

Canton Observer

Serving the Canton Community for 24 years

HomeTown
COMMUNITY & BUSINESS NETWORK
Putting you in touch
with your world

Thursday
February 25, 1999

VOLUME 24 NUMBER 66

CANTON, MICHIGAN • 74 PAGES • <http://observer.eccentric.com>

SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS

© 1999 HomeTown Communications Network, Inc.

IN THE PAPER
TODAY

COUNTY

Counting frogs: Friends of the Rouge is looking for a few good volunteers from western Wayne County to listen to frogs and toads and survey their sounds in the townships of Canton, Plymouth, Northville, Salem, Superior and Van Buren, and the city of Novi./A9

OPINION

Book time: Reading benefits old and young alike. Local events, tied into the late Dr. Seuss' birthday, promote reading./A14

COMMUNITY LIFE

All aboard: They were called stations, but with the operations of the Underground Railroad a closely guarded secret, it's hard to document four sites in western Wayne County that may have played a part in ferrying former slaves to Canada and freedom./B1

ENTERTAINMENT

Theater: Petula Clark, best known for the song "Downtown," is a talented actress who stars in "Sunset Boulevard," opening March 2 at the Detroit Opera House./E1

Community theater: Actresses recall experiences for riveting drama opening Friday, March 5, at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia./E1

REAL ESTATE

Showing a home: Electronic lock boxes are a higher-tech convenience./F1

INDEX

Obituaries	A10
Classified Index	F5
Real Estate	F5
Crossword	F6
Jobs	G5
Home & Service	H7
Automotive	J3
Opinion	A14-15
Calendar	B4
Sports	C1
Real Estate	F1

HOW TO REACH US

Newsroom: 734-459-2700
Newsroom Fax: 734-459-4224
E-mail: tschneider@oe.homecomm.net
Nightline/Sports: 734-953-2104
Reader Comment Line: 734-953-2042
Classified Advertising: 734-591-0900
Display Advertising: 734-591-2300
Home Delivery: 734-591-0500



Sports complex gets board OK



A two-sheet ice arena, indoor soccer fields and golf dome will now be built at the Canton Softball Center, which is now owned by the township. An earlier plan to build the sports park at Michigan and Haggerty was dropped.

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER
sdaniel@oe.homecomm.net

After more than a year of negotiating, a deal to bring a sports park to Canton is done.

Southfield-based Griffin Properties will help the township develop ice and soccer arenas as well as a golf dome at recently acquired Canton Softball Cen-

ter on Michigan Avenue east of Beck Road.

"I'm glad that we were able to come to this agreement," township trustee Melissa McLaughlin said. "It makes all kinds of sense to locate (multiple) recreational uses there. I think it's a better investment for the citizens of Canton."

The board of trustees unanimously approved an agreement between the

township and Griffin Properties at its Tuesday meeting.

The \$25-million project represents a much scaled back plan.

Developer Scott Griffin had hoped to build a \$100-million "Sportstown USA" concept at Michigan Avenue and Haggerty. It was to include the ice and soccer arenas, a seven-court basketball facility, the golf driving range, movie theaters, an indoor/outdoor recreational facility and restaurant - possibly ESPN Cafe.

While Griffin couldn't acquire enough land to include the movie theaters, he presented plans for the rest of the project to the township last Decem-

ber. That's when Canton officials pitched Griffin on moving the development to the softball center.

"It's not nearly as good of a deal for us," said Griffin. "But for the community, it's a much better use of resources."

Canton Finance Director Tony Minghine said it's a better deal for township residents.

"This new location is definitely in the best interests of the community and our residents," he said. "This allows us to get a much higher return on our investment in the Canton Softball Cen-

Please see **SPORTS COMPLEX, A2**

Firefighters clamor for Chef Steve

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER
sdaniel@oe.homecomm.net

In 25 years as a Canton firefighter, Claude Gersky has seen it all.

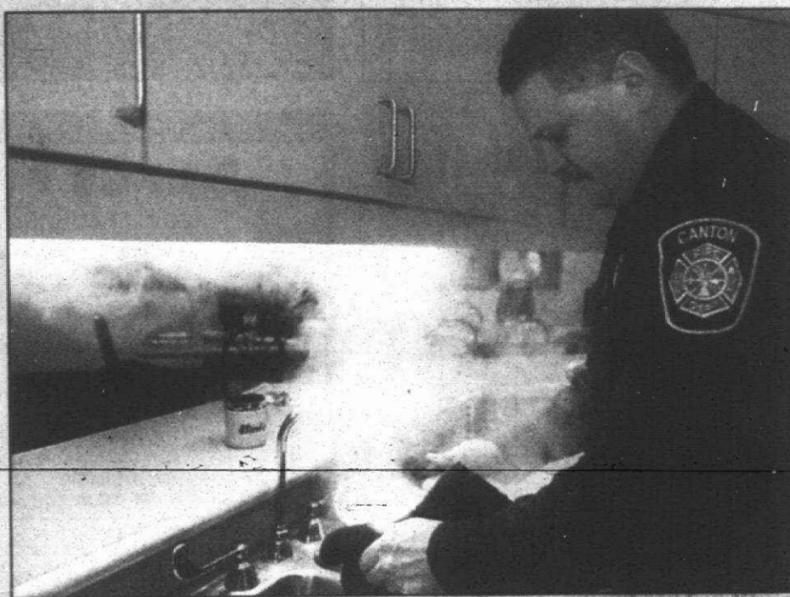
And we're not talking about fires. Fast food, carry out, leftovers from home, grilling, microwave dinners and plenty of sandwiches. In short, he had run out of dining options.

That is until Steve Borgelt came along seven years ago. Ever since then, Gersky and the rest of the firefighters have been fighting it out to get on Borgelt's shift.

"He's the only guy that cooks," said Gersky, who joined the department in 1974. "That's why we don't let Steve go to other stations."

From Mexican and Italian to good old steak and

Home on the range



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSEMAN

Cook's choice: Canton Firefighter Steve Borgelt prepares Oven Beef Burgundy for dinner last Wednesday at Fire Station No. 1.

potatoes. Borgelt is the Emril Lagasse of Fire Station No. 1. Bam!

"I haven't found one thing he doesn't do well," Gersky said.

But then, most of the guys aren't too hard to please.

"My philosophy is if somebody else is cooking," Gersky added, "I'm eatin'."

Before Borgelt, it was every firefighter for himself. It was a sometimes dangerous proposition, especially in the old firehouse where room was scarce and people were often walking through the kitchen area.

But things changed quickly when Borgelt hired on. He gladly took cooking duties.

"That way I knew I'd get to eat what I like," said Steve. "I enjoy cooking."

He does it on a shoestring budget, however.

The general rule is \$3 per person for dinner. Borgelt cooks for anywhere from four to eight firemen depending

who's on vacation or on a run.

While trying to feed eight hungry guys for \$25 sounds rough, he has got it down to a science. But there's no great mystery in how he does it.

"I go shopping every day," Borgelt said. "I get what's on sale."

He has his own recipes. Borgelt isn't afraid to try something new, though.

"If someone has an idea," he said, "we'll do it."

A recent dinner featured Oven Beef Burgundy. Savory chunks of beef were combined with carrots, celery, potatoes and a rich gravy. The entree was served over noodles.

A salad and soft drinks rounded out the meal for eight. The firemen definitely have a favorite dessert to top off such a meal.

"We have an addiction to ice cream," Gersky said.

Most aren't too picky about dinners. But that doesn't mean Borgelt hasn't had to learn the firefighters' likes and dislikes.

Take 11-year veteran Ron Battani. He doesn't do mushrooms.

"I already picked 'em out," Battani told his com-

Please see **CHEF STEVE, A2**



Taste test: Firefighters Tom Battistone (clockwise, from left), Ron Rattini, Russ Averill, Claude Gersky, Jeff Rogers and Steve Borgelt sit down to dinner.

Little: 'Ton of opportunities' at new high school

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER
tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net

When a third high school is constructed in the Plymouth-Canton school district, Superintendent Chuck Little envisions a new principal as the only additional administrator to be added to the payroll.

"I am recommending an administra-

tive staffing increase of only one administrator," said Little. "I am proposing we have a principal to run each of the high schools."

"I am also recommending that the current nine assistant principals be divided among the three schools," added Little. "They would have student management responsibilities as well as curriculum responsibilities."

"I will also recommend that we have an athletic director for each building, with one designated senior athletic director," said Little.

Little has also come up with integrated plans for scheduling the new high school, which he says "creates a ton of opportunities for the kids."

Little was charged by the Board of Education last year to come up with

various scheduling plans to prove the current curriculum can work among the three high schools when it's scheduled to open in the 2002-03 school year. While the plans are examples, none have been endorsed by Little or the school board, and are subject to change.

One of the alternatives is a staggered

Please see **NEW SCHOOL, A4**

Driver, 41, killed in I-275 crash

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER
sdaniel@oe.homecomm.net

A 41-year-old Allen Park man was killed early Wednesday morning on southbound I-275 after losing control of his vehicle and hitting a noise barrier wall.

Police identified the victim as Richard Harold Shafer.

The collision occurred at about 7 a.m. just north of Palmer Road. No other vehicles were involved or injuries reported.

According to Michigan State Police Sgt. David Robertson, Shafer was head-

Please see **CRASH, A2**

Chamber's home search continues

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER
sdaniel@oe.homecomm.net

In limbo.

That's where the Canton Chamber of Commerce is in its search for a new home. According to President Tony Kwilos, the chamber has a spot picked out near Ford and Morton Taylor roads, but must get state approval before moving forward.

"We have a bid on a parcel," he said, "but it's subject to review by the state because of wetlands issues."

The parcel in question is a one-acre site on Morrison Avenue. If Michigan's Department of Natural Resources classifies the parcel as wetlands, Kwilos said the chamber will be back to square one in looking for a new home.

"That would put a kibosh to the deal," he commented.

'We have a bid on a parcel. But it's subject to review by the state because of wetlands issues.'

Tony Kwilos

—chamber of commerce president

A ruling from the DNR is expected within 90 days, Kwilos added.

The chamber has been at the Canton-Ford Crossings office complex for nearly a decade. Efforts to find a new home began in earnest about three years ago.

The chamber has identified three or four parcels since then as possible sites, Kwilos said. But deals fell through on each for various reasons.

"Either it became too expensive or

they sold the land to someone else," said Kwilos. "It has been extremely frustrating."

If the Morrison Avenue site works out, it'll give the chamber exactly what it's looking for.

"We'd like our new home to be in the center of Canton," Kwilos said.

It wouldn't be the first new development in the area.

Office Max recently gained township approval to build a superstore on Morton Taylor just south of Ford. The chamber would be adjacent to the store if the DNR gives its approval.

The chamber wants to build a 2,000-square-foot building. While some in the township wonder if the chamber might be better served in a larger office building development, Kwilos said that's not the plan.

"We'd prefer it to be just a home for ourselves," he said.

Sports complex from page A1

ter. According to Griffin, benefits for Canton residents include:

- All recreational facilities in one location.
- Cleats Restaurant becomes year-round.
- Potential traffic problems in Haggerty are eliminated.
- Existing parking makes development costs lower.

"The township has cooperated with us all the way through," Griffin said. "I think it'll be a tremendous facility."

As part of the deal, Griffin will be allowed to purchase the original 19.5-acre Haggerty Road parcel. It'll likely be developed into a business office park, Griffin said.

"Developing the old site is the only way for us to make

■ 'Developing the old site is the only way for us to make money on the deal.'

Scott Griffin - developer

money on the deal," he added.

Griffin may or may not be involved in carrying out development of the arenas. It's up to the township to determine his company's exact role, he said.

Griffin said the arena would be similar to ones built in Novi and Farmington Hills. Construction, he added, would likely begin late this year and conclude in the summer of 2000.

Plans call for the soccer arena and indoor golf range to open by this fall, however. The soccer arena will have five regulation indoor fields.

The golf dome will be constructed to allow for an additional soccer field as well. It will be about 100,000 square feet in size.

The next step will be for the township to pick operators for the arenas and negotiate agreements, Griffin said. After that, formal plans will have to be approved by the township planning commission and board of trustees.

Because the township owns the land, Griffin said the sports park should be developed much more quickly than if it had gone on Haggerty.



STAFF PHOTO BY SCOTT DANIEL

Fatality: It took rescue workers more than two hours to lift the wall from the truck and remove the victim, who died in Wednesday's crash.

Crash from page A1

ing northbound on I-275 when he lost control. It's unclear why he lost control, he added.

The vehicle, described as a full-sized Ford truck, crossed the median and southbound lanes before hitting the wall.

Robertson said, "There was no braking involved." The wall collapsed on the truck at impact. It took more

Chef Steve from page A1

rades before eating his share of beef burgundy.

But it didn't bother him to get rid of the mushrooms. Battani said he's grateful just to have Borgelt around.

"He has got us spoiled," he admitted. "We like home-cooked food."

Making good, economical dinners isn't the only challenge Borgelt faces.

It wouldn't be a normal week if his cooking time wasn't interrupted for a run. That's why many dishes are cooked in tin foil pouches.

If the horn sounds, Borgelt can simply turn the heat on low and let it cook or stay warm until they get back.

"You don't want to eat hockey pucks when you get in," he said.

But Borgelt's cooking job has gotten easier from one standpoint: the firefighters' new gigs

at Station No. 1.

He now has two industrial-sized ovens, a new microwave and ample counter space. Heck, all three shifts at the station even have their own refrigerator.

It means better meals. But also a larger space to get dirty as he cooks. That's not something he worries about, however.

"I'm a messy chef," Borgelt said. "They clean the kitchen after I'm done."

Dinner is the only meal he cooks during his weekly three-shift rotation. Firefighters still make their own breakfasts and lunches.

"We usually have leftovers for days at lunchtime," Borgelt said.

There are days when he doesn't cook, too.

"I'll say it's pizza day," he added. "But it's very rare to have those days."

Star power Good friends win appearance (maybe) on 'Ally McBeal'

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE STAFF WRITER dwhite@oe.homecomm.net

Ann DeGhetto went from working as records manager for the Plymouth Township Police Department to television star a few weeks ago ... (and then back to records manager).

DeGhetto, a Westland resident, won a contest through Best Buy last summer to appear as an extra on the "Ally McBeal" show. She was flown to California and visited the Los Angeles set in mid-January with longtime friend Mary Falzon of Northville.

Winning the contest was the easy part, though, as she simply mailed in a card and was selected in a random drawing.

And the kicker is that she didn't even buy anything that day at Best Buy.

"It said 'no purchase necessary,'" she said. "I just mailed it in. I love that store and I've bought stuff there before. Just not on that particular day."

What she wore, exactly, was a "walk-on, non-speaking role" on the show, two round-trip tickets to Los Angeles, hotel accommodations for two days and two nights, a limousine ride to and from the set of the show and

\$500. Despite being whisked away to the coast, the two women found out the hard way that the glamour of Hollywood comes with a price.

"We worked on the set from 9 in the morning to 12:30 at night," said DeGhetto. "I think we really learned a lot though, as far as how they operate and what goes into it. It's amazing how many *osaw* members they have."

Falzon wasn't quite as excited about the long day.

"My workday ends at 5," she said. "I was tired. I wanted to go back to the hotel."

The work that the two did while a part of the "Ally McBeal" cast won't appear on a particular episode though. They said that several different scenes were cut during their day in the spotlight.

"They'll all be outdoor scenes," said DeGhetto. "I don't think they'll all be from the same show because (the cast) went through several wardrobe changes."

Of the two, DeGhetto believes that she has a better chance to stay off the editing room floor.

"In one scene, I walked right in front of the main character," Calista Flockhart, she said. "I cut right in front of her so, if

that scene makes it, you'll definitely be able to see me."

Fittingly, the scenes that they worked on were to take place in the winter, and these Michigan-ers came prepared.

"The casting director said that we would be shooting outside," said DeGhetto. "It was supposed to be Boston and it was supposed to be cold so we were to bring two winter coats, a hat, mittens and gloves. So, here I am, going to California and I'm not packing shorts and a bathing suit."

"We definitely had the right equipment to bring," added Falzon.

DeGhetto and Falzon, who grew up together and became good friends in high school, had one day to themselves during the trip and took full advantage of the opportunity.

"We walked along Redwood Drive and looked in the windows," said DeGhetto. "We didn't buy anything, of course. And we went to a place called the Ivy Restaurant. Gil Bellows (who plays Billy Allen Thomas on the show) recommended it to us when we met him on the set."

"Ally McBeal" is on 9 p.m. Mondays on Fox (Channel 2 in Detroit).



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM MARLEY

Extras: Northville resident Mary Falzon (right), who works in Canton, talked about her recent trip to Hollywood with friend Ann DeGhetto. The two appeared as extras in "Ally McBeal" after DeGhetto won a contest in connection with the TV show.

Canton Observer

(USPS 063-870)
Published every Sunday and Thursday by Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Periodical postage paid at Livonia, MI 48151. Address all mail subscription change of address, Form 3589 to PO Box 3004, Livonia, MI 48151. Telephone 581-0502.

Subscription Rates

Carrier Delivery	\$3.95	One year	\$55.00
One year (In-City)	\$47.40	One year (Out of State)	\$64.00
One year (Out of State)	\$66.00	One year (Out of State)	\$90.00

All advertising published in the Canton Observer is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card. Agents of ads are available from the advertising department, Canton Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. (248) 581-2200. The Canton Observer reserves the right not to accept an advertiser's order. Observer & Eccentric! will not be held responsible for any errors or omissions in advertising. Only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order.

NEED AIR CONDITIONING?

Carrier 6 Months No Interest No Payments

COMMUNITY COMFORT SERVICE

INCORPORATED

7 453-2230

4 9205 RONDA CANTON

INDOOR WEATHER SPECIALTY

THROWING YOUR MONEY AWAY ON CUT-RATE CAR INSURANCE?

Trust one of these State Farm agents with your car insurance:

CANTON

Neil Anchill
8557 N. Lilly Rd.
Canton, MI 48187
734-459-8810

Tom Lehrs
43271 Ford Rd.
Canton, MI 48187
734-961-5710

Frank McMurray
5773 Canton Cts. Rd.
Canton, MI 48187
734-455-3200

PLYMOUTH

Cindy Fletcher
9229 Haggerty Rd.
Plymouth, MI 48170
734-459-2023

Kelly Frakes
1313 W. Ann Arbor Rd.
Plymouth, MI 48170
734-459-0100

Michael Kovach
259 N. Main
Plymouth, MI 48170
734-453-3640

Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.[®]
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company (not in NJ)
State Farm Indemnity Company (NI) • Home Offices: Bloomington, Illinois

RED WING SHOES SAFETY WEEK

Now thru March 6, 1999

\$15 OFF Any Steel Toe Shoe or Boot

Not valid with any other offer • Expires 3-6-99

Not valid on Prior Purchases

All sizes not available in all widths

Red Wing Shoe Store

5948 N. Sheldon Rd. • (in Harvard Sq. Plaza)

Hrs.: Mon.-Fri. 10-7; Sat. 10-5 • (734) 454-4211

WORK HARD

READER SERVICE LINES

Observer Newsroom E-Mail

► Readers can submit story suggestions, reactions to stories, letters to the editor or make general comments to any member of our news staff through E-Mail via the Internet at the following address: newsroom@oeonline.com.

Homeline: 734-953-2020

► Open houses and new developments in your area.

► Free real estate seminar information.

► Current mortgage rates.

Classified After Hours: 734-591-0900

► Place classified ads at your convenience.

Circulation Department: 734-591-0500

► If you have a question about home delivery or if you did not receive your paper, please call one of our customer service representatives during the following hours:

Sunday: 8 a.m. - Noon
Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

O&E On-Line

► You can access On-Line with just about any communications software - PC or Macintosh. On-Line users can:

- Send and receive unlimited e-mail.
- Access all features of the Internet - Telnet, Gopher, WWW and more.
- Read electronic editions of the Observer & Eccentric! newspapers.
- Chat with users across town or across the country.

On-Line Hotline: 734-953-2266

► If you need help, call the On-Line Hotline at the number above.

Photo Reprints: 734-591-0500

► Order reprints of pictures that have been taken by our staff photographers:

- Provide the publication date, page number, and description of the picture, which must have been published within the past 6 months.
- \$20 for the first print, \$7.50 for each additional print paid in advance (check or credit card).

as low as **7.25% APR***

Get **1/2% Below prime forever**

Advantage Home Equity Line of Credit

Your home is a major asset, and its equity is a cash reserve that you can tap with a Community Federal Advantage Home Equity Line of Credit. Use your line of credit to pay off your credit cards, buy or refinance a car, remodel your house, or pay college tuition.

- Rates as low as 1/2% below Wall Street Journal prime with automatic payments.
- Borrow up to \$150,000 or 90% of your home's equity.
- Interest is often tax deductible, consult your tax advisor.
- Free WebPB Internet Banking and Direct Dial 24 telephone banking to check balances, get advances or make payments, anytime.
- Refinance a current loan and save.
- Quick approvals.
- Apply by phone at 1-800-976-5194.
- No application or annual fees.

Establish your advantage Home Equity Line of Credit today. Call **734 453-1200** for an office near you.

Community Federal CREDIT UNION

Plymouth • Canton • Northville • Novi

*Rate is based on the monthly payments being automatically deducted from a Community Federal Credit Union checking account. Rate as of 2/1/99 with automatic payments is 7.25% APR. Without automatic deduction, the interest rate will be 1/2% of 1% below the Wall Street Journal prime rate. As of 2/1/99 the Wall Street Journal Prime rate is 7.75%. The rate is variable, subject to change monthly. Minimum loan amount \$5,000, maximum \$150,000. Minimum rate 6% APR, maximum rate 18% APR. There are no other costs to establish or maintain your loan but there is a \$200 preparation fee for being closed within 24 months. Please consult your tax advisor regarding tax deductibility. Property insurance is required. Equal Housing Lender.

Rescuer's recipes

OVEN BEEF BURGUNDY

- 5 lbs chuck roast cubed
- 1 large onion
- 1 head garlic
- celery, carrots and mushrooms, as much as you like
- 2 cups beef broth
- 2 cups burgundy wine (optional)

Brown meat, in another pan sauté the garlic and onions. When soft, add both to broth and wine. Drain the meat, add vegetables and meat in roaster. Cover with garlic-onion mixture and cook uncovered at 350 degrees for approximately two hours. Sauce can be thickened. Serve over rice or noodles.

CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

- 2 lbs chicken breasts (cubed small)
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups Monterey jack cheese
- 1 medium onion
- green chilies (optional)
- 1 cup sour cream
- 8 tortillas
- 1/4 cup flour

Cook chicken and onions until done. In a separate pot add chicken broth and bring to a boil. Add sour cream and cheese, thicken with flour after coming back to boil. Add half of the sauce to chicken and onions. Save the other half of the sauce for the top of the dish. Add mixture to tortillas, fold, place in pan and cover with remaining sauce. Bake in 325 degree oven for 45 minutes. Cover with more cheese the last 15 minutes of cooking.

Players cited

The Plymouth Park Players production of "Moon Over Buffalo," directed by Gloria Logan, took regional first place and honors on Feb. 13 at Plymouth Salem High School.

In addition, "Moon Over Buffalo" took superior awards for technical, makeup, costumes and ensemble with superior acting awards going to the entire cast listed: Sean Galvin, Annie Radcliffe, Lie Filios, Delanie Andrzejewski, Mike Kalis, Devin Burnstein, Pat Gray and Mike Morton.

Educators: Proposal A cuts will damage local control

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net

Taxpayers have yet to see the full impact of Proposal A on school districts across the state. And, charter schools aren't the panacea to public education's financial woes.

That was the message presented by three area school superintendents during a forum on education sponsored by the Tonquish Economic Club at the Plymouth-Canton Feb. 20.

Plymouth-Canton's Chuck Little, Livonia's Ken Watson and Romulus' William Bedell noted that tax limitation Proposal A has thus far been good for taxpayers, but may eventually become a nightmare because local money and control have become extinct.

"Local control is the fundamental thread of the American fabric that needs to be restored," said Little to the noontime gathering. "The pinch is going to come, and people are going to want to know what to do."

Watson did acknowledge that Livonia schools have done well with Proposal A in place, but warns of the future.

"The benefits of Proposal A appear to be the result of a successful economy," said Watson. "If we hit some hard economic times in the future, we're going to see a decline in resources (state funding)."



Superintendent Chuck Little

"The people who invented Proposal A ... stripped us of our resources, and more importantly took mom and dad (local property tax money) away from us," added Bedell. "If Lansing doesn't give it to us, we're not going to get it. Mom and dad will eventually figure it out."

The school administrators also discussed charter schools. And, as expected, none of the three favor the concept.

An American Heritage Academy charter school is scheduled to open in Canton this fall. Little sees Plymouth-Canton schools losing a million dollars in state funding if 200 children attend

the private, for-profit venture.

"I find it abhorrent that charter schools don't have to take everybody," said Little. "They don't have to play by the same rules we do. They don't have to be accountable to a public board of education."

"We can't reduce our cost because of that loss in enrollment," added Watson. "But the next year we would have less revenue to operate with, and our only alternative would be to eliminate a program."

"The crowd, filled with past and current educators and school board members, easily understood the message.

"Hardly a week goes by that I don't point out to someone how our funding has changed, and they're surprised," said Judy Mardigan, Plymouth-Canton school board trustee. "Someday when the state says we have to cut your foundation grant, and then we have to cut programs, people will ask why we can't raise funds locally like we did in the past."

Plymouth Township resident Ted Bohlen believes many parents are sending their children to charter schools because public schools aren't doing the job.

"Why isn't everyone saying they want to go to Plymouth-Canton?" said Bohlen. "Because they aren't doing their job. They have to compete."

the Canton Public Library

Did You Know?

- Saturday, Feb. 27, is "No Brainer Day?" It's a day to do something without any serious thought.
- March is designated as "Red Cross Month?"
- Ice cream was invented in China in 2000 B.C.?

New non-fiction
Here are books available from the Canton Public Library on current issues of interest:

- "Courage Is Contagious" by John Kasich
- "Choosing and Using an HMO" by Eilyn Spragins
- "The Complete Guide to Alzheimer's: Proofing Your Home" by Mark L. Warner
- "Keeping Kids Drug-Free: D.A.R.E. Official Parents' Guide" by Glenn A. Levant
- "An Orphan Has Many Parents" by Phil Craft

Top 20th-century novels

Here are selections from the recently compiled list available at the Canton Public Library:

- "An American Tragedy" by Theodore Dreiser
- "Death Comes for the Archbishop" by Willa Cather
- "The Wind in the Willows" by Kenneth Grahame
- "This Side of Paradise" by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- "Atlas Shrugged" by Ayn Rand

Web Watch

Check out these new Web sites:

- <http://www.themoonlitroad.com>
- <http://www.pollingreport.com>
- <http://www.harlem.eb.com>
- <http://www.first9months.com>
- <http://www.concordance.com>

Hot topic of the week

Excited by last night's Grammy Awards ceremony? The library has copies of many of the nominated performances in its CD collection (plus a lot more)! For a list of all the winners, check the official Web site of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences: www.grammy.org

@ the Canton Library is compiled by Laura Doroci of the library staff. The library is at 1200 S. Canton Center. For more information about library programs and services, call 397-0999.

reflect: center stage is where you belong

Tadashi

Take your place in the spotlight wearing Tadashi. Stretch ottoman tank dress with corded trim and built-in bra. Rayon/nylon/Lycra[®] spandex. Made in the USA. Black/white. Sizes XS-L. \$285. Dresses

Jacobson's

Birmingham • (248) 644-6900 Livonia • (734) 591-7696 Rochester • (248) 851-6000

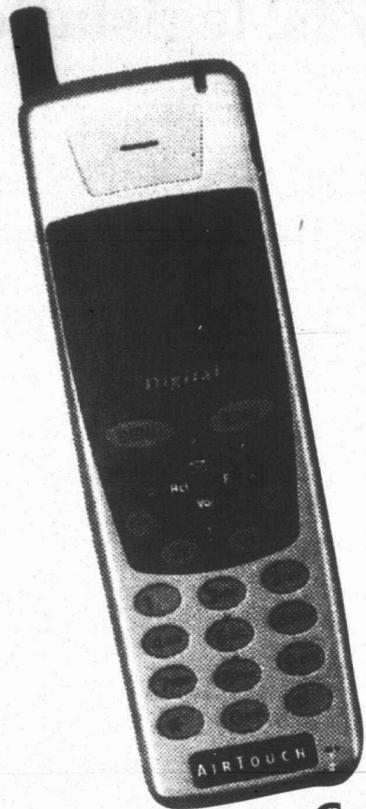
SHOPPING HOURS • MON-SAT 10-9 • OPEN SUN AT NOON

Gift Certificates • Complimentary Silver Gift Box • Jacobson's Charge

THE Observer NEWSPAPERS

1996 General Excellence Award

CFC MPAI SN1



FREE* DIGITAL PHONE.

(*No kidding. It's free.)

Get a free Digital phone with 1/2 off access & airtime for 6 months

DIGITAL SERVICE

For Frequent Callers
\$29⁹⁹ Access Per Month

- 450 Monthly Minutes Included
- \$.13 Per Minute Thereafter
- Free Digital Phone

With a two-year service agreement

ANALOG SERVICE

For Cellular Starters
\$11⁹⁹ Access Per Month

- 40 Monthly Minutes Included
- \$.15 Per Minute Thereafter
- Free Analog Phone

With a two-year service agreement

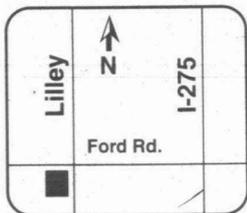
PREPAID CELLULAR

For No Long-Term Commitment
\$0⁰⁰ Access Per Month

- 1/2 Off Select Prepaid Cards
- No Contract
- No Monthly Fee
- Phone Not Included

Visit your Cellular & More today.

CANTON
42695 Ford Rd.
(Canton Corners)
(734) 981-7440



CELLULAR MORE

Get connected.

1(800) CELL - MOR
www.cellmor.com

AIRTOUCH
Cellular
Platinum Agent

Or visit any of our other five locations: • Brighton • Fenton • Haslett • Howell • Milford

New activations only. For Post Paid: Limited to certain pricing plans. After 6 months, regular charges for pricing plan chosen will apply. Credits for access and airtime appear on 2nd through 7th bills; regular charges for pricing plan chosen will begin on 8th bill. Plans include 3 months free AirTouch Extras (a package offering unlimited off-peak hours from Saturday a.m. through Sunday p.m. and AirTouch Roadside Assistance). Credits for AirTouch Extras appear on 2nd through 4th bill and package continues thereafter at \$10.00 per month until canceled. Unlimited and discounted airtime in home calling area only. Roaming, toll, long distance and taxes extra. Phone model may vary by location. Credit approval and other restrictions apply. For Prepaid offers: Not valid for replenishments. Limited to \$200.00 card only. One prepaid card per line. AirTouch Prepaid terms and conditions apply. Offer ends 3/31/99

Act now and get 200 BONUS minutes

McNamara vetoes money for auditor general, commission

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER
kabranczyk@oe.homecomm.net

County Executive Edward McNamara vetoed on Feb. 15 a \$445,000 budget transfer intended for Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy's office and county commission expenditures.

Instead, McNamara wanted the money spent for the county prosecutor's office to address what he called a "serious backlog" of homicide investigations.

"Objectively, you must concede that the citizens of Wayne County will appreciate a greater benefit derived from the investigation, arrest and prosecution of suspected felons as opposed to additional legislative oversight," McNamara said in his veto letter to Commission Chair Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit.

County commissioners did not act at

their last commission meeting on Feb. 18 to override the veto. In a related matter, commissioners referred budget adjustments of \$315,000 for the prosecuting attorney to the commission's committee-of-the-whole meeting slated for early March.

Solomon said the commission would not immediately take up the veto. Solomon said he and McNamara were discussing the fund transfer. "We have 45 days to override a veto," Solomon said.

On Feb. 4, county commissioners had approved a budget amendment to increase Dunleavy's budget by \$320,000 and increase the commission expenditures by \$125,000. The money was taken from the general fund.

Commissioners said Dunleavy was to use the money to hire an external audi-

tor. Dunleavy would not comment on the veto.

The county charter requires the auditor general to audit the financial transactions of all county agencies every two years, or as otherwise directed by the county commission. In 1996, Wayne County voters approved a charter amendment giving the county's auditor general more auditing powers over county departments.

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, who also chairs the commission's Audit Committee, did not see the veto, and therefore could not comment on it, but said the \$445,000 was to be used for the external audit. "The 1996 vote gave him that responsibility."

In his letter McNamara said his concern was one of "diminishing benefits generated by redundant audits." McNamara

wanted the commission to reconsider its current requirement for internal audits of every county department, program and agency every two years.

He also criticized commission spending.

"In March 1995, you (Solomon) announced a reorganization plan that was to reduce commission spending by \$900,603. In fact, this year's projected commission spending of \$9.3 million will be \$3.3 million more than it was before the commission approved the reorganization plan."

"The truth is that there was never a reduction in the commission's own budget and, at the end of 1995, you had to transfer savings out of the auditor general's accounts to cover a \$107,000 overrun in your own budget."

Solomon said McNamara's letter was "full of distortions" and "inappropriate." McNamara said the commission staff would have increased from 68 to 94, while Dunleavy's would have went from 11 to 21, but Solomon said that money was to fund an external audit. The commission also only has 53 employees, Solomon said.

About \$1.6 or \$1.7 million are "chargebacks" such as the lease agreement the commission has for office space at the Wayne County Building, Solomon said.

"That \$350,000 is to pay for an external audit," Solomon said. "Because of the charter amendment, we are responsible for that now." Another \$100,000 was to go to staffers for pay increases, Solomon said.

'Nature Tots' offered at Nankin

Preschoolers can learn more about the mysteries of nature through "Nature Tots," an interactive learning series offered through the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. The series runs from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursdays during the month of March, beginning March 4 and ending March 25.

"Nature Tots" uses interactive techniques such as hands-on activities, puppets, games, live

animals and outdoor exploration to teach preschoolers different topics on nature. Topics include birds, colors in nature, animal tracks, insects and reptiles including dinosaurs. Participants are encouraged to wear suitable clothing for outdoor activities, weather permitting.

The program is best suited for children ages 3 and 4 and costs \$2 per session. Advance registration is required. This program

has been made possible through financing from the parks property tax.

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is on Hines Drive 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 more information, call (734) 261-1990.

House from page A5

the street corner," said House Democratic Leader Michael Hanley of Saginaw. He said the GOP bills "allow some kids to slip through the cracks and wind up on the streets" and fall short of being "a comprehensive solution."

Here's how Observer area representatives voted:

YES - Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

NO - Tom Kelly, D-Wayne.

our communities without support and resources to aid such a community."

Rep. Jack Minor, D-Flint, said, "It has enormous potential for abuse in that it allows expulsion much too easily and an appeals process amendment was defeated. It virtually closes out educational opportunity for many troubled youth, essentially abdicating the state's responsibility to provide education for all students."

House Bill 4240 also would require a school board to implement a disciplinary policy for students who commit assaults at school. At a minimum, a school board would have to expel a pupil age 12 or older who commits an assault and battery.

But school districts are not required to create an alternative program to educate expelled students, according to a House staff analysis. That is left to the discretion of the school district.

Supporting the measures were the state Department of Education, the Michigan Education Association and the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, though principals expressed "concerns."

Rep. William Callahan, D-St. Clair Shores, objected. "This bill would take away local control from districts and school boards."

Rep. Julie Dennis, D-Muskegon, called HB 4240 "woefully inadequate. It does not provide for an appeal process for a student to challenge the expulsion until 150 days have passed from the expulsion date. It removes liability from the school district in the case of an unjustly expelled student."

It also does not provide for an adequate alternative for a student that needs 'special' attention for his/her violent behavior. Consequently, the bill will allow for the removal of violent students into

St. Mary Hospital
Marian Women's Center
presents

Women's Health Day

"Keeping Women Healthy"

You deserve a day away - call your friends and join us on
Saturday, March 13
8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn - Livonia West • Six Mile and I-275

Janie Jasin, CSP, Keynote Speaker
"Life - The Ultimate Trip"
- Inspiration, humor, fun -

Workshops • Lunch • Exhibits
Fashion Show by Casual Corner Group
(Missy: 2-16, Petties: 0-12, Women's: 14-26)

REGISTRATION FORM
Registration is required by Monday, March 8, 1999. Registration fee is \$30 (\$35 at the door). (No refunds.) Registration includes workshops, continental breakfast and lunch. Questions? Call 1-800-494-1617. Clip and return this portion to the address below. You may attend ONE workshop from each session. Please indicate your first and second choice under each session in order of preference.

Check here for vegetarian lunch.

SESSION I - 9:45-10:45 a.m.

- Stretch Out Stress
- Prayer and Personal Wholeness
- Estate Planning
- Coronary Artery Disease

SESSION II - 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

- Come to Your Senses
- Energy Work and Grounding Techniques
- Eat Right, Stay Healthy
- Coronary Artery Disease

SESSION III - 1:15-2:15 p.m.

- Stretch Out Stress
- Energy Work and Grounding Techniques
- Eat Right, Stay Healthy
- Mechanics 101

WRAP UP - 2:30-3:30 p.m.

- Creativity "No Limits" (Everyone attends)

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Make check (\$30) payable to: St. Mary Hospital. Send check and registration form to: Marian Women's Center, St. Mary Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154

College seniors can meet with employers

Graduating seniors can meet with prospective employers at the 23rd Michigan Collegiate Job Fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, March 26, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

More than 150 employers are expected to attend the fair, which is co-sponsored by

Wayne State and Eastern Michigan universities and promoted by more than 70 other four-year and two-year institutions.

To register, students can send a resume and check for \$10 to MCJF at University Counseling and Placement Services, 1001 Faculty Adminis-

tration Building, Wayne State University, Detroit 48202-3622. Advance registration must be received by Friday, March 19. On-site registration is \$20. Call Nannette McCleary at (313) 577-9947 or Renee Elliott at (734) 487-4395 for information.

LASIK LASIK LASIK LASIK
Get Rid Of Your Glasses Forever!

Dr. Sherman specializes in the most advanced laser technique (lasik) to correct nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism. He also specializes in small incision (no stitch) cataract surgery, diabetes, glaucoma and plastic surgery of the eye.

Call for Your FREE LASIK Consultation Today!

PHYSICIAN EYECARE ASSOCIATES OF GARDEN CITY, P.C.
6255 Inkster Rd. (734) 421-0790
Suite 304, Garden City



Dr. Michael Sherman
Director of Physician Eye Care
Associates of Garden City

Cherished Teddies
Adoption Center
by AFPCA

BETTE IS THE STAR OF OUR SHOW!

Join us for our exciting, show-stopping one day only Adoption Center Extravaganza!
Saturday, February 27
"Bette, You Are The Star Of The Show", our 1999 Adoption Center Exclusive Event Figurine will be the special feature.

Located just 3 miles north of Great Lakes Crossing on Joslyn Rd. Take I-75 to Exit #83, North.

Old World Canterbury Village
2369 Joslyn Ct.
Lake Orion, Michigan 48360
(248) 391-5700 or (800) 442-XMAS
www.canterburyvillage.com



Westland's Best Kept Secret Is Out...
Discover The Retirement You've Always Dreamed About.

- Large, Stylish Apartments
- Full-size Kitchens
- Three Meals Daily
- Transportation
- Social Director
- Resort Facilities
- Weekly Linen & Housekeeping
- 24-Hour Emergency System
- On-site Personal Care & Health Services

SAVE \$1,000 ON YOUR FIRST MONTH'S RENT

CALL (734) 451-1155 FOR A TOUR OR BROCHURE
Receive A Free Gift With Tour

The GRAND COURT
RENTAL RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

37501 Joy Road, Westland, Michigan 48185
www.grandcourtlifestyles.com



Another shot

Schoolcraft still seeking funds from state for new tech center

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College may have another shot at securing some funding for a technology center project.

Schoolcraft recently vied for state Jobs Commission grant money to build the project but wasn't one of the eight finalists. The \$30 million from the commission was passed out Jan. 12 and went to schools including Oakland Community College's Auburn Hills campus and Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn. Each received \$5 million grants.

Richard McDowell, president of Schoolcraft College, said Schoolcraft will lobby state legislators for a chance to be included in the state's capital outlay budget. If Schoolcraft's bid is successful, then the state will put up half the funds and Schoolcraft the other half.

"We're not in the bill now, but we're working to get in the bill," McDowell said, referring to the capital outlay bill, which requires approval from both houses and a signature from Gov. John Engler.

'I think our chances are good to be included in the capital outlay budget.'

Richard McDowell
—Schoolcraft College president

Schoolcraft has proposed an \$18 million project, which includes \$5 million for a technical training center, an expansion of the culinary arts department, the addition of two large meeting rooms in the Waterman Center and cafeteria renovations.

When the joint Senate/House capital outlay committee looks at the proposals, they typically look at state and regional benefits, McDowell said. Schoolcraft's proposal, especially the training center, will benefit the region in many ways.

"The biggest problem employers have is hiring people with good computer skills," McDowell said. With 3,000 businesses between Ann Arbor and Troy offering computer services, there is a real need for qualified

employees. "There's just not enough people with those kind of computer skills to work in the (computer) business. There's a great need that's expanding faster than people can be trained."

This time, Schoolcraft might have a real shot, McDowell said.

"I think our chances are good to be included in the capital outlay budget," he said.

The state's fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

Schoolcraft had proposed to the state Jobs Commission a \$6 million 32,000 square-foot technology center addition to the Waterman Campus Center.

Other state Jobs Commission grant winners besides OCC and Henry Ford included Kalamazoo Valley Community College, \$5 million; Northwestern Michigan Community College near Traverse City, \$4.4 million; Lake Michigan College near Benton Harbor, \$4.1 million; Grand Rapids Community College, \$3 million; Bay de Noc in the Upper Peninsula, \$2.3 million; and Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek, \$683,000.

Senators work on package to ease purchase of homes

State Capitol capsules:

Bipartisan housing

State senators are working on a bipartisan package of bills making it easier for older city residents to buy and own their own homes. The 14 bills will shorten the time it takes to obtain quiet title to two-four years.

"Pontiac groups I've dealt with say their biggest problems are not volunteers and finance but that they can't get clean title," said Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, one of the co-sponsors.

"Without clean title, you can't get capital," said Peters, whose district includes Pontiac.

"This is the Homestead Act of 1862 dusted off," said Sen. Bill Schuette, R-Midland, who will guide it through his Economic Development Committee. He calls it the Urban Homestead Act and said it's useful not only in Detroit, Pontiac and Flint but in Saginaw and Port Huron, too.

"This is what urban mayors wanted."

"Michigan led the way with welfare reform by injecting the ethic of work," said Schuette. "Now we will be a model for America in housing reform. Public housing of the 1960s failed to deliver on the promise of safe, secure housing for families."

To be eligible for the urban homestead program, an applicant and spouse must have been employed for the last 12 months with no felony conviction during the previous three years. Their children must regularly attend school. Family income must be below the state median.

If the family meets the terms and lives in the house five years, the property will be deeded for \$1.

Ethics act

Freshman Rep. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, said his panel will deliberate carefully Michigan's first governmental ethics act. Bishop chairs the House Constitutional Law and Ethics Com-

mittee. Bishop said the committee would spell out the duties of elected officials and the consequences if they fail at their duties.

Appointments

Gov. John Engler has appointed:

Sam Hart of Livonia to the new nine-member Transportation Funding Study Committee. It will recommend new road funding distribution formulas for county and state road agencies when PA 51 of 1951 expires Sept. 30, 2000. Hart is business manager of Local 324 of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

Philip Fischer of Bloomfield Village to the Detroit-Wayne County Port Authority. He is president of Philip B. Fischer Co. Inc. The authority oversees port facilities.

John Mallia of Rochester Hills to the State Board of Barber Examiners. Mallia is owner of the Hair Studio. His term runs to Sept. 30, 2002.

Whichever you choose, it's like money in the bank.

\$238

PER MONTH FOR 36 MONTHS

Maximum versatility and car-like handling



New Standard 4th door

1999 MERCURY VILLAGER

FEATURES INCLUDE: 3.3L SOHC V-6 engine • Front-wheel drive • Second Generation dual air bags† • In-Track™ rear sliding seat system • AM/FM stereo/cassette • 100,000-mile scheduled tune-up intervals‡ • Power front windows and door locks • Driver's side sliding door

36-Month/36,000-Mile Red Carpet Lease
Capitalized Cost\$20176
Down Payment\$1930
Refundable Security Deposit\$250
First Month's Payment\$238
Cash Due at Signing\$2,418
\$15/mile over 36,000 miles

PREPAY A TWO-YEAR LEASE WITH ONE EASY PAYMENT OF

\$9,480

PrecisionTrac™ Suspension System



1999 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS GS

FEATURES INCLUDE: PrecisionTrac™ suspension system • Second Generation dual air bags† • 4-wheel disc brakes • SecuriLock™ passive anti-theft system • Rear-wheel drive • 4.6L SOHC V-8 engine • 100,000-mile scheduled tune-up intervals‡ • 8-way power driver's seat • Fingertip speed control • Autolamp on/off delay lighting system • The only car in its class with the government's highest five star crash test rating.*

Conventional 24 Month 24,000-Mile Lease	Advance Payment Program
Capitalized Cost\$21,178	\$21,178
Down Payment\$2,270	N/A
Advanced Lease PaymentN/A	\$9,480
First Month Lease Payment\$338	N/A
Refundable Security Deposit\$400	\$425
Cash Due at Signing (Net of RCL Cash)\$3,008	\$9,480
\$15/mile over 24,000 miles	

Imagine yourself in a Mercury

www.lincolnm Mercury.com

*Driver and passenger front crash test. Class is Based on basic larger car under \$35,000. **1999 Mercury Villager MSRP \$22,995 excluding title, tax and license fees. Lease payment based on average capitalized cost of 92.09% of MSRP for leases purchased in the Metro Detroit Region through 11/30/98. Lessee responsible for excess wear and tear. For \$1,000 RCL cash on Villager, and special lease terms, take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 4/1/99. ***1999 Mercury Grand Marquis GS MSRP \$22,925 excluding title, taxes and license fees. Conventional and Advanced Payment Program Lease payment based on average capitalized cost of 96.74% of MSRP for leases purchased in the Detroit Region through 11/30/98. For special lease terms and \$1,000 RCL cash take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 4/1/99. Residency restrictions apply. See dealer for details. †Always wear your safety belt and secure children in the rear seat. ‡Under normal driving conditions with routine fluid/filter changes.

Visit Your Metro Detroit Mercury Dealer

- ANN ARBOR Apollo**
2100 W. Stadium Blvd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
(734) 668-6100
- DEARBORN Krug**
2151 Michigan Ave.
Dearborn, MI 48124
(313) 274-8833
- DETROIT Bob Maxey**
10921 Mack Ave.
Detroit, MI 48220
(313) 885-4000
- DETROIT Park Motor**
18100 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48240
(313) 869-5000
- FARMINGTON Jack Demmer**
11025 Grand River Ave.
Farmington, MI 48333
(248) 474-3170
- GARDEN CITY Stu Evans**
32000 Ford Rd.
Garden City, MI 48135
(734) 425-4300
- NOVI Varsity**
49251 Grand River
Novi, MI 48240
(800) 850-NOVI-6684
- PLYMOUTH Hines Park**
4001 Ann Arbor Rd.
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 850-8888
- ROCHESTER HILLS Crissman**
1185 South Rochester Rd.
Rochester Hills, MI 48309
(248) 652-4200
- ROSEVILLE Arnold**
29440 Grand
Roseville, MI 48068
(810) 443-6000
- ROYAL OAK Diamond**
221 North Main Street
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 341-8832
- SOUTHFIELD Star**
24150 West 12 Mile Rd.
Southfield, MI 48034
(248) 354-6000
- SOUTHGATE Stu Evans**
18841 Ford Street
Southgate, MI 48191
(313) 283-8888
- STERLING HEIGHTS Crest**
6020 West Drive
Sterling Heights, MI 48310
(810) 939-6000
- TROY Bob Borst**
1550 West Maple
Troy, MI 48064
(248) 643-6000
- WATERFORD Mel Farr**
4758 Highland Rd.
Waterford, MI 48326
(248) 683-3300
- YPSILANTI Sesi**
197 East Michigan
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
(734) 482-7133



LISTENING TO NATURE

Frog survey will keep volunteers a-hoppin'

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER
kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

During these wintry days of single-digit temperatures, it's hard to imagine that spring will arrive in just few short weeks.

But organizers of a frog and toad survey want western Wayne County residents to "think spring" and hope they volunteer to listen to the amphibians croak, a chorus that is a true harbinger of spring and a sign of males ready for breeding.

From the short, subtle chuckle of the wood frog to the loud, high-pitched peep of the spring peeper, volunteers are needed to listen to amphibian calls for a few minutes each week in the city of Novi and the townships of Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Salem, Superior and Van Buren.

Depending on the species, volunteer monitors could be listening as early as March or as late as July.

"We really have very little information on locations of frog and toad species, particularly in urbanizing areas," said Lara Spears, an ecologist with Applied Science & Technology Inc. of Brighton.

ASTI was awarded a contract in 1997 with Friends of the Rouge to design and begin a survey as part of a long-term monitoring program using the volunteers to assess habitat and water quality, along with examining the wildlife populations within the Rouge River ecosystem in Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties.

Analyzing results

The survey will help track the health of the watershed, once a few surveys are completed and results can be analyzed over time.

The survey is funded through a \$25,000 federal grant from the Rouge Program Office, which is matched by the Friends of the Rouge through other grants and volunteers.

Spears and Richard Wolinski, a senior ecologist, completed the frog and toad survey last year with about 140 volunteers trained to listen for the sounds of four species over 52 square miles in the communities of Novi, Northville, Plymouth and Salem townships.

Canton, Superior and Van Buren surveys will begin this spring for the wood frog, western chorus frog, spring peeper and American toad. Novi, Northville, Plymouth and Salem vol-

unteers will listen for those species for a second consecutive year and the gray tree frog, northern leopard frog, green frog and bullfrog.

Monitors only need to listen to different calls in about a 1/4-quarter square mile area and do not necessarily need to identify the frog or toad, according to John Bingamon, director of public involvement projects for the Friends of the Rouge.

"The smaller area you do, the better," Bingamon said about the individual survey blocks.

This year's survey area represents the watershed that lies west of Haggerty Road. Last year's survey revealed a direct correlation between impervious surfaces — such as parking lots, streets and rooftops that empty directly into rivers and streams instead of infiltrating directly into the ground — and water quality. This year's study will examine the correlation between the amount of impervious surface and number of species.

The spring peeper was the most frequently observed frog in 172 of approximately 200 quarter mile survey blocks.

Room to improve

"In general, the area surveyed provides good habitat quality, with 117 survey blocks having three or more species," Spears said. "That almost 30 square miles. However, at least 50 survey blocks had one or fewer species, which indicates that there is plenty of room for habitat improvement."

The state Department of Natural Resources conducts frog surveys, but Spears said volunteers for this year's survey will be covering a "much broader area." "It will identify habitats nobody knows about," Spears said.

"There are a lot of places where there is intermittent wetlands," Bingamon said. "It may be an area that is wet in the spring for a few weeks."

Volunteers do not need to live in the survey community to participate. Bingamon said the monitoring is an activity that can be enjoyed by people ranging from students in a college ecology class to families and Boy and Girl Scout troops.

"We're getting a few calls from Garden City, Redford, Livonia and Farmington," Bingamon said. "We're encouraging people to come on out."

Counting the croaks

Rouge River Watershed

Volunteer meeting places

Frog and toad surveys are going to be conducted in the city of Novi and the townships of Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Superior, Salem and Van Buren. Volunteers do not need to live in those communities to monitor the frogs there — only a willingness to drive to one of the following communities. Volunteers can attend one of the following training sessions:

- **Saturday, Feb. 27**
10 a.m. — noon
Van Buren Township Municipal Center
46425 Tyler Road
- **Monday, March 1**
7 — 9 p.m.
Novi Civic Center
45175 W. Ten Mile Road
- **Thursday, March 4**
7 — 9 p.m.
Superior Township Hall
3040 N. Prospect
- **Saturday, March 6**
10 a.m. — noon
Canton Public Library
1200 S. Canton Center Road
- **Saturday, March 13**
10 a.m. — noon
Salem Township Hall
9600 Six Mile Road

For information, contact John Bingamon at (313) 792-9627

There's music in the air

The Rouge River watershed contains 12 frog and toad species. Collectively, frogs and toads are called "anurans," which means "without a tail." Volunteers in their first year of the survey in Canton, Superior and Van Buren townships will be listening for the following species during their respective breeding seasons:

- **Wood Frog:** Common throughout the basin, but can only be heard for a short time early in the spring, generally between March and May, in forested swamps. Its call — a short, subtle chuckle, like ducks quacking in the distance — is often overpowered by the calls of other species.
- **Western Chorus Frog:** This species has a short, ascending "cre-ee," resembling a thumb drawn along a comb's teeth, repeated every couple of seconds. Its breeding season lasts between March and May.
- **Spring Peeper:** Common and widespread throughout the basin. Its call is a short, loud, high-pitched peep, repeated every second. Breeding season generally lasts between early April and late June.
- **American toad:** Also common in a variety of habitats in the Great Lakes basin. Its long, drawn-out, high-pitched musical trill lasting up to 30 seconds, generally heard from mid-April to late June.

Volunteers in Novi, Northville, Plymouth and Salem townships will listen for these species for a second consecutive year along with the gray tree frog, northern leopard frog, green frog and bullfrog.

Source: Applied Science & Technology, Inc. of Brighton

Other Rouge activities need help

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

If walking outside and monitoring the sounds of frogs and toads isn't quite your forte, Friends of the Rouge has a slew of other activities that need volunteers.

Here is a brief description of some of the other volunteer programs:

■ **Rouge RiverWatch:** Friends of the Rouge's program helps a neighborhood or community group "adopt" its local stream, which can include conducting stream cleanups and monitoring, pollution education and prevention, enhancing habitat and other activities.

■ **Stream monitoring:** Volunteers gather data about their local stream's ecological health, which is expected to improve in areas where sanitary and storm sewers have been separated and retention basins built. Monitoring can include stream walks to track physical changes in the river, tests for water quality and studies of streambed life.

■ **Habitat enhancements:** Volunteers can improve the environment in or near water with construction of bird and bat houses, or beautify streambanks with trees, plants and trail improvements, and stabilize eroded banks with plants.

■ **Storm drain stenciling:** With volunteers placing stencils near storm drains to identify them, residents can learn about the effect of stormwater runoff. Information is left at nearby homes to explain the project and offer tips on reducing stormwater pollution.

■ **River stewards:** Volunteers donate time to educate the public on disposal options for household hazardous waste, use of pesticides and fertilizers, personal responsibility and stewardship in the Rouge watershed and other public outreach activities outlined in the city's general stormwater permit.

For more information, contact Friends of the Rouge at (313) 792-9900.

UP AND DOWN, UP AND DOWN

Here's how to get some quick relief.

8-MONTH CD

5.00%

WITH A \$25,000 MINIMUM DEPOSIT

ANNUAL PERCENTAGE YIELD

Relax... while your insured investment grows at a guaranteed rate.

a stable, short-term investment with a guaranteed return. And that

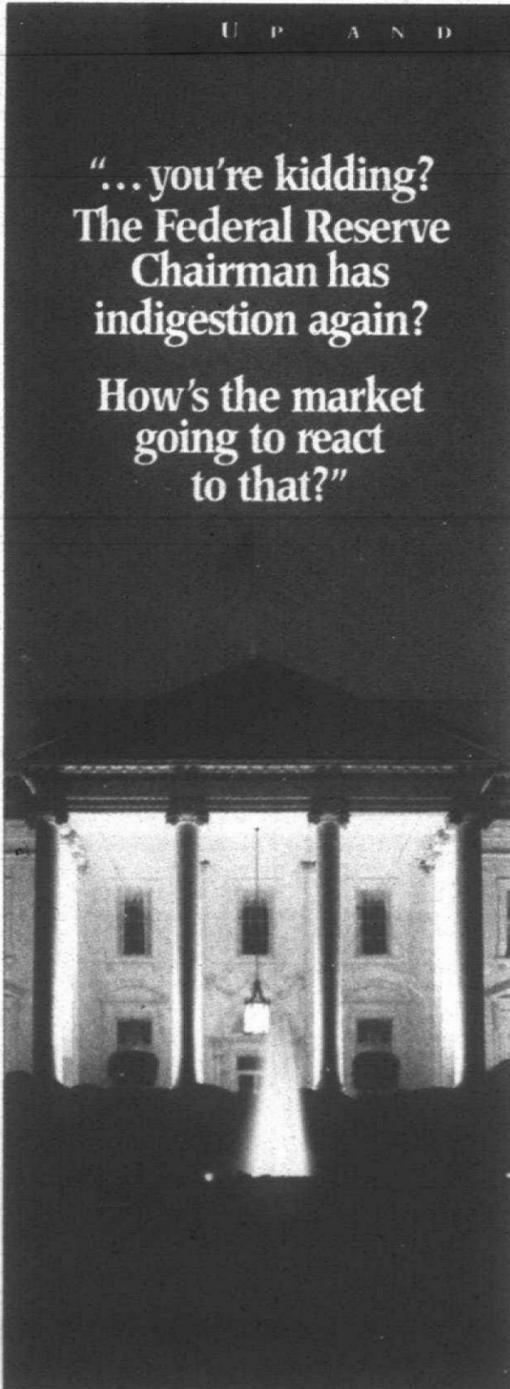
Now you can open an 8-month Certificate of Deposit from Standard Federal Bank, with a guaranteed APY of 5.00%. So while the stock market is taking a ride, your money is parked in

gives you guaranteed peace of mind. So stop by any of the conveniently located Standard Federal Banking Centers. Our CDs will give you quick relief. And who couldn't use a little of that?

Helping You Along The Way.™

Standard Federal Bank
Member ABN AMRO Group
800/643-9600

Member FDIC. 5.00% annual percentage yield (APY) subject to minimum deposit of \$25,000. APY for deposits into this account of \$2,500 to \$24,999 is 4.90%, and for deposits of less than \$2,500 the APY is 4.8%. APYs are accurate as of 11/20/98. Minimum deposit to open an account is \$500. Penalty for early withdrawal. ©1998 Standard Federal Bank.



Apartment visitor reports vandalism

COP CALLS

A 31-year-old Inkster man told Canton police that his car was damaged shortly after midnight Friday at a township apartment complex.

The man was visiting the Canton Crossings apartments off Joy Road when the incident occurred. Police reports said that an unknown person scratched the Inkster man's Pontiac Grand Am causing an estimated \$500 in damage.

Broken window

A window near the entry to Yazaki North America was broken on either late Thursday or early Friday morning.

An employee spotted the damage when setting an alarm system. Police reports didn't indicate a dollar damage to the business.

Construction larceny

A home under construction on White Tail Street was robbed of more than \$3,000 worth of property either late Thursday or early Friday morning.

Three doors, trim, cabinets and a furnace were removed by an unknown person, police reports said. Police have no suspects.

Counterfeit check

A Michigan Avenue party store was the victim of a fraudulent check recently.

According to reports, a man cashed a check for nearly \$500 at the store on Feb. 4. It appeared to be a Daimler Chrysler paycheck, reports added.

The check was later returned to the party store as being fraudulent. Police have a suspect's name, but no other identification for the man was indicated in reports.

White Tail Street was robbed of more than \$3,000 worth of property either late Thursday or early Friday morning.

Three doors, trim, cabinets and a furnace were removed by an unknown person, police reports said. Police have no suspects.

A Michigan Avenue party store was the victim of a fraudulent check recently.

According to reports, a man cashed a check for nearly \$500 at the store on Feb. 4. It appeared to be a Daimler Chrysler paycheck, reports added.

The check was later returned to the party store as being fraudulent. Police have a suspect's name, but no other identification for the man was indicated in reports.

White Tail Street was robbed of more than \$3,000 worth of property either late Thursday or early Friday morning.

Three doors, trim, cabinets and a furnace were removed by an unknown person, police reports said. Police have no suspects.

A Michigan Avenue party store was the victim of a fraudulent check recently.

According to reports, a man cashed a check for nearly \$500 at the store on Feb. 4. It appeared to be a Daimler Chrysler paycheck, reports added.

The check was later returned to the party store as being fraudulent. Police have a suspect's name, but no other identification for the man was indicated in reports.

White Tail Street was robbed of more than \$3,000 worth of property either late Thursday or early Friday morning.

Three doors, trim, cabinets and a furnace were removed by an unknown person, police reports said. Police have no suspects.

A Michigan Avenue party store was the victim of a fraudulent check recently.

According to reports, a man cashed a check for nearly \$500 at the store on Feb. 4. It appeared to be a Daimler Chrysler paycheck, reports added.

The check was later returned to the party store as being fraudulent. Police have a suspect's name, but no other identification for the man was indicated in reports.

White Tail Street was robbed of more than \$3,000 worth of property either late Thursday or early Friday morning.

Three doors, trim, cabinets and a furnace were removed by an unknown person, police reports said. Police have no suspects.

A Michigan Avenue party store was the victim of a fraudulent check recently.

According to reports, a man cashed a check for nearly \$500 at the store on Feb. 4. It appeared to be a Daimler Chrysler paycheck, reports added.

The check was later returned to the party store as being fraudulent. Police have a suspect's name, but no other identification for the man was indicated in reports.

White Tail Street was robbed of more than \$3,000 worth of property either late Thursday or early Friday morning.

Three doors, trim, cabinets and a furnace were removed by an unknown person, police reports said. Police have no suspects.

A Michigan Avenue party store was the victim of a fraudulent check recently.

According to reports, a man cashed a check for nearly \$500 at the store on Feb. 4. It appeared to be a Daimler Chrysler paycheck, reports added.

The check was later returned to the party store as being fraudulent. Police have a suspect's name, but no other identification for the man was indicated in reports.

White Tail Street was robbed of more than \$3,000 worth of property either late Thursday or early Friday morning.

Three doors, trim, cabinets and a furnace were removed by an unknown person, police reports said. Police have no suspects.

A Michigan Avenue party store was the victim of a fraudulent check recently.

According to reports, a man cashed a check for nearly \$500 at the store on Feb. 4. It appeared to be a Daimler Chrysler paycheck, reports added.

The check was later returned to the party store as being fraudulent. Police have a suspect's name, but no other identification for the man was indicated in reports.

White Tail Street was robbed of more than \$3,000 worth of property either late Thursday or early Friday morning.

OBITUARIES

GENIEVIE MAE BALASIA
Services for Genevieve Mae Balasia, 85, of Chelsea, formerly of Redford, were Feb. 17 in the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home with the Rev. Rich Pingley of Temple Baptist Church, Plymouth Township, officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi.

She was born June 18, 1913, in Redford. She died Feb. 14 in Chelsea Hospital. She was a cafeteria hostess for J.L. Hudson. She graduated from Redford High School in 1931. She enjoyed crocheting, reading and playing pinocle.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alexander; and one grandson, Michael Patrick McGilgren. Survivors include her two sons, William A. (Beth) Balasia of Munster, Ind., Steve (Donna) Balasia of Lansing; two daughters, Margaret Crane of Canton, Patricia J. McGilgren of Jackson; one brother, Jack Whiting of Cross River Woods; one brother-in-law, Stanley Pylar of Farmington Hills; two sisters, Helen Culver of Detroit, Evelyn Roberts of Rochester; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile, Suite, 100, Southfield, MI 48076.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jean. Survivors include his father, Tom of Plymouth; four sisters, Eileen of Plymouth, Phyllis (Zana) Easton of Lansing, Sandra (Mark) LaPointe of Plymouth, (Marcia) Colle.

Services for Marion Batalucco, 91, of Saine, formerly of Canton, were Feb. 23 in UH Funeral Home. Burial was in Sheldon Cemetery of Canton.

She was born Jan. 31, 1908, in Italy. She died Feb. 21 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Superior Township. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Saline for 65 years. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Giuseppe, and one son, Baldwin; one sister, Mary Gallucci; two brothers, Gaspar Galifano, Mickey Galifano. Survivors include three daughters, Virginia (Joe) Carini, Roseann (Donald) Wood, Sandra (Jim) Collette; one son, Harold (Roseanne); one daughter in law.

Services for Alfred Doughty Sands, 86, Ann Arbor were Feb. 15 in the Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

He was born on June 30, 1912, in St. Louis, Miss. He died Feb. 17 in Vencor Hospital Central Tampa, Tampa, Fla. He lived in Huntingdon Woods from 1940-1995. He graduated from Lawrence Technological University in Southfield with a degree in mechanical engineering. He retired from Burroughs Corp. in 1972 in Plymouth. He was a member of engineering society of Detroit since 1936. He served as a volunteer in preparing income tax for senior citizens in Royal Oak for 18 years. He volunteered for the Shrine of the Little Flower from 1940-95 and served as usher and adult server at Masses. He attended 6:30 a.m. Mass daily for many years and was a member of the ushers club.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lucille; and one brother, Harry Sands. Survivors include two daughters, Laurie (Joseph) Bernia of Ann Arbor, Charlene Bohnet of Fairfield, Ohio; four sisters, Nettie Bull of Ypsilanti, Mary Jo Gaines of Bellflower, Calif., Jenny Fetig, Laura Bobier; four grandchildren, Richard (Julie) Stapleton of Tampa, Fla., Michael (Bianca) Stapleton of Tampa, Fla., Christine (Jon) Stapleton-Pratt of Tampa, Fla.; Melissa Falsetta of Ann Arbor; three step granddaughters, and four step grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Services for Robert V. Dadd, 69, of Canton Township were Feb. 20 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born Jan. 30, 1930, in Kansas City, Kansas. He died Feb. 18 in Canton. He was service manager at Goodyear Tire and Rubber in Southgate for 12 years. He came to the Canton community in 1978 from Westland. He served in the Air Force for three years. He loved archery and reading. He was an avid car collector and loved motorcycles.

Survivors include his wife, Carol A.; one daughter, Heather A. (Kenneth) Findlay; two sons, Jason A., Clifford (Sandra); and one sister, Marilyn (Gene) Chylla.

Services for Bruce D. Berry, 52, of Plymouth will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Salvation Army Community Center, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth.

He was born March 27, 1947, in Springfield, Scotland. He died Feb. 10. He was a longtime employee of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. A lifelong wordsmith, he was a champion Scrabble player. He was an active volunteer tutor at the Community Literacy Council as well as a member of Toastmasters International.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jean. Survivors include his father, Tom of Plymouth; four sisters, Eileen of Plymouth, Phyllis (Zana) Easton of Lansing, Sandra (Mark) LaPointe of Plymouth, (Marcia) Colle.

Services for Marion Batalucco, 91, of Saine, formerly of Canton, were Feb. 23 in UH Funeral Home. Burial was in Sheldon Cemetery of Canton.

She was born Jan. 31, 1908, in Italy. She died Feb. 21 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Superior Township. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Saline for 65 years. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Giuseppe, and one son, Baldwin; one sister, Mary Gallucci; two brothers, Gaspar Galifano, Mickey Galifano. Survivors include three daughters, Virginia (Joe) Carini, Roseann (Donald) Wood, Sandra (Jim) Collette; one son, Harold (Roseanne); one daughter in law.

Services for Alfred Doughty Sands, 86, Ann Arbor were Feb. 15 in the Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

He was born on June 30, 1912, in St. Louis, Miss. He died Feb. 17 in Vencor Hospital Central Tampa, Tampa, Fla. He lived in Huntingdon Woods from 1940-1995. He graduated from Lawrence Technological University in Southfield with a degree in mechanical engineering. He retired from Burroughs Corp. in 1972 in Plymouth. He was a member of engineering society of Detroit since 1936. He served as a volunteer in preparing income tax for senior citizens in Royal Oak for 18 years. He volunteered for the Shrine of the Little Flower from 1940-95 and served as usher and adult server at Masses. He attended 6:30 a.m. Mass daily for many years and was a member of the ushers club.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lucille; and one brother, Harry Sands. Survivors include two daughters, Laurie (Joseph) Bernia of Ann Arbor, Charlene Bohnet of Fairfield, Ohio; four sisters, Nettie Bull of Ypsilanti, Mary Jo Gaines of Bellflower, Calif., Jenny Fetig, Laura Bobier; four grandchildren, Richard (Julie) Stapleton of Tampa, Fla., Michael (Bianca) Stapleton of Tampa, Fla., Christine (Jon) Stapleton-Pratt of Tampa, Fla.; Melissa Falsetta of Ann Arbor; three step granddaughters, and four step grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Services for Robert V. Dadd, 69, of Canton Township were Feb. 20 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born Jan. 30, 1930, in Kansas City, Kansas. He died Feb. 18 in Canton. He was service manager at Goodyear Tire and Rubber in Southgate for 12 years. He came to the Canton community in 1978 from Westland. He served in the Air Force for three years. He loved archery and reading. He was an avid car collector and loved motorcycles.

Survivors include his wife, Carol A.; one daughter, Heather A. (Kenneth) Findlay; two sons, Jason A., Clifford (Sandra); and one sister, Marilyn (Gene) Chylla.

Services for Bruce D. Berry, 52, of Plymouth will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Salvation Army Community Center, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth.

He was born March 27, 1947, in Springfield, Scotland. He died Feb. 10. He was a longtime employee of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. A lifelong wordsmith, he was a champion Scrabble player. He was an active volunteer tutor at the Community Literacy Council as well as a member of Toastmasters International.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jean. Survivors include his father, Tom of Plymouth; four sisters, Eileen of Plymouth, Phyllis (Zana) Easton of Lansing, Sandra (Mark) LaPointe of Plymouth, (Marcia) Colle.

Services for Marion Batalucco, 91, of Saine, formerly of Canton, were Feb. 23 in UH Funeral Home. Burial was in Sheldon Cemetery of Canton.

She was born Jan. 31, 1908, in Italy. She died Feb. 21 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Superior Township. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Saline for 65 years. She was a homemaker.

Scholarships now available for young cancer survivors

College scholarships for young cancer survivors are now available for the fall 1999 school year.

As a special program of the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division, scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded to a select and qualified group of young cancer survivors in Indiana and Michigan to help them achieve their goals of higher education.

Building on the success of last year's inaugural scholarship program, which awarded 40 scholarships to students, the American Cancer Society will be accepting scholarship applications now through April 15.

"Cancer should not stop any young adult from a chance to pursue a college degree," said Robert Wood, foundation chairman. "Through this program, we want to help young adults overcome the emotional and financial burden of cancer and go on to live a full and productive life."

Applicants must be submitted to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division office at 1205 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906, by April 15, 1999. The application process includes submission of letters of recommendation; a 500-word essay; a copy of academic grades nine-12; SAT and/or ACT scores and financial information. To request a scholarship application packet, call the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, at (800) 723-0360.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the American Cancer Society's College Scholarship Program, contact the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division office in Southfield at (248) 557-5353.

Applicants must be submitted to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division office at 1205 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906, by April 15, 1999. The application process includes submission of letters of recommendation; a 500-word essay; a copy of academic grades nine-12; SAT and/or ACT scores and financial information. To request a scholarship application packet, call the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, at (800) 723-0360.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the American Cancer Society's College Scholarship Program, contact the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division office in Southfield at (248) 557-5353.

Applicants must be submitted to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division office at 1205 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906, by April 15, 1999. The application process includes submission of letters of recommendation; a 500-word essay; a copy of academic grades nine-12; SAT and/or ACT scores and financial information. To request a scholarship application packet, call the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, at (800) 723-0360.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the American Cancer Society's College Scholarship Program, contact the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division office in Southfield at (248) 557-5353.

Applicants must be submitted to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division office at 1205 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906, by April 15, 1999. The application process includes submission of letters of recommendation; a 500-word essay; a copy of academic grades nine-12; SAT and/or ACT scores and financial information. To request a scholarship application packet, call the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, at (800) 723-0360.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the American Cancer Society's College Scholarship Program, contact the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division office in Southfield at (248) 557-5353.

Applicants must be submitted to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division office at 1205 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906, by April 15, 1999. The application process includes submission of letters of recommendation; a 500-word essay; a copy of academic grades nine-12; SAT and/or ACT scores and financial information. To request a scholarship application packet, call the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, at (800) 723-0360.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the American Cancer Society's College Scholarship Program, contact the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division office in Southfield at (248) 557-5353.

Applicants must be submitted to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division office at 1205 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906, by April 15, 1999. The application process includes submission of letters of recommendation; a 500-word essay; a copy of academic grades nine-12; SAT and/or ACT scores and financial information. To request a scholarship application packet, call the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, at (800) 723-0360.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the American Cancer Society's College Scholarship Program, contact the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division office in Southfield at (248) 557-5353.

Applicants must be submitted to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division office at 1205 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906, by April 15, 1999. The application process includes submission of letters of recommendation; a 500-word essay; a copy of academic grades nine-12; SAT and/or ACT scores and financial information. To request a scholarship application packet, call the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, at (800) 723-0360.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the American Cancer Society's College Scholarship Program, contact the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division office in Southfield at (248) 557-5353.

Applicants must be submitted to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division office at 1205 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906, by April 15, 1999. The application process includes submission of letters of recommendation; a 500-word essay; a copy of academic grades nine-12; SAT and/or ACT scores and financial information. To request a scholarship application packet, call the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, at (800) 723-0360.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the American Cancer Society's College Scholarship Program, contact the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division office in Southfield at (248) 557-5353.

Applicants must be submitted to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division office at 1205 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906, by April 15, 1999. The application process includes submission of letters of recommendation; a 500-word essay; a copy of academic grades nine-12; SAT and/or ACT scores and financial information. To request a scholarship application packet, call the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, at (800) 723-0360.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the American Cancer Society's College Scholarship Program, contact the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division office in Southfield at (248) 557-5353.

Applicants must be submitted to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division office at 1205 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906, by April 15, 1999. The application process includes submission of letters of recommendation; a 500-word essay; a copy of academic grades nine-12; SAT and/or ACT scores and financial information. To request a scholarship application packet, call the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, at (800) 723-0360.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the American Cancer Society's College Scholarship Program, contact the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division office in Southfield at (248) 557-5353.

Applicants must be submitted to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division office at 1205 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906, by April 15, 1999. The application process includes submission of letters of recommendation; a 500-word essay; a copy of academic grades nine-12; SAT and/or ACT scores and financial information. To request a scholarship application packet, call the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, at (800) 723-0360.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the American Cancer Society's College Scholarship Program, contact the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division office in Southfield at (248) 557-5353.

Applicants must be submitted to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division office at 1205 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906, by April 15, 1999. The application process includes submission of letters of recommendation; a 500-word essay; a copy of academic grades nine-12; SAT and/or ACT scores and financial information. To request a scholarship application packet, call the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, at (800) 723-0360.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the American Cancer Society's College Scholarship Program, contact the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division office in Southfield at (248) 557-5353.

Applicants must be submitted to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division office at 1205 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906, by April 15, 1999. The application process includes submission of letters of recommendation; a 500-word essay; a copy of academic grades nine-12; SAT and/or ACT scores and financial information. To request a scholarship application packet, call the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, at (800) 723-0360.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the American Cancer Society's College Scholarship Program, contact the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division office in Southfield at (248) 557-5353.

Applicants must be submitted to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division office at 1205 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906, by April 15, 1999. The application process includes submission of letters of recommendation; a 500-word essay; a copy of academic grades nine-12; SAT and/or ACT scores and financial information. To request a scholarship application packet, call the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, at (800) 723-0360.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the American Cancer Society's College Scholarship Program, contact the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division office in Southfield at (248) 557-5353.

Applicants must be submitted to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division office at 1205 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906, by April 15, 1999. The application process includes submission of letters of recommendation; a 500-word essay; a copy of academic grades nine-12; SAT and/or ACT scores and financial information. To request a scholarship application packet, call the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, at (800) 723-0360.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the American Cancer Society's College Scholarship Program, contact the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division office in Southfield at (248) 557-5353.

Applicants must be submitted to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division office at 1205 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906, by April 15, 1999. The application process includes submission of letters of recommendation; a 500-word essay; a copy of academic grades nine-12; SAT and/or ACT scores and financial information. To request a scholarship application packet, call the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, at (800) 723-0360.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the American Cancer Society's College Scholarship Program, contact the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division office in Southfield at (248) 557-5353.

Applicants must be submitted to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division office at 1205 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906, by April 15, 1999. The application process includes submission of letters of recommendation; a 500-word essay; a copy of academic grades nine-12; SAT and/or ACT scores and financial information. To request a scholarship application packet, call the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, at (800) 723-0360.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the American Cancer Society's College Scholarship Program, contact the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division office in Southfield at (248) 557-5353.

Applicants must be submitted to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division office at 1205 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906, by April 15, 1999. The application process includes submission of letters of recommendation; a 500-word essay; a copy of academic grades nine-12; SAT and/or ACT scores and financial information. To request a scholarship application packet, call the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, at (800) 723-0360.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the American Cancer Society's College Scholarship Program, contact the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division office in Southfield at (248) 557-5353.

Applicants must be submitted to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division office at 1205 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906, by April 15, 1999. The application process includes submission of letters of recommendation; a 500-word essay; a copy of academic grades nine-12; SAT and/or ACT scores and financial information. To request a scholarship application packet, call the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, at (800) 723-0360.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the American Cancer Society's College Scholarship Program, contact the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division office in Southfield at (248) 557-5353.

Town hall meeting scheduled for Monday

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will host a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, March 1, in the Little Theater at Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road, in Canton.

The meeting will be an open forum where attendees can discuss a wide range of issues with Rivers. Rivers represents the 13th District, which includes Canton, Garden City, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Westland and part of Livonia, and other Wayne County communities.

Rivers first will discuss recent actions of the 106th Congress, then open the floor to questions. The program is designed to provide participants with an opportunity to raise issues, offer concerns and inform themselves about current Congressional activities.

For information, contact Carrie Auster in Rivers' district office at (734) 485-3741.

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will host a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, March 1, in the Little Theater at Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road, in Canton.

The meeting will be an open forum where attendees can discuss a wide range of issues with Rivers. Rivers represents the 13th District, which includes Canton, Garden City, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Westland and part of Livonia, and other Wayne County communities.

Rivers first will discuss recent actions of the 106th Congress, then open the floor to questions. The program is designed to provide participants with an opportunity to raise issues, offer concerns and inform themselves about current Congressional activities.

For information, contact Carrie Auster in Rivers' district office at (734) 485-3741.

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will host a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, March 1, in the Little Theater at Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road, in Canton.

The meeting will be an open forum where attendees can discuss a wide range of issues with Rivers. Rivers represents the 13th District, which includes Canton, Garden City, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Westland and part of Livonia, and other Wayne County communities.

Rivers first will discuss recent actions of the 106th Congress, then open the floor to questions. The program is designed to provide participants with an opportunity to raise issues, offer concerns and inform themselves about current Congressional activities.

For information, contact Carrie Auster in Rivers' district office at (734) 485-3741.

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will host a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, March 1, in the Little Theater at Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road, in Canton.

The meeting will be an open forum where attendees can discuss a wide range of issues with Rivers. Rivers represents the 13th District, which includes Canton, Garden City, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Westland and part of Livonia, and other Wayne County communities.

Rivers first will discuss recent actions of the 106th Congress, then open the floor to questions. The program is designed to provide participants with an opportunity to raise issues, offer concerns and inform themselves about current Congressional activities.

Going to the dogs

Pet superstore owner markets for charity

By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER
jmaliszewski@oe.homecomm.net

You could say that Jack Berry's life has gone to the dogs... and the cats... and the birds... and the fish.

And that's just fine with him. "I'm not one of those people who are obsessed with animals," said Berry, president and founder of Pet Supplies "Plus."

But on any given day, you might find Berry in his office accompanied by his faithful golden retriever, Brandy. His dog certainly was at his side when he opened his first store in Redford Township in 1988.

While Berry is known for his pet supplies supermarket, his support of animals and animal groups, particularly the Michigan Humane Society and the Michigan Animal Adoption Net-

'Jack has been tremendous and he has helped so many homeless animals.'

Joanne Berry
—assistant to the director of the Michigan Humane Society

work, shares the spotlight. "Once you are in business and you are relatively successful, you get hundreds of requests from people," Berry said. "So I decided as long as I am in the pet business, whatever effort and energy should be with pet related things."

Above and beyond
But Berry has done more than share his financial success with animal organizations. He's shown them how to market their

needs. About four years ago when the pet food division of Heinz Foods bought a brand named Nature's Recipe, company officials who had conducted pet telethons for a couple years went in search of their largest pet customers for help. Pet Supplies "Plus" was one of those businesses.

"They asked about the Michigan Humane Society in the Detroit area," Berry said. "They went to the humane society and laid everything out for them. But there is a cost to running a telethon."

Berry guaranteed those costs so no one would lose money. In the first year of the telethon, he committed \$100,000. In 1997, the telethon took in \$301,000 for the humane society.

With the third annual PETelethon for the Michigan Humane Society coming in March, Berry is gearing up -

once again with a financial commitment, as well as a lot of effort and marketing skills.

To bring in the stores - some are his, others are franchisees - donation canisters will be available. Also posters will be near entrances of the stores so contributors can stop by with a donation and sign the poster, Berry said.

Observerland Pet Supplies "Plus" stores are in Farmington Hills, Livonia and Canton. "On the day of the telethon - noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 7 - the stores will donate 10 percent of sales to the Michigan Humane Society. "So that could be another \$17,000-20,000 donated," Berry added.

"Last year we raised \$351,000 for the humane society. But we were up against the J.P. McCarthy radio telethon and the NCAA tournament," Berry said.

Please see TELETHON, A13



All in the family: Joanne and Jack Berry and their faithful golden retriever, Brandy.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BERENSON

First Pet Supplies 'Plus' opened in Redford

By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER
jmaliszewski@oe.homecomm.net

When the first Pet Supplies "Plus" store opened on Telegraph in Redford, there had to be plenty of people saying it just makes sense.

"I took my supermarket background and designed what I thought was a retail concept," said founder and president Jack Berry, a longtime Farmington resident.

"I wanted a neat, organized store combined with premium foods with supermarket-type

items," said Berry, whose headquarters are in Livonia.

Before his dive into the pet industry, Berry was a career man in supermarkets - of the human variety - including an egg distributor at one time. He also owned an advertising agency.

"In his early 50s, Berry was getting ready for a change. An old friend, Harry Shalloo, who owned another company, was out-of-state and came across a large pet store - and an idea was born.

"I then went out and visited every pet store in Detroit. Most

were small, smelly and dirty, and a little of this, a little of that," Berry said.

He wanted a supermarket for pet products that looked, smelled and acted like a supermarket. And just like a people supermarket, Berry decided that his clientele - pets - should be allowed to walk the aisles.

"The volume of business we obtained didn't come out of these little pet stores I looked at. Part of it was the supermarket segment of business," Berry said, adding he wanted his stores not only to offer the supermarket brands of pet supplies, but the

more expensive premium brands as well.

In fact, Berry said he is convinced that his large stores have forced pet supplies manufacturers to develop more products - and healthier products.

While location, location, location is important to any business, Berry has his own criteria: ■ Demographics. He's got to be in a location where people have pets and want to spend on their pets.

The need to be on a major road. The Farmington Hills store

Please see BERRY, A13

Telethon from page A12

"My personal goal this year will be to achieve \$450,000."

Local presence
And if you happen to watch the telethon on Channel 50 this year, you will indeed see Berry. Last year, he made 10 appearances on the show.

"He took his principles to the charity groups," said Joe Fucini of Pet Public Relations in West Bloomfield. "He's a very creative marketer."

To be sure, Berry also knows how to hold others accountable. For example, he contacted by letter his largest vendors asking them to make a donation for the telethon. "Most of them will participate," Berry said.

He also offering a helping hand and wallet to the humane societies in Livingston, Washtenaw and Monroe counties, as well as the Michigan Animal Adoption Network. For the adoption network, Pet Supplies "Plus" annually have daylong adoptions on a rotating basis. People who bring the dogs and cats for the adoption fair are actually the pets' foster parents so they are on hand to tell prospective owners all about the pets and their foibles.

"We've had more than 1,600 pets adopted," Berry added. "We keep the cages for the pets in our warehouses and when they are having the adoptions we send them out."

When Berry had only 20 stores in the early '90s, he worked with the Michigan Humane Society to develop the

'(Jack Berry) took his principles to the charity groups. He's a very creative marketer.'

Joe Fucini

Animal Care Fairs at the Southfield Civic Center. Again, Berry tapped into his vendors. Another success. In the first year, 20,000-30,000 visitors came to the fair. About \$500,000 has been raised for the humane society, said Joanne Berry, Michigan Humane Society assistant to the director.

"Jack has been tremendous and he has helped so many homeless animals," Joanne Berry said.

And after some prodding, Jack Berry convinced the humane society, which had to change its bylaw, to include adoptions at the fairs. Since Berry began the fairs in 1992, 800 animals have been adopted.

The plaques from animal organizations offering their thanks are testament to Berry's participation in helping animals.

"He is very generous. We are tremendously grateful to him. He underwrites our expenses. He is great. Whatever we might need, he comes through," said Joanne Berry. "Jack really wants to make a difference for animals in our communities. He wants to pass his success along to the animals."

Read Observer Sports

Learn more about the Henry Ford Academy for students entering the ninth grade.

The Henry Ford Academy, a new innovative four-year public high school that emphasizes the application of math, science, technology and humanities, is sponsoring a series of open houses. These events will provide applications and information about a unique educational opportunity for Wayne County students entering ninth grade this fall.

Open Houses

March 4th, Thursday, 5 to 7 pm Henry Ford Academy, Dearborn
March 7th, Sunday, 2 to 4 pm Henry Ford Academy, Dearborn
March 15th, Monday, 5 to 7 pm Henry Ford Academy, Dearborn

Community Session

March 10th, Wednesday, 6:30 to 8:30 pm Wayne County RESA
33500 Van Born, Wayne

Henry Ford Academy entrance is located on the west side of the Henry Ford Museum facing Oakwood Boulevard.



For more information, please call 313.982.6100, x. 2912. www.hfacademy.org

The Henry Ford Academy is a partnership between Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village® and Ford Motor Company and is chartered by Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency.

FEB 26, 27 & 28
CARD, COIN, STAMP & SPORTS COLLECTIBLES SHOW
Saturday & Sunday: Autograph Sessions by Sports Celebrities

GARY BERGMAN | **ALEX DELVECCHIO**
Sat, Feb 27, 12 noon to 2 pm | Sun, Feb 28, 1 pm to 3 pm
-- On Stage in the New Food Court --

WONDERLAND MALL

Our Plans Include You
Hours: Monday - Friday 10 - 9, Sunday 11 - 6
Plymouth & Middlebelt Roads, Livonia 734-522-4100

Child Care Challenge seeks nominations

House Republicans will honor companies that help their employees creatively meet child care needs in the ninth annual Michigan Child Care Challenge.

State Rep. Laura Toy is encouraging area businesses to enter the event by March 19. Toy, R-Livonia, said child care is a fast-rising necessity in worker benefits.

"We are seeing more families where both parents are working or a single parent is supporting the family," Toy said. "In these situations, child care is essential. Employers are starting to recognize the need and are working with families to provide affordable care."

The awards recognize Michigan employers who provide child care benefit plans and other positive alternatives. More than 350 organizations have been honored since the program began in 1989.

Nominations are accepted in five categories: ■ New Kid on the Block for companies most recently offering child care benefits.

Madonna University will hold African Story Kids Night in celebration of Black History Month in the Take 5 Lounge 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25.

Storyteller Mary Reeder from "Operation Get Down" will entertain children of all ages with costumes and hands-on participation.

The event will include the showing of the movie "African

Story Magic," storytelling and traditional African snacks. There will also be a martial arts demonstration by young people from the Alkebulan Youth Center.

There is no charge for admission, but donations are welcome. For more information, call (734) 432-5425.

Best on the Block for companies that have made special efforts to design unique child care programs. ■ Grandparent award for firms that are pioneers in offering employee child care. ■ Helping Hands for businesses that provide direct financial assistance to employees or subsidies for on-site centers. ■ Innovator for community organizations and individuals demonstrating extra effort in providing child care solutions.

There is no entry fee. Nominations can be obtained by calling Toy's office at (517) 373-3920.

"There is still quite a challenge out there to meet the needs of our working families," Toy said. "We must recognize and congratulate those who are leading the pack toward increased child care benefits."

Throughout the years, numerous businesses have helped sponsor the child care challenge. Businesses interested in contributing to this year's challenge can also contact Toy's office.

Berry from page A12

on Orchard Lake, for example, is Berry considers people use to go home. And when they see they store on their way home they will remember to get the dog or cat food they need.

Point position or free-standing, which creates visibility for his stores.

Now Berry's chain of stores includes 144 in 17 states. Not all are owned by Berry, though.

"Friends of mine saw the success of what I was doing and wanted to open stores. His best friend opened one, his partner's ex-wife, a nephew all jumped on the bandwagon. Another friend, attorney Harvey Solway, became the franchise attorney. Thirty more stores will open this year."

I think the interest in pets has always been there. People actually love their pets and treat them the same as they do their children," Berry added.

You've Lived A Life Of Dignity, Independence And Choice.

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. Easily 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.



28050 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills, MI 48336-5933

BON-LOOT

Unique Clothing & Accessories For Today's Woman

FINAL MARKDOWNS

This weekend take an additional **20%** off our clearance prices

NOW WITH 3 LOCATIONS
303 Main St. - Rochester
102 E. Main St. - Northville
17114 Kercheval - Grosse Pointe

CHILDREN WITH ASTHMA RESEARCH STUDY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE:
HEALTHY CHILDREN, AGE 4-11, WITH MODERATE ASTHMA SYMPTOMS (COUGH, WHEEZE, SHORTNESS OF BREATH) CONTROLLED BY INHALED MEDICATIONS.

INDIVIDUALS WHO QUALIFY RECEIVE OFFICE VISITS, LIMITED TESTING, AND STUDY MEDICATIONS AT NO CHARGE AND COMPENSATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE STUDY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL JULIE AT (248) 473-6400 OR 1-800-326-5959.

MICHIGAN RESPIRATORY HEALTH AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE
24230 KARIM BOULEVARD, SUITE 130
NOVI, MICHIGAN 48375
(EASY ACCESS FROM I-275 AND I-696)

Heslop's
China & Gifts

FEBRUARY HOME SALE

Thursday, February 18 - Sunday, February 28

TAKE AN ADDITIONAL **10%-20% OFF**

Heslop's everyday low prices on select dinnerware, flatware, stemware, and giftware!

Now is the time to make your home a little more elegant. Heslop's is offering significant savings on your favorite brand names: Atlantic, Block, Cristal J.G., Durand, Dansk, Fitz & Floyd, Gorham, Lenox, Mikasa, Nikko, Noritake, Oneida, Pickard, Reed & Barton, Rosenthal, Royal Doulton, Royal Worcester, Spode, Towle, and Villeney & Boch.

Store Details:
Dearborn Heights, The Heights • (313) 274-6200
(East 9th, between Inkster and Beach Dunes)
Livonia, Metro-Five Plus • (734) 522-8090
(On corner of Five Mile and Westland)
Novi, Novi Town Center • (248) 340-8095
Beverly Hills, Metropolitan Village Mall • (313) 274-0823
St. Clair Shores • (588) 778-6142
21420 Mack Ave. (Downtown Eight Mile Rd.)

Starting Heights, Eastlake Commons (313) 247-8111 • (On corner of Hall Rd. and Howe Rd.)
Troy, Oakland Mall • (486) 580-3433
West Bloomfield, Orchard Mall • (248) 757-8880 (Orchard Lake and 15 Mile)
Oakhurst
Ann Arbor, Colonnade • (734) 763-0802 (On Eisenhower Plaza, west of Westwood Mall)
Grand Rapids, River Village Mall • (616) 952-2345 (Between Rte. and Burton Rte.)
Okemos, Midtown Mall • (517) 340-4028

Introduce the bride-to-be to Heslop's bridal registry, the bridal registry of choice.



Go from Vice President to Admiral with one phone call.

That boat you've always wanted is now within your

We'll even give you an answer right away, right

reach, with a loan from Huntington Banks. Apply over the phone, and we'll give you information on a variety of loan options with competitive rates and payments.

over the phone. So give us a call, or stop into any Huntington banking office. And you could be sailing off into the sunset as soon as tonight.

Get an answer on a boat loan before you hang up the phone.

Call toll-free 1-877-460-2345 • www.huntington.com



Subject to credit application and approval. Rate discounts available with automatic payment deduction from your Huntington account. *Huntington and Huntington Bank are federally regulated service marks of Huntington Bankshares Incorporated. ©1999 Huntington Bankshares Incorporated. Federal Reserve member since 1886. FDIC/Member FDIC.

Roads

Some improvements under way

When Canton voters said no to a local road tax last August, it would have been easy to figure the traffic bottlenecks that plague the township on a daily basis would only get worse. Easy but not entirely accurate.

Despite the tax rejection, a number of road improvement projects are in the planning stages or already under way using local tax dollars, Wayne County, state and federal money.

They include:
■ Widening of Canton Center Road to five lanes from Ford to just south of Cherry Hill. The work by the Wayne County Roads Department began last summer and, after a seasonal delay, is scheduled for completion this spring.

■ Intersection improvements along Ford Road, paid for with \$1.5 million in bonds issued by Canton's Downtown Development Authority. Work by this year will smooth traffic flow at Lilley and Sheldon roads. Hagerly could be added to the list if the state and county look favorably on a township traffic study.

■ An extension of Morton Taylor Road between Warren and Ford. The county is in the process of finalizing plans and acquiring rights of way for the \$3.1 million project, which has been on the books for three years. The Federal Highway Administration will

The question remains whether the current piecemeal list of projects will be enough to handle future congestion on Canton roads.

pick up 80 percent of the cost and construction could begin by July or August.

■ A traffic signal and other improvements at the Cherry Hill-Beck intersection.

Canton officials deserve credit for creativity in tackling the road issue on a limited budget. The temptation might have been to stand pat, let the situation deteriorate even further and go back to voters in another year or two.

We note that the county has also made good on its commitment to road improvements in Canton.

But the question remains whether the current piecemeal list of projects will be enough to handle future congestion on Canton roads. The growth spurt that has prompted a near 30-percent population increase this decade has shown no real sign of slowing.

The failed ballot proposal would have given the township an additional \$3.5 million or so annually over the next eight years for road improvements. That's a lot of additional lanes that simply won't be built.

Paying tribute to one cool cat

"I would not like them here or there. I would not like them anywhere. I do not like green eggs and ham. I do not like them, Sam-I-am."

It may not be great literature, but anyone who has been a child or a parent since the late 1950s can recognize those lines and identify the author as Dr. Seuss.

They may not know that his real name was Theodor Seuss Geisel, that he was born in Springfield, Mass., in 1904, the son of a zookeeper, that he graduated from Dartmouth College and later attended Oxford in pursuit of a doctorate in literature, then drifted to Paris and hung out with the Lost Generation writers.

They may not know that he worked in advertising for awhile, wrote for a couple of documentary films in Hollywood that won Academy Awards in the 1940s, or that, though twice-married, he had no children of his own.

But they can quote passages from "Horton Hatches the Egg," conjure up vivid images of The Grinch and tap their feet in rhythm to the simplistic meter of "One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish."

They may recognize lines from and visualize the image of "The Cat in the Hat," but not be aware that that book, published in 1957 and using only 220 words, virtually revolutionized the world of children's books, delivering, as one reviewer put it, "a karate chop on the weary little world of Dick, Jane and Spot."

While educators greeted Dr. Seuss' fractured rhymes and made-up words skeptically at first, his popularity among children and parents (his 47 books have sold more than 100 million copies in 18 languages) has changed some thinking.

That's why next Tuesday, March 2, the National Education Association, in conjunction with its Read Across America program, is urging "every child and every community in

America" to celebrate reading on the date that would have been Dr. Seuss' 95th birthday. (He died in 1991 at age 87 after a lengthy illness.)

NEA members are organizing events in schools, libraries and bookstores across the country. They liken the activities to pep rallies for football games or student plays to promote the arts. They want to send the message that reading is important and can be fun.

Why Dr. Seuss? "People of all ages love him," according to an NEA release. "He epitomizes a love of children and learning. And the latest in reading research indicates Dr. Seuss' books, with their use of rhyme, are an effective tool for introducing children to reading."

We agree. Reading is important and it can, and should be, fun. On Tuesday, Madonna University faculty and staff will be reading Dr. Seuss books from 4-7 p.m. in the University's Take 5 Lounge and in Westland the Elliott and David Hicks Elementary schools. As also have activities scheduled. Redford Township District Library has a program planned for children in kindergarten through third grade.

Check out your local schools, libraries and bookstores for any other activities. Or just pull some books out of your own bookshelves and read to, or along with, your children.

And join us in saying Happy Birthday to the man who revolutionized children's literature. Better still, let him do it in his own words:

"Today you are you! That is truer than true! There is no one alive who is you-er than you! Shout loud, I am lucky to be what I am! Thank goodness I'm not just a clam or a ham Or a dusty old jar of sour gooseberry jam! I am what I am! That's a great thing to be! If I say so myself, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ME!"

Canton studies sidewalk 'crackdown'



FILE PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMAN

Improvement program: The Canton Township Board of Trustees is looking at implementing a residential sidewalk improvement program to take care of problems like the one pictured here on Arlington Street. Under the plan, homeowners would be required to foot the bill for replacing damaged squares. The township is facing an increasing number of slip-and-fall lawsuits since a recent change in state law, officials say.

LETTERS

Work together

As the father of three school-age children, a Plymouth Township resident and the registrar for the CCJBSA/PCJBL, I am appalled by the stench of politics that has engulfed our youth summer baseball/softball program and caused such a rift between the Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township communities. I am also saddened by comments attributed to Canton Township Supervisor Thomas Yack, who apparently is insensitive and unconcerned about the historic bonds that unite our communities. For decades, these communities have come together as one, built around the solid bedrock of our education system. Close friendships and family relationships have been forged which tie the community together much like the shared borders do.

In this regard, I ask, was it really necessary to eliminate the Plymouth name from the decades-old, highly successful and respected baseball program fondly known as the Plymouth Canton Junior Baseball League? Do our Canton neighbors know, or care, how this name change came about? Is anyone aware that Canton Township government leaders made this request of the governing board of the PCJBL? It was rumored that perhaps Canton would form its own baseball league and leave the PCJBL scrambling to find baseball fields if the request were not honored. As a result, the men and women who serve on the board of the CCJBSA/PCJBL have suffered a great deal of undeserved and unjustified criticism over the name change, and few recognize that they acquiesced to this request for the "plum" of additional playing surfaces that Canton Township leaders dangled in front of them. It is no secret that this community is starved for playing fields. Before the purchase of the Michigan Avenue complex, Plymouth Township provided a disproportionate number of playing surfaces compared to the number of Plymouth Township children participating in the league, but the inequity caused no concern. Do Canton voters, our friends and relatives, know about their leaders' backroom maneuvering? This is politics at its worst, and frankly, I find it disgusting!

Many of us parents have worked tirelessly to make this league a success. People like Harry Hill, Milt Thackaberry, Buck Horn, John Filiotis and countless others have devoted a significant portion of their lives to the league. None of the volunteers have ever questioned the community in which others resided. It did not, and should not matter! The sole

objective was, and is, to provide an opportunity for all the youth of this community to play baseball and softball just as we did when we were kids.

Mr. Yack, I am certain that you do not fairly represent your constituents when you make statements that serve to drive wedges between the communities. Coleman Young proceeded in this manner in the City of Detroit, and the divisiveness it caused with the suburbs was a cancer that Dennis Archer is still trying to cure. Take it somewhere else, because that brand of "leadership" does not work. We all must work together in a spirit of cooperation to maintain our youth recreation programs and the spirit of community that these programs engender.

Robert M. Bilkie Jr.
Plymouth Township

Paper used poor judgment

It was poor judgment on the part of a family newspaper like the Observer to give coverage to the perverted Triangle Foundation. Decent people do not approve of men having sex with each other. While your Feb. 4 article was good in alerting the citizenry of the noble police effort to "Bag a Fag" (your term) it should have given the front page coverage to local citizens outrage at this continuing sickness going on at the I-275 Canton rest stop. Please do not make the police officer's job any harder by reporting the opinions of a statistically insignificant number of sick individuals.

Kevin A.C. Lambert
Plymouth Township

Thanks to benefactor

I am Danielle Lauer, a fifth-grader at Isbister Elementary. I would like to thank whoever donated the money to the fifth-grade trip to the Space Camp in Florida. I understand you put a lot of money into our education, and I would like to personally thank you for this wonderful opportunity.

Danielle Lauer
Plymouth

Canton Observer

TEDD SCHNEIDER, COMMUNITY EDITOR, 734-459-2700
SUSAN ROSIEK, MANAGING EDITOR, OBSERVER NEWSPAPERS, 734-953-2149
HUGH GALLAGHER, ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR, 734-953-2118
PEG KNOESPEL, ADVERTISING MANAGER, 734-953-2177
LARRY GOSER, CIRCULATION MANAGER, 734-953-2234
STEVEN K. POPE, VICE-PRESIDENT/GENERAL MANAGER, 734-953-2252
RICK FIDORELLI, MARKETING DIRECTOR, 734-953-2150

HOMETOWN COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, INC.

PHILIP POWER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD JEANNE TOWAR, VICE PRESIDENT/EDITORIAL RICHARD AGRIAN, PRESIDENT

OUR MISSION: "Because we publish community newspapers, we think about community journalism in a fundamentally different way than our bigger competition. They consider themselves to be independent from the stories and communities they cover, swooping in to write the unusual or sensational and then dashing off to cover something else. We regard ourselves as both accurate journalists and as caring citizens of the communities where we work."
— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Abortion issue and the Holocaust have parallels

BY ERNEST MEHL
GUEST COLUMNIST

I think your recent newspaper article on the Holocaust question was very interesting and thought-provoking. Please let me share some of my own thoughts on this subject with you. I only wish I had all the space to do so.

Like (author) Ursula Hegi, I was born in Germany too and lived through the Hitler years from the beginning to the end. The question was asked, how could a man like Adolf Hitler become the governing head of a nation that gave birth to great thinkers, scientists, poets and composers?

Actually, the stage for his entry was already set in 1919, after Germany's defeat in World War I. The nations of the Detente had imposed harsh economic sanctions on Germany, stripping the nation of the basic needs to survive. This situation created massive unemployment, political strife, inflation of unbelievable proportion, and utter despair. A hastily formed democratic government, known as the Weimar Republic, was unable to function as it should

because it lacked the needed resources.

Hitler found fertile, political ground in this environment of hopelessness. He criss-crossed the country, gave fiery speeches, offering hope and delivery from misery and chaos. One Bible verse comes to my mind. It says "... no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an Angel of Light." (2 Cor. 11:14).

Hitler appeared to the people as an angel of light. Everybody was for him, with few exceptions. He came into power by promising work for everyone, and a swift return to prosperity by defying the economic sanctions, and he did. The people were happy, they paid little attention to the verbal attacks on the Jews. Thousands joined the party ranks. Few people suspected what Hitler's real agenda was.

Soon, the government took control of everything. The media became the official source of propaganda. Foreign news was jammed. Criticism of the government was counted as treason. The penalty was incarceration or secret execution. Germany was now totally in Hitler's grip.

Certain laws have become more permissive, perhaps ambiguous, in recent years. They are no longer a true indicator of what is morally right or wrong.

I remember the shock and bewilderment of people during the so-called Cristal Night in 1936 when innocent Jews were evicted from their homes while Sturm troopers destroyed their property. People were worried and horrified that blind hate had reached such proportion. There was no longer a recourse to change. Besides, it was the economy, stupid!

Hitler was awfully successful with territorial expansion prior to WW II. He felt strong enough to do anything, even his abominable actions that were carried out in secret. I know for a fact that about 95 percent of the people never heard of the Holocaust until the war was over. Those who knew kept their mouths shut to avoid becoming victims themselves.

We may ask ourselves: "Could a man like Hitler come to power in our

United States?" No, I do not believe he could. Our nation has powerful safeguards in the form of our Constitution, our governmental structure, free speech and the media watchdog.

I truly believe that the real threat to our freedom lies in steady decline of our moral values and in the forgetfulness of how richly our land has been blessed. We know that morality cannot be legislated. Nevertheless, moral values are of vital importance to millions of our fellow citizens.

Morality is inseparable from a good conscience that guides our minds and our actions. If one's conscience becomes seared for various reasons, his judgment of right and wrong may become blurred or indifferent. Statistics reveal that freedom is often equated with the right to conduct oneself without obligation or accountability.

Certain laws have become more permissive, perhaps ambiguous, in recent years. They are no longer a true indicator of what is morally right or wrong. I am thinking specifically of the abortion issue, which has claimed some 35 million victims so far. I wonder if someone could tell me

GUEST COLUMN

why there should be such a difference between the stacked bodies of innocent Jews, murdered in the Holocaust, and the stacked bodies of unborn babies, many of them able to survive, but killed in OUR holocaust.

I wonder if somebody could look me in the eye and tell me that a partial birth abortion is not murder. How can anybody ram a pair of scissors into the neck of a partly born baby, which is seconds away from drawing its first breath, and insert a tube to suck out the brain? Yet, these things are done every day in our United States with permission of the Supreme Court.

I remember that the Nazis were hanged in Nuremberg for committing atrocities like that. Hitler did not want the Jews around - so he killed them. Babies are killed because they are not wanted either.

When a majority of Congress voted to abolish the partial birth abortion, our president vetoed that decision.

Ernest Mehl is a Plymouth Township resident.

LETTERS

Hillary for Senate?

One Clinton holding political office is one too many of socialist persuasion. Hillary of government medicine infamy showed the woman to be of hard core collectivist mentality. Her vilification and globalization diatribes outline a litany of socialist goals suggesting a one-world arrangement that Gore and fellow travelers only faintly allude to. Environmental fantasies are enough to keep Gore's less than facile brain occupied, but he does know that United States unilateral obedience to lowering gas emissions would help the liberals lead to a hellish Armageddon here on earth. No, Hillary as a socialist senator would not be any less one-world oriented than she is as a first lady.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

Farewell to the circus

It looks as though the circus in Washington is about over, the question is, what did it accomplish, if anything? Important government business has waited on the back burner while this fiasco dragged on, almost endlessly it seemed, and nothing was accomplished. The American people should be up in arms over this tremendous waste of public funds. How can we ever have faith in our public officials after this sideshow?

We don't need to bring in the clowns, they're already there. This fiasco will remain in our history for years to come.

Ross A. Rhinehart
Livonia

Charter school promises haven't been kept, so bad schools should be closed

I've been telling you so. Despite the glossy promises Mackinac Center and Gov. John Engler made about charter schools, the benefits haven't appeared. To correct the governor's campaign slogan: "Promises made, promises broken."

The notion of charter schools, as developed by the Regional Laboratory for Educational Improvement of the Northeast in 1988, was to liberate good teachers and free them from the rigid dogma of school boards and educationists. There would be innovations in curriculum, more parental choice, improved learning for motivated students. Rah, rah, rah.

Two scholarly reports on Public School Academies, commissioned by the Legislature, tell us that PSAs, or "charter schools," have fallen short, for the most part. Again, I remind you that not all charter schools are bad; about one-fourth have better MEAP test scores than the traditional public schools in the surrounding community.

But failures exceed successes. Engler was cheered twice in his State of the State address when he agreed with President Clinton that "all states and school districts must turn around their worst performing schools - or shut them down." An honest governor would start shutting down many of the 137 incompetently run, unimaginative, low-paying charter schools.

Public Sector Consultants Inc. (PSC) of Lansing and Western Michigan University reported back Feb. 18 on the first four years of the charter experiment. PSC's report made a lot of excuses for the poor performance - they had to struggle to survive - but the patterns showed through in both reports:

■ Test scores - "The percentage of students scoring 'satisfactory' at charter schools is lower than at a majority of local traditional public schools," said PSC. It could have bought this newspaper and saved the state \$149,999.50.

When public schools had declining test scores, their enemies shouted this over the airwaves. But when charter schools (as a group) flop, their alibi is that they are just too new and somehow attracted the bottom of the public schools' academic barrel.

■ Parental involvement - "Parents had - or exercised - less influence over (charter) schools in the upper grades, and communication with the home was perceived to decline in the upper grades," said WMU. So much for the big fib of "parental choice."

■ Curriculum - Michigan got cheated. Instead of getting charter schools that specialize in science or the performing arts, "there are limited innovations being developed and applied in the PSAs," said WMU. Many charter schools hire business management firms and revert to "canned curriculums."

■ Dropouts - "On the whole, the PSAs had higher dropout rates than did their host communities." In short, PSAs dumped the



TIM RICHARD

But failures exceed successes. Engler was cheered twice in his State of the State address when he agreed with President Clinton that "all states and school districts must turn around their worst performing schools - or shut them down." An honest governor would start shutting down many of the 137 incompetently run, unimaginative, low-paying charter schools.

problems back into the traditional public schools.

■ Personnel management - WMU found "extensive nepotism in employment of relatives" and "high rates of attrition among teachers, students and even principals," said WMU.

■ Organization - Instead of motivated teachers and concerned parents starting charter schools, the biggest group of applicants came from the ranks of private schools, with only a "handful" from public schools.

■ Church and state - Charter schools are supposed to be like public schools, with no "established" religion. Yet PSC noted that ministers often were among organizers, and WMU quoted students as saying "this is a Christian school," though leaders denied any proselytizing. Many of us still suspect charter schools are a subterfuge for fundamentalist parochialism.

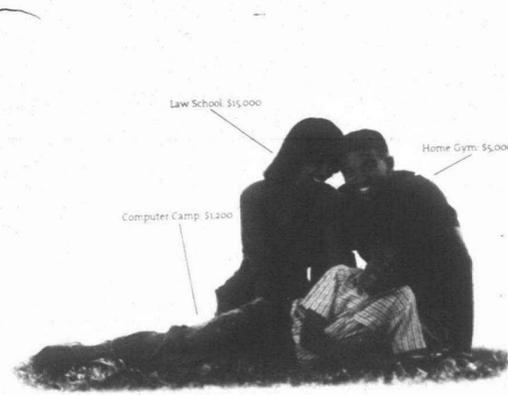
■ Minorities - "Thus there is support for those who argue that the charter schools are skimming and increasing segregation ... there is a clear trend toward fewer and fewer minorities in the PSAs," WMU said.

■ Finances - Charter schools moan that they don't have capital and startup costs. Yet they get the same \$5,600 per pupil as do public schools, but they often don't offer expensive high school courses, school lunches, transportation, special education, enabling them to turn a \$1,000-per-pupil profit.

Engler should keep his promise and shut down the bad ones.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

In life, the things that count can really add up.



NBD can help. With a home equity loan for reducing your monthly bills. We know it's hard to build a life without building debt. So call 1-800-CALL NBD. You could be on your way to reducing your monthly bills before you hang up. So you can quickly get on with life 1-800-CALL NBD

7.74%



A BANK ONE Company

The fully indexed APR on fixed rate home equity loans as of February 25, 1999 was 7.74%. 8.24% assuming automatic payment from a NBD checking account. Without automatic payment, APR was 7.94%. 8.24% for example a loan for \$20,000 for 10 years at an interest rate of 8.24% APR will have a monthly payment of \$214.44. Rates depend on credit line amount. The loan is subject to your home and NBD's internal credit policies. Consult your loan advisor regarding individuality. Subject to credit review.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION: What African-American has had the greatest impact on American history?

We asked this question Monday at the Canton post office.



Donna Duke
Canton



"Martin Luther King. He was at a point in history where people were listening."

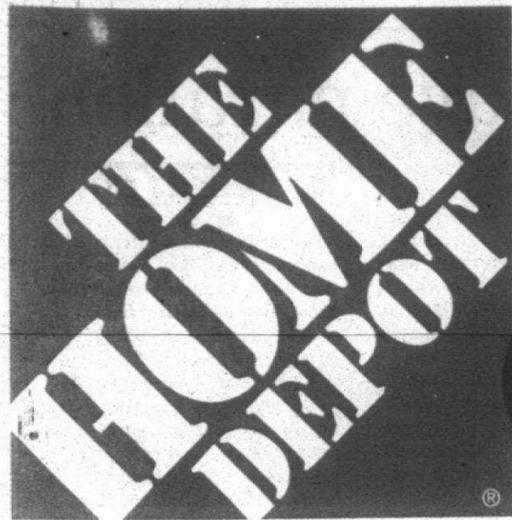


"Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks. They were both at the beginning of the civil rights movement."



"Martin Luther King. He's the most well-known."

Sue Ellen Gay
Canton



GRAND OPENING

CONTINUES

in WHITE LAKE TWP!



\$9.38



15" R-13 Kraft-Faced Fiberglas® Insulation

- 3 1/2" thick
- Covers 40 sq. ft.
- Use on exterior walls and other insulating projects around the house
- The higher the R-value, the greater the insulating power K95 (375004)



White Lake Twp.
9078 HIGHLAND ROAD
M-59 (Highland Rd.) Between
Teggerdine Rd. and Williams Lake Road.
(248) 698-4801

\$5.94

SUNBEAST®

18" x 13" Snow Shovel

- Steel core® handle combines the strength of steel with the comfort and grip of resin
- D-grip handle
- Navy blue blade SN1000600 (678275)

Lakewood

\$19.87

Dual 1300- or 1500-Watt Fan-Forced Convection Heater

- Elements are nichrome wire; non-glow
- Safety overload thermal protector (circuit breaker)
- Automatic on/off thermostat setting with operation indicator light 792 (870501)

BEHR®
Premium Plus Paint
LIFETIME GUARANTEE

\$15.94

Premium Plus Interior Flat Latex Ceiling Paint

- Ultra bright white
- For all types of ceilings
- Spatter resistant
- Easy water clean up (633313)

5 Gallon (210728) **\$67.75**

That's Only **\$13.55** per gallon when you buy the 5 gallon size

USG ceilings

Your Choice

24¢ Per Sq. Ft.

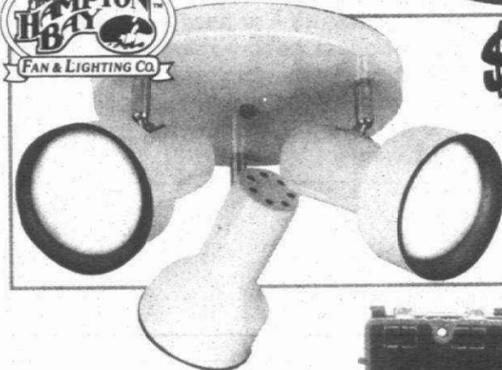
That's Only \$1.95 Each

2' x 4' 280/562 Fifth Avenue Ceiling Panel

- Fire resistant class "A"
- Professional quality
- Acoustical 290 (314781)

Or 2' x 4' 290/345 Fleet Street Ceiling Panel

- Non-directional fissured
- Fire resistant class "A"
- Professional quality
- Acoustical 290 (314862)



\$10.82 **10" 3-Light Adjustable Flushmount**

- White
- Uses (3) 65-watt bulbs (not included)
- Includes all mounting hardware
- Three swiveling heads with baffles (385138)



Carlson
\$19.95 **18 Cu. In. Single-Gang Outlet Box with Captive Nails**

- Nail-on with four knockouts
- Two-hour fire rating B118AB-LPC (202479)



\$138 **1/2 HP Chain Glide Garage Door Opener with Intellicode**

- Includes (1) deluxe remote control, (1) lighted wall button
- Six-part safety package with self-diagnostic Safe-T-Beam® System
- HomeLink® compatible
- Easy to assemble and install
- Low maintenance GCG350-1 (261493)

10% GUARANTEE

If you should find a lower price on an identical item we stock, at any store in town, even if it's an "advertised special," we'll not only meet that price, **WE'LL BEAT IT BY 10%** for bringing it to our attention. Excludes closeouts and liquidations.

OPEN EVERY DAY For home improvement information and our store locations visit our web site at: www.homedepot.com

MON - FRI	6 am - 10 pm	PONTIAC (248) 253-8900	DEARBORN HTS (313) 359-9600	HARPER WOODS (313) 245-9216
SATURDAY	7 am - 10 pm	ROSEVILLE (810) 415-9620	SOUTHFIELD (248) 423-0040	BRIGHTON (810) 229-0085
SUNDAY	8 am - 6 pm	WARREN (810) 757-3000	TAYLOR (734) 374-1901	WEST LANSING (517) 323-0229
		CANTON (734) 844-7300	NORTHLAND (248) 423-7777	MERIDIAN TWP (817) 381-0650
		UTICA (810) 997-1411	REDFORD (313) 937-4001	PITTSFIELD TWP (734) 975-1629
		NORTHVILLE (248) 347-9600	COMMERCE (248) 624-0196	WHITE LAKE TWP (248) 698-4801



We reserve the right to limit quantities to the amount reasonable for homeowners and our regular contractor customers. It is our policy to not fulfill accurate advertising in the event of an error. We will make every reasonable effort to accommodate our customers. Details on all product warranties available at store. See Credit Terms. For purchases made with your Home Depot Consumer Charge Card, the Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is 21% (18% in AL). For single purchases of \$2,000 or greater that qualify for the Max Purchase Feature of your Home Depot Consumer Charge Card Account, the APR will be 15.99%. Minimum monthly finance charge is \$1.00 (\$1.50 in AL and HI). Offer subject to credit approval by Monogram Credit Card Bank of Georgia. Check store for additional details. Any minimum monthly payment shown is an estimate based on purchase price only. Does not include sales tax, insurance charges, or finance charges and may be higher if you have an existing balance or make additional purchases on your account. Installation provided by licensed contractors. Additional information available upon request. For as long as you live in your home. PRICES MAY VARY AFTER FEBRUARY 26, 1999, IF THERE ARE MARKET VARIATIONS.

GUARANTEED LOW PRICES, DAY-IN...DAY-OUT

COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

You can script your responses to 'child talk'

If you're a regular reader of this column, you've noticed that I've spent a lot of time talking about children and adolescents who act up and are disrespectful. This topic is dear to my heart because I have seen so many families suffer because one child is disrespectful and rude.

In hundreds of parenting workshops that I've given over the years, I've found that the most popular skit I introduce to parents is the one called SCRIPTS. The idea came to me when I realized that so many parents struggle with the words they should use when their child is belligerent, sarcastic or moody.

In fact, it has prompted me to start writing a book which I very well may title, "Scripts: What To Say When Your Child Pushes Your Buttons."

Children learn their "script" from peers, the media and sometimes even us. When responding to complaints that "The Simpsons," a '90s style television cartoon, is a bad role model, Matt Groening, the creator of the show, replied, "I now have a 7-year-old boy and a 9-year-old boy, so all I can say is I apologize. Now I know what you guys were talking about."

Folks in the media business don't care that you see their shows as disrespectful to adults. You haven't seen "The Simpsons" pulled from the lineup, have you? In fact, what children say on television is often highly respected, especially when it makes their parents look bad.

Over the years

In Ricker and Crowder's book, "Backtalk," they comment about what has taken place over the last 25 years. They note that children's status has changed because they now have economic and verbal power which they never had before.

"Children are now considered smarter, not to mention more amusing and appealing than adults. Or, to put it even more simply, suddenly to be young is to be powerful ... the mainstream media now shows children as adorable savants who are given the last word in most verbal exchanges."

You have no doubt heard these pearls of wisdom come out of your children's mouths? "You are soooooo uncool." "You're a poopy. I hate you." "Get a life, Dad." "You can't make me." "Oh, give me a break." "Duh, mother." "You call this food?" "Whatever!" "You are so stupid."

I'm sure your list could go on and on. But these are fighting words and don't deserve to be tolerated by anyone.

My book will highlight situations that occur in most households. It will help parents with the words that convey. "Talking like that doesn't fly in this house."

Share your script

If you would like to share a script with me that is appropriate, controlled and respectful, e-mail me at downsj@mail.resa.net and I will consider using it in the book.

Please remember that scripts like, "I'll show you who's boss ... you say that one more time and I'll knock your head off" only convey to the child that I must exert my power and control by yelling, screaming and threatening.

The best scripts tell the child what you won't tolerate and what the consequences are for that behavior. They are said in a disengaged businesslike voice.

In the meantime, you may want to read the book, "Backtalk." It has many good recommendations in it.

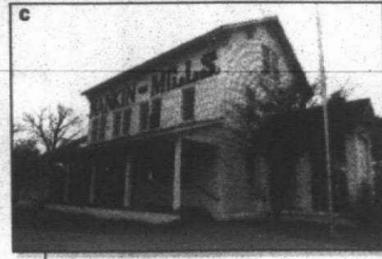
Jacquie Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or at her e-mail address: downsj@mail.resa.net



A. The Godwin-Flora home on Warren Road near Morton Taylor Road in Canton is believed to have housed slaves seeking freedom. Staff Photo by Paul Hurschmann



B. One identified stop is a home that was located where Saxton's Garden Center now stands at 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Staff Photo by Paul Hurschmann



C. Nankin Mills in Westland is rumored to have been a stop on the Underground Railroad. Staff Photo by Bryan Mitchell
D. A historical marker on Warren Road near Riverbend Apartments in Westland lists the achievements of Marcus Swift who reportedly supported abolition. Staff Photo by Elizabeth Carnegie



ALL ABOARD

Underground Railroad stations remain shrouded in secrecy

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER
cfuoco@oe.homecomm.net

The Underground Railroad was kept a secret so there's very little documentation of it in this area. But rumors, research and even stories from area homeowners have led to speculation that the railroad passed through western Wayne County.

"There's a lot of rumors where the underground railway was. It was not legal, so it was a secret," said Jo Johnson, chairwoman of Westland Historical Commission. "There's nothing we can document. We work on it, but it's very hard to document because it was secret, it was not legal. They could get in trouble if they were caught."

"We're sure there was some Underground Railroad station in this area which was then Nankin Township."

The Underground Railroad was a group of houses and churches that helped escaped slaves find freedom in the northern United States and Canada from 1830 to 1861.

One of the rumored sites is Nankin Mills on Ann Arbor Trail west of Merriman Road in Westland.

"Usually, if they had a station and it was in Westland, it was near the Rouge River," Johnson said. "They used to transport them down the river to the Detroit River and across to Canada."

"The other rumor was that Glode Chubb was a part of it. He lived originally around Warren and Hix and then he moved down to around Venoy and Michigan Avenue. Of course, down at that end of town, you have the Lower Rouge."

Chubb, a minister, and Marcus Swift were part of the Methodist Episcopal Church, an organization that supported the freedom of slaves. A historical marker honoring Swift's accomplishments sits on Warren Road east of Merriman Road near the Riverbend Apartments.

Their participation is hearsay, however, Johnson explained.

Sporadic documentation

Documentation of Underground Railroad activity in Livonia also is sporadic.

"I'm in the process of going through a Kingsley genealogy," said Suzanne Daniel, chair of the Livonia Historical Commission. "I know I've read in one spot there was one of the girls in the family who told of remembering as a child of waking up and discovering that the parents were part of the Underground Railroad."

The Joseph Kingsley family lived near Ann Arbor Trail east of Newburgh Road.

"That's the only one I've had any real positive (identification)," she said. "There have been things said about some of the other houses, but we've never had anything in writing that would come close to confirming (it)."

Greenmead Historical Village houses the Society of Friends Meeting House that may have been used to help slaves seek freedom in Canada.

"The Quakers probably were involved in the underground because that was one of the things they did all over the country," Daniel said. "They were very much in favor of the slaves being set free and I'm sure they did everything they could to help bring that about."

A reddish brick home, known as the Godwin-Flora home, sits near the corner of Morton Taylor and Warren roads in Canton Township. It looks nondescript, but homeowner Jamie Flora found something that proved otherwise.

"When Jamie Flora, who owned it, did the renovation, they found a secret area in the basement; it definitely was something that was not real easy to see," said Melissa McLaughlin, Canton Township trustee, planning commissioner and vice chair of the Historic District Commission of Canton. "In it they found some small artifacts, some old newspapers and there was other bits and pieces of things that led them to believe that this house may have

been a stop on the Underground Railroad because the little cubbyhole that they found would have been big enough for a couple of people to get in there and hide until they could get out again."

Sign of a 'station'

According to the book "Plymouth at the Time of Lincoln," two tall pine trees signified a "station." Local legend has it that the Brink farm on Ann Arbor Road near Ann Arbor Trail was a stop. Another identified stop is a home that once stood in the current location of Saxton's Garden Center at 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

McLaughlin explained that there were several signals that identified a safe house like, perhaps, a quilt hanging on the line, or a lamp in the window.

"There were even some old Negro spirituals, songs that they sang, that if you were actually decipher the code, knowing what we know now, were used to communicate directions to people to get to Canada," McLaughlin said. "Like crossing the big water or whatever, those were code words about going across to Canada."

Once the slaves reached a safe house, they were sheltered, fed and given warm clothing.

"People didn't have a lot of money and a lot extra to give, but they would probably give them something. They would rest up and things in a safe place and then they would be on their way at night," McLaughlin explained.

But still, information is sketchy.

"Again, there's just not a lot known other than what's been passed down through oral history through the black families," she said. "There may have been more than one person who was housing people. They moved people around a little bit in order to keep nosy neighbors off track."

"They were hunted down with a bounty on their heads in many cases. Back then, people didn't have a lot of money and if somebody was offering money, that was a pretty big incentive to turn somebody in."

Traveling on the Railroad

For the many African Americans who lived in the Slave States prior to and during the American Civil War, the Underground Railroad provided them the opportunity and assistance for escaping slavery and finding freedom.

No one knows exactly when it started, but there were isolated cases of help given to runaways as early as the 1700s. And by the early 19th century, there were organized flights to freedom, with much of the early help provided by Quaker abolitionists in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

One of the most curious characteristics of the Underground Railroad was its lack of formal organization. It was locally organized and had no real center. It existed rather openly in the North and just beneath the surface of daily life in

the upper South and certain Southern cities.

Where it existed, the Underground Railroad offered local service to runaway slaves, assisting them from one point to another. Operations generally relied heavily on secret codes as railroad jargon alerted "passengers" when travel was safe. Runaways usually commuted either alone or in small groups, and were frequently assisted by African American and white "conductors" who risked their lives and property to escort refugees to freedom.

Among the "conductors" was Harriet Tubman, who escaped from the eastern shore of Maryland in 1849 and became known as "Moses" to her people when she made 19 trips to the South and helped deliver at least 300 fellow captives and loved ones to freedom.

March is the month to celebrate parenting



Ouida Cash

BY OUIDA CASH
GUEST COLUMNIST

While being a parent is the most challenging and important job you'll have in your life, it doesn't come with a neatly organized job description or field manual. Parents are "on call" 24 hours a day, attending to sniffing noses, fashion crises, scrapes, bruises and broken bones, transportation, teen angst and more.

While you carry out your wildly varied job duties, you must also be flexible, loving, supportive, even-keeled, firm and patient, patient, patient!

And for all this work and patience, a celebration

has been planned in your honor. Please join with me and thousands of other Michigan parents in commemorating Parenting Awareness Month.

Seven years ago the state legislature declared March as Parenting Awareness Month to celebrate people who are raising children, to show the importance of good parenting to a child's well-being, to promote parenting education, and to encourage everyone to participate in the lives of all of our children.

With March just a few days away, I ask you to reflect on your role in a child's life, find a way to celebrate your parenting successes, and reward your good parenting by taking time to learn or teach a new parenting skill.

Here are some suggestions to help you celebrate Parenting Awareness Month:

■ Start a Family Fan Club - Each week, sit down with your family and have everyone write down three things he or she likes about each family member.

For variety, select another task, such as making cards or posters together to give to a family friend or relative. End the Family Fan Club activity with

something fun, like eating pizza or going to the park.

■ Read about parenting - While many of your parenting skills are experience and by following your own solid instincts, parenting resources can provide you with tips and ideas you may not have thought of.

Read parenting books or magazines, check out a parenting Internet site, or talk to a friend about how they deal with parenting challenges.

During the month of March, professionals from Starfish Family Services will be writing each Thursday about various parenting topics in the Observer Newspapers.

Read their articles for insight into getting kids to cooperate, raising kind and courteous kids, being an effective advocate for your child, and keeping your cool with your kids.

■ Treat your child and yourself - Playing with your children is just as important as teaching values or enforcing safety rules. Fun time with your child creates a warm and caring relationship. Whatever you

Please see PARENTING, B2

'Still Roaring'



At Mercy High School: Becca Surowiec of Livonia, a senior at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, gets in the spirit for the school's 20th annual auction, '20... Still Roaring,' which will be Saturday, Feb. 27. The evening starts with a 5 p.m. liturgy in the chapel, followed by nine silent auctions at 6 p.m., strolling supper, live auction and entertainment by the Mercyaire, Mercy Mimes and members of the Mercy Pep Band and String Orchestra. Tickets cost \$75 per person and are available by calling the school's special events office at (248) 476-8020, Ext. 253.

Parenting from page B1

do together, make sure it's your child's choice - whether it's a favorite game or a trip to the mall. Also, make time for yourself and your own interests. Take care of yourself by reading a good novel, taking a long bath or going out with friend. Self-pampering may feel indulgent, but in reality it makes you a better parent.

As we celebrate Parenting Awareness Month, take time for yourself and your family and don't forget to celebrate your successes as a significant person in a child's life. Ouida G. Cash has committed the past 29 years to improving the lives of children and families in Michigan. She is chief executive officer of Starfish Family Services, a private, nonprofit organization with 21 programs that serve 10,000 children, individuals and families each year in southeastern Michigan.

Internet sites for parents

- There are a variety of Web sites on the Internet that provide resources for parents and those who work with parents. Many provide links to other sites. Here's a few you can visit:
- 50+ Great Sites for Kids and Parents - www.aia.org/parentpage/greatsites/50.html
- Children's Defense Fund's Parent Resource Network - www.childrensdefense.org/prn.html
- Family Village (for families whose members have disabilities) - www.familyvillage.wisc.edu
- Moms Online - www.momsonline.com
- National Center for Family Literacy - www.familit.org
- National Fathers Network - www.father-network.org
- National Parent Information Network - www.npin.org
- Parent Soup - www.parentsoup.com
- Parents Helping Parents - www.php.com
- Parent's Place - www.parentsplace.com
- Positive Parenting - www.positiveparenting.com/
- Single Parenting in the '90s - www.parentplace.com/family/singleparent
- Whole Family - www.wholefamily.com
- Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children - www.MIAEYC.com
- Parents as Teachers (PAT) National Center - www.patnc.org
- National Center for Fathering - www.fathers.com
- Raising Today's Teens - www.raisingtodaysteens.org
- Facts for Families - www.aacsp.org/web/aacsp/factsfam

NEW VOICES

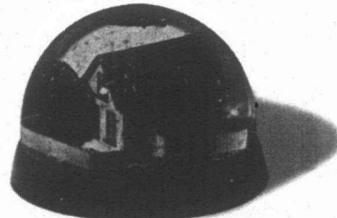
Kurt and Lori Cassidy of Canton announce the birth of Eric Scott Oct. 28 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a sister, Alyssa Marie, and a brother, Kurt Wayne Jr.
Craig and Heather Mellas of Inkster announce the birth of Brendan Alexander Oct. 16 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Lawrence Henkel and Diane Henkel of Canton.
Kirk and Julie Albert of Canton announce the birth of Adam Michael Nov. 19 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are Barbara Gunter of Westland, Leo and Sandra Albert of Canton and Ed and Judy Hewick of Livonia. Great-grandmothers are Doris Lydy of Bear Lake, Mich., and Reba Phillips of Port Huron.
Kevin and Marybeth Naegel of Canton announce the birth of Connor Michael Nov. 18 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins four siblings - Cameron, Christopher, Zachary and Nichole. Grandpar-

ents are Bruce and Judy Austin of California and John and Betty Hagen of New Jersey.
Franklin and Marsha Ray of Plymouth Township announce the birth of Nicholas Franklin Nov. 13 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. Grandparents are Sylvia Szilagyi of Plymouth Township, Franklin D. Ray of Belleville and Ann Walker of Belleville. Great-grandparents are Leo and Mary Style of Taylor and George Steger of Belleville.
John Korzek of Canton and Sheila Torres of Westland announce the birth of Selena Marie-Lynn Korzek Oct. 21 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a step-sister, Kaylee Baumia. 3 Grandparents are Rick and Diana Torres of Westland and John and Sandy Korzek of Canton.
Renee Clark and Don Heekney of Belleville announce the birth of Trevor Jacob Clark Nov. 29 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He has a brother, Andrew. Grandmother

and Sarah Ellis of Grosse Pointe Woods.
John and Karen Clemmons of Westland announce the birth of Ryan Ashley Nov. 28 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Howard and Joyce Taylor of Canton, Maureen and David Jeffrey of Westland and Donald and Reba Clemmons of Canton. Great-grandmother is Obeth Pack of Plymouth.
Lawrence and Christina Scheffer of Livonia announce the birth of Austin Mikhail Nov. 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Nathan, 3 Grandparents are Larry and Susan Scheffer of Westland and Gary and Beverly Percy of Canton.
David and Jennifer Nathaniel of Canton announce the birth of Alyssa Ann Dec. 12 at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins a sibling, Aaryn, 3 Grandparents are Nancy Drake of Canton, and Thumhiraj and Mabel Nathaniel of Maryland.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

- Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.
SACRED HEART Sacred Heart Church will have a craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 6 at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. There also will be a bake sale and light lunch. For more information, or table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.
MADONNA UNIVERSITY Madonna University will hold its 14th annual spring arts and crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 20 in the Activities Center on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Admission will be \$2. For more information, call (734) 432-5603.
SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE Schoolcraft College will have its spring craft show 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 6 in the Physical Education Building on campus, 18600 Hagerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Admission will be \$1.50 for adults and children 12 years and older, and 50 cents for children ages up to age 12 and free for children under age 5.
LIVONIA CHURCHILL The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA's 11th annual spring arts and craft show will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 13 at the school, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia. Admission will be \$1. Applications are still being accepted and are available by calling Diane at (734) 422-4507 or (734) 464-7425.
LIVONIA STEVENSON The Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club is accepting applications for its annual spring craft show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 27 at the high school, 33500 Six Mile, Livonia. A single booth space costs \$50. A limited number of spaces with electricity are available at no extra charge. For an application form, call (248) 478-2395 or (734) 464-1041.
CLARENCEVILLE The Clarenceville High School Athletic Booster Club will have "A Touch of Spring" craft boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 27 at the high school, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. Baby-sitting will be available. Admission will be \$2; no strollers permitted.



"Help protect your home sweet home."

Being in good hands is the only place to be.

- Sandra Rutherford 42815 Five Mile Rd. by Schoolcraft & Northville Roads. Plymouth 734-420-6072
Jim Haller 5867 N. Lilley Road North of Ford Road Canton 734-981-3600
Dave Blancy 5924 Sheldon Rd. Sheldon at Ford Rd. Canton 734-451-1540
Pete Rose 45674 Ford Road Canton 734-454-9880
Alex G. Yvonnou 39477 Joy Road Canton 734-207-7866
Ron Mathison 5867 N. Lilley Road North of Ford Road Canton 734-981-3600
Dolly Cogal 5924 Sheldon Rd. Next to the Old Post Office Canton 734-451-1540



Holzerland-Pedersen

Marilyn Crane of Livonia and O. Mark Holzerland announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Ann Holzerland, to Todd Bergk Otto Pedersen, the son of Raymond and Mary Pedersen, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She is employed at the Comerica Operations Center in Livonia in the research and adjustments department.

Her fiancé is a 1985 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1991 graduate of Schoolcraft College with an associate's degree in architecture. He is employed at United Parcel Service as a driver.



An October wedding is planned at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

Brown-Graham

Carolyn Brown of Westland announces the engagement of her daughter, Lisa Christine, to Richard B. Graham Jr., the son of Richard Sr. and Sandra Graham of New Castle, Pa.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late James W. Brown Jr., is a 1986 graduate of Cherry Hill High School. She also attended Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Host-Marrriott at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Neshannock High School and a graduate of Akron University with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering. He is employed by R.A. Staffco as a manufacturer's representative.



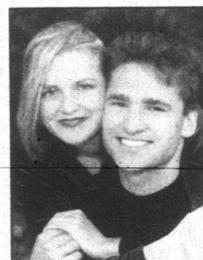
A September wedding is planned at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dearborn.

Lee-Bros

Richard Lee and Aleta Lee of Evansville, Ind., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Lee, to Robert Bros, the son of John Bros of Livonia and the late Mary Ann Bros.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Indiana University and the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. She is employed as an attorney by Teligent, a telecommunications company.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Wayne State University's master's program. He is employed as an engineer by the Ford Motor Co.



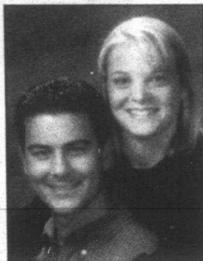
A May wedding is planned.

Clappison-Meier

Frank D. Clappison of Farmington announces the engagement of his daughter, Gretchen Lynn, to Jason Edward Meier, the son of Jerald and Mary Meier of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late Janice Clappison, is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Business. She is employed at Campbell-Ewald Company as an accounting manager.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn and is currently attending Wayne State University's master of business administration degree program. He is employed by Federal Mogul as a corporate accounting analyst.



A July wedding is planned at the First United Methodist Church in Birmingham.

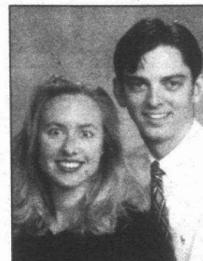
Gorecki-Francis

Casimir and Stella Gorecki of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Helen, to Michael David Francis, the son of Carl and Judy Francis of Owosso.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and Western Michigan University. She is employed by Anderson Consulting.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Corunna High School and Western Michigan University. He is employed by Printing Services in East Lansing.

An April wedding is planned at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland.



Tomes-Webb

Dennis and Sandra Tomes of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Regina Sylvia, to Richard Paul Webb, the son of Paul Webb of Belleville and Barbara Cuberly of Brooklyn, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Garden City High School. She is working at the family-owned business.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Belleville High School. He also is working at the bride-to-be's family's business.

An August wedding is planned at Laurel Chapel in Livonia.



Visser-Ammons

Stephen Mark Visser and Amy Beth Ammons were married Feb. 6 at St. Michael Lutheran Church by the Rev. David Woodby.

The bride is the daughter of Ed and Beth Ammons of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Arlene Visser of St. Louis.

The bride is a graduate of Calvin College in Grand Rapids with a degree in elementary education.

The groom also is a graduate of Calvin College with a double major in business and chemistry. Katie Vanden Bosch, Kelly Visser and Leanne Henrichs to serve as her attendants.

The groom asked Michael Dam, Rusty Schulcher, Stephen Gintz and Jeffrey Ammons to



serve as his attendants. The couple received guests at a reception at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom before leaving on a wedding trip to Jamaica.

Bialobrzkeski-Barnes

Timothy and Maria Bialobrzkeski announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Marie, to Kevin Frederick Barnes of Farmington Hills, the son of Susan Barnes of Kalamazoo.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in finance. She is employed by Comerica Bank as an investment fund analyst.

Her fiancé is a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in materials and logistics management. He is employed by the



Ford Motor Co. as a material control supervisor. A June wedding is planned at St. Priscilla Catholic Church.

Piacentini-Kozar

Richard and Norma Piacentini of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Cher Danielle, to Matthew Robert Kozar, the son of Robert and Jeanette Kozar, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Schoolcraft College with an associate's degree in computer graphics. She is employed by Parisian as a full-time sales associate.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed by the Ford Motor Co.



in Dearborn. A May wedding is planned at St. Edith Church in Livonia.



3 Great Ways to Get a Great Rate on a 6-Month Certificate of Deposit

Choose the interest rate you want:

5.75% APY* Open a qualified checking and Diamond savings** account with a new CD

5.50% APY* Open a qualified checking** account with a new CD

5.10% APY* Open a new CD

Call or visit our Plymouth office: 186 South Main (734) 459-7800

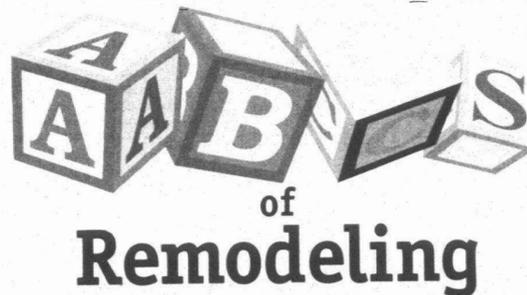


* Annual percentage yields (APY) is effective 01/01/99. Penalty for early withdrawal. \$1,000 minimum balance to open. Available on personal funds only. \$100,000.00 maximum deposit. Rates subject to change without notice. ** See your personal banker for checking account and Diamond Savings account details. Signature or Signature Checking account only.

DISSIDENTIAL PERSONAL BANKING

BIA Remodelors Council presents...

Meet The Experts At The



of Remodeling. A panel of experts will tell you what you need to know about major and minor remodeling for kitchens, home additions, baths and financing.

Ask the experts:

- Moderator: Chuck Breidenstein, MAHB
- Fred Capaldi, Capaldi Building Co.
- Michael Gordon, Moiseev/Gordon Assoc./Architects
- Mike Harris, Harris Group
- Charlene Hill, Cornish, Zack, Hill & Assoc.
- Dave Kellett Sr., Kellett Construction Co.
- Sam Kreis, Countrywide Home Loans
- Mike Sarb, Midwest Structures

Bring A Picture Of Your Home And Get Ideas For A Whole New Look!

DATE: Tuesday, March 2, 1999

TIME: 6:30 p.m. Registration 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Program

LOCATION: Bloomfield Township Library 1099 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills (southeast corner of Lone Pine/17 Mile Road at Telegraph Road)

COST: FREE

CALL (248) 737-4477 To Register

- Sponsored By: The Burke Agency, Fairway Construction, Kenco Insulation, Andersen Windows, Don Brann Associates, Four Seasons Sunrooms, Riemer Floors, Inc., Apel Building Products, Equitrust Mortgage, H.J. Oldenkamp, Russell Hardware, Home Improvement Talk Radio, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

elaine S. events presents Super Summers for Kids: 1999 CAMP AND ACTIVITIES FAIR



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1999 11:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Birmingham Public Schools Corporate Training & Conference Center 31301 Evergreen Road in Beverly Hills Free Admission - Families Invited

Meet representatives of local and national summer programs who will help you choose the right summer experience for kids, 3 - 18

- Day Camps • Overnight Camps • Specialty Camps
• Year Round Cultural Programs
• Teen Adventures and Tours
• Academic Enrichment • Summer Employment

For information call 248-851-7342.

Co-Sponsored by: The Observer & Eccentric METRO PARENT NEWSPAPERS



CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

WEEKEND

SINGLES' EVENTS

Single Place holds a walk in the park 10 a.m. every Saturday at Heritage Park, Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills.

Single Place holds the following social events every Sunday: worship 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary; brunch 12:30 p.m. at Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, Northville; coffee and cards 5 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center, Northville.

Suburban Singles holds a single dance 8 p.m. every Wednesday in the Bonnie Brook Country Club, on Telegraph south of Eight Mile, Redford.

Proper attire, no jeans. Ages 21 and up. Admission is \$4, \$3 before 8:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 842-0443.

Suburban Singles holds an after-dinner dance 7-11 p.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 is \$4, \$3 before 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 842-7422.

West Side Singles holds singles dances 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., every Friday in Burton Manor, Livonia located on Schoolcraft, west of Inker. Admission before 8:30 p.m. is \$3 after 8:30 p.m., admission is \$5. Ages 21 and over, dressy attire (no jeans). For more information, call (734) 981-0909.

BREAST CANCER
The Jazzercise Fitness Center of Canton will be holding a Breast Cancer fund-raiser 1-4 p.m., Sunday, March 7, at the Central Middle School gym in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 414-6581.

CAMP FAIR
The annual Camp Fair will be 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, in Carpenter Elementary School, 4250 Central Boulevard, Ann Arbor. Meet representatives of local, national and international summer programs in Michigan, nearby states, and Canada who will help you choose the right experience for your children ages 5-18. Camps attending include day, resident, travel, sports, science, arts, computer and other summer programs. Sponsored by Washtenaw Camp Placement Association. For more information, call (734) 971-4537.

SYMPHONY LEAGUE
The Plymouth Symphony League has started to collect items for its auction at the Plymouth Symphony Pops Concert, which will be Friday, March 12, in Laurel Manor. If you have items or know of a business that is willing to donate items, call Patty at (734) 416-5293. For more information about the concert, call (734) 451-2112.

HEALING SESSION
Bodyworks Healing Center will hold a complimentary healing session noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, located at 819 N. Mill in Old Village, Plymouth. Donations appreciated.

ART CLASSES
D&M Studios in cooperation with Canton Parks and Recreation and Plymouth Parks and Recreation (with classes at all three sites) offers fine art classes for the preschooler through adult to include preschool sessions, home-schoolers, student and teen

AROUND TOWN

TINY TOTS PROGRAM

The Tiny Tots Program offered by the Salvation Army of Plymouth is accepting applications for the 1999-2000 school year. A child is eligible for the program if he/she will be 3 by Sept. 1, 1999, or 4 years old by Dec. 1, 1999. Tiny Tots is a nonprofit, Christian preschool program. The Salvation Army is at 9451 S. Main, Plymouth. For more information and registration, call Peggy Blaisdell at 453-5464.

OPEN HOUSES
Dixboro Cooperative Preschool will hold an open house 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 6, at 5221 Church. Children ages 2 1/2 to 5 years old (potty-trained) are accepted. Classes are half-day sessions, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. For more information, call (734) 572-0284.

Little Lambs Christian Preschool will hold a preschool registration 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 13, at 4500 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth Township. Enrollment fee is \$35. Monthly field trips and classroom visitors are included. There is also an evaluation and parent/teacher conference twice yearly. For more information, call 414-7792.

PRESCHOOL OPENING
Garfield Co-op still has openings for preschool. Programs for children 18 months to 5 years old. Located in Livonia, at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road. For more information, call (734) 462-0135.

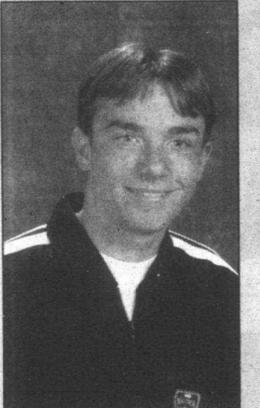
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
The League of Women Voters serving Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne, Westland, and Livonia is working to make this year's April book sale another successful fund-raising event. New batches of used books always are needed. Donate used books by calling Esther Friedrichs at (734) 427-0222 or Marge Gade at (734) 261-3191. Hardcover and paperback books in different categories of non-fiction and fiction for all ages are received.

IRISH WRITER'S NIGHT
Irish Writer's Night will be held 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, in the Box Bar, next to Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth. Featured readers are Jerry Maloney, Tony Johnston, the Rev. Rod Reinhart and Ama Cary Barr. For more information, call (734) 459-7319.

ART CLASSES
D&M Studios in cooperation with Canton Parks and Recreation and Plymouth Parks and Recreation (with classes at all three sites) offers fine art classes for the preschooler through adult to include preschool sessions, home-schoolers, student and teen

West landscape work, earned Eagle honors

Canton resident Edward Cain Lindow has earned the rank of Eagle Scout.



Edward Lindow

Lindow, 15, is a sophomore at Plymouth Canton High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 1537 in Plymouth.

He has earned 30 merit badges and other awards to date. His community service project for the Eagle rank involved the beautification of an area adjacent to West Middle School in Plymouth, which Lindow attended. Lindow installed a berm near the school and planted two Sugar Maple Trees, a Cleveland Pear Tree, perennial and annual flowers, shrubs and other plantings. The site is marked by a decorative rock engraved with the school's name and bulldog logo.

During his years as a Scout, Lindow has held many leadership positions. Recently, he led a crew of seven Scouts on a 12-day backpacking trip in New Mexico.

At school, Lindow is a two-year member of the varsity swim team, lettering as a freshman and sophomore. He is the son of Diane and Ed Lindow of Canton.

drawing & painting, cartooning, student and teen studio art, high school portfolio preparation, adult oil/acrylic/watercolor, basic skills in drawing, advanced drawing skills, adult pastel and adult charcoal. For more information, call (734) 453-3710.

LENTEN PROGRAMS
The Plymouth Ministerial Association's 1999 Ecumenical Lenten Program, "The Cross: The Gift of Life," will take place in the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church, corner of Main. The program will take place on each Wednesday of Lent, through March 24. All the services will take place at First Presbyterian Church, but various member churches of the association will be leading the noon service, followed by a bread-and-soup lunch provided by another church. Donations to the lunch will be sent to Habitat for Humanity. Residents of the Plymouth area and persons employed in Plymouth are invited to attend. For more information, call 453-0326.

PLYMOUTH YMCA
The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is offering classes 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 4-6, Flute Classes for beginning through advanced, Youth Golf Lessons for ages 5-11, Introductory Dance for ages 5-8, Ballet & Jazz Combination, ages 8-10, Karate for male and female, ages 8 through adult, Driver's Education, Bumble Bee Indoor Soccer for ages 4-5, Y Pucks and Y Hoops for ages 4-5, Yoga classes for teen to adult novice or advanced practitioner, Step & Sculpt Fitness Class, and Aquatics classes for ages 6 months through 12 years. The YMCA is also offering a Basketball Travel League for ages 8-9, 10-12, and 13-15 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.

COUNCIL ON AGING
The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will hold its monthly meeting 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 8, in Plymouth Independence Village, 14707 Northville Road. Speaker will be Dr. Manuel Man-

trique of Plymouth Psychological Center. Topic will be "How To Detect, Prevent or Cope With Depression." All seniors aged 55 and older are welcome. For more information, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Madonna University is accepting scholarship applications through Monday, March 1, from admitted students for the 1999-2000 academic year. Scholarship applications may be obtained at the University Financial Aid Office or by calling (734) 432-5663.

NURSING CENTER
The Medillage Group Inc. has made available to local clubs and organizations a representative to discuss topics that include assisted living, long-term care, services available, reimbursement under Medicare only. If interested, call administrator or admission director, West Trail Nursing Center at (734) 453-3983.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM
The Canton Historical Museum will open for the 1999 season on Tuesday, March 2. Hours for the museum are 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. Guided tours are available. The museum is on Canton Center Road at Heritage Drive. Parking is at the rear of the building. Displays include items from Canton's agricultural past, household items and clothing from earlier eras, and pictures of Canton's 10 country schools. Taped conversations with some long-time Canton residents are available for listening. Books on Canton history are on sale; these include "Cornerstones - A History of Canton Township Families," "Canton's Country Schools" and "Ghost Stories and other tales from Canton." Sweet corn series buildings are also on sale. For more information, call (734) 397-0088.

TECHNOLOGY CAMP
Techno Masters Technology Camp '99 Creative Camp activities will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, through Feb. 26, in Bird and Hobson schools. The program is for students in grades one-five. Cost is \$170 per student per week, or \$34 per day. Each day offers a different interactive experience. Enrollment is limited to 24 students per site. For more information, call Pat VanDusen at (734) 416-4927.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY
The Canton Historical Society will meet 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11, in the Canton Historical Museum, on Canton Center Road at Heritage Drive. Guest speaker will be David Washburn speaking on the Spanish-American War. Guests welcome. Refreshments will be served.

SOFTBALL LEAGUES
The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will be running the following adult softball leagues this spring/summer: Men's Slow Pitch, Women's Slow Pitch, Coed Slow Pitch and Men's Modified. Registration for returning teams will begin March 1. New teams will be able to register starting March 15. Season starts April 26. For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620.

COUNCIL ON AGING
The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will hold its monthly meeting 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 8, in Plymouth Independence Village, 14707 Northville Road. Speaker will be Dr. Manuel Man-

MILITARY NEWS

DELATED ENTRY PROGRAM
Thomas P. Nestor, son of Lola and Peter Nestor of Canton, enlisted in the Air Force Delayed Entry Program Feb. 1. Nestor, a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force, Feb. 10. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week

basic training course in San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training as a fuels apprentice.

Ryan A. Cretnis, son of Mary Glasgow and Frank Cox of Canton, enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Entry Program, Feb. 1. Cretnis, a 1995 graduate of John Glenn High School, is scheduled for enlistment for the regular Air Force on March 24. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course in San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training as a security forces apprentice.

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL
Marine Staff Sgt. Timothy S. Lindabury, a 1986 graduate of Salem High School of Canton, recently received the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal. The medal recognizes the service member's honest and faithful service during a three-year period. To earn it, Lindabury achieved and maintained a satisfactory level of performance and an unblemished conduct record for the entire period. Lindabury is currently assigned with Marine Wing Support Squadron 373, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, Santa Ana, Calif. He joined the Marine Corps in July 1986.

RE-ENLISTMENT
Marine Cpl. Ronald K. Cullen, whose wife, Tiffany, is the daughter of Mark and Roxanne Smith of Canton, recently re-enlisted for four years while serving with 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. The 1994 graduate of Plymouth Salem High, joined the Marine Corps in December 1994.

Dinner-dances benefit hospice care, cancer research

Looking for an evening of good food, good entertainment and a chance to have the highest bid on fabulous get-aways or sports memorabilia?

It's not too late to get tickets for Leukemia, Life, Research Inc.'s Evening of Hope "Around the World" dinner-dance and Community Hospice and Home Care Service's St. Patrick's dinner-dance and auction, both slated for Saturday, March 6.

More than 1,000 guests are expected to fill Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, west of Newburgh, Livonia, to help LRL raise \$75,000 at its 18th annual dinner-dance.

The gala will start at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails and a silent auction, featuring a selection of sports memorabilia and travel and entertainment packages that will be sold to the highest bidder. The sit-down dinner will be at 7:30 p.m., followed by the always-popular dessert table and dancing.

Serving as honorary chair-man for the benefit is Detroit Lions place kicker Jason Hanson, with Rich Fisher of WKBD/UPN-50 co-anchor, Lila Lazarus of WDIV-TV and Mark Hayes of WXYZ-TV serving as the masters of ceremony. Tickets for the dinner-dance

cost \$65 per person. VIP tickets (tables of 10 only) are priced at \$1,500 per table. Tickets are available by calling Eileen Surma at (313) 581-5647.

Proceeds from the event will support pediatric cancer research at Children's Hospital of Michigan and benefit children with cancer "around the world."

LRL got its start in 1981 when 10 people got together with the idea of making a difference. Now, the state-licensed 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization is the largest single contributor to cancer research at Children's Hospital and the only org-

anized group raising money to study pediatric cancers. A totally volunteer fund-raising group, it has raised more than \$2 million for research through benefits like the Evening of Hope dinner-dance.

Wearing of the green isn't mandatory, but organizers are promising an evening of old-fashioned Irish fun at CHHCS's seventh annual St. Patrick's dinner-dance at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia.

The cocktail reception and auction preview will start at 6:30 p.m., followed by a traditional Irish dinner at 7:30 p.m.

and the entertainment, live and silent auctions and dancing 8:30 p.m. to midnight.

Tickets cost \$60 for supporters, \$75 for sponsors, \$125 for benefactors and \$1,000 for corporate tables (10 dinner-dance tickets, bottle of champagne at the table and full page advertisement in the program).

For tickets, call (313) 581-5647. For VIP tables of 10, call (313) 884-0931.

Community Hospice and Home Care Services, with offices in Plymouth and Westland, provides services to terminally ill patients and their families in western Wayne,

southern Oakland and eastern Washtenaw counties.

The dinner-dance is a major fund-raiser for the agency. It was started by members of St. Aidan's Catholic Church to honor their friend, Bill Nilan, who died in 1992. CHHCS provide care for Nilan, who died just 2 1/2 weeks after being diagnosed with brain tumors.

In past years, the benefit has raised close to \$50,000, earmarked for the agency's proposed Hospice Home, an eight-10-bed residence to care for incurably ill people who have nowhere to go or no one to care for them.

Time is running out to stock up on Girl Scout cookies

Haven't got your Girl Scout cookies yet?

Scouts belonging to the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council are working at cookie booths now through Friday, March 12. Cookies cost \$3 per box. This year's varieties include Thin Mint, Caramel DeLite, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Peanut Butter Pattie, Shortbread, Lemon Pas-

try Creme, Five World Cinnamon and Upsidedown Frosted Oatmeal.

The Huron Valley Girl Scout Council serves 15,000 girls and 5,000 adult volunteers in Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties, and parts of Oakland and Wayne counties.

For more information, call the Cookie Hotline at (800) 49-

try Creme, Five World Cinnamon and Upsidedown Frosted Oatmeal.

The Huron Valley Girl Scout Council serves 15,000 girls and 5,000 adult volunteers in Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties, and parts of Oakland and Wayne counties.

For more information, call the Cookie Hotline at (800) 49-

try Creme, Five World Cinnamon and Upsidedown Frosted Oatmeal.

The Huron Valley Girl Scout Council serves 15,000 girls and 5,000 adult volunteers in Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties, and parts of Oakland and Wayne counties.

For more information, call the Cookie Hotline at (800) 49-



Speaking up: Selected as 1999 Girl Scout Cookie Sale spokesgirls of the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council are Amy Witkowski (left) and Katie Hoff, both of Livonia, and Bridget McCann of Redford. The girls have the job of giving radio, newspaper and television interviews and representing the council at Cookie Sale events.

Resource center offers 2 programs for parents

The Family Resource Center is offering two programs for parents, beginning next week.

"How To Talk So Kids Will Listen and How To Listen So Kids Will Talk" will be offered on Monday evenings for four weeks, beginning March 1. The program will be held 7-9 p.m. at the Family Resource Center in Lincoln Elementary School, 33800 Grand Traverse, Westland. The cost is \$10 per person and \$15 per couple. Registration is required.

The second program, "Parent Support for the ADD Child," will be offered 9:15-11:15 a.m.

Wednesdays, beginning March 3, at P.D. Graham Elementary School, 1255 S. Hix, Westland.

The 6-week program is a networking and education group for parents of school-aged children. The cost is \$5 per person and registration is required.

Child care will not be available for either program. To register, call the resource center at (734) 595-2279.

The two programs are sponsored by the cities of Wayne and Westland, United Parcel Service Foundation and Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

try Creme, Five World Cinnamon and Upsidedown Frosted Oatmeal.

The Huron Valley Girl Scout Council serves 15,000 girls and 5,000 adult volunteers in Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties, and parts of Oakland and Wayne counties.

For more information, call the Cookie Hotline at (800) 49-

try Creme, Five World Cinnamon and Upsidedown Frosted Oatmeal.

The Huron Valley Girl Scout Council serves 15,000 girls and 5,000 adult volunteers in Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties, and parts of Oakland and Wayne counties.

For more information, call the Cookie Hotline at (800) 49-

try Creme, Five World Cinnamon and Upsidedown Frosted Oatmeal.

The Huron Valley Girl Scout Council serves 15,000 girls and 5,000 adult volunteers in Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties, and parts of Oakland and Wayne counties.

For more information, call the Cookie Hotline at (800) 49-

try Creme, Five World Cinnamon and Upsidedown Frosted Oatmeal.

The Huron Valley Girl Scout Council serves 15,000 girls and 5,000 adult volunteers in Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties, and parts of Oakland and Wayne counties.

For more information, call the Cookie Hotline at (800) 49-

try Creme, Five World Cinnamon and Upsidedown Frosted Oatmeal.

The Huron Valley Girl Scout Council serves 15,000 girls and 5,000 adult volunteers in Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties, and parts of Oakland and Wayne counties.

For more information, call the Cookie Hotline at (800) 49-

try Creme, Five World Cinnamon and Upsidedown Frosted Oatmeal.

The Huron Valley Girl Scout Council serves 15,000 girls and 5,000 adult volunteers in Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties, and parts of Oakland and Wayne counties.

For more information, call the Cookie Hotline at (800) 49-

try Creme, Five World Cinnamon and Upsidedown Frosted Oatmeal.

The Huron Valley Girl Scout Council serves 15,000 girls and 5,000 adult volunteers in Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties, and parts of Oakland and Wayne counties.

For more information, call the Cookie Hotline at (800) 49-

try Creme, Five World Cinnamon and Upsidedown Frosted Oatmeal.

The Huron Valley Girl Scout Council serves 15,000 girls and 5,000 adult volunteers in Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties, and parts of Oakland and Wayne counties.

For more information, call the Cookie Hotline at (800) 49-



A place to Deliver ... Over and Over Again.

Whether you are preparing for the birth of your first child or your third, the OB/GYN physicians and nurses at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne will provide specialized and attentive care.

From reproductive medicine and family planning services to nutrition guides, childbirth classes and early parenting workshops, Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center provides quality care and convenient resources to help keep you and your baby healthy and strong.

To make an appointment with an Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center doctor, call 800-543-WELL.



Laser Vision Correction

LASIK for nearsightedness & astigmatism
The price is right!
The technology is advanced!
The results are great!

M.E.I. will match any advertised rate for LASIK in Southeast Michigan.
*Other discounts & financing option do not apply with matched rates



Why the Michigan Eyecare Institute?
• Expertise — more than 15,000 refractive surgeries performed.
• Excimer laser experience since 1988.
• One of few practices to own their excimer laser, resulting in lower surgery fees.
• Interest-free payment plan.
• Quality care & experience at no extra cost.

Call: 248-352-2806
MICHIGAN EYECARE INSTITUTE
Southfield • Livonia • Dearborn
Visit our website: MICHEYECARE.COM

Your Invitation to Worship

Mail Copy To: OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC NEWSPAPERS
36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150

FOR CHURCH PAGE CHANGES, PLEASE CALL MICHELLE ULFRI (734) 953-2160, THE FRIDAY BEFORE PUBLICATION.
FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ADVERTISING IN THIS DIRECTORY PLEASE CALL RICH VICILIN (734) 953-2069

BAPTIST

BETHEL BAPTIST TEMPLE
29475 W. Six Mile, Livonia
525-3664 or 261-9276
Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.
Wed. Family Hour 7:15 P.M.

February 28th
11:00 a.m. Dr. Richard Freeman
6:00 p.m. Dr. Richard Freeman
"A Church That's Concerned About People"

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
5403 S. Wayne Rd., Wayne, MI
374-728-2180
Virgil Humes, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Praise Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Children, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00-8:00 p.m.

First General Baptist Church
42690 Cherry Hill-Canton, Michigan 48188
Sunday Worship 2:00 p.m.
Dr. Del Mace
Mrs. Linda K. Mace
Canton School Teacher
(248) 673-9085 (734) 387-4780

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Brightmoor Tabernacle
Assemblies of God • Calvin C. Ratz, pastor
26555 Franklin Rd., Southfield, MI 48064 • West of Holiday Inn • 352-6200
9:15 Family Sunday School Hour • Wednesday 7:00 pm "Family Night"
10:00 am Huldah Buntain, missionary to India
6:30 pm Pastor Calvin Ratz
24-Hour Prayer Line 248-332-6205

PAID IN FULL
One of the great things about church is that we are reminded that God has paid our debt in full... that's right, paid in full. Learn more about it this Sunday.
Because We Care.
Tri-City Christian Center
Michigan Ave. & Hannan Rd.
326-0330
Sunday 9 am, 11 am, 6 pm

EPISCOPAL
ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Livonia, Michigan 48154
421-8451
Mon-Fri: 8:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Dinner & Classes
Saturday 5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
Sunday 7:45 & 10 A.M. Holy Eucharist
10:00 A.M. Christian Education for all ages
Sunday Morning - Nursery Care Available
The Rev. Robert Clapp, Rector

CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE
PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
4600 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 453-1023
Sunday School • 9:45 A.M.
Sunday Worship • 11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening • 6:00 P.M.
Family Night • Wed. 7:00 P.M.
NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN: 455-9195

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Agapé Family Worship Center
"A PRACTICAL CHURCH ON THE MOVE"
45081 Geddes Road, Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-0357
New Service Times
Sunday Worship Services - 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday - Family Night - 7:00 p.m.
Agapé Christian Academy - K through 12

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
1160 Penniman Ave.
Plymouth • 453-0326
Rev. John J. Sullivan
Masses: Mon-Fri, 9:00 A.M. Sat. 1:00 P.M.
Sunday 8:00, 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.
5:00 P.M. Live Teen Mass

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
45755 Warren Pk., Canton, Michigan 48117
451-0444
REV. RICHARD A. PERPETTO
Worship Masses:
Tuesday & Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

FULL GOSPEL CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH
291 E. SPRING ST.
SUNDAY 9:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY 11:00 A.M. 2:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.
Worship Services: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday - Family Night - 7:00 p.m.
Agapé Christian Academy - K through 12

LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
14175 Farmington Rd. (N. of I-96)
Sunday Worship 8:30 am & 11:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am (313) 522-6830
CANTON
46001 Warren Road (West of Canton Center)
Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Sunday School 10:45 am (313) 414-7422
Two locations to serve you -
Visit our Web Site at <http://www.cmas.edu/~lmosc>

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
23855 Middlebelt, Canton & Hick Woodland
Farmington Hills, Mich.
WORSHIP SERVICES
Sundays 8:30 am & 11:00 am
Sunday Morning 9:15 am
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30
Pastor John W. Meyer • 474-0675

HOSANNA-TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
9600 Levanine • So. Redford • 937-2424
Worship with US
Sunday Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Thursday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Christian School: Kindergarten-8th Grade 937-2253

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
3000 Hamlet Rd., Westland (Canton & Hamlet)
734-728-1950
Sunday Morning Worship Services
Traditional Services 8 & 11 am
Contemporary Service 9:30 am
Reading Bible Class & Adult 9:30-11 am
Wednesday Night Service 7 pm
Rev. Dr. Robert J. Schultz Rev. Marie Wellesman

CHRISTADELPHIANS
CHRISTADELPHIANS
Sunday Memorial Service 10:00 A.M.
Sunday School 11:30 A.M.
Bible Class - Wednesdays 7:30 P.M.
36516 Parkdale, Livonia
425-7610

EVANGELICAL CHURCH IN AMERICA
Timothy Lutheran Church
8820 Wayne Rd.
(Between Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road)
Livonia • 427-2280
Rev. Caria Thompson Powell, Pastor
9:00 a.m. Adult & Children's Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Family Worship

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
NewLife Lutheran Church
Sunday Education - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m.
(with children's message/nursery)
Sunday Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.
Our Lady of Providence Chapel
16115 Beck Rd. (between 5 & 6 Mile Rds.)
Pastor: Kenneth MacLeod • 734 / 459-8181

CATHOLIC
ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Society of St. Pius X
Traditional Latin Mass
23310 Joy Road • Redford, Michigan
5 Blocks E. of Telegraph • (313) 534-2121
Priest's Phone (810) 784-9511

CONGREGATIONAL
MT. HOPE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
3530 Schoolcraft, Livonia • 734-45-7280
(Between Michigan & Merriman)
9:30 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 a.m. AM Worship Service
Nursery Care Available
"The Church You've Always Longed For."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth
1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI
Sunday Service 10:10 am
Sunday School 10:30 am
Wed. Evening Devotional Meeting 7:30 pm
Rev. Elaine Bergquist
Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. + Sunday 7:30 p.m.

NEWBURGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
36500 Ann Arbor Trail
between Wayne & Newburgh Rds.
422-0149
Worship Services & Sunday School
9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Sermon Series for Lent
Putting Your Life On The Line
February 28th
"The Gift of Forgiveness"
Rev. Melanie Lee Garay, Preaching
-LWJ Sunday-
Contemporary Worship
Praise Band-Drama
5:00 p.m.
Visit our website: www.ubc.org/newburgh

NEWBURGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
36500 Ann Arbor Trail
between Wayne & Newburgh Rds.
422-0149
Worship Services & Sunday School
9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Sermon Series for Lent
Putting Your Life On The Line
February 28th
"The Gift of Forgiveness"
Rev. Melanie Lee Garay, Preaching
-LWJ Sunday-
Contemporary Worship
Praise Band-Drama
5:00 p.m.
Visit our website: www.ubc.org/newburgh

WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE
Saturdays: 8:30 & 9:00 p.m.
Sundays: 8:00, 9:30, 11:15 a.m.
1:00 & 6:30 p.m.

WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE
Saturdays: 8:30 & 9:00 p.m.
Sundays: 8:00, 9:30, 11:15 a.m.
1:00 & 6:30 p.m.

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
"1999" Trinity's Year of Prayer
Countdown to "2000"
10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth
5 Miles W. of Sheldon Rd.
From M-14 take Gottfried Rd. South
734-459-9550
Dr. Wm. C. Moore - Pastor
8:00 Prayer & Praise Service
9:30
Lifetime Contemporary Service
11:00 Traditional Service
SUNDAY SCHOOL (NURSERY PROVIDED)
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SERVED
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages

WARD Evangelical Presbyterian Church
4000 Six Mile Road
"Just west of I-275"
Northville, MI
248-374-7400
Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor
Worship Services, Sunday School -
8:30, 10:30, 11:30 A.M.
Contemporary Service
8:55-9:45 A.M.
Evening Service
6:00 P.M. in the Chapel
Services Broadcast • 8:30 - 10:30 A.M.
WJZZ-FM • 103.5

LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD
PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)
ST. TIMOTHY CHURCH
16700 Newburgh Road
Livonia • 464-8844
Sunday School for All Ages 9:30 a.m.
Family Worship 11:00 a.m.
"The Sign of the Covenant"
Rev. Janet Heide-Richardson
<http://www.undist.com/~sttimothy>

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
915 Merriman • Livonia
Sunday Worship Services
8:30 am & 11:00 am
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m.
School Classes - Pre-School - 8
Church & School Office: 422-8930

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD
25820 GRAND PRAIRIE RD.
532-2825 REDFORD TWP.
Worship Service
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.
Nursery Provided
Rev. Victor H. Hahn, Pastor
Rev. Timothy Hahn, Assoc. Pastor

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
17810 Farmington Road • Livonia • (734) 261-1300
Rev. Peter O'Brien - Monday Night Service 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Bible Classes For All Ages 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship Services
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Pastor James Hoff
Pastor Eric Steinbocker

Ev. Lutheran Church
14750 Knoch • Redford Twp.
532-8655
Pastor Gregory Gibbons
30025 Curtis Ave., Livonia 48154
Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Midweek Lenten Services
10:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Now accepting applications for 1999-2000 school year.
WLCV 1500 SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.

UNITED METHODIST
ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST
30905 So. Main Rd. (Bet. Merriman & Middlebelt)
Chuck Sorensen, Pastor
10:00 A.M. Worship & Church School
11:15 A.M. Adult Study Classes
Nursery Provided • 422-6028

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST
20306 Middlebelt Rd. • Livonia
474-1444
Rev. Jack Love
Worship Services 10:15 AM, 6:00 PM
Nursery Provided
Sunday School 9 AM
Office Ext. 9-5

NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
29887 West Eleven Mile Road
Just West of Middlebelt
248-476-8860
Farmington Hills
"Saturday at the Park"
Contemporary Worship
Saturday at 6:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship at 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Church School at 9:15 and 11 a.m.

Building Healthy Families...
Worship & Sunday School
at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Dynamic Youth & Children's Programs
Adult Education
Child-Care Provided
Pastors: Dr. Dean Rumpf, Rev. Tonya Arnesen

First United Methodist Church of Plymouth
4500 E. Spring St. • Plymouth, Michigan
(734) 453-5280

Catch the Spirit at Aboligiate
United Methodist Church
10000 Beech Dale, Redford
between Plymouth and W. Chicago
Bob & Diana Goudie, Co-Pastors
313-937-3170

3 Styles of Creative Worship
Sunday School
9:30-Adults, 11:00-Children-Adults
9:30-Adults, 11:00-Children-Adults
11:00 a.m. - Traditional, Full Choir
Sunday School
9:30-Adults, 11:00-Children-Adults
11:00 a.m. - Contemporary, Family
Close Encounters - of the JESUS Kind
Guest Speaker: Bishop Jesse DeWitt,
Retired Bishop of Michigan Area

Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 953-2279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

SPAGHETTI DINNER
Good Hope Lutheran Church will have a spaghetti dinner and silent auction 5-7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at the church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 3-10 years of age. Proceeds will fund repair of the church carillon. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-3660.

LENTEN STUDY
St. James Presbyterian Church will have a Lenten study, following the novel, "A Skeleton in God's Closet" by Paul L. Maier, 11:30 a.m. Sundays, following church services. A series, called "Silent Witnesses," will be the theme for Lenten services 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the chapel. St. Paul's is at 24350 W. Six Mile, Redford. For more information, call the church at (313) 937-2424.

THE GATHERING
Losing hope? Do you feel your life is becoming unglued? Come to The Gathering 6 p.m. Sundays at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia. For more information, call Sonja at (248) 474-3444.

CONGREGATION SKATE
Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church will have an afternoon of roller or in-line skating Sunday, Feb. 28 and March 28, at the

Skating Station II, Joy Road between Haggerty and Lilley, Canton. Skate times will be 3:30-4:30 p.m. and cost \$4.50 plus \$2 skate rental. For more information, call the church at (313) 937-2424.

FRIEND SERVICE
A service to celebrate the gift of friendship will be presented 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Praise Chapel Church of God, 32747 Grand Traverse, Westland. "Friend Day" will include special music, a "human" video performed by John Ascencio, Tom Goins, Travis Goff and Cindy Goins, production director, and a message on friendship delivered by the senior pastor, the Rev. Ron Schubert. For more information, call the church at (734) 467-4818.

PRaise AND WORSHIP
Dan Bergen and his son and daughter, Nicholas and Alicia,

will minister in a program of praise and worship, featuring vocal, piano, saxophone, violin and drama, 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton.

Bergen has been in concert and church ministry for more than 20 years. He blends contemporary worship song with great hymns of faith to draw participants closer to the Lord. A free offering will be accepted. For more information, call the church at (313) 532-8655.

NEW BEGINNING
Lola Park Lutheran Church will have midweek Lenten services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford. The Rev. Gregory Gibbons will preach on the general theme of "Only Jesus." Each service will be followed by a fellowship time and light refreshments. For more information, call the church at (313) 532-8655.

WRITING
Warren Gilbert will discuss the "Managing Memories" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets 7 p.m. Thursday, March 4, at St. Matthew's Unit-

ed 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. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 390-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
Church Women United Suburban Detroit-West will have their World Day of Prayer 12:45 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, at West Chicago, Livonia. Participants are asked to bring donations of hygiene products. Reservations for child care can be made by calling Norma Roberts at (734) 591-2127.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH?
An open invitation is extended to anyone inquiring about membership in the Catholic church by St. Richard's Church, 35637 Cherry Hill, Westland. For more information, call Claudia at (734) 729-4411.

Convention challenged by stewardship

Delegates to the 165th Episcopal Diocese of Michigan annual convention will be challenged to look at their personal giving as well as the stewardship of the church when they gather in Detroit this weekend.

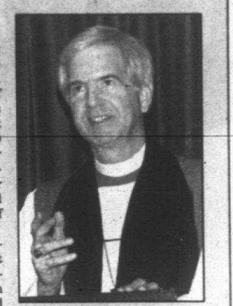
The Right Rev. R. Stewart Wood Jr., who will preside at his last diocesan convention, is leading the delegation, representing 97 churches. The convention will be held at historic St. John's Episcopal Church in Detroit, which is celebrating its 140th anniversary during 1999.

During business sessions, convention delegates will elect diocesan officers, consider six resolutions and view the wares

of 38 exhibitors. The stewardship theme will be presented in skit form by The Friends of the Groom, a Christian drama and education group.

Delegates will be asked to affirm the title as their personal standard of giving. Since 1982, the national Episcopal Church has affirmed the title as the minimum standard of giving for Christians, and prior conventions of the Diocese of Michigan have also supported the standard.

Four worship services will highlight the convention. Two 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with healing services are planned for Friday and Saturday; prayers and necrology (remembrance of those who have died)



Rev. R. Stewart Wood Jr.

will take place at 11:45 a.m. Friday, followed by an organ concert at 12:15 p.m. And evening prayer will end the convention at 8:15 p.m. Friday.

Wood, the ninth bishop of Michigan, announced his intention to retire at last year's convention after 10 years as bishop and called for the election of a bishop coadjutor. The bishop coadjutor will be elected in October and will become the 10th bishop of Michigan.

Wood was elected bishop coadjutor in 1988. He brought more than 30 years of experience in the Episcopal church in the midwestern United States.

will minister in a program of praise and worship, featuring vocal, piano, saxophone, violin and drama, 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton.

Bergen has been in concert and church ministry for more than 20 years. He blends contemporary worship song with great hymns of faith to draw participants closer to the Lord. A free offering will be accepted. For more information, call the church at (313) 532-8655.

NEW BEGINNING
Lola Park Lutheran Church will have midweek Lenten services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford. The Rev. Gregory Gibbons will preach on the general theme of "Only Jesus." Each service will be followed by a fellowship time and light refreshments. For more information, call the church at (313) 532-8655.

WRITING
Warren Gilbert will discuss the "Managing Memories" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets 7 p.m. Thursday, March 4, at St. Matthew's Unit-

ed 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. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 390-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
Church Women United Suburban Detroit-West will have their World Day of Prayer 12:45 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, at West Chicago, Livonia. Participants are asked to bring donations of hygiene products. Reservations for child care can be made by calling Norma Roberts at (734) 591-2127.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH?
An open invitation is extended to anyone inquiring about membership in the Catholic church by St. Richard's Church, 35637 Cherry Hill, Westland. For more information, call Claudia at (734) 729-4411.

St. Paul's launches new lecture series

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia is launching a new lecture series designed to present the best speakers in Christian Scholarship and those whose secular scholarship would have value to the Christian church.

The William F. Whitledge Lecture Series is named in honor of the Rev. Dr. William Whitledge who served as the pastor of St.

Paul's from 1961 to 1988. It is designed to put Christians in touch with Christianity's scholarly currents.

"By doing this, the life of a congregation is significantly enhanced," said the Rev. Thomas Eggebeen, pastor of St. Paul's.

Dr. Richard Osmer, the lecture series' inaugural speaker, will speak at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services at St. Paul's on Sunday, March 7. He will also give two lectures and a workshop Sunday and Monday, March 8.

Osmer was raised in Greensboro, N.C., and attended the University of North Carolina, where he graduated magna cum laude. He also studied at the Harvard Divinity School and Yale Divinity School.

The author of numerous articles and three popular books, Osmer, as chairman of the special general assembly committee, played a central role in authoring the New Presbyterian Catechism.

The committee oversaw the writing of the catechism, the instructional device which relies



Richard Osmer

Introducing **WEIGHT WATCHERS** new **Quick 10** MENUS

Quick 10 Menus is an incredibly easy way to start your diet and lose those extra pounds.

Join for 1/2 Price!
1-888-3-FORLINE
Call today for meeting locations, dates & times!

Florine Mark
President & CEO
WW Group, Inc.
11119 Highfield International Dr., Canton, MI 48105
1-888-3-FORLINE

SMOKY'S
Cigars • Cigarettes
Offer Good at Livonia Location Only
16705 Middlebelt Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
(734) 513-2622
Mon. - Fri. 9-8 • Sat. 9-7
*Prices subject to change. *Must be 18 years old to purchase tobacco

Marlboro Cigarettes All Styles \$22.79 With Coupon • Expires 3-13-99	Basic Cigarettes All Styles \$21.99 With Coupon • Expires 3-13-99
Kent Cigarettes All Styles \$22.99 With Coupon • Expires 3-13-99	Pyramid Cigarettes All Styles \$18.39 With Coupon • Expires 3-13-99
Virginia Slims Cigarettes All Styles \$24.99 With Coupon • Expires 3-13-99	CIGARS Any Box or Bundle from Smoky's Custom Humidor 10% OFF With Coupon • Expires 3-13-99

Home Equity Melt Down '99
6.46% APR INTRODUCTORY RATE
8.25% APR CURRENT RATE
no closing costs
no application fee • no title cost
no points • no appraisal cost
no annual fee for first year

Help us celebrate our one year anniversary at waltonwood assisted living residence
Enjoy our complimentary hors d'oeuvres, drinks & entertainment provided by the Silver Bell Banjo Society.

OPEN HOUSE
February 28, 1999
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
2000 Canton Center Rd. Canton, MI 48187
(734) 844-3060

Telephone Loan Center 1-800-DIAL-FFM
Toll Free 1-800-342-5336

FIRST FEDERAL OF MICHIGAN
Ask Us We Can Do It™
Check out our super specials on the Internet!
www.ffm.com

Branch offices throughout metropolitan Detroit, Ozone, Kalamazoo, Owasco, Durand, Cheesing, Okemos and Kentwood.
Extended hours weekdays and full service Saturdays at most branches.

THE OFFER OF A LIFE TIME.

BIG OFFER

Just \$39 a month.*

50% off one-time enrollment.*

Free workouts for charter members until our Grand Opening—available to first 1000 charter members only.*

LIMITED TIME

Offer ends February 28, 1999!

Visit our Open House this Friday through Sunday from 9a.m. to 6p.m. for free gifts* and refreshments!

100,000 square feet

No long-term contract

Free child care service

Free locker and towel service

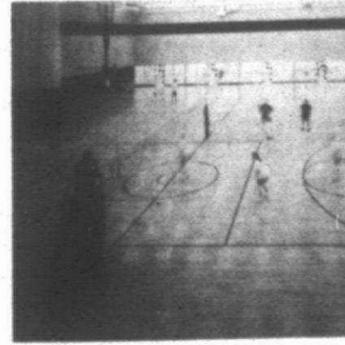
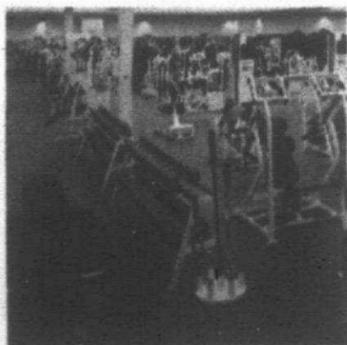
30-day money-back guarantee

Limited number of memberships available

Life Time Fitness of Novi
(248) 735-0100
Preview Center & Workout Facility
Northville Plaza Mall
42367 Seven Mile Road in Northville



www.lifetimefitness.com



*Price shown refers to single membership and does not include one-time enrollment fee. Free workouts until our Grand Opening available for first 1000 charter members only. Save 50% off enrollment when you attend our free Health and Fitness seminar. One free gift per family.
©1999 LIFE TIME FITNESS. LIFE TIME FITNESS®, LIFE TIME KIDS®, MULTIVISION FREQUENCIES®, LIFE TIME SPORTS and LIFE TIME are all service marks of LIFE TIME FITNESS.

OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

All-WHAC selections

The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference has made its picks in both men's and women's basketball, and Madonna University is represented in most of the categories.

In men's basketball, freshman guard Mike Massey — who has set a team record for points in a season (569 and counting) — has been selected to the 10-member all-WHAC team. Massey, a Walled Lake Western graduate, is averaging 19 points a game for the Crusaders. He also shared conference newcomer-of-the-year honors with Courtney Norman of Aquinas College.

Chad Putnam, a junior forward for Madonna from Redford Thurston, was named to the all-academic squad. Putnam has a 3.68 grade-point average, majoring in social studies. Also chosen to the all-academic team was Dan McKian, a senior forward at Siena Heights and a Plymouth Salem graduate who has a 3.25 GPA with a business major.

On the WHAC women's team, both Kathy Paganis and Chris Dietrich were all-WHAC team selections. Paganis, a sophomore forward from Allen Park, is averaging 14.9 points and 6.4 rebounds a game; Dietrich, a junior guard from Newport, is averaging 15.8 points and 4.4 boards.

Two Crusaders were named to the all-WHAC academic squad: Katie Cushman, a junior guard from Flushing who has a 3.73 grade-point average with a major in criminal justice, and Jennifer Jacek, a junior forward from Livonia (Divine Child HS), carries a 3.28 GPA with a major in secondary education.

Tough inside

Sarah Warnke continues to shine for Wayne State University's women's basketball team. A junior forward for the Tartars, the Plymouth Canton graduate scored 16 points, snared 17 rebounds — seven of them offensive — and blocked two shots in WSU's 84-42 victory over Westminster Saturday.

Britta Anderson, a senior forward for WSU and another Canton grad, added seven points and eight boards to the victory. The Tartars are 7-19 overall, 5-14 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Westminster is 3-23 overall, 0-19 in the GLIAC.

Baseball clinic

The Plymouth Salem HS baseball team and coaching staff will sponsor their annual instructional clinics Saturday, March 27 and Saturday, April 3 in the Salem gym. Cost for each session is \$20, which includes a hot dog lunch.

The 11-15 year-old session will be 9 a.m.-noon each day; the 7-10 year-old session will be from 1-4 p.m. Lunch will be served from noon-1 p.m. Mail your check (made payable to the Plymouth Salem Dugout Club) to the Plymouth Salem Dugout Club, 10782 Red Maple Drive, Plymouth, 48170.

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

Schoolcraft fundraiser

Here's a way to get all the pizza and salad you can handle and help the Schoolcraft College Athletic Scholarship Fund at the same time.

An all-you-can-eat pizza and salad special is being sponsored on Monday by Buddy's Pizza, located on Plymouth Road west of Farmington Road in Livonia. Cost is \$10, with a portion going to the Schoolcraft Athletic Scholarship Fund.

The special meal-deal lasts all day.

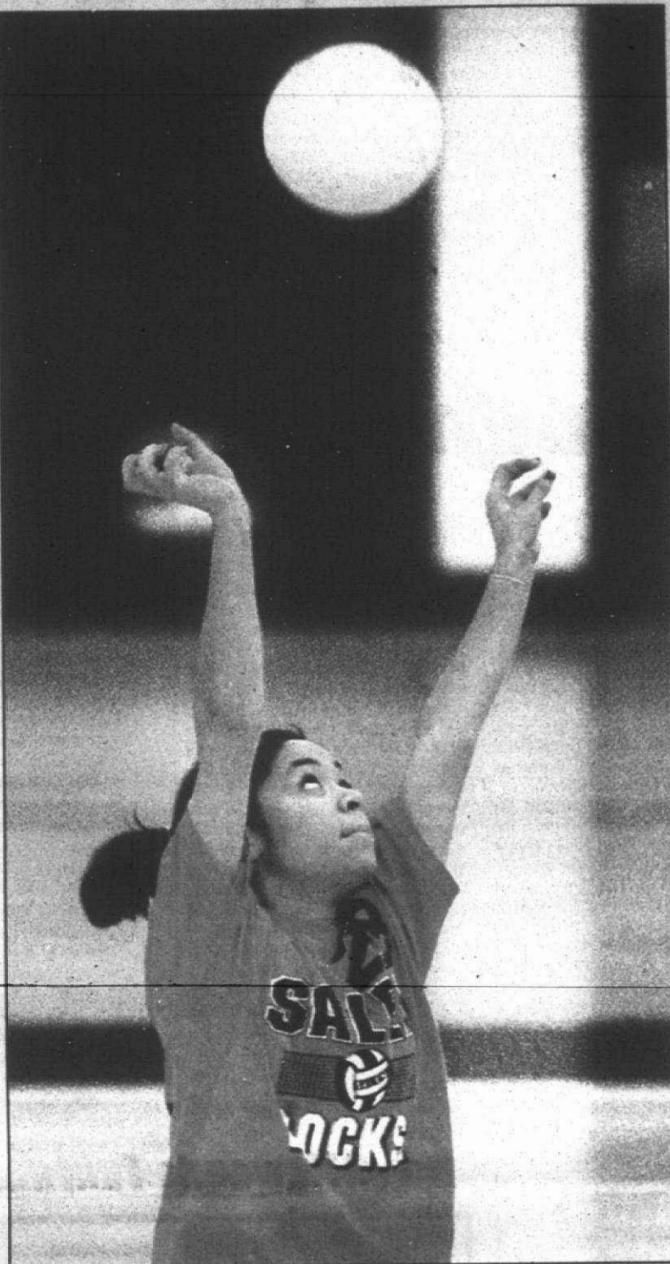
Basketball leagues

Basketball leagues for adult women and adult men are now being formed by the Northville Parks and Recreation Department.

The women's league will play on Thursdays from April 22 through June 10. Cost is \$280 per team, with referees fees extra; non-residents are \$15 more per person.

The men's league will play on Tuesdays, starting April 20 through June 8. Cost is \$280 per team, with referee fees additional. Non-residents are \$15 more per person.

Registration for both is March 15-31 at the Northville Parks and Recreation office, 303 W. Main in Northville. Call (248) 349-0203 for further information.



All-around standout: Laine Sterling did a bit of everything for Salem against Canton, collecting 17 assists to kills, six digs and two service aces.

STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Salem powers past Canton

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR
cjrisk@oe.homecomm.net

The match was concluded, the players were slowly filtering out of the Plymouth Salem gym, some stopping to talk to their coaches, others talking to teammates, still others conversing with the opposition.

It didn't take too long for the Rocks to dispose of rival Plymouth Canton Monday — the minimum two games, during which Salem never trailed. The 15-4, 15-6 win was the eighth in 10 Western Lakes Activities Association matches for the Rocks, who are 38-9 overall; Canton finished at 4-7 in the WLAA.

And yet, despite the quick decision in this heated rivalry, Salem coach Tom Teeters called the opposing Chiefs "a better team than I thought. They have equal back row defense to ours, but (up front) they just don't have the athletic talent we do."

Few teams do. After all, Salem has Angie Sillmon, who has already committed to play volleyball at Western Michigan, and Andrea Pruet, who will attend Miami University (Ohio) on a basketball scholarship, on their front row. They also have Amanda Suder, a junior with all-around ability that could land her a college scholarship, too.

Their overwhelming advantage at the net became apparent early. "We established ourselves in the first game, then we could sub more in the second game," explained Teeters.

Sillmon did a lot of that. With Laine Sterling serving, Sillmon slammed three kills through the Canton defense as Salem ran off five-straight points, increasing their lead to 6-0. The Chiefs got to within three (twice) in the game, but could never overtake Salem.

Game two was a bit tighter, at least for a while, with Canton tying it at 2-2. But Sillmon again stepped to the forefront, serving five-straight points (including an ace) — two coming on kills by Suder. The Rocks eventually made it 10-2, on an ace by Erica Stein and a kill by Jill Dombrowski, before

the Chiefs could mount a comeback. They narrowed the gap to 11-6, two points coming on serving aces by Elizabeth Elsner, before Salem closed out the game and the match — three of their final four points coming on aces as well (by Liz Gizicki, Wendie Donica and Sterling).

"It's been our problem all year — our block," said Canton coach Cynthia Montgomery. "Everything else is in place. And there's only so much we can do with Sillmon up there."

Indeed, the Salem senior did make life miserable for the Chiefs with eight kills and a .583 kill percentage. Sillmon also had two aces and two block assists. Other contributors for the Rocks were Suder, with four kills and four digs; Stein, with two aces and eight digs; Pruet, with four kills in four attempts (a 1.000 average) and three block assists; and Sterling, with two aces, 17 assists to kills and six digs.

Please see VOLLEYBALL, C4



Set-up: Back-court play was good for Canton, as Robin DeVos exhibited, but the Chiefs had trouble at the net...

McKelvey lifts Ocelots to semis

BY BRAD EMONS
SPORTS WRITER
bemons@oe.homecomm.net

Derek McKelvey took a liking to his first appearance in the Concordia College gymnasium.

The 6-foot-3 sharpshooter nailed seven 3-pointers en route to a game-high 27 points to lead Schoolcraft College past Henry Ford, 95-84, in the quarterfinals of the Michigan Commu-

MEN'S HOOP

nity College Athletic Association men's basketball playoffs on Wednesday.

SC, now 23-4 overall, meets Western Conference champion Grand Rapids JC, 20-2, in the MCCA semifinals, 5:15 p.m. Friday at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

Grand Rapids beat Glen Oaks, 63-55

on Wednesday.

McKelvey had plenty of help, too, as four other teammates scored in double figures as the Ocelots beat the stingy Hawks for the third time this season.

Point-guard Dave McGlown added 15 points, Dashawn Williams finished with 14, Chris Colley chipped in with 13, and Lamar Bigby added 12 a 42-40 halftime deficit.

Henry Ford, which fell to 18-9 overall, was led by Tim Frye's 22 points.

SC, Madonna win playoff openers

Things did not look good. Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team, which set school records by slicing through the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference season without a defeat, a team that had won 20-straight games, was trailing Oakland CC 71-65 with 2:14 left in an MCCA State Tournament opening-round game Wednesday at Concordia College.

But the Lady Ocelots proved deter-

WOMEN'S HOOP

mined. They battled back, overtaking the Lady Raiders. With 1.4 seconds remaining, Kim Washnock (from Farmington HS) split her two free throws, and that was good enough to supply SC with a come-from-behind 73-72 triumph.

SC, now 25-3, advances to the

MCCA semifinals against the Lansing CC-Lake Michigan winner at 5:15 p.m. Friday at Glen Oaks CC in Centreville. OCC falls to 17-11.

Samantha Theisen led the Ocelots, now winners of a school-record 21-straight games, with 21 points. Antone Watson and Jackie Kocis added 13 apiece, and Washnock scored 10.

Madonna 76, Siena Heights 67: In an

Please see WOMEN'S HOOP, C4

WRESTLING

Regional-bound: 5 for the Rocks, 2 for the Chiefs

In one weight group at least, Plymouth Salem will be well represented at the state individual wrestling regional Saturday at South Lyon.

The Rocks, it seems, have four talented 112-pounders. At last Saturday's individual district tournament at South Lyon, all four managed to wrestle their way to the state regional by finishing in the top four, giving them five qualifiers.

Plymouth Canton will have two representatives at Saturday's individual regional.

"We tried to move them out (of 112), gaining weight and everything, but we couldn't do it real well," said Salem co-coach Ron Krueger. "All four of them are really

Please see WRESTLING, C4

Switch pays for Hunter

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR
cjrisk@oe.homecomm.net

Talk about making things right. Certainly Ron Hunter feels just that. When Hunter, a star in both football and basketball at Plymouth Canton HS, graduated in 1996, it seemed apparent his athletic abilities would carry him to the college of his choice.

He selected Michigan State, primarily to play football. That proved unwise.

"Coming out of high school, I was recruited as a wide receiver," recalled Hunter. "At Michigan State, they put me at safety and, in certain situations, I'd have to move up and play linebacker."

"I didn't want to play there. I wanted to play wide receiver."

Hunter quickly got the feeling he was just another number at MSU. His enthusiasm to play football, at least as a Spartan, was fading. "I was just going

through the motions there," he said. "The coaches didn't even know my name."

Anyone who knows Hunter and what makes him such a special athlete knows that "going through the motions" is not his style.

"He loved to play every single day," Canton basketball coach Dan Young said. "Whether it was the off-season, in gym class or practice, he loved to compete."

Since he felt he was not being afforded that opportunity at MSU, Hunter — who had considered walking-on to play basketball for the Spartans — opted to switch schools.

He chose to transfer to Northwood University, an NCAA Division II school in Midland. That proved

Please see HUNTER, C4

PROFILE



Movin' on up: Ron Hunter averaged 18 points a game as a senior at Canton; now he's a two-sport star at Northwood.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRIDGEMAN

COLLEGE SPORTS

Crusaders hold off Saints

Katie Cushman enjoyed her best offensive production in a month and Madonna University withstood a late Siena Heights charge to post an 80-78 victory Saturday at Madonna in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. The Lady Crusaders took for both teams.

WOMEN'S HOOP

ended their rally. Madonna got baskets by Melissa Poma and Chris Dietrich and two free throws from Cushman to go back in front; a triple at the buzzer by Erika Kawkaw supplied Siena Heights with its final points.

three-pointers, en route to a 32-point performance in Saturday's regular-season finale for Schoolcraft College at Wayne County CC.

Three Saints' point explosion helped SC put this game away early. The Ocelots led 49-22 in the second half, with Stacy Cavin scoring 12 points, Theisen getting 11 and Antone Watson 10 over the final 20 minutes.

Madonna, making 6-of-11 three-pointers (54.5 percent) in the first half while limiting Siena Heights to 11-of-29 shooting from the floor (37.9 percent), had a 45-34 halftime lead — thanks in part to Cushman's three-pointer at the buzzer. The Saints kept battling back in the second half, closing to within two on two free throws by Netarsha Napier with 10:33 left and eventually going in front 75-74 on a Leslie Keane basket with 1:44 left.

But that, for all intents and purposes,

SC 96, Wayne CCC 50; Samantha Theisen scored in 21 first-half points, including three

Ocelots rip Wayne CCC; Madonna stalls

When Schoolcraft College and Wayne County CC clashed at Schoolcraft Jan. 25, it was nothing more than good fortune that saved the Ocelots from defeat as they pulled out a come-from-behind two-point triumph.

MEN'S HOOP

ference. They were the second-seeded team from the conference. Wayne did not go to the tournament, and finishes 9-18 overall, 8-8 in the conference.

On Saturday, the two Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference rivals met again, this time at Wayne CCC. But there were no last-second heroics this time; none were needed.

Accurate shooting was the key factor in SC's victory. The Ocelots converted 34-of-54 floor shots (63 percent), including 10-of-18 three-pointers (56 percent), compared to Wayne's 29-of-68 shooting (42.6 percent) and 4-of-14 on threes (28 percent). SC also made 19-of-27 free throws (70.4 percent), compared to Wayne's 9-of-21 (43 percent).

Sierra Heights 99, Madonna 63: The final game of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season was a forgettable one for Madonna University.

Additions brighten Madonna's future

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER
cjrisk@oe.com

It wasn't going to be easy and Al White knew it when he accepted the job as Madonna University softball coach. Jerry Abraham resigned his position at the end of September in order to concentrate more fully on his Madonna volleyball coaching job.

But, as will happen, recruiting broke down a bit with Abraham's resignation — even though White did a lot of recruiting as Abraham's assistant coach. But there were holes left in the lineup, including at a particularly key position: Pitcher.

When White assumed command in early October, he knew the problem confronting him. They had one pitcher on the roster, and that was a freshman — Melissa Bako, of Garden City. Not a good situation, especially since Bako had been recruited mainly as an outfielder.

"That's a lot of pressure to put on a freshman to begin with," said White.

Fortunately, Madonna's fortunes changed. "Three months ago, we didn't have any pitching," White said. "Now I think we'll be all right."

That's because White did some first-rate recruiting on a player already in the fold: Janel LeSchinger, a senior who was wavering on whether to play or not.

An Alpena HS graduate now living in Plymouth, LeSchinger had her student teaching to be concerned with, plus she and Abraham had had a falling out last season, which led to her leaving the team. "She didn't think she could fit it into her schedule," said White of his initial conversations with LeSchinger regarding her return to the team. "We talked about it, and she said, 'Maybe next year.'"

"I told her we would be bringing in a lot of new players next year, and maybe we wouldn't need her as much. She told me she wanted to think about it — she wanted to come back, but she just wasn't sure about her schedule."

LeSchinger worked it out, however, which was a great relief for White. Although not Madonna's top pitcher, she performed ably over the last two years. LeSchinger was 4-2 last season with a 2.61 earned run average in 45 2/3 innings and two shutouts, allowing 43 hits and 15 walks; as a sophomore, she finished 5-3 with a team-best 2.58 ERA in 62 1/3 innings, giving up 67 hits and 18 walks.

"She keeps the ball low," said White. "She's our No. 1 — we're counting on her. She's a pitcher with experience."

But White has some others, too, which means Bako can play center field and get 5-10 starts on the mound, as originally planned. Joining his current team are Tanya Liske, another Alpena HS grad who spent the last two years pitching at Alpena CC, and Janelle Schmidt, a freshman from Dunsville, Ont., who was originally recruited by Abraham.

Both should help, and both (together with Bako) should gain valuable experience backing up LeSchinger.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

East Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Ottawa 67s	43	11	3	89
Belleville Bulls	34	18	6	74
Peterborough Petes	35	21	1	71
Oshawa Generals	31	23	4	66
Kingston Frontenacs	17	38	3	37

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Barrie Colts	43	10	5	91
Sudbury Wolves	21	30	7	49
North Bay Centennials	19	33	6	44
Toronto St. M. Majors	17	34	5	39
Miss. Ice Dogs	2	49	3	7

West Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Plymouth Whalers	44	11	3	91
Sarnia Sting	31	21	5	67
SSM Greyhounds	30	22	5	65
London Knights	28	28	3	59
Windsor Spitfires	18	33	6	42

Midwest Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Quincy Storm	36	19	2	74
Owen Sound Platers	33	21	5	71
Erie Otters	25	27	4	54
Kitchener Rangers	18	34	5	41
Brampton Battalion	7	49	3	17

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Feb. 25
(CHSL Playoffs at Schoolcraft)
Cabrini vs. Bendictine, 6 p.m.
Brother Rice vs. Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 26
Franklin at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Belleville at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Southgate at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Annapolis at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Clareville at Hamtramck, 7 p.m.
L'Arche, W. at Harper Wds., 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Reeper, 8 p.m.

Western Lakes Playoffs - 1st Round
Northville at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central vs. N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Ply. Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 27
Borgess at Muskegon Hts., 6 p.m.
W.L. Central vs. N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central vs. N. Farmington, 7 p.m.

CHSL Finals at U.P. Callahan Hall
C Division final, 7:30 p.m.
East-West final, 2 p.m.
Central-AA final, 4 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
DISTRICT TOURNEY PAIRINGS
CLASS A
at LIVONIA'S EDGAR ARENA
Thursday, Feb. 25: (A) Livonia Stevenson vs. (B) Redford Catholic Central, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 26: Livonia Churchill vs. Livonia Franklin, 3:30 p.m. Redford Unifed vs. Livonia Franklin, 3:30 p.m.

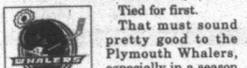
CHSL Finals at U.P. Callahan Hall
C Division final, 7:30 p.m.
East-West final, 2 p.m.
Central-AA final, 4 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
DISTRICT TOURNEY PAIRINGS
CLASS A
at LIVONIA'S EDGAR ARENA
Thursday, Feb. 25: (A) Livonia Stevenson vs. (B) Redford Catholic Central, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 26: Livonia Churchill vs. Livonia Franklin, 3:30 p.m. Redford Unifed vs. Livonia Franklin, 3:30 p.m.

CHSL Finals at U.P. Callahan Hall
C Division final, 7:30 p.m.
East-West final, 2 p.m.
Central-AA final, 4 p.m.

CHSL Finals at U.P. Callahan Hall
C Division final, 7:30 p.m.
East-West final, 2 p.m.
Central-AA final, 4 p.m.

Whalers harpoon OHL rivals



Tied for first. That must sound pretty good to the Plymouth Whalers, especially in a season like this, in which three teams have pretty much dominated the Ontario Hockey League — so much so that a single loss can be devastating.

Two weeks ago, they went into a weekend series against London and Ottawa with nine losses in 53 games. By the end of the weekend, however, they had 11 defeats and were in third place in the overall OHL points race.

But it's difficult to stay perfect. Ottawa, which had been atop the OHL points ladder since Christmas, has stumbled a bit; now the 67s are two points behind (having played one less game) Plymouth and Barrie, which both have 91 points.

That two-loss weekend didn't bother the Whalers for long. After crushing the Toronto St. Michaels Majors 7-0 Thursday, they stopped Erie 5-1 Saturday and the London Knights 4-2 Sunday at Compuware Arena.

The weekend wins boosted Plymouth's record to 44-11-3; Erie is 25-27-4 through the weekend, and London is 28-28-3.

The win over the Knights was particularly sweet, after they had blasted Plymouth 6-2 in London the previous Friday. David Legwand was the Whalers' catalyst, scoring two goals and assisting on the other two.

The game was tied at 2-2 through two periods, but Eric Gooldy scored 47 seconds into the final period to put Plymouth ahead. Jason Ward got the clincher at 9:54 of the period.

Legwand had an unassisted goal in the first period and scored with assists from Ward and Gooldy at 17:48 of the second. Ward had two assists in the game.

Robert Holsinger turned away 22 shots to earn the win. Gene Chiarello made 37 saves for the Knights. Rico Fata and Jay Legault each had a goal and an assist for London.

In Saturday's game at Erie, Plymouth rode a 3-0 first period to victory. Jared Newman, Damian Surma and Ward all scored in less than a two-minute span as the Whalers pounded Otters' goalie Corey Batten with 22 shots, while Erie had just three.

The Otters' Paul Harvey narrowed the gap to 3-1 at 11:09 of the second period, but goals by Plymouth's James Ramsay and Harold Druken finished the period — and the Otters.

Druken and Newman both had a goal and an assist, and Adam Colaglia-

como had two assists for the Whalers. Batten faced 47 shots in the game, making 42 saves; Rob Zepp made 18 saves for Plymouth.

This weekend, the Whalers have home games against Kitchener at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Windsor at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Ambassadors win twice
The Compuware Ambassadors remained atop the North American Hockey League with two road wins last weekend, 6-4 over Team USA Sunday and 3-2 over the Grand Rapids BearCats Saturday. The victories improved the Ambassadors' NAHL-leading record to 30-10-5.

J.J. Swistak and Phil Lewandowski scored two goals apiece in Sunday's win over Team USA (10-32-1). Rob Globke had two goals in Compuware's win Saturday over the BearCats (21-25-0).

Coming through

Rocks edge Glenn; Canton tops Walled Lake

It was going to take a clutch performance in the final routine of the night for Plymouth Salem to beat Westland John Glenn in a Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet Monday at Canton HS.

GYMNASTICS

was second. Melissa Drake won the floor (9.35), took third on beam (8.8) and tied for fourth on bars (8.4); her all-around total of 35.15 was third in the meet.

Schedmedding got a personal-best all-around score, too: 34.25, which was sixth. Schedmedding's other finishes were all fifths, in the vault (8.4), bars (9.2) and floor (9.1), and she finished second in the beam (8.25).

Kristin Schilk took second for the Chiefs in the all-around with a personal-best 33.9. Schilk won the beam (8.7), took third on vault (8.3) and finished tied for fourth on floor (8.4). Michelle Farnsworth's 32.75 all-around score, also a personal best, featured a third on beam (8.15), a tie for third on bars (8.2) and a tie for fourth on floor (8.4).

Maggie Bett was fifth in the all-around (32.4) with thirds in floor (8.6) and bars (8.2) and a fourth in beam (7.6). Bobbi Jones had a pair of fifths, in vault (8.1) and beam (7.55).

Last Thursday, Salem recorded its best score of the season, beating Walled Lake 136.00-96.8 at Canton. Drake took top honors with a personal-best 35.8 in the all-around; she won the floor (9.35) and bars (9.15), and was second in both the vault (8.55) and beam (8.75).

Aquino's 34.55 all-around was second; she took first in vault (8.8), second in both bars (8.65) and floor (8.85), and finished third in beam (8.25). Schedmedding was third in the all-around (34.15) with a first in beam (8.8) and thirds in the floor (8.65), bars (8.25) and vault (8.8).

Other top-six scores for the Rocks came from Mahshid Pirzadeh, a third in beam (8.25); Ashley Heard, a fifth in floor (8.25); and Ann-Marie Zielinski, a tie for fifth in vault (7.85).

The WLA4 Championship Meet starts at 4 p.m. today at the Farmington Training Center.

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF WAYNE COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE PAY 1998 COUNTY TAXES NOW

Beginning March 1, 1999, Interest of 1% per month will be added in addition to the 4% COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATION FEE, WITH A MINIMUM OF \$1.00, ON ALL UNPAID 1998 COUNTY TAXES ON PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF DETROIT.

Mail check or Money Order with Entire Bill to:
RAYMOND J. WOJTCOWICZ
Wayne County Treasurer
International Center Building
400 Monroe, Suite 520
Detroit, MI 48226-2942
Office Hours:
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 P.M.
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
(313) 224-5990

TIGER STADIUM

Be there for the final Opening Day and the final game ever!



Individual tickets to all 1999 Tiger home games on sale beginning this Saturday, February 27 at 10am

Score yours at The Tiger Stadium Box Office Any TicketMaster Outlet (Hudsons and Harmony House) On the web at www.ticketmaster.com

Or call 248-25-TIGER

Catch all the history-making excitement — the final Opening Day on April 12, home run king Mark McGwire's visit in June, and the final regular season game ever played at Tiger Stadium on September 27.

BURTON'S Plumbing & Heating

BATH and KITCHEN REMODELING

- Licensed Master Plumber
- Ceramic Tile Installed
- Quality Materials and Workmanship



FREE ESTIMATES Visit Our Full Kitchen and Bath Showroom
(Same location since 1975)
34224 Michigan Avenue
Wayne, Michigan 48184
(734) 722-4170

Walter's HOME APPLIANCES

FEBRUARY CLEARANCE

ONE DAY ONLY SAT. FEB. 27TH 10AM-8:30PM

SAVE UP TO 60%
On New in Carton, Floor Models and One Of A Kind Merchandise. All Quantities are Limited.

REFRIGERATORS-FREEZERS Hotpoint By GE 14 cu ft Frost Free Refrigerator 20 Units Champaign - LIMIT 1 #CT14 Was \$469 Saturday Only \$347	VCR'S VHS VCR With Remote 40 Units Champaign - LIMIT 1 #VCR20 Was \$119 Saturday Only \$79	HOME AUDIO Kenwood 5 Disc Rotary CD Player 80 Units Champaign - LIMIT 1 #RCD5 Was \$169 Saturday Only \$119	BIG SCREEN TV'S JVC 32" Stereo TV Dual Tuner Picture in Picture Remote Control & More 4 Units, Dearborn Store Only #AV32908 Was \$799 Saturday Only \$489
Apartment Size 9 cu ft Refrigerator 14 Units Champaign - LIMIT 1 #R9 Was \$322 Saturday Only \$210	Hi-Fi VCR 30 Units Champaign - LIMIT 1 #HIF1 Was \$189 Saturday Only \$117	Carvin Vega Subwoofer TV Stand Dual 10" Subwoofers, Built-in Center Channel Speaker 3 Units Livonia Store Only #HT19C Was \$399 Saturday Only \$127	RCA 36" ColorTrak Plus Stereo TV Dual Tuner Picture in Picture Universal Remote Control, Audio Video, Monitor Jacks, TV Guide Plus 7 Units Champaign #RCA36 Was \$1499 Saturday Only \$789
Ammana Bottom Freezer Refrigerator 12 Units Champaign #BFR12 Was \$589 Saturday Only \$589	Zenith 13" Color TV With Remote Control 25 Units Champaign - LIMIT 1 #TV1300 Was \$289 Saturday Only \$198	JBL & Carvin Vega Subwoofer 12 Powered, 120-150 Watts Units Brighton Store Only #HTS-12, PSW1200 Was \$399 Saturday Only \$137	Zenith 50" Projection Stereo TV Remote, Picture in Picture 1 Unit Per Store #AS0860 Was \$1599 Saturday Only \$1177
Ammana 23 cu ft Side By Side Refrigerator Ice & Water In The Door 20 Units Champaign #R23 Was \$1049 Saturday Only \$799	Built-in VCR 30 Units Champaign - LIMIT 1 #RV1300 Was \$379 Saturday Only \$227	Kenwood Mini Audio System AM-FM Stereo, 3-Disc CD, Dual Cassette, Remote Control 30 Units Champaign - LIMIT 1 #KDA2 Was \$229 Saturday Only \$157	RCA 56" Projection Stereo TV Picture in Picture, Remote Control 6 Units, Champaign #RCA56 Was \$1999 Saturday Only \$1277
All Kitchen Aid, Maytag Dishwashers ON SALE GE, Frigidaire, Danby Prices Starting From \$169 Saturday Only	DISHWASHERS Frigidaire Built-in Dishwasher 15 Units Champaign - LIMIT 1 #MDB125 Was \$269 Saturday Only \$189	RANGES-MICROWAVES Hotpoint By GE Over The Range Microwave Oven Built-in VCR 30 Units Champaign - LIMIT 1 #RVM1300 Was \$379 Saturday Only \$248	TELEVISIONS TOSHIBA Panasonic Sameday RCA JVC 19" Color TV Remote Control 40 Units Champaign - LIMIT 1 Was \$199 Saturday Only \$138
AMAZON CAMCORDERS Hitachi 8mm Camcorder 3 Units, Canton Store Only #VME835LA Was \$799 Saturday Only \$347	WASHERS Frigidaire X-Large Capacity Washer 3 Temperatures, 3 Load Sizes, 8 Cycles 20 Units Champaign - LIMIT 1 #FW233 Was \$299 Saturday Only \$257	WASHERS Maytag Neptune Front Loading Washer HURRY! Last Chance Before March 1st Price Increase #MAH3000 All Kitchen Aid, Maytag Washers & Dryers ON SALE Saturday Only	HUMIDIFIERS BEMIS SAVE 30% To 60% Humidifiers Starting From \$19.99 All Bemis Humidifiers Accessories 30% Off Saturday Only
UNIVERSAL REMOTE Universal 4 Device Replacement Remote Control LIMIT 1 #MDC4000 Saturday Only \$3.99	SONY & Panasonic Camcorders ON SALE Saturday Only	What You're Looking For In An Appliance Store	6 Mo. Same As Cash Financing Available Min \$399 on purchases of \$499 or more

ALL STORES OPEN DAILY, 10AM - 8:30PM • BRIGHTON & LIVONIA STORES OPEN SUNDAY 12PM-5PM

BRIGHTON: 39915 Michigan Ave. 1.80 W. Grand River 1.4 Mile N. of I-96 (813) 229-5000
CANTON: 39915 Michigan Ave. 1.80 W. Grand River 1.4 Mile N. of I-96 (813) 229-5000
LIVONIA: 34224 Plymouth 1.2 Mile S. of Farmington Rd. (734) 427-7310
W.L. 2261-00

It's Coming!!!

Indoor Street Hockey Rink

Everyone can play in the finest street hockey facility in the area — the same great leagues for all ages

45109 Michigan Ave. • Canton
734-397-8900
www.michigandekhockey.com

Wrestling from page C1

112-pounders. "But all four of them qualified." Two of them — John Mervyn and Ron Thompson — actually wrestled at 112. Mervyn finished first, giving Salem its only district champion. He pinned Livonia Churchill's Tom Traub in 3:35 in his opening match, then pinned Mike Starinski of Adrian in 3:51 to advance to the semifinals. A technical fall over Kory Kramer of Saline, 18-3, put Mervyn in the final opposite Novi's Ryan Churella. Churella, who beat Thompson in the other semifinal 18-3, was no match for Mervyn, who won 10-4. Before meeting Churella, Thompson beat Milford's Ben Lawrence 14-2, then pinned Northville's Matt Tarrow in 3:36. After losing to Churella, Thompson wrestled Walled Lake West-

ern's Ryan Beech and won on a pin in 2:02. That put him against Saline's Kramer in a match for third place; Thompson lost, 14-10. At 119, another of the true 112-pounders qualified for regionals as Rob Ash placed fourth. After an opening bye, Ash beat Kevin Arbuckle of Northville 5-3 before losing to Novi's Dan Jilg 9-2. In the consolation round, Ash defeated Churchill's Steve Vasiloff 11-2, then lost to Arbuckle in a rematch — this one for third place — 4-2. The fourth 112-pounder, Lucas Stump, wrestled at 125. He pinned Ann Arbor Pioneer's Tim Lamettoni in 2:29, then lost to Western's Jacob Pattenau 6-0. In the consolation round, Stump did well, defeating Milford's Jordan Boudreau 7-4 and Novi's Brent Frey 6-3. In the

point play with 2:26 remaining. Cushman followed with four-straight free throws to ice the victory. Cushman finished with 12 points and six assists; Dietrich had eight points and four assists. Kathy Panganis led Madonna with 17 points, 15 rebounds and

Women's hoop from page C1

opening-round Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament game, Madonna outscored host Siena Heights 8-2 in the final 2:26 to pull away to the victory Wednesday. The sixth-seeded Lady Crusaders, now 17-13 overall, advance to play top-seeded Spring Arbor (27-4 overall) in

Spring Arbor at 1 p.m. Saturday. Siena Heights, the third-seeded team in the WHAC Tournament, finishes with a 16-15 overall mark. Katie Cushman and Chris Dietrich spearheaded Madonna's late surge. Nursing a three-point lead, Dietrich converted a three-

Hunter from page C1

very wise. The 6-foot-3 speedster with freshman eligibility is a star in two sports with the Timberwolves. Last fall, he was named to the all-Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference's second team as a wide receiver after hauling down 39 passes for 978 yards and 11 touchdowns. He averaged 25.1 yards per catch, and his yardage and touchdown total, as well as his three-touchdown performance against Saginaw Valley State, were school records. Sound impressive? Well wait — there's more. Hunter is one of the first players off the bench for Northwood's basketball team, which is currently in Battle Creek for the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Ath-

letic Conference Tournament. He is averaging eight points and three rebounds per game, which sounds decent but not spectacular. But remember: Hunter joined the team just prior to the first game, and in his words (and those of his coach, Bob Taylor), "It took a while to get my legs back." Once Hunter got re-adjusted to playing basketball, things started to fall into place. And this wasn't a team beginning for help. Northwood took a 21-5 overall record into the GLIAC Tournament, 14-5 in the conference. In one five-game stretch just prior to the tournament, Hunter averaged 14.4 points, making 29-of-46 floor shots (63 percent), and five rebounds per game. "He has a fabulous feel for the



Ugliest Bathroom Contest

Sponsored By 760 WJR, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Building Industry Association and Mathison Supply of Livonia, Garden City and Canton.

Win A \$10,000 Dream Bathroom!



- "Mina" Whirlpool Bath by Janson
- Bath Cabinetry by Bertch
- Faucets by Harden
- Ultra-Flush Toilet by Gerber
- Tile Tub Surround
- Installation by Complete Home Improvement
- And More!

Take a photo of your ugly bathroom and bring it into any Mathison Supply or mail it to WJR, Ugliest Bathroom Contest, 2100 Fisher Building, Detroit, MI 48207. The winner's bathroom will be replaced with all new fixtures, tile, medicine cabinet and accessories. A value of up to \$10,000. And, be sure to visit the WJR and Mathison Supply booths at:

THE 1999 BUILDERS HOME & DETROIT FLOWER SHOW
COBO CENTER
MARCH 18-21, 1999

All entries become the property of WJR. No cash equivalents. Judges' decision is final. No purchase necessary. Winner will be announced April 24, 1999.

Employees of WJR Radio, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, BIA and Mathison Supply are not eligible to enter.



We've taken speed to new heights

O&E OnLine's new 56K (V.90 standard) modems and digitally enhanced connection to the backbone of the Internet make it possible for you to access the 'Net' at warp speed.

Download that breaking news, entertainment information, and those stock quotes with spectacular speed!

O&E Online lets you e-mail your friends, exchange pictures with long distance relatives and experience a new world of sound and video multimedia!

\$15.95 per month gives you:
Full WWW Access / E-mail / Newsgroups and more!
No set-up fees / Free technical support / Local numbers in your area / Free software (Mac or PC)

Go where you've never gone before
To get On-line, call

734-591-0500 or 248-901-4716
Or log on to:
<http://oeonline.com/subscribe.html>

INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS DIVISION I

DISTRICT NO. 8 Feb. 20 at South Lyon (top 4 qualify for regionals)

Heavyweight: Ted Boseroux (Northville) defeated Brent Faulkner (Novi), 6:1; consolation: Matt Hamblin (Plymouth Salem) dec. Charlie Hamblin (Plymouth Salem) 11-0.

103 pounds: Tim Bragg (White Lake-Lakeville) dec. Dan Durcan (Adrian), 3:2; consolation: Elbert Saus (South Lyon) dec. Chris Kilbane (Saline), 6:4.

112: John Mervyn (Salem) dec. Ryan Churella (Novi), 10-4; consolation: Kory Kramer (Saline) dec. Ron Thompson (Salem), 10-4.

119: Dan Jilg (Novi) dec. Eric Jones (Adrian), 3-0; consolation: Kevin Arbuckle (Northville) dec. Rob Ash (Salem), 4-2.

125: Reggie Torrence (Northville) won by major dec. over Jacob Pattenau (Walled Lake Western), 11-0; consolation: Andy Golden (S. Lyon) won by major dec. over Lucas Stump (Salem), 13-4.

130: Anant Saran (Northville) dec. Leif Olson (Brighton), 3-0; consolation: Ryan Chamberlain (Livonia) won by injury default over Scott Westfall (Adrian).

135: Paul Bordenkirc (Brighton) won by major dec. over Matt Quinn (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 12-4; consolation: Rick Stemm (Saline) dec. Tom Stanley (Highland-Milford), 11-5.

140: Kevin Neundorff (Livonia) won by injury default over Keith Wood (Brighton); consolation: Chad Newman (Northville) won by injury default over Dan Scappaticci (Northville).

145: Mike Carter (Livonia Churchill) p. Mike Chandler (S. Lyon), 0:25; consolation: Sean Turner (Milford) dec. Kevin Stone (Plymouth Canton), 9-3.

152: Chris Schayler (Saline) dec. Brandon LaPointe (Churchill), 3-2; consolation: Justin Lambert (Milford) dec. Matt Barrett (Adrian), 2-1.

160: Colin Krone (Pioneer) dec. Matt Stone (Brighton), 6-4; consolation: Brian Clark (S. Lyon) dec. Robert Demick (Canton), 4-2.

171: Norm Wroblewski (W.L. Western) won by major dec. over Chris Kirby (Pioneer), 16-2; consolation: Ryan McCracken (Northville) dec. Adam Sorensen (Novi), 4-1.

189: Ryan Giles (Northville) dec. Bob Everett (Saline), 7:5; consolation: Ron Grier (Adrian) p. Matt Fry (S. Lyon), 2:59.

215: Nick Vanover (Adrian) dec. Chris Clisnam (Saline), 8:5; consolation: Pat Quincey (Milford) p. Tim Zematis (S. Lyon), 4:30.

Volleyball from page C1

With the final WLAAs match played last night at Farmington Harrison, the Rocks can now look to the WLAAs Tournament Saturday at Northville. Salem will go in probably as the No. 3 seed, behind league champ Walled Lake Central and Livonia Franklin.

changes that have resulted in two straight wins over the Vikings. Still, their size will make them formidable. Franklin also has three strong (and sizable) front-line players, which makes the Patriots difficult to block, while Stevenson has front-court standout Stephanie Dulz, Churchill, while lacking the potent attack of the other four contenders, never lacks hustle and serving strength.

"We can't do much now with the lineup," said Teeters. "We'll just try to pump them up a bit and work on our skills in practice." "We've done well in tournaments this year — that should be an advantage for us. We've been able to make adjustments if things weren't going well that day."

The competition at the conference tournament will be formidable. Four teams other than Salem have a legitimate shot at first: Central, the league champ; Franklin, which beat the Rocks but lost to Central and Livonia Stevenson; Stevenson, with just three league losses; and Livonia Churchill, which beat the Spartans during the season.

Since losing to Central in league play and in a tournament, the Rocks have made some

(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 bparke@oe.homecom.net**)

SHOWS

OUTDOORAMA
Outdoorama '99 Sport and Travel Show will be held Feb. 26-March 7 at the Novi Expo Center, (800) 777-6720. The show includes nearly 450 exhibits featuring the latest in fishing, hunting and camping equipment; recreational vehicles; boats; conservation clubs; and travel and outfitting destinations throughout North America. There will also be a reptile and amphibian display, live animals, a trout fishing pond, musical and variety acts, an archery range, hunting and fishing seminars, and much more. Show hours are 4-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Monday and Tuesday, March 1-2, and Thursday and Friday, March 4-5; 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 and March 6; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28; noon to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 7. Admission is \$6.50 adult, \$3 for children ages 6-12 and children 5 and under will be admitted free.

SPORTFISHING EXPO
The 10th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo will be held Thursday through Sunday, March 4-7, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The show will feature 45 non-stop seminars including a special appearance by national walleye angling champion Ted Takasaki at 5 p.m. Friday, March 5. Other speakers of national renown scheduled to speak include walleye pro Mike McClelland and Keith Kavajecz, bowhunting expert Chuck Adams, In-Fisherman Magazine editors Dave Casanda and Matt Straw, and Michigan author Tom Huggler. There will be more than 300 exhibitors including retailers, factory exhibits, outfitters, guides, charter boat captains and more. Show hours are 4-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7.50 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 6-12, and children 5 and under will be admitted free. Coupons for \$1 off admission are available at all Dunham's stores.

CLASSES

HUNTER EDUCATION
Wayne County Sportsman's Club is accepting registration for two upcoming hunter education classes. The two-day sessions will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 27 & 28, and April 17 & 18, at the WCSO clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. Cost is \$12 per student and includes text, equipment, range fees and lunch. Call (313) 532-0285 for more information and to register.

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.

CCW LEGISLATION
Michigan Big Game Hunter's Association will hold an informative seminar on legislation concerning concealed weapons permit (CCW) legislation, beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at the Gander Mountain store in Taylor. State representative Raymond Basham (Taylor) will conduct the seminar. Call (313) 381-4735 for more information.

BIKE MAINTENANCE 101
Get your bike ready for spring during this instructional clinic, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

ICE HIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on

BANQUETS

NWTF
Beard & Spurs Chapter-Oakland County of the National Wild Turkey Federation will hold its fourth annual Super Fund Banquet and Auction beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Stephenson Haus in Hazel Park. Call (248) 548-2036 for more information.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

SALMON STAKES
The 21st annual River Crab Salmon Stakes charity fishing tournament and raffle will be held Saturday, April 24. Money raised through the sale of \$10 raffle/entry tickets will benefit

GET YEAR-ROUND SAVINGS

Heat Heating and Cooling Equipment
A complete line of air conditioners, heat pumps & furnaces
Outstanding quality backed by excellent limited warranties
High efficiencies for energy savings

UPCOMING HOME GAMES:

Sat. February 27 vs. Cleveland Crunch 7:00
1st 2,000 Fans Receive a Free Team Poster
courtesy of Powerade

DETROIT'S OTHER GREAT TEAM SHARING THE JOE.

For a darn good fun, hang with the Rockers this season at Joe Louis Arena. Tickets are available at the Joe Louis Arena Box Office or call: 313-396-7070

ROCKERS IS SOCCER

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

The 8th annual ice hike to Canada, which begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Pelee. Interested participants should meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Ontario Tourist Center on Route 3 in Windsor. Call Liz Allingham at (313) 581-7579 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

BOBCAT
Bobcat season runs through March 1 in the Upper Peninsula and in Alpena, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle counties in the northern Lower Peninsula.

CROW
The late crow season runs through March 31 in the Lower Peninsula.

COYOTE
Coyote season runs through April 15 statewide.

FREE FISHING
Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend will be held June 12-13.

FOX
Gray and red fox season runs through March 1 statewide.

SPEARING
Feb. 28 is the last day of perch spearing on Lake St. Clair.

RABBIT/HARE
Rabbit/hare season runs through March 31 statewide.

STURGEON
Sturgeon spearing season runs through Feb. 28.

CLUBS

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

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and

MEETINGS

NRC
The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, March 10-11, in East Lansing. The commission will be taking public comment on 1999 deer season regulations. 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

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (sneak & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), 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.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Road. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

MEETINGS

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.

DEAD AS A DODO

The extinction of birds and other animals will be the focus of this one-hour long program of slides and discussion, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington: **FULL MOON WALK**

Learn some moon facts and lore during this naturalist-led hike under the light of the full moon, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, at Kensington.

1999 PERMITS

The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metroparks offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$8 for senior citizens). Call (800) 47-PARKS for more information.

DETROIT VIPERS

Tonight, Feb. 25
7:30 PM
vs. Indianapolis
*Vipers card sheet giveaway to first 2,500 fans
courtesy of Freshette Pizzeria

This Sat., Feb. 27
7:30 PM
vs. Milwaukee
*Beverly Hills '90210' Star, Lindsay Price will be dropping the puck & signing autographs.
*Vipers goalie mask giveaway to first 4,000 fans
courtesy of The Hub

VIPERS VALUE NIGHT

EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY HOME GAME
INCLUDES: 1 TICKET, 1 HOT DOG, 1 T-SHIRT & 1 SODA

On Sale at The Palace Box Office
or Call (248) 377-0100
TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE AT
visit our website at www.palacenet.com

DON'T MISS OUT!

BILL LAMBEER NIGHT

TOMORROW, FEB. 26 @ 8:00 PM VS. MIAMI HEAT

Bill Lambeer 10th Anniversary Collectors' Series Poster to first 4,000 fans. Courtesy of National City

THIS SUNDAY, FEB. 28 @ 12:30 PM VS. NEW YORK KNICKS

PICK-A-PLAN Select any 5 games for only \$79!
Please see Adult T-shirt to first 4,000 fans 18 & older. Courtesy of CASINO WINDSOR

TICKETS AVAILABLE. CALL NOW!
(248)377-0100

ROCKERS IS SOCCER

North secures title share

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER
domeara@oe.homecomm.net

North Farmington earned a share of the Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball championship Tuesday but not without a challenge from crosstown rival Farmington.

The Raiders had to overcome a late charge by the host Falcons to claim a 45-35 victory in the WLAAs round-robin finale for both teams.

North finishes 10-1 and will share the regular-season title with Walled Lake Western. Farmington finishes in ninth place with a 3-9 record.

"I'm just really happy for the kids; they've really worked hard," North coach Tom Negoshian said, adding the Raiders also won Lakes Division and city championships. "Farmington didn't roll over and die. They played us as tough as they could and did a great job."

Negoshian shares credit with former coach Brian Swinehart, who became athletic director for Farmington Public Schools in September, for helping to shape this year's team, which is 14-3 overall.

"The work ethic has been tremendous, and I think it goes back to the summertime," Negoshian said. "They put in a lot of time with Brian Swinehart. This didn't just happen in November. Brian did a great job working with them."

Farmington held North's leading scorer, junior center Emir Medunjanin, to seven points, but junior forward Phil Watha made four three-point shots and a pair of dunks for a game-high 16.

Senior guard Albert Deljosevic had one three, was 7-of-8 shooting free throws and scored 12 points. Junior post player Adrian Bridges added six points.

Farmington junior center Justin Milus was responsible for limiting Medunjanin with his best defense, causing the North star to shoot off balance and holding him to one shot most of the time.

"You're not going to stop Emir completely," Farmington coach Denny Mikel said. "We wanted to be playing up tight on him, keep a

BASKETBALL

hand in the face and not let him get any put-backs. Justin did a nice job trying to contain him."

Milus led the Falcons, who are 6-11 overall, with eight points — all of them in the first half. Juniors Chad Seaborn, C.J. Whitfield and Garlin Gilchrist scored seven points apiece.

Farmington's lead scorer, sophomore guard Matt Mikel, had just two points, which is 11 below his average. Milus is second in scoring with 12 per game.

"I thought my kids played pretty hard," Mikel said. "We didn't have a whole lot to play for. We were playing for some pride, and I thought we gave them a little bit of a scare."

"As good a team as North has, we were just hoping to keep it respectable. We didn't want to get blown out."

"That's a nice (North) ballclub. They have the inside-outside game, and they have good ball handling. Tom has done a nice job with that team."

After a sluggish start by both teams — their first-quarter shooting percentages were in the low teens — Watha broke a 7-7 tie with back-to-back triples in the second period. His third three gave the Raiders a 19-15 halftime lead.

"Of all the kids, fortunately, he was shooting well," Negoshian said, a reference to Watha's ability to turn a game around with his perimeter shooting. "Phil did a great job for us."

"We wanted to play Watha and Albert pretty tough man-to-man," Mikel said. "We didn't want to sag and help, because Emir does a good job of kicking it out and those two can shoot the perimeter shot."

"That meant we guarded Bridges and Emir one-on-one down in the paint, which is kinda dangerous, but we had to give up something."

"We did a pretty good job. But then Phil got away from us a few times, and it was tough for us to recover from that."

The Raiders scored the first 10 points of the third quarter and led 32-17 after Deljose-

vic sank his three. But the Falcons scored the last nine to get within six at the end, 32-26, and Gilchrist came off the bench to spark Farmington in the fourth quarter.

Gilchrist scored seven straight points for the Falcons, including a three to cut North's lead to 36-33 with six minutes remaining.

"They shut down our big scoring threats, but Garlin stepped up," Mikel said. "He kept us in it for a while, but we couldn't seem to get anybody else on track from the perimeter."

Seaborn's basket with four minutes left kept it a three-point difference, 38-35, but Farmington didn't score again.

The Falcons failed to capitalize on a North turnover and missed shots on their next two possessions.

The Raiders, meanwhile, got two free throws from Deljosevic and another three from Watha to build their lead back to eight with a minute to play. Deljosevic added two free throws with nine seconds remaining.

"Give credit where it's due," Negoshian said. "The Falcons did a great job on Emir, but we were being in there, did some things and won the game."

North was 16-of-51 (31 percent) from the floor and 8-of-10 at the line; Farmington was 15-of-47 (32 percent) and 4-of-7, respectively.

The Raiders will play host to Walled Lake Central in a first-round WLAAs playoff game Friday. The Falcons were one game and one place short of qualifying for the tournament.

"I've been in this league since it started, and I really believe this year's tournament, one through eight, is as tough as it's ever been," Negoshian said. "Anyone can win it."

LUTHERAN NORTH 56, CLARENCEVILLE 45: Poor shooting doomed the Trojans. Clarenceville made just 19 of 53 shots Tuesday while in falling to host Macomb Lutheran North.

Sophomore center Scott Wion scored 14 points to lead the Trojans, and junior forward Rick Burack contributed 10.

David Schwark scored 23 points for the Mustangs while teammate John Blanchard added 12.

Lutheran North (9-8) upped its Metro Conference mark to 8-5 while Clarenceville (6-11) dropped to 5-8.

BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

Following is a list of boys' Observant best swim times and diving scores. Coaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara by faxing information to (734) 591-7279 or calling (734) 953-2141.

300-YARD MEDLEY RELAY
(state cut: 1:42.99)
North Farmington 1:42.19
Plymouth Salem 1:44.28
Livonia Stevenson 1:44.50
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:45.60
Redford Catholic Central 1:47.35

500 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 1:49.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:45.36
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 1:48.51
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:50.61
James McPartin (John Glenn) 1:50.75
Matt Casillas (Salem) 1:51.97
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 1:52.49
Don LeClair (Canton) 1:53.11

1000 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.24
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Matt Casillas (Salem) 5:08.46
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:12.90
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05
Loch Kroyft (N. Farmington) 5:19.23

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
(state cut: 2:03.99)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 2:00.50
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 2:00.95
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:07.30
James McPartin (John Glenn) 2:07.36
Paul Perez (Salem) 2:09.59
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:09.82
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 2:11.06
Aaron Redder (Canton) 2:11.63
Eric Lynn (Salem) 2:11.63
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:12.05

50 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 22.59)
Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 21.68
Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.19
James McPartin (John Glenn) 22.65
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 22.73
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 22.80
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 22.81
Don LeClair (Canton) 23.09
Mark Wachberg (N. Farmington) 23.18
Bill Randall (Churchill) 23.55

100 BACKSTROKE
(state cut: 56.39)
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.66
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 57.15
Devin Hopper (Farmington) 57.39
Aaron Redder (Canton) 58.06
James McPartin (John Glenn) 58.42
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 58.77
Matt Casillas (Salem) 59.46
Justin Allen (Canton) 59.62
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 59.69
Eric Lynn (Salem) 1:00.05

100 BREASTSTROKE
(state cut: 1:03.19)
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:02.68
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:03.76
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:04.97
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:05.13
David Hartmann (Farmington) 1:05.58
Josh Markou (Redford CC) 1:06.01
Sonny Webber (Wayne) 1:06.91
Jon Zaid (N. Farmington) 1:07.27
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:07.30
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 1:07.90

100 BUTTERFLY
(state cut: 3:23.09)
North Farmington 3:21.17
Livonia Stevenson 3:22.30
Plymouth Salem 3:24.04
Redford Catholic Central 3:24.16
Plymouth Canton 3:29.29

1000 BUTTERFLY
(state cut: 55.58)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 54.00
James McPartin (John Glenn) 54.55
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.45
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 55.68
Paul Perez (Salem) 56.13

1000 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.24
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Matt Casillas (Salem) 5:08.46
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:12.90
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05
Loch Kroyft (N. Farmington) 5:19.23

1000 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.24
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Matt Casillas (Salem) 5:08.46
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:12.90
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05
Loch Kroyft (N. Farmington) 5:19.23

1000 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.24
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Matt Casillas (Salem) 5:08.46
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:12.90
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05
Loch Kroyft (N. Farmington) 5:19.23

1000 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.24
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Matt Casillas (Salem) 5:08.46
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:12.90
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05
Loch Kroyft (N. Farmington) 5:19.23

1000 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.24
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Matt Casillas (Salem) 5:08.46
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:12.90
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05
Loch Kroyft (N. Farmington) 5:19.23

1000 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.24
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Matt Casillas (Salem) 5:08.46
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:12.90
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05
Loch Kroyft (N. Farmington) 5:19.23

1000 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.24
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Matt Casillas (Salem) 5:08.46
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:12.90
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05
Loch Kroyft (N. Farmington) 5:19.23

1000 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.24
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Matt Casillas (Salem) 5:08.46
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:12.90
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05
Loch Kroyft (N. Farmington) 5:19.23

1000 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.24
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Matt Casillas (Salem) 5:08.46
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:12.90
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05
Loch Kroyft (N. Farmington) 5:19.23

1000 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.24
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Matt Casillas (Salem) 5:08.46
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:12.90
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05
Loch Kroyft (N. Farmington) 5:19.23

1000 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.24
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Matt Casillas (Salem) 5:08.46
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:12.90
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05
Loch Kroyft (N. Farmington) 5:19.23

1000 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.24
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Matt Casillas (Salem) 5:08.46
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:12.90
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05
Loch Kroyft (N. Farmington) 5:19.23

1000 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.24
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Matt Casillas (Salem) 5:08.46
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:12.90
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05
Loch Kroyft (N. Farmington) 5:19.23

1000 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.24
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Matt Casillas (Salem) 5:08.46
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:12.90
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05
Loch Kroyft (N. Farmington) 5:19.23

1000 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.24
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Matt Casillas (Salem) 5:08.46
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:12.90
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05
Loch Kroyft (N. Farmington) 5:19.23

1000 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.24
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Matt Casillas (Salem) 5:08.46
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:12.90
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05
Loch Kroyft (N. Farmington) 5:19.23

1000 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.24
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Matt Casillas (Salem) 5:08.46
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:12.90
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05
Loch Kroyft (N. Farmington) 5:19.23

1000 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.24
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Matt Casillas (Salem) 5:08.46
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:12.90
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05
Loch Kroyft (N. Farmington) 5:19.23

1000 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.24
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Matt Casillas (Salem) 5:08.46
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:12.90
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05
Loch Kroyft (N. Farmington) 5:19.23

1000 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.24
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Matt Casillas (Salem) 5:08.46
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:12.90
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05
Loch Kroyft (N. Farmington) 5:19.23

District opener could decide state title

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER
skowalski@oe.homecomm.net

A champion in the Class A hockey district No. 7 at Livonia's Eddie Edgar Arena won't be crowned until next Wednesday, but some might push to have the ceremony after the final horn tonight.

The district opens at 8:30 p.m. tonight with a marquee matchup: the state's No. 1 ranked team, Redford Catholic Central, against the next-highest ranked team in the district, No. 5 Livonia Stevenson.

The winner, some suggest, is the "official" champion or at least the overwhelming favorite to win the five-team district and advance to the regionals.

But it might not be so cut and dry. Redford Unified, 19-3-2 overall and tied with Clarkston at No. 10 in Class A, will play the CC-Stevenson winner at 5:30 p.m. Friday in a district semifinal.

Waiting on the other side of the bracket could be red-hot Livonia Churchill, which meets Livonia Franklin in the other district semifinal at 3:30 p.m. Friday.

The Chargers, 13-7-4 overall, ended the regular season on a five-game winning streak and have perhaps the state's top sophomore goaltender, Ryan McBroom.

That's why nothing's conceded until the real championship at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. As they say, it's one game at a time.

"I think we're as ready as we're going to be," said CC coach Gordie St. John, whose team won a Michigan Metro Hockey League championship and is 22-1-1 overall. "Stevenson is a very strong team, talented, and will give us all we can handle. It's got a rivalry to it. It's two schools out of the same area. The team that makes the fewest mistakes will win."

St. John calls the district one of the best in the state. RU finished second behind Stevenson in the Suburban High School Prep Hockey League standings and also shares ice time with CC at Redford Arena.

Those variables make Stevenson and CC rivals of RU, according to St. John. Churchill, meanwhile, could be the wild card the way it's played lately in front of McBroom.

"No matter who RU plays (CC or Stevenson) it will be a very intense game," St. John said. "And McBroom can win it by himself. You never can discount a guy who is real good between

PREVIEW

the pipes. That Churchill team is on fire."

Stevenson coach Mike Harris said Monday he glad the Spartans drew CC in the opener, because he "wants to see how good we are. They're the number one team and that's what we hope to have: quality competition. I know we're going to get that. (But) I think we're better."

The Spartans won the SHSPHL and finished the regular season 19-2-2 overall after Tuesday's 5-3 win over Birmingham Brother Rice.

CC has won two state titles in St. John's five years as coach but the Spartans have three of the top four point getters in the SHSPHL, led by John May with 21 goals and 21 assists in 14 games. Tim Allen (13-17) and Mark Nebus (11-18) have 30 points each.

David Moss (18-15) and Todd Bentley (15-18) led CC in Metro play with 33 points each. Senior Keith Rowe has 29 (10-19).

"This time of year, just drop the puck," Harris added. "It's two great teams playing. No. 1 against 5, and we're underdogs, have nothing to lose."

"It's going to come down to goaltending and who wants to go. I don't have a top line, I have 20 guys that love the game and are ready to play."

Each team has used a two goaltender rotation in recent weeks and hasn't decided on a starter as of Monday. The Spartans have used Kevin Marlowe and Chris McComb while the Shamrocks have gone with Andrew McCoy and Ben Dunne the last several weeks after using Dunne almost exclusively earlier.

RU coach Pete Mazzoni is happy with a first-round bye but knows Stevenson, which has beaten the Panthers twice already, and CC are huge tests.

"I'm happy CC and Stevenson have to play each other first," Mazzoni said. "One will have to knock the other out."

RU has a balanced lineup that includes senior defenseman Dave Sellin and forwards Joel

Halliday and Jason Moul. Churchill is 4-1-3 in non-league games, including a win over Trenton.

Franklin, 7-14-2, is a heavy underdog, especially with the Chargers playing so well of late.

"With the state playoffs on the horizon the Churchill team is starting to play with a greater sense of urgency than maybe what you've seen us playing during the league schedule," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said.

"We're playing our best hockey and they're having fun coming to the rink. We're starting to gel. Everybody is working hard. We use non-league games as a marker. I'm happy with what I've seen in those games."

Mazzoni is also leery of Churchill, which lost twice to RU.

"Churchill has really been improving the last couple weeks. It's a tough non-conference schedule and McBroom is an outstanding goaltender," Mazzoni said. "If they win their game (against Franklin) whoever they play in the finals I wouldn't be surprised if they won."

CC caps regular season by beating Forest Hills

Redford Catholic Central wrapped the its regular-season with a 6-2 win Monday over previously-undefeated Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central at Redford Arena.

The Shamrocks, 22-1-1 overall, outscored Central, 6-1 in the second period after a 1-1 tie through the first 15 minutes.

Sophomore Ben Dunne played the first 2-12 periods in net, surrendering three goals. Andrew McCoy played the remaining minutes.

Senior Keith Rowe scored two goals and Todd Bentley, Pat O'Dea, Brad Holland, David Moss, Joe Hillebrand and Joe Moreau scored one goal each.

Nathan LeWane, Ryan Yost, Holland and Rick Buttery had two assists apiece. Brandon Kaleniecki, Moss, Jim Spiewak, Moreau, Rowe, Chris Morelli, Dunne and Erik Hawkins contributed one each.

On Saturday, the Shamrocks beat Bloomfield Hills Cran-

PREP HOCKEY

brook, 2-1, in a non-league game at Redford Arena.

CC scored two goals in the second period after a scoreless first period. Dunne gave up one goal in the third.

Holland opened the scoring, assisted by Bentley and Moss. Kaleniecki scored the second goal, assisted by Yost.

YOUR SUBURBAN FORD DEALERS

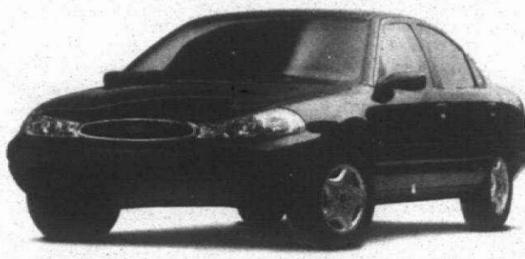
99' FORD WINDSTAR
★★★★...SAFETY RATING*



Current lessees can Re-Lease a 99' Windstar LX

For as low as **\$224** A month(1) with a 30 month low mileage Red Carpet Lease.

99' FORD CONTOUR SE



Current lessees can Re-Lease a 99' Contour SE

For as low as **\$184** A month(1) with a 24 month low mileage Red Carpet Lease.

99' FORD RANGER



Current Lessees can Re-Lease a 99'Ranger XLT

For as low as **\$119** A month(1) with a 36 month low mileage Red Carpet Lease.

If you're a Ford Employee or eligible family member you can lease...

For as low as **\$190** A month(1) with a 30 month low mileage Red Carpet Lease.

If you're a Ford Employee or eligible family member you can lease...

For as low as **\$154** A month(1) with a 24 month low mileage Red Carpet Lease.

If you're a Ford Employee or eligible family member you can lease...

For as low as **\$97** A month(1) with a 36 month low mileage Red Carpet Lease.

30 Month Red Carpet Lease Capitalized Cost	Retail	Employee
	\$22,939.59	\$21,628.00
First Month's Payment	\$ 223.57	\$ 189.54
Refundable Security Deposit	\$ 250.00	\$ 225.00
Down Payment (net of incentives)	\$ 2,500.50	\$ 2,162.80
Cash Due at Signing	\$ 2,974.07	\$ 2,577.34
<small>*\$00.15 /Mile Over 30,000 Miles</small>		

24 Month Red Carpet Lease Capitalized Cost	Retail	Employee
	\$16,309.73	\$15,423.00
First Month's Payment	\$ 183.52	\$ 154.23
Refundable Security Deposit	\$ 200.00	\$ 175.00
Down Payment (net of incentives)	\$ 1,761.50	\$ 1,542.30
Cash Due at Signing	\$ 2,145.02	\$ 1,871.53
<small>\$00.15 /Mile Over 24,000 Miles</small>		

36 Month Red Carpet Lease Capitalized Cost	Retail	Employee
	\$14,370.05	\$13,416.00
First Month's Payment	\$ 118.79	\$ 97.18
Refundable Security Deposit	\$ 150.00	\$ 125.00
Down Payment (net of incentives)	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,341.60
Cash Due at Signing	\$ 1,818.79	\$ 1,563.78
<small>\$00.15 /Mile Over 36,000 Miles</small>		

REGISTER TO WIN A CARIBBEAN CRUISE FOR TWO.... CLIP THIS COUPON...

TAKE IT TO ANY ONE OF THE 18 SUBURBAN FORD DEALERS FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A LUXURIOUS CARIBBEAN CRUISE. YOU COULD BE THE LUCKY WINNER. BUT ONLY IF YOU ENTER. SO FILL THIS ENTRY BLANK OUT TODAY AND TAKE TO ANYONE OF THE 18 SUBURBAN FORD DEALERS!!

Simply fill in the information on this entry form and take it to the dealership. Winner will be drawn on 2/28/99. Contest ends 2/28/99. One winner will be chosen and one cruise will be awarded. Trip date is firm and No deviations can be made. See dealer for complete rules. Or send this to "Cruise contest" 38777 6 mile rd. #310 Livonia, MI. 48152.

Name (please print) _____ Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (home) _____ (work) _____
 Dealership _____

the right choice.

(1)99' Ranger XLT 4x2 PEP 864A w/auto/trans. MSRP of \$15,500, A-Plan price \$13,416. 99' Contour SE, MSRP \$17,615, A-Plan price \$15,423. 99' Windstar LX w/3.8l, 4th door, MSRP of \$25,005, A-Plan price \$21,628.50. Tax, title and other fees extra. Retail lease payments based on average capitalized cost of 92.71% of MSRP (Ranger), 92.59% of MSRP (Contour), 91.74% of MSRP (Windstar) excluding tax, title and license fee, for leases purchased in the Detroit Region through 12/31/98. Lessee responsible for excess wear/tear. For special lease terms and RCL Cash, \$1000 RCL cash on Ranger and Windstar, \$750 RCL cash on Contour plus \$500 Red Carpet Lease Renewal Cash on Ranger & Windstar, \$1000 on Contour, take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 4/1/99 for Ranger & Windstar, by 3/1/99 for Contour. RCL Cash may be taken in cash, but is used towards down payment in examples shown. Supplies are limited, not all dealers will have all featured models. Residency restrictions apply. See dealer for complete details. *Driver and passenger front crash test. Government data only useful in comparing vehicles within 500 pounds.



*the right people.
 the right parts.
 always the right prices.*

\$95.00 or less **brake service**
 Install genuine Ford front or rear brake linings on most cars and light trucks.* Excludes machining rotors and drums.

\$69.00 or less **shocks**
 Motorcraft shocks \$69.00 per pair, installed on most passenger cars.* Motorcraft shocks \$99.00 per pair, installed on most light trucks.* Excludes vehicles with struts, air ride or electronically controlled suspensions.

\$59.95 MSRP **batteries**
 Motorcraft Tested Tough® series batteries. Installation extra. Fits most cars and light trucks.*

*Taxes extra. Ask your Service Advisor for details through 3/28/99.

With Quality Care Service at your 18 Suburban Ford Dealers, you get the parts designed for your vehicle, factory-trained technicians and more. Now you get everyday low prices, too.



- Open Saturdays To Serve You Better**
- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| VARSITY FORD
3480 Jackson Rd. 1-800-875-FORD
ANN ARBOR | ATCHINSON FORD
9800 Belleville Rd. 734-697-9161
BELLEVILLE | GENE BUTMAN
2105 Washtenaw 734-482-8581
YPSILANTI |
| BRIARWOOD FORD
7070 Michigan Ave 734-429-5478
SALINE | HINES PARK FORD
130 S. Milford Rd. 248-684-1715
MILFORD | FRIENDLY FORD
1011 S. Monroe 734-243-6000
MONROE |
- To learn more, visit us at www.qualitycareservice.com www.suburbanforddealers.com

THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Diane Keaton (left) and Juliette Lewis star in "The Other Sister," opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



Mosaic Youth Theatre presents "heartBEAT" 8 p.m. at the Anderson Theatre in the Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. Tickets \$10 adults, \$7 students and senior citizens. Call (313) 982-6001.

SUNDAY



Blair Shannon presents a combination of humor and vocal impressions 7:30 p.m. at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak. Tickets \$6, call (248) 542-9900.

HOT TICKET



Cirque Ingenuiex continues through Sunday, Feb. 28 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Avenue, Detroit. Tickets \$25-\$38.50, call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets, or (313) 983-6611 for more information.

Petula Clark enjoys being on

'Sunset Boulevard'



On Sunset Boulevard: Petula Clark and Lewis Cleale as Norma Desmond and Joe Gillis in a scene from "Sunset Boulevard."

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER
kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

It's a battle to stay healthy on tour, but Petula Clark is a soldier who hasn't missed a show yet.

"We're having a great time, like everyone we've had the flu, coughs and colds. I had a little bout of it," said Clark who plays Norma Desmond in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Sunset Boulevard," coming to the Detroit Opera House, March 2-21.

It was a role she accepted reluctantly when asked by producer Trevor Nunn in London.

"I didn't think I was right for the part," said Clark in a telephone interview from the Cleveland Ritz-Carlton. "I got talked into it by Trevor. 'But of course, you're absolutely right for the part,' he said. The next thing I knew I was rehearsing for the damn thing."

"Sunset Boulevard" is based on Billy Wilder's 1950 film by the same name. It's a love story set in Hollywood and tells the story of a down and out young screenwriter Joe Gillis, played by Lewis Cleale, and his meeting with Norma Desmond, a legendary silent screen star.

"They didn't want me to see the movie, in a way I was rather pleased," said Clark. "They wanted me to do it my way, and I didn't know what my way was. They said I'd bring humor and vulnerability to the part. It helped a bit, just

"Sunset Boulevard"

WHEN: Tuesday, March 2 through Sunday, March 21. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday; and 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

WHERE: Detroit Opera House

TICKETS: \$32.50-\$65, available at the Fisher Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge tickets call (248) 645-6666. For information call (313) 872-1000.

doing it by instinct my way."

Her first performance as Norma Desmond was in September 1995. She stayed with the London production until it closed on April 5, 1997.

"I disliked her intensely when I started playing her," said Clark about Norma Desmond. "When I got used to being her, I began to understand her, then I began to love her. When the show ended in London, I missed this friend I made."

Clark will be touring with the cast of "Sunset Boulevard," as part of a 47-city tour in the U.S. until December. "I'm from England you know, and I enjoy traveling around the States," she said.

A show biz veteran who started her career at the age of 10 when she appeared on the BBC and did shows for the troops during World War II at Army camps, Clark is a trooper. She admits that Webber's musicals can be challenging both as an actress and a singer. In

"Sunset Boulevard," the focus of the production is on Norma Desmond.

"You just have to take care of yourself," she said. "It's a great role to play. It's a journey you have to take every night. As soon as I have my make-up on and hear the music, I'm ready for that long, difficult journey. I'm prepared for it."

She's enjoying playing opposite Lewis Cleale. "He's an amazing actor, and an amazingly clever singer," she said.

She compared working with Cleale to playing tennis with a good tennis player. "It keeps you on your toes," she said. "It helps you perform better."

Long before we started humming the words to "Downtown," the song that made her a household name, Clark was already an established actress and singer.

She made her first film at age 12, "A Medal for the General," and appeared in more than two dozen films in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Her first big hit was "With All My Heart," in the 1950s. In the late 1960s she appeared in Francis Ford Coppola's screen version of "Finians Rainbow," opposite the late Fred Astaire, and starred with Peter O'Toole in "Goodbye Mr. Chips."

Stage credits include "The Sound of Music," "Candida" and "Blood Brothers." She composed the music and starred in "Someone

Please see CLARK, E2



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Looking for Aretha: Keith Richards met members of the media with a rousing "Yeah" after descending from a Northwest Airlines jet on Saturday at Oakland County International Airport. Singer Aretha Franklin was the first person for whom he asked.

'Stones' roll into Detroit

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER
cfuoco@oe.homecomm.net

As the Rolling Stones' luxury Northwest Airlines jet landed at Oakland County International Airport, guitarist Keith Richards had one request for Detroit-area media.

"Is Aretha (Franklin) here? I want some home cookin,'" he said after greeting the media with a rousing "Yeah! Detroit, it's good to be back here."

Richards' flamboyant exit — with voodoo walking stick in hand and fishing lure-like accessories dangling from his hair — from the airplane at 7:20 p.m. Saturday was a way to divert attention from singer

— Keith Richards

Mick Jagger who walked immediately to a nearby limo.

The band was in town to play The Palace of Auburn Hills on Monday. Richards and guitarist Ron Wood said they're happy to return to the "club" atmosphere of arenas.

"God's not in the band anymore. You don't have to worry about the weather. You don't have to worry about the elements," Richards said of the nights spent playing outdoor stadiums.

"It's great getting nearer to the fans and especially because of the smaller stage," Wood added as drummer Charlie Watts snuck up behind him grinning like a Cheshire cat. When asked if he misses having the freedom to roam around a large stage, Wood explained, "It keeps us under control."

The Stones didn't have any big plans for the two days leading up to its concert. Wood, mimicking a boxer, said he was happy just sitting in his hotel room and watching the Felix Trinidad and Pernell Whitaker fight on HBO.



Grace & Glorie: Elizabeth Lee (left) and Laura Gumina play two women from vastly different backgrounds who are struggling with life and death matters.

COMMUNITY THEATER

Actresses recall experiences for riveting drama

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER
lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

Tom Ziegler's play about two women struggling to unravel their own truths about life and death really hit home for Elizabeth Bradford. Tears glistening in her eyes, Bradford talked about the role she plays in "Grace & Glorie," the upcoming Trinity House Theatre production. Two weeks after rehearsals began, Bradford's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Bradford plays Glorie, a 30-something woman who's left a career as a high-powered New York executive to become a hospice volunteer. She befriends Grace, a woman dying of cancer in the backwoods of Virginia.

"It's both hard and cathartic, as Glo-

"Grace & Glorie"

WHEN: Friday, March 5 through Sunday, March 28 with a special preview Wednesday, March 3. Curtain times 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday.

WHERE: Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, (west of I-275), Livonia.

TICKETS: \$10, \$8 for groups of 10 or more. Call (734) 464-6302.

rie deals with Grace dying and the death of her own son, to see how someone else deals with it," said Bradford of Plymouth. "Grace ends up showing her there are joys in life, and loss is a part of living."

Trudy Mason got a bonus when she double cast the roles of Glorie and

Grace because she didn't want to risk losing one of the play's two characters to a snow storm or sickness — four actresses with life experiences similar to the characters they're playing. Each bring their own interpretations to the roles.

"It's a universal theme," said Mason. "We all have to deal with life and death. The characters are from different places and different lives. Glorie has a lot to learn from the older lady. Yet there's this thread they discover, they're all human."

Mason's 35 years in theater readied her to direct this play. From acting in "The Merry Wives of Windsor" at Meadow Brook Theatre to singing gospel in a

Please see ACTRESSES, E2

Music masters help out a friend

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER
hgallagher@e.homecomm.net

The guest list is impressive — guitar masters Chet Atkins, Earl Klugh and Larry Carlton, bluesgrass sensation Alison Krauss, jazz saxman Kirk Whalum, trumpeter Marcus Belgrave and vibes legend Gary Burton.

Now Darryl Dybka just needs to find the right distributor for his "Curiosity Dance" CD.

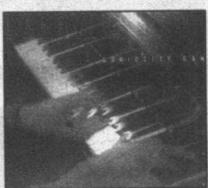
Dybka's CD.

The composer-pianist may not be well known to the general public but his long years as a sideman have earned him the Redford native the respect of his fellow musicians.

A 1971 graduate of Redford Thurston High School, Dybka's soft jazz stylings belie his beginnings as a touring musician with Frank Zappa.

"It was a real short tour, but I learned a lot," the quiet-spoken musician said. "It was exciting to go into a sports arena and everyone screaming. I wasn't used to that."

His next gig was closer in spirit to his musical tastes when he joined Detroit jazz guitarist Earl Klugh for six years, including a



performance at Carnegie Hall.

"He came to hear me play at a club in Rochester and he told me to call him back in a couple weeks, so I did," Dybka said.

On the album notes, Dybka thanks Klugh for "all the fun times out on tour and in the studio... What a great pleasure it is for me to hear you play your guitar so beautifully on your compositions."

It was Klugh who helped Dybka move to his next long-term association.

"Earl knew I wanted to write music," Dybka said. "Chet Atkins was looking for someone who could write songs and I did, and he really liked one and said 'I could use a guy like you in my band if you ever moved to Nashville.' So I

moved here in 1985."

Dybka toured with Atkins from 1992 to 1994 and co-produced three of his records. In 1992 he won a Grammy certificate for co-producing the Chet Atkins-Jerry Reed "Sneakin' Around" album.

"The reason he wanted to use me as a composer was to give him a jazzier sound, he was looking to get into new music," Dybka said.

Atkins recorded several of Dybka's compositions and co-wrote several songs with him.

Dybka obviously admires his mentors, Klugh and Atkins.

"I think they're similar, not in what they play but in their appreciation of the guitar and music in general," he said. "They have strong love for their instrument."

Dybka's own musical tastes are rooted in modern jazz.

"I love and listen to a lot of Herbie Hancock, Keith Jarrett, Miles Davis. I like Weather Report," he said.

Dybka said working with Gary Burton, who has recently reteamed with Chick Corea for several sold-out concerts, was as if he were visiting the Beatles.

Allison Krauss joined on through her brother Viktor, who

plays bass on the album.

"I wanted someone to do a little scatting, not jazz scatting but non-verbal singing to get across an emotion," Dybka said. "I was thrilled about her, she sings beautifully."

He said beauty was a major focus of his music.

"I enjoy more complex harmonies than just simple music," he said.

Dybka's music is multi-layered but soft, almost delicate. His work with Atkins on "Jimmy" shows some of the guitarist's country influence.

When asked for his favorite cuts, Dybka chooses his solo work on "Amber Sunshine" and the complex "Five Balloons" with Larry Carlton and flute and sax playing by Denis Solee.

The music is reminiscent of CDs produced by the Windham Hill and Concord labels and Dybka said those are two companies he would be approaching, but he is more interested in his composing and performing.

He's working on another CD even as he tries to peddle "Curiosity Dance."

"I'm having to depend on other people, I don't want to spend a career being a record guy," he said.



On Stage: Zachary Boose (left) of Royal Oak stars as File, Amanda Poland as Lizzie and Dean Martell of Livonia as Starbuck in "The Rainmaker."

Local thespians light up the stage

There's "No Business Like Show Business" for talented local actors and actresses who participate in community theater.

Local thespians are featured in the following upcoming productions.

Zachary Boose of Royal Oak and Dean Martell of Livonia star in the Grosse Pointe Theatre production of "The Rainmaker" by N. Richard Nash. Opening 8 p.m. Thursday, March 11 in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, the show continues 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, through Saturday, March 27. Tickets are \$13, call (313) 881-4004.

Not to be confused with the recent film by the same title, "The Rainmaker" is the classic American play which also became the 1956 film, starring Katherine Hepburn and Burt Lancaster.

It is the story of Lizzie, the only woman in her family, who believes she is plain and will become an old maid. In this romance, set against the backdrop of the drought-ridden Southwest, the charismatic rainmaker Starbuck helps Lizzie to realize that she has a beauty all

her own.

Sarah Hope Hedeon of Livonia is directing "Quilters" by Barbara Damashek and Molly Newman to be presented March 12-14, March 19-21 and March 26-27 at the North Roseale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit (west of Southfield and south of McNichols). Call (313) 531-0431 for ticket information.

Hedeon performed "Quilters" five years ago at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia. A musical, "Quilters" celebrates life in pioneer America in the late 1800s. Seven women depict the true stories of over 150 characters.

Stagelighters is presenting the comedy "Light Up the Sky," by Moss Hart, March 12-28 at the historic Baldwin Theatre in downtown Royal Oak. Tickets are \$10-\$12, call (248) 541-6430.

A special dinner package is available from Illusions Bar & Grill in downtown Royal Oak, call (248) 586-1313.

The production features Rosemary Gass of Southfield, Maureen Cook of Beverly Hills, Mark and Landa Hammel of Lathrup Village, Tania Velinsky of Royal Oak, Bridget Michael of Walled Lake, and Tom Krell of Royal Oak. Jay Kaplan of Lathrup Village directs.

Clark from page E1

Like "You," an original stage musical set in the aftermath of the American Civil War. She also co-wrote the book with Fay Weldon.

Show business is the only business she knows, and if she had the opportunity to do anything else, it "would be something wonderful," she said. "Hesitating a few seconds, she says, 'I'd like to work with refugees. I've been out with the U.N. and would like to go out there in the field instead of just raising money. I'd like to do something worthwhile. Sometimes you think show business is not worthwhile, but then you'll get a letter from someone who says they probably wouldn't be alive if it wasn't for your music."

Maybe we are doing something worthwhile, but we don't think of it that way at the time."

She's working on a one woman show with a team from Cirque Soleil. "It's a concert with attitudes and special effects," she said. "It's very special. There will be visual and sound effects."

Still, it's hard to picture Clark as anywhere but "Downtown, where all the lights are bright..."

"Did she know it would be a hit?"

"I knew it was a good song," she said. "But people are the ones who tell you what's a hit. It's like a recipe. You're, but there's something that makes it work."



Thriller: David Ellenstein and Denise Michelle Young in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "Scotland Road."

'Scotland Road' sinks with its cleverness

"Scotland Road," Tuesday-Saturday, through Sunday, March 7, Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills; (248) 377-3300.

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER
fprovenzano@e.homecomm.net

From now on, any future discussions about the Titanic as a source of inspiration for a book, movie or play should be referred to "Scotland Road."

If ever a tale put to rest the notion that the sinking of the unsinkable ocean liner was a timeless story, "Scotland Road" is it.

In the end, the play sinks from an all-too-clever premise and the bloated promise of suspense. "Scotland Road," by the way, is a reference to the halfway passage taken by third-class passengers to the top deck on the doomed ship.

Despite some fine moments of acting, the cast and Meadow Brook director Geoffrey Sherman do not pull off the difficult task of delving into the popular mythology of the Titanic.

Instead, audiences are presented with a neat plot idea that author Jeffrey Hatcher stretched into a one-act play, set in the present.

The premise of "Scotland Road" is torn from the tabloids. A woman, who is found floating in the Atlantic, claims to be a survivor of the Titanic. Discard reason and the obvious absurdity. At least that's the course of the supposed grandson of a victim of the Titanic, the tycoon John Jacob Astor.

In a sterile gas station turned private sanitarium along the coast of Maine, Astor has confined the lost woman in order to discover whether she is telling the truth. A grueling interrogation conducted by Astor and an

accommodating psychologist is intended to reveal the woman's true identity and motivation.

Along the way, Astor is slowly convinced that maybe the woman is who she says she is. The twist is that Astor isn't who he says he is.

The success of this kind of dramatic sleight-of-hand, however, depends on whether audiences can empathize with the play's characters.

But initially, the play fails to draw any deep emotional connection to the audience. The story is told through vignettes, flashes of the interrogation and audio interludes of rushing water as the emotionally cool woman sits in an authentic early century deck chair.

Fortunately, Astor played by David Ellenstein begins to thaw as he reveals his need to discover how his supposed great-grandfather died.

Ellenstein hits the mark as he becomes more vulnerable, and the audience learns of his character's bizarre obsession with the Titanic tale.

Ironically, the woman who was discovered on an iceberg, played by Denise Michelle Young, slowly thaws and offers the most chilling and convincing accounts of the last moments afloat the Titanic.

It's a tale of heroism, cowardice and injustice.

Of course, it's a story of which audiences have shown an insatiable appetite.

The strongest moments in "Scotland Road" are the insightful examinations of how the Titanic story has been clinically dissected by the mass media.

But ultimately, the play's unsatisfying climax renders any insight as a mere afterthought. "Scotland Road" never sees the iceberg ahead.

THEATER

'The Sound of Music' will stir souls

Plymouth Theatre Guild presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, March 5-6; and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 at the Water Tower Theatre on the grounds of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital (south of Seven Mile Road, west of I-275) in Northville. Call (248) 349-7110 for ticket information.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

From the beautiful opening prelude of nuns from the Nonnberg Abbey to the ending crescendo of "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," the music in the Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of "The Sound of Music" will stir your soul and warm your heart.

Even if you think you've seen "The Sound of Music" too many times, the strong cast and Lisa Andres' clever and skillful direction, infuse the delightful show with new energy, and give PTV its season's best see production.

Set in Austria in 1938, "The Sound of Music" is the story of Maria, a young novice who is sent to be a governess for Captain von Trapp's seven children.

She uses music to unlock their hearts and changes all of their lives forever.

Jenni Clark of Royal Oak as Maria, sang beautifully and was full of vibrant energy. Both the impetuosity and warmth she invested in Maria, as well as her chemistry with the youngsters in the cast, created a heartwarming character. No even a lightning snafu, which left her in the dark for the balance of "I Have Confidence," caused her to miss a note.

The von Trapp children are a talented troupe from their impish antics in "The Lonely Goatherd" to the hauntingly beautiful tones of the title song. Each child developed their distinct personality traits, from Caitlin Donovan's inquisitive Brittina to Brooke Andres' blossoming Liesel. Donovan is a resident of Farmington Hills, and Andres of Livonia.

The other cast members include Jeff Ott as Friedrich, Emily Tuom as Louisa, Paul Luoma of Farmington Hills as Kurt, Sarah Wiercioch as Marta, and Molly Donovan as Gretl.

Brooke's scenes with Jeremy Hargis as Rolf, the enamored telegram delivery boy, delivered a touch of innocence and magic. From Liesel's laughing entrance while perched on the handlebars of Rolf's bike, to the shy, yet flirtatious chemistry of the romantically choreographed and innocently sung, "Sixteen Going on Seventeen," there is young love in the air.

Nathan Kaufman as Captain von Trapp sang well, and captured the Captain's military reserve without sacrificing his warm affection for his children, and Maria. His voice, however, faded out at times, and some of his lines were lost to the house.

Tani Mough as Baroness Schraeder, captured the upper-class mannerisms and vocal inflections of her character. She's also vocally talented. Mough lacked, however, the elegant visage and couture one associates with a wealthy and sophisticated baroness of the 1930s, with her evening gown being the single exception.

Joe Donovan appeared as the clever and scheming Max Detweiler. Jeanette Sowman as

the Mother Abbess thrilled the house with her soaring rendition of "Climb Ev'ry Mountain." Corinne Fine made the most of the comic relief she provided as Frau Schmidt.

The set, an engineering marvel of versatility, was dominated by the majestic backdrop of the Austrian Alps. Scene changes were swift and seamless with the startlingly effective use of a huge, rapidly unfurled Nazi banner as the scene segued from the Villa von Trapp to the stage of the Salzburg Festival.

The von Trapp family costumes, especially those of the children, were exquisite, reaching the epitome of elegance during the wedding scene, during which Maria carried lilies. The tuxedo-clad men among the party guests though were ill-matched by some of the Polyester-garbed ladies whose evening gowns seemed an afterthought.

Ursula, a von Trapp servant, would not have been so poorly dressed while serving elegant party guests.

Rivera mural is proud symbol of Detroit

When you visualize the Detroit area, what icons come to mind? The Renaissance Center? The Motown Museum? The Spirit of Detroit sculpture?

Maybe you picture something that's either dead or dying — like The Hudson's Building or Diger Stadium. I've seen such monuments as the Joe Louis fist and forearm sculpture or (yikes) the big tire along I-94 used as a snapshot when our city is in the national spotlight.

If asked to choose a single image that captures the story of the Detroit area in a beautiful and moving way, I'd pick Diego Rivera's "Detroit Industry" murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts. That's why I'm eagerly awaiting the world premiere of a new Meadow Brook Theatre production running March 10 through April 4, and a special March 21 benefit performance in support of Detroit Public Television's Backstage Pass series.

A Gift of Glory: Edsel Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts, a drama from the theatre's playwright-in-residence Karim Alrawi, is based on the true life relationship between Edsel Ford, son of auto baron Henry Ford,

and Diego Rivera, one of the greatest muralists of the twentieth century.

It was Edsel who commissioned the controversial Rivera to create the murals for the walls of the prestigious art museum, over the objections of his father. Given the turbulence of the Great Depression and the union movement of the 1930s, the murals depicted autoworkers struggling for dignity in an industrial environment. Imagine the lively discussions they triggered in the boardrooms and around the Ford family dinner table. Ultimately, Edsel's gift is a shining example of how the Ford Motor Co. built its legacy of outstanding contributions to the arts.

In an edition which premieres on Channel 56 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, February 28, Backstage Pass

takes you on location to the Detroit Institute of Arts to celebrate Rivera's achievement, and visits Meadow Brook Theatre for a behind-the-scenes look at the production.

I hope you'll join me, Karim Alrawi, and the cast of A Gift of Glory for the benefit performance at Oakland University's Wilson Hall on March 21.

Ticket information is available by calling 248-377-3300.

Still smitten by the Valentine's Day performance by Maxim Vengerov in Ann Arbor is Madonna University's Dave Wagner, who also serves as Backstage Pass classical music host.

Vengerov not only has great technique, but also the musician's ship to go with it and a wonderful, charming personality, which

is a rare combination," he says.

The local visit by the 24-year-old Siberian violinist was a highlight of this year's classical offerings, as you'll discover by seeing him perform in a Backstage Pass rebroadcast Friday, Feb. 26, at midnight.

Speaking of highlights, how about the exciting announcement that The Three Tenors will perform at the soon to be obsolete Tiger Stadium this summer?

Staging such a high-profile event surely will boost the area's reputation as a center for the performing arts. It's also another reminder that such things as a sports stadium, a record company, a retail store, and a home-town brewery can go the way of the Edsel motor car, but the arts, if supported, endure.

Come to Me...
WITH THE TORONTO PHANTOM'S WINTER SALE

Experience Toronto's record-breaking production of "The Phantom of the Opera" with 2 tickets for only \$90! This limited time savings offer is valid for all performances excluding Saturday evenings, now through May 23, 1999.

2 TOP-PRICED TICKETS \$90!

CALL THE LIVING LINE: (416) 872-2222

For individual theater travel packages to Toronto, call Livest Express: 1-800-265-5888 or your local travel professional.

AND QUOTE THE DISCOUNT CODE: MF-W31. Offer is available by phone order only.

Delia Chelsea Hotel

Canadian Airlines

SAVE \$15 OFF PER TICKET*
On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday evening through March 14, only. Compliments of the Observer & Eccentric. Ask for "T-TPE" TICKETS.

"Andrew Lloyd Webber's Masterpiece!"
THE WALLSTREET JOURNAL

SUNSET BLVD.
10066+

Starring **PETULA CLARK**

A FADING FILM STAR.
A DESPERATE SCREENWRITER.
AN UNLIKELY ROMANCE.
AN ENDING YOU'LL NEVER FORGET.

TONY AWARD WINNING BEST MUSICAL

March 2 thru 21
DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

Tickets at the Detroit Opera House & Fisher Theatre box offices & all Ticketmaster outlets • 248-645-6666 • Hudson's, Harmony House & Repeat the Best • Groups (20 or more) 313-871-1132 M-F 10am-4:30pm • Info 313-872-1000 • www.detroitorperahouse.com

*Offer not good with any other discount and does not apply to tickets already purchased. Limit 4 tickets per person. Subject to ticket availability. No cash value. Tickets purchased through Ticketmaster subject to service charge.

Titanic Thriller!

Scotland Road
by Jeffrey Hatcher
February 10 through March 7

"A beautiful young woman is found in 1998 on an iceberg. She speaks only one word — 'Titanic!' Who is she? The answer lies at the end of... Scotland Road."

Upcoming Event: "A Gift of Glory" March 10 - April 4

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
OAKLAND UNIVERSITY'S PROFESSIONAL THEATRE COMPANY

Made possible with the support of
SporThack, Delta & Louche, LEAR CORPORATION, Observer & Eccentric

For Tickets Call Meadow Brook Box Office (248) 377-3300

Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666 Hudson's & Harmony House

THESE ARE MANY THINGS ONE CAN FIND IN A CAVALGHER HUNT LIKE TIME TO BE TOGETHER.

Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village
1929-1999

Every weekend in March, you and your family can Swing Into Spring with activities and incentives like scavenger hunts, musical performances, storytelling, classic cartoons, radio shows, home exhibits and displays. Here you'll find the fun of spring comes a little early. For a schedule of events or for more information please call 1-313-271-1620. DEARBORN, MI. Open Daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. www.hfm.org

March Family Fun Month
March 6 & 7, 13 & 14, 20 & 21, 27 & 28

IT'S GOING TO CHANGE YOUR MIND.

One Weekend - Two Shows

COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY SHOW
FEBRUARY 26-27-28
FRI 12-9 • SAT 10-9 • SUN 10-6

ANTIQUE AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW
FEBRUARY 26-27-28
FRI 12-9 • SAT 10-9 • SUN 10-6

SAVE UP TO 70% ON SOFTWARE, HARDWARE AND ACCESSORIES
BUY • SELL • TRADE

FRIDAY IS SET-UP DAY. Not all Dealers Participate

FREE SEMINARS
"Introduction to the Internet"

OVER 150 TABLES
ADMISSION ONLY \$2.00 PER CARLOAD

VISIT US ON THE WEB
www.gibraltartrade.com

Gibraltar TRADE CENTER, INC.

TAYLOR
1-75 & EUREKA RD (EXIT 36)
1703 3/4 TAYLOR
734-287-2000

FREE FRIDAY ADMISSION

8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE
"Sunset Boulevard." Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical starring Petula Clark as Norma Desmond, runs March 2-23, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets: \$20.50-\$65. (248) 645-6666

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
"Camp Logan." Celeste Bedford Walker's play about the Houston riot and court martial of 1917, through Sunday, March 21, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 866-1347

FOX THEATRE
"Cats." 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, March 24, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 5-6, and 1 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 433-1515

JEVISH SENIORS THEATRE
"Never the Sinner." John Logan's dramatization of the Leopold and Loeb story of the 1924 thrill killing of 14-year-old Bertha Gutzburg, through March 7, 30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Aaron DeJoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Community forums follow Thursday evening and Sunday matinee performances. Featured speakers include Murt Crim, George Canton, and Lawrence Barfield of So Sa. Call for details. \$13-\$23, discounts for seniors/students. (248) 788-2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
"Scotland Road." Jeffrey Hatcher's thriller about a woman found floating in the Atlantic in 1998 claiming to be a Titanic survivor, through March 7, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. (248) 377-3300

PLANET ANI THEATRE
"Gargie," a hilarious musical comedy written by and starring Detroit Second City mainstage alumni Joshua Funk and Nancy Hayden, continues three decades in the life of an ill-fated band formed in the 1970s in a Hamtramck garage, continues through Friday, 8 p.m. and midnight Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturday, and 7 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 2357 Caniff, at Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 365-4948 or http://www.planetani.com

COLLEGE

WSU BONSTELLE
"Our Country's Good," a hilarious and harrowing play illustrating how theater can be a potent force for social change, comes when a colony of convicts to attempt to live among March 5 and runs through March 14, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at 3424 Woodward, Detroit. \$8-10. (313) 577-2960

WSU HILBERTY THEATRE
Charles Dickens' classic "A Tale of Two Cities," runs in rotating repertory to March 4, Moss Hart's riotous comedy "Light Up the Sky" continues in rotating repertory to April 13, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

WSU STUDIO THEATRE
Athol Fugard's "The Road to Mecca," a compelling tale of human dignity and a conformist society, set in a small village in Africa in 1974 and based on a real-life South African artist, opens Feb. 25, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through March 7 at the theater downtown on the Hilberty, 4743 Cass Ave., at Hancock, Detroit. \$6-8. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS
"The Children's Hour." Lillian Hellman's adult drama, March 5-7, 12:14 and 8-20, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 1185 Tierenke Road, East of Rochester, Detroit. \$13. (248) 608-9077

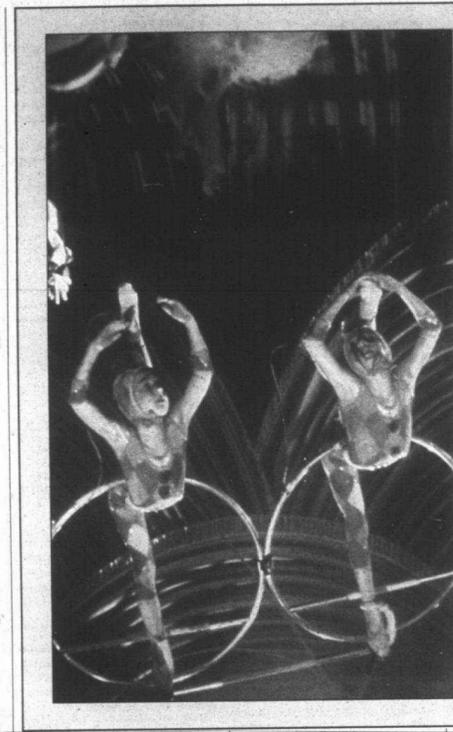
COMIC OPERA CLUB
"Kismet," a musical Arabian Nights, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 25-27, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 27-28, at the Lydian Mediterranean Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$15. \$13 seniors, \$7 students. (734) 973-3254

FARMINGTON PLAYERS
"The Fantasticks" by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, in the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$14. (248) 953-2999

HARTLAND PLAYERS
"Faithful," the adult comic/thriller by Chazz Palminteri, Feb. 26-27 and March 6-7, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon, Hartland. \$8. \$7 seniors/reserved seating. (810) 220-3521

NOVI THEATRES
"The Wizard of Oz," the Broadway musical, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 5, 3-13, and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Novi, Novi. \$10

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD
"The Sound of Music," 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Feb. 26-28, and Friday-Saturday, March 5-6, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road,



Special event: The multi-color extravaganza of Cirque Ingenieux has a P.T. Barnum influence. Cirque Ingenieux continues through Sunday, Feb. 28 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Avenue, Detroit. Performances 7:30 p.m. Friday; 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturday; 1 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$25-\$38.50, call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets, or (313) 983-6611 for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ASTROLOGY/PSYCHIC FAIR
Astrologers, card readers, palmistry, psychics, lectures, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Royal Oak American Legion Hall, Rochester and Center Taylor, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at the box office. (313) 833-7007 or http://www.detroitpsy.com

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With conductor Yan Pascal Tortelier and violinist Emmanuel Bowyer, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, with Tortelier and British pianist Howard Shelley, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 4-5, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48, \$40-\$60 box seats. Rush tickets for students and senior citizens aged 60 or older (with proper identification) or available at a 50 percent discount at the box office window 90 minutes before each classical concert. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitpsy.com

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Features guest pianist 14-year old Joshua Cullen performing George Gershwin's "Concerto in F," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Churchill High School auditorium, 8900 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15. \$8 children age 12 and under. (248) 645-6666/(734) 464-2741/(734) 421-1111

YUKI AND TOMOKO MACK
Presented by the Greater Orion Performing Arts Council, perform Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Lake Orion High School Performing Arts Center, 495 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion. \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. (248) 693-5436

JASON VIEUX
The classical guitarist performs 8 p.m. Saturday, March 6, in Kresge Hall at Madonna University, 3660 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. \$15. (248) 975-9719

DINNER THEATER

BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE
"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wedding songs, has an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. \$14. \$12 seniors, \$7 students. (734) 973-3254

DAVE AND BUSTER'S
"Contract: Death," a comedic mystery in which the lead character attends a business convention along with unhappy wife, jilted mistress and business rival, 8 p.m. Saturdays through March 13, at the D & B entertainment center, M-5R and M-53, Uxiah. \$32.95. Not recommended for children under age 18. (810) 930-1515

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS
The children's musical "Jack and the Beanstalk," runs Saturdays-Sunday, Feb. 27 to Sunday, May 23, 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays (lunch at noon) and 2 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 25, at Cranbrook Schools, Lerchen Hall (Performing Arts Center), 500 Lone Pine Road, between Lahser and Cranbrook roads, Bloomfield Hills. Free. (248) 645-3064/(248) 645-3142

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE & AUCTION

6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, cocktail reception, dinner, live entertainment and auction, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, Merriman Road, Livonia. \$125, \$75, \$50, \$1,000 for table of 10. Proceeds to benefit Community Hospice & Home care Services. (734) 522-4244

"IT'S THE TOPSI!"
A re-creation of Top of the Park to benefit the Ann Arbor Summer Festival, with performances by Trademark, Cigar Store Indians, and rockabilly DJ Del Villarreal, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, 2275 Platt Road, between Washtenaw and Orchard, Ann Arbor. \$125. Includes 20 coupons to select food and beverages and games of chance, and \$75 tax-deductible donation; cover charge for games, ice cream and pop. Tickets: \$47-2275 or http://www.mlve.com/assf

CLASSICAL

LIONA BOYD
8 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, Capitol Theatre and Arts Centre, 121 University Ave., Windsor. \$25 adults, \$22.50 seniors and students. (519) 253-8065 or http://www.causeway.com/plg/

RIDGELEAF PLAYERS
Auditions for six men and 11 women for Stephen Sondheim's musical "Into the Woods," 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 1, callbacks March 2, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Livernois and Orchard, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at the box office. (313) 833-7007 or http://www.detroitpsy.com

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With conductor Yan Pascal Tortelier and violinist Emmanuel Bowyer, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, with Tortelier and British pianist Howard Shelley, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 4-5, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48, \$40-\$60 box seats. Rush tickets for students and senior citizens aged 60 or older (with proper identification) or available at a 50 percent discount at the box office window 90 minutes before each classical concert. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitpsy.com

WWF'S MONDAY NIGHT RAW

March 5 is the deadline to exchange Jan. 2 WWF tickets for "Raw is War" at 8 p.m. Monday, April 12, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. The Jan. 2, "WWF Live" event at Joe Louis Arena was canceled due to a severe winter storm. All exchanges must be made by March 5 in person at Joe Louis Arena box office or by mail to: Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit, MI 48226. Refunds will be available at point of purchase. Tickets available by phone through Ticketmaster will be refunded by mail only. Tickets for the April 12 Monday Night RAW will be on sale soon to the public. (313) 983-6606/(248) 645-6666

FAMILY EVENTS

CIRQUE INGENIEUX
Through Sunday, Feb. 28, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets at the box office. (313) 983-6666

DISNEY ON ICE - "THE LITTLE MERMAID"
Various times, Tuesday-Sunday, March 27, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$12.50, \$15.50, \$17.50, \$30. (248) 645-6666/(313) 983-6666 or http://www.olympiaentertainment.com

MABLE SYRUP FESTIVAL
Observe tree tapping, learn about cooking techniques of Native American and history and science behind maple syrup production, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, Feb. 27-28, all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 29, followed by a 90-minute program, at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Call toll free (877) GO-Cranbrook

ORGAN

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY
Writer/producer Steve continues with "Hello, Hello," featuring Barbara Schaefer, 8 p.m. Friday, March 5, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 6 (organ overtures start 30 minutes earlier, guest organists including Lisa Luce, matinee Gus Edinger), at the Historic Edgemoor Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

POPS/SWING

SHAKEN NOT STIRRED
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (swingers)

STARLIGHT DRIVING
10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675; 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Rockers Garage, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

DAVE DOUGLAS TINY BELL TRIO
8 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the KerryLynn Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Detroit. \$15, \$10. (734) 769-9999 or kch@net.net

JAZZ

GERI ALLEN
With vocalist Dee Dee Bridgwater, bassist Thomas Barone, drummer Ali Jackson, and pianist Terrence Eliaz, 8 p.m. Friday, March 5, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$26, \$30, \$32 and \$36. All ages. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.umms.org (Japanese drum)

LUCIANO
With Mike General and Dean Fraser, all backed by the Firehouse Crew, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, The Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (reggae)

SUPER STEEL BAND
8:10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 203-0005

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

JIM PERKINS
9 p.m. Wednesdays in March, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (734) 650-5060 (acoustic folk)

THE RENO BROTHERS
With The Special Consensus, 8 p.m. Friday, March 5, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1800 (bluegrass)

HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD CURTIS
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333

WASH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND SHOWS
With Ellen Rowe, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. All ages. (734) 662-8310

"THE JAZZ EXPLOSION"
With Fox Towering, Gerald Albring, Neeta and Phil Pearl, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 and \$35. (248) 433-1515

AVON PLAYERS

Open auditions for five females, 2 male youths and an ensemble of storytellers of all ages for "Children of Eden," a new musical based on the Biblical stories of Adam & Eve, Cain & Abel and Noah's Ark, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 7 and 7 p.m. Monday, March 8, at the playhouse, 1185 Tierenke Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 608-0792

HARTLAND PLAYERS
Open auditions for the comedy "A Good School Lunch Benefit," 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 and 2 p.m. Monday, March 1, at the

Continued from previous page

PAUL KELLER/CARY KOCHER QUARTET
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

KUZ
9 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

SHEILA LANDIS AND RICK MATLE
7:10 p.m. Wednesdays in March, Woodruff's, 212 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 586-1519

LARVAL

With Groop Doggrill and 50 Tons of Black Terror, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (avant jazz/rock)

HAROLD MCKINNEY AND WENDELL HARRISON

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, at Tom's Oyster Bar, 29106 Franklin Road, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

MATT MICHAELS

With Larry Nozoro (sax) and Johnny Trudell (trumpet) and the Detroit Jazz Ensemble, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington. \$5 cover waived with dinner order. (248) 474-4800

M.A.S. (MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY)

8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, March 3, 6 p.m. Sunday, 28 March 1, 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, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$2.50. \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

With Father's of the 16, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (funk/rock)

CHUCK HUGHES

Ebeling Hughes performs 10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, Garden Bowl in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (rock)

JILL JACOB

With Thoretta Davis and Harbinger's of the 16, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (variety)

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA

8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Borders Books, 17141 Merchall, Grosse Pointe. Free. All ages. (313) 885-1188 or http://www.concnet.net/~hopeorch (rock)

MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

With Father's of the 16, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (funk/rock)

EL DORADO COUNTRY CLUB

Joe Dunkle, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, at the club, 2869 N. Pontiac Trail, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

THE GALYAN DUCH
8 p.m. Mondays in March, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Reservations recommended. (313) 833-3838

ONE AND CHARLES SCALES
8 p.m. Tuesdays in March, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Reservations recommended. (313) 833-3838

STRAIGHT AHEAD

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Feb. 25, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

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

WORLD MUSIC

BLACKTHORN
3 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. \$8. (248) 424-9401 (funk)

IRISH
8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$26, \$30, \$32 and \$36. All ages. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.umms.org (Japanese drum)

LUCIANO
With Mike General and Dean Fraser, all backed by the Firehouse Crew, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, The Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (reggae)

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

"POETRY IN MOTION"
Featuring J.C. Hyatt, 6:10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River, Farmington. No cover. (248) 615-9181

STORYTELLING WEEKEND
With Roslyn Breen-Perry, Nantu Lwanga, David Holt, Jerry Feast and

Please see next page

8 days a week

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 Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279

Continued from previous page

others, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50 evenings, \$6 afternoon. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.org

THE WRITER'S VOICE
Featuring fiction writers Wendell Mayo and Wayne State University's Christopher T. Leland reading 12:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, room 3234 of the Wayne State University English Department Building, 513 W. Warren Avenue, Detroit. Free. (313) 577-7113/(313) 267-5300, ext. 338

DANCE

CONTRA DANCE
Experienced dancers, minimal walk-throughs, Peter Baker calls to music by Contrapunters, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 665-8863

"COUNTRY CLASS"
Country Western dance 7:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at the Plymouth Elks, 41700 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. \$7. (734) 425-2207

POLKA DANCE

Presented by Polka Booster Club of America with music by Polka Towners Chapter II from Bay City, 3:7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Pvt. Lyskawa Hall, 6828 Waverly, Dearborn. \$15. \$9. \$3.50 members. (248) 845-6666 or http://www.fsp.org

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

With Father's of the 16, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (variety)

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA

8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Borders Books, 17141 Merchall, Grosse Pointe. Free. All ages. (313) 885-1188 or http://www.concnet.net/~hopeorch (rock)

MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

With Father's of the 16, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (variety)

EL DORADO COUNTRY CLUB

Joe Dunkle, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, at the club, 2869 N. Pontiac Trail, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

THE GALYAN DUCH
8 p.m. Mondays in March, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Reservations recommended. (313) 833-3838

ONE AND CHARLES SCALES
8 p.m. Tuesdays in March, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Reservations recommended. (313) 833-3838

STRAIGHT AHEAD

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Feb. 25, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

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

WORLD MUSIC

BLACKTHORN
3 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. \$8. (248) 424-9401 (funk)

IRISH
8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$26, \$30, \$32 and \$36. All ages. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.umms.org (Japanese drum)

LUCIANO
With Mike General and Dean Fraser, all backed by the Firehouse Crew, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, The Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (reggae)

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

"POETRY IN MOTION"
Featuring J.C. Hyatt, 6:10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River, Farmington. No cover. (248) 615-9181

STORYTELLING WEEKEND
With Roslyn Breen-Perry, Nantu Lwanga, David Holt, Jerry Feast and

Continued from previous page

others, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50 evenings, \$6 afternoon. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.org

THE WRITER'S VOICE
Featuring fiction writers Wendell Mayo and Wayne State University's Christopher T. Leland reading 12:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, room 3234 of the Wayne State University English Department Building, 513 W. Warren Avenue, Detroit. Free. (313) 577-7113/(313) 267-5300, ext. 338

DANCE

CONTRA DANCE
Experienced dancers, minimal walk-throughs, Peter Baker calls to music by Contrapunters, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 665-8863

"COUNTRY CLASS"
Country Western dance 7:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at the Plymouth Elks, 41700 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. \$7. (734) 425-2207

POLKA DANCE

Presented by

STREET SCENE

Love and Rockets seeks out grass roots



CHRISTINA FUOCO



So alive: Love and Rockets - from left, drummer/percussionist David Haskins, lead singer/guitarist/co-lyricist Daniel Ash and bassist/co-lyricist Kevin J. - perform Tuesday, March 2, with special guests Orgy at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac.

On "Holy Fool," the single from the record, Love and Rockets teams up with members of Luscious Jackson, a pairing conceived by producer Doug Deangelis.

"We met them in the studio in that session. It was his idea. He just gave them a call and they came straight down and did the session. It's quite interesting, the process. What we did, it was all recorded as far as our parts are concerned. We mixed down all the vocals so what they heard was the instrumental. So they didn't have any idea of where our vocals came in," he explained.

"Then we just said you come up with your own vocal idea and just lay it down. Jill (Cunniff of Luscious Jackson) just came up with that refrain instantly. She went in and recorded it and we put up all of our vocals and it just worked so well. Where she sang her bit fell in the right spaces by chance."

"That's pretty typical of the way that we work. We like to employ chance because chance creates magic." As for live shows, spontaneity creates the magic.

"Spontaneous events do occur. We allow ourselves passages that aren't planned, improvised passages to allow that spirit in. We always have done it but it's against a very worked-out backdrop. We work on the structure of the songs. You've got to have that anchor in order to take flight."

"The release of 'Lift' came on the heels of a sold-out Bauhaus reunion tour which hit Detroit's State Theatre in August. The Bauhaus and Love and Rockets tours are contradictions. Bauhaus hasn't released new material in years, while Love and Rockets is promoting a new record."

Leaving Bauhaus lead singer Peter Murphy behind to concentrate on Love and Rockets was "very strange." "I found myself looking around for Mr. Murphy on a number of occasions. I missed his presence there, on-stage and off. It was a different focus but the music was strong enough for it to pull through and for it to work. It's just putting on a different hat."

Love and Rockets and special guest Orgy perform Tuesday, March 2, at Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$18.50 in advance. For more information, call (248) 333-2362 or visit http://www.961melt.com or cfuoco@homecomm.net.

Harbinger's Mile makes fine debut album



CHRISTINA FUOCO

relationships ended. Rut and Francis moved in together and started writing music. Both of them had previous musical experience - Rut as a member of Billy Sunday and Francis as the road manager/guitar tech for Red C. Susan Calloway's former band.

"The two of us were living in this place, a house on 16 Mile, and it was \$400 a month including utilities. It had broken windows, plumbing problems. It was a hell hole. That's where we began writing together," said Francis, who like Rut is now happily married. "Weaving smartly written lyrics with acoustic guitars, the duo formed the base for Harbinger's Mile. Although the desire to form a band was there, Rut and Francis set out as a duo."

"The only thing that ever really took off for us was the acoustic thing. It was the easiest thing for us to do. We could do lots of shows. We didn't have to teach people the songs we were writing. We could write a song together and later that night go perform it. It was pretty low maintenance," Francis explained.

When Francis and Rut headed into Macomb Media studio in Grosse Pointe Park, owner/producer Ron Pangborn, drummer for the Chisel Bros., changed that. Pangborn recruited area musicians to help with "Hallowed Boulevard."

"The only thing he ever knew about us was the songs that we performed acoustically. He believed we could put this together in a band environment and make something happen. He worked alongside of us in the capacity of producer to fully realize that," Rut explained.

To do that, Pangborn hit the skins. Jim Rawlings played mandolin and slide guitar, Alex Dunn played organ and John Dunn was the bassist. Rawlings is still with Rut and Francis, joining bassist Raquel Salasay and drummer Dave Masen for live shows.

Although Rut is uneasy about aspects of "Hallowed Boulevard," he said that the album deftly shows his and Francis' songwriting abilities. Like the name, Harbinger's Mile, their lyrics are thought provoking.

"Lyrically, we try and be provocative in thought and try and give images. We were sort of mulling over a couple different ideas and we thought Harbinger's Mile (offered) pictures without

explanation. Our lyrics tend to be that way too," he said. Harbinger's Mile, in a band format, opens for Jill Jack and Thornetta Davis at 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge is \$6 for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com. Harbinger's Mile also plays acoustic shows at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, (248) 652-0558; at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at Borders Book Shop, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham, (248) 644-1515; and at 8 p.m. Friday, March 19, at Borders Books and Music, 45290 Utica Park Boulevard, Utica, (810) 726-8555. For more information, visit http://www.harbingermile.com or e-mail the band at harbingermile@jun.com.

Defunct relationships. Rut, who grew up in Plymouth, Farmington Hills and Canton, and Francis, a 1990 Troy High School graduate, duo met through now-former girlfriends on a camping trip. When the

"When we play it live, it sounds a whole lot better," he said reassuringly.

"The only thing he ever knew about us was the songs that we performed acoustically. He believed we could put this together in a band environment and make something happen. He worked alongside of us in the capacity of producer to fully realize that," Rut explained.

To do that, Pangborn hit the skins. Jim Rawlings played mandolin and slide guitar, Alex Dunn played organ and John Dunn was the bassist. Rawlings is still with Rut and Francis, joining bassist Raquel Salasay and drummer Dave Masen for live shows.

Although Rut is uneasy about aspects of "Hallowed Boulevard," he said that the album deftly shows his and Francis' songwriting abilities. Like the name, Harbinger's Mile, their lyrics are thought provoking.

"Lyrically, we try and be provocative in thought and try and give images. We were sort of mulling over a couple different ideas and we thought Harbinger's Mile (offered) pictures without

explanation. Our lyrics tend to be that way too," he said. Harbinger's Mile, in a band format, opens for Jill Jack and Thornetta Davis at 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge is \$6 for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com. Harbinger's Mile also plays acoustic shows at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, (248) 652-0558; at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at Borders Book Shop, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham, (248) 644-1515; and at 8 p.m. Friday, March 19, at Borders Books and Music, 45290 Utica Park Boulevard, Utica, (810) 726-8555. For more information, visit http://www.harbingermile.com or e-mail the band at harbingermile@jun.com.

MOVIES

'Blast from the Past' offers time-warped laughs

BY JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER

Take "Pleasantville" and turn it around. That's pretty much "Blast From the Past." And that's fine by me.

In "Pleasantville," two teens from today are sucked into their TV. Emerging in a black and white 1950s sitcom world, they put some 1990s naughtiness into the picture, colorizing the citizens with individuality, for better or worse.

"Blast From the Past" gives us a new Adam, Adam Webber (Brendan Fraser). Born in a bomb shelter and raised on "Honeymooners" films and Perry Como records, he ventures to the

surface at age 35. He's never seen the ocean, never seen the sky, never seen a person of color. But he's got immaculate sitcom manners, speaks fluent everything and is just in time for the swing dance revival. In other words, he's perfect for post-apocalypse Los Angeles.

That, at least, is what he believes he's found. During the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962, his kooky inventor father (Christopher Walken) and pregnant mother (Sissy Spacek) took cover in their elaborate fallout shelter. Did we say elaborate? It's an entire eight-room underground facsimile of their San Fernando Valley tract house, complete with a hydroponic garden, air system

and enough supplies for 35 years - the length of time dad figures the fallout will last if the Comies drop the big one.

When an Air Force jet crashes into their house they're sure that's exactly what's happened, and now it's up to them to start civilization over once the contamination clears. When the time comes, they send Adam up to replenish their supplies and hopefully meet a nice girl from Pasadena who doesn't glow in the dark.

Funny stuff, and "Blast" stays funny throughout; it doesn't shift gears like "Pleasantville" does and moralize about how awful we are. When dad scolds around and reports back that "There

were survivors; the fallout created a subspecies of mutants," well hey, we knew that about L.A. already.

Walken and Spacek are a riot. Oscar winners for their dramatic roles ("The Deer Hunter" and "Coal Miner's Daughter," respectively), they seem grateful for the chance to do shtick. As Calvin Webber, Walken's not a mad scientist; he's a Cal Tech professor who knows the end is near and wants no part of it. He builds his own Garden of Eden and is perfectly content to wait it out there. Not so his obedient wife Helen. Spacek grows weary of being Harriet to his Ozie. Around the 10th year, she begins to get into the cooking sherry.



Romantic comedy: Ryan Sparks (left), Sissy Spacek and Christopher Walken in "Blast From the Past."

nia teenager, not someone who's been around the freeway a few times. As her gay confidante Troy, Dave Foley ("TV's 'NewsRadio'") steals his few scenes; watch for him in future works. And there are some wonderful individual reactions by the actors playing a bus driver, a bellboy, a butcher and especially a black lady mail person.

The problem with "Blast" is we're supposed to believe that Calvin spent years getting his shelter ready. The pipes are laid, the appliances are in, the radiation sensors are calibrated and it's stocked with more food than a Farmer Jack, but they leave the only radio behind? Kinda contaminates the whole thing.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Movie listings for National Amusements Showcase Cinemas, One Yards, Star Southfield, United Artists, and other theaters. Includes titles like 'The Thin Red Line', 'Affliction', and 'Payback'.

Movie listings for Star Winchester, Birmingham Theatre, Main Art Theatre, and other theaters. Includes titles like 'The Thin Red Line', 'Affliction', and 'Payback'.

Movie listings for Star Rochester Hills, United Artists Oakland, and other theaters. Includes titles like 'The Thin Red Line', 'Affliction', and 'Payback'.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Upcoming movie releases including 'Another Day in Paradise', 'The 24 Hour Woman', 'Kino and I', and 'The Other Sister'.

THE 1999 ACADEMY AWARD NOMINEES. Includes the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Academy Awards Ballot Box, rules for voting, and a list of nominees for Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Actress, etc.

IT'S FUN TO ROOT FOR THE BAD GUY! '1999 Has Its First Breathlessly Exciting 10-Ton Dynamite Hit!' MEL GIBSON PAYBACK. Includes a photo of Mel Gibson and promotional text.

The Other Sister. From the director of "Pretty Woman". A love story for the romantically challenged. Includes a photo of the main cast and promotional text.

IT'S 11:59 ON NEW YEARS EVE. DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR DATE IS? 200cigarettes. Includes a photo of the cast and promotional text for the movie.

DINING

Cozy La Bistecca Italian Grille captures bygone era

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER
kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Piedmontese Beef is the star at La Bistecca Italian Grille in Plymouth. Endorsed by the American Heart Association, this low-fat beef is lean and tender.

Piedmontese Beef is a breed of cattle that was originally raised in the foothills of the Alps in the Piedmont region of Italy. It is now available in the United States and called "Better Beef," because it is naturally lower in fat and cholesterol than traditional cuts of beef. La Bistecca offers it exclusively.

But beef isn't the only thing to love at La Bistecca, which is owned and operated by the Costanza family, who also own Station 885 in Plymouth and Portofino on the River in Wyandotte.

Cozy La Bistecca captures an era gone by with heavy emphasis on comfort. It's a place you can dress up to go to and enjoy a night out. It's elegant, but not stuffy. A coat and tie are not required.

The interior is beige with soft grays, dark wood, soft lighting and Italian imported accents. You can hear Frank Sinatra singing in the background, and there's even a portrait of "Old Blue Eyes" hanging over the piano bar. The portrait and two colorful paintings in the dining room were painted by Joyce's sister Cheryl Mann.

"We wanted it to have a retro feel like a post-war supper club," said Joyce Costanza about the restaurant. "When my wife and I dined out we had to travel to find a similar atmosphere," added her husband Jerry. "We wanted to bring something to

La Bistecca Italian Grille
Where: 39405 Plymouth Road (at Eckles Road) Plymouth, (734) 254-0400
Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (lunch), 4-10 p.m. (dinner) Monday-Friday; 5-10 p.m. (dinner) Saturday; lounge open until midnight.
Reservations: Recommended, but not necessary.
Credit cards: All majors accepted.
Menu: Italian steakhouse with chicken, pasta and seafood dishes.
Cost: Lunches range from \$6.95 to \$16.95; dinners \$18.95 to \$31.95.
Carry-out: Available for all menu items
Entertainment: Piano bar, 7-11 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday.
Private parties: La Bistecca is available for private parties on Sundays. Call restaurant for information.
Seats: 100

this area where people can go and get pampered."

The Costanzas raised their family in Livonia and later moved to Canton Township. Sons Jerry Jr. and Robert work at the restaurant.

"We figured that if we're getting into a steakhouse it should be a healthy experience," said Jerry. "This will be the meat of the future, because of the quality, nutrients, and value," added Robert.

Beef is a highlight, but the menu is diverse. Lukasik tries to accommodate special requests. "If someone comes in and wants grilled chicken with vegetables we can do it," said Lukasik. "At lunch we cater to customer time needs, and combine elegant dining with an efficient manner," said Jerry Jr.

Chef Eriq Lukasik takes pride in details such as roasting his own peppers, and using fresh herbs. "I have a great respect for the food," he said. The bread is homemade.

Start with Gamberi con Asparago — Scampi and asparagus in a lemon-garlic sauté finished with fresh herbs and capers, or the traditional Antipasto Assortito — Prosciutto di Parma, Oldani Salami and classic Italian cheeses, paired with an array of Italian appetizers.

The lunch menu offers homemade Minestrone, a variety of salads and sandwiches in addition to the house special — Filetto di Manzo alla Padella, grilled premium filet mignon finished with a vintage sauce, Italian sausage, chicken and pasta dishes.

For dinner, choose from the file, Rib Eye, New York Strip or Porterhouse. Other choices include Grilled Provimi Veal Chop, lamb chops, pork chops, fresh fish, chicken and pasta. Entrees are beautifully garnished with flavor enhancing sauces and vegetables such as caramelized onions and served with vegetable and potato. Salads are extra.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHELMANN

At your service: Jerry Costanza (bottom left), general manager Ray Borden (left to right, back row), Jerry Jr., Chef Eriq Lukasik, Robert, and Joyce at La Bistecca Italian Grille in Plymouth. Lukasik presents the house specialty, Piedmontese beef.

■ **'We figured that if we're getting into a steakhouse it should be a healthy experience.'**

Jerry Costanza
Restaurant owner

quality.

Smoking is only allowed in the lounge. Ask to see the cigar menu. Premium whiskies, cognac, martinis and coffee drinks are also available.

"One of the keys to our success is having a family member here

at all times, and putting an emphasis on family dining," said Jerry Jr. "We feel the dining experience should be an evening of enjoyment, like sitting in someone's home. We're here to serve the public in any way we can."

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in *What's Cooking* to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Fourth annual Winterfest Beer Tasting, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 4 in the Waterman Campus Center, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile Roads) Livonia. Tickets are \$35 per person, and must be purchased in advance, call (734) 462-4422. Patrons must be 21 years old or older to attend, and will receive a complimentary souvenir beer tasting glass and

chance to win door prizes.

Sample wide variety of foods prepared by the college's world-renowned Culinary Arts Department, specially chosen to complement the beverages.

Featured beverage makers include Sam Adams, Thomas Manley, Pete's Wicked Ale, and Boyne River. Sponsored by the Schoolcraft College Gourmet Club and Merchant's Fine Wine. All proceeds benefit Gourmet Club Scholarships.

American Harvest Restaurant — run by culinary arts students under the guidance of Certified Master Chefs in the Water-

man Center on campus. Open for lunch 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. Call (734) 462-4488 for reservations/information.

International dinners — 6:45 p.m. Thursdays through April. Next dinner, Feb. 25 Italian. Cost \$26.95 per person, (plus tax) wine included. Call (734) 462-4488 for reservations/information.

Grazing Nights — Mingle in the Culinary Arts Kitchen, and experience dishes prepared by culinary arts students, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, March 24 and April 21. Cost \$15 per person, payable at the door. Call (734) 462-4423 for your reservation.

THE MOOSE PRESERVE BAR & GRILL

Three day Beach Bash, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 25-27, 2395 N. Woodward Ave., (just north of Square Lake Road) Bloomfield Hills. Caribbean food, live Reggae bands, sand dance floor, hair braiding, limbo contest, and other surprises. Call (248) 85-TROUT for details.

OSCAR NIGHT AMERICA

Party Sunday, March 21 at The Second City and Risata Restaurant in Detroit's theater district. The gala fund-raiser is the only party in Michigan officially sanctioned by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Tickets are \$125 per person, call

(313) 833-0247.

UNIQUE RESTAURANT CORP.

Matthew Prentice, president and CEO of Unique Restaurant Corp. was selected as one of the "50 new Taste Makers" in a special issue of Nation's Restaurant News, a leading national restaurant industry publication.

Prentice was included in a list of 50 people who have had a profound effect on the food service industry. Prentice was the only Michigan restaurateur to be included in the list. URC owns and operates 14 restaurants, a baking facility and catering service in southeastern Michigan.

JONATHAN'S FAMILY RESTAURANT

Is under new management. Check out the new juice bar, menu items, and special cappuccino. For breakfast, lunch or dinner, Jonathan's has something for everyone. Special senior menu for customers age 55 and over. Ask about the specials of the day.

The restaurant is located at 40345 Michigan Ave., Canton. Call (734) 326-5870 for more information.

LEATHER BOTTLE INN

Under new management, new menu items. The restaurant is at 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia, (248) 474-2420.

NEXT WEEK IN DINING

Newly opened Bailey's Pub & Grille, 1777 Canton Center Road in Canton is more than a sports bar. You can play pool, watch the game, or just relax and enjoy a nice dinner.

They're open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday. Call (734) 844-1137 for more information, or look for the feature in next Thursday's paper.

Mr. Z's STEAK HOUSE 537-5600
27331 Five Mile Rd. (Corner of Inkster)

BUY ONE DINNER GET 2nd DINNER 1/2 OFF
(of equal or lesser value)
Dine-In Only • Expires 3/4/99

GREAT DINNER SPECIALS!

Sunday Mornin' in New Orleans
Sunday Brunch & Jazz
10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

FISHBONE'S
invites you to enjoy our special blend of authentic New Orleans food, French Quarter atmosphere and live Jazz... Now a Sunday tradition in Metro Detroit.

RHYTHM KITCHEN CAFE

Southfield
29244 Northwestern Hwy.
248-351-2925

You Can't Afford To Stay Home.

Our beaches are uncrowded. Our weather is beautiful. Our four-diamond resort is one of the South's premier destinations. And our Pre-Season rates are surprisingly affordable.

\$165*
FOR 2 NIGHTS...
VERY NICE.

\$325*
FOR 4 NIGHTS...
TWICE AS NICE.

\$489*
FOR 7 NIGHTS...
PARADISE.

All packages include:
• Oversized Gulfview room with balcony.
• Full breakfast buffet for two daily.
• Unlimited use of our heated pool, tennis courts, health club, Jacuzzi and sauna.

These other pleasures of Paradise are also available:
• Sailing.
• Deep sea fishing.
• Golf at eight nearby championship courses.

Call 1-800-634-8001 for reservations or information.

Perdido Beach Resort
A Hotel
27200 Perdido Beach Blvd.
Highway 182
Orange Beach, AL 36561
www.perdidobeachresort.com

DON PEDRO'S
AUTHENTIC MEXICAN CUISINE
24366 Grand River
(3 blocks W. of Telegraph)
CARRY OUT (313) 537-1450

MARGARITA MADDNESS
Wednesdays
\$1.25

CHECK OUT OUR
\$3.79 LUNCH SPECIALS!
\$4.79 DINNER SPECIALS!
MARGARITA & BEER SPECIALS WEEKLY!
LIGHTED PATROLLED PARKING

FAJITA FRENZY!
15% OFF ANY FAJITA DINNER
Dine-In Only • With Coupon
Expires 2/1/99 • Not Valid With Any Other Coupon

MITCH HOUSEY'S
DINNERS from \$6.95

Open 11 A.M. Businessmen's Lunches FROM \$3.95

FASHION SHOW
Thursday Starting at Noon

THE SUPER DINNER SPECIAL
LOBSTER TAIL DINNER \$16.95
Includes Salad, Potatoes, Vegetable and Hot Bread!

NOW APPEARING...LIVE THE SHOWCASEMEN
THURSDAY through SATURDAY

COCKTAIL HOUR
MON. through FRI. 4-6 P.M. DAILY

BANQUET FACILITIES AVAILABLE

28500 Schoolcraft • LIVONIA
734-425-5520
AMPLE LIGHTED PARKING
DAILY: MON.-SAT. at 11:00 A.M.