tests when they study a foreign language. It develops respect for cultural diversity. And when you learn about a culture, you become a part of it."

STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Hair today... Brielle Zuzo said she was willing to give up a little bit of herself so that others can benefit.

**Haircut** from page A1

fornia, has alopecia areata autoimmune condition, which makes her allergic to her own hair. When she was young, her best friend, Kathy Hale of California, grew her hair and gave some of it to Knight. Later, Hale suggested Knight start an organization that provides human hair to disadvantaged children with hair loss.

Other permanent hair loss conditions may be caused from brain stem tumor radiation, burn and accident survivors.

Edeward said 67,500 children a year have alopecia areata and thousands of children receive chemotherapy and radiation.

Locks of Love provides real human hair to children who have permanent loss. Children who have had chemotherapy and radiation have hair growth in a few months. So, Locks of Love ships them synthetic hair within 24 hours. The recipients choose an age-appropriate style.

Last year, the organization provided hair to 50 children and received 6,000 bundles from donors around the country. Each bundle makes up one of 12 strands for one hairpiece.

Children are about 75 percent of the donors, therefore, this is a charity where children can help

■ Some 67,500 children a year have alopecia areata and thousands of children receive chemotherapy and radiation.

other children, Edeward said.

The pieces are hand-assembled by a manufacturer at cost and require four months to complete.

Some Canton stylists said they hadn't heard of Locks of Love.

Vicki Taylor, owner of Canton Styling Salon on Ford Road, said she only gets four or five people a year that cut off 10 inches or more of hair at a time. And, in the 18 years of being a stylist she has suggested to a few people to donate their hair to the American Cancer Society.

Midge Wilcox, who has been a stylist at The Styling Gallery on Joy Road, said in 10 years of being a stylist she has never heard of donating hair.

For more information visit Locks of Love on the Internet at: [www.locksoflove.org](http://www.locksoflove.org), or call their information line at (888) 896-1588.

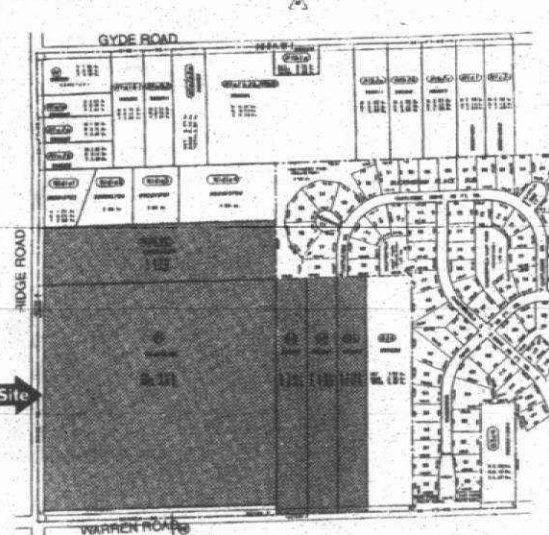
**CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 15, 1999, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**PRELIMINARY PLAN - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 019 0015 004, 019 99 0018 701, 019 0017 000, 019 99 0018 000, 019 99 0019 000. Properties are located on the northeast corner of Warren and Ridge Roads. (First public hearing)**

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



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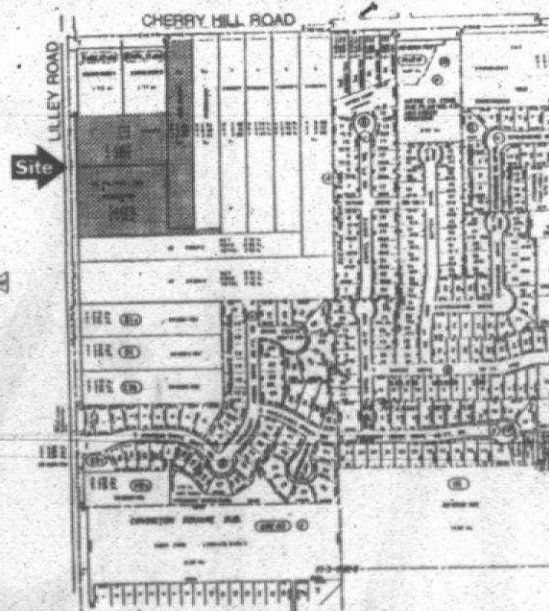
VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, February 1, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road to consider a request for the following special land use as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

**ST. THOMAS ABBEY CHURCH EXPANSION SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B.3 ON PARCEL NOS. 089 99 0008 002, 089 99 0009 001, 089 99 0011 000. Property is located on the east side of Lilley Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer Roads.**

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

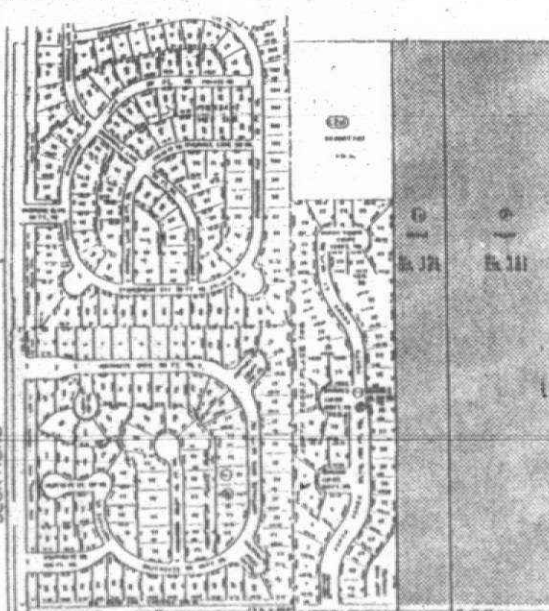
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**THE LINKS OF PHEASANT RUN WEST PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE, INCLUSIVE OF PARCELS 110 99 0001 000 AND 110 99 0002 000. Properties are located on the north side of Newton Road east of Beck Road. Final Plan-2nd Public Hearing**

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# Ruling may spur future suits on tax vs. user fee

BY TIM RICHARD  
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Tax foes hailed a Michigan Supreme Court decision that declared Lansing's storm water service charge is really a tax that violates the Headlee amendment to the state constitution.

"Because Lansing did not submit Ordinance 925 to a vote of the people as required by the Headlee amendment, the storm water service charge is unconstitutional and, therefore, null and void," said Justice Elizabeth Weaver in a 4-3 decision.

"We've been watching this case for three years," said a pleased Bill McMaster, Birmingham-area public relations man and chair (voluntary) of Taxpayers United.

McMaster did the p.r. work in 1978 when Richard Headlee,

then a Farmington Hills insurance executive, led the committee that won voter approval of a tax limitation amendment. The six-section package now is commonly called the "Headlee amendment." Headlee is now retired in Utah.

Weaver was joined by Justices James Brickley, Clifford Taylor and Marilyn Kelly.

The legal question was whether the charge was a "user fee" or a "tax" that is subject to the Headlee amendment. Headlee's Sec. 31 prohibits local units from increasing a tax rate not authorized by the charter "without the approval of a majority of the qualified electors."

Dissenters said Weaver's opinion "subjects these (other) cities to future legal challenges and wreaks havoc with the state's water sewage and water disposal system."

**Justice Elizabeth Weaver said the Headlee amendment has no clear line or test to distinguish a tax from a user fee. She urged the Legislature to write one. Dissenters agreed that the distinction is murky.**

Weaver said the charge is not a fee because there is no regulatory purpose and wasn't proportionate to the costs of the service. Lansing sought to fund 50 percent of a \$176 million program to control combined (storm and sanitary) sewer overflows over 30 years.

Because 63 percent of the cost was a capital expenditure, she wrote, "This constitutes an investment in infrastructure as opposed to a fee designed simply to defray the costs of a regulatory activity."

Weaver added that "the charges imposed do not correspond to the benefits conferred,"

hence the charge wasn't a fee. The program assessed all property owners, but only 25 percent would get the benefit of the CSO program. "A true 'fee,' however, is not designed to confer benefits on the general public, but rather to benefit the particular person on whom it is imposed."

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Lansing's council passed Ordinance 925 in 1995 to abate pollution of the Grand and Red Cedar

rivers.

The suit was brought by Lansing resident Alexander Bolt in the Court of Appeals, where Judges Henry Saad of Birmingham and the late Myron Wahls of Detroit ruled against him. Bolt then appealed to the Supreme Court.

Dissenting were Justices Patricia Boyle, Michael Cavanagh and Chief Justice Conrad Mallett Jr. They agreed with the Court of Appeals that the charge is a fee.

They noted that Lansing was required under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Standards program to obtain a federal permit. They found the city had power under the state Revenue Bond Act to make public improvements, including sewers.

Boyle said the charge doesn't raise general fund revenue and

is based on parcel size and "hydraulic area." She quoted the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in saying "cities deserve some flexibility and leniency when courts define 'user' to compensate for the storm water systems." And she noted that the city granted 100 percent credits to some landowners who showed they contributed no rainwater to the CSO system.

The court split across party lines. The majority included Republican nominees Weaver, Brickley and Taylor and Democratic nominee Kelly. Dissenters Boyle, Cavanagh and Mallett are all Democratic nominees.

The Michigan Municipal League and city of Ann Arbor contributed amicus briefs on behalf of Lansing. Bolt's view was supported by Citizens to Abolish the Rain Tax Ordinance.

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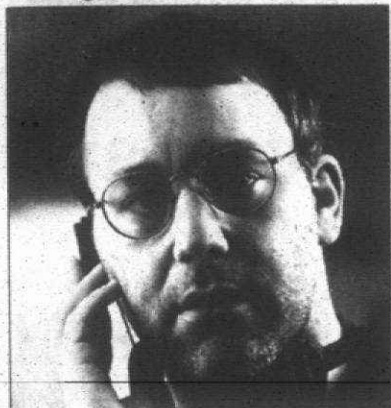
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## THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Sam Raimi, a graduate of Birmingham Groves High School, directs "A Simple Plan," opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters. See review on page E6.

SATURDAY



Julie Harris and Charles Durning star in "The Gin Game" 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$25-\$46.50 at the Music Hall Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations. For more information, call (313) 963-2366. To charge tickets, call (248) 645-6666.

SUNDAY



Love is the theme of the 3 p.m. "Classics on the Lake" concert featuring soprano Valerie Yova and lyric tenor David Troiano in the shrine chapel on the campus of St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake Road (at Commerce Road). Tickets \$15 and \$25, call (248) 683-1750.

HOT TICKET



Dance and sing a long with your favorite Sesame Street Live friends as Professor Art's Guzzinta 2000 machine makes the pages of "Elmo's Coloring Book" come alive through Sunday, Jan. 31 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$24.50, \$16, \$12 and \$9 available at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, all Ticketmaster locations, or call (248) 433-1515. Call (313) 983-6611 for information.



Duelling duo: Richard Hartle as George Hay and Mary Jolliffe, Charlotte Hay, in a scene from St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook's production of "Moon Over Buffalo."

## SHINING AT ST. DUNSTAN'S 'Moon Over Buffalo'

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**TV** is a pretty newfangled invention when compared to something as ancient as live theater. In 1953 some people were worried that TV and movies would replace live theater, but it didn't.

Still, the idea of theater being replaced intrigued playwright Ken Ludwig who wrote "Moon Over Buffalo" opening Friday at St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook and now playing at the Dearborn Player's Guild.

"It's been done before - well and not well - I think we'll have a lot of people laughing," said Richard Hartle who stars as George Hay. "The play celebrates live theater and the fun of seeing it."

Director Amy Lynn Smith sets the scene. It's 1953 and TV is killing live theater. George and Charlotte Hay are veteran actors who are quickly headed toward has-been status when opportunity knocks on their repertory theater door.

Movie director Frank Capra is seeking leading actors for his new film, and is planning to attend the repertory theater's matinee performance in Buffalo, N.Y.

Chaos is everywhere. George gets roaring drunk when he realizes his wife Charlotte (Mary Jolliffe) knows about his philandering. The Hays' daughter Rosalind has just returned home with her new (and somewhat confused) fiancé, Howard, much to the chagrin of her former boyfriend, Paul,

### ON STAGE

**WHAT:** St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook presents "Moon Over Buffalo" by Ken Ludwig.

**WHEN:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, Jan. 29-30 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24.

**WHERE:** At the playhouse, 400 Lone Pine Road, on the grounds of Cranbrook Educational Community, Bloomfield Hills.

**TICKETS:** \$12 adults, students and seniors \$10, call (248) 644-0527.

who is also the theater company's manager.

"Add Charlotte's deaf mother, a high-strung ingenue and the couple's dashing but slimy lawyer - and stir briskly for fast-paced comedy of errors, slamming of doors and unabashed admiration for live theater," said Smith.

Hartle and Jolliffe are longtime St. Dunstan's members who performed together on stage as a married couple in the group's 1983 production of "Tribute."

They are longtime friends and enjoy sharing the stage. "We play off of each other well," said Hartle. "I love working with him," said Jolliffe about her leading man. "He's solid, he's good and has such a marvelous manner with the character."

Hartle says the play is a funny look at a group of traveling actors. "We all have great hopes, and we've done some movies before," he said. "I'm the philandering husband, and she's the irate wife, but getting a part in the movie becomes more important to her."

Playing the drunk is hard, said Hartle. "You have to give this illusion of being drunk, but it has to be humorous. They're trying to sober me up for the play, (which is only a half hour away), but they give me Irish coffee instead of regular coffee by mistake."

For Hartle, performing in community theater is a great escape. "You are in another world," he said. "You forget all your cares and woes. It's a form of creativity, it's fun. I enjoy making a character come to life, and making people care about them."

Jolliffe really likes her character. "She has a wacky life, yet she's a very loving person. She's dramatic and really has a nice personality. It's a very funny play. When I first read it, I laughed out loud."

A member of St. Dunstan's since 1959, Jolliffe "just loves the theater. It transports you to another world," she said. "There's a wonderful sense of teamwork when you're working on a show. You become almost like a family, and can count on each other. It's very supportive."

"In many ways 'Moon Over Buffalo' depicts life at a theater that is very similar to St. Dunstan's," said Smith. "Like most community theater groups we don't have a lot of money and we work very hard to get ourselves noticed. We may encounter hurdles or challenges while producing our shows - but we are connected by our mutual love of theater and our desire to put on the very best productions we can, for the entertainment and enlightenment of our audiences."

## DSO introduces Tiny Tots to wild kingdom

Detroit Symphony Orchestra opens its 1998-99 Tiny Tots Concert Series with "Animal Portraits," 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23 at Mercy High School, 29300 11 Mile Road (at Middlebelt), Farmington Hills. Tickets \$10, available at Mercy High School 45 minutes before the start of the performance, or call (313) 576-5111. To purchase tickets on-line [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com)

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Bill Lucas is working next Saturday at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, and he's bringing his family along.

While he's worrying about the "Entry of the Gladiators," a "Waltzing Cat," and "Bear with a Sore Head," they'll be in the audience enjoying the opening of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Tiny Tots Concert Series.

"I enjoy these concerts, they're in the neighborhood," said Lucas of Bloomfield Hills, a full-time DSO member since May 1988. "We like playing these concerts, it's our mission, we're here to serve the community."

Lucas plays trumpet with the orchestra, and serves on the education committee. "Part of our job as musicians is to teach others," he said. The Tiny Tots program, geared for children ages three to six, "gives suburbia a taste of what it's like to listen to a world class symphony. We're breaking new ground," he explained. "We're trying to expose children at very young age to classical music."

Studies have shown that children who study classical music perform better in school, and score higher on standardized tests such as the SAT. "It's our responsibility to expose children to art," said Lucas. "Children have to be entertained. Once they're

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DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**Narrator:** Rheda Becker, who has entertained Tiny Tots audiences for the past two years, returns Jan. 23 to narrate this year's series of instructive and engaging concerts. Becker is recognized as one of the outstanding professionals in the specialized art of narration.

## MUSIC

# Starlight Drifters swing to a western beat

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
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A perfectionist, Chris Casello is never quite satisfied with any of his band's accomplishments.

The Starlight Drifters' stellar debut, "Introducing ... The Starlight Drifters" is OK if he puts it down for a while and then listens to it.

"That's the curse of never being satisfied when you're an artist. You know you can always do better. If I don't hear it for six months, then I think 'Man, that's really good,'" the guitarist said with a laugh.

Sure, the Ann Arbor-based band has played a few top-notch gigs but Casello is modest about naming them. With some probing, he opens up.

"One thing that was really nice

**WHO:** The Starlight Drifters  
**WHEN:** 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21  
**WHERE:** Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth  
**ADMISSION:** There is no cover charge for the 21 and older show. For more information, call (734) 455-8450.

### Other upcoming shows:

■ 10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. For more information, call (734) 332-9900.

■ 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. The show, open to those 21 and older, is free. Call (248) 543-4300 for more information.

■ Starlight Drifters, Black Beauty and Big Barn Combo open for Robert Gordon, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets are \$13 for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit <http://www.themagicbag.com>

was we got to play the opening of the Elvis exhibit at the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame. The family was supposed to be there but we didn't get to meet them. It was a corporate thing, but we got a private tour of the Elvis stuff," he said with a slight tone of disappointment in his voice.

"We've opened for all the people we like - BR5-49, Wayne Hancock, Sleepy LaBoeuf, Link Wray."

That's a lot to accomplish in a brief two-year history. Since the early 1998 release of "Introducing ... The Starlight Drifters," the band has collected a slew of good reviews. The album captures the Starlight Drifters' manically paced live shows. But one thing it doesn't have is drums.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

**They swing:** The Starlight Drifters' guitarist Chris Casello plays the Alkire E Harp during a recent show at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth. The rest of the band is drummer Marc Gray of Toledo, singer Bill Alton of Livonia, and stand-up bassist Rudy Varner of West Bloomfield.

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## Players Guild Dearborn shines in 'Moon'

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents the comedy "Moon Over Buffalo" by Ken Ludwig through Sunday, Jan. 31 at the theater, 21730 Madison (southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive), Dearborn. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23 and Jan. 29-30; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31. Tickets \$11, call (313) 561-TKTS. For directions or any other information, call (313) 277-5164.

BY SUE SUCHITTA  
SPECIAL WRITER

Need some humor to chase away the winter blues? Head over to the Players Guild of Dearborn where the fast-paced, rollicking comedy, "Moon Over Buffalo" is warming up the house with a hearty dose of laughter.

Set in 1953, "Moon Over Buffalo" is the story of a repertory theater company in Buffalo, N.Y., struggling for survival in the face of the country's migration to movies and TV. Tempered are short, and the troupe is in danger of dissolving when their big break appears — Frank Capra is considering the company's founders, George and Charlotte Hay, for his next movie. He's flying in to catch their next matinee. What follows is madcap mayhem and side-splitting laughter as everything that could go wrong does.

From the moment Lindel Salow and Nancy Wolter as leads George and Charlotte Hay leapt on stage amidst fierce swordplay, the stage was set for their physical and verbal repartee generating much of the show's laughter, and even its tenderest moment. Salow drew peals of laughter during his drunk scene. He avoided the stereotypical portrayal and instead rocked the audience with laughter with his hysterically confused expressions, and his physical missteps.

Director Kirk Haas skillfully directed a difficult scene which must seem full of random clumsiness to successfully pull-off the scene's most comic potential. Wolter's comic timing and dry sense of humor served her character well and completed the chemistry between leads. Debbie Pletzer as Rosalind, the couple's grown daughter, proved her own comic ability during the play within a play. As a Noel Coward newswoman in "Private Lives," she was thrown into a frenzied round of side-splitting ad-libbing when her drunken father took to the stage dressed as Cyrano and started spouting the other show's lines. Tony Lawry of Garden City made the most of his role as Howard, Rosalind's fiancé and a stage-struck weathercaster. Brimming with enthusiasm, his physical humor and earnestness nailed down the part. Michael Faizon as Paul, Ros-



Witnesses to history: Sylvia Carter (left) and Audrey Morgan perform as the Delany sisters in "Having Our Say."

## Endearing acting breathes life into 'Having Our Say'

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
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"Having Our Say" by Emily Mann through Sunday, Jan. 31 at Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills, Tuesday-Sunday. Tickets \$24 - \$35, available at Ticketmaster locations (248) 645-8686, or (248) 377-3300.

a second-class citizen because of her skin color and gender. Moran's transformation to Bessie is complete, including a slight hitch in her tentative gait and a glowing pride burned into her countenance. Her fire can also turn to rage when she describes how she was almost lynched for standing up to a beligerent white man.

But Moran's emotional fire is tempered by the constraints of Bessie's age and her warehouse of memories of pain and regret. All in all, Moran offers a remarkably refreshing portrayal that is engaging and inspired.

As Bessie's lifelong sister sidekick, Sadie, Sylvia Carter has a wide-eyed sweetness that never slips to the level of predictable stereotype.

Perhaps it's "easier" to play the less volatile Delany sister, but like Moran, Carter's seamless portrayal is built upon layers of emotional travail.

Together, the Delany sisters describe themselves as "molasses and vinegar." In reality, they seem like two sides of one indecipherable, archetypal historical character — a vibrant, black woman, who never gave in to prejudice, and made the most of the opportunities she had.

Appropriately, Moran and Carter mix their molasses and vinegar into a tasteful rendition of what it must be like to live long enough so that time appears like an illusion and death merely a lost parcel that has yet to be delivered.

As a play that appears more like side-by-side character studies, "Having Our Say" could easily become static and preachy. But director Debra Wicks has managed to blend storytelling and on-screen visuals from a Delany family album with the proper warmth.

Yet, "Having Our Say" also delivers a reminder. Two old, loveable women talking about family memories along with racism and injustice could gloss over the ugly face of hatred.

Ultimately, the "final say" rests with contemporary audiences, who still have time to stand up and have their own say about right and wrong.

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having fun, there's no limit to what you can put in their brain. Children learn best when they're having fun."

Titled "Animal Portraits," the Tiny Tots concert is a multimedia event featuring the orchestra led by assistant conductor Ya-Hui Wang, narration by Rheda Becker, and computer illustrations of animals designed by students and faculty from the Graphic Communications Department of the Center for

Creative Studies. Exciting, fast moving pieces were chosen for the program including "Flight of the Bumblebee" by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, Camille Saint-Saens' "Carnival of the Animals," and Leroy Anderson's "The Waltzing Cat." It's not MTV, but pretty close-music that little kids can relate to. "You basically show people music," said Lucas about the concert. "As orchestral musicians we have to catch up with the curve."

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## Visit 'Elmo's Coloring Book' on Sesame Street

Sesame Street Live! presents "Elmo's Coloring Book" through Sunday, Jan. 31 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Performances 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 21-22 and Tuesday-Thursday, Jan. 26-28; 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 23-24 and Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 30-31; and 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29. Tickets \$24.50, \$16, \$12 and \$9, available at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices and all Ticketmaster locations. To charge tickets, call (248) 433-1515 or on-line at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). For more information, call (313) 983-8611.

BY KYLE WYONIK  
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Egyptian adventure: Join the cast of Sesame Street Live as they explore the pyramids in "Elmo's Coloring Book."

"Sunny days, chasing clouds away," is a wishful thinking for January, but a good reason to spend some time on Sesame Street.

Elmo, Cookie Monster, Oscar and the gang are at the Fox Theatre in Detroit until Sunday, Jan. 31 performing in "Elmo's Coloring Book," presented by Sesame Street Live!

"It's mostly singing and dancing," said Elmo's friend Tricia Engelman who has been with the show for the past five years. "I've always wanted to dance, and working with children is very rewarding. They're the best audience you can imagine," said Engelman.

"Elmo's Coloring Book," is targeted for children ages 2 to 7, but what adult hasn't been tickled by Elmo. "The adults are enjoying the show as much as the kids," said Engelman. There

are lots of fun special effects.

In this show, Professor Art's Guzzinta 2000 machine makes the pages of Elmo's Coloring Book come alive.

Telly Monster wants to visit the pyramids in Egypt. Through the magic of Professor Art's machine, Telly is able to wear King Tut's crown, and get inside the coloring book picture of pyramids to explore them with his pals. Prairie Dawn becomes Cleopatra, but a peppy polar bear, Blanche, borrows the color gold so the treasure is white. Blanche wants the colors, and grabs them whenever she can. Pretty soon the cast figures out that Blanche is making Sesame Street lose its color, and try to find her.

Bert and Ernie visit the land

of dinosaurs, and Oscar the Grouch temporarily takes on the role of a nice and friendly monster, and takes the audience to his junk yard.

"It's a story about friendship and caring," said Engelman. "It's very colorful, and very fun. All your favorite Sesame Street characters are in the show."

Like other Sesame Street Live shows, "Elmo's Coloring Book" stresses the importance of education, and diversity. For kids, the lesson is that friends like you best when you just be yourself.

"All friends come in all shapes, sizes and colors, we shouldn't judge people," said performance director Jerry DuMars. "Oscar the Grouch changes in the middle of the show, and nobody likes it. The lesson is it's OK to be

## Jeff Daniels hosts premiere of new film

Jeff Daniels of Chelsea, star of "101 Dalmatians," "Pleasantville," and "Dumb and Dumber" is hosting a benefit premiere of his new film, "My Favorite Martian," 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 at the Star Southfield Theatre in Southfield.

Tickets are \$250 for VIP seating or \$15 for general admission tickets. VIP tickets include pre-

mium seating, complimentary valet parking and a dinner reception with Jeff and Kathleen Daniels following the film.

VIP tickets are available only by calling the Purple Rose Theatre at (734) 475-5817. General admission tickets are available at all Ticketmaster outlets, The Michigan Union ticket office, The Star Southfield box office, The

Purple Rose Theatre box office, or by calling (248) 645-6666.

All event proceeds will benefit the Purple Rose Theatre Company in Chelsea, Mich.

"My Favorite Martian," released by Walt Disney Pictures, is an update of the classic 1960s TV sitcom.

grouchy, to get up on the wrong side of the bed."

Sing along with Oscar who explains why "I Love Trash." Besides recognizable Sesame Street songs, there's a contemporary mix of music and even some doo-wop girls — the Palettes, three new characters — yellow, red and blue.

The show is 90 minutes long with a 15 minute intermission. DuMars said the music is very upbeat and catchy. A lot of the music is familiar, and there are some brand new songs too.

"Elmo loves kids and being in the show," said Engelman. "He

visits the audience. He's very young and very playful, and likes running around. Children relate to him."

For DuMars, who has been with Sesame Street Live for the past 10 years, the rewarding part is knowing that "when I'm on stage, I'm making a difference in a child's life. We're educating children."

"It's a great thing for families to see together," said DuMars, about the show. "They're making memories."

Talking with Elmo.  
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Elmo: Red.  
What do you like to do?  
Lead my band, and flip pen-cakes.  
When were you born?  
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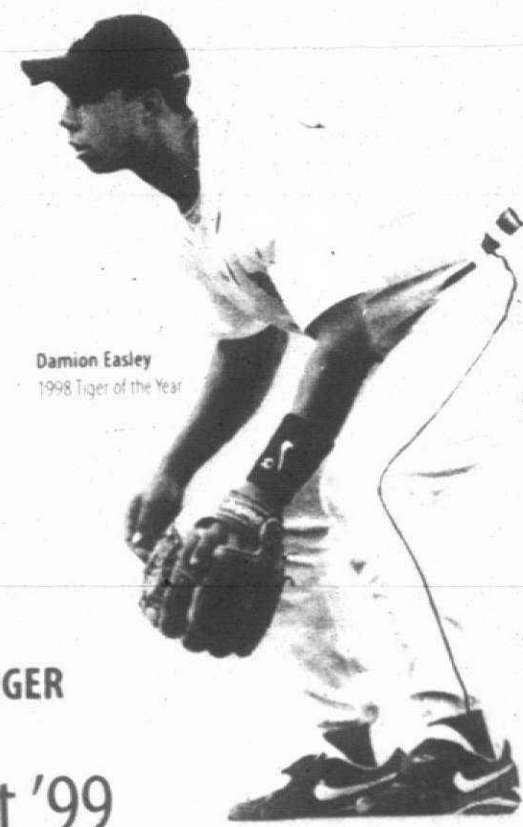
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**DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE**  
"Camp Logan," Celeste Bedford Walker's play about the Houston riot and court martial of 1917, through Sunday, March 21, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 858-1347

**MEADOW BROOK THEATRE**  
"Having Our Say," continues through Jan. 31 at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. (248) 377-3300

**MUSIC HALL**  
"The Gin Game," starring Julie Harris and Charles Durning, directed by Charles Nelson Reilly, through Sunday, Jan. 24, at the theater, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$30-\$46.50. (313) 963-2366

## COLLEGE

**WSU HILBERY THEATRE**  
"Scapin," in rotating repertory to Feb. 3; Charles Dickens' classic "A Tale of Two Cities," runs in rotating repertory to March 4, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

**WSU STUDIO THEATRE**  
"Veronica's Room," Ira Levin's chilling story of deception and false identity, Thursdays-Sundays, Jan. 21-24 and 28-31, in the lower level of the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$8, \$6 students/seniors. (313) 577-2972

## COMMUNITY THEATRE

**THE ACTORS' COMPANY**  
"Agnes of God," John Pielmeier's gripping adult drama, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, at the Trinity Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, between I-75 and Haggerty, Livonia. \$15. (248) 988-7032

**BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS**  
"Deathtrap," a mystery thriller, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$12, \$10 children ages 18 and younger. (248) 644-2075

**RIDGE DALE PLAYERS**  
"The View from Here," a comedy a woman trapped in her house by agoraphobia, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24. \$11. \$10 seniors/students at Sunday performances. (248) 988-7049

**ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE GUILD**  
"Moon Over Buffalo" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22 at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, on the grounds of Cranbrook Educational Community, Bloomfield Hills, and continues 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Jan. 30 with additional shows 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24 and 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28. Tickets \$12 adults, students and seniors \$10. call (248) 644-0527

**STAGECRAFTERS**  
Musical comedy "Promises, Promises," by Neil Simon, based on the movie "The Apartment" by Billy Wilder and I.A.L. Diamond, music by Burt Bacharach and lyrics by Hal David, Jan. 22 through Feb. 14 at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak. Tickets \$12-\$14, call (248) 541-6430. Show opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22 with performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, Feb. 7, and Feb. 14; 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28; 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31.

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On stage: Join Elmo, Professor Art, and all your Sesame Street pals as they make the pages of "Elmo's Coloring Book" come to life through Sunday, Jan. 31 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$24.50, \$16, \$12 and \$9, available at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, all Ticketmaster locations, on-line at www.ticketmaster.com or by phone (248) 433-1515. For more information, and performance times, call (313) 983-6611.

**AVON PLAYERS YOUTH THEATRE**  
"The Wizard of Oz," 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, 2 p.m., and 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester. \$7. (248) 608-9077

**DETROIT PUPPET THEATRE**  
PuppetART presents "The Firebird" from an old Russian folk tale, noon and 2 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 23 and 30, and Feb. 6, 13 and 20, at the theater, 26 East Grand River, between Woodward Avenue and Farmer, Detroit. \$6.50, \$5 children, \$20 families of two adults-two children. Also workshops following 2 p.m. Saturday performances. (313) 961-7777/(248) 557-8599

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"The Man Who Came to Dinner," the classic play about Sheridan Whiteside, critic, radio personality, lecturer and self acclaimed expert on most everything, who comes to dinner and ends up staying three weeks after he slips on ice on their front steps, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at Anderson High School, on Anderson Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$3. (248) 433-0885

**WILD SWAN THEATRE**  
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## BENEFITS

**BLACKTHORN**  
7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, to benefit the Groves Class of 1999 all night graduation party, at Groves Little Theatre, \$20, includes afterglow. (248) 203-3530 (Irish/bluegrass)

**FINE ART AUCTION**  
Old and modern masters go on the auction block (from Park West Gallery) to support the Southfield Federation for the Arts 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, preview begins at 7 p.m., at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, south of 10 Mile, Free. (248) 424-9622

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**"SESAME STREET LIVE"**  
"Elmo's Coloring Book," through Sunday, Jan. 31, Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$9, \$12, \$16 and \$24.50. All ages. (313) 983-6611

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mer drummer for Final Cut, who has brain cancer. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

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**STEVE KRASS MEMORIAL BENEFIT**  
With Speedball, Thee Lucky Stiffs, Felty Cadavers, Moloko Plus, Gutter Punp, Bumpin' Ugles, Cold as Ice, Elephant Er, and Joy Nobody Alistars, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7, 18 and older. Benefits memorial fund of Steve Krass, a former Redford resident and member of the band Felty Cadavers, who was shot and killed at Harpo's nightclub in Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

**JOE LAFATA BENEFIT**  
Featuring Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, Howling Dabbers, Stun Gun, Give and Tyrone's Power Wheel, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10. All ages. Benefits Lafata, for

road, at Joy Road, Canton. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students, free for students through grade 12. (734) 451-2112

**PRO MUSIC**  
Presents pianist Arnold Cohen performing Chopin, Liszt and Schumann, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, in the Recital Hall at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue. Followed by meet the artist and buffet in Romanesque Hall and Kresge Court. \$25. (313) 886-7207

**LOAN SKEETON**  
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**CHORAL**  
**CHORISTERS GUILD MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
The choir featuring the voices of 326 children performs sacred music, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. Free. (734) 455-9458/(313) 927-1255

**JAZZ**  
**THE ARTICLES**  
9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free, 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (Jamaican jazz/ska)

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**PRO MUSIC**  
Presents pianist Arnold Cohen performing Chopin, Liszt and Schumann, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, in the Recital Hall at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue. Followed by meet the artist and buffet in Romanesque Hall and Kresge Court. \$25. (313) 886-7207

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**URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON**  
With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

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## WORLD MUSIC

**THE DROVERS**  
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**IMMUNITY**  
8:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Jan. 21, The Alley at Main Street, 215 Main St., Rochester. Free, 21 and older. (248) 552-8441; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older. (248) 642-9400 (reggae)

**9:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, The Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 332-9900; 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free, 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (reggae)**

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**DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world. The Fantasy World of Doll Houses," through Jan. 31; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children ages 12 and younger. Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1726 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

## FOLK/BLUEGRASS

**THE FOLK MONTEY**  
8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

**JAN KRIST**  
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## DANCE

**ADVANCED CONTEMPORARY DANCE**  
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at the Pittsburgh Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8863

**ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING**  
7:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

**"SECONDS"**  
The dance concert kicks off Eastern Michigan University's 1999 Sesquicentennial Celebration by featuring a diverse collection of dance styles including modern, jazz, ballet, hip-hop, and African Congolese, also new works, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24 in Quirk Theatre, Ypsilanti. \$8, \$5 for students with current ID, and \$3 for seniors and children under age 10. (734) 487-1211

## POPULAR MUSIC

**ACOUSTIC JUNCTION**  
8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Farmdale. \$7, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rock)

**BLACK BEAUTY**  
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (rockabilly)

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MOVIES

# 'A Simple Plan' succeeds brilliantly, repeatedly

BY JON KATZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

"What would I do?" Virtually every story, play, book and movie in history has been written with the goal of having the listener/reader/viewer ask that question. More often than not, the question asked is "Who Cares?"

The thriller "A Simple Plan" succeeds brilliantly and repeatedly in placing us in the desperate situations of its characters, because it does one thing so right: the bad guys are all good guys. Like us.

Bill Paxton is Hank, a nice accountant in rural Minnesota with a nice, pregnant wife Sarah (Bridget Fonda) and a nice,

dimwitted brother Jacob (Billy Bob Thornton). When Hank, Jacob and nice, redneck friend Lou (Brent Briscoe) discover a small plane buried beneath the snow, they go inside to investigate. Finding the pilot dead, they also find a duffel bag with \$4.4 million. Drug money, they assume. Let's keep it, they decide. Who'll know, they figure.

Not so fast, Paxton warns. "You work for the American Dream, you don't steal it."

"There's no risk...we'll always be in control," they assure him. Right. Wondering what you would do so far? Now get out the shovel and dig a hole for yourself, as you soon become a liar, a blackmailer and a murderer. And

remember, you're the good guy...or were.

Sam Raimi, who was graduated from Birmingham Groves High School and directed the cult horror classic "The Evil Dead," puts down his penchant for quick camera moves and a case of ketchup in every scene, and directs "A Simple Plan" with a deft, Hitchcockian touch that nails you to your seat. The camera is invisible, save for a few too many rack-focus shots, and the special effects are tucked away for another time. Mike Nichols and Ben Stiller were two of the many directors considered during the six years it took to make the film. Fate chose wisely.

Based on his own best-selling

book of the same name, Scott B. Smith's thriller is for people who don't generally like thrillers. His characters don't slowly go mad amidst the snow like Jack ("He-e-e-e Johnny!") Nicholson in "The Shining." Each new "simple plan" to cover up the disastrous and deadly results of their previous plan seems logical enough, but instead spirals them even more out of control.

"You're a sweet, normal guy," reasons Sarah to husband Hank. "No one would believe that you were capable of doing what you've done."

And Paxton is oh so sweet and normal. Had he played Hank just a few degrees off to one side or the other, the film might have crashed and burned. Instead, it soars. Thornton is nothing less than terrific as the brother in constant need of coaching to get the latest story right.

"Do you understand what we have to say?" says Hank to Jacob in a running gag. Fonda's little wife turns out to be the anchor in this hopeless charade; she sees 4 million reasons why they should keep the money and will push the men in whatever direction she has to get out of her librarians' rut.

"A Simple Plan" dares you to disagree with these nice folks. It



Thriller: Billy Bob Thornton (left) stars as Jacob Mitchell, Bridget Fonda as Sarah Mitchell and Bill Paxton as Hank Mitchell in "A Simple Plan."

also dares you to unclench your hands when the next door knocks. You'll have a good time trying.

## 'Hilary and Jackie' misses a beat in its orchestration

BY VICTORIA DIAZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

"Hilary and Jackie" is a peculiar movie, composed of a bit of this, made up of a bit of that, and somehow never quite equaling the sum of its parts. Despite some truly memorable scenes and an occasionally remarkable performance by Emily Watson as the renowned cellist, Jacqueline du Pré, the film still feels as if some important parts of it have been abandoned on a cutting room floor.

The picture centers on the relationship between sisters Hilary and Jacqueline du Pré, both of whom grew up as musical prodigies in post-World War II England. Jacqueline went on to become one of the most lauded cellists of this century.

Hilary (played here by Rachel Griffiths), for various reasons, ditched her career rather early on, and retired to the country with husband Kiffer Finzi (David Morrissey), to raise "chickens and children."

Jackie, persistently burdened by her monumental talent and fame, eventually found her own marriage to pianist/conductor Daniel Barenboim (James Frain) in serious trouble, and suffered an emotional breakdown. Ultimately, she contracted multiple sclerosis, which not only ended her dazzling career and silenced

the music, but took her life also. She died in 1987 at the age of 42, having for years been too debilitated to perform.

One part of "Hilary and Jackie" we "see" from Hilary's point of view; the other from Jackie's. Perhaps director Armando Tucker sought to be especially fair and honest with this format. Perhaps he sought to put the story together through various movements, like a musical composition.

In any case, a dizzying number of matters are brought up and never really explored. We touch upon this. We touch upon that. And then we move on, to touch upon something else.

Did Jacqueline du Pré really hate the cello, as she claims here? Did she then, feel no real passion for the music? Did she feel enslaved by her talent? Did she really feel unloved by her parents, unless she was winning awards for her music? Were these feelings really justified? Did her husband leave her when she became ill to start another life - and family - with someone else? Why does Hilary feel that she should give her sister everything, including her husband?

"She just needs proof that somebody loves her," she says, in Frank Cottrell Boyce's screenplay, but this seems downright laughable. Who is Kiffer Finzi that he appears to be so agreeable to this rather unorthodox

"arrangement?"

"If you think being an ordinary person is any easier than being an extraordinary one, you're wrong," Hilary tells her sister at one point. Are we to believe that Hilary is "ordinary?"

This is not, by the way, an easy movie to watch. In fact, it's one of the grimmest, darkest movies I've seen in a long time. And Emily Watson's "death scene" - which, in itself, may earn her an Academy Award nomination - is especially harrowing.

Tucker, up to now a documentary filmmaker, adds special visual interest to "Hilary and Jackie" by interspersing grainy, homemade "takes," plus mood-enhancing shots, especially as the movie progresses, that seem almost physically weighted with dark, inky colors and shadows.

Though the story moves to such far-flung locales as Israel, France and Russia, all of the movie was shot in Liverpool, due to budget constraints.

Production designer Alice Normington's "costuming" of interior shots work exactly right, though.

The music is eloquent, of course, and one keeps hoping more emphasis had been given to it. Much of it has been recorded from original performances given by Jacqueline du Pré at the height of her career.



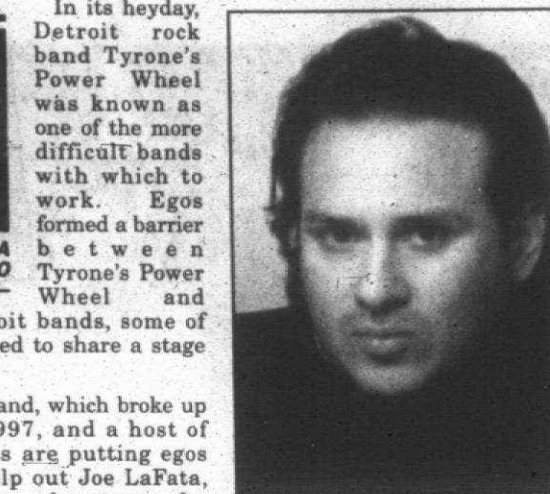
CHRISTINA FUOCO

other Detroit rockers who refused to share a stage with it.

But the band, which broke up Dec. 31, 1997, and a host of Detroit acts are putting egos aside to help out Joe LaFata, the former drummer for Tyrone's Power Wheel and the Final Cut. He was diagnosed a year ago with brain tumors called germinomas.

Tyrone's Power Wheel will reform to make a guest appearance during a benefit for LaFata at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$10 for the all-ages show.

The benefit will also feature performances by StunGun, Give



Bands rally: Joe LaFata, former drummer for Tyrone's Power Wheel and the Final Cut who has been diagnosed with a tumor, will be helped by a benefit

and the Howling Diablos. CIMX-FM (89X) morning personality Kelly Brown will serve as host. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT or visit http://www.961melt.com

Posage said that around 1 a.m., the reunited Tyrone's Power Wheel - with a replacement drummer - will hit the stage.

"They'll play about three songs and start a jam session. (Radio station) 89X, does a club night downstairs. (DJ) Clark Warner approached a friend of mine and he's been talking about wanting to spin," Posage said.

Give is the new band from former Tyrone's Power Wheel members Ferris George and Ray Ehlman.

"It's a Jeff Buckley kind of thing. Ferris always wanted to be Jeff Buckley," Posage said with a laugh.

The bands were chosen on their ability to bring in fans. The Howling Diablos played at the wedding of LaFata, who is now separated.

"It's not going to be a way to showcase somebody's new band. The key is to get people in the place. StunGun draws people. I asked the Howling Diablos.

They played at Joe's wedding," he explained.

"I don't care who comes to the benefit. I just want to pack this place but at the same time pay tribute to Joe."

Posage, the promotion and marketing director for the Birmingham-based CIMX is organizing the event along with Brad Cousens, general manager of Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac, and his brother Graham Cousens, the former guitarist for Tyrone's Power Wheel.

They had been talking about doing a benefit for about a year.

"When we first found out, we said we've got to do a benefit. But we didn't want it to be pretentious. We didn't want Joe to think that we were putting a nail in his coffin. He's not critical. He's fighting this thing," he explained.

"We're doing this out of love. He's a talented musician, the stuff that he did with the Final Cut and Tyrone's Power Wheel was amazing."

Graham Cousens talked to LaFata and mentioned that they were planning a benefit for him.

## Artist creates with a furnace, ductwork



ANN DELISI

They say that art imitates life. We've got an example that really hits home for those who have made just staying warm a focal point of their lives during this brutal month. In the dead of winter, Backstage Pass introduces you to an artist whose latest work features a large furnace with ductwork embracing a bed.

As far as we know, Nelson Smith isn't a Weather Channel addict. The contemporary artist's latest installation/performance at the Center Galleries of the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit, "Forced Air," is a continuation of his 1995 work, "Electricity."

"Forced Air" is actually a prequel to "Electricity." I see it as a part of the same work, with logistics and finances being the biggest obstacles to presenting them together," says Smith.

There has been another unforeseen obstacle to the installation of "Forced Air." Can you imagine trying to convince a heating and cooling expert that your exhibit deserves priority with the weather we've been having?

Patience and good humor helped Smith deal with delays in completing the furnace and ductwork elements, which will be ready for performances on Jan. 22, 29 and Feb. 2.

In fact, it's not unusual for Smith or his audiences to be amused by something in past performances of his work that wasn't intended to be funny. "I was surprised to find the audience laughing, although I wasn't really discouraged. After all, I've been amused when cre-

ating my work by the quirkiness of the combination of the materials. I like to think of my work as entertaining. It's challenging in a cerebral way like a puzzle or a game."

The installation will be shown at the Center Galleries through Feb. 27, and you can preview it on this week's edition of Backstage Pass.

Speaking of combining elements, The Raisin Pickers have been known to throw in a guitar, mandolin, fiddle, string bass, an assortment of banjos, vocal solos and harmonies, and even some Appalachian clogging in their performances. The string quartet is the only local group in the outstanding talent roster of the

22nd Ann Arbor Folk Festival, set for Jan. 30.

Mark and Carol Palms founded the band in 1989. He'd been a fiddler and banjoist of traditional music, she's a classically trained violinist. When you add instrumentalist David Mosher's passion for bluegrass, and violinist James Sneyd and his background in folk rock, jazz and Celtic bands, you've got a mix of the best qualities of bluegrass, old time, and swing.

"The preferences of the individual band members always surface when we're working on original music, with each of us trying to shape the piece in a certain way. It helps the creative process. You're going to play best what you like best," says Carol Palms.

The band is excited about performing for the first time in the festival, which has a reputation for attracting fresh national acts that make it big in the next year.

The Raisin Pickers bring their distinctive sound to the Detroit Public TV studios of Backstage Pass, airing Sunday at 7:30 p.m. and repeated Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and Friday at midnight.

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## DINING

## Partners with good 'Karma' get ready to open club

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
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Mark McConnell has a suggestion for visitors to his dueling piano bar Karma.

"Check your shy personality at the coat check," McConnell said.

In late January, the sounds of dueling pianos and rousing sing-alongs will fill the vibrantly colored Ferndale club.

"It's a Disney-like concept that's been popular for a couple years in Florida. It's a fun way to interact. It's an uplifting experience," McConnell explained.

Karma is the creation of longtime Detroit DJ McConnell, and Rob Potter, a Rochester resident and co-owner of Pontiac's The Velvet Lounge.

The building formerly housed a Rite-Aid and underwent a massive seven-month reconstruction to turn it into a hip, acoustically sound club.

"The atmosphere is through the lighting, not through stuff screwed on the wall," McConnell said. A Bloomfield Hills native, and Lahser High School graduate said during a tour of the building.

Upon entering Karma, patrons will be greeted with a coat check and cashier. Prisms from wall scones reach up to the funky slanted ceilings of a long hallway that keeps the main room a mystery. A quick turn at the end of the hallway reveals high ceilings, a giant stage on one side of the room, and a raised private area overlooking the club.

## Opening Soon

**What:** Karma 22901 Woodward Ave., north of Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, (248) 541-1600. It will be open to those 21 and older.

**Menu:** The menu will be simple yet elegant offering peel-and-eat shrimp, vegetarian dishes, and a variety of other food. The prices will be moderate and all credit cards will be accepted.

**Opening day:** Scheduled to open in late January. The grand opening celebration is set for mid-February, perhaps Valentine's Day weekend, and will be a charity event. Check the Dining page in Entertainment for details.

"The cigar-martini thing's been done. We're selling wine and champagne (in this room). There's private bathrooms. The room overlooks the rest of the place. It's a great sight line to see a band," McConnell explained.

Contrasting colors - primarily red with darker hues - provide a comforting atmosphere.

"We tried to pick vibrant colors to create a warmth and make it an inviting atmosphere," McConnell said.

An entertainment director will oversee the piano players. But the stage will be shared with mainstream, contemporary pop, rock and rhythm and blues bands, as well as comedians.

Although there are other dueling piano bars in the area, McConnell said "there is nothing on this scale." Karma measures in at 11,000 square feet and holds 1,000 people.

"We built this in mind to be a multi-use facility. We want to try to appeal to a different audience."

His target audience is those

who are 25 and older, well behaved, and interested in hearing good music. Good food is also on the plate at Karma.

"We're putting in a full-service kitchen and look forward to private rentals and in-house catering of events. The menu is going to be small but really good. We'd rather expand the menu then pull it back."

McConnell described the menu as simple yet elegant, stepping above the typical bar offerings. Peel-and-eat-shrimp, vegetarian dishes and turkey burgers will be on the menu.

"We'll have a signature flavor," he added.

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Opening a nightclub was a logical progression for McConnell. In the early 1990s, he was a DJ at Industry in Pontiac, and was an on-air personality on WHYT-FM, now known as WPLT-FM. McConnell, a former Billboard



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**Partners:** Mark McConnell (left) and co-owner Rob Potter with one of their two baby grand pianos at Karma.

chart reporter, was also a manager at the Hayloft Liquor Stand in Mount Clemens. His office is lined with platinum records from Depeche Mode and

The KLF.

"It's been an interesting experience over the last so many years. I've gone from being a DJ

to being on the radio to running a couple premiere places. I'm finally running my own place. If there was ever a time to blossom, 1999 is my year."

## When you're in a hurry with no time to cook, order soup

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
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"When the weather outside is frightful," there's nothing more comforting than a bowl of homemade soup. If you've been busy shoveling snow, and don't have time to cook, don't worry, a bowl of soup like mom's or grandma's is just a phone call away. Some restaurants offer soup by the cup, bowl or quart to go. Ask when you place your order.

Here are some of our favorites:

■ Chicken with dumpling or

chicken noodle - Steve's Family Dining, 40370 Five Mile Road, west of Haggerty in Lake Pointe Plaza, (248) 420-0368.

■ Minestrone on Mondays, Beef Barley on Thursdays, and chicken soup every day at N.Y. Deli & Catering - 19215 Newburgh Road, Livonia, (734) 591-DELI.

■ Crushed lentil - La Shish, 37610 W. 12 Mile Road (at Halsted) Farmington Hills, (734) 553-0700.

■ Minestrone Buddy's Pizzeria - 33605 Plymouth Road, (between Farmington and Stark

## DINNER TO GO!

Roads) Livonia (734) 261-3550; 31646 Northwestern, (just west of Middlebelt Road), Farmington Hills (248) 855-4600; 4370 Highland Road (east of Pontiac Lake Road), Waterford, (248) 683-3635; 3637 Maple (15 Mile Road at Lahser) Bloomfield, (248) 645-0300; 4264 N. Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 549-8000.

■ Spiced sour soup, New Peking Chinese Restaurant, 29105 Ford Road, Garden City,

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When you don't have time to cook, what's your favorite place for Dinner to Go?

Send, fax, or e-mail recommendations for restaurants to

feature in Dinner to Go! to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Include as much information as possible - address/phone of restaurant, what's your favorite dish to go? and why is it your favorite.

Restaurants, if you offer something out of the ordinary to go,

tell us about it. We're hungry for some dinner suggestions. Send menu, which highlights your specialty soups, and any other special items for consideration in upcoming columns.

## WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net. If you're planning a Chinese New Year celebration, be sure to let us know.

■ Stone Crab Dinner - at the Lark, 6430 Farmington Road, (north of Maple Road) West Bloomfield, 7 p.m. Monday

or Tuesday, Jan. 25-26. Menu features conch chowder, Champagne & Lemon Granite, Islamorada Stone Crab Claws with mustard sauce or drawn butter, Lyonnaise potatoes, asparagus, and coconut cream tart with Macadamia nut crust. Cost \$90 per person, includes coffee, other beverages, tax or gratuity not included. Call (248) 661-4466 for reservations/information.

■ Mardi Gras Celebration - 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14 at

Schoolcraft College in Livonia. New Orleans cuisine, cash bar, entertainment by SCool Jazz and SCool Jazz Prime, dancing to the sounds of Tom Saunders and "The Detroit All-Stars" Band. Tickets \$30 per person, call (734) 462-4417.

■ A Southwest Feast - 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27 at Morels (248) 642-1094 and Thursday, Jan. 28 at No. VI Chophouse & Lobster Bar, (248)

305-5210. Cost \$34.95 per person, not including tax and gratuity. Call for reservations.

■ Pick-A-Bone Rib House & Saloon - 30325 Six Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 762-RIBS or (734) 762-2063, celebrates its one-year anniversary on Jan. 28. Restaurant hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, closed Sunday.

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# Revenue sharing is top issue for Livonia mayor

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
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Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey realizes suburban mayors and township supervisors don't always agree on changes to the state's revenue sharing formula — money distributed to Michigan cities, villages and townships generated by the state sales tax.

Even though state lawmakers revised the formula in December, that issue remains a top priority this year for the Conference of Western Wayne, an 18-member legislative consortium which Kirksey now chairs after he was chosen Friday by CWW board members to lead the group for the next two years. He replaces Westland Mayor Robert Thomas.

"We want to look for ways to improve the formula or something that would create a better flow of dollars to local governments," Kirksey said.

The CWW includes the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland, and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

Kirksey wants to let the CWW's 650,000 constituents become informed of the CWW's positions on issues and what the

conference is doing. Kirksey hopes the CWW "speaks as a single voice on issues affecting Wayne County."

On revenue sharing, Livonia realizes less than 3 percent revenue increase in the new formula, less than the 4 or 5 percent increase in the "cost to do business," Kirksey said.

"It's not locked in the constitution, so it is subject to change by a simple majority. We might not see some changes for the next two or three years. Unless we make it known, no changes will occur."

CWW members worry state lawmakers will look at phasing out personal property taxes, a significant source of income for local governmental units.

Kirksey also expected the CWW will continue to work for an accurate count of billable access lines from Ameritech this year and study legislation concerning wireless telephones.

Last year, the Michigan Senate considered legislation that would tack a 47-cent-a-month surcharge onto cellular users' bills to pay for the implementation of the new technology required to grid the calls. The bills died, but a revised version should resurface this year, which the CWW will be watching, Kirksey said.

"Our executive director (Marsha Bianconi) does an outstanding job, and she is particularly knowledgeable and skillful on this issue."

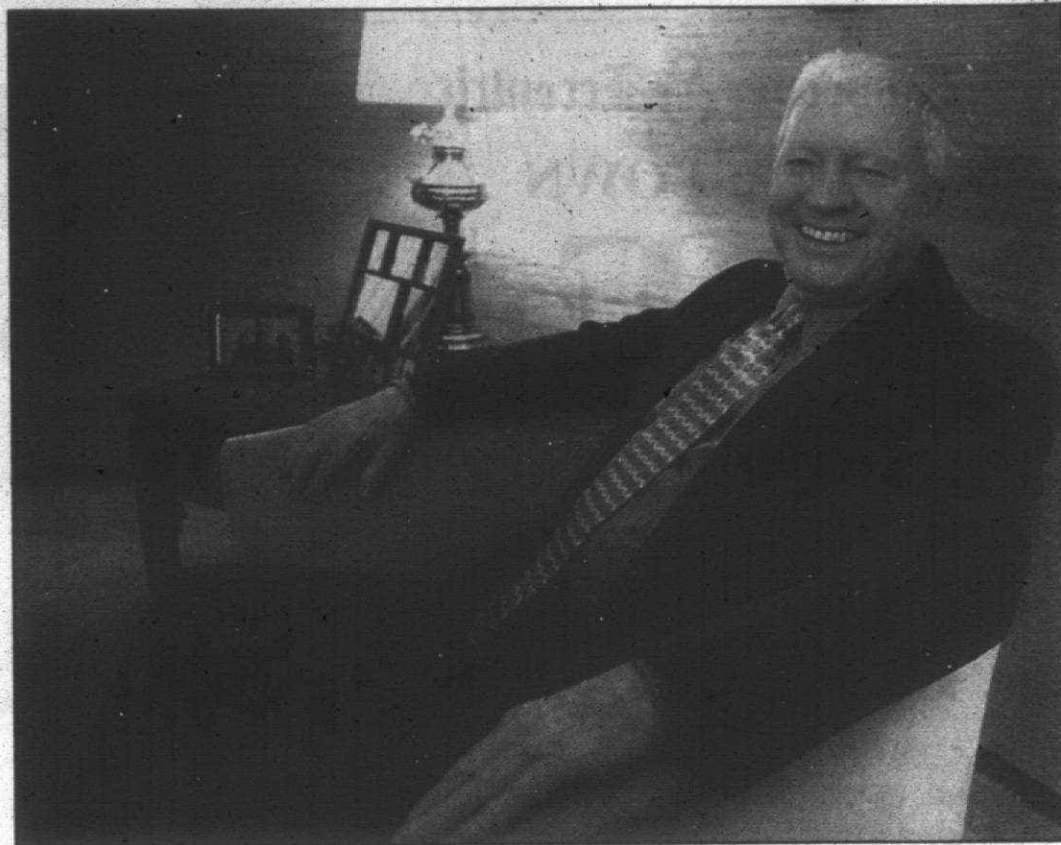
The CWW also will continue to become well-versed on the issues concerning the year 2000 and how communities may coordinate activities to prevent any bugs, Kirksey said. "I think it's going to pay dividends by enlisting the help of utilities and agencies."

Representatives from CWW communities will travel to Lansing Feb. 11 to talk with representatives and senators about these issues and listen to presentations from selected state department heads and others involved with state politics.

The Michigan Municipal League, a consortium of Michigan cities, and the Michigan Township Association, a consortium of townships, also will meet that day, which Kirksey believes will help the CWW develop a strategy.

"It's unusual to bring those organizations together. That's a good beginning. The CWW cannot proceed on any type of plan that is disadvantageous to townships or cities."

"As an organization, we have to strike compromises."



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**New leader:** The Conference of Western Wayne elected Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey to a two-year term as chairman of the regional consortium. Kirksey wants CWW to "speak as a single voice on issues affecting Wayne County."

## Kirksey heads area consortium

Jack Kirksey, 70, has served as mayor of Livonia since 1996, serving as the Conference of Western Wayne's vice chair for the past two years.

Kirksey served four terms as a state representative for the 35th District from 1977 to 1985. During that period, he served on the Education, Judiciary, Military and Veterans' Affairs Committees and was vice chair of the Labor Committee.

Kirksey also served as assistant caucus whip and personnel officer for House Republicans. Kirksey also was a member of the governor's special Task Force to Reform Workers' Com-

pensation Laws and the House Election Campaign Committee.

Kirksey was a Schoolcraft College trustee from 1988-91, first appointed and later elected to the board. He served as treasurer.

In 1952, Kirksey served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, retiring as lieutenant colonel. He received a bachelor's degree in education from Wayne State University in 1952, a master's degree in educational administration in 1959 and educational specialist certification in 1969, both from WSU.

Kirksey began his teaching career in 1954 with Detroit Pub-

lic Schools. Kirksey joined Livonia Public Schools in 1958 as a teacher, later serving as an elementary principal from 1962-77.

From 1969-77, Kirksey served as director of probation at 16th District Court, supervising probation officers, conducting training classes and initiating program policy. He served as president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce in 1994 and 1995.

Kirksey has been affiliated with the Livonia YMCA's board of directors, Livonia Goodfellow's, Schoolcraft College Foundation, Plymouth Road Development Authority and U.S. Conference of Mayors.



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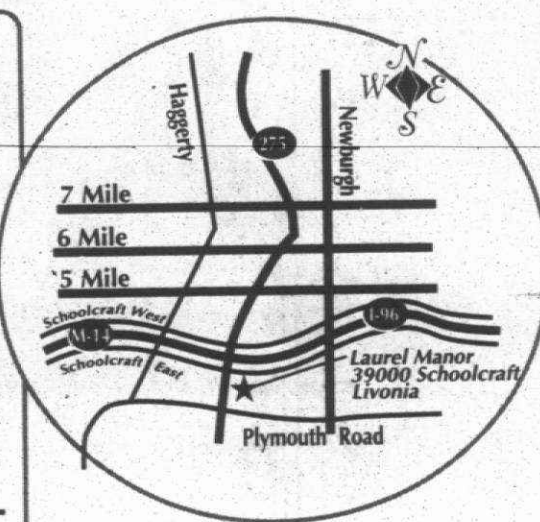
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### STATE CAPITOL NEWS

#### Old business

Gov. John Engler has signed: ■ A "leaked lemon" bill sponsored by Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township. It expands Michigan's 11-year-old "lemon law" to cover people whose new leased vehicles have consistent problems or continual breakdowns. For a continued defect, the lessee can demand a suitable replacement or a full refund. The Secretary of State is required to provide lessees a written statement of their options. The Senate passed it 37-0 and the House 96-1.

■ Amendments to the Recreational Trespass Act sponsored by Sens. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, and Loren Bennett, R-Canton. SB 767 and 768 allow property owners the option of suing a trespasser for civil damages. Courts may revoke hunting, fishing and trapping licenses for up to three years, confiscate property brought onto private land during a violation and force trespassers to reimburse the state for animals and fish taken during a violation.

■ Dead: The Religious Freedom Restoration Act, House Bill 4376, in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Supported by conservative Protestant, Catholic and Jewish groups as well as the American Civil Liberties Union, the bill would have limited state and local governments' ability to place zoning and building burdens on places of worship. Sponsor was Rep. Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti, who has left office.

#### New business

Michigan's 2000 presidential primary would be pushed up to Feb. 8 (second Tuesday) from the current March 15 under a bicameral package sponsored by two Republicans, Ken Sikken of Grandville and Rep. Mickey Mortimer of Jackson. Sikken said it would give Michigan voters more decision-making voice. In 1996, he said, 26 states had earlier primaries or caucuses than Michigan. Democrats boycotted their primary because it couldn't be confined to declared Democrats and ran caucuses instead.

First Senate bills to be introduced in the 1999-2000 session would cut the state personal income tax rate from the current 4.4 percent to 3.9 percent over

five years. Areas sponsors of two of the bills are Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford. Republican senators passed the same bills in 1998, but they died in the Democrat-controlled House.

House Democratic leader Michael Hanley of Saginaw urged Republicans to help match state money with \$6.4 billion sought by President Bill Clinton for local police officers. The federal program requires communities to put up 25 percent, and Hanley says many can't.

#### Medicaid money

The governor's office awarded \$7.4 million to local hospitals and agencies to assure children and their parents don't lose Medicaid coverage as a result of federal welfare reform.

"These grants will not only let people know that health insurance is available through the Medicaid program, but will help individuals apply and file the necessary application materials with the state," said James K. Haveman Jr., director of the Department of Community Health. Among suburban recipients:

■ Arab-American Chaldean Council, Lathrup Village, \$200,000.

■ Ann Arbor Hospital, Wayne, \$75,000.

■ Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, \$75,000.

■ Beaumont Hospital, Troy, \$75,000.

#### Appointments

The governor has appointed: ■ Betty Jean Awrey, Plymouth Township, to the Michigan State Parks Foundation, which supports enhancement of the state parks system. The president of Awrey Bakers in Livonia, she is reappointed for a term expiring Oct. 6, 2002.

■ Five members of the Michigan Council on Arts and Cultural Affairs for terms expiring Sept. 1, 2001. Southeastern Michigan members include Elizabeth Brooks, vice chair of Music Hall Center and a member of the Motown Historical Museum, the board of the Detroit Historical Society and Michigan Opera Theatre; and Lora Frankel, Huntington Woods, director of the Very Special Arts Agency.

## SEMCOG to study mobile home governance, tax issues

By TIM RICHARD  
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Ears were probably burning at the Michigan Manufactured Housing Association office in Okemos last weekend as a Novi theater group staged a hilarious parody called "Trailer Park Broadcasting Scandals."

The play features such Florida cracker characters as Vesta, Dixie, Missy and Alveeta in a setting where the propensity to Protestant fundamentalism is exceeded only by the pregnancy rate.

MMHA abhors the term "trailer park." It prefers "manufactured home communities." And it is protective of an agency under hot attack from local government—the Michigan Manufactured Home Commission.

The issue will come to the fore in 1999.

This Friday, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments executive committee is due to vote on a softly worded resolution to "study" manufactured housing, its state governance, its lack of local control, and the way it's taxed.

The meeting, open to the public, will begin at 1 p.m. in SEMCOG's 19th floor conference

room of the Edison Plaza Building, 600 Plaza Drive, Detroit.

Guest speaker will be state Rep. Judie Scranton, R-Brighton, a member of a 1998 bipartisan House Task Force on Mobile Home Parks. It held public hearings in Howell, Warren, Monroe, Flint and Lansing.

There's a lot of bad blood between MH park owners and local government.

#### Gaining share

Manufactured housing is gaining market share, the House panel found.

"More than 720,000 Michigan residents live in manufactured homes"—one percent in every 13. "About 25 percent of new home buyers in Michigan choose a manufactured home."

Average size of a multifamily home is 1,600 square feet, and 70 percent of the state market are multifamily units.

"In urban areas, about 80 percent of manufactured homes are located in manufactured home communities"—and herein lies the problem.

Except for the first plan, local units of government have no control over MH park developments. That's up to the Michigan Manufactured Home Commission

(MMHC), a body firmly under control of the industry since it was established in 1977.

Five of the 11 members represent the industry—the trade group, park operators and manufacturers. One represents financial institutions. Two represent residents, and one represents local government.

The House panel on which Scranton served found little contact between the state agency and local units of government.

Critics say the commission is like a fox guarding a chicken coop.

#### Taxes, costs

Standard homes generate money to local government—cities, townships, schools, counties. The local officials in SEMCOG complain that MH parks generate too little.

The industry says it generates its share and more, citing:

■ Businesses that own MH parks pay school taxes of 24 mills, the commercial rate, while homeowners pay just six mills on a primary homestead.

■ Businesses that own MH parks pay the state single busi-

ness tax of about 2.3 percent.

■ MH sales are taxed as personal property like cars, not as real estate. So every time a MH changes hands, the state collects a 6 percent sales tax. That yields \$1,800 in revenue on a MH worth \$30,000. And a MH changes hands about every 7.35 years, the industry says.

■ MH owners pay a \$3 per month tax. But the House panel notes: "This tax has not been raised since 1966."

There is much disagreement, largely inconclusive, about whether MH parks generate as much municipal cost as standard homes.

Local units say they need more control to plan for streets, water, sewerage and schools. They want school boards represented on the state commission.

The industry cites a Lapeer study where a MH park holds 11 percent of the city's population but generates just 1.5 percent of the police complaints and 1.5 percent of the fire runs. The flaw is that it compares the MH park to the city as a whole, including the business section, instead of to a standard subdivision.

The industry pictures biased local officials as trying to force low- and moderate-income folks

#### 'Substantial bias'

The industry says SEMCOG, whose voting is controlled by local elected officials from seven counties, has "substantial bias" against MH parks and can't be trusted to regulate them. It cites three horror stories:

■ Wixom, in western Oakland County—where the only property zoned for MHs is a 40-acre site, "mostly wetlands, adjacent to an identified ACT 307 toxic waste site."

■ Holly, in northern Oakland County—where the only MH site MH was zoned under court order, and 16 other townships have no buildable vacant land "voluntarily zoned for MH use."

■ Tyrone Township, in Livingston County—an ordinance says a MH park must be on a paved road. The state commission and a circuit court struck it down. "The only piece of property zoned for MH use is accessible only by two miles of unpaved road. That property was zoned 28 years ago by court order," says the industry.

The industry pictures biased local officials as trying to force low- and moderate-income folks

into \$154,000 houses they can't afford.

The industry insists that "parks" is a derogatory term and prefers "communities." Except for parks owned by the residents, however, they are not communities. They are businesses, taxed as businesses, and operated as businesses.

Nancy Dingledey, an Oakland County commissioner from Wixom, testified on SEMCOG's behalf before the House panel in mid-1998. "Michigan's unique treatment of manufactured housing parks has created some obvious inequalities that are detrimental to communities in which these MH parks are located," she said.

Dingledey, in a later interview, told her own horror stories about being unable to distribute campaign literature or even address audiences in MH parks. Her description makes MH parks rules sound like decrees from Czar Nicholas I to keep unruly peasants under thumb rather than democratic republics under the Bill of Rights.

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The foundation — which may qualify as Canton's best kept secret — is actually coming up on its 10th anniversary in August.

It wasn't that long ago that such foundations, nonprofit entities designed by communities to address a broad range of local concerns, were a new and novel concept. Most were chartered in major cities or alongside big educational/cultural institutions where corporate donations were easy to come by. Translating the idea to a small, but growing community would prove difficult at best, many skeptics believed.

But nearly a decade later, the Canton Community Foundation is thriving and serves as a model for similar efforts. Foundation Executive Director Joan Noricks and the organization's board of directors deserve much of the credit.

Through the foundation, Canton residents have programs and opportunities that local government and the private sector simply can't — or shouldn't — be asked to provide. Its impact is felt in the areas of education, the arts, humanities and social service organizations.

For example:

■ Foundation scholarships have gone to more than three dozen college students the past two years. A variety of grants, based on need and achievement, are available both to high school graduates and non-traditional students.

■ Canton ProjectARTS, including the current photography exhibit at the Summit and Saturday's Storytelling Festival.

■ A recently completed feasibility study for construction of a regional performing arts center in Canton.

■ Character Counts!, a multi-faceted program designed to educate children (and parents) on the importance of strong values.

Friday's dinner-dance was expected to raise about \$50,000 for foundation programs. The ball and a summer golf outing are the organization's two major fund-raisers. Corporate donations the past few years have included major checks from Yazaki of North America (\$30,000 in 1999, \$250,000 over the 10 years), Robertson Brothers, Burton-Katzman Development Co., Lewiston-Smith Realty and dozens of others.

Any doubt about the feasibility of the Canton Community Foundation or its mission has long since been erased. As the foundation enters its "adolescence," it's mission of building a legacy for future generations of Canton residents appears well within reach.

## Better blizzard prep needed

If your back's not hurting too much from shoveling... and you're not too busy hunting up a roofer to fix that leak, perhaps you can stand just a few more words on the big blizzard of '99.

The warmer weather and sunshine last weekend helped to melt the 20-plus inches of snow Mother Nature dumped on the area. A few timely raindrops Sunday night also helped.

But snowstorms are like bills, they just keep coming and coming.

Perhaps we've seen the worst of it for this winter. Let's hope so. But there's always next winter and the winter after that, and the winter after that.

Since winter's always going to be around, isn't it time the people who serve in the city and township halls and the county building at 600 Randolph in Detroit start thinking creatively about how to handle a big storm? Perhaps they could come up with some ways to help us truly cope with winter.

Granted, 2-4 inches is hardly the same as 12-20 when it comes to plowing streets, freeways and sidewalks near schools. But it doesn't hurt to be prepared. There are ways to handle winter — it's called planning, preparation, cooperation and yes, some patience.

Perhaps, the sting of the recent winter storm has been how uneven snow removal appeared to be across western Wayne and southern Oakland counties.

Canton Township roads were in terrible shape more than 24 hours after the Jan. 2 storm hit.

County officials say they underestimated the amount of work needed to be done to clear the freeways and that was the primary reason plows were late getting to main roads in Canton and other parts of western Wayne.

County crews did a much better job of clearing main roads in Canton after heavy snows early last week. Area officials are seeking a

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meeting with county officials to discuss the issue. Everyone has agreed to meet but as yet no meeting date has been scheduled.

Then there is the failure of Detroit to meet the snow challenge and that affected the whole metro area in several ways. First, the auto show is the biggest annual event in downtown Detroit and the condition of the roads kept visitors away. Attendance was down 12 percent, according to show organizers.

In addition, the national attention that the auto show attracts only increased the attention to Detroit's snow mess. Second, many suburban residents work in Detroit and experienced all kinds of problems getting to and from work. Third, the city's cultural institutions and entertainment venues are used by many suburbanites and even these were affected in the early days. It took the city two days to begin plowing Woodward. Fourth, Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer asked for help from the surrounding area, but he was slow to understand the importance of the problem. He was correct to question spending for a fleet of snowplows to handle a record snow that happens only once in 20 years. But even during normal winters with 4-6-inch snows, Detroit has a problem providing what most municipalities regard as a normal city service. Is regional help needed, should the city, county and state have a more detailed plan in place for these kind of situations?

Winter and other problems can be solved if we want them solved. Remember that while you're nursing your aching back.

Edmund Starrett, Ed.D.  
Livonia

### COMMUNITY VOICE

**QUESTION:**  
Have you been affected by potholes?



"No not as of yet. I saw potholes around the sewer holes and when I went back a day or two later, they had filled them."



"It's just hilarious as well as a complete waste of time. Some guy just comes along and just shovels some thing in a hole."



"Not yet. Haven't been out driving enough to notice them."



"I came in Friday from Florida and I hate them. I have one pothole on the way to work and they filled it already."

We asked this question at the intersection of Pennington and Main in downtown Plymouth.

Kim Ashman  
Toledo, Ohio

Louie Crane  
Rochester

Nick Entenmann  
Rochester Hills

Jackie Ries  
Melbourne, Fla.

ARKIE HUDKINS



### LETTERS

#### Photos irresponsible

Re: "Overcoming blizzard boredom" photos on Page A3 of the Jan. 17 Canton Observer.

Hundreds of people (mostly children) have been killed when their snow fort "igloo" tunnel in the snow has collapsed on them. You should at least provide a warning when you publish such a situation as shown by Paul Hirschmann's photo.

An unintended danger would be other (smaller) children who might use the "igloo" when the older boys are not using it (later or the next day?), when it would collapse. Big liability for the homeowner, and Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Mike McKeon  
Canton

#### The 'they' is us

I just finished reading Tim Richard's article regarding state aid for private schools. And as much as I've tried to understand what he had to say, the very first word "they" stuck in my throat. "They didn't wait to start the great propaganda war for state aid to private schools." And I wondered just who the "they" were.

■ Does "they" refer to people like my mother and father who paid hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes over their lifetime to support public education and hundreds of thousands more to send their children to schools where they knew they'd get a better education?

■ Does "they" refer to the increasing number of parents who, while they still pay taxes for public schools, have become so turned off by public schools that they'd rather teach them at home?

■ Does "they" refer to people who have children in public schools, but worry about lack of discipline, lack of academic standards, and would like to be able to choose another public school?

■ Does "they" refer to people who would like to use their own tax money to support their own children's education.

■ Does "they" refer to people who feel that they should have choices where to spend their own tax money for education like they have choice in what cars to buy and where to live?

Getting past that first word, I found out that "they" referred rather to the radical right who pay no taxes and use gimmicks and propaganda to cover up their real motives of destroying public schools. Turns out that Tim Richard is as perceptive as Hillary Clinton, who also warned us about this group.

Edmund Starrett, Ed.D.  
Livonia

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— Philip Power

Happy belated holidays,  
Santa Claus

## Winter month's weather makes it less than perfect

January's usually a time to relax after the hubbub of the holidays, but this month has been anything but relaxing.

It all started Jan. 2 with the snow storm and has continued day after day. One appointment on my calendar, a Landmarks meeting for the Plymouth branch, American Association of University Women, had me as a no-show. That day, Wednesday, Jan. 6, the power went out at the Observer office at Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia. We got the paper out, but I had to miss the meeting.

More recently, Thursday, Jan. 14, Landmarks member Gerry Dugan and I were able to interview Bill and Coni Gray at their Pennington home, just across the street from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church and School. Last night, Contemporary Books dis-

cussion of "Stones From the River" by Ursula Hegi was scheduled at the Plymouth District Library. The book's over 500 pages and I read them all, so I was hoping the meeting would be a go.

It's interesting to see what activities stay and go when the snow falls. Of course, school was out many a day, requiring parents to find interesting things for their progeny to do. We adults mostly made it to work, and got through our appointed tasks.

There's something about this weather, however, that makes carrying out even mundane duties difficult. It may be the effect of shoveling snow, or of all that stressful driving, but it seems many of us just want to sleep.

I've always liked winter, but it seems we've had enough for this year already. I thought last week I'd like to

### POINTS OF VIEW



JULIE BROWN

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see a healthy foot or so of this snow melt gradually (to avoid flooding), leaving enough for skiers and other winter sports enthusiasts. I prefer, as do other drivers, to have clean, dry road surfaces and good visibility. Of course, the weather did warm up Saturday and later, melting some of the snow and ice.

Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular organizers had to cope with weather woes this year, as in previous years. Organizers of the North American International Auto Show in Detroit worried about the weather, too, although my husband and I were determined to make it to Cobo this past weekend with Pam Young of Redford and two other friends, and we did. We stopped in Greektown for dessert afterward, and

three of us stopped in after at the 24-hour Redford post office for 33-cent stamps.

February's on the horizon, and husband Mark Rembacki and I have our tickets for the Valentine's Dinner-Dance at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. I'm hoping I won't have to wear clunky boots under my dress.

I'm not ready for spring just yet, but a milder winter is nice, and I'm all for sunshine. In the meantime, keep your chin up and try to keep moving — safely.

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## Counselors and parents should warn collegians of dangers

I wonder whether high school counselors will read the case of People vs. Ivers and, if they do, whether they'll pass the lesson onto female students.

A.C. is a young woman who was interested in attending Michigan State University. She visited a girlfriend at the friend's dorm room. They partied with a couple of young men, drinking beer. In the early morning hours of Aug. 24, 1994, A.C. awoke to find Mike Ivers on top of her, having intercourse. She called it rape.

An Ingham County jury convicted Ivers of third-degree criminal sexual conduct. Judge Peter Houk sentenced the young man to two-to-15 years.

Ivers appealed and won 2-1 in the Court of Appeals and 4-3 in the state Supreme Court. His case gets bounced back to circuit court. Ivers has a good chance of going free.

Ivers' defense was consent. He said they kissed, that she said "yes" to going into the bedroom, and that they

undressed and that she was entirely willing. He said, she said.

Michigan has a relatively new law called "rape shield." It prevents a defense lawyer from ripping apart a complainant on the witness stand by going into her past loves and reputation — unless the judge finds the proposed evidence is material and that its value outweighs its inflammatory or prejudicial nature. Citing the rape shield law, Judge Houk prohibited some testimony from A.C.'s girlfriend.

Both the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court disagreed. They said Houk should have admitted the testimony, which would have bolstered Ivers' defense. In an earlier hearing, the girlfriend had testified:

"We had talked about having sex, and she told me that she had talked to her mom about being on the pill and that she knew she was going to college and that she — that she was ready to have sex, and she knew that it would probably happen her fresh-



TIM RICHARD

■ I will not take sides on which of our elected justices was right or wrong. My question is: Didn't anyone ever tell A.C. that it's dangerous, even foolhardy, to drink when you are underage and away from home with guys who were previously strangers?

man year at college." At another point, the girlfriend said A.C. wanted the girlfriend to "get her a guy."

At the risk of being inflammatory myself, I point out that the four justices who said the testimony should be admitted were males: Michael Cavanagh, Conrad Mallett Jr., James Brickley and Clifford Taylor. The three female justices — Patricia Boyle, Elizabeth Weaver and Marilyn Kelly — would have prohibited the testimony as "hearsay."

That's how close these decisions are.

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Even if Ivers is ultimately sent to prison, A.C.'s name will be in the case books of the Michigan Supreme Court,

for her descendants to read, for the next 200 years.

Gov. John Engler boasts of his program to encourage abstinence prior to marriage. That didn't help A.C. It seems to me mom, dad and the school counselor should have given her

explicit advice about booze and boys.

We've been getting entirely too many of these stories in recent years about young women, drink, pills and alleged rape. The latest from the University of Michigan is that half the women in a dorm are willingly buying and consuming GHB, the "date rape" drug that's supposedly illegal.

Premarital intercourse has been with us as long as marriage. But people don't have to be quite so stupid about doing it under the influence of intoxicants and drugs, and with relative strangers — do they, counselors?

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## McNamara simply gets job done

Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara was sworn into office for the fourth time last Friday. Newly elected Attorney General Jennifer Granholm and U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Damon Keith administered the oath in front of some 400 supporters gathered at McNamara's old school, Redford High.

The event didn't get much coverage in the local news media. It should have.

McNamara, 72 and likely to retire from office when his term ends in 2002, is without a doubt the most effective Democratic politician in the state.

He isn't drop-dead handsome; in fact, he's balding and sports a bit of a paunch. He's not a thundering orator; in fact, he's much more comfortable visiting with small groups. He's not an ideologue and he's not liberal; in fact, he's an unreconstructed moderate, a Democrat whose political career began in GOP-leaning Livonia.

McNamara's political career offers a number of oddities.

A member of a political party usually in thrall to organized labor, McNamara has made no secret of his often-strained relationships with the UAW and other unions. A product of the "all-white suburbs," he gets rave reviews from Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer. No particular favorite of the political reporters who dote on good looks and snappy one-liners, McNamara regularly cleans up when it comes to newspaper endorsements.

How come? Simple. Ed McNamara gets things done.

He built a new morgue for Wayne County and a new juvenile detention facility in Detroit, together with a jail in Hamtramck and a golf course in Inkster. He put together an innovative health insurance scheme for small businesses in Wayne County that helps provide inexpensive health care for firms unable to afford it.

The only negative is Metropolitan Airport. It's still a mess. But McNamara is building a new midfield terminal that should eventually resolve the problems faced regularly by air travelers. He boasts that economic development in Wayne County spawned by his administration has increased property valuations by \$7 billion.

How does Ed McNamara get things done? Simple. He has built a political machine, one that rivals John Engler's.

He picks good people, people like Mike Dugan, Charlie Williams, Larry Tukarski, Vickie Hertell and David Katz. Over the years, McNamara has placed something like 200 appointees in offices in Detroit and Wayne County. Assisted by Ron Thayer, the best Democratic fundraiser in Michigan who got his start when Jim Blanchard was a congressman, McNamara raises



PHILIP POWER

es tons of money.

You can't name more than 10 prominent Michigan business people who are Democrats, but McNamara's fund-raising list is 90 percent business.

What's his style in getting things done? Simple. He's effective because he's practical.

Last fall, Geoffrey Fieger's doomed campaign for governor threatened to bring down the entire Democratic Party. Frank Kelley, the "eternal general," had finally decided to retire, leaving no firewall between the Engler-led GOP and the rest of the Democratic ticket.

McNamara first identified one of his appointees as a prospect for attorney general, bright and personable Jennifer Granholm, a Northville Township resident and at that time the chief lawyer for Wayne County. He sent around to hundreds of Democratic leaders a letter and a video featuring Granholm. Unlike most other Democratic power bosses, he agreed to help Fieger's flailing campaign, assigning staffers to bring some order to chaos.

McNamara then called in his chips. He "persuaded" Fieger to back Granholm as his candidate for attorney general. A political newcomer, Granholm was elected by a wide margin. Of course, her election campaign was managed by another McNamara appointee, Trish Stein.

A lot of do-gooder types don't like McNamara because he's an old-fashioned politician who raises tons of money, has appointees scattered all over and cuts deals in the back room.

That's precisely why I like and admire McNamara. He's an unabashed pro at what he is, a politician.

We should take time to note and admire his performance in office over the next four years. We're not likely to see the job of effective politician ever done much better than by McNamara.

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## OBITUARIES

## ANN BUNZELUK

Services for Ann Bunzeluk, 85, of Canton were Jan. 16 in St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre. Local arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 13, 1914, in Canada. She died Jan. 13 in Lutheran Home of Michigan. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William, and one son, Robert A. Survivors include her two sons, William Jr. (Angel), Jerry (Patricia); two brothers, Joseph (Olga) Lucas, Frank (Helen) Luschk; one sister, Ollie Gud; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

**WILLIAM J. MARRIOTT**  
Services for William J. Marriott, 62, of Canton were Jan. 11 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Doc Ortman officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

He was born May 22, 1936, in Detroit. He died Jan. 6 in Dearborn. He was a photo technician at the World Headquarters for Ford Motor Co. He had been with Ford for 36 years. He came to the Canton community in 1975 from Detroit. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. He was a former member of the Knights of Columbus and the Boy Scouts. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He served on the Mackinaw in the mid- to late 1950s. He loved hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly V. Marriott of Canton; one daughter, Colleen Marriott of Canton; one son, William Joseph (Sarah) Marriott of Kirkland, Wash.; two sisters, Judy (Don) Joliet of Clayton, N.C., Paulette (Dick) Dayton of Dryden; two brothers, Phillip (Carolyn) Marriott of Calif., Donald (Susan) Marriott; and two grandchildren, W. Jordan and Pascal Marriott of Washington.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

## ESTHER H. OBLAK

Services for Esther H. Oblak, 79, of Novi, formerly of Redford, were Jan. 7 in St. Priscilla Catholic Church, Livonia, with the Rev. Raymond H. Buson officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Local arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

She was born Feb. 22, 1919, in Hancock, Mich. She died Jan. 4 in Huron Valley Hospital. She was employed at J.L. Hudson's, Northland, for 25 years. She worked in the children's sales department. She loved gardening and shopping.

Survivors include her husband, Matthew; two sons, Rudy (Linda) of West Bloomfield, Matthew Jr. (Kim) of Livonia; three daughters, Donna (Micky)

Long of Canton, Cheryl (Ralph) McGulgan of Livonia, Jane (Ken) of Livonia; one sister, Sylvia Saarinen of Farmington; 16 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute, 18831 W. 12 Mile, Lathrup Village, MI 48076.

## EDWIN B. THOMPSON

Services for Edwin B. Thompson, 70, of Canton were Jan. 7 in the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

He was born June 15, 1928, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He died Jan. 4 in Canton. He was a retired salesman of shipping containers.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Thompson; two sons, Robert Grav, Mark Thompson; four daughters, Susan Lowe, Sharon Ritchie, Linda Thompson, Dianna Sciatto; one parent, Clara Thompson; two sisters, Marilyn Perkins, Nancy Berdoy; and 10 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Shriner's Children's Hospital.

## PATRICIA 'PAT' B. MALIN

Services for Patricia "Pat" B. Malin, 75, of Plymouth were Jan. 9 in St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Plymouth Township.

with the Rev. Joseph Mallia officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Local arrangements were made by the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville.

She was born in Detroit. She died on Jan. 5 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. She was the treasurer and manager of the Plymouth Community Credit Union for 23 years. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Father Renaud Knights of Columbus Council 3292 in Plymouth and the 50+ Club.

Survivors include her husband, Skip; three daughters, Patricia (Craig) Bonnington of Berkley, Susie (Ed) Wyputa of Plymouth, Kathy (David) Kaser of Commerce Township; and five grandchildren, Andrew, Adam, Scott, Alex, and Sam.

Memorials may be made to the Rev. Richard Thibeau, SVD, P.O. Box 1314, Killeen, TX 76540.

## EDWARD R. CLARK

Services for Edward R. Clark, 71, of West Bloomfield will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Visitation will be 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, in Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

He was born Feb. 11, 1927, in Brooklyn, N.Y. He died Jan. 6 in West Bloomfield. He was an engineer at the General Motors Hydramatic Division in Ypsilanti. He retired in 1983 after 30 years of service. He formerly lived in Farmington Hills, Fairfield Glade, Tenn., and Plymouth. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. He was a member of the Rotary Clubs in Crossville, Tenn., and Farmington Hills. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in New York City. He received his bachelor's degree in engineering from Columbia University in 1951. He was a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit. He loved fine dining, golfing, photography and writing poetry.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Violet Clark, in 1993. Survivors include his sons, Edward A. Clark of Ann Arbor, Glenn H. (Dianna) Clark of Ferndale, Joel S. (Darlene) Clark of Farmington Hills; one brother, Robert H. (Diana) Clark; nine grandchildren, Zoe, Nevon, David, Evan, Deirdre,

Drew, Sylvia, Nat and Jace Clark.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, 16250 Northland Drive, Suite 212, Southfield, MI 48075-5200.

## DOROTHY ALICE POSPOSIL

Services for Dorothy Alice Posposil, 79, of Canton were Jan. 14 in First United Methodist Church of Plymouth with the Rev. Dr. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was in Pocono Lake, Pa. Local arrangements were made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton.

She was born Aug. 15, 1919, in Pennsylvania. She died Jan. 10 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She was an accountant. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Survivors include her husband, Edward; one son, Thomas (Arlene) Posposil; one daughter, Barbara (Rich) McDougall; and five grandchildren, Heather, Brigitte, Donald, Ryan and Bradford.

## THOMAS JASON THOMPSON

Services for Thomas Jason Thompson, 27, of Canton were Jan. 16 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township, with the Rev. Dr. Jerry Yarnell officiating.

He was born Jan. 26, 1971, in Southfield. He died Jan. 13 in Ann Arbor. He was a member of St. Michael Lutheran Church, and a member of Plymouth Township Police Reserve, Class of 1994. He was a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He exercised thoroughbred race horses at Sprintland Training Center. He loved to fish, especially for large salmon.

Survivors include his father, Ronald (Donna) R. Thompson of LeRoy, mother, Elaine (Michael) J. Laitila of Canton; two brothers, Michael Laitila of Canton, Matthew Laitila of Canton; one sister, Juliann Marie Thompson of Livonia; and two stepsisters, Suzanne Thompson of LeRoy and Lori Thompson of LeRoy.

Memorials may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 1133 E. Maple, Suite No. 201, Troy, MI 48063-2853.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, February 1, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road to consider a request for the following special land use as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance.

**QUICK OIL CHANGE SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR AN AUTOMOBILE SERVICE FACILITY AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 16.02B.8 ON PARCEL NO. 036 99 0006 706.** Property is located on the west side of Canton Center Road between Ford and Hanford Roads.

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



VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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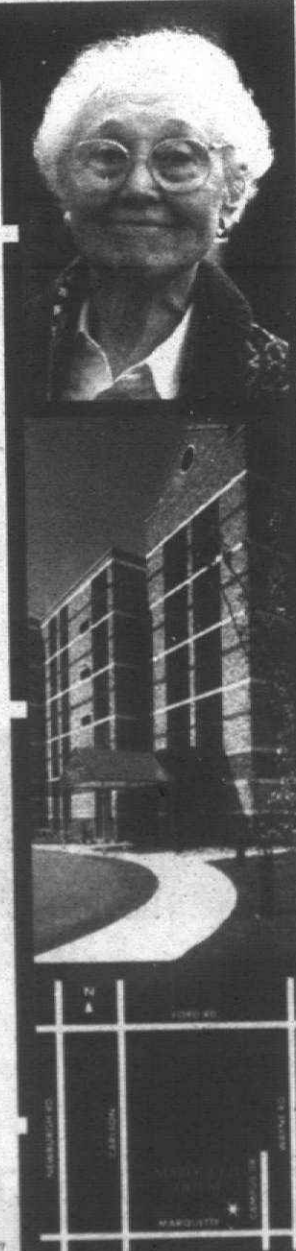
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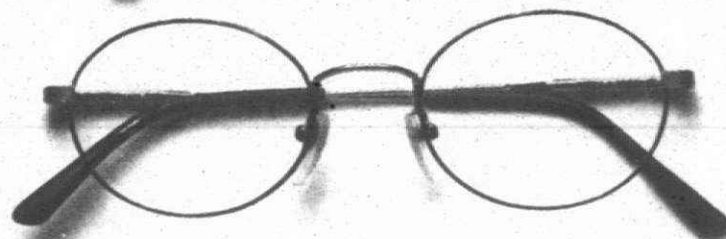
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JACK GLADDEN

## It's man vs. machine in breadmaking

The Other Feminist has ruined my image. Not to mention my ego, my psyche and my sense of self-worth. I'm not talking Monica-gate or anything like that. I'm talking bread.

I've been baking bread for years. I even consider myself something of an amateur baker - heavy emphasis on the word "amateur."

There were some early disasters, like the time I tried to make Dutch Roggebrood, an unleavened loaf made with potatoes, brewers yeast, molasses and rye flour. It was supposed to "bake" in a 250-degree oven for three hours, rest and steam for an hour and dry for another hour.

When I took it out of the loaf pan it looked like a red brick. It felt like a red brick. It tasted like a red brick. It ended up in the trash can.

There were a few successes. I've produced some braided loaves that looked like they came from a boulangerie. I once made a Polish egg bread that even pleased the mother-in-law and when I tried a new rye recipe a few weeks ago, The Feminist said:

"This is just like the rye we used to get in Hamtramck."

"Steam," I said. "That's the secret. You have to put a pan of water in the oven to keep the crust moist when it starts rising. Then it rises better and gets nice and crusty."

She rolled her eyes.

"All I know is that it tastes good."

### Process vs. results

And that of course is the difference. She cares about the end result. How does it taste? I care about the process. How is it created?

It's an ego thing. You start out with some flour and water and yeast, mix it and stir it and beat it and pound it, let it rise a couple of times, shape it into loaves, let it rise again, pop it in the oven and - if you haven't screwed anything up - you're rewarded with a gastronomic work of art. Or maybe a red brick, if you did mess up.

But it's the process that makes the end result work. And that's the challenge.

That's why, when somebody invented a gadget called a "bread machine" a few years ago, I said: "Never in my kitchen!"

Bread machine, indeed. Why not just buy a loaf of frozen Pillsbury bread dough, let it thaw on the counter and toss it in the oven for half an hour or so? At least it looks like a real loaf of bread, not one of those funky little boxes that you get out of a bread machine. Besides a machine takes the creativity out of the process.

So the day after Christmas, the Other Feminist shows up bearing gifts. A cappuccino maker and a bread machine. An infernal bread machine!

"I know, Jack's always said he didn't want one," she said. "But I just thought that for some of those times when you can't spend all day in the kitchen, it might come in handy."

The Feminist had to work the next day. "You can play with your bread machine," she said as she was leaving. "Figure out how it works."

"Yeah, maybe," I grumbled. Infernal contraption.

### A love of gadgets

Now the thing is, I love gadgets as much as I love baking bread. Especially kitchen gadgets. Might as well check this beast out. I took it out of the box and put it on the kitchen counter.

Hmm. Looks impressive. Big. Heavy. I started reading the instruction manual.

Yeah, right. "Pour liquids into the container first. Then add the flour and other dry ingredients. Add the yeast last. Make a hole in the flour and place the yeast in the hole so it doesn't come in contact with any liquid."

Uh-huh. "Select the setting for the type of bread you are making and press 'Start.' The display will indicate the total amount of time required and will count down in one minute intervals."

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# Still waiting?

## Mom's influence when grandkids arrive

Judy and Johnny sitting in the tree,  
K-I-S-S-I-N-G.  
First comes love, then comes marriage,  
Then comes Judy with a baby carriage.  
- Children's saying

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Marleen Bush, Monica Housey and Gale Owens are grandmother-wannabes. They look forward to the day their children have children, but decline to pressure their children to have offspring.

Bush thinks the box of things she has made for her grandbabies might be construed as pressure and her once-in-a-while comment about a cute baby, draws an "Oh, Mom," from her 30-year-old unmarried daughter.

Owens' children know she and husband James are looking forward to one day having grandchildren, but for now they joke about buying hats and coats for their youngest daughter's dog, fondly known as the "grand-dog."

Housey thinks it will be a long time before her 18-year-old son marries and has children. Shy and introverted, he's very career-minded and has a lot of things he wants to do before settling down.

"I don't even want to push him into that," Housey said. "A friend of his just became a father - he wasn't married - and my son was horrified."

They are like many mothers waiting for their adult children to settle down and start families. And according to University of Michigan research, the wait may be because of what mothers want for their children.

Sociologist Jennifer Barber said it's a case of children responding to what their mothers want, even if what they want doesn't correspond.

Barber, who is with the U-M Institute for Social Research, believes parents have a lot of influence on different areas of their children's lives over their lifetimes. And her analysis of a study that followed 835 mother/child pairs for 31 years shows that "mothers' preferences have a strong impact on the birth of grandchildren."

"All across the board, mothers, on average, tend to prefer for their children what they prefer for themselves," she said. "The children of mothers who wanted them to go to school, have a career and have children, responded to what their mothers wanted. In families where mothers had their children sooner, the children had children sooner."

"It didn't matter what the children wanted, even if what they wanted was different."

### Mothers know best

In the study, presented at the recent annual

meeting of the American Sociological Association, Barber compared the children's stated preferences for themselves, their mothers' preferences for them and their actual behavior, taking into account factors like the mother's marital and childbearing history, family incomes at different stages, parents' education, mother's religion and whether the mother worked when the children were younger.

"There's an intergenerational trend in first births," said Barber. "Women who delay having their first child will have children who will delay having their first child."

There also are shifts in thinking. In the early '60s, people married when they were younger. Today, age 22, 23, even 25 are considered early, and wedding bells at age 18 is "really early," according to Barber.

Likewise, there's a change in thinking about family size. Mothers of big families prefer their children have big families and their children prefer to have big families, but a large family by today's standards is three kids as opposed to eight when the study started in 1961, Barber said.

### In the beginning

Bush had her first child, which she gave up for adoption, and married the father, both at age 19. They had two more children before the marriage ended in divorce. A second marriage also ended in divorce after three years.

"I've told my children that they can do whatever they want to do as long as they strive for it," the Canton resident said. "I impressed on my daughter that she needed schooling to be able to take care of herself and on my son to get the skills to get a good job to take care of himself and his family even if he isn't a part of it."

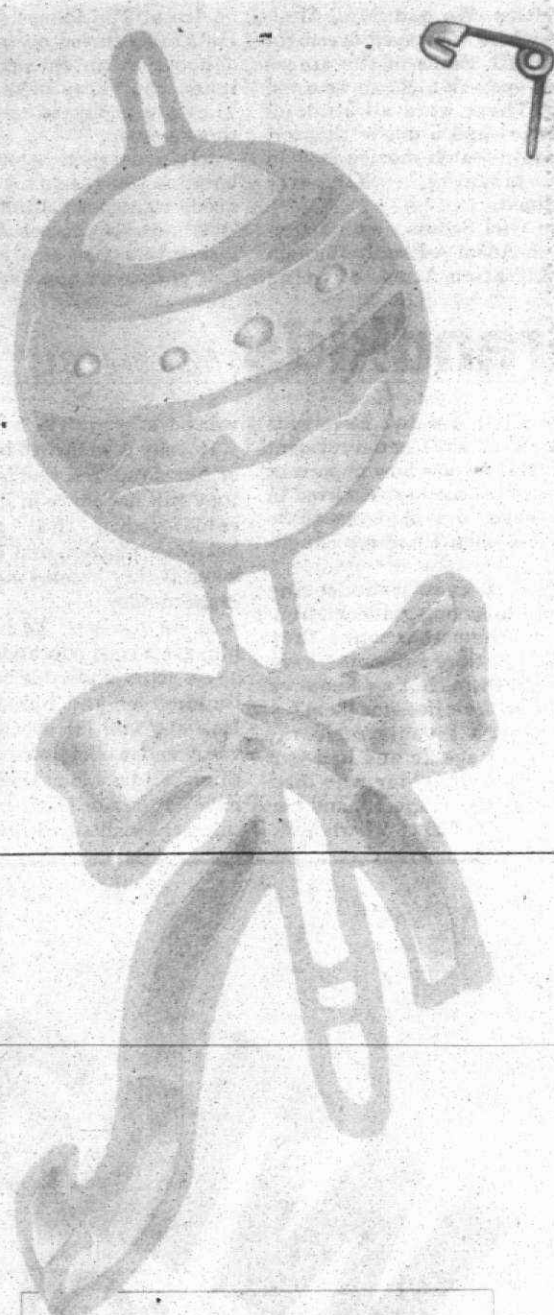
Her son, age 26, is an electrician and wants to find Miss Right. Her daughter, age 30, is a teacher in Phoenix, Ariz., and tends to be less trusting of men because of her mother's divorce.

"It doesn't pay to pressure them. They have enough other things to worry about," she said. "I want to have a grandchild before I die, but I have nieces and nephews with babies and I tell them to bring them over and I'll take care of them."

Owens' message to her children isn't that much different than Bush's. Her preferences for her children, ages 25, 23 and 20, are to get their education and experience life on their own before marriage.

Owens married at age 22 and had her first child at age 24. Her mother married at age 26 and had her at age 27. Her oldest daughter has been married more than a year and, at age 25, is considering the possibility of a starting a family this year.

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## Survey says ...

Using a unique set of data, the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research followed 835 mother-child pairs from the Detroit area for 31 years.

Since the data included multiple interviews with the children, the researchers were able to compare their attitudes and actual behavior to the hopes their mothers had for them.

### The study found that:

- Mothers preferred an average age for 25 for sons and 24 for daughters to marry.
- Mothers preferred that both sons and daughters have an average of two children.
- The mothers of daughters whose mothers preferred that they marry at age 20 in fact married and had their first child more than seven times faster than young women whose mothers preferred that they marry at age 30.
- Sons whose mothers preferred that they marry at age 20 in fact married and had their first child more than twice as fast as young men whose mothers preferred that they marry at age 30.
- Among young men only, those whose mothers preferred family-oriented behavior also had premarital first births sooner than their peers.

# Teens find more than cookies in Scouting



Scout's honor: Kellie Tamme (left) and her sister, Kimberly, have been teased about being Girl Scouts, but it hasn't deterred the Canton teens from staying involved in their troop.

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The teenage years can be traumatic. Kids get teased for being unhip, having the wrong hairstyle, wearing the wrong clothes.

But outgoing teens Kimberly and Kellie Tamme have been teased for another reason - being Girl Scouts. But the Tamme sisters don't complain about it. They're proud.

"I used to take a lot of flak for it; people used to make fun of me," said Kimberly, a 16-year-old junior at Plymouth Salem High School. "When people think of the Girl Scouts, the first thing they think of is cookies. But there's a lot more to it."

"We took computer classes at Comp USA. They taught us how to program computers. We went to Miss Katie's (Plymouth College of Beauty) and they taught us better techniques for putting on makeup."

That's just the tip of the iceberg. Last summer, the two went on a whitewater rafting trip, defying the Girl Scout

stereotype. On the trip, the sisters and the rest of their troop had whitewater rafting lessons and then took on the waves. And they had their fair share of adventure.

"We got on a fairly large rapid. One of our guides fell right off and the next thing I knew, he was in the water and pulling on my oar," Kimberly said. "I hate it when a lot of guys say you don't hear about a lot of Girl Scouts going whitewater rafting. But our guides - who were men - actually cooked for us."

"It was funny to see all these men cooking."

Kellie, a 14-year-old freshman at Salem High School, added enthusiastically: "They made us steak and potatoes and we ate dinner on the side of the river."

### Wider opportunities

The whitewater rafting trip was part of the Wider Opportunities program that allows the girls just that - more opportunities to explore the world. Girls also can sign up for Girl Sports.

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# Scouts

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which exposes the participants to swimming, golf, crew team and other sports.

But if it weren't for the money raised during the annual cookie sale, the girls wouldn't be able to expand their horizons.

"We've done little trips and activities. We had 'Mall Madness' where we stayed overnight at a mall. Some of the stores stayed open all night so we could shop. There were all kinds of activities and a movie theater. We could watch movies at 3 in the morning," Kimberly explained.

The Girl Scouts also participate in Adopt-A-Family through the Salvation Army, Stepping

Out for a New Beginning in April, Scouting for Food in conjunction with the Boy Scouts, give the food to the Salvation Army and collect telephone books for recycling.

The troop, which is planning on going to Discover Card Stars on Ice at The Palace of Auburn Hills, also stayed overnight in a caboose at an encampment to learn the value of teamwork. They are hoping to return there this summer.

"(It promotes) a lot of team building which actually the troop needs right now," Kimberly said. "It's hard. As you get older, girls lose interest so easily. There's new girls coming in. We try to do

## Scouts set up cookie booths

The Huron Valley Girl Scout Council will sell Girl Scout cookies at booths Feb. 13-March 12.

This year's varieties include Thin Mint, Caramel Delite, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Peanut Butter Pattie, Shortbread, Lemon Pastry Creme, Five World Cinnamon and Upside-down Frosted Oatmeal. A box of cookies costs \$3. Troop proceeds allow Girl Scout troops to fund field trips, uniforms, community service projects and travel.

Award, the highest honor for a Cadette.

"I planned an Easter egg hunt for kids at a preschool. It was neat. We hid plastic eggs in the playground and we had somebody dress up as the Easter bunny," Kimberly said.

Silver Award requirements call for 20 hours of planning time. Kimberly didn't think she would need that much time, but soon learned she was mistaken.

"We made fliers. We needed time to put together all the eggs. We made plastic milk jugs into Easter baskets. They were bunny rabbits with ears," she said.

Now she is ready to take the second step - earning a Gold Award, the equivalent to the Boy Scouts' Eagle Award.

"You're supposed to reach out to the community in some way," she said. "Right now, I'm working on that. It takes three years to do that."

Kimberly plans to continue her participation with the Girl Scouts after graduation.

"I know I'll be involved. It's such a worthwhile experience. You grow so much from it. I want other girls to get the same opportunities that I have."

# Grandkids

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"I waited. I didn't have kids right away," the Canton resident said. "But I know how important it was to my mother. We lived in Tennessee, and she came to be with me when I had my daughter."

"They all know we're looking forward to having grandchildren. We tell them that when they have kids they can come here and visit them. But we know we can't plan their lives for them."

Housey, a Livonia resident, married at age 20 and had two children, a daughter who died two years ago at age 19, and her son. She was "26 or 27 when he

was born."

Housey is saddened by the loss of her daughter, saddened that they will not share in the special relationship that develops between mother and daughter when they become mother and grandmother.

As for her son: "I'd like to see him get a good education and get a few years under his belt before he marries and has children. He's shy and introverted, but a very responsible, good guy, so I think it'll be a long time before I have grandkids. He has a lot of things he wants to do first."

through my kids," she said. "I grew up in Kentucky in the '50s. I lived in a rural area and we didn't have Girl Scouts there."

She coordinates sales of Girl Scout cookies and the organization's magazine, QSP, as well as the annual Women of Distinction awards ceremony held in May.

She also is there to help girls who would like to participate in Girl Scouts but can't afford it, or troops that want to plan their own trips.

"We sell other things other than cookies and QSP. If Kim wants to do extra fund-raising, Kim could go to the office and fill out an application to sell candy bars on her own. If she needs

money for a trip down the line and needs the extra money, she can do that," Susan said.

Troops meet once a month for about 15 hours at the home of their leader.

"We start off by discussing anything that needs to be discussed from other meetings, like if we're going camping, or there are permission slips that need to be signed," said Kimberly who recently earned her Silver

## Gladden

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vals."

Sure, something like this is going to produce a real loaf of bread. I'll bet.

"Um, smells good," The Feminist said when she got home from work. "Did you bake bread?"

"Well, uh, I figured I should try this thing out. Make sure it works. You know."

"Can I sample it?"

"Sure. Have a slice."

"It's good. It's really good. What kind is it?"

"It's potato bread. But it looks like a box."

"It tastes good. Really nice crust. Was it hard to use?"

"No. You just dump everything into this little tub, turn it on and wait 'til it's done. I even took our daughter over to her cousin's house while it was doing its thing. Didn't have to worry about punching it down, letting

it rise again, making loaves, timing them in the oven. It just sort of sat there and made bread. Kinda neat, huh?"

"So you like it?"

"It's OK. Maybe I'll try some pumpkin. Or there's a great sounding recipe for cinnamon-raisin bread. That'd be good for breakfast. And it's got this timer so you can set it up before you go to bed and the bread will be ready when you get up in the morning. I think I'll try it tonight."

"The bread machine hasn't damaged your manhood? Destroyed your ego?"

"Well, there is that. But it's so easy to use. And besides..."

"Yes?"

"It tastes good."

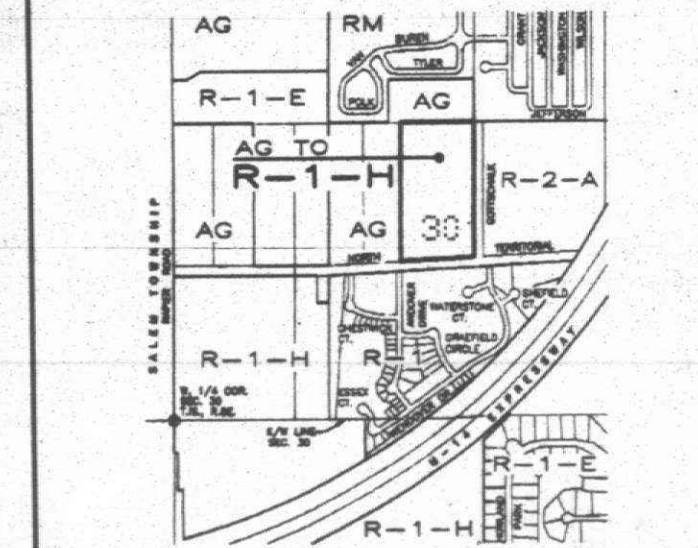
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

TO REZONE FROM: AG AGRICULTURAL  
TO REZONE TO: R-1-H SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL  
DATE OF HEARING: February 17, 1999  
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.  
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from AG, "AGRICULTURAL" District, to R-1-H, "SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL" District. Containing 30 acres, more or less.

Application #1560



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LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
The East 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, approximately 20 Acres.

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MARCIA SAYLES, Secretary  
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# Duggan puts finishing touches on annual First Step dance

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Remember those word problems you loved to hate in elementary school? The ones that went something like: If each table seats 10 people and 160 tables are sold, how much money will be raised for First Step?

Just like in school, it's a hard one to answer. But Brian Duggan hopes his ninth annual charity dance for First Step will raise \$20,000 for the agency which helps the victims of domestic and sexual violence.

"I'd like to have 1,400-1,500 people there," said Duggan. "We raised around \$16,000 last year and I'd like to raise \$20,000 this year."

That's a far cry from the first year when 300 people paid \$5 a ticket and helped raise some \$2,000-3,000 for First Step.

This year's dance will be 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia.

The evening will include complimentary hot and cold hors d'oeuvres 7:30-9:30 p.m., pizza served later in the evening and cash bar.

Steve King and the Dittillies will provide the music and Miss Michigan 1998 Laura Frances Welling will make a special



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Need a ticket: Barb Mecham (left), Brian Duggan and Laura Duggan are ready, willing and able to sell people tickets to the ninth annual charity dance for First Step on Feb. 5 at Burton Manor.

appearance. Also dropping in for a few sets will be Jamie Coe, local entertainer and restaurateur.

"Every time I hear Neil Diamond, I think of Jamie," said

Duggan. "Jamie's been with us from the beginning."

There also will be more than 60 door prizes, ranging from dinners at area restaurants to overnight stays at hotels and a

gift basket filled with coffee and coffee cups, but organizers are always looking for more, Duggan said.

Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$23 at the door. They're avail-

able at TicketMaster outlets at Hudson's, Harmony House and Repeat the Beat (ask for First Step Dance) or by calling Duggan at (734) 422-4333 or (734) 591-1900 or TicketMaster at (248) 645-6666.

To help defray expenses, Duggan is looking for corporate sponsors - diamond (\$5,000), platinum (\$1,000), gold (\$500) and silver (\$200). New to the platinum list this year is Wal-Mart, which will be opening its Livonia store later this month.

Duggan, a Livonia city councilman, first heard about First Step as a Livonia Jaycee. He thought it was a good cause, and after leaving the Jaycees, he decided to do something for the agency.

Among the services provided by First Step are a 24-hour residential shelter, 24-hour Help Line, 24-hour crisis intervention services, counseling, group support, children's programs, in-court advocacy and 24-hour domestic violence and sexual assault response teams.

It also provides training on domestic violence and sexual assault for mental health, criminal justice, medical and legal professionals and education and prevention programs for the community at large and schools.

"Someone from First Step came out and spoke at a meeting

and I thought it was a good cause," Duggan said. "I think it's a wonderful shelter they have out there for women and children."

Originally, the benefit was going to be a beach party at Camp Dearborn, but when he missed putting down a deposit, it became a dance on the third Friday in January at what was then Roma's of Livonia, which donated the facility.

Duggan has moved it to the first Friday in February, giving organizers an extra 1 1/2 weeks to sell tickets and line up sponsors and door prizes.

Work on the dance starts as soon as the latest one ends, Duggan looks the hall and the band - "Steve King and the Dittillies" are always paid in a good crowd, they're a good draw," and picks the date. By September, the program is sent out and organizers "go public" with details in December.

"It's hard on our end because it's something that can get lost in the Christmas shuffle because we mail out the information two weeks before Christmas," Duggan said. "January is a tough month, but right now we're on target with ticket sales; we have 65 sold. Last year, we sold 130 tables, so if I sell at least one more table than last year, I'll be happy."



Back in town: The Krinkles - guitarist/vocalist Dan Edwards, drummer/vocalist Matt Favazza, bassist/vocalist Jerry Overmyer and guitarist/vocalist Henry Klotkowski - will perform at Lili's in Hamtramck on Saturday, Jan. 23.

# Livonia natives return with 'Revenge'

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Dan Edwards, a 1989 Stevenson High School graduate, had one thing in mind when he moved to Chicago.

"I moved with the intention of joining the band The Krinkles and it took me a little while to weasel my way in," said Edwards with a laugh.

He set his mind to it and persuaded his hometown friends - drummer/vocalist Matt Favazza, bassist/vocalist Jerry Overmyer and guitarist/vocalist Henry Klotkowski - to let him join the power pop band as their second guitarist and vocalist.

"Adding another vocalist has given us a fuller sound. We trade off on lead vocals. Matt's the drummer does a couple of songs, Henry and I split the rest of it."

Now The Krinkles are celebrating the release of their second album, "Revenge of The Krinkles" (Mordorlorff Music). The band will return to the area on Saturday, Jan. 23, to play songs off "Revenge" at Lili's in Hamtramck.

Sent to stores in July, "Revenge of The Krinkles" was recorded from February through April 1998 at Attica Studios in Chicago with producer Chuck Uchida.

"It's kind of a punk rock studio. It's called Attica because it's an attic," explained Edwards, who also played acoustic guitar on "Pink One" on The Krinkles' first album "Three Rings." "It's kind of trashed, kind of run down. It's a real rock 'n' roll atmosphere. The guy's really talented. He gave us a lot of time."

The 10-song album, inspired by the Beatles and 1980s metal

bands, features three of Edwards' songs - "Working Girl," "Innerspace," and "Carnival," a reference to the Livonia Spree.

"It's about the Livonia Spree in an abstract way; people always crack up when I tell them that," he said.

Edwards earned a degree in advertising from Western Michigan University and had a hand in the design of the CD's packaging. Unfolding the CD insert reveals a comic strip about the band.

"We wanted to try and do something a little bit extra with our packaging," he said. "I'm a big Kiss fan and they always did something a little bit fun with their albums. There were stickers in there, cartoons, always something fun. (The Krinkles' CD) reminds me of the days of vinyl albums, when the packaging was a little more important."

Edwards said recording an album was a dream of his.

"You have your little fantasies and dreams; it was pretty much the way I thought it would be," Edwards said. "A lot of people don't really like it but it's definitely one of my favorite things to do. We're looking forward to going in again and spending more time."

"We felt like we did the best we could with the amount of time we had."

Edwards has been playing guitar since he was 14 and joined bands soon thereafter. He was a fan of "a lot of rock 'n' roll stuff."

"Speaking for myself, I grew up in the '80s. I listened to a lot of what they call 'hair metal' now - Motley, Crue, Iron Maiden, Ratt. I always liked a lot of the pop stuff when I was younger - all the Beatles kind of stuff."

The Krinkles formed after Matt Favazza, a 1989 Stevenson graduate, Overmyer, a 1988 Franklin High School graduate, and Klotkowski, a 1989 Franklin graduate, met while working at Bill Knapp's in Livonia.

"We're just nice boys from Livonia. Maybe we should come up with a better story. Edwards said, "It's our little joke."

Edwards said he hopes that it works for awhile.

"I'm really happy with my situation now. Not just because we've all been friends for so long, but the fact that we finally got it together."

The Krinkles open for Mr. Tidy at 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at Lili's 21, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge is \$5 for the 21 and older show. For more information, call (313) 875-6555, e-mail the band at krinkles@cyberconnect.com or their Web site at <http://www.cyberconnect.com/krinkles>.

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## SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will have Ken Davis as the speaker at "Talk It Over" 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township. Davis spent 15 years working in Youth for Christ, and in the last 20 years has become one of the nation's top motivational and inspirational speakers. There will be a free will offering.

Its 1999 Winter Divorce Recovery Workshop, for any divorced or separated person, is scheduled for 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays Feb. 11-March 25, at the church. The cost is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, or \$15 for those who are repeating the program.

The group also will host a concert by Glad, which has sold more than 1.4 million albums in two decades. The band's music is an unusual mixture of pop, adult contemporary and jazz-flavored styles. The concert, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, is free, but a free will offering will be taken. For more information, call the Single Point office at (248) 374-5920.

## FAMILY EVENT

Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford is hosting Let's Make a Deal Family Time 2:30-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23. Participants should come dressed in their wackiest costume and bring a bag of miscel-

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## DISCUSSION GROUP

Timothy Lutheran Church's Book Discussion Group on parenting will begin meeting in January at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. Meetings will be held at four different times during the month - 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Jan. 24-25 and Feb. 24-25. The church will supply the books for parents who register at least a week in advance. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-2290.

## COMEDY CONCERT

Comedian Ken Davis will perform 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, in the auditorium of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. The show, open to those of all ages, is free. Complimentary tickets are available at the reception desk. Call (248) 374-5956 for more information.

## CONCERT OF PRAISE

The Rev. Kent Clark and the Pontiac Rescue Mission will join the congregation of Temple Baptist Church for a night of praise and worship, testimonies, refreshments and fellowship 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, in Room 129 of the church, 49555 N. Teritorial, Plymouth Township. A love offering will be taken to help the mission with its ongoing ministries. For more information, call (734) 414-7777, Ext. 469.

## PRAYER LUNCHEON

A prayer luncheon will be held 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, at the Sweden House, 29477 Seven Mile, at Middlebelt, Livonia. Doors open 11 a.m., and lunch costs \$6. The guest speak-

## Ministries team up for Bible campaign

With hopes of sparking a worldwide New Year's resolution to complete the entire New Testament in 1999, the American Bible Society has launched a daily Bible-reading campaign, titled "1999 Year of the Bible."

Helping the American Bible Society distribute Bibles around the globe, Lutheran Hour Ministries is supporting Spanish and English versions of the promotion. In addition to offering New Testament and reading guides

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"We're excited to be a part of this global outreach that is bringing Christ to the nations," said Mary Rivera, LHM's Hispanic resources coordinator.

Our goal is to inform people that by taking just five minutes a day to read the Bible, God can restore lost and hurting souls."

Additional information about the campaign and the supporting materials offered can be obtained by calling the American Bible Society toll-free at (888) 3-BIBLE-5 or (888) 324-2535.

## RELIGIOUS NEWS

## In concert



At Redford church: Recording artists Proclaim - Mica Estep (from left), Barry Myers, Jeremy Adkins and Chuck Estep - will present a concert 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 8828 Wormer, Redford. The winner of the talent competition at the 1994 National Quartet Convention, Proclaim will offer a fresh worship experience with a musical mix of traditional, a cappella, southern gospel and inspirational music. They will perform such original compositions as "Thankful Hearts" and "A Cappella Praise" and premiere songs from their new "All These Things" project. For more information, call the church at (313) 537-7480.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other Feb. 5-7 and March 19-21 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 529-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or at [www.rc.net/detroit/wme](http://www.rc.net/detroit/wme).

## LAS VEGAS NIGHTS

St. Edith Church will have Las Vegas Nights 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, Feb. 5-6, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Admission will be \$1 and maximum payout will be \$500. Proceeds will go to the church's general fund. For more information, call (734) 464-1222.

St. Theodore Church's Men's Club and Fraternity of Christian Women will have a Las Vegas Night 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Parish Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Admission will be \$2. There will be a 50/50 drawing every hour and beer, wine, food and refreshments for a nominal charge. For more information, call (734) 425-4421.

## SMOKE-FREE BINGO

St. Edith Church will offer smoke-free bingo 6:30 p.m. Sundays and Tuesdays, beginning in February, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-1222 or (734) 464-1250.

## MONEY MANAGEMENT

Are you looking for ways to stretch your dollar? A money management workshop will be offered 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, 18 and 25, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The video-based program, "Master Your Money," will be taught by Jim Coleman and will present financial planning concepts to help participants take charge of their money.

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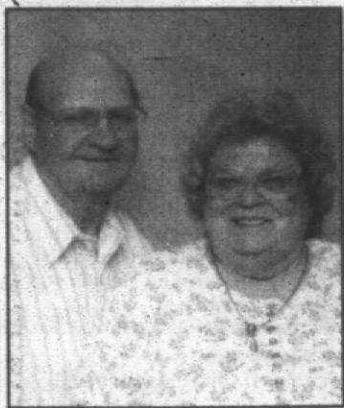
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## ANNIVERSARIES



### Lampron

Edward and Janet Lampron, of Stanwood, Mich., formerly of Redford, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows at a Mass at St. Agatha Catholic Church in Redford. Their nephew, the Rev. Michael Verschaeve, officiated.

They also were the guests of honor at a dinner party with family friends at the Plymouth Landing Restaurant in Ply-

mouth. Their entire wedding party was in attendance.

The couple exchanged vows on Sept. 4, 1948, in Detroit. She is the former Janet LeBlanc.

They have five children - Larry of Livonia, Ron and wife Debi of Webberville, Mich., Cathy Holme and husband Scott of Redford, Gordie and wife Beth of Plymouth and Kevin and wife Dawn of Redford. They also have six grandchildren.



### Hines

J.D. and Frances Hines of Brooklyn, Mich., formerly of Garden City, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 26, 1948, in Ohio. She is the former Frances Savage.

The couple has three sons - Bryan of Mt. Joliet, Tenn., Paul of Garden City and Michael of Somerset, Mich. They also have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He is still employed as a mason, while she is a homemaker. They are active in the Moose, Lions Club and International Order of Oddfellows.



### Rodde

Donald and Donna Rodde of Livonia recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows on Aug. 14, 1948, in Detroit. She is the former Donna Kingsbury.

The Roddes have three children - Pamela, Victoria and Valerie - and six grandchildren.

Retired from the Ford Motor Co. 15 years ago, he currently works at Mayfair Real Estate. She is a homemaker.

He is active in the Livonia Elks and the Masons. She is interested in ceramics and works of art.



### Weiser

Douglas and Elizabeth Weiser of Plymouth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to the wine country of Sonoma, Calif., to ride the wine train and visit their new grandchild.

The couple married Nov. 27, 1948, in Lansing. She is the former Elizabeth Palmer.

The couple has five children - Kurt of Tempe, Ariz., Tom of Ann Arbor, Marybeth of Hickory Corners, Jaime of Sonoma, Calif., and Jennifer of Boston. They also have seven grandchildren.

He retired eight years ago from the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation. She is a homemaker.

### Ayers

James and Linda Ayers of Livonia will gather with family and friends to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows on Dec. 20, 1968, in Detroit. She is the former Linda Carlson.

Fifteen-year residents of Livonia, they have three children, Matthew and wife Debbie, Wendy and Todd. They also have one grandchild.

He is an attorney, while she is office manager with Charles Bretton Associates. Both are avid hunters and fishermen. They also enjoy spending time together and with their children and grandchild.

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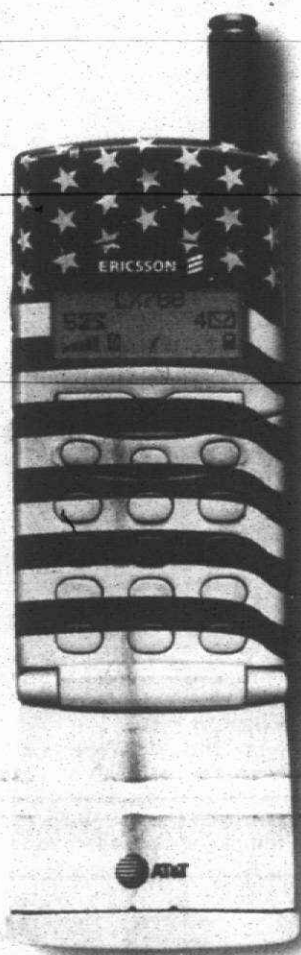
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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Additional qualifiers

In Sunday's Plymouth and Canton Observer, two standout student-athletes from Plymouth Salem HS were inadvertently omitted from Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award listing.

Both Janine Schmedding (gymnastics) and Timothy Zdrodowski (boys soccer) were listed in the Michigan High School Athletic Association's additional qualifiers section — which means both met all the qualifying standards. This section allows schools with more than one outstanding student per sport to honor others.

Every MHSAA member school is allowed to nominate one student-athlete per sport; an individual may be nominated for more than one sport. To qualify, student-athletes must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and must have won a varsity letter in the sport in which they are applying.

Students are also asked to have shown involvement in other school and community activities, submit two letters of recommendation and a 500-word essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

### A Fisher win

St. John Fisher College's women's basketball team captured the Reebok Invitational title Sunday with a 78-43 trouncing of St. Joseph College in the final in Rochester, N.Y.

Freshman Kristin Mayer, from Plymouth Canton, scored seven points in the title game. Fisher also handled Goucher College in Saturday's first-round game, 69-47. Fisher is 8-3 overall.

### Soccer signup

The Canton Soccer Club is having open registration for the spring season from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the Canton Public Library.

The club is open to boys and girls 5-17 years old. Cost is between \$40 and \$95, depending upon age division, and must be paid at time of registration.

For more information, call the Canton Soccer Club at (734) 455-9946.

The city of Plymouth's Recreation Department is taking registrations for spring youth soccer 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday all through January at the Recreation office (525 Farmer in the Plymouth Cultural Center).

All registrations require a birth certificate. Cost for 6, 7 and 8 year-olds is \$40 for city of Plymouth residents and \$60 for non-residents; for 9 year-olds and above, the cost is \$45 for residents and \$75 for non-residents.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

### Alternative baseball

A new baseball league, known as the Plymouth-Canton Baseball Federation, is now organizing. The PCBF will offer teams in five age divisions, for both boys and girls: 7-8 (14 teams), 9-10 (12 teams), 11-12 (12 teams), 13-14 (eight teams) and 15-18 (six teams; 19-years-old allowed if still attending high school).

Cost is \$85 per child in the four older divisions, \$75 for 7-8 year olds. There will be no fund-raising. A planned 14-game schedule, followed by playoffs, is anticipated; the four older divisions will play twice a week, the 7-8 year olds once a week, from May 15-July 31.

League sign-up is scheduled for 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 30 in the Plymouth Canton HS cafeteria. All registrations are on a first-come, first-serve basis. A second sign-up is tentatively slated for Feb. 13 at the same location, if the league is not full.

### Correction

In Sunday's Observer, one of the two photos in the Salem-vs.-Canton swim story incorrectly named Canton's Don LeClair as the swimmer. It was actually Salem's Brian Mertens.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mi. 48150, or may fax them to (734) 591-7279.

# Stumble at the start

## Canton, Salem both beaten in WLAA openers

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Bad start for the locals.

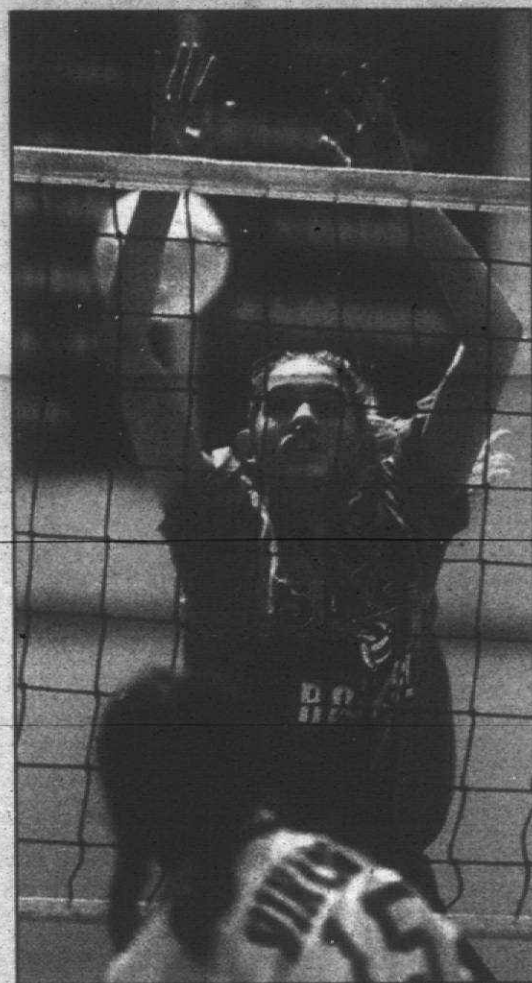
The Western Lakes Activities Association's volleyball season got underway Monday, and it wasn't pretty for either Plymouth Salem or Plymouth Canton. Salem, the defending WLAA champ, was upended by host Walled Lake Central 6-15, 15-12, 15-13; Canton was beaten by visiting Walled Lake Western 15-8, 15-10.

"They need to work on some areas," said Chiefs' coach Cynthia Montgomery after the disappointing defeat. "We're still looking for the same thing we've always lacked — height. Which means we couldn't block them, and they have some hard hitters."

"Our passes were there, our serves were there. We just need to get better at the net."

The young Chiefs — they have four seniors, but just one that starts — have just one strong net player: senior captain Liz Elsner. "She is our power hitter right now," said Montgomery. "But we're looking to change that."

"They have a good attitude. They'll tough it out." Salem's loss to Central, while not exactly a shock, was still surprising. The fourth-ranked Rocks were coming off a tournament championship at the Comstock Invitational last Saturday, during which they topped highly-regarded East Kentwood twice and split two matches with Livonia Ladywood, beating the Blazers in the semifinal. Salem's dual-match record stood at 20-4 — until Monday.



A missed chance: Salem's Jill Dombrowski can't block a Central spike in Monday's match.

"It was a good weekend," said coach Tom Teeters. "We played really well. Our bench strength helped us a lot."

But on Monday... "We played well up until the middle of the second game, then we fell apart," said Teeters. "I thought our defense was good, but our serving failed us."

"(Central's) good. Against us they match up well. We'll have to make some adjustments, that's for sure. I'd like to run a quicker offense, in some circumstances."

Early in the match it appeared the Rocks would roll to their 21st victory of the season. After winning the first game, Salem stormed out to a 10-4 lead in the second before the Vikings got it together.

"This was a huge victory. The kids played out of their heads," said Central coach Mike Lindstrom, whose ninth-ranked Vikings stand 11-3 overall. "Salem is a very good team and they dug up everything. They are a real nice team... the toughest team we've beaten this year."

The Vikings and the defending champion Rocks are the early season favorites to contend for the WLAA title. The champion will still have to get by the likes of Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Churchill, Northville and the rest of the conference contenders, but a victory in Monday's match at Central was paramount to winning the championship.

"We hadn't really played a tough game since January 2 and I was kind of worried," said Lindstrom. "In the first game we were never in it. We didn't pass, we didn't serve. We were real tight."

"In the second game, we were down 10-4 but the girls didn't give up hope. Amanda Yaklin went back to serve and by the time she was done it was 14-10. Amy Emerine came off the bench and served the game point."

The third game was a war. With Yaklin again at the service line the Vikings rolled off six unanswered points to start the game. Salem battled back and took a 9-6 lead, then Central surged ahead 13-10 before winning the game and the match.

"It was really a nice match to sit back and watch," Lindstrom said. "It went back-and-forth. It was a great match."

Yaklin, a senior, finished with seven aces on the night in a 24-of-27 serving performance. She also contributed 15 digs. Senior setter Becca Saldana had 30 assists to kills, 10 kills, 15 blocks, eight digs and was 10-of-11 serving. Senior Leah Douglas led the team with 23 blocks and 20 kills. She also came up with 11 digs and was 8-of-9 serving. Senior Amanda Mendenhall finished with 14 kills and 10 digs to go along with a 12-of-12 serving effort, and junior Colleen Saldana added 10 kills, nine digs and was 7-of-7 serving.

At Comstock Saturday, Salem started with wins over Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 16-14, 15-7; Gull Lake 15-3, 15-9; and East Kentwood 15-0, 16-14. The



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUSCHMANN

Net power: The Chiefs aren't overpowering at the net, although Liz Elsner (at right) does supply some strength.

Rocks then lost to Ladywood 15-8, 17-15 and Portage Central 15-13, 5-15, 15-13.

In the tournament quarterfinals, Salem beat Comstock 15-13, 15-4, and followed that with a 15-4, 15-9 win over the Blazers in the semifinals. Against East Kentwood in the final, the Rocks prevailed 16-14, 15-1.

Amanda Suder's 70 kills, 14 aces and 62 digs in the tournament led Salem. Andrea Pruett hit .310 with 27 kills; Angie Sillmon had 56 kills and 38 digs; and Laine Sterling got 160 assists to kills.

"Any kind of loss is a letdown," said Teeters. "After last weekend, they were flying high. But you're going to have matches like that, you've just got to correct the mistakes and go on."

Salem has nothing scheduled for Saturday; the Rocks resume WLAA play at Westland John Glenn

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# Rypkowski elevates Salem

Thank goodness this non-league stuff is over with.

Or so Plymouth Salem's basketball team must think. The final two non-leaguers on Salem's schedule went down to the wire, with the Rocks prevailing — and much of the credit going to Aaron Rypkowski.

The senior guard poured in 22 points, including the game-tying basket, in a 49-46 win at state-ranked Riverview. On Tuesday, against visiting West Bloomfield, Rypkowski scored 18 points

lead most of the game, but it was a fragile lead. The Rocks led 12-7 after one quarter, but West Bloomfield trimmed that to 22-20 at the half. In the third quarter Salem again put on a spurt, opening up an eight-point advantage, only to see the Lakers battle back to make it a game in the final period.

Luke Filar led the West Bloomfield rally, scoring all 12 of his points in the second half — seven in the fourth quarter.

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— including a go-ahead three-pointer with :20 left — to carry the Rocks to a 53-51 triumph.

The win pushed Salem's record to 8-0 overall, 6-0 against non-league opponents (none of whom have a losing record). West Bloomfield fell to 4-3.

"They're a good team, very athletic and well-disciplined," said Salem coach Bob Brodie of the Lakers. "We had a

the fastest heat, your second fastest in the second heat, and so on. There are also three relay heats, based on the same concept.

Teams with depth are expected to fare best in this type of meet. Salem, the winner of the last six Western Lakes Activities Association championships, has succeeded largely because of its superior depth. However, that concept didn't help the Rocks Satur-

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# Whalers add 3 more wins to their total



The streak is over for the Plymouth Whalers.

Not the win streak — that reached six-straight with Sunday's 7-2 trouncing

of the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds Sunday in front of 2,886 fans in Sault Ste. Marie.

What ended was the Whalers shutout string. Their previous two opponents, the Brampton Battalion last Thursday (8-0) and the Guelph Storm Saturday (4-0), had both been blanked at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The 'Hounds ended that in the opening period Sunday, but it did them no good. Harold Druken added to his Ontario Hockey League-leading goal total to put the Whalers ahead early (2:54 into the opening period); Jason Ward made it 2-0 with a short-handed goal five min-

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# Pioneers reign over Rock Invite

Invite the best, expect the worst?

One thing can be said about Livonia Stevenson's, Plymouth Salem's and Plymouth Canton's swim teams — they don't dodge competition and try to run up their records.

Last Saturday, Salem hosted its Rock Invitational, a unique format for a swim meet that consists of four heats in each individual event, with each team allowed one entry per heat. The heats are all scored the same (seven points for first, five for second, etc.); the object is to put your fastest entry in

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ter. The Lakers finally got the lead in the final minute, only to be undone by Rypkowski's triple that made it 53-51 and a steal with eight seconds left by Rob Jones.

Jones finished with 13 points and Adam Wilson totaled 11 points and five assists. Tony Jancevski had seven points and seven rebounds, and Jake Gray contributed six assists.

Brandon Grant led West Bloomfield with 15 points. "We didn't play real well, but give West Bloomfield credit," said Brodie.

Still, considering a non-league schedule that also included Belleville, Ann Arbor Huron, Monroe, Riverview and Detroit Northern, would the Salem coach have thought his team would be undefeated?

"I thought we could be, but would I have bet on it?" he asked, then answered, "No — not with the schedule we played."

But there the Rocks are, unbeaten and ranked as high as fourth in the state.

**PCA 61, Southfield Christian 39:** The showdown is set. Plymouth Christian Academy ran its overall record to 8-1 and stayed perfect after two games in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a runaway at Southfield Christian Tuesday.

Next up is Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, also unbeaten in the MIAC and 8-1 overall. That game is at 7 p.m. Friday at PCA.

A balanced offensive attack carried the Eagles past Southfield Christian. Four players

reached double figures in scoring, led by Mike Huntsman's 15 points. Jordan Rose added 12 points and five assists, and Deric Isensee and A.J. Sherrill netted 11 points apiece, with Isensee grabbing nine rebounds and Sherrill dishing out four assists.

Pete Weist topped Southfield Christian with eight points; Eric Hall and Justin Mateer added seven points apiece.

PCA led 15-10 after one quarter and 32-19 at the half; that spread was increased to 51-33 after three quarters.

**Stevenson 69, Franklin 52:** If anybody knows what Dan Robinson and Livonia Franklin are going through, it's Tim Newman and Livonia Stevenson.

Stevenson handled Franklin Tuesday night to keep the Patriots winless in seven tries this season.

The Spartans can empathize, though, because last year they were the team that was winless at this point. In fact, Stevenson went the whole season without winning a game. It is 4-3 following the non-league game between league opponents.

Guard Dave Stando played his best game of the season, scoring 13 points and tying junior John Van Buren for high point honors with Stevenson.

Junior Mike Lenarden had 11, Brett Koch nine, Ryan Tobin eight, Keshay McChristian seven and Mark Kennedy six.

"We only had eight kids," Newman said, "so we played short-handed. We started out quick."

"Every kid played and every kid contributed."

Dustin Kuras scored 19 points for Franklin, including 11 for 15 free throw shooting, and also had nine rebounds.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Fastpitch clinic

Madonna University will conduct a girls fastpitch softball clinic from 2-4 p.m. for six consecutive Sundays.

The clinic is \$20 per session or \$80 for all six weeks. It consists of sessions on hitting, bunting, infield/outfield, baserunning, pitching/catching and defensive positions.

Pitchers and catchers are required to stay an additional half-hour.

Pre-registration is required. For more information, call coach Al White at (734) 432-5783 or (734) 495-3719 or assistant coach Dave Brubaker at (248) 666-3238.

### Family skate

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is hosting a family skate night from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21 (weather permitting) at Heritage Park Ponds, located behind the Canton Administration Building. The ponds will be lighted for evening skating and refreshments will be available. No registration is necessary, there is no residency requirements and there is no charge.

Call the Parks and Rec office at (734) 397-5110 for skating conditions or information.

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utes later. The Greyhounds countered with first-period goals by John Osborne and Chad Spurr, knotting it at 2-2 after one period.

But that was it for Sault Ste. Marie (22-16-4 record). David Legwand put the Whalers (33-8-3) ahead to stay midway through the second period, and both he and Druken netted their second goal of the game in the third.

Druken, who also had an assist, has 42 goals; Legwand has 22. Legwand's second goal was the Whalers' second short-handed goal of the game.

Adam Colagiacoma and Damian Surma added third-period goals; Randy Fitzgerald had two assists in the game.

Robert Holsinger made 24 saves in goal in earning the win for Plymouth. Jake McCracken had 45 saves for the Greyhounds.

Saturday's win over the Storm, in front of crowd of 3,878 at Compuware, featured one very unique characteristic: None of the Whalers top scorers scored a point — not Colagiacoma, not Druken,

not Legwand. And they still won handily.

Julian Smith and Eric Gooldy provided all the goal-scoring, each scoring twice. Gooldy has 13 goals this season, Smith 12.

Jared Newman and Ward had two assists apiece.

Holsinger turned away 27 shots in shutting out the Midwest Division-leading Storm (27-15-2). Chris Madden had 50 stops for Guelph.

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Plymouth Whalers	33	8	3	69
Samia Sting	22	13	5	49
SSM Greyhounds	22	16	4	48
London Knights	19	23	2	40
Windsor Spitfires	12	26	5	29
Midwest Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Guelph Storm	27	15	2	56
Owen Sound Platers	24	16	5	53
Erie Otters	18	20	3	39
Kitchener Rangers	15	24	3	33
Brampton Barrage	5	35	3	13

## Canton overcomes bad Invite; Aquinto tops Rocks

Plymouth Canton's gymnastics team regained a bit of its confidence Tuesday with a 128.40-126.00 dual-meet win at Westland John Glenn.

The win evened the Chiefs' overall record at 3-3; they are 1-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Rockets had three of the top four all-around scores in the meet, but little else. "That describes John Glenn's problem: one, two, three and uh-oh," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "I can go with seven girls who can score."

Liz Fitzgerald led the Chiefs, totaling 33.25 in the all-around with an 8.2 in the uneven parallel bars (first), an 8.45 in the vault (second), an 8.45 in the balance beam (second) and an 8.15 in the floor exercise (fifth).

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Jessica Beach was Glenn's best, scoring a 9.55 on the floor (first), an 8.5 on the beam (first), an 8.3 on the vault (third) and a 7.85 on the bars (fourth).

Glenn's Nicole Simonian and Kristen Costantino were third and fourth in the all-around with respective scores of 32.65 and 32.30. Simonian won the vault (8.6) and was second in floor (8.9); Costantino finished third in both the bars (7.9) and floor (8.75).

Other top scorers for Canton were Amy Driscoll, who was fifth in the all-around (32.25) with a 7.85 in bars (second), an 8.25 in the beam (third), and

8.25 in vault (fourth) and an 8.1 in floor (sixth); Maggie Bett, sixth in the all-around (31.10) with a pair of fourths in the beam (8.2) and floor (8.2); Kristen Schilk, fifth in beam (8.0) and sixth in bars (7.55); and Jill Rakovitis, sixth in vault (7.85).

Last Saturday at the Rockford Invitational, neither Plymouth Salem nor Canton performed exceptionally well, but the Rocks did manage a fifth-place finish in the 15-team event by scoring 127.2 points. Portage took first with 135.60, followed by Holland and East Kentwood. Canton was 10th with 122.80.

"It was not our best score," said Salem coach Melissa Hopson. "But April

Aquinto had a wonderful meet. She did very well. The rest of the team was a bit shaky, but she was right on."

Aquinto finished second in the Division II all-around with a 34.05 total. Aquinto placed third in both the vault (8.65) and beam (8.5), was fourth in the floor (8.8) and took a fifth in the bars (8.1).

Melissa Drake, competing in Division I, finished fifth in the all-around with a 33.1. Drake was fifth in the vault (8.4); she scored 8.85 in floor, 8.5 in bars and 7.35 in beam.

Other all-around totals for Salem were Ashley Heard with a 30.1 (7.3 vault, 7.65 bars, 7.9 beam and 7.25 floor) and Janine Schmieding with a 29.95 (7.9 vault, 7.4 bars, 6.75 beam

and 7.9 floor). Other good scores for the Rocks were Ann-Marie Zielinski, 7.35 on vault; Mahabid Pirzadeh, 6.65 on beam; Emily Nicolau, 6.45 on floor; and Kara Dendrinos, 5.7 on bars.

For Canton, Tuesday's win over Glenn came at a good time — considering Saturday's performance. The Chiefs were without Fitzgerald, who had to take a scholarship qualification examination, and according to Cunningham, not many of the others stepped up.

Driscoll was one who did, placing sixth in the Division II all-around. Driscoll was second on floor, third on bars and sixth on vault. Schilk also placed in an event, finishing sixth in floor.

## Chiefs split up for variety of results

### WRESTLING

A split squad led to divided results for Plymouth Canton's wrestling team last Saturday.

The juniors and seniors — there were only five of them — healthy enough to compete — traveled to the Romulus Invitational, where Kevin Stone emerged with a first-place finish in the 152-pound division.

The sophomores and freshmen both competed at the Garden City Novice Tournament, wrestling against those from

their own class. The sophomore Chiefs had six top-six finishes, with Kyle Pitt (103) taking a first. D.J. Hytko (135), Derek Sarber (140), Jeff Belaire (160) and Derek McWatt (275) each finished fifth, with Steve Berlacki (112), Scott McKee (145) and Derek Miller (215) taking sixth.

The freshmen Chiefs placed

six in the top six. Doy Demick (112), Greg Musser (125) and Phil Rothwell (189) were first-place winners; Kevin Rodriguez (130) placed fourth and Shaheer Rajee (160) earned a sixth.

"This was a good chance for us to see what we could do against wrestlers of a similar age," said Canton coach John Demick. "Since we are a young team, we often are putting our freshmen on the varsity against a junior or senior from another school."

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# Crusaders falter; Ocelots scratch out a win

Just when it seems things couldn't get any worse... Madonna University's men's basketball coach Bernie Holowicki, trying to keep pace with a team that had 15 wins in its previous 21 games, resorted to a slow-down attack in Saturday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game against visiting Tri-State University.

## MEN'S HOOP

The slow-down worked. The strategy didn't. The Fighting Crusaders limited the Thunder to 50 shots from the floor, but in doing so could muster only 44 themselves. The end result was a 56-32 Tri-State win.

Madonna slipped to 5-13 overall, 1-3 in the WHAC. Tri-State is 16-6 overall, 2-2 in the WHAC. That wasn't the only bad news for the Crusaders. It was confirmed that forward Narvin Russell and guard Nick Hurley (from Plymouth Canton) will be lost for the remainder of the season due to academic difficulties. Both were starters.

That makes it four players lost for the season for Madonna. Ian Winchester (Redford St. Agatha) was also an academic casualty; Matt Martinez (Redford Catholic Central) left the team for personal reasons.

Holowicki did have nine players available for the Tri-State game, but four are freshmen.

Against the Thunder, Madonna managed just 15 first-half shots from the field and trailed 21-12. While the Crusaders' shot production increased significantly in the second half (to 29 shots), their accuracy didn't

(26.7 percent in the first half, 27.6 percent in the second).

Chad LaCross scored 20 points and Mike Kennedy added 15 for the Thunder. Lucas Boehm added 10 rebounds.

Madonna's top scorers were Mark Mitchell, Mike Massey and John-Mark Branch, with six points apiece.

The Crusaders were outrebounded 41-23, including a 14-5 advantage for Tri-State on the offensive boards.

## Ocelots edge Henry Ford

It was, in the words of Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs, "our worst game of the year."

But the Ocelots managed to stage off defeat Saturday against visiting Henry Ford CC, posting a 79-78 victory. That made SC, the 15th-ranked team in the NJCAA, 13-0 overall and 3-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. The Hawks are 7-6 overall (with four losses to ranked teams), 2-2 in the conference.

"Give Henry Ford credit," said Briggs. "They played well." Briggs did not feel the same about his team, although he was impressed with the victory. "We missed 18 free throws (10-of-28 for the game) and had 25 turnovers, and we still won. That tells you something about your basketball team."

Henry Ford got 22 points from Stefan Allen, 17 points from Tom Bellino and 10 apiece from Tim Frye and Cliff Stewart.

"The key stat was that at the start of the second half, we were not able to get back into our press," said Hawks' coach Gary Nustad. "When we did, it caused problems." "They had seven huge offensive rebounds. They were breakers, but those are things you can't control. You just try to take advantage of your quickness. It was physical inside."

A Chris Colley basket in the final minute gave SC a four-point lead, but Henry Ford battled back to tie on a layup by Cliff Stewart. It took a free throw by David Jarrett (Westland John Glenn) with 1.65 seconds left to clinch it for the Ocelots.

Henry Ford led 46-38 at the half and was ahead by as many as 11 in the second half. SC rallied in the final minutes behind Colley, who scored 10 of his 12 points, and Derek McKelvey and Lamar Bigby, who scored nine points apiece in the second half. McKelvey finished with a team-high 17 points, including five high 17 points; Bigby netted 15, and Jarrett had eight points, 12 rebounds and five assists. Mario Montgomery dished out six assists.

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## S'craft battles back to overtake Hawks; Madonna tumbles to 0-4 in conference

Balanced scoring helped Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team overcome a 14-point, second-half deficit and win its third-straight MCAA Eastern Conference game Saturday, 71-65 over visiting Henry Ford CC.

The Lady Ocelots improved to 11-3 overall and remain unbeaten in the conference (3-0). Henry Ford fell to 8-6 overall, 2-2 in the conference.

SC trailed by 14 with 11:49 left in the game, but battled back for the victory behind Antone Watson's 19 points, five assists and nine steals; Samantha Theisen's 13 points and six rebounds; Esther Ross' 13 points and nine boards; and Jamie Lewandowski's 10 points, four rebounds and three steals.

Madonna stumbles again

## WOMEN'S HOOP

A road trip to Angola, Ind., to play a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game against Tri-State University provided no relief for Madonna University.

The Lady Crusaders remained winless in the WHAC with their fourth-straight league loss, this time by an 80-68 margin. They are 11-8 overall. The Thunder improved to 11-7 overall, 3-1 in the WHAC.

Tri-State scored the game's first seven points and never trailed. Madonna did trim the early deficit down to two twice, but the Thunder finished the first half with a 13-2 run that pushed their advantage to 40-25 at the break. The gap was never less than 12 in the second half.

Tri-State converted 32-of-62 floor shots (51.6 percent), including 7-of-14 three-pointers (50 percent); Madonna was 23-of-55 from the field (41.8 percent) and 6-of-19 from three-point range (31.6 percent). The Thunder also had a 36-31 rebounding edge. Lori Enfield's 19 points and five rebounds topped the Crusaders. Kathy Pangonis had 13 points and Katie Cushman got 11. However, Madonna's high-scoring backcourt of Cushman and Chris Dietrich combined for just 17 points and five assists, while committing 11 turnovers.

Tri-State was led by Jill Pliske with 17 points and seven boards. Chiara Chambers added 12 points and Crystal Hardesty netted 11. Eleven members of the Thunder scored in the game; eight scored for Madonna.

## SWIM RESULTS

**PLYMOUTH SALEM 129**  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 55**  
Jan. 19 at Salem  
200-yard medley relay: Salem (Kevin Crum, Andrew Locke, Mark Wittthoff, Mike Jones), 1:49.88; 200 freestyle: Paul Perez (PS), 1:58.16; 200 individual medley: Matt Casillas (PS), 2:14.78; 50 freestyle: Bill Randall (LC), 23.55; diving: Greg Kubitski (PS), 152.75 points; 100 butterfly: Brian Mertens (PS), 1.3.

## BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

Following is a list of boys' swim times from last week's swim meet. Coaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara by faxing information to (734) 591-7279 or calling (734) 953-2141.

## 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

(state cut: 1:42.99)  
North Farmington 1:43.26  
Livonia Stevenson 1:44.71  
Plymouth Salem 1:45.73  
Plymouth Canton 1:45.73  
Westland John Glenn 1:51.01

## 200 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 1:49.39)  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:45.36  
Don LeClair (Canton) 1:48.51  
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 1:53.13  
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 1:53.30  
Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:54.89  
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 1:56.41  
Josh Markou (Redford CC) 1:56.99  
Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 1:57.48  
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 1:57.73

## 200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

(state cut: 2:01.99)  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 2:00.50  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 2:00.95  
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 2:09.40  
Paul Perez (Salem) 2:09.59  
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 2:11.34  
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:11.54  
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:12.05  
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 2:12.20  
Brad Nilson (Canton) 2:12.80  
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 2:12.90

## 50 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 22.59)  
Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.35  
Matt Zald (N. Farmington) 22.52  
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 23.00  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 23.00  
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 23.00  
Don LeClair (Canton) 23.09  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 23.34  
Ryan Stevens (Redford CC) 23.38  
Bill Randall (Churchill) 23.55  
Josh Markou (Redford CC) 23.85

## DIVING

Greg Brazunas (Redford CC) 253.95  
Joe Lebovic (N. Farmington) 232.85  
Mike Mattis (Redford CC) 230.50  
Chris McPartlin (John Glenn) 208.15  
Justin Goodwin (N. Farmington) 177.55  
Kory Stevens (Redford CC) 169.50  
Greg Kubitski (Salem) 165.40  
Mike Baskin (Stevenson) 157.00  
Jason Zykowski (Stevenson) 133.95  
Gerald Smoots (Wayne) 121.70

## 100 BUTTERFLY

(state cut: 55.59)  
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 54.79  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 55.00  
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 56.39  
Paul Perez (Salem) 57.34  
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 57.45

## 400 FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cut: 3:23.09)  
North Farmington 3:26.08  
Livonia Stevenson 3:28.56  
Plymouth Salem 3:32.75  
Redford Catholic Central 3:33.49  
Plymouth Canton 3:34.03

## 100 BACKSTROKE

(state cut: 56.39)  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.95  
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 57.95  
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 58.06  
Devon Hopper (Farmington) 59.24  
Matt Casillas (Salem) 59.46  
Justin Allen (Canton) 1:00.06  
Brad Nilson (Canton) 1:01.36  
Eric Lynn (Salem) 1:01.49  
Ryan Stevens (Redford CC) 1:02.00  
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 1:02.85

## 100 BREASTSTROKE

(state cut: 1:03.19)  
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:03.71  
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:06.14  
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:06.15  
Josh Markou (Redford CC) 1:06.70  
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 1:07.90  
Jon Heiss (Canton) 1:08.90  
Sonny Webber (Wayne) 1:09.22  
Mike McCowan (Stevenson) 1:09.29  
Jon Zald (N. Farmington) 1:09.42  
Justin Smoots (Wayne) 1:09.46

## 400 FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cut: 3:23.09)  
North Farmington 3:26.08  
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## WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing on the certification of revenues and appropriated budgetary expenditure adjustments to the FY 1997-98 Appropriation Ordinance as follows:

1. Certification of additional General Fund Tax Revenues for FY 1997-98 totaling \$36,000,000 and an accompanying budget adjustment to appropriate \$37,400,000 in the General Fund and to certify \$18,000,000 of revenue and appropriate the same in the Budget Stabilization Fund;
2. Certification of additional General Fund Tax Revenues from various sources for FY 1997-98 totaling \$7,400,000 and an accompanying budget adjustment to appropriate \$7,400,000 in the General Fund and to certify \$500,000 of revenue and appropriate the same in the Child Care Fund and to certify \$1,500,000 of revenue and appropriate the same in the General Debt Service Fund; and to certify \$2,100,000 of revenue and appropriate the same in the Building Authority Debt Services Fund.
3. Transfer of appropriations for FY 1997-98 from the Health Fund and the Mental Health Fund appropriation units to other Health Fund appropriation units totaling \$2,000,000.
4. Certification of additional revenue in the General Debt Service Fund totaling \$2,485,000 and appropriate \$2,485,000 in General Debt Service Fund.

In accordance with Budget Adjustment Nos. 98-35-180, 98-35-181, 98-35-182 & 98-35-185.

The hearing will be held:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1999, 10:00 a.m.  
Wayne County Building  
600 Randolph, Commission Chambers  
Detroit, Michigan

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

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## Trenton ambushes top-ranked Shamrocks

Beating Redford Catholic Central's No. 1 rated hockey team is one thing, but shutting the Shamrocks out at home is close to a miracle on ice.

Trenton accomplished both in a stunning 1-0 victory over previously undefeated CC before a sellout crowd Saturday at Redford Arena.

## PREP HOCKEY

Trenton, the defending Class A champion which came in ranked No. 5 in the statewide Metro Hockey League standings.

The Trojans have won two of the last three

state titles and have appeared in the last four finals, but beating CC (11-1) has proven to be elusive the previous two regular seasons.

Trenton's senior goaltender Ben Rader recorded the shutout. Sophomore defenseman Andy Greene broke the scoreless tie with five minutes left in the second period.

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Canton placed fifth (154).

In the fastest heats, neither Salem nor Canton had a first-place finish. Livonia Stevenson had one: Keith Falk won the 200-yard freestyle (1:45.36), edging Pioneer's Robert Urquhart (1:45.65). Falk also took a second in the 500 free's fastest heat (4:52.97). Salem's Brian Mertens was third in the quickest heat in both events (1:56.36 in the 200, 5:09.80 in the 500).

There were two individual-event double-winners in the fastest heats, and both were

from Seaholm: David Wilson won both the 200 individual medley (1:58.78) and the 100 breaststroke (1:00.12), and Bill Sargent took both the 100 freestyle (47.68) and the 100 backstroke (53.03).

The other four individual-event firsts in the best heats went to Pioneer swimmers: Lef Drake in the 50 free (21.75); Andrew Sivulka in diving (467.15 points); Ben Callam in the 100 butterfly (54.92); and Ray Cubberly in the 500 free (4:43.34).

The Pioneers also had the fastest fourswims in both the 200 free relay and the 400 free relay. Their 200 free team of Drake, Brad Gregorka, Will Wakefield and Urquhart (1:30.87) finished ahead of runner-up Salem's Andrew Locke, Matt Casillas, Mark Witthoff and Dan Jones (1:32.80); the Pioneer 400 team consisted of Drake, Callam, Urquhart and Cubberly (3:13.72).

Seaholm's Sargent, Wilson, Fabio Dacuhna and Mike Studt posted the fastest time in the

200 medley relay (1:38.24). Locke had the best finishes in top heats for Salem, placing second in the 50 free (22.35) and third in the 100 free (50.50). For Canton, Blake Brunner was second in diving (268.55 points) and Aaron Reeder was third in the 100 back (59.54) in the top heats.

Stevenson's Joe Bublitz placed second in the fastest heat of 100 back (55.95) and third in the 200 IM (2:00.95), and Kevin VanTiem was second in the 100 breast (1:06.14).

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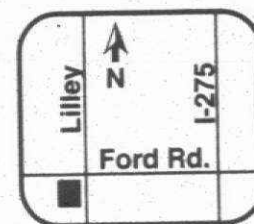
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