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Social studies now part of MEAP

Fifth- and eight-graders will be tested on social studies knowledge for the first time. As with other new tests, scores may be lower in the first year, Plymouth-Canton school officials believe.

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton fifth- and eighth-grade students will find something new when they take the state MEAP tests during the next three weeks.

A new social studies test has been added to go along with science and writing.

The purpose of social studies instruction is to develop responsible citizens," said Penny Joy, curriculum coordinator for the district. "The MEAP tests ask students about things they need to know to be responsible citizens.'

Students will be asked both multiple choice and short essay questions on history, civics, economics and geography.

Joy said part of the test will include a section on inquiry and decision making.

"Students will read data, and then rely on previous knowledge of social studies and a core democratic value to take a position and defend it," she said. "The core democratic value has to do with rights and privileges of Americans. Something from the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, or court findings, for example.

Plymouth-Canton administrators aren't looking for high test scores for the social studies section this first year.

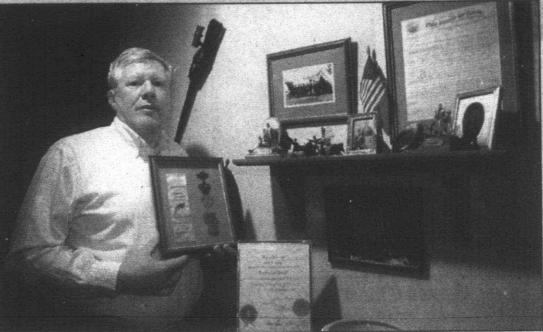
"Scores will probably follow the pattern we've seen in the past," said Joy. "When science first came out, the scores weren't strong. But, they've consistently gone up. It's not because we didn't know the material, but because we didn't know the format of the test."

Verna Anible, director of instruction for Plymouth-Canton, said it's been a two-year period in changing the social studies curriculum taught by teachers.

"It takes that amount of time to change a curriculum, which has to be done from kindergarten through 12th grade," said Anible. "We're aligning our social studies curriculum to meet the state guidelines, but there hasn't been enough time to make complete adjustments before the MEAP test came out.

After students take the new social studies MEAP test, Anible said there will be constant

Please see MEAP, A2



Keys to history: Dave Curtis of Canton shows off some of the Civil War memorabilia he has collected. Curtis has started an "adopt-a-soldier" campaign to purchase war pension records that provide clues to early Canton residents. Below, Curtis and his wife, Ronni, pose in war-era garb.

A civil action War pension records provide a glimpse into Canton history

It's through pension records,

such as Comer's, that the Canton

Historical Society is researching

the men. Society member David

Curtis said lots of information

exists about the soldiers, but

Complete pension files on each

soldier, which are stored at the

National Archives in Washing-

acquiring it comes at a cost.

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER sdaniel@oe.homes

Fighting governmental bureaucracy is never easy.

Canton resident George Comer, a war veteran, found out the hard way. In trying to appeal a denied pension increase, he wrote directly to a Washington, D.C., depart-

He explained his difficulty in getting to Ann Arbor for a hear ing on the matter. He added that a pension board brushed his case off after only a few minutes

"I wish to say that I am dissatisfied with the last examination before the Ann Arbor board," Comer wrote.

His complaints, of course, fell on deaf ears.

A recent case, you ask? No, the year was 1899 and George Comer was a veteran of the Civil War.

Comer is just one of 86 township soldiers who served the Union during the nation's bloodiest conflict from 1861-65.

ton, D.C., cost about \$45 on aver-

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The records are valuable because they're often full of personal information about the men. Births, deaths, marriages, places of residence and Civil War battle details are typical, Curtis said.

"This is probably the best : method I know to learn about the ients of Canton." he

Thus far, the historical society has raised \$300 with the program. The society currently has complete pension records for 34 of the 86 soldiers.

It'll take several thousand more dollars to complete the work, said Curtis.

For \$25, those wishing to adopt a Civil War soldier get 10 to 15 select pages of the pension file. National Archives workers pick which pages are sent.

"They do a pretty good job on the whole," Curtis said. Once records come back, Curtis

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added.

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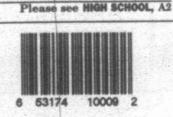
HOW TO REACH US

High school location draws flak SCHOOL BOND

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

If there was any doubt before Tues-day night's Plymouth-Canton school board meeting where the new high school will be constructed, there is no more.

Despite calls by several teachers to build the new high school near the two existing buildings on what is known as The Park, at Joy and Canton Cen-ter roads, all six trustees who attended the meeting said it's time to move on and give the voters what was promised in the March 1997 bond elec-



Canton commute: A real bump and grind



STAFF PROTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Rough ride: David Kesling, assistant manager at the Ford Road Discount Tire store, shows off two rims Tuesday that were bent due to potholes. A stack of about 50 rims that have similar damage is visible behind Kesling.

BY LILLY EVANS STAFF WRITER

If you've had vehicle damage from a pothole in the past few weeks, you're not alone.

The manager of Discount Tire on Ford Road, Jeff Vonvoightlander, said about half his business this time of year is cars that come in with wheel damage from potholes.

"We see it all the time, it's unreal. A lot of bent wheels, some we can straighten out and some we have to order new wheels for," Vonvoightlander said

John Roach, Wayne County Department of Public Services spokesman, said the county road crews work daily to improve the roads in Canton.

"We have crews out daily that patch less hazardous holes and we reserve our pothole hotline for hazardous holes. We send somebody out right away for anything potentially damaging to vehicles," Roach said.

Roach said out of 150 county vehicles, 15 to 20 are in Canton daily repairing roads, including general

POTHOLE WATCH

repairs, smoothing out ruts and sanding icy gravel roads. The crews often go over the roads several times a season as the need for repairs reappear.

Roach said Canton is average when it comes to potholes.

'Canton is on par with other communities that have had roads fixed and have roads that need to be repaired," Roach said.

Canton's worst road problem isn't potholes, Roach said. It is the need to widen roads to loosen up the traffic congestion, which can be is a more costly problem since it costs five times more to widen a road then resurface it, he added.

Wayne County service records indicate out of 267 Canton general service calls the Wayne County road crew hotline received since January 1998, 79 of them were concerning potholes.

Vonvoightlander said proper tire

Please see POTHOLES, A4

Postal Service to close Harvard Square branch

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER sdaniel@oe.ho

Canton residents hoping to mail a package at the U.S. Postal Service's Sheldon Road facility will be out of luck after tomorrow

The branch will close its doors for good at 5 p.m. According to spokeswoman Diane Pritchard, the closing was originally planned for last - month

"We made a decision to keep it open" through the holidays as a courtesy to our customers," she added.

Located in the North Harvard Square just north of Ford Road, the facility first opened in 1983. Its days became numbered when the township's first official post office opened last September on Canton Center Road.

"We opened it with the idea that the Sheldon facility would close," Pritchard commented. "There is no budget to support it."

Canton residents aren't thrilled with the move, however

"I've grown use to this location," said Tad Kajder, "so it will be somewhat of an inconvenience.

Chris Johnson just moved to the township a few months ago. He didn't like the idea of driving farther for service.

"It will be inconvenient," Johnson said.

Diana Lince, a St. Clair Shores resi dent who works in Canton, agreed. Not being entirely familiar with the township, she said she'll probably wait until she gets home to do her business from now on.

"It's too far off the beaten track," Lince said of the new post office.

Besides economics, Pritchard said it didn't make sense logistically to keep

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CARRIER OF THE MONTH: CANTON

KELSEY LINCOLI Kelsey Lincoln, 10, delivers the Canton Observer in the Redford Villa subdivision. She has been delivering the Observer

since December 1997. The Eriksson Elementary School fifth-grader's favorite subjects are writing and reading. Her hobbies include swimming for Marlin Aquatic of Michigan, collecting rocks and Beanie Babies, and riding her bike. She achieved a YMCA zone cut in the 50-yard breaststroke, she was selected as a peer mediator, she has achieved state times in both the YMCA and USS swimming, she will also be going to France in an exchange program this year.

Kelsey wants to continue to swim and have a possible scholarship for college. She would like to become an ornithologist. Meeting people is what Kelsey enjoys most about her route.

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"It was very clear what the roposition was in every piece of literature that went out," said trustee Judy Mardigian, who led the building level campaigns for the bond proposal. "My concern is that next time we need to have a bond for buses ... if we change what we're gong to do, are the voters going to approve buses for

"We cannot continue to bicker ublicly or privately about this ssue," added trustee Roland Thomas. "Let's build the best facility for children and their ducation, regardless of where it

"We need to get on with this," added Mike Maloney, school board president. "We need to work together to come up with the best facility we can for children. The chairwoman of the steer-

ing committee which conducted public forums before the bond vote made it well-known she would only support the school if it's kept at Beck and Joy.

"If the school board changes what we told the voters, I will be the first one to make a public fuss that the Plymouth-Canton school district has not honored the wishes of this community tract."

English teacher Cyndi Burnstein, science instructor Harry Greanya and parent' JoAnn Lamar tried to convince the board that quality, equity and flexibility of education would be affected if a third high school is built away from the present high

schools "I don't see any reason why equity of program can't be provided at Joy and Beck," added John Filios, a steering committee member. "In our discussions, people did not want their students immediately adjacent to

the other two." And if the new school isn't constructed at Joy and Beck, it may be stuck in litigation for a long time, according to one attorney who addressed the board.

"If you go back on your promise to the electorate and change the location, I think we're not ever going to have a new high school;" said Mark Slavens of Canton. "As little validity as the lawsuit that's going through the courts now has. I think you've got some real problems with breach of con-

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High school from page A1 Stressing positive and the people that voted," said Susan Kopinski of Canton, in a prepared letter to the school is key to MEAP

Students in the Plymouth-Canton school district have begun the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP)

Fourth- and seventh-grade students are taking the reading and math MEAP tests. Fifthand eighth-graders have a new social studies test to go along with science and writing.

Testing began this week, and will continue through the week of Feb. 16. Each elementary and middle school building in the district is allowed to set up a schedule for the tests during the three-week window given by the

"When you look at our scores, they are going up," said Verna Anible, director of instruction. "We get some fluctuations, like the stock market. But if you look at the trend over time, the scores are going up.

"What you don't want to do is or assume everything is fine their child's school.

" 'If you look at the trend over time, the scores are going up.' Verna Anible airector of instruction

when they go up," she added "We just have to keep working on curriculum and strengthening it over time."

Anible is offering a few tips for parents as they help students prepare for the tests. On top of the list is making

sure students get a good night's rest and have a well-balanced breakfast. In order to ease the anxieties

about taking the MEAP tests, Anible suggests reassuring and encouraging children, while expressing confidence in their And, above all, tell them not to

worry about the tests, but just do their best. Parents who have questions or

want more information about panic and react to a slight drop, MEAP testing should contact

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to help meet the MEAP objectives.

"I think the new test will be good because social studies is the first time around, but is consuch an important part in developing good citizens," said Anible. Sarah Yentz, a social studies teacher at Pioneer Middle School, sees social studies getting more attention as a result of the MEAP tests.

that is found in all Michigan pretty much burned out." textbooks," said Yentz. "Howev-

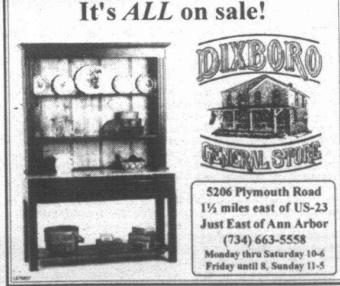
modification of the curriculum er, it soon will be because of the MEAP Yentz is also concerned about

the low scores that are expected fident they will go up in time. She also shares another thought.

"The new social studies test will mean three MEAP tests for students in the eighth grade," said Yentz. "By the time they've "I've always pushed eco- suffered through three MEAP nomics, but it's not something tests in three weeks, they are



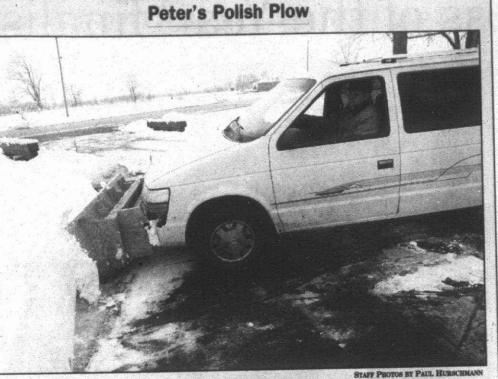
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Inventive fellow: Peter Siarke plows his driveway on Ford Road in Canton Monday with a homemade snowplow that he fashioned from 2-by-4s. Siarke, an architect who refers to himself as a "Polish Inventor," is always looking for an easier way to do things and to save a buck, according to Joyce Crawford, his wife. Siarke has also made good use this winter of a homemade roof rake to clear snow from his roof. He created the rake by attaching a piece of wood to the end of a hoe and then duct-taped the handle of the hoe to an extension pole.



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Hemingway

Jean Rhys

Here are some selections from

"In Our Time" by Ernest

The Autobiography of Alice

"The Maltese Falcon" by

The Wide Sargasso Sea" by

"The Naked and the Dead"

Tuesday, Feb. 2, marks

emerges on this day, six weeks

early German settlers. The offi-

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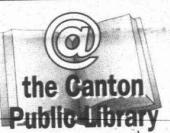
Toklas" by Gertrude Stein

the list that are available at the

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Dashiell Hammett

by Norman Mailer



Did You Know?

Friday, Jan. 29, is Fun at Work Day? Plan an activity that will result in fun and laughter at

your work environment. The Beatles' last public appearance was 30 years ago on Jan. 30, 1969? The show took place on the roof of their Apple Studios in London, England, but was interrupted by police after they received complaints from out the noise

February is Library Lovers Month? A monthlong celebration of school, public and private libraries of all types, and a time for everyone to recognize the value of libraries and to work to assure that the nation's libraries will continue to serve.

Approximately 2.5 million weddings are celebrated in the U.S. each year?

Heard any good books late-

Here are some new talking books available at the Canton Public Library: "When the Wind Blows"

The Vampire Armand" -"A Cat Under the Mistletoe" Adamson 0 & A:

symbolize the act of saving

A: During the Middle Ages, mined metal was scarce, expensive and rarely used in manufacturing of household utensils. More abundant and economical throughout Western Europe was a type of dense, orange clay known as "pygg." It was used in making dishes, cups, pots and jars. Frugal people saved cash in Groundhog Day. An old belief kitchen pots and jars. A "pygg that if the sun shines or if the jar" was not yet shaped like a pig, but the name persisted. By sees his shadow when he the 18th century in England, pygg jar had become pig jar or of winter will ensue. Tradition is pig bank. Potters simply cast the said to have been established by bank in the shape of its common name.

The source for this information is "Extraordinary Origins of for the next six weeks. (Phil Everyday Things" by Charles Panati

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transcribes them. He said it's pension," Curtis said. necessary because of terminology "They use abbreviations that

the average person may not know," said Curtis. "GSW is died," Curtis said, "within two common. It means 'gunshot weeks the widow was applying wound.' Copies then go to the adopting very important to them."

person and the historical society. People from as far away as California have adopted soldiers. Curtis said. "It's tax-deductible," he said of

the adoption. Such complete records of pensions were kept because of their

importance to the veterans and, in many cases, their widows. Size of the pension varied greatly from case to case, Curtis

said. Some veterans received as little as \$6 per month while others got as much as \$60. "In a lot of the documents ment were engaging the enemy would be more interesting for they're really fighting to get the in the Wilderness, Virginia, on students."

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The money was sometimes a

sole means of survival for wid-

for a pension. It must have been

Widows often enlisted the help

Clara E. Bartlett, 23 years old

in 1864, had Michigan infantry

24th regiment Capt. John With-

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acquainted with deceased Corp.

John A. Bartlett of my Company

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erspoon write on her behalf.

of their husband's commanding

officer to get the pension.

ows, he added

follows

the 5th day of May 1864, the deceased received a musket ball in his body. He fell into the hands of the enemy, and died in the Wilderness, Virginia, May "I found that when a soldier 9th, 1864, of wounds."

Finding such information about the Civil War veterans takes a lot of patience. But it's been a part of Curtis' life since the early 1980s.

Doing this type of painstaking research made history "come alive" for him, he said. Along the way, Curtis discovered that three great-great-grandfathers

fought in the Civil War. The longtime Canton resident thinks school children might get more out of history if it was

made more relevant to them. 'C', 24th Michigan, Volunteers "I think they should try to bring it down to a personal "While his Company and Regi- level," he added. "I think it

Gambling tickets dropped; officer could face discipline

currently investigating the inci-

as to any further charges being

A series of tips to Farmington

music theater. Officers from

Royal Oak, Farmington Hills

and Oakland County Sheriff

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,

being issued.

police said.

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER

Loitering charges against a veteran Canton police officer party and the actual gamblers.' have been dropped.

According to Royal Oak police Chief Mel Johnson, misdemeanor citations against all 369 people ticketed Jan. 17 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre for gambling on football were dismissed late Tuesday afternoon. An investigation of the incident isn't over, he added.

"We wanted to focus our resources on the people that threw the party and the actual gamblers," Johnson said.

Dismissing the charges also avoided any possible double jeopardy claims if felony charges are filed later, he said.

"It turned out to be a more complex investigation than we thought it would be," Johnson added.

The Canton officer, who has more than a decade with the department, could still face charges, he said. Royal Oak police and the

If 'it turned out to be a more complex investiga-tion than we thought it would be. We wanted to focus our resources on the people that threw the

> Mel Johnson -Royal Oak police chie

South Oakland Narcotics Intelli- frequenting a place of illegal gence Consortium (SONIC) are gambling. The misdemeanor car ried a \$500 fine and/or 90 days dent. Johnson gave no timeline in jail.

Canton police's internal investigation of its officer is expected to wrap up by tomorrow or early Hills police led to a raid of the next week, Public Safety Direct tor John Santomauro said.

"It's still possible that there may have been a violation of our departments carried out the rules and regulations," he said in raid, which resulted in 13 regards to the misdemeanor arrests and more 300 tickets charge being dropped.

Santomauro doesn't believe any further criminal action will be taken against his officer. "He wasn't involved with any

of the gambling," he said. Results of the internal investigation will be made public, Santomauro added.

Those ticketed were cited for

Valentine events set for Canton

Grab your little Valentine and **Mother/son and** dance the night away at the daddy/daughter or the mother/son Valentine dances in Canton.

Summit on the Park is sponsoring a daddy/daughter dance (daughter, granddaughter, niece, family friend) from 7-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12-13, at Summit on the Park. Music and refreshments will be provided and a keepsake photo will be available at an additional cost. Advanced tickets sales are now through Feb. 5 at Summit on the Park. Tickets will not be available at the door. The fee will be \$13 per couple and \$7 for each additional child. For

daddy/daughter dances are scheduled for Feb. 6, 12 and 13.

more information, call (734) 397-5110.

St. Thomas a' Becket athletic committee will be sponsoring a son/mother dance and the Canton K of C will be sponsoring their 8th annual daddy/daughter dance

The daddy/daughter dance, for valentines from 3-13 years old, will be 7-9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12. There will be music, refresh-

ments, a corsage, and a special gift. Admission is \$12 a couple or \$15 if dad has two dates.

The mother/son (or grandmas, godmothers, aunts, etc.) dance will be from 7-9 p.m. Saturday; Feb. 6. There will be corsages? refreshments, a D.J. and keep sake photos. Admission is \$7.

Both church dances will be held at St. Thomas a' Becket on Lilley south of Cherry Hill Roads and are not limited ha church members. For more information on the mother/sac dance call For information on the daddy/daughter dance, call (734) 397-1359.

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Central principal is 'Boss of the Year' finalist

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.ho

Teachers and staff at Central Middle School know principal Barbara Church is Boss of the

Now, they're hoping their efforts will result in the official award, but time just slipped away before the deadline. But Year Contest sponsored by WJR

Church, of Canton, was selected as one of 20 finalists for the and we couldn't think of anyone honor after her staff sent in a nominating letter.

"We have a great staff here, and the letter they wrote was just wonderful," said Church. "It certainly will keep me going for a few more years.

respected more," said social studies teacher Linda Hahn, who spearheaded the effort. "She is so fair and gives us a

chance to grow. That's rare." Hahn said she wanted to nomthis year, Hahn made sure she carried through.

"I talked with other teachers who deserved it more," she said. Being one of the 20 finalists, Church and her husband will Lewiston, Mich. WJR morning be like Barb." show host Paul W. Smith will

"I've never had a boss I've interview the 20 finalists on Saturday, Feb. 6, and then choose a

In order to win, Church needed to call WJR within 20 minutes of her name being announced on the radio. So, the inate Church last year for the staff had to tell her about the surprise "When my name was

announced Thursday morning, I had people from all over the community calling me to make sure I called in," said Church. Hahn was one of those listen-

ing, keeping a radio on in class. "When I heard her name I let spend the first weekend in out a scream," she said. "We're February at Garland Resort in all so excited. All bosses should



Nominee: Central Middle School principal Barbara Church (center) poses with teachers (from left) Linda Hahn, Mary Ann Foss and Julia Hermann, and seventh-grade students (from left) Chris Johnson, Jeanette Lindquist, Melissa Giddings and Candace Bean.

Branch closing from page A1

the Sheldon Road branch open. A full-service U.S. Postal Service contract facility exists in the Meijer store, she said. It's 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through less than a mile away from the

old site, Pritchard added. The new building, which is just north of Cherry Hill Road gone smoothly since the new and hard work to get it built. on Canton Center, is expanding its hours in response to the clos-The lobby will now be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and a possible light.

through Saturday, said Pritchard. Customers will have job under the circumstances," having their own post office." access to post office boxes as Pritchard said. "We were very

Potholes from page A1

inflation can help to reduce the tire. He added that steel and the water expands and pushes impact but many times the dam- aluminum wheels are both sus- up on the pavement, then a age is unavoidable. However, Vonvoightlander

cle that has a taller side wall on under the road. When it freezes

well as vending machines that sell stamps, she added. Full service hours will be from Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on process Saturdays.

Pritchard said operations have post office's opening. When Canton Center road work is complete, she said the post office prior to its opening. will have a left hand turn lane

think the people of Canton like "The county is doing a good

ceptible to damage. Potholes usually appear on gives in, explained Roach. said he thinks small cars are older roads when the pavement

more vulnerable to damage then, for example, a sport utility vehi-ter when snow and rain gets County, call (888) ROAD-CREW.

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Opening the new Canton post

Pritchard said it took the bet-

open before Christmas."

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parents feel that they are an and come to joint decisions as Barb, I work with her." important element in the suc- to how the problem can be **Our Customers Know**

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Feikens to hear progress Local communities get set to tackle stormwater runoff on Rouge water quality

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Out of the 43 communities in the Rouge River watershed, at least 24 are expected to apply for "voluntary" stormwater permits from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

The communities have until Jan. 31 to apply for the permits to tackle the problems of stormwater runoff into the Rouge River. Wayne County communities that have applied include Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth Township, Redford and Westland.

The deadline is about two years ahead of the Environmental Protection Agency requirements, but the permit process also allows communities the opportunity to help write the rules. Communities have an option to opt out of the permit if stringent than permit guide-

Cathy Bean, MDEQ's coordinator of the Rouge River remedial action plan, expects to review the permits and give approval by late spring.

"The permits include storm sewer maps, a public education plan and illicit connection plans, which includes an intention to eliminate illicit connections," Bean said.

Local and county officials do not know what the stormwater program will cost, but communities will be eligible for \$3.5 million in grant money from the Rouge Program Office from April 1999 to March 2001 for illicit discharge elimination, public

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plan and subwatershed plan. A second phase calls for \$6 million in funding for pollution prevention initiatives and implementation of subwatershed plans from Funds in both phases are subject to a local match.

Bill McCracken, permits chief sion for the Department of Environmental Quality, told the committee he thought those numbers of permit applicants represented "real progress."

"It will be easier for us if we get more of these in," McCracken said. Tom Casari, engineer with

Canton Township, said that community applied for the permit for a simple reason. "Clean water is a concern,"

Casari said. "The township has done a lot in the past in preservity." The permit allows the town-

education, public participation tiny," Casari said. "It was the right thing to do," said Richard Dittmar, director of

public services in Westland. Jack Barnes, Garden City director of public services, said April 2000 to December 2002. that community's leaders saw the advantage of getting a jump

on the Phase II requirements. "Getting some federal grant of the surface water quality divi- money will help us," Barnes said. "That (permit) will be required a couple of years down the pipe.

In 1997, U.S. District Judge John Feikens told officials he may issue a show cause order calling for a watershed-wide authority to oversee the Rouge project. That proposal remains a concern for some communities. Jim Anulewicz, director of

public service in Plymouth Township, told a committee appointed by Feikens that he was concerned about an authorithe EPA guidelines are more ing open spaces. With our level ty's oversight of the communiof development, we have to be ties. "There is not a compelling concerned with stormwater qual- reason to create something with

monitor Jonathan Bulkley, a of grant money and collects BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.hoi

and engineer On Jan. 19, Jim Murray, City, township and county offi-

Department of Environment, stormwater permit applications gave other committee members and plans to tackle water quali- an outline of a report he hoped facilities and maintenance of onty problems in the Rouge River to give to Feikens, showing site sewage disposal systems, progress in the following areas:

Commitments to clean the river by agencies and communities in applying for the MDEQ stormwater general permit; Seven subwatershed areas

with communities agreeing to subwatershed boundaries: A geographic information

system "pilot project" to examine data and sharing it to support a watershed-wide GIS, which was proposed by Feikens in 1997;

Closer coordination of activigranted a 14-month extension ties between the Rouge River which ends Sunday) for 43 Advisory Council, an advisory watershed communities to out- group including citizens, repreine progress. Feikens also sentatives of industry, state and appointed a Rouge River water- county governments, and the shed planning and coordinating Rouge Program Office, which is committee, chaired by court responsible for the distribution

University of Michigan professor water quality information and other reports;

Development of proposals director of Wayne County's for common ordinances and guidelines among three counties in the watershed for stormwater including inspection requirements and construction codes for septic tanks:

> Cooperation among local governments leading to arrangements for watershed protection; Examination of related national and state water quality

> programs; Availability of future Rouge grant funds;

Agreement between communities and the MDEQ on monitoring needs for the Rouge

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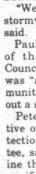
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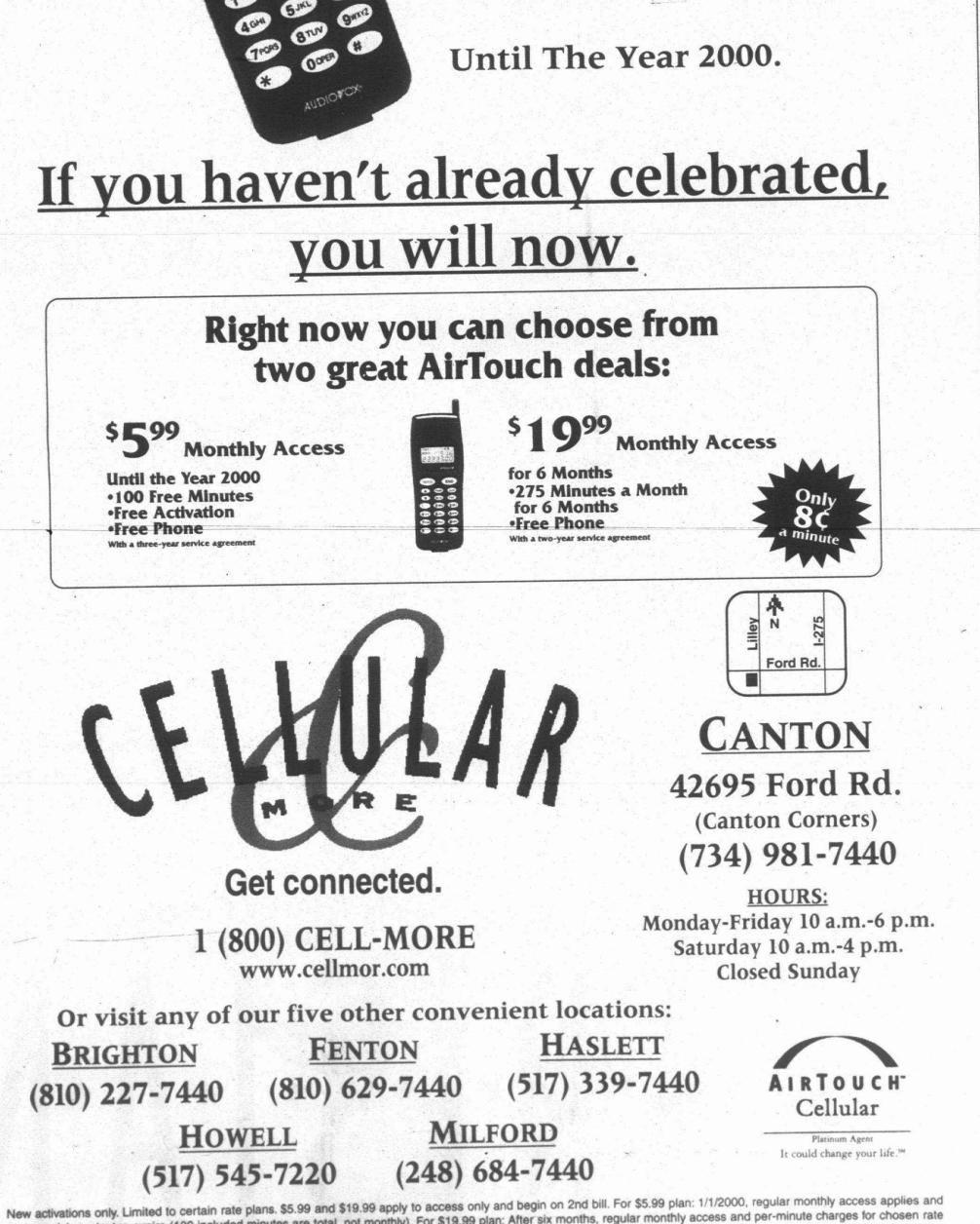
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McCracken said Detroit has "very few" stormwater discharges. "There is no legal requirement (to apply) at this point, but we expect it will be required in Phase II," McCracken said. "Based on what we heard from the judge, I think it is a wise thing to apply. We want people to monitor their coverage in permits. We think it's a good deal for everyone."



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If you have any concerns with state environmental laws and policies, the Department of Environmental Quality wants to hear from you as it launches its annual round of statewide public hearings in Livonia on Feb. 23. Russell Harding, DEQ's direc-

tor, and leaders of the depart-

information and solicit comments from the public on envi-

ronmental matters. In a prepared statement, Harding said addressing today's environmental challenges "demands an active, informed citizenry.'

"We found that many of our greatest achievements come

Kresge Hall at Madonna Univer- vate sectors join forces," Harding sity, 36300 Schoolcraft, to share said. "Government does not have all of the answers.

"That's why it is important for the DEQ management team to gauge the practical impacts of Michigan's environmental policies. And the best way is for us to get out into the communities views firsthand."

The forum will be divided into

ment's nine divisions will visit about when the public and pri-Kresge Hall at Madonna Univer- vate sectors join forces," Harding decision makers will be available tance, environmental response, discussions with interested residents. From 6-7 p.m., the department will conduct a formal meeting at which residents can offer questions or comments to the

entire DEQ management team. Among those attending will be divisions, including air quality, drinking water and radiological

4-6 p.m. for informal one-on-one geological survey, land and water management, surface water quality, storage tank and waste management.

Many western Wayne County residents already deal with the ing," Silfven said. DEQ out of its Livonia district office on Seven Mile just west of and let residents express their the leaders of the DEQ's nine 1-275, so many DEQ officials from that office also will be in attendance

Ken Silfven, DEQ spokesman, said the department encourages citizen input.

"Many policies are made in Lansing, and sometimes we need to get out of town and get feedback to see how they're work-

Residents also can obtain information on the DEQ and reports from its Web site at www.deg.state.mi.us.

Madonna will host open house

Madonna University in Livonia is holding an open house for prospective students 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 20, in the Take 5 Lounge on campus.

Those attending will tour the campus, meet with faculty, staff and students, and learn more about the more than 50 careeroriented programs offered dur ing the day, evenings and week-ends. Information on financial aid and scholarships will be available and transfer students are encouraged to bring their transcripts. Refreshments will

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Phil Sanzika, of the Oakland County Drain Commissioner's office, said the court has helped facilitate the program, but the involvement of the court "is not as needed as it has been in the

Gary Fujita, assistant director of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's waste water operations, said Detroit will not file for the stormwater permit. Under a separate program Detroit must deal with combined sewer overflows which combine storm and sanitary sewers and empty into the Rouge after a rainstorm. Reten-

tion basins have been built in Detroit, but more are needed. "We are not aware of separate stormwater discharges," Fujita

Paul Tate, executive director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, said he was "amazed" at the way communities worked together without a supervising body.

Peter Swenson, a representative of the Environmental Protection Agency on the committee, said the EPA would examine the permit applications "to see if holes needed to be filled."

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the authority that may not be

Kurt Heise, administrative assistant in Dearborn Heights, which is part of a subwatershed group with Garden City and Westland and part of Livonia, wondered why Dearborn Heights spent millions to control its combined sewer overflows, yet Detroit did not control its share of combined sanitary and storm sewers that empty into the Rouge. Now Dearborn Heights must apply for the stormwater permit, but Detroit is not required. Heise pointed



Variety marks S'craft's community classes

Schoolcraft College Communiby Education Services offers a variety of classes to beat the winter blahs. CES class offering include

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Introduction to Feng Shui: This four-week class examines the ancient practice of energy Calancing in the physical space which we live, thereby removng blocks in our life conditions. R begins at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. C Fee is \$65.

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Quality Standards-Con-struction: This one-day seminar provides an overview of the his-tory and evolution of the ISO 9000 Quality Standard and how it applies to the construction industry. It meets 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 3. Fee is \$95

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Effective Page Layout Using PageMaker: This eight-week class examines the concepts of visual communication for promotional materials such as brochures and flyers using Page-Maker 6.5. The class meet at 8 p.m. beginning Thursday, Feb. 4. for \$162.

Sports Safety Training: Aimed at nurses, this course presents basic first aid skills for athletic injuries and sportsrelated injury-prevention techniques. The one-day class meets at 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, for \$83. Airplane Instrument

Ground School: This 12-week class prepares students to take the Federal Aviation Adminis-

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Think Trim: In this alternative to dieting, participants learn to develop a moderate approach to eating and exercise and acquire skills to stay motivated for a lifetime. The one-day session meets at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. for \$57.

For information on these or other CES classes, call 734-462-4448

Go to the Registration Center in the McDowell Center between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, Feb. 1- 3, to register for classes.

Other events at Schoolcraft include:

Middle School College Night: Ten colleges, including Schoolcraft, will present information on their programs and courses of study for eighth graders and their parents. The public can drop into Room 200 of the McDowell Center any time between 4-8 p.m.

Women's and Men's Basket-ball Games - Watch the nation-

ally ranked men's team play at 7:30 p.m. or cheer on the women's team at 5:30 p.m.

Grazing Night: Enjoy a variety of dishes prepared by students in the nationally known culinary arts department, mingle in the culinary arts kitchen and meet Master Chef Jeffrey Gabriel. The munching begins at 6:30 p.m., and the cost is \$15 per person. Call (734) 462-4423 for reservations.

Red Cross Bloodmobile: Help alleviate a national blood shortage by donating blood in the Waterman Center from 7:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

International Dinner: Eat a five-course meal of authentic Mexican food prepared by second-year culinary students. Serving begins at 6:45 p.m. in the American Harvest Restaurant. The price is \$25.95 per person. Call (734) 462-4488 for reservations.

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Storage space needed for special wheelchairs

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI SPECIAL WRITER

A recent Life magazine article about an 11-year-old Chinese girl whe was able to attend school for the first time after receiving a wheelchair donated from Whiels for the World has generated many donations in metro-Detroit. The response has been so good that storage space is needed.

"You realize what a difference one of these chairs can make," said Farmington Hills resident Dorothy Ptsch, Wheels for the World metro-Detroit chairwoman.

After reading the story about Liu Quiaoling, local organizations, like Angela Hospice in Livonia, and families of loved ones who have died are calling Pitsch wanting to donate wheelchairs, walkers and aluminum cruthes.

"We absolutely need all of the used, but serviceable wheelchairs that we can find," said Pitsch, adding that a representative from Children's Hospital also promised to send her used wheelchairs.

Storage space is needed until May for about 200 wheelchairs that will be delivered to Romania, Poland and Ghana.

Another chapter of Wheels for the World recently had a truck donated and that seems to be the most efficient solution, Pitsch said. Wheelchairs are stored in the truck and when it's filled a driver takes them to a Tennessee prison where inmates fix them before they're shipped to needy and handicapped people around the world.

"If T could get something like that it would be a blessing," Pitsch said. "But I'll take any kind of storage."

Currently, Pitsch is using garage and basement space donated by friends and family.

Wheels for the World is planning a two-week drive at the end of April to get as many wheelchairs as possible before her current load is shipped for repairs.

"These wheelchairs can't be used in the United States, because of the insurance liability," Pitsch added.

So far the organization has

Donation: Dorothy Pitsch and Jim Rapin tag a donated wheelchair.

placed 6,000 people in wheelchairs. Wheels for the World began in 1992 by Joni Eareckson Tada who lost the use of her arms and Tegs after diving accident at age 17. She went on to become an artist, author and song writer along with launching this international program opening doors of opportunity to other disabled people.

The organization is JAF (Joni and Friends) Wheels for the World. Meanwhile, the organization keeps growing with the help of people like Pitsch.

A series of situations, that Pitsch believes are acts of God, led her to the organization. Three months ago her nephew, Randy Pitsch, was asked if he would like to donate a couple of wheelchairs that had been stored in the warehouse of his family's company, Pitsch Demolition. The Wheels for the World representative had no idea that Randy is married to Mary Lou, who has limited use of her hands, but no use of her arms and legs.

Randy learned Wheels for the World needed a Detroit area representative to launch a wheelchair drive and the Grand Rapids resident called his favorite aunt.

Against all odds, Randy and Mary Lou had their first baby in 1997, said Pitsch, who uses Mary Lou and the baby in a poster to promote Wheels for the World.

Pitsch's first donation came from a Clinton Township couple after their 18-year-old son died. He suffered from a degenerative muscular disease and had been in a wheelchair since he was 18 months old. Every time the couple saw the empty chair it was stark reminder of their loss.

Since the wheelchair held such precious memories, the couple asked that it be kept somewhere special before it was shipped to another country. Pitsch got permission from Sister Mary Thomas to store it at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament in Farmington Hills.

"The parents brought the wheelchair to the monastery and

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Storage: Jim Rapin and Dorothy Pitsch load a donated wheelchair into the back of Jim's truck. They will take it to whatever temporary storage they find.

met me there and Sister Mary Thomas saw that it was a small chair and she said it would be the perfect size for a nun who was suffering from polio and needed a wheelchair just that size," said Pitsch explaining that Sister Mary Thomas also donated three larger wheelchairs.

"I left the special wheelchair for their special nun and I took their three wheelchairs," Pitsch said.

Another woman, who never identified herself to Pitsch, called after reading the *Life* Magazine story. They met at

Meijer in Northville.

"The woman walked right up to me and she threw her arms around me and hugged me and said: Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity," Pitsch said.

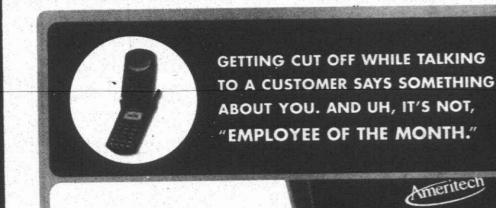
Just as quickly the woman got into her car and drove off.

Meanwhile, Pitsch's great niece, Erica Bourgoin, president of Gamma Phi Beta at Oakland University in Rochester Hills, has promised that her sorority will collect wheelchairs and earn money for wheelchair parts and Pitsch's daughter, Michelle Dinardo, ran an ad asking for used wheelchairs in her church paper at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in West Bloom-

shipping costs.

field. The next day someone brought her a wheelchair. When Dinardo asked if the woman wanted a receipt for tax purposes, the woman said: "Oh, no, this isn't for a tax reduction, this is for God."

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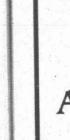
OBITUARIES

Board

An attorney representing the city of Detroit has appealed a court ruling that blocked the city's attempt to levy property taxes against the Wayne County years. When asked why Detroit Building at 600 Randolph in Detroit. Chester Kasiborski said he filed a leave for appeal on Jan. 19 with the Michigan Supreme

Court, thus challenging a Court of Appeals ruling made on Dec. it was "property owned by, or appellate judges disagreed, call-





BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.hor

Bonne Terre, Mo., and nephew,

Services for Carol Hoover of

She was born in Detroit. She died on Jan. 22 in Vencor Hospital, Lincoln Park. She was in the

laughters, Renee (Jerome) Williams, Kathy (Steve) Dent: one son, David; her mother. Jeanette Tremper; three grand children, Hannah, Jacob, J.J.; three sisters, Judith, Kay, Neva (Don) Callihan; and one brother,

Force and served in World War I in the Korean conflict. Survivors include his vife, Mickey Koebel; for sons, Donald (Rena) Koebel, Jr. of Plynouth, Harold (Linda) Koebel of Whit more Lake, Kim (Patty)Koebel of Farmington Hills, Richard (Carol) Koebel of South Lyon; two daughters, Jan (Rick) Wild of Farmington, Karen Burke; one brother, Allan Koebel of Kentucky; 16 grandchillren; 18 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the

merican Heart Association, 208 S. LaSalle St., Suite 900, Chicago, Ill 60604-1197; or to the American Lung Association, 18860 W. 10 Mile, Southfield, MI 48075-2689. BILL CAMPBELL

Services for Bill Campbell, formerly of Canton, were Jan. 23 in the Boyer Funeral Home, Bonne Terre, Mo.

He was born March 2, 1966, in Garden City. He died Jan. 20 in Bonne Terre, Mo. He graduated from Plymouth Canton High School in 1985. He was preceded in death by his mother, Lee Campbell of

Steven Fisher of Plymouth Survivors include his father, Fred Campbell of Plymouth; one brother, Kyle Campbell of Howell; one niece, Annie Campbell; one nephew, Tyler Campbell; and four aunts, Mattie Eden. Verna Fisher, LuAnn Howard and Vina Jackovich CAROL HOOVER

Taylor were Jan. 26 in the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton, with the Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating.

cleaning industry. Survivors include her two

Richard Tremper.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Sealed proposals will be received by the Charter Township of Canton

Engineering Services, 2nd Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until <u>Friday. February 19, 1999</u>. The proposals will be reviewed by Engineering Services for the following described project:

Appraisals for property along Beck Road from Cherry Hill to Ford Road. The appraisals will be performed for right-of-way needed for public paving, water main, and sanitary sewer improvements. The appraiser must be on the Michigan Department of Transportations approved appraisers list. The Request for Proposal is available to pick up at Engineering Services a

the address indicated above. If you want the Request for Proposal mailed, please call Engineering Services at (734) 397-5405. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Publish: January 28, 1999

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC HEARING FY 1999 CDBG PROGRAM ACTION PLAN

On Wednesday, February 17, at 3:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room, Township Administration, Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, the Canton Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council will conduct a public hearings on the FY 1999 Canton Township Block Grant (CDBG) Program Action Plan. All interested citizens are invited to attend and comment on the FY 1999 CDBG Program, which will be funded at \$426,000. Project proposals to be discussed, among others, are: Public Service: First Step (\$50,000), HelpSource/Adult Day Care (\$5,000), The Salvation Army summer day camp, Growth Works, Volunteer Coordinator (\$6,500), and Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services. (The total Public Service budget is \$63,500; amounts in parantheses are asked.) Housing rehabilitation: \$20,000. Human Services Center expansion \$261,500. Program Administration: \$78,000, Canterbury Mews day building, handicap accessible assessment: \$3,000. Note: not all project proposals are necessarily listed; not all projects listed will necessarily be approved for FY 1999; nor will all projects accepted for funding necessarily be funded for the requested amounts. Final program decisions are made by the Board of Trustees. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Development Specialist, Resource lopment Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 397-5417.

Publish: January 28, February 4, 1999

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1999** REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR SUPERIOR CONTROLS, INC.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 1999, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Superior controls, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a new facility, including the cost of machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures, located at 14925 Galleon Drive, Parcel 3-B, Metro West Beck Road Industrial Park, Plymouth Township, County of Wayne, Michigan.

The request of Superior Controls, Inc., is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of rustees may consider the request

The public hearing, commencing at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, February 9, 1999, during the regularly cheduled Board of Trustee meeting. Telephone number 453-3840 X 224

> MARILYN MASSENGILL CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

Mitchell of Santa Fe, N.M., Carolyne (Donald) Gill of Madison, Wis.; one sons, James W. (Kathryn) Mitchell III of Livonia; three sisters; and three grandchildren, David, Julie, and Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, 30484 23 Mile, New Baltimore,

MI 48047. HERMAIE WILLIAMS

his time between Omstead,

He was preceded in death by

his wife, Margery. Survivors

include two daughters, Joanne

Mich. and Tucson, Ariz.

Services for Hermaie Williams, 75, of Plymouth were Jan. 14 in Services for James W. Mitchell the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Jr., 81, of Tucson, Ariz. (formerly Plymouth, with the Rev. of Detroit and Plymouth) will be Leonard Partensky officiating held at a later date in Oakview Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

She was born Aug. 23, 1923, in

Detroit. She died Jan. 9 in

Wayne. She was a nurse's aide

Survivors include her father,

Herman Coon; four sons, Ronald

Williams of Detroit, Roger (Joni)

Williams of Boulder, Colo., Rod-

ney Williams of Brighton; three

sisters, Vordis Woolsey of South

Lyon, Lexy Burns of Chesterfield

ownship, Trottis (Jim)

donor of your choice.

DONALD E. KOEBEL

grandchild.

v Hills

Williams of Plymouth; three

grandchildren; and one great-

Memorials may be made to the

Services for Donald E. Koebel,

76, of Brighton were Jan. 22 in

the Thaver-Rock Funeral Home,

Beckstein officiating. Burial was

in Acacia Park Cemetery, Bever-

He was born July 11, 1922, in

Detroit. He died Jan. 19 in U of

M Hospital. He was an electri-

cian for the Local 58 Internation

Workers for over 30 years. He

was a member of the Odd Fel-

lows for 50 years and past Grand

Patriarch and past department

commander. He was in the Air

al Brotherhood of Electrical

Farmington with Edward A.

Williams of Plymouth, Randy

He was born March 10, 1917 n Pontiac. He died Jan. 11 in Fucson, Ariz. He was a graduate of Michigan State University. He was employed at the Ford Motor Co. for 40 years as a welding engineer. He did welding consulting in Brazil and Japan for the company. He had a life membership in the American Welding Society. After his

band, Michael R. Wesner of Ply-

(Jacqueline) Stroh of Westlake,

mouth; four sons, John R.

Ohio, James A. Stroh of Ply-

(Kathleen) Murphy of Mt.

Prospect, Ill.; three sisters,

low, Ill., Catherine (Dennis)

LeBlang of Lincolnshire, Ill.,

mouth, Michael R. Wesner of

Plymouth, Mark M. Wesner of

Plymouth: her father, James H.

Patricia Johnston of Shady Hol-

Maureen Murphy of Elmhurst,

Ill.; one step-sister, Kathleen

Cooper. Memorials may be made to

JAMES W. MITCHELL, JR.

Cemetery, Royal Oak.

Arbor Hospice.

retirement in 1987 he divided

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following: David Medley ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 397-5435

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Track Renovations and Improvements. Bid documents can be obtained by pick-up for \$30 or mailed for \$45 by contacting Foresite Design, Inc., 3269 Coolidge Highway, Berkley, MI 48072, or pick up only for \$30 at the Plymouth-Salem High School Athletic Dept., 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. Bids are due on or before Wednesday, February 10, 1999 at 4:00 p.m. at which time a public bid opening will be held in the Board Room at the E.J. McClendon Education Center located at 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

> Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools ELIZABETH M. GIVENS, Secretary

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH SUMMARY

On December 21, 1998, the Plymouth City Commission enacted City Ordinance No. 98-10, known as "The City of Plymouth's Ordinance Regulating the Use of Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way by Felecommunication providers." This Ordinance provides and allows the City to evaluate the public rights-of-way and to determine reasonable levels of compensation to be received from companies, especially mmunication providers, transacting business within the City's rightsf.way The Ordinance was enacted in response to various requests b telecommunication providers to provide competitive local telephone service and related matters within the City of Plymouth, which in turn are ted to affect the City's rights-of-way and the public utility eas The Ordinance provides generally that a telecommunication prov to obtain a permit to obtain access and ongoing use of the public's rights-ofway, which in turn will be granted by the City on a nondiscriminatory basis, subject to certain conditions and requirements. Consistent with Michigan law, this Ordinance allows the City to recoup certain fixed and variable costs to the City in granting a permit and maintaining the rights-DONALD DISMUKE

> Mayor LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC/AAE

> > City Clerk

Publish: January 28, 1999

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN SECTION 00010

received until 11:00 A.M. local time on Monday, February 8, 1999 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Plymouth-Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center. Bids received after

Divisions 101 Earthwork to Rough & Finish Grades

available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McSIEV, 25001 West Five Mile Rd., Redford, MI 48239; the FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Madison

Construction Manager (313) 535-1140. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McSIEV. The bid division(s) being bid is (are) to be identified on the outside of the envelope. There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting held on Tuesday, January 26, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, Michigan. All bidders are encouraged to attend.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of at least five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Plymouth-Canton Community Schools reserve the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH SUMMARY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE

Angela Hospice, 14100 New-

Memorial services for Wil-

elmina Kee, 94, of Fort Pierce,

Fla. (formerly of Plymouth) will

be held at a later date with the

Rev. Dean Klump officiating.

Memorial Cemetery, Livonia

Fort Pierce, Fla. She was a

Survivors include her son

Norman (Jean) Kee of Fort St.

Lucie, Fla.; one grandson, David

Kee of Florida; and three great-

First United Methodist Church

Services for Helen D. Wesner.

54, of Plymouth were Jan. 23 in

Memorials may be made at the

She was born July 16, 1904, in

Gladstone. She died Dec. 27 in

Burial will be in Parkview

tion: Sister Giovanni.

WILHELMINA KEE

nomemaker.

randchildren.

of Plymouth.

HELEN D. WESNER

ourgh, Livonia, MI 48154, Atten-

ORDINANCE NO. C-98-10A

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE ACCESS TO AND ONGOING USE OF PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS; PROVIDING FOR A PERMIT AND PERMIT FEES; PROVIDING FOR A RESERVATION OF RIGHTS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PERMIT APPLICATION PROCEDURE: PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL PERMIT FEES: PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY BY A PERMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR INSTALLATION, CONSTRUCTION AND/OR RELOCATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR LIABILITY AND INSURANCE; PROHIBITING THE INMENT OF A PERMIT: PROVIDING FOR REVOCATION AND REMOVAL OF FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR

THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Purpose. The purpose of the Ordinance is to regulate the access to and ongoing use of Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way by inications providers.

Reservation of Rights. The issuance of a permit to a nications provider does not waive the Township's right to require franchise in the future or the right to claim a taking if a unications provider claims it has the right to use public rights-ofway without compensation. In addition, a telecommunications provider may uest the Township to enter into a consent agreement for the use of the Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way in place of a permit.

Definitions. Key terms, including "Telecommunications Provider," Telecommunications Services," and "Telecommunications System" are defined

Permits. The procedures for submitting and reviewing an applicatio or a permit are described. When an application is filed, it is reviewed for administrative completeness. After an application is complete, the fownship may request additional information from the applicant. Within 75 days after an application is determined to be administrat tively complete a public hearing is held on the application by the Township Board (or a amittee or hearing officer designated by the Township Board). After the public hearing, the Township Board then approves, approves with onditions, or denies the application within 90 days after the application was determined to be administratively complete. The Township Board may not unreasonably deny a permit. The Township Board may grant a modification or waiver of Ordinance requirements under certain limited

Annual Permit Fees. A telecommunications provider is required to pay annual fees fixed by resolution of the Township Board. The fees must not exceed the fixed and variable costs to the Township of maintaining the Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way. A telecommunications provider may opt to pay an annual fee of 1 percent of its annual gross ications system within the municipality, in evenues from the tele lieu of the annual fee established by the Township Board.

Duration of Permit: Renewal. A permit is granted for a five (5) year erm. An application for renewal of a permit follows the same process as the original application.

Permit Terms and Requirements. A permit is non-exclusive. A ommunications provider is authorized to use the Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way only as authorized in the permit. A telecommunications provider may expand its system by obtaining approval of an amended permit which may be granted administratively. These provisions also address overlashing and "as built" maps, priorities of use of the Easements and Rights-of-Way, and future use of the Easements and Rights-of-Way by the Township.

Use of Public Rights of Way by Permittee. These provisions regulated the use of Public Utility Easements and Rights of Way by telecommunications providers. These regulations include the following requirements: no undue burden or interference with present or future use of the easements and rights-of-way, restoration of easements and rights-ofway, limitations on pavement cuts, marking of telecommunications facilities, relocation of facilities due to right-of-way work, etc.

Liability and Insurance. These provisions require a telecommunications provider to provide and maintain certain insurance coverages, to name the Township as an additional insured, and to nify the Township against liability arising from the acts or omissions of the provider.

Assignments: Revocation and Renewal. A telecommunications provider may not assign a permit or transfer control of its business without prior written consent of the Township which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Township may revoke the permit for failure to comply with the provisions of the permit or the Ordinance and for other specified reasons. Upon revocation of a permit, or upon expiration of a permit which is not renewed, the telecommunications provider must remove its facilities from the Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way.

Miscellaneous. The Township reserves its police powers to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and reserves the right of reasonable control of the Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way pursuant to the Michigap Constitution.

Civil Infraction Enforcement. A violation of the Ordinance is a civil afraction, subject to a civil fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$5,000, plus costs and sanctions. Repeat offenses are subject to a civil fine of \$1,000 - \$10,000 (first repeat offense) and \$2,000 - \$20,000 (second and subsequent repeat offenses)

Repeal. This Section provides for the repeal of all conflicting Ordinances

Severability. This Section provides that the Ordinance is severable, and if any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain valid. Effective Date. This Section provides that the Ordinance shall take full

force and effect upon publicat CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth at a meeting of the Board duly called and held on the 12th day of January, 1999, to be effective upon publication as provided by law. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

BY: MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC

Introduced: December 15, 1998 Published: December 24, 1998

Adopted: January 12, 1999 Effective Upon Publication: January 28, 1999 Publish: January 28, 1999

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Sealed bids for Bid Package 1 Plymouth-Canton Community School will be this time and date will be returned unopened. Faxed proposals will not be accepted. This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid

103 Site Utilities

Bidding documents prepared by Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc. will be

Bidders may obtain a set of bidding documents by contacting the

This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

Publish: January 21 and 28, 1999

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites

Volunteers needed for foster care board

tax issue already had been decid- installment purchase agree-

Supreme Court is seeking volunteers to serve on the Wayne County Foster Care Review

The five-member board meets one day each month to review a representative sample of cases of children who have been removed from their homes and placed in foster care due to abuse or neglect. At these reviews, board members interview parents, fos-

The State Court Administra- ties who may be involved in tive Office of the Michigan planning for the ward. Advisory recommendations are.

formulated and mailed to the court, child welfare agency; prosecuting attorney, parents and other interested parties. The review insures that all agencies, including the court, have established a plan for the ward and progress is being made toward achieving permanency.

The review boards are comter parents, caseworkers, attor- prised of citizens who reflect a in an effort to improve children's neys and other interested par- broad cross-section of their com- foster care programs through the

ed by the state Tax Tribunal,

which ruled against the city in

Detroit had sought to tax the

appealed the ruling, Kasiborski

In the Court of Appeals,

Detroit's attorneys argued the

building should be taxed because

said: "We think we're right and

there's a lot of dollars involved."

building for the 1992-97 tax

1992 for the 1991 tax year.

are especially encouraged to boards. apply. The program is seeking volunteers who have demonstrated leadership in other settings. Employees of the Family Independence Agency, family court or private child placement agencies are prohibited by law to serve on foster care review boards

The Michigan Legislature established the Foster Care Review Board program in 1984

ment" by a county. In the mid-

1980s the county sold the build-

ing, the buyer renovated it, and

The Tax Tribunal declined to

hear the case, applying the legal

doctrine of res judicata - the

question already has been decid-

Detroit had argued that "res

judicata" does not apply to Tax

Tribunal decisions, but the

the county now leases it back.

munities. Minorities and men state utilizing citizen review

Each volunteer who is selected must attend a two-day orientation training in Southfield on March 25 and 26. Board members also attend yearly training. Training expenses are reimursed.

Citizens interested in volunteering for the Wayne County Foster Care Review Board should call (517) 373-1956 for an application. The deadline for receiving applications is Jan. 31.

Appeal made on county building property tax issue

28. The appellate court said the being acquired pursuant to, an ing the Tax Tribunal "quasijudicial agency.

Wayne County has until Feb 16 to respond to the appeal request. Kasiborski said the Michigan Supreme Court may not decide to hear the case for a

Kasiborski did not know what dollar amount should be levied on Wayne County, but believed Detroit was entitled to a range between \$115,000-\$125,000 in annual tax payments in 1987 dollars

Constellations like the Big Dipper, Little Dipper and

Learn how to identify stars

Pegasus fill the night sky. Learn how to identify these beautiful cosmic creations and other celestial star formations with guest astronomer Mike Best 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

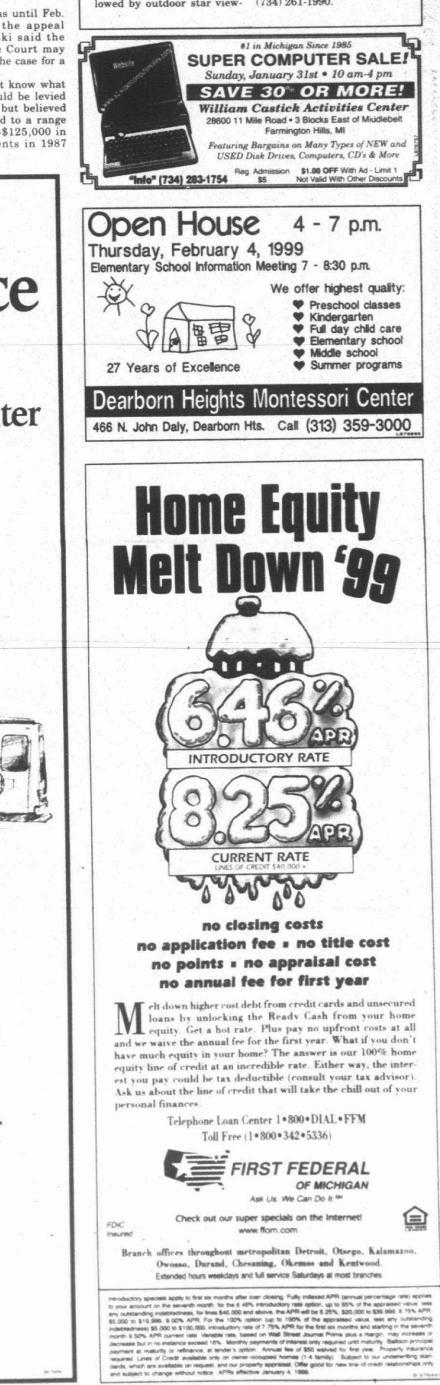
Best, a planetarium demonstrator at the Volbrecht Planetarium in Southfield, has been an astronomy enthusiast for 50 years. Participants can expect an informative evening beginning with an indoor slide presenlowed by outdoor star view-

ing, weather permitting. Hot cocoa will be available

following the presentation. Best suited for ages 8 and above, the fee is \$1 per person and advance registration is required. The program has been made possible through parks millage funds.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland Parking is available off Hines Drive, and can be reached even if the road is barricaded for flooding.

For information on this event or any other Wayne tation and discussion fol- County Parks event, call (734) 261-1990.



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At Botsford Commons' Assisted Living Center You Don't Have To Change A Thing.



Announcing the opening of Botsford Commons Assisted Living Center. This innovative facility, located in an historic - and newly renovated Albert Kahn-designed

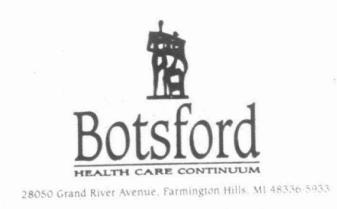
building in Farmington Hills, offers a caring environment for those who need support to maintain daily living routines. Residents receive assistance only with the services needed and requested, encouraging each individual to remain as

independent as possible in a safe and secure environment. Center residents retain privacy and comfort in individual apartments while their psychological and social needs are met through



a variety of programs and group activities. E asily accessible community living, dining and social areas complement comfortable accommodations with private baths and generous space for treasured personal furnishings. The center features a chapel, clinical offices and a full range of health care services including geriatric assessment programs. As an older adult, you've lived a life that has been one characterized by dignity, independence and choice. It should continue to be. When you choose Botsford Commons Assisted Living Center, you insure that the next chapter of your life is filled with the same richness of choice and independence to which you are accustomed and that you deserve.

For more information, call 248-477-1646.



Canton Observer DINIION 794 SOUTH MAIN, PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 48170

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1999

DDA job Process should be an open one

dard.

C anton officials are doing their best to ensure that whoever is chosen as down-town and community development coordinator - a position directly tied to the township's Downtown Development Authority can't be challenged on the basis of his/her fitness for the job. That's because the public won't have a clue as to the background and qualifications of the more than 40 applicants who expressed interest in the position when it was advertised late last year.

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Whatever their intentions, we believe Supervisor Tom Yack's administration is taking the wrong approach on such a key appointment and has opted for a course of action that in the long run could undermine public confidence in local government.

The hiring process set up by the administration seems to change daily. It ignores the state's Open Meetings Act, which should apply to someone who will serve as a de facto DDA

Officials have declined to release the names and resumes of seven finalists and won't hold public interviews with them. (The Observer has filed a Freedom of Information request seeking the names.) The final selection will be made by Yack (a DDA board member) and DDA Chairman Ralph Shufeldt, following a recommendation by a three-member committee reviewing the applicants. There will be no vote by the DDA board or township board confirming the selection.

Their justification: Because the job will include other duties, it is a township staff position, not a DDA post, and therefore opening up the hiring process to the public isn't required. The development coordinator will answer to the township supervisor and won't be a voting member of the DDA board, Yack

However, information provided by the township indicates the job will play a larger role on the DDA than officials are indicating. The job description says the position will provide "administrative support" to the DDA (among other responsibilities) and under a section titled "Examples of Work" it includes the following:

Coordinates the work of the DDA, its board, committees and task forces;

Although January 1999 will be best remem-bered for snow, it's also School Board

We take this time to honor the men and

women who invest countless hours making

difficult decisions about budgets, personnel,

parents, students, teachers and taxpayers.

This year's theme, "Building Better

hum and other matters which affect

Futures for Children and Communities," is an

appropriate one because a good education is

key to building good citizens and good commu-

We salute the Plymouth-Canton Communi-

ty Schools board members Michael Maloney,

Givens, Judy Mardigian, Darwin Watts and

Roland Thomas; Van Buren Public Schools

board members Karl Gorham, David Peer,

Ralph Nodwell, Martha Toth, Susan Ward

Callahan, Vesta Losen and Thomas Bowles;

and Wayne-Westland Community Schools board

members David R. Cox, Robin L. Moore, Martha

Pitsenbarger, David James, Mathew M.

McCusker, Teresa Robbins, and Ed Turner,

Carrie Blamer, Susan Davis, Elizabeth

Recognition Month in Michigan.

nities.

Township officials apparently feel as long as they follow the letter of the law, they are fulfilling their duties. The Observer believes they are obligated to a higher stan-

Assists in overseeing DDA operations and makes recommendation to the DDA board on issues related to DDA plans, short- and long-term:

Confers with supervisor, DDA board, private property and business owners and township staff to resource issues related to Canton's DDA:

Prepares agenda and back-up materials, record, prepare and maintains minutes of DDA board meetings;

Maintains a variety of financial and statistic data and reports of the DDA as required. In addition, half the position's salary (expected to range from \$36,330 to \$42,300

annually) will be paid from DDA funds in the first year. The split will be adjusted on a yearly basis depending on how much of the workoad is related to DDA duties.

The DDA is a public body as defined by the Open Meetings Act. Its purpose is to oversee a state-designated district within Canton where certain tax revenues are used exclusively for improvements within the district. The law states that "all interviews by a public body for employment or appointment to a public office shall be held in an open meeting."

The township has sidestepped this provision by using a three-person hiring committee outside the DDA board to handle the interviews and make the recommendation.

We believe this kind of hiring practice sets a dangerous precedent for future boards. We encourage the township not to get on this slippery slope.

Township officials apparently feel as long as they follow the letter of the law, they are fulfilling their duties.

The Observer believes they are obligated to a higher standard - one that won't shortchange the public on its right to know as part of the process

Serving as a public school trustee is a

tremendous commitment. A four-year term

requires lots of time, preparation and patience

As Michigan Gov. John Engler noted in his

proclamation marking January as the special

month to honor school board members "the

competitiveness of Michigan's economy and

the character of our society depend to a great

extent on the quality of instruction offered in

School board members are watching care-

As school boards throughout the nation join

in School Board Recognition Month, a national

School Boards Association and the Michigan

Association of School Boards, take time to say

school board members in our town. They are

working hard to improve public education --

observance co-sponsored by the National

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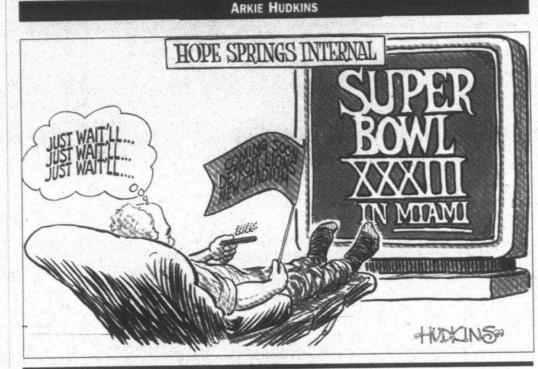
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LETTERS

Appalled by conduct

would like to make a statement on the article of Jan. 17 that states Plymouth-Canton Schools settles out of court.

Let me start by saying that I am outraged, mad, disgusted, and ashamed that Errol Goldman, second in command of our school, has done it again. I am a taxpayer and a Plymouth-Canton school parent. I am outraged that I try my best along with my wife to teach my children not to discriminate against anyone and to be fair to all people. Here goes Errol Goldman throwing mud on all our hard work.

This man is required in his job description to set and be an example of high standards of moral conduct to all students and employees of the Plymouth-Canton School District. He has not only shamed us by breaking the rules but has caused the taxpayers to pay a \$50,000 fine. This conduct is not acceptable.

I do not believe that it is the intention of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education to discriminate against anyone; but I do believe that it is their elected duty and obligation to see that this kind of conduct is not demonstrated by any employee of the Plymouth-Canton Schools. This includes Errol Goldman and others in the administration that feel that they are untouchable by the rules of moral conduct.

This is not the only time that Errol Goldman has caused us great embarrassment. I do not feel comfortable having a person in that high (prestigious) and very important position who exhibits blatant disrespect for the high moral standards of education.

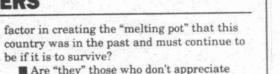
I am sure that most Plymouth-Canton parents will agree that this conduct should not go importance and benefits of the "community unnoticed by the board of education, and that school," especially now, at a time when society the board will come down hard on this type of has largely evolved from rural to urban and conduct. I urge the parents of the Plymouth-Canton community and all the taxpayers to call the members of the board of education and express how they feel about Errol Goldman's conduct and that they take harsh action against him, and I don't mean a letter in his file.

> Dan Stengle Plymouth

'They' can be a danger

A Tim Richard's article of Jan. 7 ("State aid to private schools involves propaganda use"): Yes, let's talk about who "they" are, the "they" who want public tax money to fund public schools.

Are "they" those who don't view the public schools in a historical context, as the major



and probably would not acknowledge the benefits we reap today from the public education that has been provided to all over the last 100 vears or more? Are "they" those who don't have the fore-

sight to see the dire results for this nation if we become more and more divided, intolerant, selfish and polarized? Are "they" those who, rather than pitch

in and help "fix" the public schools - where they need fixing - take cheap shots at perceived ills? Are "they" those who are so obtuse that

they do not acknowledge that the public schools take responsibility for and accept the resulting consequences that the private schools can and do avoid?

Are "they" those who are so selfish and narrow-minded that they don't know how important it is that all children be taught to understand and relate to those who are disabled?

Are "they" those elitists who "home school" their children, holding them aloof and isolated from their fellow citizens?

Are "they" those who have the economic means and intellectual abilities to benefit this country with their input but who, instead, turn their actions inward to personal benefit with no care for the good of society as a whole?

We propose that: **"**They" are individuals whose emphasis and motivation are centered around "I," not

"They" are those who do not realize the will further become more dehumanized as we retreat from each other into the world of cyberspace

"They" are people who have never had the joy of a lifelong friendship with a person of a different ethnic, religious or economic background that began when "we went to school together.'

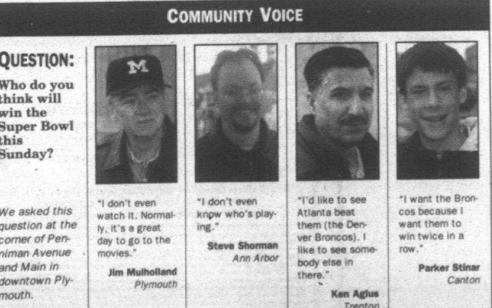
They" are those who spew propaganda in order to destroy the public schools, thus further widening the economic and social gap between the "haves" and the "have nots."

"They" are a danger to our country. If the "grand experiment" - this nation - is to surrive, "we the people" must find ways to preserve and nurture our public schools. They are the basic strength of this "one nation, indivisihle

> Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Davis Livonia

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The Democrats' faith in government is touching, like that of a child moviegoer who believes the Blue Fairy can wave her magic wand and bring the drowned Pinocchio to life.



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response to the reader who commented on

POINTS OF VIEW

Breast cancer patients get help in sharing, caring

was conscious, almost self-conscious, as I met with Frannie Greenebaum, Maggie Griner and Nina Machus, that so far I have escaped the disease women fear most. That disease is breast cancer and all three are breast cancer survivors. Nina, a Birmingham resident, was

diagnosed six years ago; Frannie, from Bloomfield Township, three years ago; and Maggie, also of Bloomfield Township, two years ago. And as each experienced the initial

terror, the decisions, the surgery, the radiation and/or chemotherapy, she had the support of other breast cancer

They want that and more for all of us - whether we have breast cancer. are concerned for a friend or family member who has it, or live in fear of Tentacles so strong and widespread

as to strike one of nine women in the

United States who reach age 85. Tentacles so menacing that women with a family history or other high risk factors may voluntarily undergo mastectomies to stay out of its clutches.

"Everyone in one way or another is connected to someone who has had breast cancer," Frannie said. So the three have helped form Sharing & Caring, a new, volunteer organization affiliated with William Beaumont Hospital, but open to all breast cancer patients and survivors, their family

and friends. A weekly support group will take place at The Community House in downtown Birmingham. So will its first special event, "Life After Breast Cancer," on Saturday, Feb. 6.

That all-day program features experts from the Harvard School of Public Health, The University of

Texas Health Science Center, the Annie Appleseed Project in New York

JUDITH DONER BERNE

City and The Cleveland Clinic. Topics

include: current treatments, risk factors, hormone replacement therapy, Tamoxifen and SERMS for prevention and treatment, alternative medical therapies, and breast cancer and sexuality

Then, from 7-9 p.m. beginning Thursday, Feb. 11 - and every Thursday after that with the exception of Thanksgiving - a medical profession-

al or other expert along with survivors will gather informally to offer information and resources and answer questions.

The three women are convinced from their own experiences that an away-from-the-hospital support group is important to help women through diagnosis and recovery and, what becomes a lifelong journey with breast cancer.

"I was lucky enough to have a little apport group of three women," Nina explained. Sadly, one just died. That was Joan Emde of Bloomfield Hills, who pioneered a support group for breast cancer patients at Beaumont when she was diagnosed 15 years ago. Her cancer recurred in 1993.

"Before Joan, we just whispered about it (breast cancer)," Maggie says. "She was just a light bulb in a room," Nina seconded. "It's ironic that she died just before this was happening."

All three credit Joan with laying the groundwork for, program director Dr. John Ingold for producing, and former Ford Motor Co. CEO Donald Peterson and his wife, Joanne, a breast cancer survivor, for funding.

But its success also will be up to those who seek its services and then offer theirs. It has volunteer opportunities for every skill and interest.

Although the workshop, which requires advance registration, is nearly at it 370-person capacity, Maggie said. "We have no idea how many will show up" for the support group sessions. They are optimistic. For those who are recovering, "It's an opportunity to give back. It's part of the healing process," according to Maggie.

Judith Doner Berne is a former managing editor at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. You can get more information on Sharing & Caring by calling (888) 527-8582.

Raising the minimum wage: Move has historical precedent else to pay the wages.

istening to House Democratic leaders in Lansing talk about hiking minimum wages, I was reminded of the Roman Emperor Dio-

The Dems want to raise the minimum wage by law from the current \$5.15 an hour by \$1 to \$6.15 by next Jan. 1. Their proposed constitutional amendment, if approved by voters, would tie the minimum wage to the Detroit consumer price index with

annual adjustments. They expect to lift hundreds of thousands out of poverty. Of course, they wouldn't need state money to do it. Employers would cheerfully pay higher wages, but the Lansing politicians would get the credit.

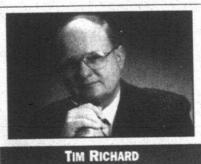
As leader Mike Hanley, D-Saginaw, explained it, the state's magic wand would work like this:

No longer would a higher price tag mean less consumption (or less demand for labor). The new wage rates would put more money in the pockets of the poor, who would then spend it and stimulate the economy "It's a job creator," said Hanley.

Move over, Adam Smith and all the economics professors in the realm. Michigan is about to repeal the Law of Supply and Demand.

Explaining how the last minimum wage increase worked, the Democrats engaged in some verbal sleight-ofhand. Total Michigan employment rose from 4,684,000 in September of 1997 when the \$5.15 rate came in to 4.937,000 in November of 1998, they said

They don't say the minimum wage caused it. But you are supposed to



leap to that conclusion.

Well, the state's economy was exuberant anyway. "A rising tide raises all ships," as the market economists

"Most evidence indicates there will certainly be job losses," predicted Robert Kleine, vice president and senior economist at Public Sector Con-

sultants in Lansing. Rep. Kwame Kilpatrick, D-Detroit,

says a state wage hike will chiefly help cooks, child care workers and nursing home workers. Their bosses serve a local economy and won't skedaddle to Indiana or Arkansas to beat the minimum wage.

Unfortunately, the health care industry isn't exactly prosperous. Health caregivers are under enormous pressure from insurers to hold lown costs. A state-enforced wage hike likely could backfire on the workers it's supposed to help.

Michigan has tinkered before with governmental help for the poor. Remember when Michigan regulated the daylights out of Friendly Bob Adams and the small loan companies? Where are the storefront small loan companies today? They're offering loans if you mortgage your house.

This problem of raising wages has to be approached gingerly, especially when government is asking someone

A compassionate, caring, warmand-fuzzy government has tried wage floor and price controls for many centuries. At the outset, I mentioned Diocletian (284-313), one of the most powerful Roman emperors.

In general history, Diocletian is known for the last and bloodiest persecution of Christians. In economic history, he is known for the first effort to impose price controls on food, military stores and wages. The penalties were death or deportation. Both persecution and price controls were spectacularly unsuccessful.

It's touching to witness the House Democrats' effort to enshrine their 1999 Edict of Diocletian in the Michigan Constitution.

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School reform tops agendas

Demember the old adage about the risks of wishing for something so hard that you actually get it?

The current flurry of talk by our leaders about how something has to be done about the schools might turn out to be a case in point. President Clinton got a big hand last week when he used much of the State of the Union speech to propose various ways to improve pupil performance in the public schools.

And Gov. John Engler's State of the State speech, set for 7 p.m. Thursday, is aimed directly at failing school districts like Detroit, Michian's largest district, with 180,000 students Engler wants legislation passed to empower mayors to toss out elected school boards and replace them with appointed bodies with power to hire executives, shut down persistently bad schools, set curriculum and fire some staff. Engler cited the success achieved by Chicago schools, once dubbed the worst in the nation, where Mayor Richard Daley was given similar power four years ago. The results - improved test scores and graduation rates and a dramatic drop in numbers of "failing" schools - were hailed by U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley as a "national model" for school improve-

Even Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer last month scolded the 11-member elected Detroit Board of Education, calling for the board to improve things or "get out of the way". For years, Archer has been working behind the scenes to try to get the Detroit school board to quit paying attention to the perks of office (per-meeting fees, drivers and sedecorating schemes have been high board priorities) and micromanaging the district by protecting friends and relations on the payroll. Archer ally Bill Beckham, president of New Detroit, also has been quietly putting pressure on the board and is reported to be willing to buy into a Chica-

go-style reform plan. Predictably, Detroit board members do not appear enthused at the prospect of going gently into that dark night. Member Alonzo Bates, for example, accused Engler of hiding behind Archer in trying to take away the Detroit school system from black people, questioning whether "a person from Beal City" (Engler's hometown) "knows about Detroit schools."

I suspect that kind of carping is likely to have had its day. Most folks - including many parents of kids in failing schools - are fed up with all the finger-pointing and foot-dragging. With everybody on board from the president to the governor to the mayor, the train is leaving the station. And the issue for many who are part of the present system is to figure out whether it's



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etter to be on the train than on t What is not clear to me, at least, is just how merely the act of a school takeover will in itself necessarily improve things in poor schools. At the end of the day, good schools require a

imited number of essential things: Good teachers with the ability to manage their classrooms. If a takeover doesn't find a way to get rid of poor teachers and increase the authority of good teachers, it likely won't make

much difference Good principals with the power to run their buildings. A takeover has to be structured so as to allow poor principals to be moved out and to give good principals the authority to manage their buildings, which involves the ability to fire underperforming staff.

High standards. Any takeover worth its salt must empower a school district to end social promotion of failing students from grade to grade and to make poor teachers accountable for poor performance by their students.

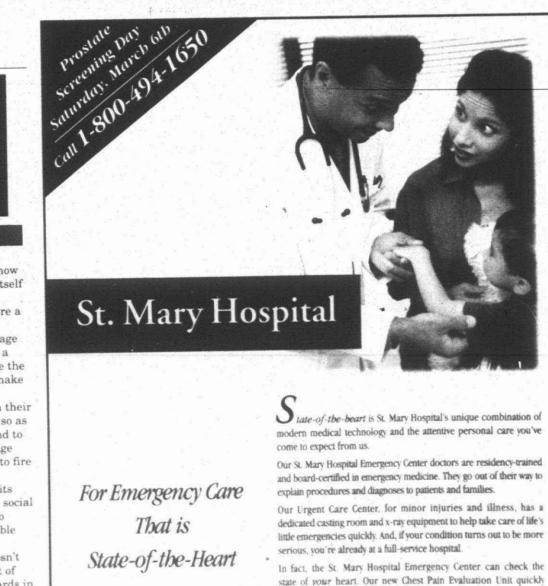
Good measurement. If a takeover doesn't require every pupil to undergo assessment of academic performance, all the high standards in the world will be window dressing.

Parental involvement. All the experts are in agreement: Without involved parents, kids are very unlikely to excel in school. Merely taking over a school system doesn't by itself get parents involved.

School takeovers as a reform mechanism may turn out to be a good idea. The evidence from Chicago seems impressive.

But I'm always suspicious of some idea that gets such wide acceptance and is so easy to propose that it looks like the silver bullet du jour. Before we start rushing off to pass legislation to promote school takeovers, we'd better be sure that we have a clear idea of just how they are going to work in practice.

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Local reps assigned **House committee posts**

When Rep. Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo, ran for speaker of the Michigan House, he promised to spread around the big jobs. Perricone built up such a head of steam that he forced a Grand Rapids candidate to quit the race.

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Last week Perricone announced committee assignments for Republicans, who will hold 58-52 control of the House. Perricone cut the number of committees from 28 to 22 for more focused operations, splitting up the work of the old Judiciary Committee. Many of the new committees are twopronged, hence the "&" in the name.

Here's how area Republicans fared:

Nancy Cassis, R-Novi - She landed a major plum, chair of Tax Policy. Top item on the GOP agenda

this year is paring the 4.4 percent personal income tax to 3.9 over five years. She carried the ball for the GOP when it was the minority party in 1997-8 and is a Perricone favorite. She also has seats on Energy & Technology, Family & Children Services, and Senior Health.

Gerald Law, R-Plymouth - One of the House's senior members, he wasn't term-limited last year because of a break in service. Law will chair the Health Policy Committee. He will have seats on Gaming & Casino Oversight, Insurance & Financial Services, and Family & Civil Law.

Bruce Patterson, R-Canton - The former Wayne County commissioner will be vice chair of Constitutional Law & Ethics. He'll have seats on Tax Policy and Conservation & Outdoor Recreation.

Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills -Riding high in his second term, he's majority floor leader, in effect the traffic cop of the House agenda. He'll chair the House Oversight & Operations Committee, an internal job, and be a member of Employment Relations, Training & Safety and Health Policy.

Laura Toy, R-Livonia - She landed on Appropriations, the budget committee, her first term. She will be vice chair of the capital outlay subcommittee (handling the new Hall of Justice project,



Rep. Gerald Law



Rep. Bob Brown

Rep. Tom Kelly

Rep. Laura Toy

among others); vice chair of welfare; and a member of judiciary, handling the court budget. She's a former Schoolcraft College trustee, Livonia council member and city treasurer.

Democrats

Rep. Bruce Patterson

Here is how area Democrats fared:

Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights - He survived the Republican tide last Nov. 3 but will have a reduced role: Energy & Technology, Insurance & Financial Services. (He's off Conservation.)

Eileen DeHart, D-Westland - She was speaker pro tem last year and would have been in a position of leadership had Democrats retained the House. Now she'll be on House Oversight & Operations (internally important) and Senior Health, Security & Retirement as minority vice chair.

Tom Kelly, D-Wayne - In his third term, he'll stay on Appropriations, the budget committee. Democrats didn't have their subcommittee assignments at press time.

Ruth Ann Jamnick, D-Ypsilanti - Succeeding the prolific Kirk Profit, she's a former township treasurer and landed on Tax Policy and Transportation. Her district includes northern Washtenaw County, bordering South Lyon, and she may face major reapportionment changes.

Read the Appliance Doctor in At Home

Madonna University sponsors blood drive

The American Red Cross will be accepting blood donations 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, and 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, in Madonna University's Science Wing. Eligible donors must be at least 17 years old. Walk-in

donors also are welcome. To make an appointment, call the Office of Student Life at (734) 432-5428.



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This angel came dressed as a student

ere you able to discover an angel on your path over the holidays? I was. He stumbled right over me and I immediately knew it. Only he came in the form of a middle schooler. I'll call him Simon.

Simon joined a team of volunteers one morning as we put on a pancake breakfast fund-raiser. It was appar-ent that he was enveloped in shyness, as maybe many angels are, while he stood against the wall with his head down, wondering what was going to be expected of him.

We began to delegate responsibilities and Simon ended up hanging around Santa, who was seated in his giant red chair graciously receiving munchkins.

It was then that Simon noticed the big glitch. The photographer who was to click pics with a Polaroid had discovered her camera was on the blink. As she rushed out to the store in search of a camera battery, something happened.

Santa called me over and told me that Simon had an idea. I approached him to see him talking a mile a minute. This was not the shy, reclusive Simon who I'd met only a short time ago.

"Ya know," he said, "I've been watching the lady try to get the camera to work and I think I know what's wrong with it."

He obviously didn't think it was a battery problem. With a deep breath and a silent prayer, I allowed Simon to take over as photographer. If you know Polaroids, those little

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being detected was a big drawing card for Tiny Tots, she added.

Letting go of your child that first time at preschool is a milestone often marking the first steps away from mom and dad. After a lot of time and research,

Kendra and Michael Weiss found a preschool for their daughter, Shelby. But it wasn't easy.

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI SPECIAL WRITER

"It's a little gut-wrenching," the Livonia mother said. "As a new mom, you want to make the right decisions.

In September, when Shelby begins attending Holy Trinity Tiny Tots Preschool in Livonia, it will be the first time the Weisses have left her with someone other than family or "very, very close friends," Weiss explained. Shelby will be 3 when she starts school.

"It's up to the parent to research it

The anxiety that sometimes comes with placing a child in a preschool program is common, especially for parents who are doing it for the first time. In many ways, parents have to make a bigger adjustment to the change than their children.

One of the reasons Terri Fata hose Tiny Tots for her 4-year-old daughter, Kristi, was that she likes the high teacher-child ratio in the classrooms. There are six children to every adult at Tiny Tots, which is a higher ratio than what is required.

The State of Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services Bureau of Regulatory Services mandates child care centers provide one adult for every 10 children in classrooms with 2 1/2-3-year-olds. One adult must be present for every 12

adults available, explained Barbara Morrison, Tiny Tots director. If there's more time for the children to interact with adults, there's m time for the adults to provide a loving atmosphere.

Fata's anxiety levels about sending Kristi to preschool were lower than other first-time moms, because her older daughter, Nicolette, 6, also attended Tiny Tots. The Westland mom said she looked for programs that concentrated on play time and socialization skills and not so much on the academics.

"It's important to me that there's a

lot of caring," Fata added. Parents who screen preschools sometimes have specific questions and know what they want. Others have an instinctual feeling about the surroundings. Fata, for instance, said that as soon as she walked into Tiny Tots, she immediately liked the atmosphere and the teachers. Michelle Mullins. director of Beginners Inn in Canton, recommends that parents look for cleanliness in the schools. And be sure the teachers can relate well with the children.

"I have found that teachers can have all the degrees in the world, but if they can't key down to the chilhave th dren, they won't have their interest, Mullins said. "If they can't be at the children's level, the children aren't going to benefit."

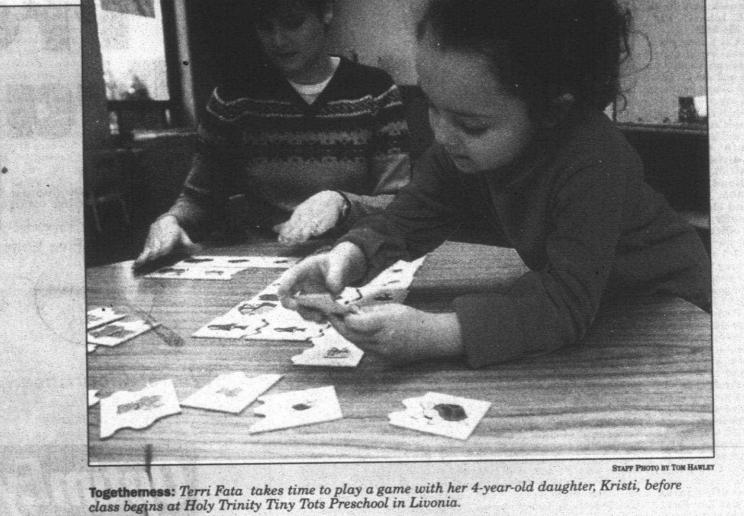
An open-door policy also lets parents know that the preschool has nothing to hide and seeing the same teachers and aides on a regular basis makes everyone feel more at ease, Morrison added.

"There's a secure feeling that a child has when they're in the same routine and environment every day, Morrison said. "There's familiar faces they look forward to each time they say good-bye to mom. If there is a lot of turnover (among staff), that would be a red flag for parents."

Evaluating programs

Parents should also evaluate socialization and kindergarten readiness skills and which area they want to emphasize, according to Dr. Bess Kypros, Madonna University director

Let learning begin in preschool



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thing ... and indeed he was. Pictures were coming out of the camera with clarity and great color. I was delighted; Simon was glowing. If I'm not mistaken, I saw his wings.

I checked back a little later to see if he needed any help gluing the pictures into little cardboard frames. He shot back, "No, I've got everything under control.'

I walked away, knowing full well he was right.

The rest of the morning moved along flawlessly. Mayors, judges, state representatives, school board and city council members worked the tables literally and figuratively. All of the volunteers helped raise more than \$1,500 for the food bank. We were very pleased with the number of people who joined us for the breakfast to support such a worthy cause.

Out of the corner of my eye, I watched as the little angel worked his magic over in the corner. I heard him comment to someone that he thought he might be a photographer when he grew up. I could certainly see why.

Afterwards, as Simon and I were walking out of the building together, I told him I wouldn't mind giving him a ride home so that I could come to the door and tell his mom what a star he had been.

He liked the idea and added: "Ya know, I think I would like to contribute to the food bank, too. This looks like a good thing. So when we get to my house, I'll give you some money.

What he didn't know was that I was the winner that day as I watched the transformation from a shy, uncomfortable boy to an angel. He earned his wings, and I just hope that nobody ever clips them.

Jacque Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice.

of their child - taking them to the bathroom and understanding their needs," Weiss said.

A one-way glass window that Time to interact allows parents to observe their children while they are in class without

enough to make sure they'll take care children in classrooms with 4-5-yearolds, according to Joseph Webster, bureau director.

Children have more time to interact with adults when there are more Please see PRESCHOOL, B3

Guides for finding the right program



The National Association for the Education of Young Children recommends visiting several different preschools in your area to determine what kind of programs are available.

And first impressions are

important, according to Parent Soup Education Central. Look for ample amounts of active learning, such as outdoor playing games as well as quiet learning, such as reading stories or doing puzzles.

Here's a checklist of some of the questions that

group recommends asking caregivers:

- Do children receive the individual attention, warmth and understanding that you would like for your child?
- Are the children happy and playing with each other? Do they talk to each other and to adults?
- Do caregivers recognize when a child is sad or upset or excited? Do they refrain from embarrassing ar y child?
- Is discipline handled in a positive way?
- Do the caregivers participate in training opportunities in child care/child development?
- Are the indoor and outdoor spaces for children safe and free of hazards? Look for things like protected stairways and windows, safety caps on electrical outlets and a fenced-in outdoor space that is free of debris.
- Are heavy pieces of furniture, such as storage shelves and bookcases, secure and stable so that they cannot tip over?
- Are toys and equipment clean and in good repair?
- Are there written procedures for securing

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Preschools offer parents plenty of choices

Preschools come in all shapes and sizes, so to speak, and can be found through western Wayne County.

Many are cooperatives and depend on parents to operate. Some are affiliated with established schools and others are based in centers that also offer day care

Preschools which responded the Observer's request for information include:

Fun Factory Preschool, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth, (734) 254-0054.

Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday for 3-5-year-olds. Dynamic activity- based and developmentally appropriate activities, with 30minute music special on Fridays. Class size is 16-24 children, with degreed teachers. Costs are \$85,

\$115 and \$165 per month.

Little Tots, 49821 W. Five Mile, Plymouth, (734) 420-9026.

Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for ages 3 months to 5 years. The program is play based and encourages development of the whole child. The enrollment fee is \$65.

Little Tots of Plymouth, 12401 Ridge Road, Plymouth, (734) 459-9494.

Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for ges 12 months to 5 years. The program is playbased and encourages development of the whole child. It is committed to a partnership between the home and the center in which there is ongoing communication for the benefit of the child. The enrollment fee is \$65.

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Red Bell Preschool, 44661 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, (734) 453-5520.

Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for children ages 2%-12. Family owned since 1957, it offers preschool/day care, before and after school care, service for six schools and a summer camp.

Country Corners, 10980 Ford, Superior Township, (734) 482-5095.

Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday for children ages 25-5. The program is taught by certified teachers and features small class sizes, computers and farm animals. The enrollment fee is \$35.

Rainbow Rascals Learning Center, 47300 Port, Plymouth, (734) 455-2761.

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Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for children ages 6 weeks to prekindergarten. The program is a hands-on and developmentally appropriate. The staff/child ratio is 1:4 with a maximum of eight children in preschool programs 8:30-11:30 the class, 1:4 for toddlers with a maximum of 12 in the class and 1:10 for preschool and prekindergarten. There is a \$50 registration fee and security deposit

Kindermusik at Village Music, 130 E. Liberty, Plymouth, (734) 354-9825.

Kindermusik is a family-oriented educational experience of singing, movement, social and listening skills and more. Classes.(45 minutes to one hour one day per week) are available for newborns through children age 7. Tuition ranges from \$110 to

\$135 plus material fees. Plymouth Christian Preschool, a division of Plymouth Christian Academy, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, (734) 459-3505, Ext. 124 (preschool and elementary) or Ext. 120 (early childhood coordinator's office).

Programs are available for children ages 3-5 and provide hands-on learning in a loving Christian environment. A halfday preschool program - Tuesday and Thursday for 3-year-olds and Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 4-year-olds - is available, however, no extended day care is available on site. Preschool classes are 8-10:45 a.m. or 11:40 a.m. to 2:25 p.m. Begindergarten for children who türn 5 during the summer or fall and aren't developmentally ready for a full kindergarten program meets 11:30 a.m. to 2:25 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Enrollment fees are \$20 for preschool and \$25 for beginder-

garten. Plymouth-Canton Montessori, 45245 Joy Road, Canton, (734) 459-1550.

Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday year-round for children ages 2%-6. The school offers a Montessori preschool with full day care. Instruction includes French and music, with art and physical education. field trips and in-house pro-

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grams as extras. Academic Gardens, 104 N. Main St., Plymouth, (734) 453-7744.

Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday with structured a.m. daily for 3- and 4-year-olds, kindergarten and begindergarten. Parents can choose from two-five-day programs. Saturday family field trips and family meetings are optional. Registration fee is \$50 plus a deposit of one week's tuiti

P.C.E.P. Kiddie Kampus, Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton, (734) 416-2937.

The program is for 4-year-olds (as of Dec. 1). Two-hour morning and afternoon sessions are available twice a week and there is one three-day-a-week session. The curriculum is designed as a positive, prekindergarten experience and recognizes the child as a person. High school students enrolled in early childhood classes assist certified elementary teachers. The program is open to Plymouth-Canton residents. Enrollment of 20 children per class begins in March for the fall semester. Cost is \$330 or \$515 per 15-week semester

PLUS Preschools (Plymouth-Canton Community Schools), 650 Church St., Ply mouth, (734) 416-6190.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday for 3- and 4year-olds. Among its programs are Head Start for 3-year-olds, school readiness and Head Start for 4-year-olds The fee is \$14 per day or free for eligible children. Northville Montessori

Center, 15709 Haggerty, between Five and Six Mile, Northville. Affiliated with the American

Montessori Society and the Michigan Montessori Society, the center offers half-day and full-day sessions, summer camp and extended hours for working parents whose children attend includes activities in practical living, sensorial experiences,

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Mile, Livonia, (734) 591-2083. Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for children ages 1-12. The centers recently introduced an enhanced preschool program for 2-3-year-olds, called Pathways Preschool. It uses the DLM Early Childhood Program curriculum from McGraw-Hill and addresses the physical intellectual, emotional and social aspects of young children to provide a solid foundation for future academic success and lifelong skills. Tuition is \$129 per week. Rosey's Romper Room,

5840 Canton Center Road, Canton, (734) 416-1580. Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Monday-Friday for children ages 6 weeks to 12. The center offers child care, preschool, latch key and a private kindergarten (class size of 15). Enrollment fee is \$40. Suburban Children's Coop Nursery, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, (734) 421-6169.

Hours are 9:15 a.m. to 2:30 .m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday September through May. Classes have one teacher, one teacher's aide and four adults. Class sizes are 12 children for 2year-old program (parents attend each class). 18 children for 3-year-old class and 21 children for 4-year-old class. There is a \$20 registration fee, \$2 application fee and \$21 (age 2), \$35 (age 3) and \$48 (age 4) monthly fees. An open house will be held 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 31.

St. Paul's Preschool, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia, (734) 422-1470.

Classes for 4-year-old are 9:15-11:45 a.m. or 12:15-2:45 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 9:15-11:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday for 3-year-olds. A 3-4year-old class is 12:15-2:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday (children the school. The curriculum must be 3 years old by Dec. 1 of the current year or age 4 between July 1 and Dec. 1 of the language, mathematics, music, current year and previously enrolled in a preschool program). Children's World Learn- There is a \$25 nonrefundable

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enrollment fee required at registration and an annual \$25 special programs fee. The preschool is a ministry to

young children and encourages growth in the physical, emotional, intellectual, social and spiritual areas. There is a maximum of 20 children per class. Holy Trinity Tiny Tots Preschool, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-0211.

An open house will be held 3:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4. Registration for 3- and 4-yearold children for the 1999-2000 school year will be 9 a.m. to noon Monday, March 1.

Mother Hubbard Nursery School, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia, (734) 421-8457. Hours are 9:15-11:30 a.m.

Monday and Wednesday for 4year-olds and 9:15-11:15 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday for 3year-olds. Class size is limited to 22 students for 4-year-old program and 18 student for 3-year-

old program. Program includes science, art, mathematics, large and small muscle centers, indoor and outdoor play and snacks. The school is currently accepting applications for the 1999-2000 school year. An open house will be held 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Feb.

Christ Our Savior Early Childhood, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia (734) 513-8413. Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for children age 18 months to 8 years. Full and half-day toddler care for 18 months-3-year-olds is available Monday-Friday, preschool (mixed age classes and must be Monday-Friday for children ages 3-5 and day car 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for toddlers and preschoolers (children enrolled in day care attend preschool in the mornings). A kindergarten program will be offered in the The Christian program (reli-

gion is taught) helps children \$45.

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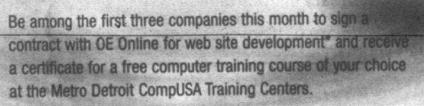
learn and provides lots of handson experience. There is a \$35 nonrefundable registration fee and \$40 nonrefundable materials fee. Toddler fees are \$32 per day or \$17 per half day, weekly preschool fees are \$180 per month (five days), \$144 (four days), \$108 (three days) and \$72 (two days). Day care fees are \$123.75 per week, \$27.50 per full day, \$15 per half day and \$3.50 per hour drop-in rate.

🖩 Livonia Cooperative 🔳 Learning Tree Child Care Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia, (734) 525-5767.

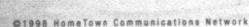
Hours are 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday for children ages toilet-trained) 8:30-11:30 a.m. 6 weeks to 13. Nationally accredited, the center offers a school atmosphere with separate classrooms, large, enclosed playgrounds, before and after school program with transportation, low child-staff ratio and allinclusive no additional fees for home-cooked meals, field trips or transportation. Enrollment fee is

Get-together: The holidays were a good time for Peter J. Haag (seated) of Livonia to gather with five generations of his family. Present were daughter Eileen Murphy of Livonia (standing, from left), grandson Gerald Murphy of Brighton, great-granddaughter Erin Francis of Farmington and great-greatgranddaughter Dorothy Erin Francis, born Nov. 12.





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the birth of Dylan Robert Sept. 30 at the Birthing Center of Gar- tal, Farmington Hills. He joins a den City Hospital. Grandparents brother, Kyle, 2. Grandparents are Paul and Debra Dest of are Larry and Joyce Arnold and Westland, Roberta Leadbetter of Gary and Geri Silver, all of Can-Canton and Donald French of ton. Wayne. Joshua and Amy Begarow- Wayne announce the birth of icz of Belleville announce the Breanna Lynn Oct. 9 at the birth of Mariah Felicity Oct. 6 Birthing Center of Garden City at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Joshua Ray, 1, and a sister, Lea Nicole, 3 1/2. Grandparents Walker, Curt Walker, Mary are Matt and Pat Porter and Don and Cindy Begarowicz, all of Westland. David and Christine Deets of Bartlett, Ill., announce the birth of Breanna Lauren May 4 at Northwest Community Hosoital in Arlington Heights, Ill. Grandparents are Kosta and Anna Vasiloff of Westland and Ronald and Emily deets of Mantiowoc. Wis. Great-grandmothers are Mary Vasiloff of Harrow, Ontario, Canada, and Goldi Deets of Kellnersville, Wis. Jason and Nikki Saal of Chesapeake, Va., formerly of Westland, announce the birth of Madison Taylor Aug. 27 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Dave and Kathy Nagel of Westland and Bob and Lynne Saal of Sterling Heights. Great-grandmothers are Della Zebrowski of Bad Axe, Mich., and Helen Merta of Tren-

Rachel Kirby of Westland announces the birth of Alexyss Raquel Oct. 8 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Robert and Sandy Kirby and Pamela Marsh, all of Dearborn.



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Temple Baptist offers concerts, conferences, Vox Cafe

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

You could say "the joint is jumpin'" when talking about upcoming events at Temple Baptist Church. Friday night's perjust the start of what will be a busy few months at the Plymouth Township church. This is the fourth time Duncan

has performed at Temple Baptist. His last was with Crystal Lewis and Anointed as part of the Big Voice Tour. He will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at the church, 49555 N. Ter-

"Bryan has the sweetest voice," said Wayne Kurtycz, who does singles and outreach events at the church. "He has a very soulful style and is a very accomplished artist with lots of hits A founding member of the '70s

Donald French Jr. and

NEW VOICES

Katie Dest of Wayne announce announce the birth of Jason

"Jesus Music" group Sweet Com-fort Band, Duncan became a mainstay on contemporary Christian radio's pioneer stations with his unique vocal styling.

When the group disbanded in formance by Bryan Duncan is 1984, he established himself as one of Christian music's most talented vocalists, releasing nine solo projects that have yielded more than a dozen number one hits. His 10th solo project is "Blue Skies" on Myrrh.

He has captured six Dove Award nominations - Male Vocalist of the Year in 1994. 1995 and 1996, Contemporary Album of the Year and Recorded Music Packaging of the Year, both in 1995 for "Slow Revival." He also was Christian Research Report's Male Vocalist of the Year and Album of the Year ("Mercy") in 1993. Coming to town on Saturday,

Feb. 13, will be Mark Lowry and

Jeff and Kellie Arnold

Gary Oct. 2 at Botsford Hospi-

Jeff and Carrie Lewis of

Hospital. She joins two brothers,

Sierra Joy and Mariah Kim

Oct. 30 at Providence Hospital in

Southfield. They join sisters Bri-

anna Jill, 6, and Kayleigh Joan,

1. Grandparents are Douglas

and Ann Harvey of Rockford and

Celeskey of Livonia announce

the birth of Aaron Christian-

and Muriel Celeskey of Dear-

born. Great-grandmother is

Anna Porritt of Alto, Mich.

Brandan, 4, and Brody, 2.

Westland

Bryan Duncan

Anthony Burger for a 7 p.m. concert at Temple. Kurtycz describes Lowry as the premier Christian comedian, while Burger is "the foremost piano player. "He has amazing talent," said Kurtycz of Burger. "You can't sit down when he's done. You want to stand up and applaud the guy.

Preschool

of child development/early childhood education. Preschool is the foundation of what will happen in first grade and throughout the child's education.

"We firmly believe in well-prepared child care providers," Kypros said. "There are some places that hire people right off the street." Other preschools require their teachers have educational back-

grounds. Kypros also recommends that parents look for toys and activities that will grab the Grandparents are Mary Lou children's attention and stimu-Lewis and Barry Lewis, all of late their minds. The public is beginning to Ben and Diane Porritt of find out about brain develop-Plymouth announce the births of ment," Kypros said. "There's

nothing that will substitute for interaction between an adult and a child. I'm sorry our coun try pays child care so little." Kypros said that if she were looking for a preschool she would find a program that fosters Frank and Suzanne growth and development of chil-

dren while they work and play. Children should be given choices at play centers. The pro-Michael Oct. 11 at St. Mary gram, she said, should include a Hospital in Livonia. He joins a small group time, time for the prother, Ryan, 15, and a sister, child to play alone and only a Lauren, 11. Grandparents are Al and Jean Meredith of Northville few big group settings.

"The focus I see is teaching the child language skills, social skills and how to understand their world," Kypros said. "The staff should be planning for the children, allowing them to solve their own problems and have lots of open-ended questions."

the adults in the classroom enjoy being with children and that they're not socializing among



His fingers are on fire."

Mark Lowry

A young start Lowry got his break at age 10 while on a family vacation in Nashville during the National Quartet Convention. A friend arranged a spot on a show for

albums, including one backed by the London Symphony Orches-

In 1988, he landed a spot on the Christian Artists Music Seminar in Estes Park, Colo., where Bill Gaither and representatives of Word Records saw his performance and each made him an offer. He accepted both.

He joined the Gaither Vocal Band and signed a solo recording contract with Word. His Word lebut, "For The First Time on Planet Earth," was released in

"He's been here at Temple as a solo act and with Bill Gaither," said Kurtycz. "He's the premier Christian comedian and extremely funny."

Tickets for the two concerts can be purchased by credit card by calling Tickets Plus at (800) 585-3737 or at 9:30 and 11:15

While money and logistics are

often some of the top concerns

when choosing a preschool,

Kypros warns parents to be leery

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And, she warns, try not to rate

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he landed a recording contract. a.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. He went on to record two Wednesdays at the Temple Bap tist Bookstore in the church, North Territorial Road west of Ridge Road.

Also coming in February is Elisabeth Elliott who will conduct a seminar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the church. One of Christendom's most able and articulate writers, Elliott will talk about the omnipotence of love in her seminar for both men and women.

Married three times and wid owed twice, Elliott is the author of "Liberty of Obedience," "How to Overcome Loneliness," "Quest for Love" and "The Mark of a" Man

"Any time she comes to town; it's a big thing" said Kurtyczy "She's a successful author and speaker. Many people know her name because of her late hus-

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getting their money's worth," she

Kypros read from a poem about preschoolers to emphasize that point: "I bring something home every day. Sometimes, it is in my hands, sometimes, it is in my head, and sometimes, it is in. my heart."

"Teachers develop things in a child's head, sometimes in their hearts and sometimes in their hands," Kypros added.

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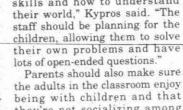
participating? Parent Soup Education Center can be found online at www.parentsoup.com and the NAEYC can be found online at. www.childsday.com.

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with information on a regular basis about your child's activigram giving praise and B Were you encouraged to visit

encouragement to children to and observe the program at 20036.

Derna Zeppa of Redford. Travis Merritt Sr. and Stacie Smith of Westland announce the births of Lyla Marie and Lucas Orion Merritt Oct. 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. They join a brother, Travis Jr., 16 months. Grandparents are Keith and Sandy Merritt of Maysville, Ky., and Judy Hayward of Westland.





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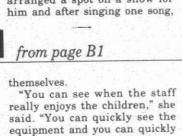
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WEEKEND

INGLES' EVENTS Single Place holds a walk the park 10 a.m. every aturday at Heritage Park, armington Road between 0 Mile and 11 Mile in armington Hills. Single Place holds the bllowing social events very Sunday: worship 11 am. at First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary; brunch 12:30 p.m. at Northville **Grossing Restaurant**, 18900 Northville Road, Northville: coffee and cards 5 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 Center, Northville Suburban Singles holds a single mingle dance 8 o.m. every Wednesday in the Bonnie Brook Country Uub, on Telegraph south of Eight Mile, Redford. Proper attire, no jeans. Sges 21 and up. Admission \$4, \$3 before 8:30 p.m. or more information, call (313) 842-0443.

Suburban Singles holds an after-dinner dance 7-11 m. every Sunday in the Bonnie Brook Country Club, on Telegraph, south of Eight Mile, Redford. Proper attire, no jeans. Ages 21 and up. Admission \$4, \$3 before 7:30 p.m. for more information, call (813) 842-7422. COSTUME BALL

German-American Club of Plymouth is sponsoring "Fasching" party (cosume ball) 7:30 p.m. to 1 am. Saturday, Jan. 30, in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Admission is \$6.50 er person. Dance to music y Enziah. German food and drink will be available Prizes for costumes and door prizes will also be presented.

AROUND TOWN

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE Celebrate Valentine's Day by attending the Canon Knights of Columbus ighth annual Daddy-Jaughter Valentine's Dance 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, in the St. Thomas a' Becket Family Life Cener, 555 Lilley, Canton. This night will feature

lanceable music, a flower corsage, refreshments and ue gift so dad and his late will remember the vening. The cost is \$12 per couple or \$15 for dad and two dates. If dad has nore than one date, an lder brother, uncle, or randpa are invited so each firl can have a partner. Dads and girls ages 3-13 are invited. Tickets will be vailable after all Masses in St. Thomas a' Becket or calling Ralph at (248) 344-1956 or Marv at (313) 397-1359. Space is limited.

MARDI GRAS Celebrate the end of winter and the coming of pring in New Orleansstyle at a gala Mardi Gras elebration 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, in the Waterman Campus, Schoolcraft Colege. Join fellow revelers

as they dine on a traditional New Orleans meal, listen to the SCool Jazz ingers' mellow tones and lance to music of Tom

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used book sale 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, in the library's meeting room: The cost for each book will be 25 or 50 cents. Added this year will be a special section for mystery lovers. Proceeds from sale help support ibrary programs such as Story Wranglers. For more information, call (734) 397-**TUTOR TRAINING**

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Council is sponsoring tutor training 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, in Tonda Elementary School, Canton. Training is free. Reservations, (734) 416-4906.

PARENT-TODDLER CLASSES

Winter Me and My Shadow classes begin this month at New Morning School in Plymouth Township. The introductory class is for 2 and 4-year olds and their parents. Classes meet once a week There are openings in the Monday or Wednesday night classes. Classes meet 6-7:15 p.m. This class provides a special one-on-one time for the parent and child. The parent and child will participate in music and finger-playing activities, art and readiness projects, snack and story time all centered around a weekly theme. For more nformation or to register, call New Morning School, (734) 420-3331. POSITIVE DISCIPLINE

Oakwood Healthcare

"Positive Discipline" class -8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10. in Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton. Learn alternatives to punishment and new skills to levelop self-discipline, responsibility, mutual respect, and more. This class is free of charge. For nore information, or for registration, call (734),416-

PLYMOUTH YMCA

ty Family YMCA is offering asses for preschool-age children through adult. Classes include: Active Older Adults (ages 55 and up) Water Exercise, Youth and Girls' Basketball Instructional League, Youth Instructional Floor Hockey League, Youth Instructional Indoor Soccer League for ages 5-12. Bumper Bowling for ages

for male and female, ages 8 through adult. Driv er's Education. Bumble Bee Indoor Soccer for ages 4-5, Y Pucks and M Hoops for ages 4-5, Yoga classe for teen to adult novice or advanced practitione Step & Sculpt Fitness Class, and Aquatic classes for ages 6 months

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Community Literary through 12 vears. The YMCA is also offering a Basketbal Travel League for ages 8-9, 10-

15 years of age plus a Hockey Travel League for ages 9-12. Call Plymouth Community YMCA at (734) 453-2904 for further information or to register with Visa or MasterCard. The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is accepting registrations for classes. The classes are youth travel basketball league for grades three-eight; girls' nstructional basketball eague for grades three-six; introductory dance, ages 5-8; creative movement for preschoolers, ages 3-5; active older adult water exercise, youth travel floor hockey for ages 9-12, and and aquatics. For more information, call the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904.

The city of Plymouth **Recreation Department** will be taking spring you soccer registration the entire month of January at the recreation office, during business hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The city of Plymouth Recreation Depart-The Canton Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups

To submit your academic honor or graduation | Billington was among 10 students honored.

GRADUATES

nior Catherine Billington was inducted into Her participation in the National Honor Society

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

State post: Jacqueline Steed of Canton has been named head of the Office of Human Resources for the state Unemployment Agency. Prior to her appointment, Steed had been the UA's director of Equal Opportunity. A state government employee for the past 18 years, Steed had worked as Equal Opportunity director for the Michigan Department of Mental Health, before joining the Unemployment Agency in 1995.

> ment is in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. All registrations require a birth certificate. The fee for 6-, 7- and 8year-olds is \$40 for city of lymouth residents and \$60 for nonresidents. For children 9 and older, cost is \$45 for city of Plymouth residents and \$75 for nonresidents. For more information, call 455-6620. THRIFT SHOP

> The Thrift Shop, located on 494 N. Mill, Plymouth, ponsored by the Presbyte-

step aerobics fitness class

YOUTH SOCCER

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Amy Lyn Furmanek of Plymouth Township

eceived her bachelor of science degree from Western Michigan University during the December

ommencement. Furmanek graduated cum laude

with a double major in psychology and sociology.

and her active role in the forensics team tourna-

ments won her several awards and achievements.

Date and Time:

Ypsilanti. For more information, call Paula at (734)

or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information

MI. 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the

below and mail your item to The Calendar, Canton Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth,

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CALENDAR

following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

about the 1999 festival. For more information, call Curt Lamar, president, at (734) 453-7820. BLOOD DRIVE Holidays and severe winter weather have left area hospitals with a shortage of blood. Supplies of Type O, known as

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FALL FESTIVAL

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the universal blood type because it can be given to any patient, are especially low. You can help eliminate this shortage by donating blood 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at Schoolcraft College, where the American Red Cross Blood-

mobile will be available. To make an appointment, call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5050. Walk-in donors are welcome. As added bonuses, 50 donors, chosen randomly, will receive a free movie pass, courtesy of AMC Theaters, and one donor will win a free night's hotel stay, courtesy of the Marriott Corp. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, just west of I-275 in Livonia. HEAD START PROGRAM

Applications are now being taken for the remainder of this school year and next year. Children ages 3 or 4 by Dec. 1. Residents of Plymouth-Canton School District and Northville residents who live in Wayne County are eligible. Children may be eligible if familv income is limited, is a foster child, or a child with a disability (certified state guidelines). To register, call Jan Metzner at (734) 416-6105, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

FORM

Kindermusik classes will continue through May 8. No class will be held during Plymouth-Canton schools midwinter break (Feb. 22-27) or Easter break (March 29-April 3). Monday daytime classes are held in the Canton Gymboree Center, 8016 Sheldon Center Road, between Sheldon and Can ton Center, south of Joy and north of Warren. All other classes, including Monday evening classes. are held in the First Baptist Church of Plymouth. 45000 N. Territorial, just west of Sheldon. For more information on classes or registration, call Lori Nel-

IDERMUSIK

son at (734) 354-9109. LIVING TRUST SEMINARS There will be an "advanced" living trust seminar 1-3 p.m. Friday Jan. 29, in Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. The seminar is open to the public and free. The

seminar will include saving taxes with your living trust, strategies for reducing risk and maximizing, and returns with your living trust assets. Guest speaker will be financial consultant Paul Leduc. For more information, call (248) 694-1020.

There will be an "advanced" living trust eminar 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, in the Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady. The seminar is open to the public and free of charge. The seminar will include saving taxes with your living trust, strategies for reducing risk and maximizing, and returns with living trust assets. Guest speaker will be financial consultant Paul Leduc. For more information, call (248) 694-1020.

CONNECTIONS Community Hospice &

Home Care Services, Inc. (CHHCS) is offering a sixweek grief support series called "Connections," to help children and their parents/guardians "connect" with their feelings and to better work through the loss they have experienced. The series will be held at CHHCS 6:30-8 p.m., through Feb. 16 in the Westland office, located on the northwest corner of arren and Venoy. There is a \$20 registration fee with sponsorships available as needed. For more information, call (734) 522-4244.

HEALTH FACILITIES The Schoolcraft College Sunday Health Club charges \$4 a visit. Individal membership fee is \$32. Family membership is \$70 for 13 weeks of unstructured activity in a fully equipped physical education facility. Club members can use three gyms, six racquetball courts, weight machines, the pool and the sauna. An adult must accompany children under 16, and nonswimmers must be 45 inches tall at the shoulder to use the pool. The Health Club continues until March 28. For more information, call Continuing Education Services Physical Fitness at (734)

462-4413. ARTS COUNCIL

The Plymouth Commun ty Arts Council has a full winter schedule of classes and workshops for all ages: sculpture, watercolor, dance, decorative painting pottery, film appreciation drawing and sketching, children's theater, paper art, creative writing, live model drawing session, batik, art lectures, yoga, ta chi, etc. For a complete schedule or for more information, call (734) 416-4278. **GRIEF RECOVERY**

Grief Recovery is a fiveweek program designed to help grieving people find hope and healing through group interaction. The program is 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, and March 4, in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road. Plymouth Township. This will be an opportunity to learn the characteristics of grief, to share feelings and to receive support from oth ers who have experienced similar losses. A professional facilitator will lead the group. Enrollment is limited to 20 participants; registration is required. The program is open to the community without charge

For more information or for registration, call (734) 459 2250.KIWANIS

Plymouth-Canton Morn ing Kiwanis has 7 a.m. Tuesday breakfasts at the Water Club Grill, Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275 in Plymouth Township. For more information, call (734) 453-1373. **MEDILODGE GROUP**

The Medilodge Group Inc. has made available to local clubs and organizations a representative for assisted living, long-term care, services available, eimbursement under Medicare and other topics. If interested, call the administrator or admission director at West Trail Nursing Center at (734) 453-3983.

ADULT DAY CARE

Adult Day Care is a weekday program, open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., serving senior citizens who need some assistance but don't need to be in a nurs ing home. Professionals assist with the restroom, medications and offer a hot lunch. Transportation and financial assistance are available. For more information, call the Plymouth site at (734) 451-1455 or the Livonia site at (734) 591-2216.

SUPPORT GROUPS

STARTING OVER

Starting Over is a group for widowed men and women younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church of Christ. For more information, call (734) 662-

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Robert Petrie of Canton was among 1,100 students who received degrees at Bowling Green State University.

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Canton residents Roxanne Delozier, Christine Gerak and Patricia O'Rourke and Plymouth residents Ryan Bayer, Marilee Service. The Ford Institute is designed to give character among college and university students | While maintaining her studies, Furmanek also vol- Brindamour and Carol Stone were among 63 exceptional students a chance to broaden their and to honor those who achieve such distinction. unteered her time to counsel rape victims. She is students who were honored at Madonna Universi- education through concentrated study.

nd a | ty's School of Business annual Honors Convocation for High Achievement. This honor is given to students who have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours in Madonna University, and 15 hours within their major with a GPA of 3.5 or above.

GERALD R. FORD INSTITUTE

Albion College student Molly Strand is a new member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public

rian Church's women's club is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. CHORUS The County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines international is looking for women who love to sing. The group of 30 women sing a cappella musić barbershop style and have begun preparations for annual competition in May. Rehearsals are 7 p.m. every Tuesday in the UAW Local 898 at 8975 Textile,

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Keller-Thomas

Robert and Mary Jo Keller of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana Bloomfield. Louise, to Matthew James Thomas, the son of Larry and of Livonia Churchill High Donna Thomas of Westland.

University of Michigan and a The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Churchill High 1997 graduate of the University School, a 1994 graduate of Mis- of Michigan Law School. He is souri Valley College with a bach- employed as an attorney with elor of science degree and a 1998 Jenner and Block of Chicago, Hl. graduate of Michigan State Uni-



Haves-Wyniarsky

Lazar officiated.

and Benjamin David Hayes were

The bride is the daughter of

George and Patricia Wyniarsky of Westland. The groom is the

son of Kathleen Hayes of West-

land and Lennis Hayes of Fen-

tional specialist degree from

Oakland University in August

1999. She is employed as an ele-

mentary instructor in West

Her fiance is a 1990 graduate

School, a 1994 graduate of the

A July wedding is planned at

Mr. and Mrs. John Partain of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison leigh, to Michael Patrick Monan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Monan of Batavia, Ill. The bride-to-be is a 1993 gradate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan with bachelor of fines arts degree. planned.

University with bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is employed by St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor as a regis

tered nurse. Her fiance is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He served four years in the U.S. Air The bride-to-be is a graduate Force. He is employed by Ford of Trenton High School, Western Motor Co.

An August wedding is planned bachelor of science degree in in St. Edith Catholic Church in





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The bride asked Cindy The bride is a 1994 graduate of Westland John Glenn High Koslowski to serve as her maid Christine Mariah Wyniarsky School and a 1996 graduate of of honor with Amy Marcoe and Henry Ford Community College. Barbara Wyniarsky as brides-

Swarthout to serve as best man Club before leaving on a honey with Sammye Hicks and Andrew moon trip to Walt Disney World Szornyi as groomsmen. The couple received guests at

The groom asked Robert the Hawthorne Valley Country in Orlando, Fla. They are making their home in Wayne.



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Smalley-Cervantes

Bruce and Mary Ellen Marti of

Canton announce the engage-

ment of their daughter, Sharon

Lynn Smalley, to Rudy David

Cervantes, the son of Rudy and

Michigan University with a

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biomedical science and Madonna Livonia.

Louella Cervantes of Canton.



RELIGIOUS NEWS

Listings for the Religious News 9799 should be submitted in writing SUPPORT GROUP no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can givers of persons with dementiabe mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, related diseases will meet 10 Livonia 48150, or by fax at a.m. to noon the first and third (734) 591-7279. For more infor-Mondays of the month, beginmation, call (734) 953-2131. ning Monday, Feb. 1, in Room C-

St. Edith Parish will have a Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, in the church hall. 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information or to make a blood donation appointment, call the Christian Service Office at (734)

Registration will be 6:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at Calvary Missionary Church, 29850 W. Six Mile, Livonia, for the Full Force Ministries' Champion Martial Arts Program. The program will be 7 p.m. Monday and Friday, beginning Feb. 1. A one-month, two-day-a-week trial membership is \$30 for beginners. Family

discounts are available. The program has a motto of "helping others to reach their full potential and to be the best that they can be for God, themselves and others." Students learn the eight principles of Black Belt: honesty, humility,

be the leader. For more information, call the church office at (313) 533-2300.

WEIGH DOWN

The Livonia Church of Christ will begin a new session of the

band, Jim. A missionary to day's simulcast conference will such books as "Six Hours" One

A new support group for care-

317 of Ward Presbyterian

will meet for eight weeks.

Church, 40000 W. Six Mile,

Northville Township, The group

A support group for people

and/or family members facing

fourth Mondays for the month

8, also in Room C-317 of the

church.

for eight weeks, beginning Feb

No registration is necessary

For more information about the

programs, call (248) 374-5904.

is offering two Bible study

2, in the parlor of the church,

25295 Grand River, Redford.

other at 7 p.m. the first and

subject will be the Book of

One group meets at 10 a.m. the

third Tuesday of the month. The

Romans and Rene Langley will

WOMEN OF REDFORD

terminal illness will meet 10

a.m. to noon the second and

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Warren will help church leadand how to turn members from author." In 1980 Warren and his wife

moved to California to start a tist at (734) 414-7777. Likewise, the Purpose-Driven new church. Saddleback Church Church Conference Friday-Sat- started with seven people meeturday, April 23-24, promises to ing in their home. Today, the average attendance of 14,000

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Weigh Down Workshop 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at the church, 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia. During the 12-week session, participants learn to follow the natural internal hunger God has created and replacing their devotion to the refrigerator with a life-changing love for God. The fee is \$103 for the workshop. To register, call the church office at (734) 427-8743.

NEW BEGINNING

Mary Hickey will discuss the "Physical Aspects of Grief" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. The Women of Redford at Red-For more information, call the ford at Redford Baptist Church church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380groups, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734)

462-3770.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to mprove 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

"Rick Warren is the leading cutting-edge pastor in the counple who murdered him have ers recognize the different levels try," said Kurtycz. "Max is a pasof commitment in their churches tor and an extremely well-known For more information about

the conference, call Temple Bap-Also on the schedule is Tem-

ple's annual "Glory of Easter" drama which will be presented be a popular event at Temple Mission Viejo church has an the last weekend in March and first weekend in April. A popular program, Kurtycz expects the

Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or at www.rc.net/detroit/wwme. 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 Confraternity 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.

St. Genevieve Catholic Church will have a Vegas Night 6 p.m. to midnight and Bingo 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, as part of its annual Parish Festival. The maximum payout will be \$500, and proceeds will go to the parish's general fund. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-5220.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will host a concert by Glad 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, in the sanctuary of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township. The group

And for Generation X'ers, the Vox Cafe will open its doors at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, with the evening of music, videos and coffee starting at 7:30 p.m. Vox is free of charge and for young people born between 1964 and 1981. Square. Cost will be \$6 for The guest speaker will be adults, \$2.50 for children and Betty Ray, a Livonia Stevenson \$15 for a family ticket (includes High School graduate, who will two adults and two children 12 talk about issues relevant to years and under). today's generation from a biblical perspective.

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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 is free, but a free will offering will be taken. Free child care will be provided during the concert.

Its 1999 Winter Divorce Recovery Workshop, for any divorced or separated person, will be 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11-March 25, in Knox Hall. The workshop will be lead by the Rev. Paul Clough, minister of single adults at Ward. The cost is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, or \$15 for those who are repeating the program. Free child care for children infants through age sixth grade. For more information, call the Single Point office at (248) 374-5920.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED.

Church Women United Metro Detroit-West will have its International Student Day carry-in casserole luncheon 12:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford. International students will speak to participants about their homelands. There also will be speakers from Starfish Family Services and the women's group which provides Love Packs for displaced children Participants should bring a casserole to feed three people and paper products for the First Step program. For reservations and child care, call Bonnie June Legge at (734) 464-7727 by Feb.

ROAST BEEF DINNER

The United Methodist Men of the First United Methodist Church in Wayne will host a roast beef dinner 5-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, in the fellowship hall of the church, 3 Town

WOMEN'S BREAKAWAY

'99 Friday-Saturday, Feb. 5-6, at 17100 Laurel Park Drive, Livonia, Vicki Smith of Apple Valley

Calif., will be the guest speaker for the program, designed to bring women of all ages together to encourage and strengthen their relationships with the Lord and each other.

The cost is \$60-113, depending on room occupancy, and includes hotel accommodations (double beds only), Friday evening snack, continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday and the seminar sessions.

For an informational brochure, call Calvary Baptist Church at (734) 455-0022.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have a dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Haggerty Road south of Plymouth Road, Plymouth Township. The charge will be \$8 and will include refreshments.

The group also meets regularly on Sundays for breakfast and Mass 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia, Call Val at (734) 729-1974. It also meets for coffee and conversation 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia and for pinochle 7 p.m. every other Friday.

SMOKE-FREE BINGO

St. Edith Catholic 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 **GUEST SPEAKER**

St. Edith Catholic Church will host author and speaker Guy Doud 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, ivonia. Doud's "Molder of Dreams" has been the No. 1 requested tape on the "Focus on the Family" radio show for several years. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For more information, call (734) 464-2027 or (734) 464-2020

Canton's Calvary Baptist "It's a fun time with relevant Church's Women's Ministries music," said Kurtycz. "Vox will host Women's Breakaway the Livonia Marriott Hotel, EC

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Easygoing, overweight DWF, 43, 510°, NS, NDrugs, enjoys swim-ming, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling, Seeking honesi, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, South Lyon area. 121713 INCURABLE ROMANTIC

Energetic, perky, kind-hearted DWCF, 43, 5'2", 125lbs, brown/brown, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys walking, ten-nis, cooking, dining out, movies, seeks SWPM, late 30s to 40s, for best friend first, LTR. 2263 PRETTY BLONDE LADY

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Adventurous nurse, DWF, 46, 54*, brown/brown, Seeking adventurous fireman, 40-50, for fun times, N/S preferred, 1022170 LOVE IN THE NEW YEAR Attra

Attractive, inancially/emotionally secure DWF, young 50, 5'4', brownblue, N/S, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel and romance. Seeking handsome, sincere, caring, financially secure, compassionate SVM, 45-55, for friendship, leading to LTR 97:003 LTR #2083 COWBOY WANTED

DWF wants a financially secure cowboy, over 50, over 5", unimportant, smoker weight ial drinker. Must be a twostepper. 122053 SEEKING SENSE OF HUMOR

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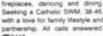
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FOR X-MAS

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Thursday, January 28, 1999

SCENE

Fishing trivia contest

Fishing enthusiasts, take note. Here's a chance to prove your superior fishing knowledge and win tickets to the 11th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo.

We'll hold a fishing trivia contest each Thursday in the Observer & Eccentric through Feb. 25. Answer the weekly trivia question correctly and have a chance to win four tickets to the Sportfishing and Travel Expo, which will be March 4-7 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. One weekly winner will be randomly selected from all the correct answers we receive. All entries for this week's question must be postmarked by Monday, Feb. 1.

This week's question is:

The biggest freshwater fish in the Great Lakes is the lake sturgeon. What is the weight of the current state record for lake sturgeon?

Send in the correct answer to: Fishing Trivia Contest, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

Sixers succeed

It featured everything a championship game should. And in the end, it was the Sixers who emerged with the title in the 7th-8th grade division of the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association, narrowly defeating the Celtics 61-60 in a game played earlier this month.

Members of the Sixers are David Hoskins; Mike Dendrinos, Rick Hensel, Mike Jones, Mike Lanier, Brian Neher, Brandon Reeves, Mike Savoni, Eric Vanston and Pat Zemanski. The team is coached by George Dendrinos and Daryl Hoskins.

Regional standout

The all-Mideast Region NCAA Division I men's soccer team has been announced, and Drew Drummond, a junior at Eastern Michigan and a Plymouth Salem graduate, was selected to the third team.

A midfielder, Drummond was awarded all-region honors for the second time.

CCJBSA Connie Mack

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association is forming a Connie Mack team to play in the Southeast Michigan high school league.

The team will be open to residents in the Plymouth and Canton communities who are freshmen, sophomores and juniors this year.

For more information call coaches Mike Diedrich at (734) 394-0454 or k at (734) 455-1984

SPORTS Salem a no-show at Observerland



BY STEVE KOWALSKI .

STAFF WRITER skowalski@oe.homecomm.net

Farmington High wrestling coach Al

Beyar isn't sure where his team will

finish at Saturday's Observerland

When the action starts at 9 a.m. Sat-

urday at Livonia Churchill, the Falcons

will have the upper hand on at least

"Plymouth Salem: We'll finish ahead

Meet, but he's sure of one thing.

one of the annual contenders.

Plymouth Salem, the defending champion of the Observerland Tournament, won't repeat that feat. The reason: The Rocks committed to wrestling at a different tournament. That makes Catholic Central the odds-on favorite.

of them won't we?" Beyar said.

In any other year that's a bold prediction for the Falcons, who haven't placed first since winning the inaugural Observerland Meet in 1992 and have rarely finished ahead of the Rocks since.

But this year is different.

Salem, the defending Observerland champion, isn't participating because of a previous commitment to the Holt Tournament.

The two tournaments fall on the

same day for the first time since Salem coach Ron Krueger can remember. He picked Holt over the Observerland because he committed to Holt last spring.

"It's kind of a reciprocal thing," Krueger said. "They come to two of our tourneys every year and we go to theirs. All of a sudden they collided. If the same thing happens next year we'll explain to them 'Hey, we can't come back.'

"We would rather be at Observerland this week, believe me. The last few years we didn't know if (the Observe:land) would run or not. But we made a commitment at the end of last school year (with Holt) and had to stick with

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What: Observerland Wrestling Meet When: 9 a.m. Saturday (finals start

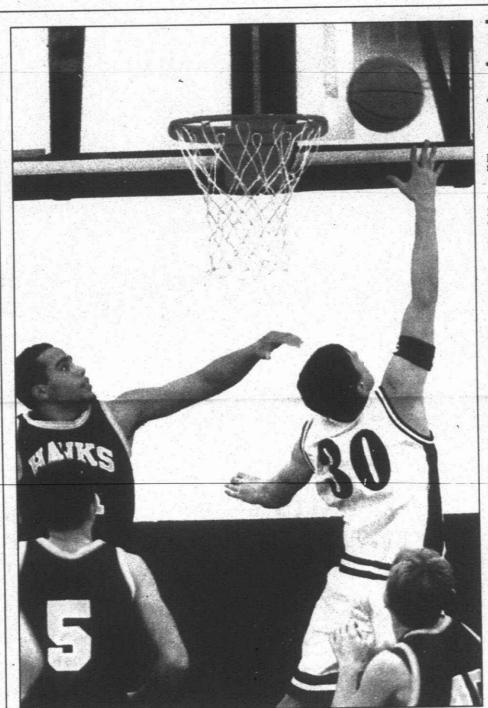
at 6 p.m.)

Where: Livonia Churchill

Who: Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Clarenceville, Redford Thurston, Redford Union, Redford Catholic Central, Garden City, Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison, North Farmington; Wayne Memorial, Westland John. Glenn, Lutheran Westland, Plymouth Canton.

Defending champion: Plymouth Salem (not participating)

Admission: \$5 for adults, \$4 for students.



Rocks roll in 2nd half

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK STAFF WRITER

Remember your Christmas tree lights? One goes out, you plug another in and they keep on blinking.

That's the Plymouth Salem boys basketball team.

From one season to the next and one quarter to the next. Stick a new kid in there and the system keeps right on working.

Plymouth Salem ran away from Farmington Hills Harrison, 63-47, in the second half Tuesday night to remain undefeated in 10 games this season. The Rocks are 4-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association

Eight Rocks scored in the game, half in double figures. Ten Hawks scored but only two were in double figures. Harrison is now 5-4 overall and 2-4 in the WLAA.

"They play that winning brand of basketball," Coach Mike Teachman of Harrison said. "And when the other team makes a mistake, they scarf it

up." "We're sputtering a bit once in a while," said Coach Bob Brodie of Salem, whose team was tied at the half, 23-23. Harrison took us out of our offense early. They are a tough, physical team.'

Salem came out in the second

layup but the Rocks ran off the next nine in a row for a 41-25 lead.

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Aaron Rypkowski hit a three, Wilson got a layup off a steal, Rob Jones made a layup off a turnover and Rypkowski sank two free throws.

"That third quarter spurt helped," Brodie said. "Our seniors stepped out. We played well on both ends of the floor. But Harrison fought back and made a run."

The Hawks scored 12 unanswered points and the third quarter ended on a Jones bucket with one second left that made it 43-37. Harrison cut the deficit to 47-43 with 5:57 left but a Rypkowski three-point play put the fire out.

"The did their stuff well," Teachman said. "We tend to do stuff that has proven not to be successful. Jump shot, jump shot, weak pass. You can't shoot jumpers all the time like that

"We were hurrying everything we were doing. Then they went to a zone, packed it in, and beat us. We made way too many unforced errors."

Andrew Burt and Joe Hundley led Harrison with 10 points apiece but the next highest scorer was at six.

"Joe was a bright spot for us," Teachman said. "He came to play. Wilson led Salem with 13

St. Edith football

Any boys entering the fourth through eighth grades in the fall who are parish members of St. Edith, St. Collette, St. Aidan, St. Kenneth or St Maurice are eligible to play for the Livonia St. Edith football team. Registration is at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 at the St. Edith gymnasium, on Newburgh just south of Five Mile.

For more information call Bill Hamilton at (734) 462-3917 or Brad Dickey at (313) 240-6130.

Soccer ref classes

A new soccer referee training class will be conducted in the AutoNa tion USA Community Room, located at 39600 Ford in Canton, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 30, Feb. 6, Feb. 13 and Feb. 20. You must be at least 12 years old to sign up. Class size is limited.

To register, send your name, social security number and a check for \$43 made payable to the Michigan Referee Committee, to 9115 Muirland Dr., Plymouth, MI, 48170. For further information, call (734) 454-7335.

The Plymouth Soccer Club will sponsor a class for anyone (12 to adult) interested in becoming a soccer referee. The program will consist of four Saturday classes (attendance at all four is mandatory): Feb. 13, Feb. 20, Feb. 27 and March 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. All classes will be in the card meeting room at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

To register, send your name, address, phone number, birth date, social security number and a check for \$43 made payable to the Michigan Referee Committee, Inc., to Brian LaMasse, 238 Coronation Court, Canton, MI, 48188. There are no residency requirements.

For more information, call Brian LaMasse at (734) 397-8325.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHM

Up and In: Salem's Mike Korduba evades Harrison defenders to put a shot in off the glass. Korduba finished with six points as the Rocks pulled away from a halftime tie to win easily.

COLLEGE HOOPS

Comeback lifts

Ocelots to win

over Wildcats

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The game was over, and all that

was left for the audience to offer

was stunned silence and a few dis-

believing smirks. The final outcome,

after all, was completely improba-

Or was it? As Schoolcraft College

omente after the Ocelots' come-

athletic director Ed Kavanaugh said

from-behind 78-76 men's basketball

victory over Wayne County Commu-

nity College Monday, "Never a

Kavanaugh was kidding. Every-

one who witnessed the game doubt

ed SC could stretch its win streak to

16-straight. After all, how many

times can a team pull off something

The answer for the Ocelots is

Please see COLLEGE, C5

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WEITER

ble.

like this?

half and got the ball down low to center Tony Jancevski for a turnaround baseliner and a layup (off a nice feed by Adam Wilson) on the first two possessions to take a 27-23 lead.

Wilson knocked down a triple from the left wing and Harrison called timeout. The Hawks recovered with a Lemar Wilson

points, Jancevski and Rypkowski scored 12 apiece and Jones netted 11.

"We tend to become a spectator team, stand around and watch the guard," Teachman said. "Then when they went into their zone, we really stood

Please see SALEM HOOP, C3

What a turnaround! SC cagers succeeding on and off the court

mean? It was just a little less than two years ago that Schoolcraft College concluded another lackluster season in men's basketball, finishing 6-19 and out of the Michigan CJ Community College RISAK Athletic Association playoff picture. It was

So what does it all

nothing unusual Last year was unusual.

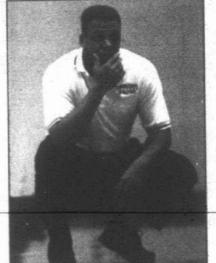
A new coach was brought in: former SC standout and NJCAA All-American Carlos Briggs. The task confronting Briggs was enormous. The hopes for success - marginal, at best.

Imagine the surprise when the Ocelots went 24-7, finishing second in the Eastern Conference.

So was it just a blip in SC's longstanding history of failure? Was Briggs the real deal - or just lucky?

Those questions aren't being asked any longer. This season's 16-0 start has provided the answer.

How can this be? How can a team that languished for so many years in winless obscurity suddenly become a



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN Quite a start: In his 18 months at SC, Carlos Briggs has posted a 40-7 record.

powerhouse, good enough to be ranked 13th in the NJCAA?

Briggs has answers to these quesq.s.

tions. In fact, he's been studying the Coaches' Quotebook fervently, or so it would appear; he has all the proper replies, giving credit to everyone from administration officials like athletic director Ed Kavanaugh to trainer Kim Kotlewski

It's all necessary, of course, if a coach wants to build a strong program. Briggs has followed the proper procedure in dishing out the praise. But don't misconstrue such actions - such accolades are not just for show. Others do deserve recognition.

They may not be responsible for what the players do on the court, but they play key roles in keeping them there

Check this out: Not a single SC play er was lost to academics at the January semester break. And although the 40 wins Briggs has posted in a seasonand-a-half is impressive, keeping everyone eligible is even more amaz-

Remember: In the past decade, if the Ocelots lost two or three guys to grades at the break, it was actually a good year.

Now, such numbers are unaccept-

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played fewer games.

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North Farmington 1:43.26

Livonia Stevenson 1:44.71

Plymouth Canton 1:45.73

Westland John Glenn 1:48.52

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:45.36

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:50.61

Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 1:53:30

Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:54.89

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 2:00.50

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 2:00.95

Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 1:56.41

Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 1:56.78

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

(state cut: 2:03.99)

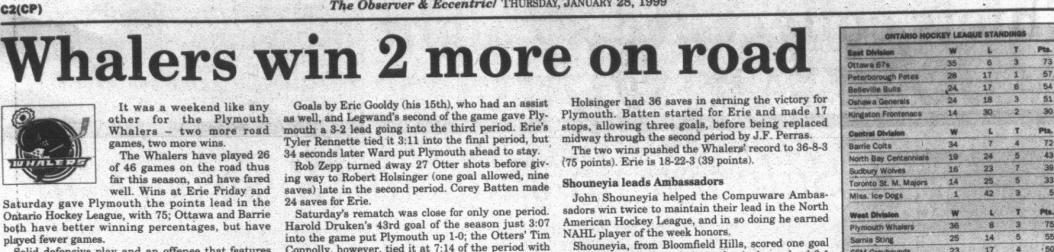
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Don LeClair (Canton) 1:53.11

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James McPartlin (John Glenn) 1:53.13

Plymouth Salem 1:45.23



and assisted on two others in the Ambassadors' 6-1 win over Danville last Friday at Compuware. At Cleveland Sunday, Shouneyia added a goal and three assists to help rookie goalie Tom Fortunate earn his first career win in an 8-2 victory. Shounevia's seven-point weekend gave him 19 goals

and 39 assists for an NAHL-best 58 points. Shouneyia, who will attend the University of Michigan next fall, will play in the CCM/NAHL All-Star Game Feb. 6 in Grand Rapids.





No new league planned

BASEBALL

been subject to field and umpire availability.

The addition of the Canton Softball Center will give the league some 60-72 game dates. The CCJBSA is going to wait until registration is over to letermine what realignment is needed. The CCJBSA offers fund-rais-

ing on an optional basis, with proceeds budgeted for field ovement. Boys and girls ages 7-18 (19 if still in high school) can sign up

to play baseball and softball. Birth certificates are needed for first-time players. Fees are \$75 for boys and girls ages 7-8; \$85 for girls 9-18; \$85

for boys 9-10; \$95 for boys 11-18 (19 if still in high school). There is a family limit of \$225 for nontravel players. Those in the girls fast-pitch

leagues and boys travel programs must sign up in person Travel program fees are \$200 for girls 10-12, \$325 for girls 13-18 and \$325 for boys 11-18.

Those seeking information about girls programs should call Ray Barnes at 981-5170; boys programs call Rich Shook at 455-1984

Following is a list of boys Observerland James McPartlin (John Glenn) 2:07.36 best swim times and diving scores. Coaches Paul Perez (Salem) 2:09.59 can report updates to Dan O'Meara by faxing Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 2:11.34 information to (734) 591-7279 or calling Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:11.54 Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:12.05 Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:12.11

It was a weekend like any

other for the Plymouth

Whalers - two more road

The Whalers have played 26

of 46 games on the road thus

far this season, and have fared

well. Wins at Erie Friday and

to insure the victory with 30 seconds remaining. of the second period.

games, two more wins.

Saturday gave Plymouth the points lead in the

Ontario Hockey League, with 75; Ottawa and Barrie

both have better winning percentages, but have

Solid defensive play and an offense that features

too many weapons for opponents to handle were

both evident in the sweep of the Otters. In Friday's

5-3 victory, the Whalers spotted Erie second-period

David Legwand played a pivotal role in the come-

back, scoring two goals (giving him 24 for the sea-

son) and assisting on another. Jason Ward was

another major factor; he scored the go-ahead goal

3:45 into the third period, then got an empty-netter

leads of 1-0 and 2-1 before taking command.

Ward also assisted on Legwand's first goal.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

(state cut: 1:42.99)

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DIVING Greg Braziunas (Redford CC) 253.95 Joe Lebovic (N. Farmington) 232.85 Mike Mattis (Redford CC) 230.50 Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 208.15 Justin Goodwin (N. Farmington) 177.55 Kory Stevens (Redford CC) 169.50 Greg Kubitski (Salem) 165.40

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Goals by Eric Gooldy (his 15th), who had an assist as well, and Legwand's second of the game gave Ply-

mouth a 3-2 lead going into the third period. Erie's

Tyler Rennette tied it 3:11 into the final period, but

Rob Zepp turned away 27 Otter shots before giv-

ing way to Robert Holsinger (one goal allowed, nine

saves) late in the second period. Corey Batten made

Saturday's rematch was close for only one period.

into the game put Plymouth up 1-0; the Otters' Tim

Adam Colagiacomo then took command, scoring

period, then adding a second power-play goal at

the go-ahead goal on a power play at 6:18 of the sec-

2:28 of the third, giving him 27 for the season. He

also assisted on Druken's goal; Druken assissted on

Inbetween Colagiacomo's goals, Ward scored his

12th of the season, a short-handed marker at 13:33

Connolly, however, tied it at 7:14 of the period with

Harold Druken's 43rd goal of the season just 3:07

24 saves for Erie.

his 26th goal of the year.

Colagiacomo's first score.

IEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

34 seconds later Ward put Plymouth ahead to stay.

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The Plymouth Canton Baseball Federation has announced it will not begin operations and will rejoin the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association this season.

"This is what we've been working for," CCJBSA President Harry Hill said. "This will benefit all the youngsters of the Plymouth and Canton communi-

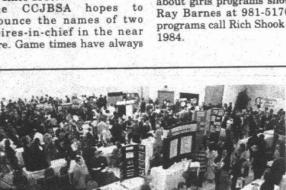
As a result, the CCJBSA will onduct registration from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the Canton High School Cafeteria. The league, which will hold a second registration Feb. 13 at the same time and place, is also taking applications by mail.

League officials will be on hand to answer questions. A speedier signup is anticipated because the league is instituting a new system with more cashiers.

The rebel league complained of shortening game times, umpiring concerns and fund-raising. "We always address league

problems between seasons and this winter is no different," Hill said. "We'll continue to serve our constituent communities as we have since 1960."

The CCJBSA hopes to announce the names of two umpires-in-chief in the near future. Game times have always



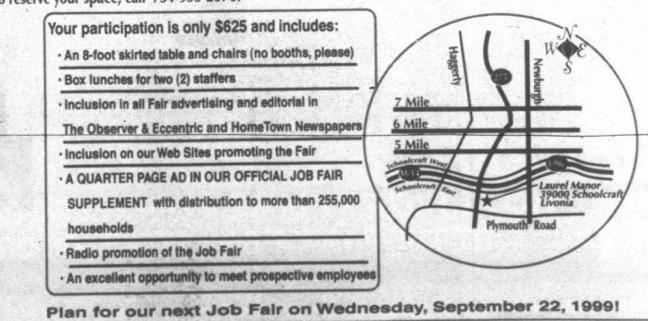
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Wednesday, March 24, 1999 11:00 a.m.-7 p.m.

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B VOLLEYBALL

Erica Stein paced the

defense with seven digs; Liz Gizicki added four. Aleshka

Marquez was the top server

The Rocks are idle this week

end, a break that comes at an

pportune time, with their bundance of injuries and ill-

nesses. They return to action

Monday at Livonia Churchill.

Southfield Christian had a

bit too much for Plymouth

Christian Academy to over-

come in a Michigan Indepen-dent Athletic Conference

The loss left PCA at 4-6-1

Jenny Sutherland led the

had three blocks. Melissa

PCA hosts Bloomfield Hills

awthrop collected 16 digs.

Roeper at 7 p.m. tonight.

ack with six kills; she also

match Tuesday at PCA.

erall, 1-2 in the MIAC.

Phillips had three apiece.

with four aces.

PCA falls

Chiefs collect 3rd straight Shorthanded Rocks

So far, so good

to one

game.

Plymouth Canton opened its Western Lakes Activities Association basketball season with a lopsided loss at North Farmington. Since then, however, its been all uphill for the Chiefs.

On Tuesday, they overcame a five-point deficit in the final four minutes with a 15-0 run to roll past host Farmington, 43-32. The win was their third straight in league

play, evening their overall record at 5-5 and making them 3-1 in the WLAA. Farmington fell to 3-6 overall, 0-3 in the conference. "It was a hard-fought game," said Canton

coach Dan Young. "We hung in there and made the plays when we had to. It was a nice win, a road win." The Chiefs trailed 32-28 with less than

four minutes left when they got it turned around Joe Cortellini, who led them with 16 points, started it by nailing one of his four three-pointers in the game to trim the deficit

The Canton defense took over after that. Jimmy Reddy got a steal, drove to the basket and was fouled; he hit both free throws to put the Chiefs ahead by a point.

Mike Major followed that with another steal and a basket. Major and Dan McLean made certain the Chiefs stayed in front, each going 4-for-4 from the line in the closing minutes. Canton was 10-for-10 at the stripe in the last quarter.

Jason Waidmann added 10 points for the Chiefs; Major had eight. Matt Mikel's 10 points topped the Falcons; Chad Seaborn

BASKETBALL

contributed nine Despite the league win streak - Canton also topped Westland John Glenn and Farmington Harrison - Young remained cautious with his optimism. "It's still early," he insisted. "We've still got a lot of work left to do."

PCA 57, Roeper 55 (OT): Maybe after Friday's lopsided, emotional win over Allen Park Inter-City Baptist Plymouth Christian Academy thought the road would be downhill in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

Wrong. On Tuesday at Bloomfield Hills Roeper, the Eagles found themselves in a heckuva fight. It took strong play from Derric Isensee and Jordan Roose, timely scoring from Mike Huntsman, and a free throw from Evan aines to keep PCA unbeaten in the MIAC. The Eagles improved to 10-1 overall, 4-0 in

the league. Roeper fell to 2-2 in the MIAC. "We didn't play poorly," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "But I think there was a bit of a letdown after that big win last Friday.

"We had two guys step up and play really Isensee was one of them. With 14 seconds

left in regulation, he drove down the lane, then dished off to an unguarded Huntsman for the tving basket. In overtime, the game was tied at 55-all when Gaines stepped to the free-throw line.

He made 1-of-2 free throws to put PCA up a point.

Roose, the other player Taylor spoke highly of, clinched it by stealing the Roughriders' ensuing inbounds pass. Roose was fouled; he made one free throw for the final margin.

Isensee finished with 23 points, 12 ebounds and six steals. "He just carried us," said Taylor.

Roose added 13 points, six steals, six assists and five rebounds, while committing just one turnover. "That's the best all-around game he's ever played," his coach said.

Huntsman finished with 16 points. Roeper got 15 points from Neil Ashmond, 12 from Ben Simongon, 11 from Silas Candwell and 10 from Laddie Amdahazy.

Catholic Central 66. Brother Rice 59: Nick Moore turned a solid game through three quarters into a spectacular one with a 16point fourth period Tuesday against visiting Birmingham Brother Rice.

The win pushed Redford Catholic Central's record to 7-4 overall, 3-2 in the Catholic League's Central Division. Rice is 2-8 overall. 1-4 in the division.

Moore finished with 31 points, including three three-pointers. Rob Sparks added 13 points and Matt Loridas had 11.

Ralph Sylvester paced Brother Rice with 13 points. Josh Hammel scored 12 and Chris Aquwa had 11.

CC led 30-27 at the half and 42-39 through three quarters, but the Warriors continued to threaten until the end.

Four players were out of the lineup for Plymouth Salem's volleyball team when it trav-eled to Westland John Glenn for a Western Lakes Activities association match Monday, but it hardly made a differ-

knock off John Glenn

Even with all the injuri and illnesses, the Rocks still romped past Glenn, 15-1, 15-1. "John Glenn really didn't play that well," said Salem coach Tom Teeters. "But we

The win improved Salem's record to 22-5 overall, 2-1 in the WLAA. The Rockets fell to 3-9-3 overall, 0-2 in the WLAA. Jill Dombrowski filled in for jured setter Laine Sterling broken finger) and performed admirably, according to Teeters, collecting 14 assists to kills. "She did a great job," he

Everyone got into the act for the Rocks. Angie Sillmon's seven kills led the team; Andrea Pruett added five, Amanda Suder had four, and

Sara Jensen and Denise

at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m

Friday, Jan. 29 Stevenson vs. Farm. Unified at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m. Redford Unified vs. W.L. Centra at Lakeland Arena, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 Franklin vs. W.L. Wester at Lakeland Arena, 5:20 p.m Redford CC vs. G.P. South at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Jan. 28

Roeper at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m Huron Valley at Franklin Rd., 7 p.m Friday, Jan. 29

Agape at Franklin Road, 5 p.m Clarenceville at Liggett, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 30 Romulus Invitational, 8:30 a.m. UM-Dearborn Tournament, 9 a.m E. Kentwood Invitational, TBA TBA - time to be announce

Salem hoop from page C1

"They're not an impressive impressive 'basketball-ly.' Salem plays octopus defense -

like each player has eight hands and knows how to use them and that kept Harrison from getting more than one shot at the basket per trip for most of the

Jancevski made a variety of shots from down low and up near the free throw line. Mike Korduba had six points and played a nice baseline game. Wilson made a pair of threes and distributed

the ball well. "I don't want a one-player or a two-player team," Brodie said. "If you're going to be a good team, all 12 guys have to contribute the best they can.

defense and showed patience on team physically. They're just offense for most of the game. Just not quite enough The Rocks just kept plugging

new parts into the machine. And it kept running. Northville 72, Stevenson 52: The Mustangs outscored the

Spartans in every quarter to capture the WLAA contest It was 13-8 after one period, 31-21 at the half and 51-37 after

three quarters. Guard Brett Allen paced visiting Northville with 18 points while Travis Bliss and Marshall Knapp each hit 12. The bigger Mustangs went 18-for-26 from

the free throw line throws. The Spartans were led points for the Pats.

The Hawks played good by Keshay McChristion, who had 14 points. Stevenson (4-5) is now 1-3 in the WLAA while Northville (4-6) improved to 3-1.

> N. Farmington 74, Franklin 20: In a WLAA game Tuesday, host North Farmington (8-1, 4-0 roared out to a 42-14 halftime lead and coasted past winless Livonia Franklin (0-9, 0-4). Emir Medunjanin, a 6junior, led the victorious Raiders with 20 points and 10 rebounds Phil Wartha, a 6-foot junior guard, added 19 points and eight

rebounds. Brian Shulman, a 5-11 junio guard, contributed 11 points and five assists. Joe Ruggiero and Stevenson hit 17-of-30 free Dustin Kuras each scored seven

BOYS BASKETBALL Thursday, Jan. 28 Garden City at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29 Canton Agane at Westside, 6:30 p.m. Luth, W'sid at Luth, N'west, 7 p.m. Churchill at Harrison, 7 p.m. Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m. Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.n Farmington at Salem, 7 p.m. W.L. Central at N. Farm., 7 p.m.

Redford Union at Southgate, 7 p.m. Romulus at Wayne, 7 p.m. Borgess at Redford CC. 7:30 p.m. Loyola at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m. Oakland Christian at PCA, 7:30 p.m.

at Marshall Middle School, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30

at G.R. Van Andel Arena, 11:30 a.m.



HE WEEK AHEAD MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Jan. 30 Aquinas at Madonna, 3 p.m.

Macomb at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m Oakland CC vs. Delta CC at Highland Lakes, 4 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBAL Saturday, Jan. 30 Madonna at Aquinas, 1 p.m. Macomb at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m. Alpena at OCC-High. Lakes, 2 p.m ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Friday, Jan. 29

Ply, Whalers vs. Ottawa at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 Ply. Whalers vs. S.S. Marie at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m. PREP HOCKEY Thursday, Jan. 28 Franklin vs. Stevenson

at Edgar Arena, 7 p.m. Redford Unified vs. Portage No

Thurston at Melvindale, 7 p.m.

Huron Valley vs. Macomb Christian

Harrison vs. Forest Hills Central



If Redford Catholic Central can uphold its favored status and win Saturday's Observerland Meet, it will tie Livonia Stevenson for most champi-

onships: three. Stevenson won in 1994, '95 and '97. CC won in '93 and '96. Farmington won the first Observerland Meet and Plymouth Salem took first place last

Depending on how the draw goes, there's an intriguing possile matchup in the heavyweight division between CC's Casey Rogowski and Redford

These rankings are compiled dreau (Clarenceville); 5. Kyle Pitt weekly by a panel of area coaches including Marty Altounian (Livonia Churchill), Jim Carlin (Redford Union), Dave Chiola (Garden City) and Bob Moreau (Livonia Stevenson).

TEAM RANKINGS

1. Redford Catholic Centra 2. Plymouth Salem.

3. Livonia Stevenson

4. Livonia Clarenceville 5. Wayne Memorial.

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

103 pounds: 1. Joe Moreau (Livonia Stevenson); 2. Chris O'Hara (Redford Catholic Central); 3. Josh Gunterman (Stevenson); 4. Dan Ton-

(Plymouth Canton) 112: 1. John Mervyn (Plymouth Salem); 2. Mike Kassabri (Wayne Josh Henderson (Salem); 4. Jeff Memorial); 3. Pat Sayn (GC); 4. Ron- Wheeler (Redford CC); 5. Dave nie Thompson (Salem); 5. Jesse Pur-

MAT NOTES

Thurston's Scott Genord.

Michigan University.

of the year.

The two are also top college

football prospects as linebackers.

Genord has already committed

to Indiana University and

Rogowski is headed to Central

The Observerland Meet was

formed this decade in part to

make it easier to pick members

of the All-Area team at the end

With Plymouth Salem choos

ing to compete at the Holt Tour-

don (Westland John Glenn). 119: 1. Jon Gregg (Wayne); 2. Vinnie Zoccoli (GC); 3. Rob Ash ton (Canton); 4. Jake Taylor (Harri-(Salem); 4. Steve Vasiloff (Livonia son); 5. Mike Falzon (Stevenson). Churchill); 5. Jim Gourlay (Redford

125: 1. Dustin Obeid (Stevenson): 2. Eugene Antonelli (Redford Thurston); 3. Justin Beseler (Wayne): 4, Jesse Stevens (RU): 5. Justin Schafer (Farmington Hills Har-

David Lemmon 130: 1. (Clarenceville); 2. Trevor Clark Ostach (Farmington) (North Farmington); 3. Jeff Albrecht (John Glenn); 4. John Pocock (Can- 2. Brian Barker (Stevenson); 3. Pete 5. Carl LaLonde (Thurston)

nament, held at the same time site in three years and that's just Rocks' absence could make it to Stevenson coach Don Berg. tougher to pick this year's team. Salem coach Ron Krueger

hopes that's not the case. "Enough teams see each other, and we usually go by how kids finish in the state (meet) anyway," Krueger said. "I don't see

it as a big problem, I hope." The Observerland Meet was held at Garden City its first five years before being moved to Plynouth Salem in 1997 and West-

land John Glenn last year. Livonia Churchill is the third

ton): 5. Tony Lema (Farmington).

135: 1. Imad Kharbush (Steven-

son): 2. Nate Wensko (Wayne); 3.

Ryan Zajdel (Redford CC); 3. Ken

Saturday, some wonder if the the way it should be, according The 1997 tourney was almost called off before Salem voluneered to host at the last minute.

ment has had trouble finding a home some years," said Berg, whose gym is too small to host "I think this tournament should have different sites, that's what makes it a true Observerland Tournament. It's a chore, but I think everybody ought to share

it.

"It's unfortunate this tourna

that. The kids look forward to

Langer (John Glenn); 4. Kurt Spar (Wayne); 5. Eric Toska (Franklin). 171: 1. Brian Hinzman (GC);

Ryan Mathison (Redford CC); 3 Adam Marcum (Clarenceville); Ben Lucas (Farmington): 5. Scott Archer (Lutheran Westland).

2 Walter Ragland (Clarenceville): 3 Andy Wood (Farmington); 4. Andy

21,5: 1. Brocc Navsmith (Redford CC); 2. Bryant Lawrence (Thurston); 3. Will Baker (RU); 4. Eric Puninske (Stevenson): 5. Kalan McPherson (Clarenceville)

(Redford CC); 2. Brian Brinsden (Farmington); 3. Charlie Hambli (Salem); 4. Mike Gaffke (Churchil

Azzopardi (Livonia Franklin). 140: 1. Jeff Usher (Thurston); 2. Ryan Shiplett (Franklin); 3. Jim Shel-

189: 1. Steve Myslinski (Franklin)

Conlin (Redford CC): 5. Ollie Mus 145: 1. Mike Carter (Churchill); 2. carella (RU).

Heavyweight: 1. Casey Rogowsk

Raupp (Wayne); 4. Josh Fee (GC); 5. Alan Duff (Franklin) 152: 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford Brandon LaPointe (Churchill); 3. Kevin Stone (Canton): 4. Eddie Traynor (GC); 5. Mark

160: 1. Robert Demsick (Canton);

Shamrocks shut down East Kentwood, 4-2

PREP HOCKEY

CC): 2.

Senior center Brad Holland has improved dramatically in the defensive end for the Redford Catholic Central hockey team. His father, Red Wings' general manager Ken Holland, isn't quite ready to sign him up, but he's got to be smiling at what he

Holland had an assist and was a major reason a speedy East Kentwood team was held to two goals in the Shamrocks' 4-2 win Friday night on the west side of the state.

The win came six days after the No. 1 ranked Shamrocks lost for the first time this year to Trenton, 1-0. The Shamrocks, who beat Riverview Gabriel Richard on Saturday night, 7-2, are now 13-1 overall.

"The outstanding player of the game unquestionably was Brad Holland," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "He's coming on so strong, just getting better every day. He's

learning to play hockey in the defensive zone. So many forwards are great once they're north of the blue line, not very many know how to play effective defense. He's one of our very best forwards in the defensive

PREP WRESTLING RANKINGS

Also earning praise from St. John was sellom-used sophomore goaltender Andy McCoy, who entered in the first period with junior Ben Dunne going to the bench with a stomach ache after making nine saves.

East Kentwood led 1-0 after one period and added another goal in the second period, which ended in a 2-2 tie. St. John said the game was a virtual car

bon copy of the Trenton game in terms of the

17.

referees calling a good game. Only three penalties were called "We should send a tape to every official in the state and the same can be said for the

Trenton game," St. John said. "Both games had absolutely outstanding officials." Sophomore forward Rick Buttery's persistance in front of the Kentwood net led to the vinning goal, assisted by Pat O'Dea and Ryan Yost with 2:36 left. An insurance goal

by Brandon Kaleniecki, his second of the game, assisted by Todd Bentley and Keith Rowe, came with less than a minute left. Kaleniecki opened the scoring for the Shamrocks with a goal at 2:37 of the second period, assisted by Holland and Rowe. The Shamrocks' second goal came by O'Dea, assisted by Joe Hillebrand and Buttery, at

11:39 of the second period.

Salem is 7-0 in dual meets and would have had a chance to defend its crown, for sure. In its absence, Redford Catholic Central becomes perhaps an overwhelming favorite with Livonia Stevenson the best hope for sec-

The Shamrocks have three state-champion caliber wrestlers in their lineup, led by defending Division I heavyweight champion Casey Rogowski, who hasn't lost a match since the 1996-97

The Shamrocks also have the cop-seeded wrestler in Observerland at 152 pounds, junior Mitch Hancock, and the top 215oounder, senior Brocc Naysmith Naysmith's only loss in 23 matches is to a state-title contender Mike DeGain of Clarkston. Hancock is 18-3 and Rogowski 24-0 with 22 pins. Chris O'Hara (103), Sean Bell (140) and Ryan Zajdel (145) also figure to move through the pracket.

Teams can't judge the Shamrocks by their dual-meet record, which this year is 10-9 overall, because it's come against some tiff competition

"We get ripped always during the season and about this time of ond last year. "I think we have

an excellent chance." Stevenson should be well represented in the lower weights, led by the area's top 103 pounder, senior Joe Moreau, with a 30-2 record.

Sophomore Imad Kharbush. with a 23-9 record, is the area's top-rated 135 pounder, and nior Dustin Obeid, at 19-7, is the No. 1 rated 125 pounder.

The lineup also includes senior Brian Barker, who is 19-4 and a emifinalist at the CC Invitational at 160, junior Mike Falon, 21-10 at 135 and 140, and unior Josh Gunterman, 15-9 at 112.

"We've been very fortunate at the smaller weights," Stevenson coach Don Berg said. "We're oing to give a run at it. Without Salem there, CC probably has the most experienced wrestlers. No one is going to touch the heavyweight (Rogowski), and Mitch at 152. I don't know if anyone will touch him either.

"And you have to give their

tough in the upper weights." Clarenceville is hoping for its best finish ever and it's lineup is led by 189-pounder Walter Ragland, a senior, who hopes to get another shot at Livonia Franklin's Steve Myslinski, the likely No. 1 seed. They've split

their two matches this year. The Trojans, 12-6 in duals, also have junior Dan Tondreau (103), 28-7; senior Dave Lemmon (130), 33-3 and No. 1 in Observerland; junior Matt Weihl (140), 24-9; and senior Adam Marcum (171), 28-9.

"We're just looking to place some guys, make a strong finish, just be competitive with bigger schools," Clarenceville coach Todd Skinner said. "It'll give us an indication of what to look forward to in the districts."

Canton 8th at Belleville Certainly Plymouth Canton

wrestling coach John Demsick was hoping for something more. But with two of the Chiefs best wrestlers sidelined with injuries, the best the team could manage at last Saturday's Belleville Invi tational was an eighth-place fin-

ish in the 10-team field. "Belleville always has a tour nament with many strong year our kids always start com- teams," said Demsick, in his first ing around," said CC coach Mike season as Canton's head coach Rodriguez, whose team was sec- after spending a year as the Chiefs' assistant. "This was true again

But, even with Kevin Stone and Rob Demsick out of the lineup, the Canton coach thought his

team should have done better. "We gave the other teams too much respect," Demsick said. "Our young squad just didn't go out there confident enough and did not wrestle well in the matches that were winable for

"Nonetheless, I think we the start and go over it with learned from this." them," Briggs said. "What their Some of the Chiefs did perform goals are, what they want to do.

well. Jim Shelton, a senior wrestling in the 140-pound division, placed second, and Kyle Pitt, a sophomore in the 103pound division, finished third.

Also, Joe Faraoni, wrestling in his first varsity tournament. moved up a weight division and came within one win of reaching the third-fourth bracket.

"One of the hidden heroes of the day was Joe Faraoni," said Demsick. "And we were really proud of Jim Shelton and Kyle.

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Course.

ing Assistance Center and the tutors provided to the daily study table And even if he does throw in a coach must be able to provide a cliche or two to get his point across (what coach doesn't?), what Briggs won't do is play a dodge-and-delay game when it after his two years at SC are comes to academics or off-court

anywhere

they could play.

Ocelots stay perfect in league play; Crusaders tumble Last Saturday, the Lady Ocelots duction and defense both sagged in the points, Carissa Gizicki had 12 points

Risak from page C1

Like an Ocelot fast break, that gap. Example: Early this everything seems to be functioning smoothly academically. The

team had a combined gradepoint average of 2.6 in the first semester. Can you imagine? In the past, if one player achieved such a he sits. "lofty" number, it was noteworthy

"Education is first and fore-

most," Briggs explained. "If they

work hard and pass their class-

es, it carries over to the court."

Attitude and discipline .

bookmarks to the SC program.

As coach, Briggs keeps close tabs

on his players academic

available to him, from the Learn-

activity. His approach is direct.

progress. He uses all the tools to the basketball court.

Forget all the chill, snow and freezing rain - Schoolcraft's women's basketball team is hot.

The Ocelots took a 10-game winning streak into their Wednesday showdown for first place in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference at C.S. Mott in Flint.

Schoolcraft drilled Wayne County Community College, 85-55, Monday hight to improve to 6-0 in the league after its 10th win in a row overall. The Ocelots are 14-3 overall and are ranked fourth in the NJCAA's Division II. Schoolcraft took a 47-29 halftime lead

scored 18 points and had five assists. Stacy Cavin contributed 14 points and 13 rebounds with Jackie Kocis netting 12 points to go with 11 rebounds.

Briggs has apparently bridged

were falling behind academical-

game, Bigby nonetheless was on

the bench when the Ocelots bat-

tled back to edge Wayne County

The reason: He wasn't follow

The philosophy is based on

Of course, it all looks great

when the wins are piling up. To

talent. To attract the talent, a

player with hope for his future.

In other words, a shot at a

Briggs sees that as a major

year's team - Kevin Melson,

accomplishments into chances to

"Work hard in life and you'l

Cliche or not, the message is

be successful," Briggs preaches.

said. "That's success to me.

scholarship at a four-year college

Community College Monday.

ing the plays called by Briggs.

Joanna Menzie paced Wayne with 20 points. Wayne is now 1-6 in the Eastern Conference, 3-12 this season.

and maintained it the rest of the way.

Samantha Theisen led the way with

19 points for the Ocelots; she also had

six steals and five assists. Esther Ross

WOMEN'S HOOP

against visiting Alpena CC to post an 82-71 victory. Kocis led SC with 18 points. Theisen

added 17, Belinda Reid had 12 and Cavin scored 11. The loss left Alpena with a 9-7 overall record, 4-3 in the conference.

Spring Arbor 86, Madonna 75: A hotshooting Lady Crusader team stayed even with one of the NAIA's top squads

through the opening half, but point pro-

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away for the win.

Madonna slipped to 12-9 overall, 1-5 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. The Cougars are 18-2 overall, 5-0 in the WHAC.

The Crusaders led 39-38 at halftime, thanks to 15-of-24 (62.5 percent) shooting from the field. But Spring Arbor outscored them 48-36 in the second hal to win going away.

Kathy Panganis paced the Madonna effort with 21 points, 10 rebounds and three steals; Lori Enfield added 14

pulled away from a 43-41 halftime lead second as visiting Spring Arbor pulled and 10 assists, and Chris Dietrich contributed 10 points and three steals. However, the backcourt of Dietrich and Katie Cushman combined for just 10 points on 5-of-17 shooting, with four assists and 10 turnovers.

Spring Arbor was led by Courtney Thompson with 23 points and eight rebounds; Andrea VanderHorst with 20 points and five assists; Kristin Dankert with 15 points and six steals; and Penny Supiran with 12 points, six rebounds and four assists.

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three of the last four. "I'm getting old," second-year season when a couple of players we've got nine lives, I'd say we

used up three of them — in the ly, he sat them out a game. His standards are set, in the last week." Last Saturday, SC fought back classroom and on the court. If a o edge visiting Alpena CC 94-93 player won't follow those rules n overtime. And on Jan. 16, the Ocelots edged Henry Ford CC Ask Lamar Bigby. SC's leading scorer at better than 18 points a 79-78.

SC, ranked 13th in the NJCAA's Division I, improved to Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. Wayne CCC is 5-3 in the conference. consistency, from the classroom

The final seconds of Monday's game produced a pair of heroes in dramatic circumstances. After the opening moments of the accomplish that, a team needs | game, SC led just twice in the game: on a three-pointer by Derek McKelvey with 2:45 left to play, and on Dashawn Williams' two free throws with under a econd remaining.

The lead provided by McKlvey's triple lasted 11 seconds; back-to-back threes by the Wildcats' Donald Tinsley and Marcus obligation to his players. "That's Clark gave Wayne CCC a 73-68 advantage with two minutes to Four of his players from last With under a minute left, the

Wildcats still had a four-point lead (74-70). But faulty freethrow shooting down the stretch cost them; they made just 3-of-8 from the line in the final 1:06.

McKelvey, whose 20 points led the Ocelots, stepped to the fore- together. They're going to take front again in the game's closing this and learn from it." seconds. David McGlown's drivers of everyone on a team is getting through — on and off the ing layup with 34 seconds left larly impressive in its perfortrimmed Wayne CCC's lead to mance, Briggs was happy with Jamal Edwards, 19 from Jeremy

Williams made 1-of-2 free throws without top-scorer Lamar Bigby. SC coach Carlos Briggs said. "If to increase the deficit it to three. Dashawn Williams missed a tying triple-try with 19 seconds remaining, but the Ocelots rebounded and called timeout with 14:31 seconds on the clock. The play was set up for McKelvey; he worked his way to the wing, and his off-balance threepointer knotted it at 76.

The Wildcats were out of time-16-0 overall and 6-0 in the outs; they tried to quickly inhounds the hall but Dashawn Williams intercepted the pass some big play and hit some big and was intentionally fouled on his way to the basket. With .86 seconds showing, Williams nailed both free throws for the win. Williams finished with 13 points: Mike Murray had 15 and McGlown scored 12.

> Wavne CCC got 26 points from Bennie Theriot, 22 from Tinsley and 14 from Clark.

"As the Schoolcraft coach said, it's too bad someone had to lose that game," said Wildcat coach Rogeric Turner. "Our execution down the stretch wasn't good. I always tell these guys, there's no ' in team, and tonight they played like a team most of the time. Then all of a sudden, instead of running the offense they decided to take over and do it themselves.

"They guys just got to believe in each other and the plays down the stretch. But it's coming Although SC wasn't particu-

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74-72; with 30.77 to go, Sherman the way team played largely DeLaughter, 17 from Dennis Averaging more than 18 points a game, Bigby scored just two in the first half and finished with six in limited playing time.

"He wouldn't run the plays, he wouldn't do what we asked," said Briggs in explaining Bigby's benching. "This showed him that we can play without him, and it showed the other guys they can win without him.

We never quit. We play until shots.

Still, waiting until the final seconds to pull games out is playing with fire, and Briggs knows it. "We can't keep playing from behind," he said. "But] teach the guys that if they work together, they can overcome any-

thing. Maybe so, but remember: This Ocelot has just six lives left.

SC 94, Alpena CC 93 (OT): In a game between Eastern Conference unbeatens, SC prevailed but not without a battle.

The Ocelots trailed in the waning seconds in both regulation and overtime, but still managed to pull out the win. Dashawn Williams paced SC with 19 points, six of those coming in OT; McKelvey added 17, Murray netted 14 and David Jarrett scored

The Lumberjacks, who also lost Sunday at Henry Ford CC to fall to 6-2 in the conference (12-7 overall), got 22 points from

Smolinski and 16 from Kevin Brown.

Alpena led 45-44 at the half; it was tied at 82-all at the end of regulation.

Spring Arbor 71, Madonna 54: Madonna University played well at Spring Arbor College Saturday - for a half.

The Fighting Crusaders led 36-35 at the half after converting with a roster trimmed to eight

na 36-18 in the second half, limiting the Crusaders to 6-of-26 shooting from the field (23.1 percent). They made just 1-of-12 threes in the second half.

The loss dropped Madonna to 5-14 overall, 1-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Spring Arbor is 5-18 overall, 2-4 in the WHAC.

The Crusaders got 20 points from Mike Massey; 15 points, nine rebounds and three assists from Jason Skoczylas; and 10 points and 10 boards from Mike Marvanski

Spring Arbor was led by Bryan Gordon with 22 points and 12 rebounds and Chad Chadwell with 18 points.

Madonna was outrebounded 52-41, including a 22-10 Cougar advantage on the offensive boards, and had 14 turnovers compared to nine for Spring

over

"We sit down with (players) at my job, to move people along," he

But we tell them, if they don't Pete Males, Jose Bru and Emeka

pass their classes, they won't go Okonkwo - have parlayed their

"We're teaching them life play at four-year schools. In

skills. In high school, some of return, that can only help Briggs

these kids passed classes just so sustain his own program.

Madonna winners

Of course, saying all the right

stuff is one thing. Making believ-

Redford Thurston High prodthe Madonna University to Madonna volleyball. women's volleyball team, which held its post-season awards banquet Sunday at Bushwood Golf

Malewski, also named the team's top offensive player, pro- Lakes Regional Team. pelling the Lady Crusaders to their second straight Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Soccer signup rown and a 12-0 WHAC record. Malewski, a junior, was also named NAIA All-America squad second team).

Other team awards went to Livonia Ladywood's Marylu Stephanie Uballe (Most Improved and Coaches Award), Jennifer Russell (Defensive Player of the Year and Miss Volley-

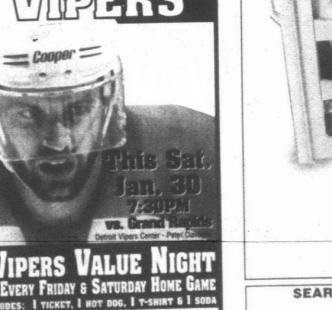
SPORTS NEWS es Award)

All-America Scholar-Athletes. Vert and Malewski earned selection to the All-NAIA Great

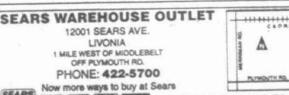
The city of Plymouth's ation Department is taking reg istrations for spring youth soccer 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday all through January at the Recreation office Hemme (Freshman of the Year), (525 Farmer in the Plymouth Cultural Center) For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

ball), Erin Cunningham (Coach-Russell and Rayna Vert, both uct Brandy Malewski was seniors, were also honored for named Most Valuable Player for their careers and contributions

Setter Deanne Helsom and Vert were also named as NAIA







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14-of-30 floor shots (46.7 perthe end. Fortunately, we got cent), including 6-of-12 threepointers. But the Crusaders with academic losses and player defections, could not maintain the pace The Cougars outscored Madon-

CC standout commits to Central Michigan and football

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER skowalski@oe.homecomm.net

CS(CP)

The Central Michigan University campus in Mount Pleasant is a couple hours away by car, but as far as Dennis and Kathy Rogowski are concerned, it's in their neighborhood.

Their son, Redford Catholic Central senior Casey Rogowski, made a verbal commitment Monday night to play football for CMU. In picking the Chippewas he turned down a scholarship offer from Miami (Fla.) and chose to quit waiting for an offer from Duke, where his high school teammate Nick Brzezinski had already committed.

CMU defensive coordinator Brian Van Gorder heard it from Rogowski first. Rogowski, 6-foot-3 and 235 pounds, is an all-state candidate in baseball and



the defending Division I heavyweight champion in wrestling, but he's a football player first.

"Coach Van Gorder was happy, real happy," said Rogowski, who can sign a national letter of intent Wednesday, Feb. 3. "He told me I have the opportunity to come in and compete for a starting job as a freshman (at middle linebacker). He sees me calling the defense and maybe eventually being a captain. All of them are great coaches. It's a great place, nice campus. They said the team is really close. It's like a home away from home and the town is really into the school."

The apple doesn't fall far from the tree is the accurate way to describe the relationship between Casey and his father, a Redford Union schools teacher. And now that can be said literally and figuratively.

Rogowski made official visits to Miami and Duke.

"Miami was just too far away," the younger Rogowski said. "I had to wait for Duke. They said they were going to offer two others before me and if one didn't commit I'd get it. But I didn't want to risk waiting and then have Central give away my scholarship. I'm happy with the scholarship I have. Everyone at home is happy."

The Chippewas start the 1999 season with a Thursday night home game against Eastern Illinois followed by consecutive road games at Syracuse and Purdue before a home date with Mid-American Conference title contender Miami (Ohio). Miami finished 10-1 last

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year, beating North Carolina along the way

CMU, which finished 6-5 overall in 1998 under head coach Dick Flynn, plays at Michigan State in 2001.

When CC coach Tom Mach thinks of Rogowski, he thinks of one of his best players ever and the day in August when he broke his leg in a four-way scrimmage.

Rogowski came back in the fifth game and led the Shamrocks to their secondstraight Class AA state championship.

"I think it's a great match," Mach said. "Central wanted him very badly and they showed that. I'm ecstatic for him because when I think about it I think back to the third play in the scrimmage. I think about where he was then and where he is now, and it's great.

Central recently renovated its 30,000 seat Kelly/Shorts Stadium and is adding an Indoor Athletic Complex that will be completed in March.

"Oh wow, it's awesome, top of the line," Rogowski said. "The weight room is huge."

Rogowski said he'll also have the opportunity to play baseball at Central. His teammates, Bob Malek and Anthony Tomey, have signed with Michigan State and Eastern Michigan, respectively, and will be regular opponents of CMU's.

"It'll be fun to see those guys, but weird playing on a different team,' Rogowski said.

Rogowski, who has a 3.3 grade point average and got a 20 on his ACT, wants to be a teacher like his dad with an emphasis in physical education.

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314 or send e-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net)

SHOWS

CAMPER, TRAVEL & RV The 16th annual Pontiac Silverdome Camper, Travel & RV Show runs through Jan. 31 at the Silverdome. The show features a full slate of seminars, previews of the latest RVs, travel trailers, campers and accessories, and representatives from vacation destinations and properties from throughout the Midwest and Canada. Show hours are 3-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Jan. 28 and 29; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan 30, and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31. Admission is \$6 adult, \$3 for children, and children under five will be admitted free.

BOAT SHOW

The annual Detroit Boat Show will be held Feb. 6-14 at Cobo Center, (800) 932-2628.

DEER AND TURKEY

The annual Michigan Deer and Turkey Spectacular will be held Feb. 12-14 at the Lansing Center, (800) 324-3337.

CAMPER AND RV

The annual Detroit Camper and RV Show will be held Feb. 13-23 at the Novi Expo Center.

BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING

The 16th annual Pontiac Silverdome Boat, Sport & Fishing Show will be held Feb. 17-21 at the Silverdome.

SPORTFISHING EXPO

The 10th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo will be held March 4-7 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The show will feature a special appearance by national walleye angling champion Ted Takasaki on Friday, March 5. Other speakers of national renown

at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31. Call (248) 557-7768 for more information.

ISLAND LAKE HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a long (six-eight miles), fastpaced hike through the Island Lake Recreation Area on Sunday, Feb. 7. Interested participants should meet behind Oil Dispatch on the southwest corner of Middlebelt and I-96 in Livonia. Call (313) 584-5351 or (734) 421-4397 for more informa-, tion.

SEASON/DATES

BOBCAT

Bobcat season runs through Feb. 16 in Clare, Crawford, Gladwin, Iosco, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Ogemaw, Osceola, Roscommon and Wexford counties and in Arenac County west of I-75 and north of M-61. The season runs through March 1 in the Upper Peninsula and in Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle counties in the northern Lower Peninsula

CROW

The late crow season runs Feb. 1-March 31 in the Lower Peninsula.

COYOTE

Coyote season runs through April 15 statewide.

FOX Gray and red fox season runs through March 1 statewide.

GOOSE

A special late Canada goose season runs through Feb. 7 in the southern Michigan Goose Management Unit. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries. RABBIT/HARE

Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.

STURGEON

Sturgeon spearing season is Feb. 1 - 28

CLUBS SOLAR

permit.

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

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELNEADERS

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

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

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

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each

(734) 285-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club. meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

MEETINGS NRC

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 10-11, at the Lansing Center (Wednesday) and the Steven T. Mason Building (Thursday) in Lansing. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

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

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours through Dec. 31 are 10 a.m. to sunset Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays, On Mondays and Tuesdays only the sporting clay course is open, noon to sunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1330

Greenshield Road, which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Road. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Road. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, (800) 477-7756; Indian Springs, (800) 477-3192; Kensington, (800) 477-3178.

WINTER BIRDS

Bring your binocular and take a walk through the park in search of winter birds during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Kensington

ICE FISHING FOR BEGINNERS

Learn the basics of ice fishing then wet a line in Kent Lake during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at Kensington.

FULL MOON WALK

Learn about moon folklore and wildlife in the winter during a walk under the light of the full moon during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at Stony Creek.

permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching perm its are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens).-Call (800) 47-PARKS for more

OAKLAND **COUNTY PARKS**

information.

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

BEGINNER WOODCARVING

Learn the basics of woodcarving while carving a small songbird figure during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Independence Oaks.

Take am evening cross country

which begins at 7 p.m. Saturday.

ski tour during this program,

Feb. 6, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud

Lake Recreation Area, Bald

Mountain Recreation Area.

Island Lake Recreation Area

offer nature interpretive pro-

is required for entry into all

grams throughout the year. A

state park motor vehicle permit

state parks and state recreation

areas. For registration and addi-

349-8390. For programs at Bald

For programs at Proud Lake and

Take a naturalist-led cross coun-

try ski tour (weather permitting)

or foot hike through Proud Lake

Recreation area during this pro-

Mountain, call (810) 693-6767.

Highland, call (810) 685-2433.

For programs at Island Lake,

call (810) 229-7067.

RIVER TRAIL SKI/HIKE

tional information on the pro-

grams at Maybury call (810)

Highland Recreation Area, and

STATE PARKS

STARLIGHT SKI TOUR

scheduled to speak at the show include walleye pros Mike McClelland and Keith Kavajecz, bowhunting expert Chuck Adams, In-Fisherman Magazine editors Dave Csanda and Matt Straw, and Michigan's own Tom Huggler.

OUTDOORAMA

Outdoorama '99 Sport and Travel Show will be held Feb. 26-March 7 at the Novi Expo Center, (800) 777-6720.

CLASSES FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

ACTIVITIES **SPORTING FLIES**

The Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited is hosting its **5th annual Sporting Flies** Fundraising Challenge beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at the Southfield Civic Center. Individuals and teams can try their hand at casting to targets on an artificial stream. Admission is free and the cost to walk the course is \$5 per person. Proceeds from the event will be used by the Paul H. Young Chapter for stream restoration projects in Michigan. Call (248) 594-8283 for more information.

SKI/HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a hike/cross country ski tour of Indian Springs Metropark during this program, which begins

TURKEY

Feb. 1 is the deadline to apply for a spring wild turkey hunting

month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at

1999 PERMITS

The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry

gram, which begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Proud Lake.



Entertainment

HE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Lucius Theus, Southfield's diplomat of the arts, invites you to a fine art auction, held in conjunction with Park West Gallery, to benefit the Southfield Federation for the Arts. 7 p.m. today, and Saturday, Jan. 30 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road (south of 10 Mile Road). No charge for admission, call (248) 424-9022 for information.

SATURDAY



Margery Deutsch guest conducts the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra 8 p.m. at Plymouth Canton Little Theatre, 8415 N. Canton Center Road, (at Joy Road). Afterglow at the Willow Brook Inn, 44255 Warren Road, east of Sheldon Road, Canton. Tickets \$12 adults, \$10, seniors/college students, students K-12th grade free, call (734) 451-2112.





QUEEN OF DETROIT

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER cfuoco@ce.homecomu

Alberta Adams epitomizes the blues Left on a doorstep by her alcoholic mother, Adams was forced to raise herself. Her four marriages were unhappy ones, but now she can't escape adulation. Sitting regally in Steve's Soul Food restaurant,

Adams is approached by a woman in her 30s who overheard Adams recalling her career. "I didn't know you was a singer. I can hear it in

your voice. You sound like Sarah Vaughan. I'm gettin' my book. I want my book autographed," she said Returning from her car, the woman hands Adams

a paperback book about a protein diet, and a pen. Superstitious, Adams asks her to lay the pen on the

WHO: Alberta Adams WHAT: Along with Johnnie Bassett and the Blues Insurgents celebrates release of "Born With the Blues" (Cannonball Records) WHEN: 9:30 p.m. Friday. Jan. 29

WHERE: Music Menu. 511 Monroe St., in the Greek town area of Detroit. HOW: Cover charge is \$5 for the 21 and older show. For more information, call (313) 964-6368. Cannonball records can be reached at http://www.canball.com or cbirecords@aol.com.

> Other upcoming performances include

- 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5. with the Blue Suit Blues Band 166 Maple, Wyandotte, (313) 285-5060
- 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, (248) 644-4800.

debut full-length CD, the appropriately titled "Born With the Blues," which Adams recorded with guitarist Johnnie Bassett and producer Ron Levy. She also appeared on "Blues Across America - The Detroit Scene," a compilation on Cannonball.

When Adams, who is in her late 70s, is told she must be proud of her accomplishment, she replies, Well, yes and no. I'm not big headed. I don't swell

"Born With the Blues" shows the range of Adams talents from the jazzy ballad "Searchin" to the R&B-flavored "Goin' Home Tomorrow" to the rap of

table. The woman sits down and flips through the pages of a local blues magazine that dubbed Adams Detroit's Queen of Detroit Blues" in fall 1996. "Look at that. I was a fox then. Here's me with Louis Jordan. Here's me with T-Bone Walker," Adams proudly points out. "It takes a lot of courage and some talent to get up there," she tells

Adams. As the woman walks off, Adams, in her gruff voice, say

"I'm well known." Cannonball Records in Chanhassen, Minn., is hoping

that the trend continues. The company has just released her

up. I'm proud of it."

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Fifty-year career: Alberta Adams, who is in her late-70s, has been performing since

The Second City-Detroit presents "Daimlers are a Girl's Best Friend," a fifth anniversary celebration show retrospective, 8 p.m. at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$10, call (313) 965-2222.



Harlem Globetrotters World Tour visits The Palace of Auburn Hills 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30. Tickets \$18, \$15, \$13 and \$11.50. Call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets, or (248) 377-0100 for information.

"Pair and a Spare.

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she was 17. Now she is releasing her debut full-length CD, "Blue With the Blues (Cannonball Records).

COMEDY

Comedian goes back to Stone Age for humor

"Defending the Caveman" starring creator Rob Becker opens Tuesday, Feb. 2 and continues through Sunday, Feb. 21 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. Performances 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday. Tick-ets \$44.50, \$38.50 and \$34.50 available at the box office and Ticketmaster outlets. To charge tickets call (248) 645-6666, or information call (313) 872-1000.

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Men and women are different, and comedian Rob Becker who makes "Defending the Caveman" his business, knows why.

"Men are hunters. Women are gatherers," said Becker whose one man show "Defending the Caveman" opens Feb. 2 for a three-week run at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. Because men are hunters they can only focus on one thing at a time. Women, because they are gatherers, can multi-task and do lots of things at one time

Take driving for instance. "Men have a narrow focus," said Becker. "They don't talk, because they don't want to scare the animals. They lock in on their prey until it's dead. When men drive, they don't talk, they look straight ahead."

Women make men crazy when they drive. "Because women are gatherers they often take other women and small children along," he explained. "They maintain conversations because they want to keep



Direct from Broadway: Rob Becker wrote and stars in "Rob Becker's Defending the Caveman," an affectionate comedy about men and women.

track of the members in their group and scare away the animals.

Becker says he sees it all the time in morning traffic - "Women on their cellular phones, putting on makeup, making waffles on a hot plate on the seat next to them, making to-do lists - my wife sees drive time as a time to get things done."

Women are comfortable doing more than one thing at once, men aren't. A lot of it has to do with vision.

"Men have target vision," said Becker. They track things in space. Women have

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CAVEMAN LOGIC ACCORDING TO ROB BECKER

Why do men have trouble finding their keys?

"Studies will show that men have an easy time targeting moving things. Women are better at separating fine visual details. They have to be, because they're gatherers and have to be able to scan the landscape to separate the berries to find which ones are the best. We don't separate fine details. If the keys were moving, we'd find them. That's the same reason why we can't find the milk when you say it's in the refrigerator."

Do men and women shop differently?

"Yes. Men are hunters. We track our prey, kill it and it's over. No hunt, no trail. When a man's shirt wears out, he hunts down a new shirt. The malls know this, that's why they put the men's stores at the entrances and exits. They know we won't wander, we'll go home.

"We don't understand why women get upset when they tell us to go to the store to buy bread, and we bring home only bread. 'What else did you get?' they'll

ask, we don't understand. "Men go out and get what they want; women will shop around. The gatherer doesn't know what's out there. Like when I buy ieans. I know when I go to the store they'll always have my size. When I go shopping with my wife, they'll have the shirt she likes, but not her size. She's got to give up and move on to something else. I've learned a lot shopping with my wife. They have incomplete inventory in women's clothes, that's why they shop around. Women's clothing is like a Rubric's Cube. Like shopping for shoes. She'll say she wants formal shoes, then a handbag to go with them. But she doesn't want a formal handbag. She wants a bag that's sporty that she can do more things with Gatherers have to wander to see what's in season, what's ripe. It's very similar. She might need a sporty handbag and not be able to find it."

How do men dress?

"Men have two ways of dressing. It's either I dressed up for you, or I don't care."

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TAFF WRITER

Half showmanship, half good around kids," he said. "Over half with the Harlem Globetrotters.

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straight blues all the way laid on my stomach in the hospithrough. I throw in a bit of some tal for about four months flat." of the other things - jazz, blues. I really like jazz, but I can't leave of Ella Fitzgerald, who grew up a the blues. I'm the queen of the dancer in Harlem. blues in Detroit, Michigan."

Louise Osborne in the early that sang the blues had taken 1920s in Indianapolis. Six sick. The manager said, 'I don't months after Adams' birth, her know what to do about a singer alcoholic mother put her on a tonight.' I said let me'sing. He doorstep believing that someone else could provide a better life for her baby.

"I was an orphan. I never seen my father. He could be in here to give her a chance. now and I wouldn't know. Somebody called my auntie in Boston and she picked me up and brought me to Detroit when I was 3 years old. I lived with her until I was 10 then I left her and singing the blues ever since." I went to live with another auntie." Adams explained.

"She had nine children. I got tried to become a chorus girl but nothin' but the crumbs from the was rejected because of her age. bread, the juice from the greens, no dessert. I went to school with her foot in the door. no stockings on. I had a hard life. I raised me myself. Sometimes I Sometimes I had to lay in doorways. This is why I'm singing the blues. I'm nothing but the blues." Adams first married when she was 17, but the relationship

turned ugly after she gave birth . to a child

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"There's variety. I ain't got no He winds up hurting me and I money for her efforts. Her 17th year echoed the life finally found MCA had my

bie knows all the Harlem Globe-

trotter moves. He spent 24 years

playing on the team, coming to

the Palace of Auburn Hills this

Saturday, before becoming a

coach. He was recently promoted

to a new position - Vice Presi-

dent of Global Ambassadors.

"I used to tap dance. I was in a Adams was born Roberta club dancing and the little girl said, 'Why don't you just keep on singing.

Finally, telling him she knew two songs, Adams persuaded him

"Stay in your spot for the tap dancing and you can go and do them two tunes" he told her. "I did them two tunes, and I

stayed there five days. I've been Other forays into music weren't so successful. Adams

She even lied a few times to get "I had this little costume on and I was singing, 'A tisket a tas-

couldn't get a glass of water. ket, I lost my yellow basket.' He (the manager) said, 'Get her off that stage. She was too young.' I was determined to be in show business and here I am." Her talent led her to recording

sessions with Chess Records, which released 45 rpm singles of

of the kids come with their parents and grandparents. Our fans are 3 years old up to 90."

An outstanding athlete, Ausbie joined the team in 1961 after 500 players from around the young kids to stay in school, stay team will face the New York .Harlem Globetrotter game. country. He even turned down a away from drugs and alcohol. We pro baseball contract with the go to schools when we're on tour, ories. Always Different. Always more than seven decades. That's "Most of our shows center Chicago Cubs to pursue a career

"My manager (and drummer)

R.J. Spangler looked into it and

records. Mr. Chess passed and

then his son passed. MCA's got

all the Chess Records. Eventual-

ly I'll be getting some of them

Adams has performed with

"the best." Her favorite aspect of

show business is the people that

she has been able to meet -

Vaughan, Della Reese, B.B. King

"Boy, I can name them. I've

een around. I've been with the

Adams calls "Born with the

"I've got my own style. Nobody

can copy my style. I got show-

manship. You got to have show-

manship to stay in show busi-

ness. You can find singers a dime

a dozen. But you have to have

something to go with it. You got

to get out there and get to the

That she does. Adams uses

Johnny Bassett and the Blues

Blues Band as her backing musi-

cians, and is occasionally joined

by her drummer/son Rick Gould.

(Her other son and daughter are

and Duke Ellington.

Blues" her "miracle."

people," Adams said.

doctors.)

royalties, some of that money."

chose. "It's like home now," he best we can. We're using the talsaid. "It's something I love. I

want to make kids happy." hand with education. "We tell Prince of Basketball. He and his

"I play the Fox and Hounds. I went in there last year and the owner came up to me and said. You are the first lady to come in

here and lift up these people. See, I took off my shoes. I said, 'I'm gonna get down with y'all. When I was done I said, 'Where's my shoes?' The guy in the back said my shoes were out there," Adams explained. "They were putting money in

my shoe. Everywhere I go, they Dinah' Washington, Sarah want me back. I got showmanship. See, you got to get through to the people. They come out to see you and they want to be a

part of me. Duane Brady, the general manager of the Fox and Hounds restaurant in Bloomfield Hills, agreed

"She's a diva. She really is. She's one of the old class acts. She's a very sweet lady." Although Adams is content with life, the blues is still a part

of her. "Your whole life ain't nothin but the blues. You just don't

know it. All this snow right here, that's blues to us. You couldn't get around, you can't get out, you Insurgents or the Blue Suit ouldn't eat, that's the blues.' "I walked out one morning to go to the store and I got two flat

tires. That's the blues. Every day from morning 'til the sun goes Wherever Adams goes, she down, there's blues in your life. The blues will never die.

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ent God has given us." Nationals when the 1999 "Mem-

"The Harlem Globetrotters have always been about milliondollar smiles," said Gaffney. "You Paul "Showtime" Gaffney is know there is nothing quite as Entertaining goes hand-in- the current reigning Clown thrilling and rewarding as the smile of a child who's enjoying a

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better peripheral vision; because scan the landscape to see where the ripe fruit it is."

Women who talk and drive at the same time scare men. "We women can turn to say something to someone. It's because they have better periphery vision. Women get in far fewer accidents than men, yet we're the ones staring at the road." Men and women often don't see eye to eye, and that's the rea-

son Becker saw a need to start "Defending the Caveman." He was motivated partly by

his wife, Erin. As they were planning their wedding, Erin showed him envelopes in lots of different shades and asked which one he liked best. Becker gave the wrong answer - "You go and pick

Erin was offended and felt abandoned. Becker was confused. They still got married, and at home he began noticing that women's magazines had horrendous articles about men. Once he was even held captive at a party. "I was with a group of women,

and they were dissing men in a big way like I wasn't there," he said. "Then, someone said, 'He's a man, ask him.' I stood up for men, and they started laughing,

It was the nodding part that got to him. He and Erin talked about it, and pretty soon Becker women. "A lot of the anger start- enjoying each other's company.

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experience so special."

ed melting away, and she started

they're gatherers they need to liking me more and more," said Becker about his wife. First he wanted to explain

men to women. Then he started explaining women to men. "I want to watch the road when we show how those differences drive. We don't understand how affect our relationships, and cause misunderstandings," he

People really started laughing when Becker put himself into the situation. "When I said, 'I'll be honest, I hate to ask for directions,' the audience started roar-

Becker has been doing standup comedy since 1981. He makes frequent guest appearances on national radio and TV shows. He wrote "Defending the Caveman" over three years 1988-

1991as a one-man show to make people laugh. "It's therapeutic in the sense

that laughter is the best medicine," he said. The show, which originally opened in San Francisco, has been sold out in Dallas, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Chicago and on Broadway where it is the longest running solo show.

"My goal," he said "is for people to stop trying to change each other, and begin understanding each other. The more we explore our differences, the more we come together. If we would spend more time understanding each other and less time trying to change the other person, we had a whole lot of material about would spend less time fighting, the differences between men and and more time laughing and

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'Promises, Promises' has enough energy to melt snow

on the movie "The Apartment" by Billy Wilder and IAL Diamond music by Burt Bacharach and lyrics by Hal David, through Feb. 14. Performances 2 p.m. Sundays Feb. 7 and 14:8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28; 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak. Tickets \$12-\$14, call (248) 541-6430.

By JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER

wanted to have occasionally like me have regularly. But I around. wasn't having it regularly. As a matter of fact, I wasn't even having what they have occasional-

And that, in a Neil Simon nutshell, is the plight of Chuck Baxter in "Promises, Promises," Apartment,' 1960's Best Motion Picture.

schnook with a heart of gold

Stagecrafters presents the who has something worth its the actor would. musical comedy "Promises, weight in gold: the key to his Promises," by Neil Simon, based West 67th Street bachelor pad. He therefore less-than-eagerly lends the place out to four under-sexed executives who promise promotions in return.

The show ran for three years on Broadway. Featured in the chorus was Royal Oak's Donna McKechnie, who would go on to Line." That was 30 years ago. And while the "Promises" plot is as anachronistic as love beads, Stagecrafters maintains the "As middle-aged men they solid production directed by Vonnie Miller that has enough what they thought young men energy to melt snow for blocks Doug Clark adds another

credit to his impressively versalate trying to impress personnel manager Mr. Sheldrake while fantasizing about that cute Fran Kubelik from the cafeteria. the musical version of "The Clark has the Jack Lemmon. to time a Simon line, and wisely

from the familiar title tune and "I'll Never Fall in Love Again," these are surely the silliest David ever wrote. The kings of to compose this show, it couldn't have taken more than a weekwin a Tony Award in "A Chorus like "She Likes Basketball," "It's Our Little Secret" and the embarrassing "Turkey Lurkey

Time." That said, the entire score is Royal Oak connection with a trademark Bachrach, fraught the authority and intimidation with frequent and unpredictable time signature changes as chalthe hurdles were set by a blindfolded man. Under the musical the same reason. The ballad direction of Priscilla Benson, the tile résumé as Chuck, who stays cast literally doesn't miss a nicely rendered. heat

Amy Lauter of Livonia is a cheery and wholesome Fran, iilted by that slime Sheldrake and oblivious to Chuck's moonstammer down pat, knows how ings. She's strongest when singing, with a folksy quality Baxter's an accountant in a reigns in his proven vocal abili- that's right for the period and New York insurance company, a ties just enough to perform the for her solos. Doctor Dreyfuss is Goody-Teregan; their "bops" and songs as the character, not as the character given the most

Now about those songs. Aside Pat Reid does the Borscht Belt bedside manner to near perfec tion - he could, however, come in just a tad sooner on some of songs Burt Bachrach and Hal those snappy comebacks. Lynette Yeager as zaftig Margie 60s pop when they were tapped MacDougall, the owl-draped bar pickup with a passion for Aqua Velva, works hard for that wellend to whip out dopey ditties earned applause after her two scenes

The show's primary letdown is David McIntosh of Birmingham as Sheldrake. He shows little of which squeeze Chuck into a compromising position, setting lenging as a hurdles race - if up the events to follow. His scenes with Fran are weak for "Wanting Things," however, is

> Neil Olcott, Alan Castle, Brian Golden and Bill Glace ham it up with gusto as the aforemen tioned four philanderers. And we can't leave out pit singers Becky Fisher, Diana Geralt, Mikaleen McClure and Debbie "aaahs" are so...so '60s.



On stage: Amy Lauter of Livonia as Fran Kubelik (left), Doug Clark as Chuck Baxter, and David McIntosh of Birmingham as J.D. Sheldrake appear in "Promises, Promises."

Spend some time laughing at St. Dunstan's 'Moon Over Buffalo'

Cranbrook presents "Moon Over of the evening. Buffalo" 8 p.m. Fridays and Satof Cranbrook Educational Com- that looks more like a "carrot" munity, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$12 adults, \$10 students / seniors,

BY MARY JANE DOERR

SAD

call (248) 644-0527.

It is hard to not be buffaloed hy the lunacy in St. Dunstan Theatre Guild of Cranbrook's most recent comedy, Ken Ludwig's "Moon Over Buffalo." A

host of eight actors make the show an evening full of laughs.

than a nose on his nose. That is story about an itinerant theater company doing "rep" in Buffalo. Each matinee and evening performance features the same actors playing different parts in the various plays. This road show is featuring Noel Coward's "Private Lives" and Edmond Rostand's "Cyrano de Bergerac." Rehearsals are going badly: a

leading actress, Eileen (Eliza-The (Act II, Scene II cross beth Robinson), is pregnant by

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Private Lives), was the highlight (Jeffrey A. Reseigh) is trying to fight when court his wife, leading lady As the aging, formerly Charlotte Hay (Mary Jolliffe) urdays through, Jan. 30 with esteemed stage actor George who is annoyed with husband azine) that she's been fooling additional show 8 p.m. Thurs- Hay playing Cyrano - part of George's infidelity; the hard of around with her hubby. George day, Jan. 28, at the theater, 400 the time, Richard Hartle has a hearing Ethel (Joyce Morehouse) disappears to get drunk. Eileen Lone Pine Road, on the grounds difficult time keeping something is constantly confusing the situa- leaves for a doctor's appointtion with misinformation; and ment, and Roz is left to fill in as the charming Rosalind (Marnie Sibyl in "Private Lives." just the way things are in this H. Diehm) has arrived to introduce her fiancé, the rather stiff and awkward weatherman The drunk George dresses for Howard (Chris Steinmayer) to Cyrano not Elyot. With the her eccentric parents. Roz's for- great film director Frank Capra mer fiancé Paul (Frank Wiswall) is also acting with this defunct company and isn't any happier to see Roz than she is to see him. Charlotte and George have a with the sophisticated humor in Steinmayer makes a better

Eileen owns up to Charlotte (with a note on her Variety Mag-

But, is "Private Lives" the afternoon's matinee or "Cyrano" supposedly in the audience to offer the couple their chance to jump from small town theater to the big screen, disaster ensues. play well off of each other. It is Only moments before curtain, The drama Cyrano is crossed hard to say whether Howard couple make the evening a very

an excruciating hilarious come-

As Roz, the bright and talented Diehm has the fun of playing Sibyl in the solo balcony scene in "Private Lives." She, of course, runs out of ad-libs when father George misses his cue and, then, arrives in his Cyrano costume.

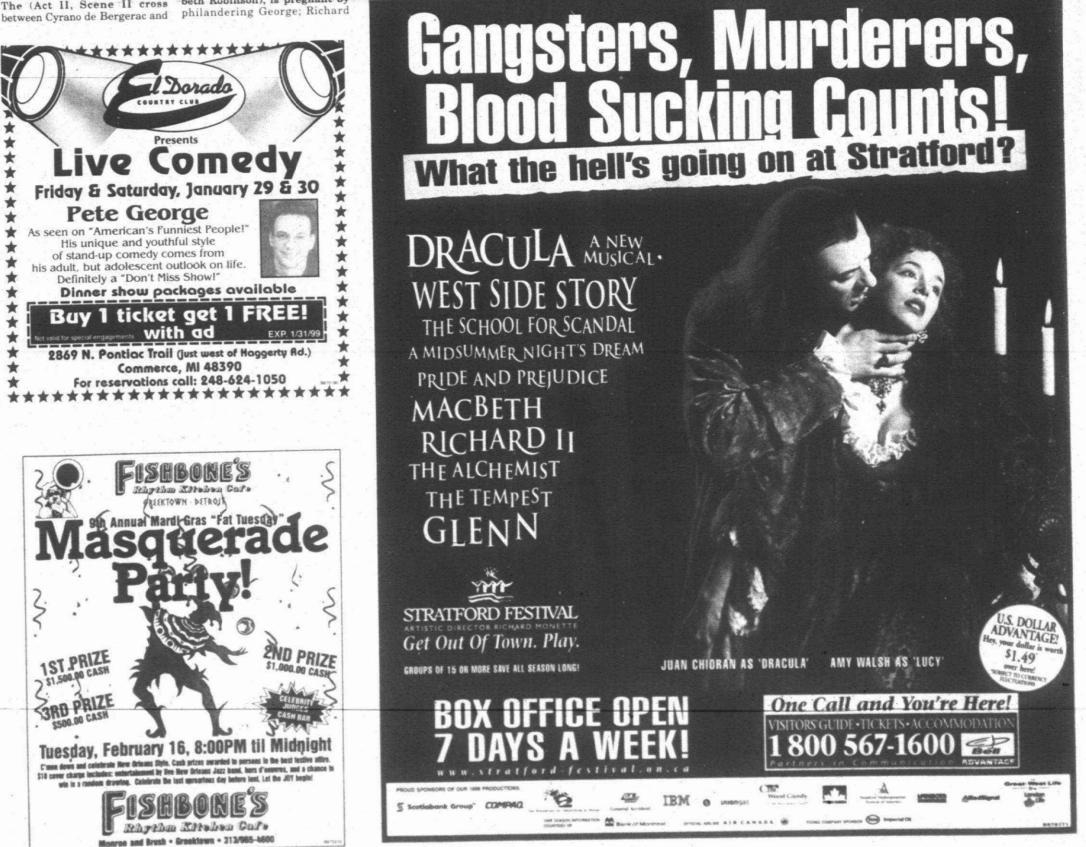
Roz's former fiancé Paul (Frank Wiswall) is Victor, who is suppose to fall in love with Sibyl. Together Wiswall and Diehm make a good chemical equation. Their timing is great and they

"Private Lives" and the result is weatherman or a better Gen. George Patton. Both are funny. Joyce Morehouse adds a lot of spark to the plot as the cantankerous Ethel

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Hartle and Jolliffe are two versatile actors who have the experience of knowing how to time lines and make facial. expressions to give those lines. their humorous effect.

As Charlotte, Jolliffee is more matronly than theatrical, but. with her acting skills, facial expressions, and natural ability to time her lines, her interpretive style wins out. Together the satisfying one.



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THEATER

CAPITOL THEATRE Theater Grottesco's "The Angels' Cradie," a story of discovery set in a sunless world, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30, at the theater and arts center, 121 University Ave., West, Windsor \$20 center and \$17 wings and balcony (Canadian). (519) 253-8065

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Camp Logan," Celeste Bedford Walker's play about the Houston riot and court martials 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) 868-1347 FISHER THEATRE

"Rob Becker's Defending the Caveman," Tuesday-Sunday, Feb. 2-21, at the theater, in the Fisher Building, Detroit. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays. \$34.50, \$38.50 and \$44.50. (248) 645-

6666/(313) 872-1000 MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

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

"Garage," a hilarious musical comedy written by and starring Detroit Second City mainstage alumni Joshua Funk and Nancy Hayden, chronicles three decades in the life of an ill-fated band formed in the 1970s in a Hamtramck garage, opens Thursday, Feb. 4, 8 p.m. and mid

night Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturday, and 7 p.m. Sundays through February, at the theate 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. \$10. * (313) 365-4948 or http://www.planetant.com

COLLEGE

WSU BONSTELLE THEATRE "The Piano Lesson" by August Wilson, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays Jan. 29-30 and Feb. 5-6, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 31 and Feb. 7, at the theater, 3424 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 577-2960

WSU HILBERRY 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. Thursday-Sunday Jan. 28-31, in the lower level of the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$8, \$6 students/seniors. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY

THEATER ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD "Moon Over Buffalo" continues 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through, Jan. 30 with additional show 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at the theater, 400 Lone Pine

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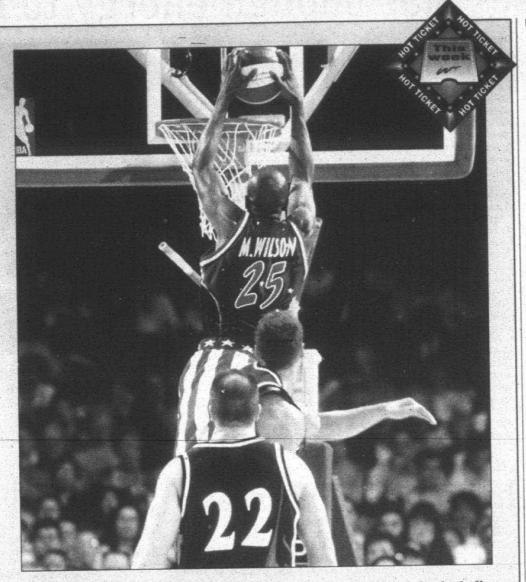
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YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

AVON PLAYERS YOUTH THEATRE The Wizard of Ox," 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 play house, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester. \$7. (248) 608-9077 DETROIT PUPPET THEATER

PuppetART presents "The

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WILD SWAN THEATER

"Owl's Winter," a delightful collections of stories based on Arnold Lobel's "Owl at Home,"10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Washtenaw Community College's Towsley Auditorium, \$8, \$6 children. (734) 763-TKTS

YOUTHEATRE

"Paul Robeson, All American," a biography about the actor/singer 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at Music Hall Center, 350 Madison Ave. at Brush, Detroit \$8, \$7 advance. (313) 963-2366

SPECIAL EVENTS

FINE ART AUCTION In conjunction with Park West Gallery to benefit the Southfield Federation for the Arts, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30 at the Where: Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road (south of 10 Mile Road). No charge. For information, call (248) 424-9022

DSO OVERTURES

A mixer that includes dinner and live jazz, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Mario's Italian Ristorante, 4222 Second Ave., Detroit. A DSO concert, featuring Scottish percussionist Evelyn Glennie, and guest conductor Dennis Russell Davies, follows at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Voodward Ave., Detroit. \$35. (313) 576-5130.

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West Gallery) to support the Southfield Federation for the Arts 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30, preview begins at 7 p.m., at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. south of 10 Mile Road. Southfield, Free, (248) 424-9022 STEVE KRASS MEMORIAL BENEFIT With Speedball, Thee Lucky Stiffs, Feisty Cadavers, Moloko Plus, Gutter Punx, Bumpin Uglies, Cold as Life, Elephant Ear

and Joey Nobody Allstars, 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 Feisty Cadavers, who was shot and killed at Harpo's nightclub in Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or

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SWINGTIME '99" The Fanclub Foundation for the Arts presents an evening of live entertainment, food from 28 restaurants, a silent auction, and art by local artists and students from Detroit Country Day School to help fund cultural organizations in metro Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, in the lobby of the Fishing Building, Second Street and Grand Boulevard, west of Woodward Avenue, Detroit. \$50 advance, \$60 at door. (248) 584-4150

FAMILY EVENTS

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Learn or make popular string figures with Marcia Gaynor, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, ages 8 and older, in the multi-purpose room at the Ann Arbor Main Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. (734) 327-8301

WALLED LAKE ICE FESTIVAL

Ice carving demonstrations, pancake breakfast, Polar Golf Outing, chill cook-off, nonprofit fair, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 and until 4 p.m. Sunday. Feb. 7, in the Walled Lake Community Education Building Courtyard, 615 N. Pontiac Trail, south of Maple Road, Walled Lake: (248) 926-9004

CLASSICAL ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY **ORCHESTRA**

"Unfinished Masterpieces" concert featuring University Musical Society Choral Union, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, free concert lecture to all ticket holders at 7 p.m. with Julie Jaffee Nagel who explores Mozart and his relation ship with his mother, in the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor.\$29 \$23, \$16, seniors \$2 discount; Sit-In tickets for middle and high school students \$10, \$7, \$5, half-price rush tickets at the doo for students with ID. (734) 994-4801or by e-mail at a2so@

wwnet.com **"BEETHOVEN THE**

CONTEMPORARY' With the American String Quartet, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jar 28, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$16, \$24, \$28 and \$30; Special family performance, 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Rackham Auditorium. \$10 children, \$20 adults. (734) 764-2539 or

http://www.ums.org CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF LINCOLN CENTER

With Anne Sofie von Otter mezzo-soprano, Bengt Forsberg, piano and artistic director David Shifrin performing an all-Scandinavian program, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, 911 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor, \$20 and \$35. (734) 764-2539 or http://www.ums.org

PENELOPE CRAWFORD Performs fortepiano and harpsichord, 4 p.m. Sunday an. 31, at

the Kerrytown Concert House. 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$12.\$9 students/seniors/Academy of Early Music members. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS

"Brass! Brass! and More Brass!, a concert featuring works for a full orchestral brass complement by G. F. Handel, Arthur Bliss. Bach, Walter Rein, and American composer Herbert Haufrecht, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Lone Pine and Cranbrook roads, Bloomfield Hills. \$20, \$16 students/seniors, \$10 children under 10, (248) 362-9329.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With conductor Junichi Hirokami features Tchaikovsky's fifth symphony and selections by Bizet, 8 p.m. Thursday Jan. 28, 10:45 a.m. Jan. 29, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Orchestra Hall. 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48, and \$40-\$60 box seats. (313) 576-5111 or http:// www. detroitsymphony, com

FOU TS'ONG

The award-winning planist performs Mozart piano concertos D minor, K. 466 and B flat major, K 595 with the Michigan Chamber Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at Temple Beth EI, \$20, \$15 Steinway Society members, \$10 seniors/students (248) 601-MCSO CHRISTOPHER LAUGHLIN

The classical guitarist presents a solo recital, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$8, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY

ORCHESTRA Presents chamber concert with guest conductor Margery Deutsch, and Youth Artisl Competition winners Faith Scholfield and Ross Huff, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, in the Plymouth Canton Little Theatre, 8415 Canton Center Road, at Joy Road, Canton, \$12, \$10 seniors/college students, free for students through grade 12. (734) 451-2112 PRO MUSIC

Presents pianist Arnaldo 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 Ave. Followed by meet the artist and buffet in Romanesque Hall and Kresge Court. \$25. (313) 886-7207

POPS/SWING STARLIGHT DRIFTERS 10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, Memohis Snicke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak, Free, 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (western swing)

AUDITIONS

BEL CANTO CHORAL GROUP Invites women who read music and enjoy singing to join the group. Founded 40 years ago, group members are women who enjoy rehearsing and performing a variety of music including light classical, show tunes and seasonal favorites Rehearse Monday eveings February-June in Southfield. Jane Miller (248) 642-3216/Katie Parcels (313) 640-0123 MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE

FESTIVAL

Auditions for performers for the 1999 resident company, ministrels, magicians, jugglers, acro bats, swordfighters, human chess cast, courtiers, peasants' militia, admiral. Mayor's counsellor and mummers, by appointment only, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, in Varner Hall at Oakland University, Rochester (800) 601-4848

NOVI THEATRES

Auditions for actors ages 7-13 for People Players presentation of Beatrix Potter's "Tales of Peter Rabbit," 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile, Novi, For performances April 16-18. All actors must pay a participation fee of \$125 once cast. (248) 347-0400

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY Rehearsals 7:15 p.m. Mondays First United Methodist Church. 45201 N. Territorial Road. Plymouth. "Mass in G" by Schubert, and "Chichester Psalms" by Bernstein will be per formed. Scores may be pur-

chased for \$7 and \$9, respective ly. No auditions required. (734) 455-8353 ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

Auditions for three men and three women for an April production of "The Dining Room" by A.R. Gurney, 7:30 p.m. Mondayuesday, Feb. 8-9, at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, east of Lahser, Detroit. (313) 881-0978

STAGECRAFTERS 2ND STAGE Auditions for nine men and four women for John Weidman's "Assassins" with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim p.m. Monday-Tuesdsay, Feb. 8-9 (6:30 p.m. registration), at the

Baldwin Theatre, 415 South Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances April 16-18, 22-25 and 30, and May 1-2, (248) 541-4832 TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

Classes for students grades 1-12 in scene study, Broadway dance, hip hop, improvisation, private voice coaching, and participation in Tinderbox ShowChoir and "The Ted Sullivan Show: A Variety Extrevaganza for Actors, Singers

and Dancers," Saturdays Feb. 6 to May 15, in the Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. Students give two performances Saturday, May 15 in Cathedral Theatre. (313) 535-8962

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

DANNY CARTHANE AND COMPANY 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30, at Ja-Da, 546 E. Larned between Beaubien and St Antoine Detroit, (313) 965-1700

CHICK COREA The pianist performs as part of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Ameritech Jazz Series, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15-\$46. (313)

576-5111 or http://www.detroit symphony.com

HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD CURTIS 7:30-9:30 p.m. Sundays in

January at the Coffee Studio. 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Plymouth, (734) 416-9288, \$3 cover; 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 335-3790; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market. 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333 (vocal/piano/bass)

JAZODITY With Bambu and Heavy Weather 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28. Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St. Ann Arbor, \$4, 19 and older (734) 996-8555 (acid jazz/funk) SHEILA LANDIS

With Rick Matle, 10 p.m. Friday Saturday, Jan. 29-30, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313 886-8101; 8-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5. Borders Books and Music. 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester, Free, All ages. (248) 652-0558

MATT MICHAELS TRIO 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28. at the Botsford Inn. Farmington Hills, (248) 474-4800 **ROSCOE MITCHELL**

Plays reeds with his trio including Gerald Cleaver, drums and bassist Leon Dorsey, 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25.

\$15, \$10, (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday Feb. 5, Edison's, 220 Merrill St. Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

ROYAL JOKERS

Bring their Apollo Theater style review of rhythm and blues to town, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 at the Kerrytown Concert House. 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$12. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Jan

Birmingham. Free. 21 and older

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday

Jan. 29, and 8 p.m. to midnight

Thursday, Feb. 4, Edison's, 220

and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax

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-

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan

older. (734) 662-8310

29-30, Bird of Paradise, 207 S.

Ashley St., Ann Arbor, \$5, 21 and

WORLD MUSIC

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, The

Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor.

http://www.a2ark.com (Irish)

\$16. All ages, (734) 761-1800 or

Please see next page

Merrill St., Birmingham, Free, 21

30, Edison's, 220 Merrill St.

HARVEY THOMPSON TRIO

(248) 645-2150

(vocal/piano/bass)

PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO

and vocal/piano/bass)

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URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY

Mondays; and Club Color, featur

ing funk and disco, 8 p.m.

(313) 832-2355 or

(734) 996-8555

2362 or

BLIND PIG

Wednesdays (free before 10

p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass

Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older

http://www.alvins.xtcom.com

"Swing-a-billy" night with dance

lessons from 7-9 p.m. Sundays

206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor.

\$5, \$3 after 9 p.m. 19 and older.

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET

"Flashback" night with "The

(Clutch Cargo's), old school funk

on level three, and techno and

house on level four, 8:30 p.m.

Saturdays, at the club, 65 E.

Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9

p.m. 21 and older. (248) 333-

Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ

Mac D, Thursdays, Women admit

ted free: "Love Factory" alterna-

Alternative dance with DJ Matt

Saturdays: Alternative dance

Tuesdays; gothic, industrial and

retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays

Free, at the club, 1815 N. Main

St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak

Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21

and older, (248) 589-3344 or

MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER

http://www.thegrooveroom.com

"Good Sounds," with music by

images by Thomas Video, 9 p.m.

Fridays at Magic Stick. 18 and

Rock 'n' Sowl happy hour with

bowling, music and complimenta-

ry food from the Majestic Cafe.

5-8 p.m. Fridays at Garden Bow

p.m. Fridays and DJ Gutterball, 9

p.m. Saturdays at Garden Bowl

Free. 18 and older; "The Bird's

Nest," punk rock night with live

performances, 9 p.m. Mondavs

older: "Soul Shakedown" with D

at Magic Stick. Free. 18 and

Big Andy, 9 p.m. Tuesdays at

(313) 833-9700

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Magic Stick. Free. 21 and older

"Back Room Mondays," service

industries employee appreciation

night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays.

Free. 21 and older; "Community

p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays. \$3. 18

and older: "Maximum Overload

"Divine" with DJs Mike Clark.

9 n.m. Fridays, \$6, 18 and older

Mark Flash and Brian Gillespie, 9

p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays. \$6. 21

and older, all at the club, 3515

Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396

0080 or http://www.motorde-

"Men 4 Men" New York-style

dance party with DJ St. Andy

spinning high-energy, progressive

house, 10 p.m. Fridays; "Family

Funktion Internal Groove* DJ

Alton Miller, 10 p.m. Saturdays

at the club, 2575 Michigan Ave.

in Detroit's Corktown area. Cover

charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-

ST. ANDREW'S / THE SHELTER

Three Floors of Fun," 9 p.m.

Fridays. \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5

afterward, 18 and older; Alt X2K

dance night, 10 p.m. Saturdays.

in The Shelter. \$6. 21 and older

at 431 E. Congress, Detroit.

"Ignition" dance night with

Saturdays at the club, 2115

Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cove

"Latin Dance Night" with DJ

and Saturdays (see popular

Ronny Lucas, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

music calendar); Swing lessons

for advanced dancers. 8 p.m.

Tuesdays (\$3 for 21 and older

\$5 for 18 and older), and for

beginners, 8 p.m. Wednesdays

(\$3 for 21 and older, \$5 for 18

and older), at the club, 28949

Joy Road (two blocks east of

Middlebelt Road), Westland.

(734) 513-5030

Thursdays. \$3: Live music Fridays

charge, 18 and older (313) 961-

WXDG-FM (105 1), 9 p.m.

http://www.961melt.com

(313) 961-MELT or

STATE THEATRE

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24 KARAT CLUB

St. Andrew's and The Shelter are

"Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays

Presents" with resident DJs, 9

\$6. 18 and older; "Rock 'n'

Bowl" with DJ Del Villareal, 9

older Free: "Work Release."

The Tonehead Collective and

http://www.961melt.com

tive dance night Fridays;

THE GROOVE ROOM

Planet" WPLT on level two

with DJ Del Villarreal, at the club.

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HUUN-HUUR-TU

The Throat Singers of Tuva, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$15 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or

http://www.99music.com IMMUNITY

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main

St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS TISH HINOJOSA AND SARA

HICKMAN 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$15. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.com THE LUDDITES

With The Layabouts, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 30, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com MICHAEL SMITH With hosts Jim Bertin and

George Garcia (aka George and Me), 8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan 30, at the Off-the-Wall Acoustic Coffee House, at St. William Parish Hall, Walled Lake. \$10. \$20 family, \$7.50 student, refreshments included. (248) 624-1421

DANCE

"A PERFORMANCE CLASS" Christina Kammueller presents her adult advanced/professional level students, 11 a.m. Sunday Jan. 31, at Marygrove College Detroit. Free. (248) 932-8699

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCES **ITALIAN AMERICAN BANQUET**

CENTER With music by the Mike Wolverton Band, and a dinner of

chicken piccata, oven-roasted potatoes, pasta marinara, pasta carbonara, peas and mushrooms, salad, rolls, coffee, tea and dessert, 6-11:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12. Italian American

Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. \$25. (313) 534-5924/(734) 422-3415 ST. BARBARA CHURCH

Music by Muza-Mix, dinner, doo prizes, 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, St. Barbara parish gymn, 5277 Calhoun, Dearborn. Tickets \$20 per person, \$12 for teens ages 12-18, accompanied by an adult. Bring your wedding picture for the "My Valentine" display. Deadline for tickets is Monday Feb. 8, call (313) 582-8383.

VFW POST 3323

Music by The Larados, sponsored by Stilettoes, 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland, Tickets \$22 per person, food, snacks, beverages. door prizes. You must be 21, call (734) 722-7907, (313) 849-0233. (734) 397-5659. (734) 427-2169 or (248) 542-5997.

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB Jim Hamm, John McDonnell and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday, Jan. 28; Joey Kola, Jim Hamm and Rich Higginbottom, Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30 (\$15); John Joseph with the music of Johnny B., and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 4-6 (\$14), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv

and new talent nights, 8, p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S Kevin McPeek, 8:15 p.m. and

10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan 29-30 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package); Pam Stone, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Feb. 5-6 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 (\$10, \$22,95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE Cathy Ladman, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28 (\$10), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29

(\$12), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 (\$12); Leo DuFour, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4 (\$8), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5 (\$10), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-

9080 MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE John Heffron of WKQI-FM, Q95.5, and Mike Young, Thursday

Sunday, Jan. 28-31; Jack Simmons and Mark Boyd, Wednesday-Sunday, Feb. 3-7, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Roval Oak, 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

SECOND CITY "Daimlers are a Girl's Best Friend," a fifth anniversary celebration show retrospective, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through Feb. 7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM 'Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science," featuring four artists' projects representing an ongoing exploration of a specific area of science, some incorporate specimens from Cranbrook Institute of Science, an Eastern Box turtle, satellite broadcasting prototypes, and a chicken coop, through April 3, lectures by the artists opening weekend Jan. 30-31 Feb. 25, March 11, at the museum, 1221 North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays, until 9 p.m. Thursdays. \$5. \$3 students/children/seniors. (248)

645-3323 or www.cranbrook.edu/museum

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901; "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,

and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1726 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

12-18, free for children ages 11

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

0 seniors and

IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Special Effects" at 1:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week at the center 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

HENRY FORD

MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE Rhythm Rising: Exploring America's Musical Roots" celebrates the contributions of African-American to world music weekends in February, blues guitar and vocals by Robert Jones noon and 2 p.m. Feb. 6, 13-14, Will Davidson (spirituals) noon and 2 p.m. Feb. 7, 20, 21, 27-28 The Gabriels (New Orleans jazz) p.m. and 3 p.m. Feb. 6-7, Taslimah's Ragtime Band 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Feb. 13-14. So Much Fun by Bob St. Thomas (jazz) 1 o.m. and 3 p.m. Feb. 20-21 and Perfect Blend (freedom songs) 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Feb. 28-March1 -also cooking demonstrations, dramatic presentations of an African tale, historical photo exhibit, and hands-on activities to create traditional African kufi hats, paper beads, quilt squares, at the museum during regular hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50

kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620 **MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN** HISTORY

Qdays a week

In celebration of Black History Month, the museum presents story theater performances 10 a.m. to noon Mondays, Feb. 1, 8 15 and 22: historical films noon Saturdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27. lecture series 3 p.m. Saturdays, and an African and African American Expo with work shops for grades K-12, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 20, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren, at Brush, Detroit. Activities free with museum admission \$5, \$3 ages 17 and under. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS Celebrate release of CD with party and performance, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (jump blues) BLUE CAT WITH KEN MURPHY 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30, Fox and Hounds, 1560

Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free, All ages. (248) 644-4800

(blues) BLUE MOON BOYS 10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3. The Cavern, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor, Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 332-9900; 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rockabilly)

RANKIE BONES 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Motor, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. \$10, partial proceeds benefit the Detroit New Media Association

21 and older. (313) 369-0080 or http://www.detroitnewmedia.org BONNE TEMPS ROULLE 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (R&B)

CHISEL BROS. WITH THORNETTA DAVIS 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4,

Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak, Free, 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

COCKROCKETS With Jason Fisher, 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-

6873 or http://www.golddollar.com (surf DEEP SPACE SIX

With Electric Magi, 9 p.m. Friday. Jan. 29, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave. Detroit, \$5, 18 and older. (313 832-2355 or

http://www.alvins.xtco (iam rock) DETROIT BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St. Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

GLEN EDDIE

8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) ELECTRIC BOOGALOO 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Karl's

Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, Free, 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (rock) ELIZA

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, Free, 21 and older (248) 332-6800; 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30, Smitty's, 222 Main St .. Rochester, Free, All ages, (248)

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older. (248) 650-5080

652-1600 (pop)

PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, Fox and

Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages (248) 644-4800 (blues) FLETCHER PRATT With Dean Fertita, 9 p.m.

3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddoilar.com (pop FLICCO B

With Soot, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw,

Pontiac. \$7 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (rock THE FRINGE 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Griff's

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Christina Fuoco;

all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric

Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock) **GHETTO BILLIES** Celebrate release of CD with

party and performance, with spe cial guests The Dopes and Sugar Pill, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St. Ann Arbor, \$5, 19 and older (734) 996-8555 (rock)

GOOD GRAVY 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rock) GRAVITY GAMES

With Teen Idols, Gutter Punx, Outsiders, John Cusack Attack and Elephant Ear, 6 p.m. Friday Feb. 5, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. (248)

333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com (punk GRAYLING 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Alvin's,

5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock) AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages

(248) 644-4800 (blues) HOPE ORCHESTRA 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, Borders Books and Music, 612 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor, Free, All ages. (734) 668-7100 (rock)

LISA HUNTER 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Lonestar Coffeehouse, 207 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 642-2233

TRAIN 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older.

(248) 853-6600 (R&B) JIM'S BIG EGO 10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2. Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

KUNG FU DIESEL With Big Sam and Culture Bandits, 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4 Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit

\$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com

(rock) PATTI LABELLE

With Gerald Levert, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$40 and \$50. All ages. (248) 433-1515

(R&B) JOHN D. LAMB

With Sal D'Agnillo, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Library Pub 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-

9110 (rock) SINEAD LOHAN With The Push Stars, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, 7th House, 7 N.

Saginaw, Pontiac. \$10 in advance. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (Irish

MUDPUPPY

pop)

9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Cavern Club, 210 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Bobby

J's Music Cafe. 29 Front St., Lake Orion. Free. 21 and older. (248) 814-8550; 10 p.m. Friday Feb. 5, Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester, Free. 21 and older (248) 656-7700

Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road,

Sylvan Lake. Free. 21 and older.

ROBERT NOLL BLUES MISSION

(248) 683-5458 (rock)

(R&B)

NIACIN JAY With The Almighty Groove, 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or

http://www.alvins.xtcom.com TOCK NICK STRANGE AND THE

BARENAKED 10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28. The Saturday, Jan. 30, Gold Dollar

MIKE NOLAN 9-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, BC Beans, 2964 Biddle Ave. Wyandotte, Free, All ages, (734) 284-2244 (000)

Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues) OPIE'S DREAM 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, JD's

Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens, Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-

TEDDY RICHARDS

1921 (rock)

With Merge and The Neptunes, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rock)

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10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, Free, 21 and older (248) 332-6800 (acoustic rock) KRISTIN SAYER BAND 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, C.M

Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road,

(248) 853-6600 (rock)

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Rochester, Free, 21 and older

8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, Fox and

Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave.,

Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages.

10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30,

Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw,

Pontiac. Free. 21 and older.

(248) 332-6800 (jam rock)

With Jill Jack and Jason Magee

9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Blind

Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann

Arbor, \$5, 19 and older. (734)

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Clutch

Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac.

or http://www.961melt.com

8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, Fox

and Hounds, 1560 Woodward

Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All

Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S.

First St., Ann Arbor. \$8. 21 and

older, Friday, Jan. 29, show can-

celed. (734) 213-6000 (blues)

6-8 p.m. Thursdays in January

The Good Food Co. East, 75 W.

Maple Road, Troy. Free. All ages.

(248) 362-0886 (acoustic pop)

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JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N.

Usher, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30,

Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$8

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and older. (810) 913-1921 (prog

With Powertrip and Blindsided, 9

Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut

charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-

9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, Karl's.

9779 Old N. Territorial Road.

Plymouth Free 21 and older

(734) 455-8450 (rockabilly)

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-

Rochester Hills. Free. All ages.

9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Jimmy's,

123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe

8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, The

ages. (313) 961-MELT or

THE WITCH DOCTORS

ALVIN'S .

Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall

431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All

http://www.961melt.com (rock)

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Ford Road

Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road,

Saturday, Jan. 30, Lower Town

Plymouth. Cover charge, 21 and

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NIGHTS

The Hush Party with resident DJs

Melvin Hill and DJ Cent, 10 p.m.

older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

Westland Free, 21 and older.

(734) 721-8609; 9 p.m.

Griff, 195 W. Liberty St.

Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313)

(248) 852-0550 (top 40 covers)

30, D.L. Harrington's Chop

House, 2086 Crooks Road.

St., Mount Clemens, Cover

ages. (248) 644-4800 (R&B)

10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30.

TANGERINE TROUSERS

STEVE SOMERS AND VALERIE

show. All ages. (248) 333-2362

\$13 in advance, \$15 day of

(248) 644-4800 (blues)

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ing, watchable movie that definitely has its moments. Unfortunately, it doesn't have quite enough of them. Just when you think it may really start to spread its wings and fly, it lapses oack into yet another wearisome

Set in and around an upscale high school in sunny La-La land, 'She's All That" stars Freddie Prinze Jr. as Zack Siler, a gorgeous, but sort of thoughtless guy who is definitely prom king naterial. He's an excellent student. He's president of the senior class. He's captain of the soccer

National Amusements

Quo Vadis

team. When he speaks to one of the "lesser" female students in the halls of Harrison High School, she almost dies with delight on the spot, even though he doesn't even call her by the right name. You know the type. Leading lady Rachael Leigh Cook is Laney Boggs, a girl who wears very big glasses, never plucks her eyebrows, and excels in art class. She spends much of her time worrying about Bosnia, chemicals in food, and looking after her rather befuddled father

(played mumblingly by Kevin when it comes to winning any popularity contests, of course. dle or a fig. You know the type.

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A CIVIL ACTION (PG13) M

Enter Zack's statuesque girl-friend, Taylor Vaughan (Jody for a lively dance scene present-Lyn O'Keefe), Shifty as a snake, she's determined to get what she wants. You know the type. Her seductive clothes are to die-for and she's a knockout. Therefore, she's a natural for queen of the

Soon after this comedy begins Taylor hits the rather cocky Zack with some stunning news. During spring break, she has met with Zack, who is putting a and fallen for the earthy Brock Hudson (Matthew Lillard), one of the "stars" of television's "The Pollak). Doomed is what she is Real World." This little twist of reel vs. real is like a breath of fresh air in this often-stale film but then, she couldn't care a fid- (as is Lillard's depiction of the ever-repulsive, almost frighten-

ALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES

VIEWER'

ed in a kind of flashback form in which the present is cinematical ly "layered" on to the past. While this adds a touch of welcome inventiveness, it seems ultimately not to fit well into the rest of

the movie, though. In any case, it doesn't last very long, and soon we're back in the Pacific Palisades, hanging out brave face on things, and betting his big-talking buddies that he can make one of the most unpromising girls in high school not only his date for the prom, but turn her into something of prom queen caliber. All they have to do is pick the girl.

Would it surprise you at all to learn that Laney Boggs, bespattered with paint and dressed like a bag lady, stumbles into their line of vision at about this time? You know the story that follows. At first, Laney gives him the requisite brush-off. Then, she gives in a little. Then, he tells her she has beautiful eyes. Then,

she gets a makeover, puts on an arrest-me-red dress, goes to a party attended by Zack and his friends, and regrets doing such a thing. There's the requisite beach party, volleyball game, fat kid with the soft heart, pesky kid brother, funny-hat-at-the-fastfood-place, and gross-out scenes

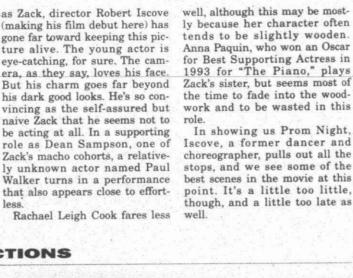
Robert Iscove's "She's All That." as Zack, director Robert Iscove gone far toward keeping this picture alive. The young actor is eve-catching, for sure. The camera, as they say, loves his face. But his charm goes far beyond his dark good looks. He's so convincing as the self-assured but naive Zack that he seems not to role be acting at all. In a supporting

well, although this may be mosttends to be slightly wooden. Anna Paquin, who won an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress in 1993 for "The Piano," plays Zack's sister, but seems most of the time to fade into the woodwork and to be wasted in this

Iscove, a former dancer and choreographer, pulls out all the stops, and we see some of the best scenes in the movie at this point. It's a little too little. though, and a little too late as

CLAUDETTE BARIUS/MIRAMAX FILMS

Comedy: Rachael Leigh Cook and Freddie Prinze Jr. in



In showing us Prom Night



All event proceeds will benefit the Purple Rose Theatre Company in Chelsea, Mich. "My Favorite Martian," released by Walt Dis-

general admission tickets. VIP tickets include ney Pictures, is an update of the classic 1960s reporter Tim O'Hara who stumbles upon a martian show space ship has crash-landed on earth.

"My Favorite Martian" also stars Christopher



bound fort in the Sierra Nevadas, circa hunger within himself, as well as killer who dines on men, Stars Guy Pearce.

"HIDEOUS KINKY"



A young filmmaker is struck with an idea that had the potential to change his luck all at once: to make a movie that would chronicle his owned dogged and indelicate quest for true love. The result, an insightful look at one hapless romantic's roller coaster ride through singlehood filmed Candid Camera Style. Written and directed by Myles

Kate Winslet, Sald Taghmaoui, Bella Riza and Carrie Mulan star in this drama set in the 1960s about a woman who takes off for Morocco and her two young daughters in an attempt to find the peace and happiness that have

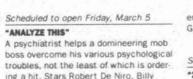
Berkowitz.

at the Star Southfield Theatre in Southfield Tickets are \$250 for VIP seating or \$15 for

premium seating, complimentary valet parking TV sitcom. Daniels stars as ambitious TV 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 Ticketmas- Lloyd, Elizabeth Hurley, Daryl Hannah and Ray ter outlets, The Michigan Union ticket office, Walston. The film opens in theaters nationwide The Star Southfield box office, The Purple Rose on Friday, Feb. 12.

Scheduled to open in April



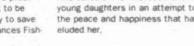
In casting Freddie Prinze, Jr.

of high school hi-jinks (after seeing this movie, you may never look at pizza the same way again). Eventually, the couple starts to see each other and themselves in a new light. As I say, you know the story.

BY VICTORIA DIAZ SPECIAL WRITER "She's All That" is a slick-look-

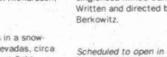
A newspaper reporter discovers proof

than an innocent man is about to be executed and has only one day to save





Scheduled to open Friday, March 26 "20 DATES"



him Stars Clint Eastwood, Frances Fish-

Musicians keep alive spirit of nice guy Steve Krass

Before Feisty 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at St. others.

RISTINA FUOCO was pretty much

the nicest guy. People always say die, but he was," said Mike Mouyianis, formerly of St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit. A group of his friends want to

continue that spirit by banding together to host the Steve Krass Memorial Foundation concert at

Cadavers singer Andrew's Hall in Detroit. The Feisty Cadavers, Speed-ball, Thee Lucky Stiffs, Moloko Steve Krass was killed outside Harpo's night- Plus, Gutter Punx, Bumpin' club in Detroit, he was an advo- Ear and Joey Nobody Allstars

cate of helping are scheduled to perform during the 18 and older show. Tickets "Steve are \$7. For more information, iust liked to help everybody. He

call (313) 961-MELT or visit http://www.961melt.com Mouvianis, Speedball member that about somebody after they ers' Dave Cocaine have been et. planning the event for two months. This is the third such

concert since Krass' death in

club on Detroit's east side. Krass. who attended the Motorhead and Speedball concert there, died three days later at St. John Hos-Uglies, Cold as Life, Elephant pital in Detroit. He was 32.

walked out five minutes before him. I had my junky car and he had a new car. My car was five spaces away from his. I remember I had a Super Bowl party and when he died the flier that I Bill Kozy, and the Feisty Cadav- gave him for it was in his pock-

The first benefit, held late February 1996, raised nearly \$17.000. The funds went toward funeral expenses, the pressing of ing a Jan. 14, 1996, robbery Krass' death, and the Steve a Downriver family whose moth-

attempt outside Harpo's night- Krass Memorial Foundation. The album was released as "Feisty Cadavers and The Brotherhood Krass CD," a 24-song compilation that included the six

songs the band recorded with "It was a bizarre night. I Krass, and 17 Feisty Cadavers songs covered by Detroit-area bands including The Trash Brats, Big Block, Speedball, and the now-defunct trio Hoarse. The CD is available on the Dallas- Suicide Machines. I'm on the based Idol Records. For more road most of the time during the information, write to P.O. Box 720043, Dallas, Texas, 75372; idolusa@aol.com; or visit http://

www.zhotspot.com/idolrecords With the money, the organization has purchased Red Wings Krass, a former Redford resi- the Feisty Cadavers' album that tickets for underprivileged childent, was shot in the head dur- was wrapped up shortly before dren, and helped pay the bills for

money to a Red Wings charity. fan," he said.

He is hoping that the concert will bring together the aloof Detroit music scene.

on the road. I tour manage The year. Usually when I come home, I go out and see bands. Now there's almost nothing," he said.

"There's no bands. Bands don't play. If they do, it's 10 of them at once. Hopefully this will bring everything together again, if for nothing else, for one day."

Successful benefit

The Saturday, Jan. 23, benefit for Joe LaFata, the former drummer for The Final Cut and Tyrone's Power Wheel, raised \$7.650

"His mom and dad were just flabbergasted. Brad (Cousens, general manager of Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac), myself and the guys in Tyrone's all went over Joe's yesterday (Sunday) right now. He just has to finish rehab and move on with his life," said Craig Posegay, who organized the event.

"Talking to his mom and dad,

A comedy about two people from opposite sides of the tracks... and everybody who tried to keep them apart_e

"A SEXY, FUN AND UNBELIEVABLY

ENTERTAINING FILM!

-CBS-Badie

You'll tell your friends about this one!"

er was stricken with cancer. This they were in tears about the year Mouyianis explained, the whole thing. They were so gratefoundation will donate the ful. It helped financially but they said more importantly it lifted "Steve was a big Red Wing Joe's spirits. He knows Detroit didn't forget about him. He knows his friends are behind

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LaFata, who recently finished "There's no scene anymore. I'm radiation treatment for brain. cancer, made a guest appearance at the benefit at St. Andrew's Hall to introduce headliners the Howling Diablos. Local pop band Charm Farm reunited for the event - with dancer Mikki Lutes. Guitarist Steve Zuccaro, lead singer/producer Dennis White, and keyboard Ken Roberts will release an album under the name Control Freq. on F-111/ Warner Bros. Records in April.

> "Dennis (White, lead singer, producer) brought 12 people and he donated \$250 at the door. The guy working the door donated \$20. It was just unbelievable. Everybody was just great."

Christina Fuoco is the pop music reporter for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. If you have a guestion or comment for her, you can leave her a message at (734) 953-2047, mailbox No and had dinner. He's cancer-free 2130, or write to her at The Observer & Eccentric Newspa pers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich., 48150, or cfuoco@ oe. homecomm.net

Movie merges Hollywood and Hamtramck

PASS a feature film tramck. a large percent- tramck. age of major

BACKSTAGE

productions that ANN DELISI

The two filmmakers are based in he says. Hamtramck and that's where the production and filming took

with someone who actually is Law" series. designed to do housework. Aside

Coming to a from those robots on the Jetsons,

theatre near you it's a new concept to me. As a segment producer of It seems that merging of Hollywood and Ham-

"It could have been shot anywhere, but the producers wanted have been set in to give an urban feel to the film somewhere else. Not so with wood depicts families that live in movie." "Stardust," a new feature film an upper middle class neighborfrom co-producers Charles Cir- hood that just isn't realistic for genski and Jeanine Menlove. many who pay to see the movie,"

the plot away in this column, I Esposito, who has distinguished involves a scientist whose exper- network television's acclaimed iment on the family vacuum "Homicide: Life on the Street" intriguing to me. Imagine living of my favorites from the "L.A.

visiting the set and one of the tion to the performing arts availediting sessions was to see the able here, and we'll introduce extraordinary production values you to it on Backstage Pass, as that's a little bit Backstage Pass on Detroit Public that go into a feature film. It segment producer Dave Tooron-Hollywood and a Television, Chris McElroy went became clear from this produc- gian offers a sampling from a whole lot Ham- behind-the-scenes of "Stardust" tion that there is a huge pool of production of "Cinderella" and to discover more about this gifted people that remains in the Russian folk tale "The Firethis area, although many talent- bird." ed filmmakers have left to pursue their craft," says McElroy.

am to see a distributor acquire enspiel and other quirky instruthe Detroit area and have the family living in an the film for national release ments, and a sense of humor. It

One of the fascinating things about the Detroit arts scene is how it keeps sprouting unusual attractions. Right across from The Hollywood touches in where the Hudson's building "Stardust" are provided by the once stood is the new home of While I don't intend to do a of predominantly local actors. ed exclusively to puppets. Pupmovie review or give too much of The imports include Giancarlo petART is a troupe of professional puppeteers, trained in the for can tell you that the story himself through appearances on mer Soviet Union, masters of theater, performance and design. The theatre opened in August, cleaner causes the machine to, in series and in the films by Spike presenting classical stories as effect, come to life. Sounds Lee, and Amanda Donohoe, one well as folk tales from around "What was exciting for me in children , it's a distinctive addi- spiel-playing puppet.

Sniff around the Detroit area

and you'll find a rock group I hope you're as anxious as I named Fez that relies on a glockwere mostly or environment that most filmgoers soon. That's Hollywood-speak also interesting to see how the entirely shot experiences. Too often, Holly- for "Hey, I want to see this intimate Recital Hall at the Detroit Institute of Arts has become a venue for classical musicians who are emerging as world class artists. The last discovery, Brazilian-born pianist Arnaldo Cohen, gives a Pro Musica performance there, and talented actors who join the cast Detroit's first-ever theatre devot- also in a Backstage Pass appearance to air on Detroit Public TV 7:30 p.m Sunday, Jan,

> If you ever feel that some of your entertainment choices are getting stale, keep looking and you'll find fresh and creative happening throughout our area. the world. More than just a If I'm wrong, I'll move to Hamunique and educational show for tramck and become a glocken-

'At First Sight' earnest, thoughtful drama

BY BOB THOMAS

What happens to a person who gains sight after a lifetime of blindness? This is the most compelling element of "At First Sight," an earnest, thoughtful drama based on a real event. The best-selling author-physi-

cian Oliver Sacks provided the story in his book "An Anthropologist on Mars." Sacks has gained a reputation for uncovering unusual medical cases. One of them became the basis for the Robin Williams-Robert De Nir movie "Awakenings," which "At First Sight" resembles. Both illustrate the limits of medical

miracles. Virgil Adamson (Val Kilmer)



on a pond hidden in the woods.

True story: Amy (Mira Sorvino) introduces Virgil (Val Kilmer, left) her associate and ex-husband Sam (Steven Weber) in "At First Sight.

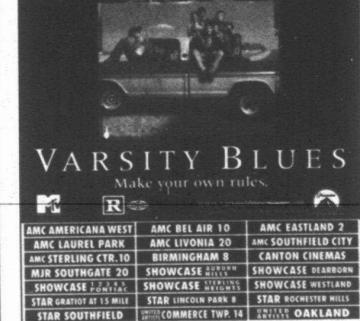
vital asset. what it takes.

Virgil fears the operation, and his sister opposes it. But Amy prevails. For the first time Virgil s able to see. In the beginning, the burst of light pains him. Soon he adjusts, but now he must grasp the elements of depth perception and other factors that children learn in their infancy. This is absorbing stuff. Despite its good intentions, the

rest of "At First Sight" seems. strangely unmoving. The characters and events of Steve Levitt's screenplay have an air of predictability, and Irwin Winkler's direction lacks excitement. John Seale's cinematography contrast ing the mountain greenery and the bold colors of Manhattan is a

Val Kilmer, the most underrated of today's leading men, brings humanity and charm to the role of Virgil, and Mira Sorvino in her first big lead role shows she has

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Area restaurateurs predict dining trends

BY ELEANOR HEALD SPECIAL WRITER

Millennium fever has brought a rash of predictions. Not to be left out, I interviewed area restaurant trendsetters for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Having opened or done conversions for eight restaurants in the last two years, Matt Prentice, president of the Unique Restaurant Corporation based in Beverly Hills, is the Detroit-metro area's prime mover and shaker.

Prentice was recognized among the top 50 "New Taste Makers," food service players shaping the tastes of tomorrow in the Jan. 25 issue of "Nation's Restaurant News," a weekly trade publication for the restaurant and food industry.

"The restaurant industry must appeal differently than it did 10 years ago," Prentice said. As an example, he pointed to Duet, his Detroit restaurant, where he has tried to embrace four elements: "look, food, entertainment and attitude." He described appearance as urban chic in feel, the food as creative, entertainment as an "anchovy can" in the bar on Friday and Saturday evenings around 10 p.m. and attitude as very comfortable and not at all stuffy.

"In the most popular restaurants across the country, there's a playful attitude with casual attire, but very serious food," he added.

As a viable trend, Prentice pointed to mashed potatoes. It began about two years ago, but it's really hot today. "We're serving a scoop of mashed potatoes in a martini glass and garnishing with rock shrimp, mango, lobster, chives or a chardonnay sauce over Yukon golds. We've even done sweet potatoes with duck cracklings."

In the cool, but going to hot "It's too cheap to ignore," he said. "Pork Scallopini will be a popupare it and in this market, we're getting it fresh from Indiana

cakes are not for breakfast or dessert anymore. Potato cakes and rice cakes will be part of Where to locate area trend-setting restaurants mentioned:

- E Cafe Bon Homme 844 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 453-6260.
- E Capital Grille in Somerset North, Troy (248) 649-5300. ■ Duet -- 3663 Woodward Ave. (at Mack), Detroit (313) 831-DUET.
- Five Lakes Grill 424 North Main, Milford (248) 684-7455.
- The Lark 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield (248) 661-4466. Morton's of Chicago - 1 Towne Square, Southfield (248) 354-
- 6006.
- No.VI Chophouse 27790 Novi Road (in The Hotel Baronette), Novi (248) 305-5210. Outback Steakhouse — phone regional office (248) 539-0843
- for locations.
- P.F. Chang's in Somerset Collection South, Troy (248) 816-8000.
- E Ruth's Chris Steak House 755 W. Big Beaver, Troy (248) 269-8424

- 31425 W. 12 Mile Road., Farmington Hills Tribute (248)848-1313.

appetizer preparations.

He predicts that in addition to P.F. Chang's and Wolfgang Puck's Cafe, more national upscale restaurant chains will come to the area. We'll see an upscale Asian restaurant with a talented chef in the mold of Executive Chef Takashi Yagihashi at Tribute. There'll also be upscale Middle Eastern and perhaps upscale vegetarian in a Kosher venue.

"There's demand for high quality at any price in dining," he continued. "It's as strong as I've ever seen it. And without doubt, there's a resurgence in prime beef. Steak houses are power dining scenes. The high-end market is controlled by Morton's, Capital Grille, No.VI Chophouse and Ruth's Chris. Mid-market is dominated by Outback Steakhouse."

Fine dining

Prentice believes restaurant prices will rise as the labor crisis

on-premise talented pastry chef and an experienced Maitre d'."

On that note, I talked to Mickey Bakst, Tribute's well-known Maitre d'. "Today's younger, affluent diners want to be recognized," he maintained. "They want a sense of friendliness and warmth in a restaurant. They also want to be visually stimulated by decor. Success of fine dining requires the human factor. It is a social event."

Bakst recognizes that service is a major part of the dining experience. "Finding people who will make serving a profession grows increasingly difficult in a tight labor market. It is a waitperson's job to instantly recognize needs of each diner. It's emotionally hard work, but a person can make a very good living if they regard the job as a profession. This is our biggest challenge: if we don't satisfy, with both great food and service, we don't deserve to succeed."

And that upscale Japanese two years," Bakst confirmed.

Bakst agrees with Prentice

restaurant needs to be the highest quality to succeed."

On that sound byte, I interviewed two of the most successful, Brian Polcyn, chef/owner of Five Lakes Grill in Milford and Greg Goodman, chef/owner of Cafe Bon Homme in Plymouth. "Quality never goes out of style," noted Polcyn. "We must offer diners high quality, good service and perceived value."

Both Goodman's and Polcyn's cooking styles have evolved in response to what dining clientele like to eat. "Repeat diners trust the new ideas I present, but today, a daily vegetarian selection on the menu is a must," Polcyn said. It's not steamed veg-

Our culture has been into excess, but that's over with dining. People want three or four courses at most. They want a 4-ounce fish and/or meat course.

"When diners see a higher price point, they have higher expectations. If they aren't delivered, the restaurant is history.'

Travels around the world have impacted selections offered by Polcyn. "After returning from the Mediterranean, I noticed I went through that phase. Asian cuisine, as an international style, holds a lot of creative interest for me." Goodman noted that Asianinfluenced food is becoming widely embraced by Gen-Xers.

have their taste preferences recognized.

Goodman concluded by predicting that the Detroit-metro area will be regarded as having some of the nation's best restaurants. "There's a huge economic base here, but since the area lacks convention and tourism enjoyed by Chicago, New York or San Francisco, we must attract and then retain clientele at the 80 percent level at least."

In agreement with Bakst, Polcyn commented that when James Beard was asked about which was his favorite restaurant, he responded "where they know me.





New Taste Maker: Matt Prentice, president of the Unique Restaurant Corporation, at Morels, A Michigan Bistro, in Bingham Farms.