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Consumer-oriented: In the 20 years since its founding, the Suburban West Community Center has developed programs that fit in with its notion of self-determination and making its consumers an active part of the treatment./B1

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Beautiful life: Interior designer Alexandra Stoddard, who will discuss design and her new book at Troy's Michigan Design Center, has an eye for practicality as well as for style./D8

ENTERTAINMENT

Jazz: Abbey Lincoln, performing March 12 at Ann Arbor's Michigan Theatre, has just released a new CD, "Wholly Earth."/E1

Popular music: A reluctant Brian Wilson talks about his music./E1

Charter school loses key vo



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With preparation, research and

strength in numbers they may have

kept a charter school out of their back-

After protests from area residents, the Canton Planning Commission Monday recommended denial for construction of a charter school on Beck Road at Hanford. The township board has the final vote on March 23.

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Royal Pointe residents don't believe vards the adage that you can't fight city hall.

About 100 residents from Royal Pointe, Sunflower Village, Fox Run subdivisions and Beck Road attended

Monday's Canton planning commission meeting to persuade the commission to recommend denial of a special land use for the proposed National Heritage Charter School on the west side of Beck, north of Hanford.

The commission voted 4-0 against the school after almost 90 minutes of debate over the proposal. Concerned residents cited the 10-acre parcel as not suitable, traffic and also listed flooding concerns, safety and health issues relating to children.

Voting on the denial recommenda-

tion were Ron Lieberman, Carl Zarbo, Sue Dodson and Cathy Johnson. Vic Gustafson, commission chairman, didn't attend; Melissa McLaughlin abstained citing a request from National Heritage Academies to sit on the charter school board (she has declined); and Robert Wade abstained because he's a former employee of the company that conducted the traffic study for the school

The Canton Board of Trustees will

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No jail time for driver in fatality

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

More than three months have passed since Tiffany Morante was killed crossing Ford Road in Canton.

A measure of closure came for the 21-year-old Plymouth woman's family Monday. James P. LaRoche, the man who hit her near Beck Road, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of operating while impaired at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

The 27-year-old Northville Township man will serve no jail time. Judge John E. MacDonald sentenced him to probation and community service at a pretrial hearing.

"Tiffany Morante was one of the most beautiful people you'd ever want to meet," mother Marcia Kenely told the judge before sentencing. "She had a smile that would light up a room.

Morante was killed shortly before 2 a.m. Thanksgiving Day last year crossing Ford Road just east of Beck in Canton Township. She was hit by LaRoche who was driving westbound on Ford.

Canton police said that he tried to avoid Morante before hitting her. She was struck by the driver's side front fender of his car, however.

Morante was dead at the scene. LaRoche, who was alone in the vehicle, was uninjured.

Shortly before the accident, Canton police received several phone calls saying Morante was wandering down the middle of Ford Road. Kenely denied



Mail carrier delivers smiles all along his Canton route

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is always smiling," Hammons said, "The world would be a better place if we had more people like him.

Prowse attests that he enjoys life and cares about people.

"If I am alive, I am happy," he said. "I like all the customers on my route and I want to do a good job for them," explained Prowse.

He says he takes special care in making sure his customers get checks and parcels in a timely manner.

"I do everything on my end to follow up if a customer asks me about a delivery they are expecting," Prowse said.

During the holiday season if he knows a customer is waiting for a gift, he personalizes his service by knocking on the door and wishing them a Merry Christmas as he makes the delivery.

If this sounds like your mail carrier, it may be if you live on Clampton Court, North or South Umberland, Montfort, LeeAnn, Regis streets or Tudor Court.

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tomer service recognition due to his disposition. "It can be the worst weather; icy, snowy and the wind blowing and he

nor gloom of night keeps John from delivering mail with a smile on

Prowse has been a Canton mail Observer reader Janet Hammons

BY LILLY A. EVANS STAFF WRITER

Neither snow nor rain nor heat

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Yack offers look back, ahead in speech

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

EVERYDAY

The leader of western Wayne County. That's how Supervisor Tom Yack sees Canton. In his annual State of the Township Address Wednesday at the Summit, he said Canton has moved from obscurity to front of the class in

terms of leadership. "Ten years ago," Yack told a crowd of about 300 at the monthly Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon, "Canton was just a blip on the radar screen. Now, we look like an aircraft carrier."

It was Yack's 11th address. In just more than 50 minutes, he outlined Canton's economic health, the township's quest to expand recreation and efforts to improve the roads, among others



STAFF PROTO BY PAUL HURSCHMAN

Reaction to the informative, low-key utive Director Ryan Ambrozaitis said one look at the township speaks volspeech was positive. umes about the job Yack is doing. Canton Chamber of Commerce Exec-

At the podium: Canton Supervisor Tom Yack talked about changes in Canton over the last 10 vears - and what lies ahead in the new millennium during Wednesday's annual State of the Township Address.

"The fact that there is a tremendous amount of growth and progress continuing in Canton is evidence," he commented.

Ambrozaitis said a solid relationship between the township and chamber has helped in that regard. He-credited Yack's foresight as well.

There's wonderful cooperation and teamwork in the community." Ambrozaitis said. "Tom is the person that's leading that vision."

Tom Gerou, a local chiropractor and Canton resident, said the speech offered a good vision for the future and an idea of where Canton stands in relation to other area communities. Much has changed in how Canton has developed in the past few years, according to Yack.

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Project Health-O-Rama moves to new location

BY LILLY A. EVANS STAFF WRITER

An all-volunteer staff of health professionals and area residents will provide the community with free and lowcost health screening 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 20, as Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building hosts Project Health-O-Rama 1999.

The site for the third annual event in Canton has shifted from Summit on the Rark, which drew about 200 people in each of the first two years.

Anyone over 18 years of age will be able to take advantage of one-stop preventive health screening that could

prevent major health problems from seling and health education occurring

Becky Williams, nurse and local site coordinator, encourages residents to partake in Health-O-Rama even if they're feeling healthy.

"If you find things before you have symptoms you are in a much better position for treating them," she said.

Although seniors and others without health insurance typically make up the bulk of attendees, the event is open to anyone, Williams explained.

The free tests will include blood pressure, hearing, vision, body composition, depression screening, massage therapy, podiatry screening, nutrition coun-

The preventive lab procedures, which are provided by medical professionals for a nominal fee, will include a blood panel test of 23 profiles; screening for ulcers and gastritis; prostate specific antigen blood test for men; CA-125 reproductive problems test for women; colorectal screening take-home kits to detect ulcers, colitis and cancer; and bone density testing.

Williams encourages people to come in for the 23 profile blood panel because they may not receive such indepth blood work from a doctor.

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For Your Health

What: Project Health O Rama, a day of free and low-cost health screen ng services

When: 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 20

Where: St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Bullding, 1600 S. Canton Center Road, Canton

■ Needed: Driver's license or other identification (participants must be 18 or older)

Information: Health-O-Rama Hotline (248) 424-8600 or St. Joseph Mercy (734) 712-5206.

Charter school from page A1

vote on the proposal March 23 this," Lieberman said. unless the petitioner withdraws. "We have heard a lot of comnents from the residents that the size of the land is too small. One of my biggest concerns is it would welcome this on another isn't compatible with the neigh- site," she added. borhood. I would not support A planned retention pond and

Dodson said the site was too small for the proposed 40,000square-foot school, playground, baseball field and parking. "We

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 23, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly,

Members Absent: LaJoy

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

General Calendar Item No. 4, Computer Network Infrastructure Repairs, was deleted from the agenda. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the agenda as amended. All Ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton of February 9, 1999 as presented. All Ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton of February 16, 1999 as present ed. All Ayes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

tion by Kirchgatter, supported by Shefferly, to pay the bills as presented. All Ayes.

Expenditure Recap \$ 166,938.61 General Fund Fire Fund 206 28,346.34 54,441.88 Police Fund 208 35,105.88 Community Center Fund 3,263.36 211 Golf Course Fund Cable TV Fund 1.037.59 246 2,707.50 Community Improvement Fund E-911 Emergency Funds 171.69 441.45 Special Investigative Funds Federal Grants Funds 274 8.298.56 883.63 State Projects Fund 289296 12.00 Retiree Benefits 4.312.030.53 469 Bld Auth Construction Fund 1,275.383.35 592 Water & Sewer Fund

Recreation Checking Acct. Total-All Funds PUBLIC HEARING

Whispering Meadows Street Lighting Special Assessment District Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open at 7:04 P.M. After com ments by Kevin Meyers, and Donald Hensen, the public hearing was closed Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to close the public hearing at 7:07 P.M. All Aves.

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Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the request of the petitioners to create the Whispering Meadows Subdivision 5 Special Assessment District for four (4) street lights. All Ayes.

PUBLIC HEARING Consider Tax Abatement for Baron Drawn Steel Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open at 7:10 P.M. Upon hearing no comments from the public, Supervisor Yack asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to close the public hearing at 7:12 P.M. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to adopt the resolution to approve the application of Baron Drawn Steel Corporation for an industrial facilities exemption certificate for real and personal property which when issued shall emain in force and effect for a period of 4-years, expiring December 30, 2003. All Ayes.

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF BARON DRAWN STEEL CORPORATION (EXPANSION) INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

FOR REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198, of 1974, M.C. L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1983, the Board of Trustees of the

Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owner; and WHEREAS, Baron Drawn Steel Corporation has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility to be acquired and installed within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on February 23, 1999 at the Canton Township administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at 7 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and

WHEREAS, construction of the facility and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before February 1, 1999, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and

WHEREAS, completion of the new facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the

unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that:

. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force nder Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township.

. The application of Baron Drawn Steel Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility to be acquired and installed on the following parcel of real property situated within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, to wit: part of the Southeast ¼ of Section 2, Town 2 south, Range 8 East, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point of the South line of Section 2, distant North 88 degrees 31 minutes 59 seconds East 1760.00 feet from the South ¼ corner of Section 2, Town 2 South, Range 8 East; then proceeding along the centerline of Tonquish Creek, North 43 degrees 24 ninutes 54 seconds West 1089.66 feet; thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes 17 seconds East 492.89 feet; thence 141.40 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, having a radius of 75.00 feet, a central angle of 108 degrees 01 minutes and 22 seconds and along chord bearing North 89 degrees 26 minutes 47 seconds East 121.37 feet; thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes 47 seconds East 533.39 feet; thence South 00 degrees 33 minutes 13 seconds East 792.24 feet; thence South 88 degrees 31 minutes 59 seconds West 406.49 feet along the South line of said Section 2, to the point of beginning; and containing 14.16 acres of land, more or less. Be and the same is hereby approved.

3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued be and remain in force and effect for a period of 4-years, expiring December 30, 2003. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to remove from the table and publish in the Canton Observer the Second Reading of the Amendments to the Telecommunications Ordinance No. 143(a) to become effective upon publication on March 4, 1999. All Ayes.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY OF REVISION TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE **ORDINANCE NO. 143A**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1, ARTICLE III, PERMITS, ECTION 10, ANNUAL PERMIT FEES, SUBSECTION 2, OF THE TELE COMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE 143; AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE ACCESS TO AND INGOING USE OF PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS; PROVIDING FOR A PERMIT AND PERMIT FEES; PROVIDING FOR A RESERVATION OF RIGHTS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PERMIT APPLICATION PROCEDURE; PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL PERMIT FEES;

woods are set too close to the ton with alternative education. playground, residents and comioners believe. Marshall Pitler, marketing

coordinator of National Heritage Academies, said the organization is disappointed but will continue to make efforts to provide Can- want the charter school," Pitler

"We are disappointed. So many parents want us to provide them with this school. We already have 400 parents willing to enroll their children. This is a very strong indication that they

PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY BY A PERMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR INSTALLATION CONSTRUCTION AND/OR RELOCATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR LIABILITY AND INSURANCE; PROHIBITING THE ASSIGNMENT OF A PERMIT PROVIDING FOR REVOCATION AND REMOVAL OF FACILITIES PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES: PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY: ANI

PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ARTICLE III PERMITS

SECTION 1

The purpose of the Ordinance is to amend the annual permit fee section of the Ordinance to regulate the access to and ongoing use of Public Utility Easements and Rights of Way by telecommunications providers.

Section 10 Annual Permit Fees. This section provides for the establish ment, option and payment of an annual permit fee in alternative forms and the records attendant thereto. It provides for the Township Board, by Ordinance or resolution, to establish permit fees including a minimum fee for Permittees electing the 1% of annual Gross Revenues option.

SECTION 2 SEVERABILITY This Section provides that the Ordinance is severable, and if any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain valid.

SECTION 3 REPEAL This Section provides for the repeal of all conflicting Ordinances.

SECTION 4 SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that the repeal and amendment provided for herein shall not abrogate or affect any acts committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution or any right estab-lished or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5 EFFECTIVE DATE. This Section provides that the Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon second publication in the Canton Observer on March 4, 1999.

Certification This attached Telecommunications Ordinance No. 143 and its amendments were duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter

Township of Canton on Feb. 23, 1999 and were ordered given publication in the manner required by law. Copies of the Ordinances are available for inspection from the Township Clerk at the Canton Township Hall, located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution to grant final plat approval for the proposed Fellows Creek Estates Subdivision iden-tified by Tax ID Nos. 031 99 0012 717, 031 99 0016 000, and 032 99 0009 702. All Aves

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to set the public hearing for March 23, 1999 to consider the industrial facilities exemption appl odycote I, Inc. for their new facility located at 8580 Haggerty Road North. All Aves.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the attached budget, for the Western Wayne Narcotics Forfeiture Fund #266: Total Revenues \$229,000 an Total Expenditures \$229,000. All Ayes.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution grant ing tentative approval of the preliminary plat for Kirkway Subdivision Tax 1d, #s 077 99 0005 000, 077 99 0006 000, 077 99 0007 000, 077 99 0008 000, 077 99 0009 000, 077 99-0010 000, 077 99 0011 000, 078 99 0001 000, 078 99 0002 000, 078 99 0003 000, and 078 99 0004 000. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by to approve the property split and combina-tion for parcels 133-02-0075-303, 133-02-0075-304, 133-02-0076-001, 134-99-0020-701 and 134-99-0020-702 as requested by Mr. Stanley Tkacz of AIT Design Group representing Mr. Tom Didario. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the attached develop-ment agreement with Griffin Properties and further authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the agreement. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to waive formal bidding procedures and approve the purchase order for Continuing Professional Services to Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment's Geographic & Information Systems Division o provide base map updates, not to exceed \$40,000, from account #101-853 818-0000, Contracted Services, based on OHM's experience in municipal GIS application development and their knowledge of the Township's existing mapping and GIS Systems. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the Wade, Trim agreement to provide in-house consult ing services for an amount not to exceed \$2,021.25 pre week for a total of \$24,255. All Aves. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the purchase of one

(1) 1999 Ford Crown Victoria vehicle for Building & Inspection Services Division from Jorgenseff Ford, Detroit, under the State of Michigan bid at a cost of \$20,344.00. All Aves.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the purchase of 1 mobile radios through Mobile Communications Sales, Inc., Livonia, MI., for a cost not to exceed \$46,280.00. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the extension of the ontract with CleanNet USA inc., Ann Arbor, MI for the 2nd floor of the Public Safety Facility. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the purchase of a 1999 Ford Crown Victoria vehicle from Jorgansen Ford of Detroit, MI using he State of Michigan Cooperative Purchasing Program, not to exceed

\$20,220.00. All Aves. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the conference registration fee, transportation, hotel accommodations, and meal allowance request for David Medley to attend the SHRM Annual Conference in Atlanta,

Georgia on June 27-30, 1999 at cost not to exceed \$2000. All Ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the emergency purchase and installation of a new blower motor for roof top unit #3 at

Summit on the Park in the amount of \$6,423 from Delta Temp. Inc. All Ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve a contract for professional services with TMP Associates, Inc. for a schematic design analysis and cost estimate for the proposed Summit on the Park expansion in an amount not to exceed \$6,000. All Aves.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to increase the Specialized Transportation Services Agreement with Help Source for the period of March 1, 1998 through February 28, 1999 from \$135,000 to \$140,000. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the Specialized Transportation Services Agreement with Help Source for the period of March 1999 through February 29, 2000, for an amount not to exceed \$160,000. All Aves. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the Recreation Bond

Program Project Scope Amendment Number three for project BF92-195, Canton Community Center; and further to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign said agreement on behalf of the Township. All Ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to set the base Annual Permit fees for the Telecommunications Ordinance No. 143

All Ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to waive formal bidding and

award the contract to Wolverine Fireworks in the amount of \$18,000 for the 1999 Canton Liberty Fest fireworks display. All Ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to authorize the Township Clerk to sign the proposal for professional services with the Municipal Code

Corporation for the research, edit and codification of the Charter Township of Canton's ordinances. All Ayes. ADJOURN tion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25

P.M. All Ayes The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on Feb. 23, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available fol-lowing the next regular meeting of the Board on March 9, 1999

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

"It's not the first time we have been denied. We will continue our efforts to open a school in Plymouth-Canton, we are not walking away," Pitler explained.

Ten-month Royal Pointe resident Sharon Wright, who made her presentation to the board on the basis of protecting her family's real estate investment, said she was elated when the planning commission voted for a denial recommendation.

"I thought you can' fight city hall. I believe in Canton they are for the people," she said, "I did so much work soliciting doorto-door, it was starting to affect my work."

Linda Leone, another Royal Pointe resident, said their group was very organized in their efforts. "We did many hours of dis-

tributing and knocking on doors. They didn't realize we were organized, concerned and educated. We only want the best," Leone said.

Leone said she is skeptical of the economical short-cuts she believes the for-profit charter school is trying to take.

"It bothers us that cost is a concern. You know they will cut education. Many of us are not opposed, but do it right," Leone said.

Another concern was that Canton would be giving up land, the flow of traffic and safety for a school that wasn't going to bring Canton students first. After enrollment is full students will be chosen by a lottery system.

Paula Lewison, representing National Heritage Academies, presented conceptual plans to the commission and residents and noted she made improvements the residents requested at a previous meeting.

"We will stagger the Dumpster pickup times, we've installed treat the retention pond by tem. We will entertain any idea revealed

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the township may have," she said. Valerie Askew, Royal Pointe resident who would live behind

the school, said flooding and noise were her concerns. "My house has flooded twice, if this pond overflows who is

responsible?" she asked. "This is a playground that is suppose to be quiet? I have yet to see a playground with 200 or 300 kids quiet," Askew said. Deborah Dillon, also of Royal

Pointe, said there are too many schools in one area. "There are five schools, All Saints, Tonda, the new high school, the new middle school and now a new elementary?" Dillon said.

Royal Pointe resident Steve Vargo said, "I work the night shift. I am concerned with the noise level of 650 kids. I like kids but not that many," Vargo

David Bringley of Royal Pointe protested, "We are putting one of the largest non-high schools on the smallest piece of land."

The planned landscaping for the school doesn't match the standards of Royal Pointe, said homeowners association president Rich Krolikowski. "They said their whole landscaping budget is \$65,000, that wouldn't landscape three lots at Royal Pointe," he said.

Other concerns listed by residents included the extra traffic created by a lack of bus service for a charter school, temporary leasing and building of a school to only last 25 years, space for parking at evening functions, congestion along Warren and Beck roads, decreasing property values, wildlife that would be lost by the development and building appearance.

School officials have yet to obtain the charter from Central Michigan University. The propberms instead of fencing, we can erty is currently owned by a local family and is zoned R-1 residenchemicals or an ecological sys- tial. No purchase price has been

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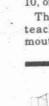
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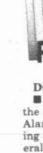
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District leasing buses to cope with shortage

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER thruscato@oe.home

The Plymouth-Canton School District is paying out tens of thousands of dollars to temporarily shore up its problemplagued bus fleet. er. Beginning this week, many

students started being transported in buses leased from the Southgate school district. LuAnn Grech, director of

transportation, said the district is leasing 10 buses from Southgate at \$65 per day, through the end of the school year. She estimates the final bill will be \$46.800

"We are in dire need of buses to keep us going on a daily basis," said Grech. "We also have a problem with the lack of spare buses in case any go

Grech also became concerned about the lack of transportation because of the current Michigan State Police safety inspections. Nearly 10 buses a day are taken off routes for inspections, and the district doesn't have spare units to put on the road in their

"We looked at leasing buses from out of state, but there would have been a delay in getting them," added Grech. found out they were available locally, which helped in getting them more quickly."

The Southgate buses became available when the Downriver district cut general education busing for the remainder of the

"As a result of a failed bond issue for roof replacements, the only service we could eliminate

PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS that would give us enough

immediate money was busing," said Rick Henegar, the Southgate district's business manag-"Half our fleet was just going to be sitting and depreciating, so it helps Plymouth-Canton and allows us to make a lit-

tle money." John Birchler, Plymouth-Canton's executive director of busiexpected

"This is an emergency, especially with the safety inspecthe bus system," said Birchler. "If we can't make changes in compensate, the money will come from the general fund balance.

Birchler said the district's fund balance is currently \$7.7 million, which doesn't include the Durant settlement of \$5.4 million.

Plymouth-Canton is also borrowing special education buses from Dearborn Public Schools. Plymouth-Canton began using the Dearborn 48-passenger buses before the mid-winter break. One was taken back by Dearborn, and Grech expects the second to be given back delivered on time for the upcomsoon. Dearborn did not charge ing school year.

for the use of the two buses. The transportation department recently spent nearly a don't have new units, we'll have \$500,000 dollars from the Octo- to carefully take a look at the ber 1998 middle school bond for whole transportation system by buses. The new units include next school year to see what we six 78-passenger buses and one can deliver."

48-passenger bus with a lift. Another bus with a lift is still on order However, despite the new

buses, Grech said it's still not enough "We can't continue like this

we're at a critical point," said Grech. "We need to either get some new buses, or the level of service ness and operations, said the will suffer," she added. "Some money was needed sooner than buses won't go another school year. It's just more than we can expect from these vehicles."

When school buses are purtions putting a lot of stress on chased, they are depreciated over a seven-year period. Many of the district's school buses other parts of the budget to have been on the road more than twice that amount of time. "We spend too much time and money keeping some of these

buses on the road," said Grech. "We're struggling to keep them going on a daily basis." The district does have \$3 mil lion dedicated from the March

1997 high school bond election for new buses. However, that money has yet to materialize because the election is in litigation Even if the money is received soon, Grech says it may be too

late to order buses that will be with dogs on his route "We really should have thos bids out now," she said. "If we

One of the biggest emergen- with a retirement plan.

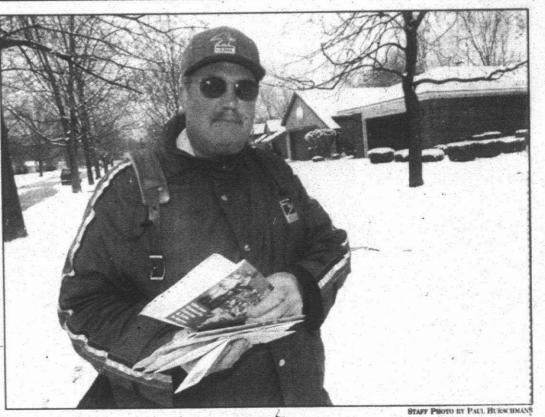
Prowse joined the U.S. Postal

Prowse's wife, Patricia, works

Hammons, who's a Clampton was when he was a carrier in as a clerk at the Northville post

Gladys M. Jolla, postmaster of Canton, Westland and Wayne,

with a daughter, Valerie, son-in-When Prowse isn't delivering interested in having a position with his grandson, playing ches\$



On the job: John Prowse joined the U.S. Postal Service 20 years ago because he wanted to work outside and was interested in a job with a retirement plan.

Everyday heroes from page A1

Court resident, recently put her Westland, Prowse said. A man office and he has a uncle who house up for sale and said one was having a heart attack and works for the postal service in thing she is really going to miss his wife summoned Prowse for Connecticut. is her mail carrier. She said he even befriended mail. Prowse went in and her dogs.

Being a former animal control officer, he said has no problem tomer's heart pills and waited "I understand their nature. I

can pet them or sense that they Service 20 years ago because he don't want to be petted," Prowse wanted to work outside and was mail, he enjoys spending time

cies that occurred on his route

help as he was delivering their instructed her to call 911 and said she never receives any com assisted in getting the cusuntil the EMS arrived.

plaints about Prowse. Prowse is a Westland resident law Rich and grandson Jacob.

on the computer and fishing.

Canton man tapped for technology firm VP

Ltd. has named Canton resident Solutions. Kenneth Birecki, Jr. vice presi-

A CALL AND A CALL

dent of its new information tech- Havens, the division's newly with computer needs.

Global Technology Associates nology division, Global Info-Tech named president, in providing a broad range of information tech-Birecki will assist Paul nology services to companies



STAFF WRITER thruscato@oe.homecomm.ne

T-minus three days and count-

That's how many days before approximately 100 students and teachers from Isbister Elementary School fly to Space Camp in Titusville, Fla.

Nearly 200 parents, teachers and students from Isbister listened intently Tuesday night to representatives from the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, tricts describing the dream trip by

fifth- graders to the camp. "I just think it's really cool," said Colleen Burke, 10, of Plymouth. "I can't wait to get on the space simulators. I want to go really bad."

"I looked at the Web site at all the cool things there, and I can't wait to go," added Jason Hyde, 10, of Plymouth. make their beds.

The fifth-graders and their teachers are the first of Plymouth-Canton's 14 elementary ahead of them, with lectures and

0 the **Ganton** Public Librar

Did You Know? Saturday, March 6, marks

the anniversary of the fall of the Alamo in 1836. The siege, lasting 12 days, led by Mexican general Santa Ana, ended when the last of the defenders was slain. Barbie, the popular doll, debuted in stores on March 9, 1959. More than 800 million

dolls have been sold. The first paper money was issued in the U.S. on March 10, 1862, but did not become legal tender until March 17. The denominations were \$5 (Hamilton), \$10 (Lincoln) and \$20 (Lib-

New non-fiction

Here are recently-published books available from the Canton Public Library: "Jamaica and Me: An

Unusual Friendship" by Linda Atkins The Baby Boat: Memoir of

Adoption" by Patty Dann

schools which will embark on hands-on activities beginning at free trips this year, thanks to 9 a.m., and group activities endnidentified benefactors who are ing nearly 12 hours later. Stu-

there, and I can't wait to go.'

space station. Space Camp representatives up when it was announced stu- into lesson plans.

day, March 13.

. "Becoming Anna: Autobiog- Lancelot raphy of a Sixteen-Year-Old" by Anna Michener Findsomeone.com" by R.

Scott Grasser How to Find Almost Anyone, Anywhere" by Norma Molt

Tillman Top 20th-Century Novels Here are selections from the

list available at the Canton Public Library: The French Lieutenant's http://www.bplans.com Woman" by John Fowles

Babbitt" by Sinclair Lewis "Kim" by Rudvard Kipling

The Beautiful and the Damned" by F. Scott Fitzgerald Rabbit, Run" by John

Undike Lewis

Q & A:

Q: Are the face cards in a deck of cards based on real people? A. According to the Encyclopedia Americana, the face cards were altered representations of

the following: Spades - King, David, Queen, thinking about spring. Pallas; Jack, Hogier Hearts - King, Charlemagne, Queen, Judith; Jack, LaHire

Diamonds - King, Julius Hector

Great; Queen, Elizabeth I; Jack, 0999.

Teachers will also have their gave ideas, tips and direction to own class time to learn how to parents and students. Eyes lit integrate what students learn-

living quarters and have to ing back in Detroit nearly a

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Hot topic of the week

It's time once again for the Michigan Home and Garden Show, March 4-7 a' the Pontiac Silverdome. Products and services for home building/remodel-"Main Street" by Sinclair ing, home furnishings and interior design, lawn and garden and related areas will be featured. There will also be on-site con structions, theme gardens, seminars and demonstrations, plus the Standard Flower Show sponsored by the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, District 1. It's never too early to start

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dents would make several trips The group will be taking redto the Kennedy Space Center. A eye flights on each end of the few groans were heard when it trip. They will leave Pioneer was announced that immediate- Middle School at 4 a.m. Sunday, ly following registration stu- and fly out at 5:30 a.m. from dents would be taken to their Metro Airport. They'll be land-

picking up the \$2.5 million tab dents will be watching IMAX to send all fifth-grade students films about space, commanding in the Plymouth-Canton, Van a shuttle mission, building Buren and Taylor school dis- model rockets and designing a

Jason Hyde,

-Isbister fifth-grader

week later, at 1:45 a.m. Satur-

Students will have full days

Fatality from page A1

hat her daughter was trying to get hit. "Suicide was not an issue," she

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said, adding that LaRoche was culpable. "He made a conscious decision to get in the car after he was drinking." Kenely asked MacDonald not

to go lightly on LaRoche. "I hope that he will be punished to the fullest extent of the

law," she said. LaRoche was found to have a blood alcohol level of .08, meaning that he was legally impaired at the time of the accident. A level of .10 is considered legally drunk in Michigan.

Both Morante and LaRoche had been at Bailey's Pub, which is located about a mile away from the accident scene at Ford Road and Canton Center. Township police said they were not together.

LaRoche declined comment on the case. Detroit-based attorney Michael J. Kemnitz said it was his client's first offense.

Morante, a 1995 Plymouth No such deaths have been

Tiffany Morante Michigan State University. She was studying merchandise man-

agement. "She was a good student," Kenely told the Observer shortly after her daughter's death. "She

was so full of energy." Morante was the last of four pedestrians or bicyclists that were killed in Canton last year.

BY SCOTT DANIEL ecomm.net

A preliminary examination for a 37-year-old Monroe man accused of raping a Livonia up shirt and sneakers, remains woman last December was adjourned Monday.

four counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, will be held at the district court. Friday at the 35th District Court

n Plymouth. Sproessig will be charged as a habitual offender. He's currently on parole from a 1985 Texas con-

If convicted, Sproessig will have to serve a minimum of five years on each new count. An attorney for him asked Dis-

trict Court Judge John E. Mac-Donald for adjournment and discovery time on Monday. The

prepare a defense for Sproessig. MacDonald granted both requests. He continued a

\$750,000 cash bond and rescheduled the exam for Friday at

in the Wayne County Jail. He was arrested without inci-

then arraigned the following day The victim, a 23-year-old Livo-

According to township police

She suffered minor injuries

nia, Dearborn Heights and Tay-

hending him.

10:30 a.m. Sproessig, who came to court dressed in jeans, a brown button

dent Feb. 17 at a Taylor apart-Dean Sproessig, charged with ment complex. Sproessig was

nia Realtor, was working in a model home in Canton when the incident occurred Dec. 23.

reports, Sproessig entered the model home and began questioning the woman. He then grabbed

trying to get away from Sproes-

lor assisted Canton in appre- at an earlier court appearance.

her and sexually assaulted her in a bedroom, police said.



Police departments from Livo-Defendant: Mitchell Dean Sproessig talks to the media

Salem graduate, was a senior at recorded thus far in 1999. Trumpets among items stolen in arts conservatory break-in computer and trumpets came

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

MARCH 11, 1999

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1999 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be

held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD.

Claudio Rossi of 45380 West Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375 (248-349-

0582) is representing Huntington Place II, L.L.C. For 2976 Wakefield Ct. Canton, MI. They are appealing Article 26.02 Schedule of Regulation

Requirements for Agricultural & Residential Districts. They are request-

ing a rear yard setback variance at the Southeast corner of the house in

Kermit & Annette Coleman of 51262 Cherry Hill Road Canton, MI 48187

order to accommodate custom house plans for the homeowner.

trict along the Napier Road right of way. Parcel # 071-990002-001 and 071-99-0002-002 (Planning)

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER sdaniel@oe.homec

meht was recently stolen from either late Thursday night or the Southeast Michigan Arts early Friday morning. One of the

Conservatory. A compact disc player, a computer and a pair of trumpets About \$6,000 worth of equip- were among the items taken

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trumpets belonged to Conservatory Director Jeffrey Myers. "I had it since I was 18 years stolen. Myers thinks each of the old," he said. "It followed me break-ins may have been done of Ford. everywhere. It was a significant

The following Agenda will be discussed:

Acceptance of Agenda

Publish: March 4, 1999

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag Roll Call: Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern

Parcel # 71-111-03-0098-000 (Building)

It's the third time the conservatory has been broken into feel it's someone that has an returned Friday morning to find since opening last June.

A candy machine was broken out." Canton Center Road just north Myers said he and another by the same person. "I would suspect that it is," he

idea of how the building is laid the door pried open.

employee left the building shortadded. "But it's hard to tell. We ly before 10 p.m. Thursday. He Township police reports said

trash had been spilled across the floor near the west entrance of of the day. the building. The CD player was removed from a table while the incident.

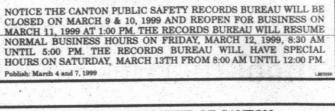
into twice with change being The conservatory is located on from separate offices, according to reports. "It's extremely frustrating," Myers said of the break-in.

He plans on making it tougher to burglarize the arts conserva-A new front door will likely be

installed, said Myers. Other doors will be chained at the end Police have no suspects in the

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

tory











Ariveway to be used in lie of construction of the gravel road) Parcel # 71-019-99-0014-001 and 71-019-99-0014-002 (Planning) Fox Run Development Corporation of 41400 Dequindre, Suite 105 Sterling Heights, MI 48314 (810-726-9850) are appealing Article 6 Section 6.03D Side Yard Setbacks in a R-2 Cluster Zone. For Fellows Creek Estates Sub Parcel #is 031-990-0012-002, 031-990-012-714 and 031-990-014-000, (Planning) SSOE Inc. (Craig Mitland) of 1050 Wilshire Dr. Suite 260 Troy, MI 48084 (248-643-6222) is representing Meier, Inc. (Tom Mcgovern) of 4411 Plainfield, NE Grand Rapids, MI 49505 (616-365-5155) for property located at 45001 Ford Road Canton MI 48187. They are appealing Article 29 Section 9, Item 9.1 of the Building Sign Ordinance. Parcel #058-99-0003-710 (Building) TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Sex assault court hearing delayed

STAFF WRITER

The court hearing for Mitchell

viction on a similar charge.

measures were designed to help

said.

Williams said. will not be accepted.



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Man charged following I-275 police chase

BY DARRELL CLEM TAFF WRITER

A Westland bowling alley breakin early Tuesday escalated into high-speed chases, the attempted killing of a police officer and, finally, a two-vehicle crash that ended the dramatic ordeal, authorities

Incredibly, no one was reported and swerved on major roads to pects. avoid hitting suspects, who led

reports said. A Taylor man faces six felony Hix in Westland.

Redford man who was initially

"He just happened to be in the Westland and Canton officers at wrong place at the wrong time," Westland police Lt. Marc Stobbe

speeds up to 90 mph, police said Wednesday afternoon. ed at 5:33 a.m. at Vision Lanes \$200 from a cash register. A custothe building, police reports said.

Police arrested but later Alerted to the break-in, Westreleased a female companion and a land officers began trailing a stolen, 1988 Plymouth Voyager believed to have been with the that pulled from the bowling alley seriously injured as innocent Taylor pair. Instead, he was in an parking lot and headed west on motorists slammed their brakes area where police closed in on sus- Ford at a high rate of speed, swerving through traffic and turning north on I-275, the reports Some I-275 motorists "slammed

charges for allegations of breaking semitruck on the left shoulder and charges for the incident that start- into the bowling alley and stealing - with headlights shut off - drove said. across a grassy median and headbowling alley, on Ford Road east of dian heard the break-in and fled ed south on the interstate, police said.

Briefly eluding police, the van who now have been released, was soon spotted by Canton officers at an I-275 rest stop near Palmer Road, where the Taylor vehicle, however, the remaining pair got out of the vehicle, police suspect managed to get inside of reports said.

cers tracked suspects through a about the time that Westland Sgt. (initial) suspects, a second suspect reports said.

Officers eventually arrested two people nearby, including the Red- cle." ford man and the Taylor woman

police said. As Trzybinski was outside of his the police Explorer and flee in it,

Using police dogs, Canton offiauthorities said.

to a sudden stop" to avoid hitting Jeff Trzybinski was hot on their drove off in his patrol vehicle," a Only one suspect now faces the van, which passed one trail in a residential area along Canton press release said. "The Blue Springs Court, police reports suspect attempted to run over the Westland officer, who fired one shot at the suspect inside the vehi-

In his own account, Trzybinski noted, "I was in fear in fear for my life as the vehicle was coming at a very dangerous rate (of speed) and I had no options to retreat'

As Trzybinski fired the shot, the suspect swerved and began driving through back yards along Blue "As the Westland officer was Springs Court until reaching wooded area toward Lotz Road attempting to arrest one of the Palmer, where he headed west,

Health-O-Rama from page A1

the value slipped away." The supervisor said developments like Pheasant Run and Glengarry Village have changed that trend.

"Now people are wondering when we're going to do something in the north," Yack joked. Canton's economic vitality is unmatched in western Wayne County, he said.

Since 1990, the township's state equalized value has jumped from \$500 million to \$2 billion. Low taxes have helped keep Canton's economic engine running strong.

Yack pointed out that just 12 percent of the community's millage goes to operating govern-

"Eighty percent is for police and fire," he said. "We do a lot on not much, really." Recreational facilities and

parkland set Canton apart from many of its neighbors, Yack told the audience. Parkland acreage has jumped

from 130 acres in 1988 to 380 acres currently. The number of parks have also doubled in that timeframe.

golf course and the Summit are the envy of other communities, Yack added.

"It has made us a leader in that area," he said. "We've got the best community center."

As for roads, there are mor than 25 miles of new pavement.

Big Net

Bidders on auction items boost scholarship funds

\$280,000

the center stage.

Birmingham will field the bids.

bid include Northwest Airlines

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

How much are you willing to pay for a weekend getaway at the historic Grand Hotel on-Mackinac Island? How about a

Florida vacation? Dinner for 40? Madonna University is hoping to get people's competitive juices flowing at its 11th annual "Around the World Scholarship Dinner Auction.at 5:30 p.m. Fri-

day, April 16 in Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft. The highest bidders will get to take home retired Beanie Babies, tickets for vacations, autographed sports memorabilia

and more. The proceeds help

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provide scholarship funding for back for the entertainment approximately 160 Madonna "I think that when p ersity students, according to Andrea Nodge, Madonna's director of marketing and public relations This year, part of the funding

also will go toward making the residence hall handicappedaccessible, she said. One auction-goer will become

the owner of a brand-new Cadillac Sedan DeVille. No more than 750 raffle tickets will be sold at \$200 each. If all 750 tickets are sold, \$150,000 will be generated from the raffle alone. Nodge said people go to the fund-raising auction for a variety of reasons but end up coming

Preschool

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"I think that when people come to a Madonna University auction it's for a higher purpose," Nodge said, referring to the fund-raising aspect. "But when they do come, they have some fun. It's a fun event with good camaraderie and a nice

Proceeds from the auction will provide scholarship funding for Madonna University students and will support other projects, making higher education acces- A sampling of the items up for sible to a diverse student body. The event will begin 5:30 p.m. tickets to Hawaii and other deswith a silent auction followed by tinations throughout the contidinner and a live auction. The nental U.S., weekend getaways son suite with food and drinks 432-5421.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Ontario and the "Somewhere in Time Weekend" on Mackinac The general admission ticket Island at the Grand Hotel; a price is \$75 and includes dinner, open bar and the live and silent weekend sailing trip on the auction. Gold Inner Circle Seataward winning "Charisma" from ing tickets are available for \$125 Mackinac Island to Beaver Island; a cruise aboard the new and allow special seating near "Infinity" yacht and several Auctioneer Dan Stall Jr. of Florida vacations.

Also auctioned will be dinner for 40 at Under the Eagle Restaurant, \$2,000 worth of advertising from the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, a 20-per-

and signed sports memorabilia from Ted Lindsay, Alex Delvecchio, Adam Oates and John Salley, among others. The auction will also include a wide selection

of retired Beanie Babies. Laura Frances Welling of Live nia, the reigning 1998 Miss Michigan and Ladywood High School graduate, will attend the auction

The official sponsors of the 1999 auction are Don Massey Cadillac Inc., Northwest Air lines, Kimcraft Printers Inc. and Al Long Ford Inc. For tickets or more informa-

tion, call (734) 432-5588 or (734)

goal for this year's auction is to the Stratford Festival in for a Red Wings playoff game, Friends of Rouge seek groups to help with promotion of rivers, environment

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

The Friends of the Rouge want everyone to think about rivers on June 5. The 14-year-old organization

is looking for groups interested in initiating environment-oriented activities on that date, dubbed "Rouge River Day." The Friends of the Rouge will sponsor its annual Rouge River leanup, but this year that group and other volunteer organizato include other Southeast

number of opportunities to par- bacteria caused by raw sewage ticipate in activities on Rouge River Day," said Jim Graham, executive director of Friends of the Rouge. "Everything that might be remotely related to rivers or the environment is fair game.

and increased oxygen levels. "The most dramatic improvement is that it looks a lot better," Graham said.

systems have also improved the river's health by ensuring that less-sewage-goes into it, he added

Other local river communities are invited to sponsor a local event anytime on that date. Local community groups, businesses, scout troops, church groups, school groups, environmental clubs and others can organize a variety of community

Ideas include nature hikes storm drain stenciling, schoo yard cleanups, water quality monitoring, canoe trips, fishing events, park cleanup, invasive Upgraded separated sewer plant removal and photo contests.

Friends of the Rouge can provide support by matching groups with potential volunteers, donated materials and supplies.

Organizational meetings are planned for 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, and 10 a.m. Wednes day, April 14, at Henry Ford Community College's Dearborn Heights campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, between Outer Drive events to focus attention on and Warren. For more information, call (313) 792-9900.

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operator whose practices were questioned in an audit released in December The new division is Katz's plan to resolve some

of the problems with airport operations detailed in an audit released by Wayne County Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy. Dunleavy said Wayne County should have

audit report was approved Feb. 18 by county commis-sioners with an expected fol- David Katz

later date. In an interview last week, Katz said the report to airport parking operator APCOA's practice of



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Dunleavy said \$1.1 million in parking taxes for Wayne County was under-

reported and \$300,000 for the city of Romulus due brings up some "excellent" points and the airport deducting labor costs from the valet parking

leavy reported.

Airport officials told auditors they have begun to calculate the tax on the full charge of valet parking, but also want a formal determination from the Michigan Department of Treasury before commit-Please see AIRPORT, A12

APCOA has nationwide experience

and has 46 years experience in the operation of airport automobile parking facilities. "It was formerly known as Air-

ica, but changed its name to APCOA in 1960. The company is a subsidiary of Holberg Industries Inc., a private, diversified service company.

APCOA currently operates nine airport facilities in a city or county with a population of over 1 million, including airports in the metropolitan areas or cities of Cleveland, Columbus, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Sacramento and San Jose. In the past five years, it has operated the Baltimore-Washington International, New Orleans International and Honolulu International airports. It also manages more than 600 parking facilities serving downtown areas, shopping centers, sports complexes and stadiums and sports complexes. Currently its airport division manages more than 60 airport parking facilities in more than 35 states and Canada, ranging from small regional airports to

large facilities. It has operated at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport since 1982. Williford Enterprises joined APCOA in 1996 as APCOA's joint venture partner in providing parking services at Metro with a percentage interest split 80 percent for APCOA and 20 percent for Williford

Since the APCOA's contract expiration in 1991, the operator has continued to operate on an extension of the expired contract on a month-to-month basis. Wayne County entered into a three-year agreement on Oct. 1, 1988, with APCOA to manage and operate all on-site parking facilities at Detroit Metro.

David Katz, director of Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, said he has sent to the Wayne County Commission a new contract with APCOA, after the airport accepted bids from companies. Katz said APCOA was the low bidder, but the contract has not been acted on yet by the commission.

Job fair is planned for March 26

Michigan employers are invited to take part in the 23rd Michigan Collegiate Job Fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, March 26, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

The fair is co-sponsored by Wayne State and Eastern Michigan universities and promoted by more than 70 other four-year and two-year institutions. ESD. the Engineering Society, is a supporting sponsor.

The fair is expected to draw 1,000 to 1,200 seniors and recent alumni from colleges and universities throughout Michigan and surrounding states. The employer registration fee

is \$325. Included in that cost is floor space, table and chairs, a company sign, parking, lunch and refreshments for up to four

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Farmers facing tough markets sell out to developers

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER trichard@oe.h

They're usually optimists, but Michigan farmers may be facing a crisis due to low corn prices and suburban sprawl, a legislative committee was told.

"They're close to very, very dif-ficult times," Ron Nelson of the Michigan Farm Bureau told the House Economic Development Committee March 2.

"Corn is selling at \$1.75 a bushel, and it costs \$2.50 to produce. Milk costs as much to produce as it sells for. It's going to be hard for farmers to pay interest on their loans," Nelson said.

He said "coffee house" chats indicate some are going out of business as pressure for development mounts, though they always expect this year will be good. "Assume farmland sells for \$1,000 an acre - that's reasonable. For development, it may bring \$10,000. Many farmers are deciding to cash out and try something else,"

Committee chair Valde Garcia. R-St. Johns, raised the subject

when he said he had heard twothirds of farmers aren't making a profit and that agribusiness is 'a year away from crisis."

Rep. Patricia Lockwood, D-Fenton, said, "Urban sprawl is a thread going through many com-munities." Urban sprawl means the eating up of open land, particularly farmland, at rates faster than justified by population growth.

Nelson cited an unidentified farm of 160 acres that was a "cow-calf" beef operation, but now is the site of 700 manufactured houses. "It won't be long before the rest (of surrounding farms) find it's too expensive to operate (as farms)," he said.

"For them, development makes perfect sense. It's two miles from the expressway. From the standpoint of agriculture, it makes no sense. Assessments will go up." Proposal A of 1994 gives farm-

ers some protection: Assessments can't rise faster than the rate of consumer price inflation. But if an aging farmer transfers the property to his children, they'll pay the higher assessments dictated by the real estate market.

Nelson said the concept of governmental purchase of development rights (PDR) has potential for saving farmland, but "can we purchase PDR for the entire state? There's not enough money.

Grand Traverse and Leelenau counties have inaugurated PDR programs to save farms, but Washtenaw County voters last year rejected the idea.

Nelson was asked what the state Jobs Commission, successor to the Department of Commerce, has done for farming. The Jobs Commission is locked into new jobs," Nelson replied, but is doing less for in-state job transfers.

In other testimony before the House panel:

Kristi Clemens of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce said there's a shortage of skilled workers for a "technology-driven global marketplace,' and a need for government to ease business expansion in "brownfields" of older cities.



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Twenty-four faculty members, three each from eight institutions, first attended a two-day orientation meeting in San Francisco in January.

Next, they will receive five months of on-campus study, followed by a three-week summer visit to Japan and a fall semester.

Madonna faculty participating are Kathleen O'Dowd, Ph.D., professor, literature; Denise St. Arnault, Ph.D., assistant professor, nursing; Dennis Bozyk, associate professor, history. Betty Jean Hebel, Ph.D., professor, marketing and chair, business graduate program, will serve as an alternate.

Each of the Madonna professors will concentrate on their particular discipline to learn how they can incorporate Japanrelated content into the curriculum, O'Dowd said.

In July, when the faulty go to Japan, they will visit three or four major areas including Kyoto, Hiroshima and Tokyo and explore traditional, industrial, political-economic and regional aspects of Japan. They will also meet as a group with a variety of academic colleagues and other leaders in Japan.

By the end of 1999, each team will be expected to develop and share plans for the wider inclusion of Japan-related topics in curriculum. The work will be featured nationally through publications, web-site and conferences

Others participating in the project are Baruch College-CUNY, Catholic University of America, Davidson College, Gustavus Adolphus College, Lincoln University, Swarthmore College and Wichita State University.

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Discussion: Madlein Kabrossi (left), teacher at the Learning Center discusses a story with Caitlin Penny, 9, (center) of Redford and Andrew Easow, 9, of Livonia.

Together: Teacher Marilyn Nagy reads a story with Heather Abee, 12, of Garden City.

Reviewing: Teacher Kate Uberti at the Madonna University Learning Center goes over a story with Courtney McAdoo, 7, (left) of Canton and Eric Puschak, 7, of Livonia.



Fun, games make kids better readers

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

or nearly half a century, a Madonna University reading program has helped transform struggling young readers into accomplished ones. The Reading Engages Active Partners program, in its 49th ear, takes struggling readers from elementary, middle and high schools from across metro Detroit and gives them one-onone tutoring once a week. The classes are taught by Madonna faculty and by community volunteers

Madlein Kabrossi of Livonia, a volunteer and Madonna graduate, said the program is effective for both students and tutors.

"I was just so impressed," she said. "(The program) is such a wonderful thing. The basic training that Madonna gave us

The students use games, such as 'Go Fish.' to learn words.

makes it so much easier." A typical class consists of

one-on-one or two-on-one tutoring, reading aloud, word games and discussion. The students use games, such as "Go Fish," to learn words. In one recent lesson, Kabrossi had her two students

ask each other if they had particular words, which were written on small squares of construction paper. Then they had to use the word in a sentence and spell it.

William Deuchere, a 9-yearold Hull Elementary student, was winning. Then Kabrossi

learned why. "You are going to be th

biggest cheater in poker," Kabrossi said scoldingly to Deuchere, who was able to read his partner's cards.

Kabrossi said she would rewrite the cards using lighter colored ink.

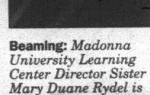
The games help make the sessions more enjoyable, Kabrossi said.

"They get the idea that read-ing is fun," she said. "They get involved in the story

In the first five-10 minutes of each session, the students review the previous lesson. At the end, they review the day's lesson and listen to the tutor read. Kabrossi read portions of "The Secret Garden," by Frances Hodgson Burnett until the bell rang.

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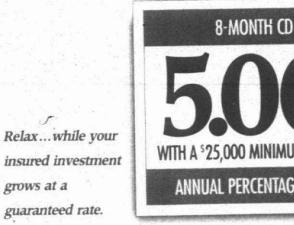
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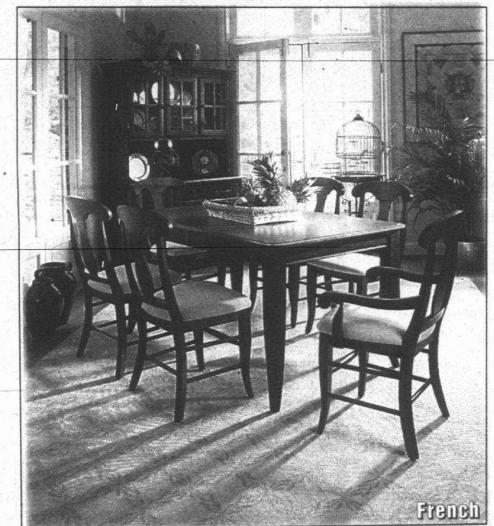
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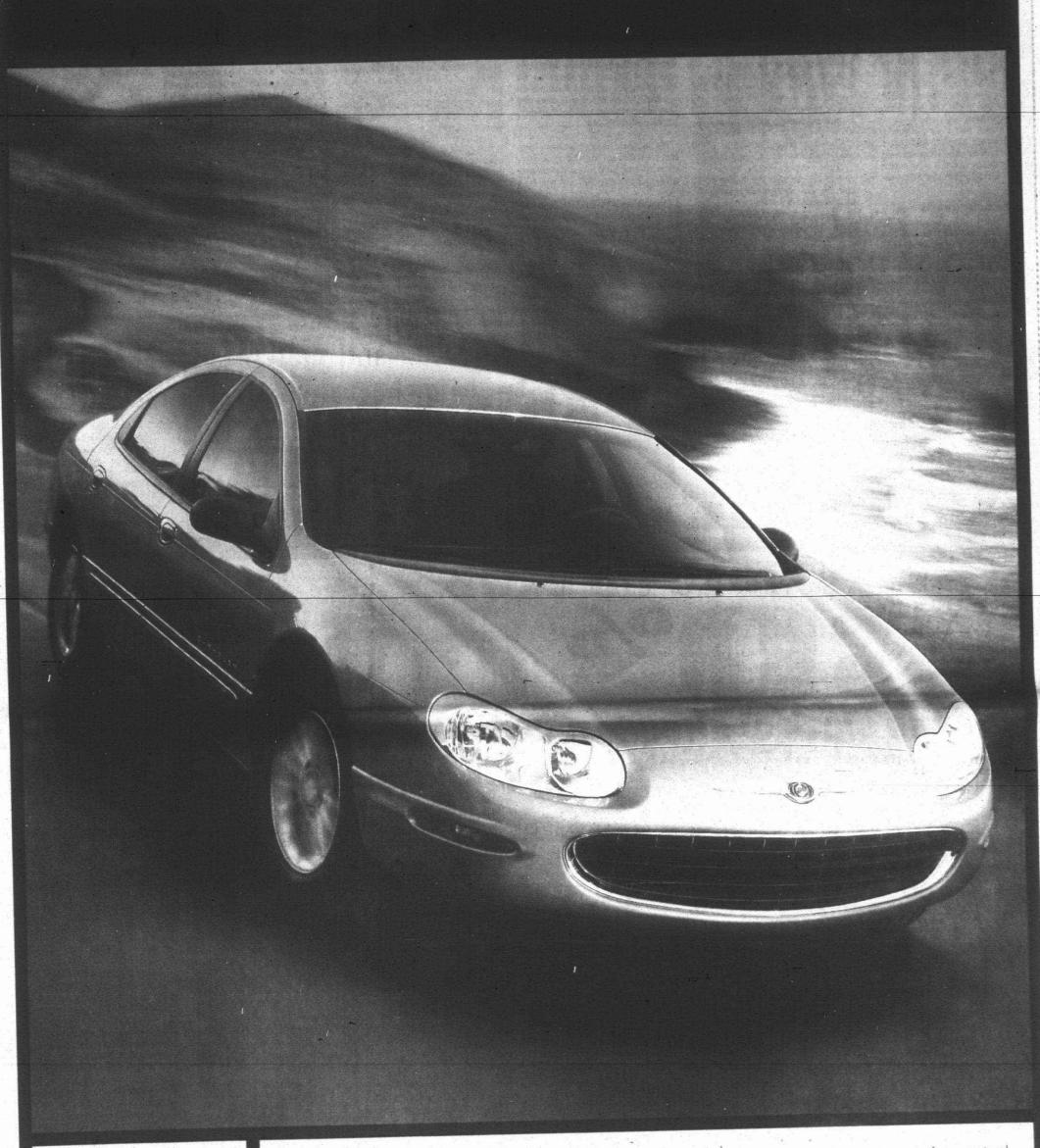
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Katz said the state treasurer, county commissioners and governor agreed with the airport in 1987 to levy the parking tax at a lesser amount. "(The airport) did it because we wanted to minimize the impact to the citizens," Katz said. "I'm not sure Brendan's right,

he may be right. It depends on our interpretation of statute." The money was collected for the parking tax, sent to Lansing and then sent to Wayne County. Katz said APCOA acted properly with the tax.

"It's not some skullduggery. The money stayed here at the airport. The new (commission) wants us to tax the whole thing. The policy is to tax the whole

Agreement questioned

Dunleavy questioned APCOA's 18-month lease agreements for which the firm is reimbursed by the airport. These agreements cost an average of \$28,000 per vehicle, based on unlimited mileage. The auditor general's office discussed these leases with an independent dealer and costs are so high and so many

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obtained a quote for similar miles are put on the vehicles, vehicle leases for comparison

"Based on the quote, it appears the airport could have leased the majority of these vehicles for an average of about \$17,000 per vehicle. At this rate, the airport could be paying as much as \$400,000 too much to lease the 37 vehicles."

The dealer also said the majority of these vehicles could have been purchased outright for an average price of about \$21,000 each. Based on the auditor's work, the operator said they had begun replacing these leases for 16 of the 37 vehicles. New vehicle lease averages about \$13,500 over the term of the agreement. Dunleavy said the operator

could not provide evidence that the leases were competitively bid. Katz said he has sent a let-

ter asking for competitive bids from the airport operators. "We also sent some equipment guys to Ford Motor Company to give us their assessment," Katz said. "We asked them 'Were they

priced reasonably?" The lease agreement was priced high because liability

Katz said.

Practices conflict During the audit, Dunleavy's to ensure those policies are folstaff identified several practices that conflict with county policies and ordinances. "These practices include fail-

ure to employ sound business practices, including failure to obtain competitive bids and failure to adhere to the county's term. Katz said McNamara appropriations ordinance by agrees with Katz's reorganizaextending an expired contract on tion proposal and will present it a month-to-month basis over the soon to the commission, which wait, out of respect for the comlast several years without notify- has 60 days to approve or reject ing the commission."

Not obtaining competitive bids for significant purchases has several implications, Dunleavy said.

"We believe this contributed to the excessive cost reimbursed by the airport for airport parking operations, denied small and minority business owners an opportunity to compete for contracts and raises concern about the integrity of the contracting process employed by county vendors at the airport.'

Katz said he recently issued a

are to comply with all county procurement policies. He also will reorganize his department

lowed.

Under the county charter, County Executive Edward McNamara must propose to the county commission a reorganiza tion plan at the beginning of his

Katz has proposed the reorganization to oversee third-party concessions, where contracted companies at the airport subcon-

tracts with other firms for purchases or services. "We'll have a parking director

to take care of customer service and a management initiative," Katz said:

expiration in 1991, the operator has continued to operate on an

extension of the expired contract

directive stating that contractors on a month-to-month basis. three-year agreement on Oct. 1, 1988, with APCOA Inc. to manage and operate all on-site parking facilities at Detroit Metro.

> Katz said his office had the parking contract ready for bid months and months ago."

"We held it back and waited until the audit was completed. We didn't want to jam it down their throats, and we wanted to mission and the auditor gener-

Once again, APCOA has submitted the lowest bid, at about one-third the price of the other bidders, Katz said. That bid has been submitted to the commissioners. "That shouldn't surprise anyone. They know the business.

Katz admitted he needs to be more timely with his contracts to the commission, and he also informed the contractors he Since the APCOA's contract wanted subcontracts competitively bid.

"When in doubt, bid it out

There were a lot of contracts Wayne County entered into a that expired (23 or 24) or are going to lapse. There's just a

> **High maintenance** Dunleavy's review of the separate maintenance agreement also revealed what appears to be excessive charges for the maintenance of four of the 18 machines used to collect parking fees from customers.

> For those four machines, maintenance and repair costs are estimated to be at least \$168,000 annually, or \$42,000 for each machine. For \$40,000, a new machine can be purchased.

> Katz said new machines were not purchased because officials were uncertain of the final location of the proposed South Access Road, which is being constructed as part of the airport expansion. One machine has been replaced; three others will be within 60 days.

Next week: Katz reviews his first year at the helm and expansion plans.

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reading classes. REAP uses a "whole language" approach, said Sister Mary Duane, director of the Learning Center.

"We create a language-rich environment where the children are encouraged to explore, to experiment and to take risks, Sister Duane said. "Children are encouraged to engage in activities that use language in meaningful and purposeful ways."

The hourlong after-school ses sions are held Monday through Thursday. Each student attends one per week. Summer sessions also are available.

Parents or guardians pay \$14 per hour for 2-1 sessions and \$17 per hour for one-on-one sessions, which are taught in small cubicles. Initial informal reading tests cost \$85. Madonna University is privately funded, so scholarships are not available, according to Sister Duane.

The costs, which basically only cover overhead expenses are very reasonable compared to other tutoring programs, she said.

Parent and volunteer Margaret Hakun of Canton saw a big difference with her son. Michael, 11. When he was 7, he was struggling with reading. He spent about four years in the

"It was a wonderful experience," Hakun said. "He started feeling much more self-confident about his reading. He became more comfortable with

Now Hakun is working toward an education degree at Eastern Michigan University. Parental involvement like Hakun's is very important,

according to Sister Duane. "Any time parents are involved in school programs and projects, those programs will be

uccessful," she said. "Our purpose is really to allow (children) to gain faculty in word recognition, vocabulary development, reading comprehension and writing."

Madonna advertises the pr gram at area schools. REAP students come from public and parochial schools from across metro Detroit.

Hearing success stories from the parents is the most rewarding part.

"The big joy of the program is when we have parents come back to tell us how much their child has improved in reading and writing," she said.

People interested in volunteering as tutors should call Madonna's Learning Center at (734) 432-5586.

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Mom, co-worker ready to walk for Abby

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

Compared to aggressive chemotherapy treatments, hair loss, kidney failure, strokes and numerous drug therapies, walking 26.2 miles is a cinch.

That's according to Gisele St. Louis-Woolsey, whose daughter Abby, 8, was diagnosed with leukemia in October 1997. St. Louis-Woolsey is training about five days a week for the Leukemia Society of America Team in Training Marathon in

"I know this marathon will probably be the most physically challenging event of my_lifetime and yet it seems so small a feat in comparison to the challenges that Abby has faced," St. Louis-Woolsey wrote in a fund-raising

letter to friends and family. After watching her daughter endure the numerous trials of leukemia, she decided the marathon was the thing to do. Though she has always been fitness-minded, preparing for the 26.2 mile walk was new territo-

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ready for it." For the past four weeks, she has been gradually adding mileage to her walks with coworker Diane Miller, who will walk the marathon with her. Their goal is to complete a 20mile hike by the time they head

out to San Diego. Together they trek through Hines Park, Kensington Metropark near Milford and numerous spots in Livonia.

"It just makes you feel good," Miller said of the walks. "We've met a lot of new people." At first the women dreaded taking outdoor walks in frigid

winter conditions. nside," St. Louis-Woolsey said.

Leukemia Society trainers have been coaching the women about diet, clothing, footwear and the training. Miller said she had to return one pair of shoes because they

hurt her feet. Running Fit, a Northville Township store, was helpful in finding shoes to fit her

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"Now we don't want to walk In remission: Abby, 8, was diagnosed with leukemia in October 1997. She currently has no leukemia

> symptoms. work at Parisian at Laurel Park Place. St. Louis-Woolsey's coworkers have been helping spearhead fund-raising drives

for the pair. A fund-raiser a week ago generated \$3,180. They each need to raise \$3,600 by May 6. They have been sending out pledge cards to family and friends asking for contributions.

Right now Abby has no leukemia symptoms. She has been receiving aggressive treatment since her diagnosis. Abby's problems came to light

trician. "I thought she had the flu," St

toms included achy joints and fever, which are both common flu symptoms.

But the doctor noticed her spleen and liver were enlarged, which caused them to rule out influenza. Several blood tests ruled out other diseases, such as mononucleosis.

"A CBC (complete blood count) test pretty much told them what they needed to know," she said. St. Louis-Woolsey said Abby started receiving treatment at

Beaumont Hospital the next day. Along the way she has experienced strokes, kidney failure, hair loss, side effects from chemotherapy and medication and more. She has already missed a whole year of school and still periodically misses days here and there. Last week, she was sidelined

by a day-long doctor's appointment.

recently went sledding, skiing and snowboarding in Colorado She attends St. Michael Catholic School in Livonia.

"She's a strong kid, very strong," St. Louis-Woolsey said.

To donate, write to KMA Associates, 1000 Wayne Road, Romulus, 48174, attn.: Leukemia Soci ety. Checks should be made payable to the Leukemia Society of America. For more information about leukemia fund-raisers, contact the Leukemia Society of America's Michigan chapter at (800)456-5413

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Shoe shopping: Gisele St. Louis Woolsey and Diane But she is in good spirits and Miller look at walking shoes at Parisian in Laurel Park Place. The two women are training for the run/walk marathon in San Diego in April. They are raising money for the Leukemia Society of America.

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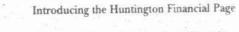
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THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1999

Charter school Commission made right move

Doyal Pointe residents and others angry wer a charter school planned for their neighborhood have some legitimate concerns. Moreover, the controversy opens up debate on a larger issue, the relevancy of a state law which exempts public school facilities from municipal zoning, site plan and building code requirements.

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Nearly 100 people opposed to the current plan attended Monday's meeting of the Canton Planning Commission. Commissioners voted 4-0 to send a denial recommendation for special land use to the township board of ' trustees. Under state law, the special land use request is the only township approval needed for construction of the school.

Residents met last week with representatives of National Heritage Academies, which plans to build the school on Beck Road, east of Hanford, and have it open for classes by August. Most have said they aren't opposed to the charter school in principle or its mission, which stresses education based on academic "basics" and moral development. In fact, some were enthusiastic attendees at earlier informational meetings to promote the new school.

But residents have labeled the planned post-frame building as "substandard" and something that doesn't fit in with the surrounding neighborhood. They would like to seek a brick exterior instead of the planned masonry and siding. In addition, they list concerns about the traffic and the small, 10-acre size of the property for a 40,000 square-footbuilding, playground, ballfield and parking. The planning commission has agreed with

that assessment. A representative of National Heritage Academies said upgrading the planned school was possible but that the bulk of the western Michigan-based organization's 13 school buildings were built with "efficiencies in building costs" as a strong consideration. Once approved, construction of the \$2.5 million building would be on a fast track with occupancy possible by Aug. 1, representatives have said.

At first glance, it would be easy to label the residents as a bunch of NIMBYs, seeking to wall off their high-end neighborhood from "outsiders." But it's not that simple. Many of the homes in Royal Pointe, a relatively new subdivision, have market values approaching \$400,000. Homeowners have vested - and proper - interest in maintaining the character and value of their property.

Any other private concern - for example, a residential or commercial developer - would be required to obtain a slew of township

approvals before being allowed to put up a building on the site. Input from the planning In Canton's case, a school building that doesn't match the standards of surrounding residential development could conceivably put a slight drag on resale value, And more than that, the state law doesn't seem to make sense when it's applied to a charter school.

commission, township board and public would be considered at every step in the process. Charter schools are a strange educational

amalgam, mixing public and private mandates. They receive a state foundation grant for each student, just like public schools. But National Heritage Academies is a for-profit enterprise which has said it hopes to have the Canton facility in the black within five to eight years.

Under state law, public schools and some other public facilities exempt from local property taxes don't need extensive approvals for the municipality where they're located. If they did, the argument goes, municipalities might never agree to their construction. We're not so sure. Market demand, after all, probably plays as much or more of a role in what a munity looks like, or what amenities it

The law was also passed at a time when schools in more rural regions couldn't afford the time or expense of waiting for county approvals

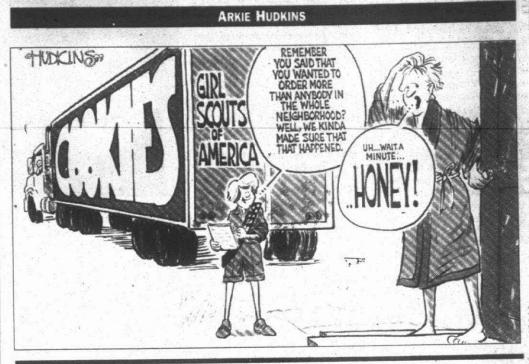
The schools must still meet state codes and requirements. The law is the subject of a current suit in

Northville Township, where planners want more of a say in construction of a new high school. The township won its case at the circuit court level, but the school district has appealed.

The Observer isn't arguing that homes in Royal Pointe will plummet in value. Evidence shows that simply doesn't happen very often in the Midwest, even when a controversial facility such as a group home is built next

In Canton's case, a school building that doesn't match the standards of surrounding residential development could conceivably put a slight drag on resale value, And more than that, the law doesn't seem to make sense when it's applied to a charter school.

We urge the township board to follow the planning commission's direction and deny special land use for the school as it is currently proposed.



LETTERS

Praise overdue

Scott Daniel's column in the Feb. 11 edition praising one of Canton's unsung heroes, Ginnie Hauck, was long overdue.

As a geriatric social worker, I have had the opportunity to work with senior housing managers all over southeastern Michigan. The industry standard for senior housing managers is that they be more than apartment managers; they need to be friends and supports, as well. Sadly, the reality is that many do not meet that standard. As your column so vividly points out, Ginnie more than exceeds the standard.

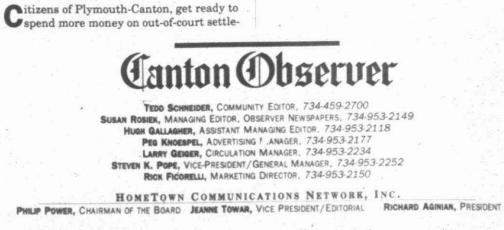
Ginnie's work includes tireless advocacy through various township organizations for her residents and Canton seniors in general. But I would be remiss if I did not mention others who advocate for Canton's seniors, including Dianne Neihengen and her staff at the Canton Senior Center and the "first couple" of Canton's seniors, Ron and Dolly Lieberman. There are many others, who along with Ginnie, Dianne and the Liebermans work unselfishly to improve the lives of Canton's seniors. The quality of life for the entire township is improved by the efforts of all of these dedicated people, on behalf of our seniors.

What about the perpetrators?

mim Richard's article, "Counselors and parents should warn collegians of dangers," managed to ruffle a few feminist feathers, especially his question, "Didn't anyone ever tell A.C. that it's dangerous, even foolish, to drink when you are underage and away from home with guys who were previously strangers?" Of course, parents warn their children to be careful! Most girls and women live in fear. They are told over and over again that they must lock their doors, not go out at night alone, not trust strangers, and so on. But all this fear that we pump into our young women and all the precautions they take will not end the violence that is done to them. Not until we stop blaming the victim and start putting the blame where it belongs - on the perpetrators of the crimes. They are the ones who need serious counseling. The question Mr. Richard should ask is, "Didn't anyone ever tell our young men that it's wrong to drug young women and rape them?"

Tracey Martin, president Western Wayne County Chapter National Organization for Women

Residents pay for misdeeds



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ments! Yes, the district just spent \$90,000 to settle a discrimination and harassment case out of court. According to Assistant Superintendent Errol Goldman, the district and its lawyers decided settling out of court was in their best interest. Goldman said, "To go through the trial would have been very costly." He said, "We believe we would have won, but wanted to save the district money."

NO! Mr. Goldman, it was not in the district's best interest, it was in yours! You took our money, which should have been spent to educate our young people, and spent it on settlement, because you do not treat people with dignity and respect. Let's not lose sight of the fact that if you were professional in your conduct on this job, and used common sense and. decency in performing your duties, none of this would have been an issue in the first place. Yes, Mr. Goldman, you won because a court of law didn't get to hear the facts in this

The problem with Mrs. Burnette is not over yet, as district representatives will meet with an independent arbitrator to settle the more recent disputes. How much more education money will this cost the district? And, the district is heading into another one with the administrative assistant/labor relations direc-Jeff Smith tor, Walter Bartnick. Mr. Bartnick is not **Canton** working in the district now, but is still being paid by the district.

There are eight grievances being pursued at this time, four from last school year (1997-98) and four more for this year. How much more will it cost to settle these? This money comes directly out of the taxpayers' dollars. Again, proper handling of these issues initially by the administrator would have prevented these problems from developing in the first

I urge all the parents of the Plymouth-Canton community, as well as all taxpayers, to call or write the members of the Board of Edu cation and express how you feel about Mr. Goldman's performance as assistant superintendent of employee relations and personnel. If not, open your wallets, because we will continue to pay, because it was in their best interest to settle.

Because of the major problems with a few administrators, the fact is often overlooked that there are many wonderful, kind dedicated teachers and employees in the district. They, along with the citizens, should not be the ones to pay, both financially and emotionally, for the misdeeds of a few.

> Kenneth Smith Plymouth

Work together to help Rouge

f western Wayne officials were to develop a slogan for the Rouge River, the motto should be "Let's work together."

Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Redford Township are among 41 of 48 Rouge basin communities that have applied to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for a voluntary stormwater permit. If approved by the DEQ, the communities have agreed to work to control illicit sewer connections and encourage public participation and public education programs. Communities remain concerned about the threats of federal mandates, while Wayne County officials and some communities are concerned over who oversees the project, but overall the regulatory agencies, the federal court and local communities have ' all worked well together.

The permit process was developed from the "bottom up" - a voluntary process for communities to address the stormwater runoff in cleaning the Rouge. Those permits were outlined and examined locally last year with input from communities and subwatershed groups of representatives of these local communities, Of course, U.S. District Judge John Feikens has prodded the communities along through the process with his threat of an authority to oversee the process, but the permits have shown that the communities are serious about cleaning the Rouge. At this point, the EPA and DEQ have not raised any serious objections about the permit applications.

The subwatershed groups have a long way to go to clean the river, but if this local, yet regional, approach continues with the same seriousness shown during the subwatershed



meetings, then the stormwater runoff of road salt and chemicals that plague the Rouge can be controlled with enough time, effort and money. The permit process is a great start to con-

trol the stormwater runoff and has helped snowball the local momentum behind the \$1.3 billion Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project.

We hope it continues.

POINTS OF VIEW

Standards need to apply to all people in our society

dmittedly, today times have changed. How often we hear That phrase. Those words are supposed to explain all the various actions people engage in that might seem difficult to explain to a reasoning mind. We pick and choose at a moment's whim to justify a particular behavior

One of the loudest cries consistently heard is this is a country with "Freedom of Speech." We guard this freedom unquestionably, and use its "guidelines" to allow an extreme broad and at times immoral interpre-

tation of what constitutes art. But then, we challenge a person's right to utter personal opinions when we choose to expand our own feelings of being put upon. In a recent case well-publicized - a man was ticketed for shouting some explicit bad language when he fell out of a canoe. It didn't matter that he was in the wide open spaces and had just experienced an embarrassing and at first instance a frightening accident.

He was judged violating the freedom of speech theory because a child was in the vicinity at the time. While this is judged immoral and unlawful due to an outdated, antiquated law still on the books, our television shows which are readily available for many young minds to see and accept, constantly use not only bad, offensive language, but expound immoral ideas. are allowed to broadcast on the basis of free speech.

We protect our freedom of speech and demand that that freedom must allow for anyone who chooses to say or defame our flag in any way they want, in the name of art or freedom,



and vet, there have been numerous incidents when sports figures have uttered words that were unpopular with various groups, which resulted with those celebrities being forced to vacate prestigious jobs or positions or having their reputations challenged and ruined because they had a slip of

Our judges and prosecutors will phold obsolete laws they personally choose to, while picking out the silliness and modern inappropriate meaning in other laws. In Michigan recently, while one judge was fining the man for his vulgar words in the open air, citing the old law, another judge throws out of court another old law that cited adultery as unlawful because of the modern attitude toward affairs of the heart.

Our politicians use their offices and standing to back their own party and back their own constituents just because they belong to a political group. We have recently seen that in our own country. Whatever the facts or interpretation of the wording, our Constitution was founded as a guide and principle for all to live by, and each situation should be judged on

the merits or weakness of the act, and not by whether a Whig, Democrat or Republican committed the act.

We see our state and national representatives challenging the wisdom and advisability of raising the minimum wages, on the basis that it might not be the feasible thing for the economy, but at the same time, they vote a substantial wage hike for themselves.

The time has come for there to be a uniform interpretation of matters for the common good. If language is wrong, it is wrong. If we are insisting to pursue and demand abiding to a law regarding speech that is on the books, we must also uphold other laws regarding extramarital affairs, and any other outdated law that still exists

Shirley Welch is a Livonia resident.

Deceptive business practices good reason to slam Ameritech

the tongue at an unguarded moment.

y knuckles are still raw from the last beating inflicted on Ameritech Michigan, the unfriendly telephone company that loves to fire people and tie them up in court with interminable appeals. Duty calls, however, because Ameritech is still at it, this time losing before the Michigan Public Service Commission and the state Court of Appeals. The court opinion is 10 pages of legalisms. In sum, the terms "misleading," "false," "deceptive" and

"anticompetitive" pop up with frightening frequency. The unanimous, bipartisan Feb. 12 opinion is signed by Stephen Mark-

man and Robert Young Jr. (Engler appointees) and Helene White (Clinton's designee for a federal slot). It finds that "Ameritech sent a mislead-

ing and anti-competitive bill insert to its customers in violation of the Michigan Telecommunications Act."

That's fascinating because insiders say Ameritech's lobbyists drafted the

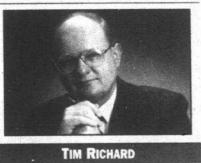
In December 1995, we all reeived an insert in our Ameritech bills headlined "DON'T GET SLAMMED."

Slamming is the practice of some long-distance providers of billing you for services you never ordered. The insert invited us to fill out a form to avoid slamming for "long-distance or other telecommunications services." Here the plot thickens. The notice

doesn't differentiate between inter-LATA (long distance) and intra-LATA (local area code calls for which we pay ng-distance rates).

Sprint complained to the MPSC. It seems that on Jan. 1, 1996, competition was to be allowed for intra-LATA calls. The bill insert "does not remind customers that Ameritech Michigan was required to implement intra-LATA to dialing parity for 10 percent

of its customers on Jan. 1, 1996, and that local service would soon be available from other providers," MPSC said



Here's the trick: If you signed the slammer protection notice, you couldn't authorize Sprint, MCI or AT&T to be your short long-distance provider. The competitors would be unable to inform Ameritech that you wanted a change. You would have to notify Ameritech yourself to make a change

MPSC ruled that the competitors feared Ameritech "will delay requests from customers to change providers and that it will use the contact as an opportunity to try to dissuade the cus-

tomer from leaving Ameritech . (T)here's ample evidence that Ameritech Michigan understood the bill insert to be anticompetitive and intended it to have that effect."

MPSC ordered Ameritech to make remedies, including a corrective bill insert and easier changes in service providers. MPSC also sought to send the case file to the attorney general for review of possible action under the Michigan Consumer Protection Act." (It will be fun to see if Attorney General Jennifer Granholm remembers her "I'll take your case" political speech and prosecutes Ameritech vigprously.)

Ameritech's lawyers threw up all sorts of arguments, every one of which was shot down by the Court of Appeals. One was Ameritech's customer survey purporting to show that customers correctly understood the insert. MPSC found the survey "selfserving and unrealistic," having "fundamental flaws due to the nature of

the questions, the tone of the interviews and people excluded from the sample." The court agreed. The court also rejected Ameritech

defense of "free speech," saying, "False, deceptive or misleading advertising is subject to restraint .

Will Ameritech fold its tent like a good corporate citizen, stop the appeals, obey the MPSC order and take its punishment from the attorney general like a man? Its behavior in other cases suggests Ameritech will appeal forever.

If Ameritech appeals, then I propose the stockholders not be stuck with the legal bill. The lawyers' costs should come from President Bob Cooper's bonus and salary. Misleading. Deceptive. False. Anti competitive. Ameritech.

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

Comerica does Michigan proud as a first-rate corporate citizen

or those of us with long memories and senhas been a rough time for Michigan institu-

Remember Vernors ginger ale? In my memory, Vernors was the essential ingredient for a proper ginger ale float. I still recall being driven by my parents to the big green and yellow plant on Woodward, while being instructed about just why Vernors was so much better than Canada

Sadly, Vernors has been gone for a long time. More recently, Stroh's got sold to Heileman and Miller. My childhood memories of beer and Ernie Harwell announcing the ball games on the radio run from Goebel (also disappeared) to

Stroh's. I don't listen to baseball much any more, but I always bought Stroh for sentiment's sake and because Peter Stroh and his family were exemplars of what good, decent, locally

responsible people ought to be. And by now everybody who isn't taking intensive German lessons knows full well that what we used to know as Chrysler is now something

called DaimlerChrysler. The old names, very often associated with old families, aren't much with us any longer. Which is why it's nice to celebrate a busines with a solid name that's intensely focused on Michigan, that looks like it'll be around for a while and that has helped countless local businesses. I'm referring to Comerica, the oldest and

largest bank in Michigan, that will celebrate its 150th anniversary on Friday. Originally chartered in 1849 as the Detroit

Savings Fund Institute and then better known as the Detroit Bank & Trust, Comerica assumed its present name in 1982. In 1992, Comerica merged with Manufacturers National Corp. The merger was difficult. The "reds" (old Comerica employees) were interlarded with the "blues" (ex-Manufacturers staffers) in such a

way as to perpetuate for years the competition between the two The stock price fell, and for a time Comerica looked as though it would be taken over and

move out of Michigan in just the same way that the National Bank of Detroit got taken over and moved to Chicago by First Chicago-NBD Bank Corp.

But CEO Eugene Miller (a "red") and President Mike Monahan (a "blue") moved quickly. They eliminated poor risk loans, expanded branches throughout the region and redeployed their capital. The stock responded and has now



PHILIP POWER

The bank has been one of the most civic-minded corporations in the entire southeastern Michigan region, generous in its donations to charities and forthcoming in its willingness to assign top executives to worthwhile causes.

appreciated so-much as to make Comerica nearly takeover-proof.

Having an independent, well-managed bank with a solid focus on providing banking services to Michigan businesses and households is vitally important to the future of our state. Though the folks at First Chicago-NBD will deny it till the cows come home, that bank has no more particular interest in Michigan than it has in any other state.

It's too bad. But that's life, and that's what happens when a big local company gets merged with a bigger nonlocal company and moves

But not (so far) at Comerica. The bank has been one of the most civic-minded corporations in the entire southeastern Michigan region, generous in its donations to charities and forthcoming in its willingness to assign top executives to worthwhile causes. Coupled with its excellent business performance, that's an outstanding

record for any company, locally based or not. Here's tall, cold one (a Stroh's, of course) hoisted to Comerica's 150th. I hope they'll be a solid, Michigan-oriented company for many, many years to come.

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



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Griffith, SC dean, cited for leadership in continuing ed

Ronald Griffith, dean of educational services, will be honored by the National Council for Continuing Education and Training, receiving its Regional Leadership Award for the North Central Region. He will receive the award at the NCCET national conference in Milwaukee, Wis., in October.

Griffith will receive the award for his "contributions to continuing education in your region and because you exemplify the qualities of leadership that NCCET hopes to promote among continuing education professionals," wrote Ruth L. Prather, president of the NCCET Board of Directors.

"No one has done more to strengthen the bond between the colleges within a region and the Council than you have. Your ability to raise awareness of the value of continuing education professionals, their place in the community college organiza-

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tion, and their contribution to their community in your region is appreciated.

Griffith, a Plymouth Township resident, came to Schoolcraft in 1971 as director of community services and was named dean of the department in 1975. He was named dean of continuing education and community services in 1977 and dean of educational services in 1984. In 1997-98, the student unduplicated head count for CES and the Business Development Center enrollment, all of which report to him, was more than 17,000. The programs serve students from infants through senior citizens.

The NCCET, the oldest affiliate of the American Association for Community Colleges, provides leadership for continuing education, workforce development and community services professionals within community, technical and junior colleges.

Former dean honored by S'craft board

Sirkka Gudan, former assistant dean for academic and assessment services at Schoolcraft College, received emeritus status from the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees.

A West Bloomfield resident, Gudan initiated, organized and developed the Learning Assistance/ Assessment Center at Schoolcraft and has been a leader in the field of student assessment, publishing research and conducting presentations statewide and nationally.

The Learning Assistance Center offers academic support to students and community members through tutoring and study skills instruction. The Assessment Center offers comprehen-



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grams among departments to support at-risk students, pairing reading and study courses with content courses such as English, biology and electronics, often using students who successfully completed a course to tutor students currently taking the Gudan pioneered a homework assistance program between Livonia's Riley Middle **School and Schoolcraft** students interested in teaching.

course. Under her direction, Schoolcraft has become a model for other colleges.

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and Schoolcraft students interested in teaching.

Gudan earned her doctorate from the University of Michigan in educational psychology. She joined Schoolcraft in 1980 as learning assistance coordinator and is a recipient of the Schoolcraft College Presidential Recognition Award.

Gudan has been president of the Schoolcraft College Association of Administrative and Professional Personnel, chairman of the Student Athlete Support System, chairman of the Civil Rights Onsite Review Committee, chairman of the Goals Assessment Committee, and a board member of the Michigan Community College Journal.

Attorneys to teach legal classes at Madonna

Several local attorneys are among the faculty teaching eight legal assistant courses for the spring/summer term, which begins May 10 at Madonna University in Livonia.

A workshop titled "Advanced Legal Research on the Internet" will focus on this emerging use of technology to conduct legal research and will be held over two weekends on May 14-15 and May 21-22. The course will be taught by Mary Urisko, a Detroit attorney and co-author of West's Paralegal Today. She will also teach the course "Legal Assistant Orientation" on Tuesday evenings. Urisko, assistant director of the Legal Assistant program at Madonna, will lead the class, "Contractual and Com-mercial Relations" Wednesday evenings

Plymouth attorney Richard Dimanin will teach "Medical

Legal Concepts" and "Medical Records" on Monday evenings and a weekend workshop, "Case Preparation and Trial," on July 9-10 and July 16-17. Attorney Craig Tarpinian of

Farmington Hills will teach "Probate Estates" on Thursday evenings as well as the workshop "Will and Trust Drafting" on two consecutive weekends, June 11-12 and June 18-19.

Jennifer Cote, director of

Madonna's Legal Assistant program and chair of the ABA Approval Commission, will teach "Legal Seminar and Practicum" on selected Tuesday evenings.

On-campus registration begins March 29 and continues through May 7. Classes begin May 10. For more information, call Urisko at (734) 432-5548 or Cote at (734) 432-5549.

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JACK GLADDEN

It's about time to have a 'Get It Right' Day

hat do Dr. Seuss, a recipe for rye bread, a Southfield man with a tattoo and the Texas state song have in common?

They all represent reasons why we need to observe something that I'd call "National Get It Right Day." Let me explain.

A couple of weeks ago, The Boss asked if I would write an editorial page piece on March being "National Reading Month."

"And could you tie it in with Dr. Seuss?" she asked. I gave her a funny look and said, "Uh, yeah, sure."

So I get on the Internet and do a search on "National Reading Month." I got a few hits, but most of them were from 1998 or earlier and they were mostly references on elementary school Web sites. I did find a press release on Michigan Gov. John Engler's Web site in which he proclaimed March 1998 to be "National Reading Month" in Michigan. But nothing for 1999.

"I can't find anything about March being 'National Reading Month,' " told The Boss.

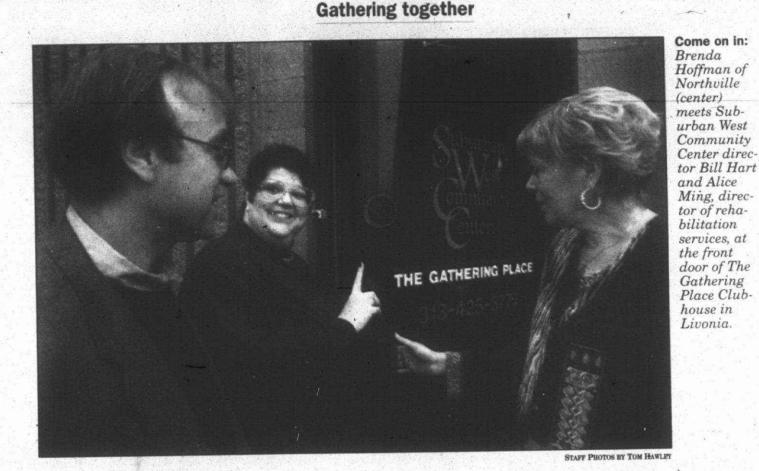
Well, it is in Livonia," one editor said.

"And it is in Westland," said another.

The sources of this information turned out to be press releases from various elementary schools which made reference to Dr. Seuss and to March being "Reading Month." Nothing about it being "National" and no indication of who decided that March should get this designation.

Another press release from a local university made the Dr. Seuss connection. March 2 would have been his 95th birthday and the university had some events planned to commemorate that date in connection with the "America Reads Program."

So I got back on the Net. A little bit better luck this time. A search brought me to the National Education Association's home page, where I learned that the NEA was promoting Dr. Seuss celebrations on March 2 as part of its "Read Across America" program.



Mentally ill find 'community'

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER ecomm.net

ike Judy Collins' 1968 hit song, Brenda Hoffman has looked at life from both sides now. Sitting in the Suburban West Community Center in Redford, she speaks openly about her life before and after being diagnosed with chronic depression.

The Northville resident had depressive tendencies when she was young, but shrugged them off as being a teenager. But she couldn't do that after having a baby. For more than a year, she stayed in her house, with the drapes closed, and didn't get dressed. On the verge of committing suicide, she was committed to a hospital.

When she lost her insurance, she turned to Suburban West for help. The staff at its Canton office sent her to the "clubhouse." Hoffman admits she didn't like it at first, but today is an ardent supporter.

"I've seen a great change," she said. "That might be why when I first came to Suburban West I felt funny. After about two weeks, I realized it (the clubhouse) was a godsend.

"If it weren't for the caring calls, I might lay in bed until my husband takes me in or something happens. It's why I consider them my family.

Suburban West provides services to mentally ill people like Hoffman in Redford, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton and Northville as a contractual agency for the Detroit-Wayne County Mental Health Board. The Gathering Place Clubhouse is its psychosocial rehabilitation program and is modeled after Fountain House in New York.

The clubhouse offers it 85 members experiences that help them function in their communities and decrease the need for hospitalization. Members take an active role in its operation, cooking food for the coffee shop, doing clerical work, helping in the library or doing

maintenance

Known as Robert J to his friends clubhouse members only use an initial in lieu of their last name - Robert Johnson was "looking for a better opportunity" when he walked into the clubhouse. Six years later, the Plymouth resident is a leader in the drop-in center and like Hoffman sits on Suburban West's Board of Directors,

"I was looking to better myself," said Johnson, who also suffers from mental illness. "I try to take advantage of the opportunities presented to me and help my fellow members. As time has gone on, things have blossomed for me at the center.

Good things to hear

Bill Hart smiles when he hears what Hoffman and Johnson have to say. They are a testimonial to the 20 years of service Suburban West has been providing to its consumers.

The clubhouse is one of our service

programs where the consumers and staff work together," said Hart, Suburban West's executive director. "Every member contributes to its continuing development and growth."

Place Club-

house in

Livonia.

"When this program started, it was a very structured partial day program; the staff determined the program and they were the professionals," added Alice Ming, director of rehabilitation services. "Now it's staff- and memberrun. The consumers have a part in every decision that is made. The staff and the consumers work together, even in hiring new staff.

"There are no closed meetings. The consumers are a part of everything."

Originally affiliated with Northville Psychiatric Hospital as an aftercare clinic, Suburban West currently has 621 consumers in its outpatient. Assertive Community Treatment, psychosocial rehabilitation and case man-

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Suburban West focuses on its consumers

This must be it

This had to be what all those press releases were talking about, even though the one from the university had the name of the program wrong and the NEA site made no mention of March being "Reading Month," national or otherwise. But at least now I had something to work with.

I decided to do a bit more Internet research on Dr. Seuss to help with the piece I was supposed to write. It was fascinating.

According to the Associated Press' obituary, Dr. Seuss "wrote and illustrated" 47 books that were translated into 18 languages. The Grolier Encyclopedia Web site placed the number of books at 48 and the number of languages at 20. Another site hedged and just said that he wrote more than 45 children's books.

A frequently told anecdote is the one about Dr. Seuss' first book being rejected by numerous publishers before it was finally accepted. The number of publishers who rejected the book was either 28, 29 or 43, depending on whose information you accept. And he started writing children's books in either the 1930s, '40s

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Hospice has tickets for dinner-dance

Wearing of the green isn't mandatory for an evening of old-fashioned Irish fun at Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc.'s seventh annual St. Patrick's dinner-dance Saturday, March 6, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia.

The festivities get under way at 6:30 p.m. The deadline for ordering tickets to be picked up at the door is noon Friday, March 5. To order, Call CHHCS at (734) 522-4244.

Incorporated as a private nonprofit community mental health agency in 1978, Suburban West Community Center provides consumers living in the Redford, Livonia, Canton, Plymouth and Northville areas with:

Outpatient treatment of psychiatric disorders. Treatment is geared toward prevention of rehospitalization, elimination of symptoms, reduction of negative personal and social effects of hospitalization and enhancement of personal skills and growth.

Assertive Community Treatment - The program's primary goals are to prevent rehospitalization and to maximize the consumer's community adjustment while decreasing dependency. Services include around-theclock crisis intervention, training in daily living skills, mental health edu-

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cation, advocacy with landlords and community resources, other chemotherapy and individual counseling.

Čase Management/Hospital Liaison Program - The program has two components. The hospital liaison program is designed to offer a more continuous flow of treatment to people being discharged to Suburban West from community and state hospitals.

The case management component is designed to facilitate access to community services like housing, medical services and vocational rehabilitation to help the consumer achieve a maximum level of independence while reducing the likelihood of rehospitalization.

Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program - The Gathering Place Clubhouse in Livonia is a psychosocial

rehabilitation program that experiences that help members function in their community and decrease the need for hospitalization. Members are encouraged assume productive roles in the program through the Clerical, Food Service and Member Services units.

Counseling Center West - The program provides services to adult consumers who have never been hospitalized and who aren't currently at risk for hospitalization. Individual, couples and family counseling are available for emotional, behavioral and stress-related problems.

Suburban Nights - A consumerrun drop-in center in Livonia, Suburban Nights is operated by a consumer advisory council and Suburban West. It's open 4:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 12:30-9 p.m. Saturday at the

Getting ready: Robert Johnson checks to see if the desserts ... are ready for lunch.

clubhouse

Suburban West Community Center has offices at 11677 Beech Daly Road. Redford, and 5800 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, and The Gathering Place Clubhouse at 27595 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For more information. call Suburban West at (313) 937-9500.

You can raise helpful, cooperative children

of the most exciting victories in raising children is getting them to cooperate. On the flip side, one of the most frustrating experiences is when they don't. Most parents feel like "drill serg ants" at one time or another, simply barking orders and listening to children complain or resist helping. There is hope, however, if a few simple suggestions are followed.

Create a cooperative environment: Parents set the tone for behavior in every home. By showing children what is expected, cooperative behavior is easier to achieve.

When your child asks for help, be willing to provide the help with a positive attitude. It's very important

For many parents, one to demonstrate cooperation with your spouse or other adults in your home. This will be the example that children will follow. We all work harder for people who inspire the best in us.

Use humor whenever possible Parents who are fun, who are caring and who show respect, motivate children. Joking around with your children to get their cooperation can create a lighter atmosphere, one more apt to yield a positive response.

Amidst chuckles, school-aged children to teens are more likely to acknowledge your cleverly worded and cleverly placed requests.

Understand normal development in children: All children go through various stages as they grow. At times children may appear to be uncooperative when, in fact, they are simply acting their age.

No one expects an infant to put his arms through the sleeves of a T-shirt because they are simply incapable of doing so. The same may be said of expecting a 2-year-old to follow a request that has multiple steps

The challenge comes as children get older and we

know they are capable of following directions, but they choose not to. This is a common problem with 9and 10-year-olds who don't want to brush their hair. let alone their teeth!

Teenagers may prefer to spend time alone in their room rather than politely visit with their grandparents. Although these behaviors don't have to be accepted by parents, it is helpful to know that they are normal and special consideration needs to occur to ensure cooperation.

Perhaps you'll shorten the visit to grandma's house by an hour so your teen can meet her friends at the movies. Talking to other parents with children of similar age or reading about child development helps to prepare parents for difficult stages.

Put it in writing: Many parents avoid the feeling of constantly pleading for help by putting their expectations in writing. Even small children can understand job lists or house rules, if they are illustrated with pictures as well as words. This will be even

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Suburban West from page B1

Redford, Livonia and Canton and has earned a reputation in the mental health system as a provider of quality services, a said Ming. "The old program listinction buoyed by an accreditation with commendation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Mental Health Organi-

In it early years, Suburban West provided general outpatient treatment, primarily for people who had been in psychiatric hospitals in the past, and crisis intervention. In 1985, it staff on a regular basis. added ACT, taking treatment to consumers in their homes and other settings.

In 1986, case management was added to link consumers Marty adding that it suits his who had been hospitalized more than once with needed services in their communities.

The partial day program started 12 years ago, when consumers were receiving more passive activities. Its evolution to the clubhouse started in 1987. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday- a hospital stay to span months the agency is looking for a part-Friday, members like Hoffman or years. Now, it's evolved into a nership to provide a residential and Johnson provide the talent contract with private hospital for program. to keep it running smoothly.

The drop-in center picks up after the clubhouse closes. Open the treatment. Twenty years said. "The one thing about Sub-4-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and ago, the mentally ill were called urban West is that it always has noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, it's patients because of the hospital- been very consumer-oriented staffed completely by the con- based treatment. Then they and people-oriented."

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or '50s

course. His real name was Random House site, not to men-Theodor Seuss Geisel, except in tion that Grolier Online page. "Carol Hurst's Children's Literature Newsletter," in which she first name as "Theodore," the releases or the rye bread recipe. common spelling, but not the

way he spelled it.

sumers and clubhouse membership isn't a prerequisite for drop-

ping in. "Some members are here from 8 in the morning to 9 at night," staff; this one can't run without the consumers."

Suits their needs

While Johnson helps out in finances before switching over to a waiter at lunchtime, Kimberly B and Marty B, both Redford residents, are part of the kitchen Kimberly has been a member

for 5 1/2 years, Marty for 10. A bit on the shy side, both admit they like the program, with

needs "It was a partial day program when I first came," he said. "I like this better."

Hart points out that a lot has Back then, it wasn't unusual for with less serious problems and a stay of eight-12 days.

And the change goes beyond better than the others," Hart

became clients and 10 years ago. they became consumers "when clients started speaking out to remove the stigma," Hart said. "It reflects the consumer voice

in the services," he added. "They couldn't operate without the are now consumers of mental health services." Now, Suburban West is posi-

tioning itself for more changes in the mental health arena. The implementation of managed care and discussions about reducing the number of catchment (service) areas to keep costs under control may be viewed as threats by some, but Hart sees them as an opportunity.

The agency recently developed a semi-independent living program to offer apartments (16 in all) with support services to people leaving adult foster care or their parents' homes and making the transition to independent liv

Its Counseling Center West in changed in the 20 years Subur- Canton offers individual, couple ban West has been in business. and group therapy for people.

"I like to think that we do it

Donio

What's for lunch? Kimberly B and Marty B, both of Redford, start mixing together the ingredients for the day's special - chicken and broccoli casserole - that will be served to the lunch crowd at The Gathering Place Clubhouse.

thrown together by fervent, if waukee Rye, when I realized states that the Texas state the man who has been picked to gether. He's suing the tattoo par-

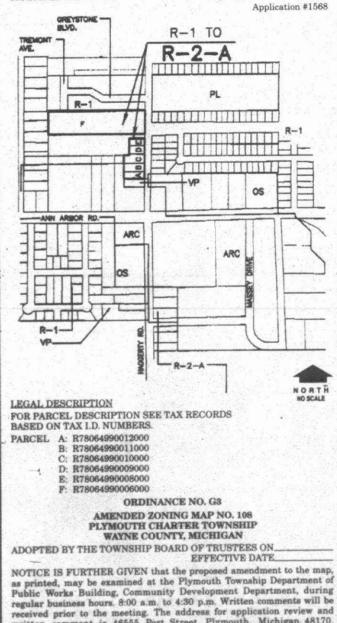
Now you can cluck your tongue and blame it on the vagaries of That came out of the new edi-

'tion of Bernard Clayton's "Com-There was much more misin- plete Book of Breads." I was formation out there, on sites whipping up a batch of Old Mil-

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

TO REZONE FROM: R-1 - SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO REZONE TO: R-2-A - MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT DATE OF HEARING: MARCH 10, 1999

TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m. PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 45350 Ann Arbor Road NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from R-1, "SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL" District, to R-2-A, "MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL". Containing 7.05 acres, more or less.



regular business nours, c.ov a.m. to 4.30 p.m. written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comment is 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 453-4372. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address for Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commissio may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 63.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the uring impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered a all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the neetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township o Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's office, 42350 Ann Arbow Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number: (734) 453-3840 X 201. TDD users: 1-800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

February 14, 1999 Publish: March 4, 1999

MARCIA SAYLES, Secretary Planning Commissio

Dr. Seuss was a pseudonym, of careless, Seuss fans to an official that yeast was not listed as an ingredient. I still had the original edition, with the stained other inaccurate information man fit into this picture? The expages and ripped cover, so I dug it out of the bookcase and devotes three pages to an essay the Internet, but that doesn't checked the recipe there. Yep, it on the man, yet misspells his explain those errant press called for yeast. Somehow that getting more and more danger- But since neither he nor the tatingredient got left out in the revision.

"Texas, Our Texas." But a book- their facts, and absolutely with- started making fun of him. He let being sold by McDonald's out double- or triple-checking. wore long-sleeve shirts to cover Black History Month incorrectly I was looking for information on plastic surgery to remove it alto- Newspapers. He lives in Canton.

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parents.

list, Everyone will understand lecture.

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Agenda - adopted as presented.

eview at next regular meeting.

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AT 453-8600

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Monday, March 8, 1999 9:45 a.m.

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lor for \$25,000. But there may be a lesson

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

here. Those tattoo artists and all the other purveyors of misinformation should get tattoos on the backs of their hands, so that when they sit down at a keyboard or take up a tattoo needle. "Get It Right!"

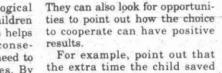
Jack Gladden is a copy editor restaurants to commemorate And all of this occurred to me as up the artwork until he had for the Observer & Eccentric.

> their lives. Cooperation also helps make your home a happi-

er, more loving place to live. Janet Trost is the program manager for the After Baby Comes Program at Starfish Family Services. The program offers support and education to firsttime parents delivering in the Oakwood Healthcare System Volunteers assist in this effort. Interested, experienced parents should call (734) 425-7977, cooperation is part of everyday Ext. 117. For more information, or to arrange for presentation on parenting issues, call (734) 425-

Allow natural and logical They can also look for opportuni- is an important lesson. It helps to make their own choices helps

come will be before they act.



the extra time the child saved you by helping you rake leaves means the two of you are free to do a fun activity that your child

Encourage team play: activities, such as sports or scouting, will also reinforce the concept of working together for a common goal. They'll learn that life and not just an expectation found at home Teaching children to cooperate 7977, Ext. 116.

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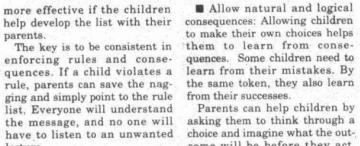
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Wedding

Regular meeting called to order at 4:03 p.m. Present: Thomas Yack, Karen Woodside, Ron Griffith

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WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR

MEETING SYNOPSIS 4:00 P.M., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1999

Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$790,605.80 - approved Operations & Maintenance Report for January, 1999 - received and filed.

Back-up Power Generation Draft Report - Receive and file for further

Request To Advertise for Bids for Application of Protective Coatings on

rete Block in Pump Area and painting of the Enclosed Screw Pumps at

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

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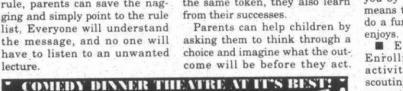
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Operations Manager's Report for February, 1999 - received and filed. Audit; Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 1999 - accepted. First Quarter Revenue/Expenditure Report (FY 98/99) - received and filed.

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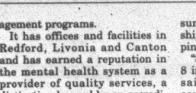
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LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC

Chairman

Enrolling children in group



Garden City BPW benefit helps fund scholarships

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI SPECIAL WRITER

Wonder where the money raised at this year's sixth annual Fashion" fashion show and luncheon goes?

Back into community causes like scholarships that are awarded to local people and the First Step shelter.

The \$30-a-ticket benefit will begin with registration at 12:15 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Plymouth Manor in Plymouth. BPW members and their fam-

ilies will model fashions from Talbots of Laurel Park; Talbots Kids of Laurel Park Place and "I Do." Two! Consignment Bridal Salon in Plymouth.

Talbots carries a complete line of women's fashions in sizes ranging from petite to size 18. Talbots Kids carries children's clothing for infants and boys and girls up to size 14. "I Do" Two! Consignment

Bridal Salon carries a complete line of gently used bridal fashions. The store's inventory includes designer labels and gowns in petite to plus sizes, discounted 30-60 percent. Orin Jewelers and Talbots will

also have display tables. Money raised from a raffle at the fashion show also goes to the Rose Schilawske Scholarship, presented annually by the Garden City BPW to one woman tion. Last year, Garden City resident Colleen Spano received

\$500. Spano and her daughter will be modeling at the fashion

show

the Detroit College of Business.

Married and the mother of two children, Caitlyn, 9, and Michael, 11, Spano said the money helped defray the costs of going to college. "My classes run, with books

and all, usually around \$800 a class, so it did help quite a bit," said Spano who along with her Garden City. "I was fortunate to get it."

Raffle tickets cost \$1 each. Prizes include a day trip for two to Atlantic City, sponsored by Steve Kuhlman of Travel Desk planning package, donated by attorney Sandra Larson; a \$100 gift certificate from Orin Jewelers; and a Waterford sweetheart bowl, donated by Hudson's of sold at the door. Westland.

Door prizes include gift certificates to DeLuca's, New Peking and East Side Mario's restaurants, as well as gift baskets from Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland and Dearborn Florist.

The Garden City BPW is also supported by John Santeiu & Sons Funeral Home.

"We're hoping to raise enough money to fund our scholarships who is returning to the work and the money we have left over force or is furthering her educa- is used to operate our budget," said Rebecca Viola, Garden City BPW fashion show chairwoman.

The professional women's organization also sponsors an honors scholarship that is East Lansing.

At 35, Spano has worked at awarded to a high school senior Garden City Hospital for 18 from Garden City to help defray years and is currently director of costs of attending a community surgical services. She's working college. Students must be recomtoward her bachelor's degree in mended by school officials, have fessional Women "Parade of health care administration at at least a 3.0 grade point average, leadership qualities and provide service to the student body and the community.

The BPW also supports the Garden City Library, First Step and Sea Camp, a program that sends school-aged children to Florida to study environmental "The fashion show will be nice

husband, Joseph, was raised in and I'm sure the women will enjoy the afternoon," Spano said. "The organization supports a lot of local causes and please come out and support us."

To order tickets to the fashion show and lunch, featuring chickin Garden City; a basic estate en kabobs and rice pilaf, call Beth Csicsila at (734) 458-4331 or (313) 277-7742. The deadline to buy tickets is Wednesday, March 10. No tickets will be

Organizers recruit riders for parade

There will be some recruiting going on when horse lovers and enthusiasts converge on Michi- answer questions about the units, bands and a Canine Hero gan State University next month for the Michigan Horse Council's Horse Expo and 16th annual parades. There also will be a with a Cause and Canine Com-International Stallion and Trade

Show Representatives of the Michigan Parades into the 21st Century will be at the show, slated for Friday-Sunday, March 12-14, in

booth at the expo and show to units as well as other animal equine units. parade, provide application Unit, featuring such groups as forms and show videos from past Leader Dogs for the Blind, Paws mini Michigan parade at 9:45 panions a.m. March 13, featuring past parade participants.

This year's Michigan Parades into the 21st Century Parade is during the parade and a new scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, peppermint treat, provided by the event contact Harm at (248) May 15, in Lansing. The parade Buckeye Feeds, according to 437-5672.

Parade participants will staff a features more than 40 equine Nancy Harm, who helps recruit

Ready for spring: Anne Schaeffer (left), president of the Garden City BPW, and Beth

Csicsila, vice president, look over the latest spring fashions at Talbots at Laurel

Park Place. The store is providing fashions for the club's annual fashion benefit

This year, each equine participant will receive a red, white and blue parade ribbon to wear

Members of the Canine Hero unit will have parade medals to wear and receive doggie treats, while human participants will receive lunch and an embroidered commemorative parade patch

For more information about

Clarkston, Lake Orion, Oxford - 248-475-4596

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Sunday, March 14, at Plymouth Manor.



information contact Rich: 734-953-2069

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Single Place holds a walk

Saturday at Heritage.Park.

Farmington Road between

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Single Place holds the

following social events

very Sunday: worship 11

.m. at First Presbyterian

Church Sanctuary; brunch

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5 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150

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For more information, call

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The Observer & Eccentric/ THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1999

Shaw-Cameron

Fred and Sandra Shaw of Dearborn announce the engagement of their daughter, April, to James Cameron, the son of Maryann Cameron of Livonia. The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Edsel Ford High School. She will enter the nursing program at Schoolcraft College this fall. She is employed as a home health aide by Angela Hospice. Her fiance is a 1984 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He received an associate's degree in tool design from Schoolcraft College and is mployed as a CAD operator at Broaching Machine Specialty in

Livonia



Trail Nursing Center at HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Canton Historical Museum will is open for the 1999 season. 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 at Heritage Drive. Parking is at the rear of the building. **Displays** include items from Canton's agricultura past, household items and clothing from earlier eras, and pictures of Canton's 10 country schools. Taped conversations with some longtime Canton residents are available. Books on Cantor history are on sale; these include "Cornerstones - A History of Canton Township Families," "Canton's

nformation, call (734) 397-0088 HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Country Schools" and

"Ghost Stories and other

corn series buildings are

also on sale. For more

Tales from Canton." Sweet

The Canton Historical Society will meet 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11, in the Canton Historical Museim, on Canton Center at Heritage Drive. Guest speaker will be David Ŵashburn speaking on the Spanish-American War. Guests welcome. Refresh ments will be served. SOFTBALL LEAGUES The city of Plymouth **Recreation Division will** run the following adult softball leagues this spring ummer: Men's Slow Pitch Women's Slow Pitch, Coed Slow Pitch and Men's Modified. Registration for returning teams began 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 The Canton Softball Cen

ter is now registering teams for adult leagues and its Early Bird Classic Softhall Tournament Apri 10-11. The center is owned and operated by Canton Township. Spring, summer and fall leagues are planned for men, women. coed and masters. There are resident and nonresi dent leagues. League entr requires a \$100 per team deposit, with the balance t be paid at the managers meeting. Cost to register for the tournament is \$125

per team, plus and additional \$25 for non-USSA registered teams. For more information on leagues and tournaments

at the Canton Softball Cen ter, call Jeff Bradley, (734) 483-5600, Ext. 2 or 3.

He received the award by attaining at least a 3.0

grade point or B average in his studies in a college

prep curriculum. Clark has been attending Howe

Military School since August 1997. This is the

third time this year he has been named to the

Navy Seaman John M. Samsonow, son of

Michael H. Samsonow of Canton, recently complet

ed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training

and Toad Survey for the Friends of the Rouge. A two-hour training sessio is all that's required to begin. The training session for the survey will be held from 10 a.m. through noor Saturday, March 6, in the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, Canton. Volunteering for

the survey is easy. Monitors just go to their survey site and listen for a few minutes. Calls of each frog and toad species are easily learned. For more information call Friends of the Rouge (313) 792-9627. KUMON CENTER

The Plymouth Kumon Math Center will hold a free parent information neeting from noon through 1 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at 774 N. Sheldon. All parents in attendance will be provided with a detailed explanation of the Kumon Method, along with an pportunity to sign-up the hildren for a free diagnostic test. For more information or to R.S.V.P., call (248) 348-3859.

AROUND TOWN TINY TOTS PROGRAM

is \$4, \$3 before 7:30 p.m. For more information, call West Side Singles holds 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

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-

BREAST CANCER The Jazzercise Fitness

Center of Canton will be olding a breast cancer fund-raiser 1-4 p.m., Sun day, March 7, at the Central Middle School gym in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 414-

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 that is willing to donate items, call Patty at (734) 416-5293. For more information about the concert, call (734) 451-2112.

BEANIE BABY SHOW

The Plymouth Beanie Baby Show returns from 11 n.m. through 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Plyouth Cultural Center. 525 Farmer, Plymouth Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 4-12 years old. Vendors and col lectors will be selling current and retired Beanie Babies and their accessories. There will be Beanie Baby door prizes given hourly. For more information, call R.R. Promotions Inc., (734) 455-2110.

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MILITARY NEWS

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Marine Sgt. Romeo G. Cairo, son of Anthony J.

and Paul M. Cairo of Canton, recently departed on

a six-month deployment to Okinawa with 1st Bat-

home base of Camp Lejeune, N.C., in January as

part of the Unit Deployment Program. Annually

JDP units based in the United States go to Oki-

nawa for six months of training. From Okinawa

they can deploy to Japan, Korea and many other

talion, 8th Marines. Cairo's unit departed its

The Tiny Tots Program offered by the Salvation Army of Plymouth is accepting applications for

singles dances 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., every Friday in Burton Manor, Livonia, on Schoolcraft, west of Inkster, Admission before 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 arch 13, at 45000 N ritorial, 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. Plymouth Children's Nursery School will be hav ing an Open House 1-3 p.m. Sunda y, March 7, for fall registration. For more information regarding Plymouth Children's Nursery School, call Sharon Eggenberger for the 4-year-old

class, (734) 981-5398, or Michelle Maxam for the 3year-old class, (734) 459-3111.

PRESCHOOL OPENING Garfield Co-op still has openings for preschool. Pro grams for children 18 months to 5 years old.

Salem students stage bull run in competition

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTOR

GALENDAR

he two finance and investment classes at Plymouth Salem in the Stock Market Game, which is sponsored by Economics America of Michigan. Each team starts with \$100,000 and can also

buy "on margin." The team of Mike Klimak, Jerry Gaines and Mike Korduba placed 12th in the state (out of 1,400 teams) and third in the region, which is the Detroit-Metropolitan area. After the first week, however, team members were discouraged: The team had lost \$46,000 in just seven

days. They learned firsthand that the stock market can be very risky. "After the first week, I thought it was over. Nothing is definite, there are no hot tips," Mike Korduba said. Jerry Gaines echoed

for sure we would end up in last place. The fluctuation in the market can

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Vietnam Veterans of

America will hold a general

meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mon-

burgh (between Joy and

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ART CLASSES

day, March 8, at 9318 New-

Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road. For more informa tion, 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 nonfiction and fiction for all ages are received. **IRISH WRITER'S NIGHT** Irish Writer's Night will be held 7:30 p.m. Thurs-

day, 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

CALENDAR

below and mail your item to The Calendar, Canton Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI. 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions. Event

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Located in Livonia, at Cass Elementary, 34633

To submit your military announcement, send Pacific countries. The 1995 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School joined the Marine Corps in

August 1995. Navy Chief Warrant Officer William H. Troutman, son of Jimmie H. Troutman of Canton, is

currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the western Pacific and Indian oceans and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, homeported in Bremerton, Wash. During the deployment, Troutman and fellow crew members have participated in Operation Desert Fox in which U.S. forces launched retaliatoy missile attacks on military installations in Iraq Carriers, like USS Carl Vinson; are forward deployed around the world to maintain a U.S.

presence and provide rapid response in times of Military School and the son of Walter and Susan crisis. The 1981 graduate of Valley Lutheran of | Clark of Plymouth, made the Headmaster's List Saginaw joined the Navy in May 1982.

SUPERINTENDENT'S LIST

Cadet Brian Muson, a 12th-grader at Howe Military School and the son of Michael Munson of Canton, made the Superintendent's List. He received the award by attaining at least a 3.5 grade point or B-plus average in his studies in a BASIC TRAINING college prep curriculum. Munson has been attending Howe Military School since August 1995.

HEADMASTER'S LIST Cadet Michael Clark, a 12th-grader at Howe

active older adult water the Plymouth community to the Ecumenical Lenten Gatherings held every Wednesday through Lent exercise, youth travel floor nockey for ages 9-12, and nore. For more information, call the Plymouth at the First Presbyterian YMCA at (734) 453-2904 Church of Plymouth at 12:05 p.m. with a worship NURSING CENTER service followed at 12:30 The Medilodge Group Inc. has made available to p.m. lunch of soup and bread. The members of the local clubs and organizafollowing churches will protions a representative to discuss topics that include vide the worship and the lunch: March 10, worship assisted living, long-term by First United Methodist care, services available Church and lunch by St. reimbursement under Kenneth Catholic Church Medicare only. If interest-March 17, worship by St ed, call administrator or Kenneth Catholic Church admission director, West and lunch by First Baptist Church; and March 24, (734) 453-3983. worship by First Baptist Church and lunch by First

Methodist Church. AUCTIONS The Plymouth Christian Academy will host a miniauction 7 p.m. Friday, March 5, in the Plymouth Christian Academy Activity Center. The mini-auc-

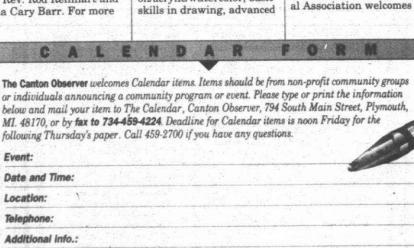
tion is free family event that is a live auction. Items donated by each class will be auctioned. For more information, call (734) 459-3505. Ext. 148 n The Plymouth Christian Academy is hosting a dinner/auction at 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, in Burton Manor, Livonia. The theme is "Wild About Education." The dinner/auction will have both live and silent auctions. Proceeds will go to building of a new multi-purpose room. For more information, call

(734) 459-3505, Ext. 148. PLYMOUTH YMCA The Plymouth Communi ty Family YMCA is offering lasses 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. The Plymouth Community ty Family YMCA is accepting registrations for classes. The classes are youth travel basketball league for grades three-eight; girls' instructional basketball league for grades three-six; introductory dance, ages 5 8; creative movement for

preschoolers, ages 3-5;

Headmaster's List.

Command, Great Lake, Ill.



(from left), Mike Korduba and Mike Klimak finished third in the region and 12th in the state. "Salem had a total of really help you or really Playing the hurt you. 21 teams participating in the Stock Market Game, market is risky. and every one of them However, this team rsevered. Team mem- made a profit," said teacher Diane Holmes. bers picked a few quality stocks and, by the end of "This is the first year the 10-week game, they that no money was los his opinion, "I thought had made a profit of A total of seven of the

Stock pickers: The team of Jerry Gaines

ams made the top 50 in \$200.203 - after all inter est and brokers fees were the state. "I'm very proud of all of them." information, call (734) 459drawing skills, adult pastel and adult charcoal. For more information, call GENERAL MEETING

(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 associa ion will be leading the noon service, followed by a pread-and-soup lunch provided by another church. ations 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. The Plymouth MinisteriZakula-Brackney

Bernard and Jacqueline Mastey of Grosse Ile announce

he engagement of their daugh-

er, Tara Zakula, to Michael S

Brackney, the son of William

and Sandra Brackney of

The bride-to-be is a graduate

of Henry Ford Community Col-

lege with a degree in medical

nformation technology. She is

A.R.T.-certified and currently

attending Madonna University.

ENGAGEMENTS

Zarza-Puda

S. Ann Zarza of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Toresa Ann, to Joseph K. Puda, the son of Harry and Marie Puda of Olean, N.Y.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Madonna University with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is pursuing a master of business administration degree at Madonna. She is employed as a clinical manager at Sinai Hospital in Detroit.

Her fiance is a 1987 graduate of Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y., with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering and a 1989 graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., with a master of science degree in mechanical

"A March wedding is planned

at St. Aidan Catholic Church in

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where she is majoring in longterm care administration. engineering. He is employed as a Her fiance is a graduate of mechanical engineer at the Ford Parker Chiropractic College in Motor Co. in Detroit. Dallas, Texas. He owns Brackney Chiropractic Health Center

An October wedding is planned at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia.

Strum-Hefke

in Canton.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Strum f Commerce Township, formerly of Livonia,'announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Ellen, to Eric Allan Hefke, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hefke of Marquette.

A July wedding is planned at

The bride-to-be is a 1993 gradate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1997 graduate of Western Michigan University where she majored in industrial narketing and earned a bacheor's degree. She is employed as an account executive at Shandwick International. Her fiance is a 1991 graduate

of Marquette High School and a 1996 graduate of Western Michigan University, where he majored in integrated supply management and received a bachelor's degree. He is employed as a material supply

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Faith United Methodist Church in Trenton.

trainee at DaimlerChrysler A September wedding is planned at Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills

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Bailey-Heidger

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bailey of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristine Marie, to Nathan John Heidger, the son of Robert Heidger of Walnut Creek, Calif., and Marti McLaughlin of Danville, Calif.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University. A resident of Manhattan Beach, Calif., she is the owner of Natural Essence Gifts.

Her fiance is a graduate of San Ramon High School and Long Beach State University. He is a professional beach vollevball player, playing the AVP tour. An October wedding is planned in northern California.

Gosen-Easterwood

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gosen of Saginaw announce the engagenent of their daughter, Jennifer o, to Thomas Ellis Easterwood, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Waymon asterwood of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University.



She is employed at Blue Cros Blue Shield of Michigan. Her fiance is a 1983 graduate

of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1984 MoTech graduate. He is employed at Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne. A May wedding is planned at

Assumption B.V.M. Catholic Church of Bridgeport



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able for all classes, including once in a while? Center Classes are now forming at our Oakland and Wayne County facilities. For more information, call (248) 650-1059.

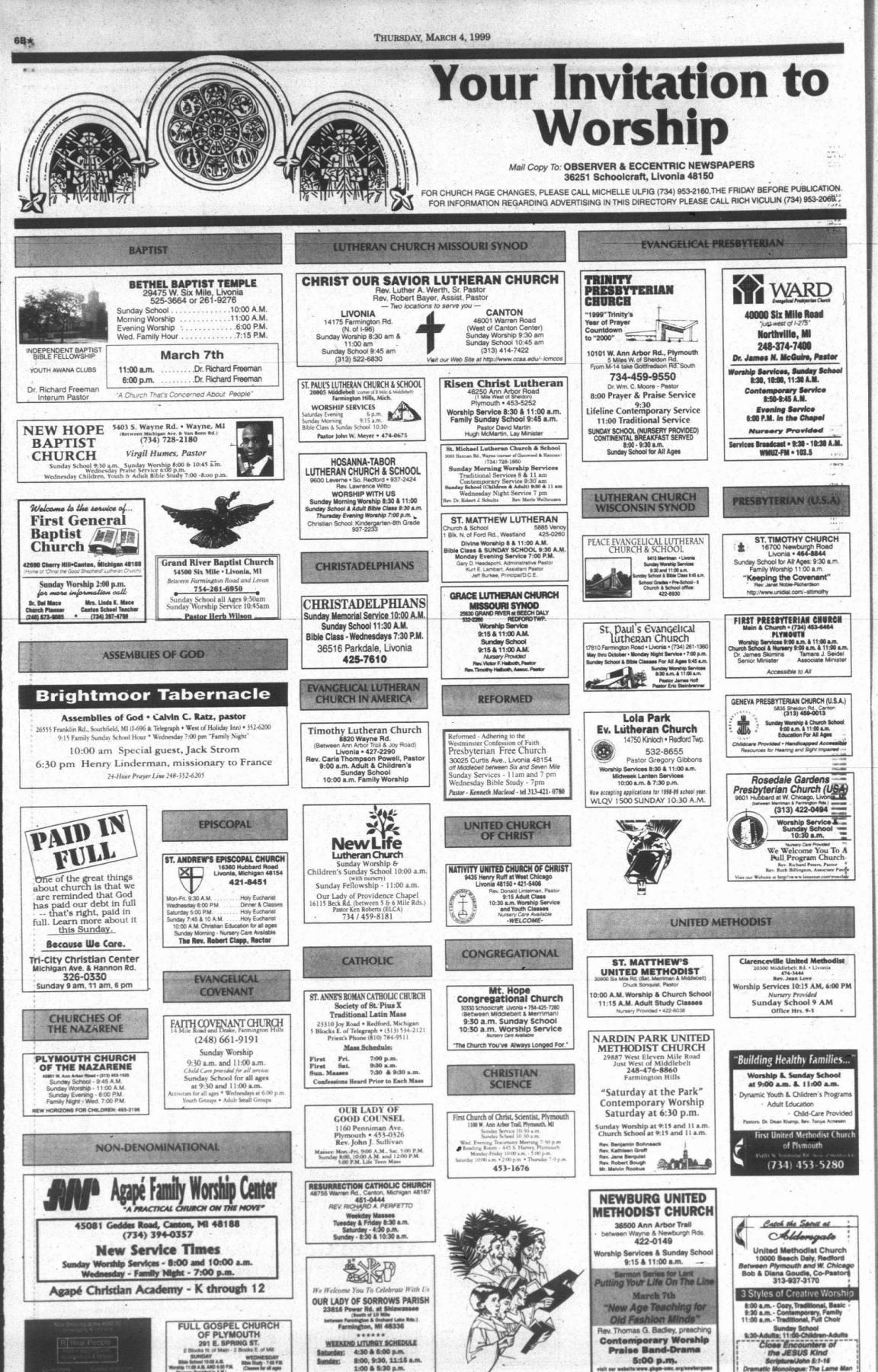
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RELIGIOUS NEWS

Praise Chapel hosts 4-day '99 Spiritfest

Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can he mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more infor mation, call (734) 953-2131. NEW BEGINNING

Warren Gilbert will discuss the "Managing Memories" when New Beginnings, a grief support March 4, at St. Matthew's Unit ed Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Live nia. The program is for people

Traverse, Westland.

Fred Weaver, the senior pas-

Praise Chapel women's trio.

from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Satur-

Cathy Clough will speak about

"The Process of Grief," and Ruth

Sissom will speak about "How

Do We Move Beyond Grief?" The

cost is \$20, which includes conti-

nental breakfast, lunch and sem-

For information about any of

Bethany Suburban West, a

Catholic organization that pro-

vides spiritual, social and sup-

port assistance for divorced and

Crazy Hats Dance at 8:30 p.m.

separated Christians, will have a

Saturday, March 6, at St. Robert

Bellarmine Church, West Chica-

go and Inkster roads, Redford.

The \$8 charge includes refresh-

on Sundays for breakfast and

Five Mile west of Beech Daly,

Redford, and 11:15 a.m. at St.

Aidan's Church, 17500 Farming-

ton Road, north of Six Mile, Livo-

nia, Call Val at (734) 729-1974.

It also meets for coffee and con-

30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia,

and for pinochle 7 p.m. every

other Friday.

versation 7 p.m. Tuesdays at

Archie's Family Restaurant.

Mass 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn

The group also meets regularly

the events, call the church at

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

inar materials.

(248) 374-5920.

ments.

day, March 27, in the chapel.

March 8-10.

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) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United Suburban Detroit-West will have its World Day of Prayer at 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.

FISH FRY

St. Edith Parish will have Lenten fish fries 4:30-7 p.m. Fridays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26 and April 2, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. The menu will include baked and fried fish, shrimp, pierogi, french fries, macaroni and cheese, salad bar, desserts, coffee, tea and pop. For more information, call the

church at (734) 464-1222. SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville will host motivational speaker Judy Schreur, who will present "Live in the Laughter Lane," or how to bring humor and laughter into our personal and professional lives as part of Single Point's First Friday at 8 p.m. Friday, March 5. There will be a free will offering.

A grief seminar will be held

MOM TO MOM SALE

Ministers and Christian Scott Tysick, the senior pasmusic artists from five area tor at Waterford Church of dance, performed by Spirit God, will speak on Monday, hurches will join together for Spiritfest '99, a four-day March 8. The music will be by revival, beginning Sunday, Jr. Browning and Dunamis March 7, at Praise Chapel Church of God, 32747 Grand recently released their first CD.

Services will start 10 a.m. Tim Teague, the senior pasand 6 p.m. Sunday and at 7 tor of Harvest Temple Worship p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Center in Farmington Hills, will speak on Tuesday, March 9. Music will be by Troy tor at Abundant Life Church of Michael and Soul to Soul, a God in Westland, will be the contemporary blues gospel speaker Sunday evening, group. Michael is worship 21-member choir and full leader at Mt. Victory Assembly Music will be by Corum Deo, a in Pontiac

> A Mom to Mom sale will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Proceeds will be donated to the Mom-Tot group. For more information, call Vicki at (734) 513-0167 or Kayla at (734) 595-6712 Sacred Heart Church will

have a Mom to Mom sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. Second-hand children's clothes newborn and up), baby furniture and maternity items will be sold. Admission will be \$1. For more information and table

rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-

6227

LENTEN PROGRAMS Newburgh United Methodist Church will have a Lenten dinner and program Sunday, March 7. at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, The potluck dinner (there is a small charge for meat, coffee and milk) will be at 6 p.m., followed by the Youth Choir cantata, "What Wondrous Love," at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call the church at

(734) 422-0149. St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will have a potluck dinner and performance Sunday, March 7, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Din

There also is an interpretive Wind, Praise Chapel, under the direction of Cindy Goins drawing to win two hours of The dancers include Missy Praise of Waterford, which Duty of Plymouth, Debbie Harvest Wind Productions. Knaffle of Westland, Cathy The drawing will be at the con-Newsome of Plymouth, and

> Don Campbell, the youth pastor at Word of Deliverance Generation X-cel, KDK World-Church in Ypsilanti, will delive wide Ministries, Impact Couner the message at the final service on Wednesday, March 10. Anointed Voices of Praise, a Chapel band, under the direction of Praise Chapel at (734) 467-Steven Outen of Pontiac, will 4818.

ner will be at 6 p.m., and participants should bring their place settings and a dish to pass. The performance of "KJB and the Family Tree" by the High Hands Puppet Ministry will be at 7 p.m. Registration is required. For more information, or to sign up for the dinner, call the church office at (734) 422-6038.

PRAYER GROUP Sister Mary Desales of Madonna University will be the guest speaker at the Madonna University Prayer Group meeting at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 7, on ground Patio-1 at the university. 14221 Levan, north of Schoolcraft and I-96 freeway, Livonia. For more information, call Cecile at (734) 591-3247 or John at (734) 422-5611.

LENTEN STUDY

St. James Presbyterian Church will have a Lenten study, following the novel, "A Skeleton in God's Closet" by Paul L. Maier, at 11:30 a.m. Sundays, after church services.

will have a chance to enter a free studio time, donated by clusion of the Wednesday evening service. Spiritfest is sponsored by

Participants at each service

seling, Next Records, Harvest Wing Productions and Praise For more information, call

A series, called "Silent Witnesses, will be the theme for Lenten services at 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) 534-7730. THE GATHERING

Losing hope? Do you feel your life is becoming unglued? Come to the Gathering at 6 p.m. Sundays at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia. For more infor mation, call Sonja at (248) 474-3444.

LENTEN SERVICES

Lola Park Lutheran Church will have midweek Lenten services at 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. featuring light refreshments. For more information, call the church at (313) 532-8655.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman in Garden City, has announced its 1999 Lenten programs. It will begin with guest the Rev. Olaf Lidums speaking about "New Creation Ministries" at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11. A potluck will precede at 6 p.m. For more information, call (734) 421-8628. SUPPORT FOR MOTHERS

Aldersgate United Methodist Church is beginning a support group for mothers at 7 p.m. Friday, March 12. Afterward the group will meet at 7 p.m. every other Friday in the church's parlor, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford. The first seven sessions of the spiritually based program will be on parenting and The Serendipity workshop. Some child care will be provided. For more information, call Lisa Bruce at (313) 561-5145.

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

The Board of Fellowship and Social Welfare of Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church will present a free children's workshop 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the church, 9600 Leverne, Redford. The workshop will be held once a month for children ages 2-9. There will be games, songs, arts and crafts and creative snacks. Advance registration can be completed by calling Lisa Clayton at (313) 533-2009 by March 10.

KHALSA ANNIVERSARY

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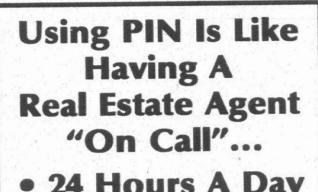
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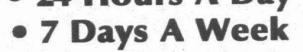
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Vikings top Rocks in final Plymouth Salem and Walled Lake Central had

battled through the regular season, each team gaining the upper hand at one time. At last Saturday's WLAA final, it was the Vikings'

under Girls Ice Hockey League. Proodian totaled 60 points and Leon Walled Lake Central entered Saturonship.

downing defending league champ Plymouth Salem in two games in the championship final at Northville High School, and now the focus shifts to the

upcoming Class A state tournament where the Vikings seek an eighth straight district crown. But coach Mike Lindstrom and his

Vikings took the time to enjoy last weekend's accomplishments, punctuated by an impressive 15-6, 15-11 victory

Still the best!

over Salem in the final. Central lost Leah Douglas to a broken ankle during last year's league tournament and wound up falling to Livonia Stevenson in the semifinals.

The Vikings and Rocks, arguably the conference's top two teams, staged an entertaining championship match. Salem, which defeated Central twice at the Temperance-Bedford Invitational in mid-February by scores of 15-11, 15-12 and 15-8, 15-11, came in ranked No. 6 in the Michigan High School Volleyball Coaches Class A poll and Central held down the No. 7 spot.

"That was our best volleyball of the Please see VOLLEYBALL, C7

BY CHRIS MAYER STAFF WRITER cmayer@oe.homecomm.net

day's Western Lakes Activities Associ-The Caps also traveled to Chicago ation volleyball tournament on a roll. for the Team Illinois Tournament, The Vikings left celebrating a champiwhich they won. Next up: the Nation-al Championships in Washington, Central continued its superior play,

The Caps are coached by Dave Boik.

Girls hockey champs

Molly Leon and Alison Proodian,

both Canton Township residents, helped propel the Michigan Capitals

to an unbeaten season and the cham-

pionship in the Michigan 12-and-

3rd at Nationals

D.C. next month.

had 33 for the 16-0 Capitals.

Yvonne Lynn, a Plymouth Salem HS graduate now attending Oakland University, finished third in the 200yard backstroke at the National Independent Conference Championships Feb. 27 at OU.

A sophomore, Lynn was clocked in 2:05.12. The Grizzlies placed third in the 11-team meet, scoring 458.5 points; Cincinnati was first with 649, followed by Northern Arizona with 469

Hornets win

The Canton Hornets under-16 First Division Little Caesars soccer team won the 11-on-11 indoor under-17 championship at Total Soccer in Wixom.

Team members are P.J. Calandro, Derek Gismondi, Jeff Haar, Mike Harkins, Andrew Hathaway, Andrew Holmes, Sean Lanigan, Matthew Magers, Tommaso Mainella, Evan Malone, John McGlone, Mike Reoch, Keith Schenkel, James Steinert, Eric Sullivan, Sean Thompson, Nick Tochman and Mike Zemanski. The Hornets are coached by Mark Zemanski, Roscoe Nash and John Calandro.

MCCAA's top players

The Michigan Community College Athletic Association named its allstate and all-conference basketball teams for both men and women, and Schoolcraft College seemed strangely overlooked.

SC's men's team finished second in the MCCAA's Eastern Conference and won the state tournament, and yet the Ocelots had no representatives on the all-Region 12 and allstate first team. They had two players - sophmores DaShawn Williams and Derrick McKelvey - on the first team all-conference, but no one on the second team.

The same held for the women's team. SC was unbeaten in conference play, winning the title with a 16-0 record. But the Lady Ocelots did not have the player of the year, nor the coach of the year. Samantha Theisen and Stacy Cavin did get first team allregion/all-state honors. Antone' Watson was named to the all-conference second team, and Jackie Kocis was honorable mention allconference.

legitimate challenger to Salem's supremacy, but two. And Plymouth Canton, which the Rocks had beaten early in the dual-meet season by a

mere 13 points, wasn't far behind. So there was more than a little trepidation for the Rocks and their coach, Chuck Olson. "We knew they were good," said Olson of the opposition. "Obviously, we were going to have to that tried-and-true formula: more depth. The Rocks had just one firstplace finish, their 200-yard freestyle relay team of Dan Jones, Mike Johnson, Mark Witthoff and Matt Casillas (1:30.61). By comparison, Stevenson had four firsts and North got three.

But Salem finished in the top three in all three relays and had at least one individual in the top six in every event but the 100 breaststroke. Indeed, the

COLLEGE HOOPS **Cincy State** ends Ocelot tourney run BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS WRITER

The finals seconds were ticking away, but Schoolcraft College was still battling, still fouling and hoping for a miracle of some sort.

It was not to come, not on this night. Cincinnati State retained its

championship composure, even when faced with relentless pres-sure, and ousted the Ocelots 90-74 in the NCJAA Region 12 men's basketball final Wednesday at Lansing Community College. Schoolcraft bows out at 26-5.

Cincinnati State, now 25-6, advances to the NCJAA Inter-Regional against the Region 13 champion, a game the Surge will host Sunday.

It was hardly a performance to be ashamed of for SC.

"We feel very fortunate," Cincinnati State coach John Hurley said. "After watching Schoolcraft last night we were concerned with their athleticism,

See REGION 12 TOURNEY. C5

Lady Ocelots topple Hawks

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team broke open a close game during the final five minutes to gain an opening-round 76-60 victory Wednesday over Eastern Conference foe Henry Ford Community College in the 13-team NCJAA Division II Region 12 tournament at Sinclair CC in Dayton, Ohio.

The Lady Ocelots, seeded fourth, improved to 26-4 overall with the win. They will meet Lakland, Ohio (19-8) today in the second round.

Henry Ford bows out at 17-13. Samantha Theisen, one of five Lady Ocelots in double figures, led the way with 20 points. She also had seven rebounds and

seven steals. Other SC standouts included Antone Watson, 14 points and three assists; Jackie Kocis, 12 points and five rebounds; Stacy Cavin, 10 points, 10 rebounds, three blocks; Esther Ross, 10 points, four assists and three steals.

Zeinab Mroueh led Henry Ford

STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMAN

State qualifier: Senior Andrew Locke proved to be Plymouth Salem's top freestyler, finishing second in the 50-yard and third in the 100-yard.

Salem gains 7th-straight title

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cirisak@oe.homecomm.net

And this was the year everything was going to be different. "The king is dead! Long live the

king!" An old refrain, it's true - but one that certainly seemed suitable as the Western Lakes Activities Association Swim Championships approached. Long-time league kingpin Plymouth Salem was stumbling; the Rocks, who had relied on superior depth fueled by superior numbers to win six-consecutive WLAA titles, had a smaller roster this season (only 36 swimmers). A crack in the defending champions once seemingly impregnable armor? That seemed to be the case when Salem lost a pair of WLAA dual meets, first to North Farmington and then to Livonia Stevenson.

turn to be on top.

Boosters to meet

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. next Wednesday in Room 165 of Canton HS. Fund-raising goals will be the main topic of discussion.

All parents of Canton football players are asked to attend. Parents of freshmen football players-to-be are also encouraged to attend. For further information, call Dan Murphy at (734) 416-8117.

Baseball registration

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association (aka PCJBL) is accepting late registrations for its spring/summer baseball and softball programs. There will be a \$10 late fee.

"We won't shut kids out who want to play ball," CCJBSA President Harry Hill said. "We're here so kids can play. That's our policy.

"And we'd like to remind parents we're still serving the Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township communities."

Forms can be downloaded and printed out from the league's Website, www.pcjbl.com, or picked up at the city or township offices.

Registration forms will also be available for pickup in person at the March CCJBSA meeting, 7-9 p.m. March 10 at the Plymouth District Library.

step it up. Such challenges are not swept aside at Salem. Last Saturday, the Rocks

proved just that by capturing yet another WLAA championship, beating runner-up Livonia Stevenson by 21 points (498 to 477). North Farmington placed third (411) and Canton was fourth (317). See statistical summary.

"Everything's right in the world," said Olson.

Despite its supposed lack of numbers at least compared to its previous Which meant there wasn't just one first-place teams - Salem won using

Rocks averaged more than three scorers in each individual event.

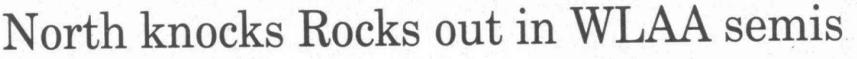
Their best performances came in the four freestyle events. "You've got to swim to your strengths," said Olson. We've got good freestylers. We outfreestyled everybody."

Indeed, the Rocks were outscored in just one freestyle individual event (the 500, by Stevenson). They ended up scoring 208 points in the four individual free events, compared to North's 193

with 20 points and 12 rebounds. Erika Rammler chipped in with 16, while Julie Wechter and Christine Marek had 11 and 10, respectively.

Schoolcraft led 31-30 at intermission and by only four, 58-54, with 5:32 remaining

Semifinal action in Dayton con-tinues at 5 and 7 p.m. Friday. The championship game is set for 3:30 p.m. Saturday.



BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER domeara@oe.homecomm.net

On a night when neither team was prolific on offense, defense carried the day again for North Farmington in boys basketball Tuesday.

The Raiders used good defensive rebounding and solid team defense to defeat visiting Plymouth Salem in a Western Lakes Activities Association semifinal game, 45-42.

North (16-3) will make its first appearance since 1988 in the WLAA championship game Fri-day night when it plays Walled Lake Western at Livonia Franklin.

Eleven years ago, the Raiders finished last in the Lakes Division, upset undefeated Walled Lake Central on the final weekend of the roundrobin season to qualify and won their next three games to finish first in the tournament.

"The league is so tough it's a great accomplishment for the kids to get where they are," North coach Tom Negoshian said. "Like the conference and division championships, I'm just really tickled for the kids."

Aaron Rypkowki scored a game-high 17 points for the Rocks (15-4) but was the only Salem player in double figures. Adam Wilson added seven, Tony Jancevski six and Matt McCaffrey five.

Emir Medunjanin led the Raiders with 13 points but had just two free throws in the second half as Salem got tough itself defensively.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL Steal attempt: The Rocks' Andy Kocoloski dives for a theft, but can't quite get it from North's Brian Shulman in Tuesday's WLAA semifinal.

"That was our purpose the whole game," Salem coach Bob Brodie said in regard to holding down Medunjanin. "We just didn't do a good job of it early.

"We threw a lot of bodies at them. We thought we could wear them down, but they withstood the pressure.

North's Adrian Bridges followed with 10 points, Albert Deljosevic nine and Brian Shulman seven. Bridges led the rebounding effort with 10; Medunjanin had eight. Deljosevic also had six assists.

In the absence of Phil Watha for disciplinary reasons, the Raiders also had five important points from Matt Kelmigian in the second half when points were at a premium.

"He was upset that he missed a couple free throws, but he played a great floor game,' Negoshian said.

Salem narrowed North's lead to 34-31 after three quarters, and Andy Kocoloski's basket early is the fourth put the Rocks within a point.

Kelmigian ignited a 6-0 run by North with a three-point play. Bridges scored the next three as the Raiders went ahead 40-33 midway in the finale.

"The last time we were down 18 in this gym in the third quarter, so I felt pretty good about only being down seven," Brodie said.

An aggressive man-to-man défense got the

Please see SALEM HOOP, C3

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3 Rocks reach state

WRESTLING

Top records in the division belong to Grand Haven senior Eric Gervais (43-0), Walker, Churella, Mervyn and Monroe junior Ryan Nowitzke (35-3).

The Rocks' third qualifier is familiar to the state individual wrestling championships. Heavyweight Charlie Hamblin now a senior, reached the state finals last year before losing to Redford Catholic Central's Casey Rogowski.

Both are back this season, Rogowski seeking another unbeaten season and a second state title. The CC senior (43-0) goes against Andy Iszler (32-12), a junior from Grand Ledge. Hamblin, 31-8 this season, faces Davison junior Nic LaFear (50-7) in the opening

Again, it won't be an unfamil-(35-3), Clarkston junior Jon don LaPointe (34-6) at 152. Robinson (36-7), Adams senior

James Pack (40-7) and Temperance Bedford senior Art Snowperger (39-9). Plymouth Canton sent two

wrestlers to the regional, Kevin Stone at 152 and Rob Demsick at 160, but neither were able to advance. Stone finished the season with a 32-6 record, raising his career match-win total to 78; Demsick was 30-6, setting a varsity career win record at Canton with 101 victories.

"They have set the pace for wrestlers to come at Canton. said Chiefs' coach John Demsick. "They have a lot to be proud of."

Other Observerland wrestlers to qualify are Livonia Stevenson's Josh Gunterman (35-10) and Joe Moreau (45-4) at 103, Dustin Obled (31-12) at 125, Imad Kharbush (38-14) at 135 and Brian Barker (35-8) at 160; CC's Sean Bell (16-13) at 140, Ryan Zajdel (37-16) at 145, Mitch Hancock at 152 and iar field for Hamblin. There's Brocc Naysmith (31-3) at 215; Northville senior Ted Bowersox and Livonia Churchill's Bran-

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

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 n.m. Lunch will be served from noon to 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 Bill

Styles at (734) 453-1679.

Early Bird Classic

There's still snow on the ground, but it's not too soon to consider the softball season. With that in mind, the Canton

Lewandowski also

puware. The Ambassadors lost 2-1 to Danville day, after beating the Grand Rapids BearCats 3-1 Friday. Nick Schrader, Josh Bowers and Troy Milam netted goals for Compuware

Ambassadors honored

Two Ambas sadors were hon ored for their per formances with a player of the week honors. Team cap-John tain Shouneyia, the Two wins in three road games team's captain, last weekend helped the Comassisted on five of puware Ambassadors to increase the six goals scored their lead in the nine-team over the weekend, North American Hockey League helping solidify his

position as the league's second-leading scorer 32-10-6 with a 2-1 win over the with 22 goals and 49 assists (71 Danville Wings Sunday; Mark points in 48 games). The Ambassadors' Craig

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> of the week. He made 101 saves while allowing three goals in three games. Kowalski leads the league in wins with 29 and a 2.14 goals-against average.

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register starting March 15. Play begins April 26. For more information, call the Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620.

Cannons tryout

The Plymouth-Canton Cannons, a 12-year-old boys travel baseball team, will conduct tryouts from 12:30-2:30 p.m. March at the Upper Deck in Northville. All players must be 12 on or before July 31, 1999. For further information, call Bill Stamm at (734) 451-9623.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak. 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150. r may fax them to (734) 591-7279.

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line is April 5. Rain make-up dates are April 17-18; there is a three-game guarantee. For more information, call Jeff Bradley at (734) 483-5600, Ext. 2

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Softball sign-up

The Canton Softball Center is now accepting registrations for its adult softball leagues, both day and evening leagues, Sundays through Fridays.

The spring session runs April 12-July 12; the summer session is July 12-Sept. 12; the fall session is Sept. 13-Oct. 21. There are both resident and non-resident leagues. Divisions are Men's B-C-D, Women's C-D, Coed, and Masters 30, 40 and 50 and over. All games will be played at Canton Softball Center, located at 46555 Michigan in Canton. There is a \$100 deposit to

enter a team, with the balance will host its annual Early Bird due at the respective manager's meeting. For more information, call Jeff

Bradley at (734) 483-5600, ext. 2

Adult softball The city of Plymouth Recreation Division is running adult softball leagues this spring and

Canton clubs Northville; PCA loses a pair

for a 52-45 triumph.

totaled six - which accounts for 48 of Canton's points. The Mustangs were led by Marshall Knapp's 13 points. Aaron Redden was next best with eight. Cortellini didn't limit his per-

Madonna women's basketball team had started the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with high hopes. A 5-9 conference season dimmed those hopes, but then the Lady Crusaders made a short run in the WHAC Tournament, beating third-seeded Siena Heights to reach Saturday's semifinale Unfortunately, their opponent



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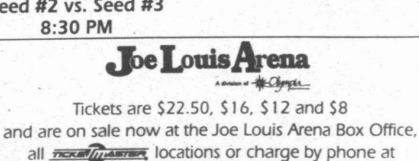
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Mink's second-period goal was game-winner. Phil Kowalski was the NAHL goalie Sprint. Sprint PCS CHAMPIONSHIP Fri., March 19 Sat., March 20 Championship Semifinals Seed #1 vs. Seed #4 5:00 PM Seed #2 vs. Seed #3 8:30 PM



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When the Division I Individu

al State Wrestling Champi-

onships convene next Saturday

(March 14) at Joe Louis Arena,

Plymouth Salem will have

three representatives - and

two of them will be in the same

John Mervyn and Ron

Thompson, both juniors,

advanced in the 112-pound divi-

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I individual regional at South

Lyon. Mervyn, with a 41-5

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League team is in a better posi-

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only two of those are on the road.

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day and March 19, are against

The Spitfires currently reside

Battalion hold the same position

in the Midwest Division, and

with 17 points are better than

just one other team (the expan-

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about

Whalers solidify their position at No. 1 in OHL Saturday and 3-2 over Windsor the second period, proved to be Now the real Sunday, both at Compuware the game-winner. Robert fun begins. It's March Arena - boosted the Whalers to Holsinger replaced Rob Zepp in

the No. 1 overall spot in the goal for Plymouth after Sewell's OHL with 97 points. Of their four remaining home games (Kingston, Sault Ste. Marie, Guelph and Windsor). only Sault Ste. Marie and Guelph will finish their respective OHL seasons with a better than 500 record (Kingston, Fri day's opponent at Compuware, owns the basement in the East Division).

It's all there for the taking. And the Whalers' performance last weekend indicates their hungry enough to gobble it up. In Sunday's win over the Spitfires. Plymouth got first-period goals by Damian Surma and Randy Fitzgerald before Windsor battled back, knotting it at 2-2 on Joey Sewell's goal 3:28 into

the second period.

goal and blanked the Spitfires the rest of the way, making 10 saves. Michael Leighton faced 49 shots, making 46 saves for Wind-Paul Mara assisted on both Fitzgerald goals. On Saturday against Kitchen-

er, the Whalers pulled away from a 2-2 tie after one period with a three-goal onslaught in

sor.

the second. Five more goals in the third iced the triumph. Adam Colagiacomo led the offense with three goals and an assist. Harold Druken added two goals and three assists, Eric Gooldy totaled two goals and two assists, David Legwand netted a goal and two assists, Jason Ward had a goal and two assists, Mara contributed a goal and an assist, Fitzgerald's second goal of the and Fitzgerald, Jared Newman weekend - 10-3 over Kitchener game, with five seconds left in and Nikos Tselios each had two

assists. Zepp made 16 saves in goal to scored for Comearn the win for Plymouth. Reg

Bourcier and Mark Aggio split time in goal for the Rangers. Colagiacomo and Druken in a shootout Satur-

remain among the OHL leaders in scoring. Colagiacomo is fourth with 34 goals and 94 points, and Druken is sixth with a leagueleading 52 goals and 92 points. The Whalers also have the

OHL's top defense, with Holsinger leading the league in goals-against average (2.14), save percentage (.917) and shutouts (four, tied with two others). Combined with Zepp (2.61, three shutouts). Plymouth boasts the OHL's best goalkeeping, averaging a league-low 2.34 goals-against average with a sweep of the NAHL .910 save percentage and seven shutouts (tied for first).

Compuware extends lead

to seven points.

Greenhills, a Class C school, is

The Gryphons jumped out to a

maintaining a 36-27 lead at half-

PCA battled back, however.

ing the Eagles their second-

winning the Michigan Indepen-

Melvindale is 9-10.

straight loss after going 17-1 and 9-9.



It was pretty much a one-man show for Plymouth Canton - at

least offensively - Tuesday against visiting Northville. The Chiefs trailed their West-

ern Lakes Activities Association foe 25-23 at halftime, but reversed that with a 15-8 thirdquarter surge that set the table

Senior guard Joe Cortellini was the spark in the Chiefs' offense, pouring in 25 points. Jason Waidmann chipped in with 10 Dan MacLean scored seven and Scott Samulski

BASKETBALL

dent Athletic Conference chamformance to the offensive end pionship in their first 18 games. He limited Brett Allen, one of Northville's more formidable

Jordan Roose led PCA with 20 oints. Mike Huntsman added 37 after three quarters. offensive weapons, to six points. "This was a good win for us. 19 and Derric Isensee scored 15.

CC 72, Detroit City 45: Two

different halves. Redford Catholic Central and quick lead, going up 18-8 by the Detroit City, a PSL semifinalist end of the first quarter and despite its Class D status, bata 27-25 lead into the intermission. But CC took complete com-

Four Shamrocks reached dou ble figures in scoring, led by Dan Jess with 20 points. Rob Sparks added 17, Nick Moore scored 15 and Chuck Cash netted 12. Dartled evenly for a half Tuesday at rius Hollis and Cecil Hood paced time. They extended that to 53- CC, with the Shamrocks taking Detroit City with 13 points apiece.

Jess got CC going in the sec-

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and Stevenson's 154.

on good swims."

real well."

WLAA swim from page C1

"He's good," said Stevenson coach Doug

Buckler of Olson. "He does a great job. And

his boys worked hard. It probably sounds

funny, but these two teams see so much of

each other during the season (five times,

including mutual invitationals) that, even

though they're both very, very competitive

and both want to win badly, they still cheer

for each other and congratulate each other

Considering the size of the meet, the final

point spread wasn't large. "It was very small

So could he have done anything different

to change the outcome? "I really don't think

so," he answered. "I thought our boys swam

Atop that list for Stevenson was Keith

Falk, who successfully defended his WLAA

title in the 500 free (4:45.03) and added a

first in the 200 free (1:44.71). The Spartans

also got wins from Joe Bublitz in the 200

individual medley (1:59.22) and their 400

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES

ASSOCIATION SWIM FINALS

Saturday, Feb. 27 at Salem HS

Team standings

1. Plymouth Salem, 498; 2. Livonia

Stevenson, 477; 3. North Farmington, 411; 4.

Plymouth Canton, 317; 5. Northville, 264; 6.

Walled Lake, 250; 7. Westland John Glenn,

194; S. Farmington, 144; 9. Livonia

Churchill, 124; 10. (tie) Farmington Harri-

Event results

Farmington (Jim Gabriel, Adam Farber, Mark

Wachsberg, Matt Zald), 1:40.37 (state cut);

2. Plymouth Salem (Eric Lynn, Andrew Locke,

Paul Perez, Aaron Shelton), 1:41.33 (state

cut); 3. Livonia Stevenson (Joe Bublitz, Mike

Nemer, Keith Falk, Brad Buckler), 1:41.35

(state cut); 4. Plymouth Canton, 1:43.30; 5.

Walled Lake, 1:44.21; 6. Northville, 1:44.64.

Consolations: 7: Farmington, 1:46.27: 8

Westland John Glenn, 1:46.55; 9. Livonia

200-YARD FREESTYLE - 1. Keith Falk

(LS) 1:44 71 (state cut); 2. Brandon Digia

(NF), 1:48.79 (state cut); 3. Matt Casillas

(PS), 1:49.10 (state cut); 4. James McPartlin

JG), 1:52.62; 5. Jim Gabriel (NF), 1:53.37; 6.

Consolations: 7. David Whitbeck (NV).

1:53.14; 8. Brian Mertens (PS), 1:53.25; 9.

Danny Price (FH), 1:54.00; 10. Justin Ketterer

(IS) 1:55.44: 11 Dan Jones (PS), 1:56.70:

Bonus consolations: 13. Pat Rodemeyer

(LS), 1:54.37; 14. Mark Witthoff (PS),

Franklin, 1:53.09; 10. Farmington Harrison

1:56.64; 11. Livonia Churchill, 2:02.67.

Don LeClair (PC), 1:53.98.

12. Aaron Rycroft (NF), 1:57.85.

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APPAREL

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY - 1. North

son, Livonia Franklin, 123.

for a meet this size," agreed Buckler.

Stevenson at Farmington, 7 p.m. Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m. Harrison at Canton, 7 p.m. Northville at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. Clarenceville at Liggett 7 nm. Det, Central at Redford CC, 7 p.m. Agape at West Highland, 7:15 p.m. Southeate at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Clarenceville at Luth. N'west. 7 p.m. Huron Valley vs. Immac. Conception at Marshall Middle School, 7 p.m. (Western Lakes finals at Franklin) John Glenn vs. Salem, 5 n.m. W.L. Western vs. N. Farmington, 7 p.m.

at U-D's Calihan Hall, 1 & 2:30 p.m.

Semifinals: Livonia Franklin vs. Detroit Red Championship final: 7:30 p.m. (Winner

Plymouth Salem, 10 a.m. Semifinals: Livonia Churchill vs. Northville 11:30 a.m.; Novi vs. A-B winner, 11:30 a.m. Championship final: 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the Ann Arbor Huron regional vs." Ann Arbor Pioneer district champion.

Operation Friendship finals

W. Wayne at Canton Agape, 4:30 p.m. PCA at Macomb Christian, 7 p.m. Huron Valley vs. Saline Christian at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.

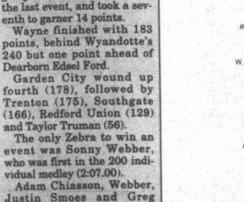
Gab. Richard at C'ville, 6:30 p.m. Agape at West Highland, 4:30 p.m.

March 5 at LIVONIA LADYWOOD

First round: (A) Livonia Ladywood vs. (B) Livonia Stevenson, 5 p.m. ford, 6 p.m.; Redford Union vs. A-B winner, 6

advances to the Ann Arbor Huron Regional vs Ypsilanti-Lincoln district champion. March 6 at NOVI HIGH SCHOOL First round: (A) Plymouth Canton vs. (B)

March 6 at WALLED LAKE CENTRAL First round: (A) Farmington Hills Harrison vs. (B) Walled Lake Western, 10 a.m. Semifinals: North Farmington vs. Farming ton, 11 a.m.: Walled Lake Central vs. A-B winner, 11 a.m. Championship final: 12:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Walled Lake Western region al vs. Farmington Hills Mercy district champi-March 6 at FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY First round: (A) Farmington Hills Mercy vs.



Zebras 2nd

in the Mega

Wayne Memorial pulled out second-place finish in the

Michigan Mega Conference

White Division swim meet

Friday, thanks to a seventh-

place finish in the final event

The Zebras were second

going into the 400-yard relay,

enth to garner 14 points.

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of the meet

Stylin': Hacking off hair to shave off time is an accepted practice in swimming. Cantón teammates John Heiss (left) and Brad Nilson compare what's left.

Kern (NF), 1:00.56; 10. Anthony Serge (NV). (NV), 53.17; 14. Kevin Stuart (NV), 53.73; 1:01.09; 11. Garrett Stone (JG), 1:01.19; 12. Bonus consolations: 13. Mark Colombo

🔪 (LF), 1:03.06; 14. Robbie Gundlach (F). 500-YARD FREESTYLE - 1. Keith Falk 1:03.14; 15. Dan Bowman (NF), 1:03.38; 16.

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE - 1. Mark Kowalski (NV), 1:01.46 (state cut); 2. Adam Farber (NF), 1:03.34; 3. Mike Nemer (LS), Jon Zald (NF), 1:05.82; 6: David Hartmann (F), 1:06.06.

Consolations: 7. Jason Rebarchik (PS). 1:06.76; 8. Kevin VanTiem (LS), 1:06.88; 9. Matt Schlanser (NV), 1:06.91; 10. Jason Bal-Iou (NV) 1:07 45: 11. Dan Zoumbaris (JG). 1:07.50; 12. Jon Heiss (PC), 1:07.68.

(LS), 1:06.15: 14. David Bosman (LF)

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Dearborn Edsel Ford. 1:08.90; 15. Brett Johnson (NV), 1:08.98; 16. Brian McNeff (WL), 1:09.14: 17, Kevin Crabili (PS), 1:09.56; 18. Eddie Lindow (PC). and Taylor Truman (56). 1:09.60. 400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY - 1. Livonia Stevenson (Joe Bublitz, Mike Malik, Brad event was Sonny Webber, Buckler, Keith Falk), 3:18.60 (state cut): 2. Plymouth Canton (Kurtis Hornick, Don LeClair, Brad Nilson, Aaron Reeder), 3:20.57 (state cut): 3. Plymouth Salem (Dan Jones, Paul Sarkozi took second in the Perez: Mark Witthoff, Andrew Locke), 3:20.73 (state cut); 4. Northville, 3:31.80; 5. Farming-200 medley relay (1:47.09). ton, 3:34,70; North Farmington, DO. Sam Raub combined for a Consolations: 7. Livonia Churchill, 3:35.64; 1:36.88 in the 200 freestyle. 8. Farmington Harrison, 3:36.61; 9. Walled good for third.

(PS), 5:01.79; 4. Mike Malik (LS), 5:11.32; 1:04.84.

Bonus consolations: 13. Robert Cambridge (LS), 5:19.62; 14. Aaron Rycroft (NF),

Consolations: 7. Northville, 1:36.74; 8.

100-YARD BACKSTROKE - 1. Derek Zer-56.07 (state cut); 4. Aaron Reeder (PC)

5:23.47; 12. Andy Kee (PC), 5:24.86.

Price (FH), 5:14,75. Consolations: 7. Matt Casillas (PS). 5:00.06; 8. Adam Melvin (NV), 5:14.69; 9. 1:05.12; 4. Ryan Conroy (WL), 1:05.59; 5. Craig Paske (NF), 5:17.12; 10. Brad Nilson (PC). 5:20.24; 11. Loch Rycroft (NF).

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Henry (PC), 245.95; 11. Johnathon Chase Bublitz (LS), 1:59.22 (state cut); 2. Derek (PS), 245.60; 12. Jason Zykowski (LS). Zerber (WL), 1:59.54 (state cut); 3. Paul 239.90; 13. Jared Goldman (NF), 231.70; 14. Perez (PS), 2:04.26; 4. Mike Malik (LS), Bobby Kowvunen (LC), 218.55; 15. Tony 2:05.53; 5. Scott Whitbeck (NV), 2:06.59; 6. Matta (LF), 215.50; 16. Gerald Bennett (PC), Aaron Reeder (PC), 2:06.75. 203.40; 17. Tom Morbitzer (PC), 194.50; 18. Consolations: 7, Eric Lynn (PS), 2:07.56; Jordan Ford (LC), 180.00. 8. Aaron Shelton (PS), 2:08.79; 9. Mike 100-YARD BUTTERFLY - 1. James Nemer (LS), 2:09,14; 10. Brad Nilson (PC), 2:10.91; 11. Craig Paske (NF), 2:12.76; 12.

1.04.24

Devin Hopper (F), 2:14.63. Bonus consolations: 13. Geoffrey Lowes (LS), 2:10.98; 14. John Kern (NF), 2:12.30; 15. Anthony Serge (NV), 2:13.82; 16. Kevin VanTiem (LS), 2:13.85; 17. Garrett Stone (JG), 2:15.11; 18. Eric Dabkowski (LS).

Buckler and Falk (3:18.60).

North actually beat Stevenson in the 400

free relay in what would have been a league-

record time, but the Raiders were disquali-

final standings, but it cost the North swim-

mers a place in the record book - and a

The meet's only other double-winner in

2:15.55. 50-YARD FREESTYLE - 1. Matt Zald (NF). 21.81 (state cut); 2. Andrew Locke (PS), 22.21 (state cut); 3. Kurtis Hornick (PC). 22.59 (state cut); 4. Mike Johnson (PS). 22.74; 5. Mark Wachsberg (NF), 23.07; 6.

(1.40.37)

Truscott (LS), 1:57.95; 18. Bill Stewart (PC),

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY - 1. Joe

1:58.46.

Brad Buckler (LS), 23.19. Consolations: 7. Bill Randall (LC), 23.02; 8 Chris Supplee (LF), 23.22; 9. Dan Zoumbaris (JG), 23.22; 10. Jason Rebarchik (PS). 23.53; 11. Oz Pearlman (NF), 23.57; 12.

Chad Williams (PC), 23.86. Bonus consolations: 13. Dave Carson (PS). 23.87: 14, Chris Gawronski (WL), 23.99: 15.

Chris Clayson (NF), 24.26; 16. Max Suttles (FH), 24.28; 17, Mike McCowan (LS), 24.35; 18. Kyle Grant (LC), 24.50.

individual events was the Raiders' Matt Zald, who was first in both the 50 (21.81) and 100 (48.50) free. North's Jim Gabriel Adam Farber, Mark Wachsberg and Zald combined to win the 200 medley relay Walled Lake had two wins, by Chris Gawronski in diving (422.05 points) and Derek Zerber in the 100 backstroke (54.46). Other individual firsts went to Westland John Glenn's James McPartlin in the 100

butterfly (54.57) and Northville's Mark free relay team of Bublitz, Mike Malik, Brad Kowalski in the 100 breast (1:01.46). All that remains now is the big show: the Class A state finals, March 12-13 at Oakland University in Rochester. Salem will send three relay teams, plus Andrew Locke in the fied when one of their swimmers jumped into 50 and 100 free, Matt Casillas in the 200. the pool in celebration before the other relay teams had finished. The DQ did not alter the free and Brian Mertens in the 500 free.

Stevenson has its 200 medley relay and 400 free relay teams qualified, as well as Falk in the 100, 200 and 500 free, the 200 individual medley, the 100 fly and the 100 breast; and Bublitz in the 200 IM, 100 fly and 100 back. Glenn will send McPartlin in the 100 fly

and Canton has its 200 and 400 free relays qualified, as well as Kurtis Hornick in the 50 ree and Aaron Reeder in the 100 back. There will be a last-chance state qualifying

meet Monday at Livonia Stevenson. The Class A state diving regional for all Observerland schools is 5 p.m. Tuesday at Grosse Pointe North HS.

Bonus consolations: 13. Mark Kowa(ski 1:55.14; 15. Matt Wisniewski (PC), 1:56.99; 3. Chris McFarland (JG), 349.20; 4. Stephen 16. James Ross (PS), 1:57.18; 17. Brandon Zerber (WL), 304.25; 5. Greg Kubitski (PS), 15. Dan Bowman (NF), 54.13; 16. Chad Kyle Grant (LC), 1:01.76. 275.95; 6. Mike Baskin (LS), 269.20; 7. Ken Williams (PC), 54.22; 17, Rob Walker (WL), Douglas (LF), 257.25; 8. Blake Brunner (PC). 54.23; 18. David Hartmann (F), 56.00. 256.30; 9. Scott Clark (JG), 249.15; 10. Ryan

(LS), 4:45.03 (state cut); 2. David Whitbeck Brian Dorogi (PS), 1:03.96; 17. Andrew Korit-(NV), 4:56.33 (state cut); 3. Brian Mertens nik (LS), 1:04.52; 18. Tony Palmeri (LS), 5. Justin Ketterer (LS), 5:11.44; 6. Danny

5:24.20; 15. James Ross (PS), 5:24.65; 16. David Bosman (LF), 5:28.15; 17. Sermet Alver

100-YARD FREESTYLE - 1. Matt Zald Farmington, 1:37.55; 9. Livonia Churchill, (NF), 48.50 (state cut): 2. Brandon Digia 1:38.51; 10. Livonia Franklin, 1:52.56.

(NF), 5:28.44; 18. Steve Rice (PC), 5:29.76. Bonus consolations: 13 Mike McCowan 200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY - 1. Plymouth Salem (Dan Jones, Mike Johnson, Mark Witthoff Matt Casillas), 1:30.61 (state cut); (WL), 1:00.90; 14. Matt Schacht (PC), 2. Walled Lake, 1:33.72; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 1:34.49; 4. North Farmington, 1:34.51; 1:02.08; 15. Pat Rodemeyer (LS), 1:02.11; 16. Eric Ryden (WL), 1:02.53; 17. Dave Car- 5. Westland John Glenn, 1:35.00; 6. Farmingson (PS), 1:03.19; 18. Dan Fowler (JG), ton Harrison, 1:38.06.

(NF), 48.85 (state cut); 3. Andrew Locke (PS), 49.34 (state cut); 4. Bill Randall (LC), ber (WL), 54.46 (state cut); 2. Joe Bublitz 50.61; 5. Brad Buckler (LS), 51.88; 6, Don (LS), 54.75 (state cut); 3. Devin Hopper (F), LeClair (PC), 51.92. Consolations: 7. Dan Jones (PS), 51.09; 8. 56.35 (state cut); 5. Jim Gabriel (NF), 56.62; Mike Johnson (PS), 51.10; 9. Mark Witthoff 6. Eric Lynn (PS), 58.10. Consolations: 7. Aaron Shelton (PS), Lake, 3:43.30; 10. John Glenn, 3:47.99; 11. (PS), 51.72; 10. Oz Pearlman (NF), 51.91; 422.05 points; 2. Elliott Myers (WL), 372.00; 11. Chris Supplee (LF), 52.89; 12. Max Sut-57.33; 8. Justin Allen (PC), 1:00.08; 9. John Livonia Franklin, 3:49.79. tles (FH), 54,99,

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(PC), 1:00.77; 11. Matt Wisniewski (PC). 1:00.81; 12. Kevin Crabill (PS), 1:01.02. Bonus consolations: 13. William Givans The Observer & Eccentric/ THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1999



Schoolcraft College avenged two regular-season losses to Eastern Conference champion Flint Mott to post a resounding 104-83 victory in the championship game of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association tournament Saturday at Kalamazoo Valley CC.

Second-year coach Carlos Briggs, the former SC All-America who has led an amazing turnabout in the school's fortunes in men's basketball, called it

"probably biggest in school history." Longtime Schoolcraft administrator and ex-athletic director Mary Gans verified it was the first-ever state baskethall title for the Livonia school.

"There wasn't a state tournament for awhile, but even when we had it we never even came close," Gans said.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, March 4

Friday, March 5

Saturday, March 6

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, March 2

Wednesday, March 3

Thursday, March 4

STATE TOURNAMENT

DISTRICT DRAWS

CLASS A

STATE FINA This Schoolcraft team, which improved to 25-4 with the 21-point win, left little doubt who is playing the best

basketball down the stretch among Michigan junior colleges. After losing 78-75 and 81-70 to the Bears within a span of a week last

month, SC led from start to finish. Derek McKelvey, the 6-foot-3 sophomore guard from Adrian headed to Tennessee-Martin, continued his torried ate season shooting with a career-high

33 points, including nine of 14 from three-point range. Point-guard Dave McGlown (Pontiac ward from Detroit Northern who missed the second Mott game due to an eligibility issue, made his presence known with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Dashawn Williams added a team-high 12 rebounds and 14 points, while Quentin Mitchell came off the bench to score 12 points.

Larry Patrick had 13 for Mott, which trailed 54-36 at intermission. Richard Bryant and Renardo Brown each added 10 for the Bears, who fell to 25-5 over-

One of the keys to beating Mott was containing 6-6 guard Daniel Lawson. "It was our defensive intensity, we shots," Briggs said. played well as a team," said Briggs, who

Notre Dame Prep) added 17 points and seven assists. Lamar Bigby, the 6-5 for-NJCAA Region 12 Coach of the Year. the recent post-season awards handed out and voted upon in the Eastern Com-"This time we put a quicker guy, Dave McGlown, on Lawson.

"Before we had used Dashawn (Williams) on him, but it kept him away while SC had two named the second from the basket to rebound. The switch worked out well."

Schoolcraft made 57.4 percent of its shots from the floor (39 of 68) and 16 of from the line. The Ocelots also held a 39-35 edge in And how about that first-ever state

rebounds. "The difference was our defensive "It's a great accomplishment for our

Also giving Schoolcraft a boast was said.

ference voted on by the coaches. Mott had two players selected the first team (MVP Lawson and Patrick), team, McKelvey and Williams, along with Mott's Sigfried Hodge.

"We're the second place team and I thought we deserved one or two spots on 21 free throws. Mott was 29 of 72 from the first team," Briggs said. "They did the field (40.3 percent) and 18 of 22 n't really respect our players. That gave us some incentive."

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rebounding and we knocked down kids because many of these guys haven't won any kind of a title before," Briggs

Region 12 tourney from page C1 advances to the Almont regional vs. Can

(B) Berkley, 10 a.m. Semifinals: Southfield-Lathrup vs. Southfield, 11 a.m.; Detroit Henry Ford vs. A-B winner noon.

Championship final: 1:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Walled Lake Western regional vs. Walled Lake Central district champion.) March 6 at YPSILANTI LINCOLN

THE WEEK AHEAD

First round: (A) Ypsilanti Lincoln vs. (B) district champion.) Belleville, 10:30 a.m. Semifinals: (B) Garden City vs. (C) Westland John Glenn, noon; Wayne Memorial vs. A

B winner, 1:30 p.m. Championship final: 3 p.m. (winner advances to the Ann Arbor Huron regional vs. Livonia Ladywood district champion.)

CLASS B

March 6 at DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD First round: (A) Dearborn Heights Robichaud vs. (B) Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 9 a.m.; Redford Thurston vs. Detroit champion.)

Renaissance, 10 a.m. Semifinals: Dearborn Heights Annapolis vs. A-B winner, 11 a.m.; Dearborn Divine Child vs. C-D winner, noon.

Championship final: 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the Ida regional vs. Riverview district champion.)

CLASS C

March 6 at DETROIT CMA Semifinals: Dearborn St. Alphonus vs. Detroit Communication & Media Arts, 3 p.m.; Lutheran High Westland vs. Detroit Benedic tine: 4:30 p.m.

district champion. March 6 at SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN Semifinals: Livonia Clarenceville vs. Re ford Bishop Borge'ss, 10 a.m.: Southfiel Christian vs. Royal Oak Shrine, noon. Championship final: 2 p.m. (Winne

advances to the Almont regional vs. Capac

CLASS D March 6 at SOUTHFIELD

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN First round: (A) Redford St. Agatha vs. (Plymouth Christian, 4 p.m.

Semifinals: Southfield Franklin Road Chris tian vs. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 5:30 p.m.; Canton Agape vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m. Championship final: 8:30 p.m. (Winner

advances to the Taylor Light & Life Christian regional vs. Detroit Holy Redeemer district ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

> Friday, March 5 Ply. Whalers vs. Kingston at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6

Ply, Whalers vs. S.S. Marie at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m. PREP HOCKEY Saturday, March 6 Class A regional championship

at Trenton's Kennedy Arena, 7:30 p.m.

their quickness and intensity. "We haven't played that many teams with that kind of intensity. Cincinnati, which eliminated NJCAA power Vin-

ennes a night earlier for the first time since 1981 n Region 12, proved to be more than Ocelots could handle

Schoolcraft trailed 34-28 at halftime, and after a 10-2 Surge run in the first three minutes of the second half, the Ocelots never got closer than nine. Lonnie Berry, name Region 12 MVP, led Cincinnati State with 25 points. Point-guard Maurice

Williams scored 18 of his 20 in the second half. Schoolcraft got 18 points from Lamar Bigby. Dave McGlown and Dwayne Holmes chipped in with 16 and 10, respectively.

Dashawn Williams, who had 33 points the night before in an 103-95 win over host Lansing, was saddled with early foul trouble. He was limited to eight points. SC's top three-point shooting threat, Derek McKelvey, finished with six.

"They (Cincinnati State) earned it," SC coach Carlos Briggs said. "We just couldn't get into our offense. They played a good, hard, pressure manto-man (defense).

"They got up on us and we could never get back

Although Schoolcraft shot a respectable 18 of 23 from the foul line. Meanwhile, Cincy State was Clark led the Trail Blazers with 18.

even better - 29 of 32. .SCHOOLCRAFT 103, LANSING CC 95: Dashawn Williams turned in a monster performance in Tuesday's semifinals with a career-high 33 points and 16 rebounds.

Schoolcraft overcame a 12-point deficit in the first half to ead 52-51 at intermission. The Ocelots used a full-court press to get back in the game.

"We were a little relaxed at the start, but then we stepped up our intensity and turned up our defense," Williams said. "It was our 'Black Press' where we trap underneath the basket." Williams scored 19 second-half points, including a shot nside with 18 seconds left to seal the victory.

"Today they found me in the paint inside going to the bas ket "Williams said, "It was a dogfight throughout the game." Lamar Bigby added 23 points, including four triples, while point-guard Dave McGlown played a superb floor game with 17 points. David Jarrett (Westland John Glenn) came off the bench to score 11.

Chris Colley snared three key rebounds down the stretch to help secure the win. Lansing, which bowed out at 17-11 overall, got a team-high

28 points from 6-5 swingman Nile Watson. Randy Burton contributed 20, while Eric Parsons had 13. Donald Otis, a 6-10 center who was averaging six blocks

per game, got into first-half foul trouble and finished with 12 points along with Ben Spitzley. Cincinnati State (24-6) took a 39-37 halftime lead and held

off a late charge by Vincennes, Ind. (23-8) to earn a 78-72 with in the opening game. Quentin Smith led the winners with 22 points, while Scott



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SHOWS

OUTDOORAMA

Outdoorama '99 Sport and Travel Show runs through March 7 at the Novi Expo Center, (800) 777-5720. 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. Thursday and Friday, March 4-5; 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 7. Admission is \$6.50 adult, \$3 for children ages 6-12 and children five and under will be admitted

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 pros Mike McClelland and Keith Kavajecz, bowhunting expert Chuck Adams, In-Fisher man Magazine editors Dave Csanda 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. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 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 admis-

sion are available at all Dunham's stores. WILDLIFE ART The 16th annual Michigan Wildlife Art Festival, Michigan's

largest wildlife art exhibit and sale, will be held March 26-28 at the Southfield Pavilion. Sponsored by the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation, the festival annually raises money for wildlife habitat improvement projects statewide.

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 the Blue Water mental Health Clinic and other programs that help troubled children, adults and their families statewide. Raffle prizes include a trip for two adults and two children to Mackinac Island, use of a private suite for a Detroit Tigers baseball game, a weekend for two in Chicago, \$500 in gift certificates to Chuck Muer restaurants, and a limousine ride and dinner for two at a Chuck Muer restaurant Ticket stubs are also good for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at participating Chuck Muer restaurants. There are also cash prizes for the anglers, boats and clubs who catch the biggest salmon and trout on tournament day Tickets are available at Charley's Crab in Troy, Meriwethers in Southfield, Muer's Sea Food Tavern in West Bloom field, Big Fish in Dearborn, Big Fish Too in Madison Heights, Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor, or by calling the River Crab at

CLASSES BACKPACKING 101

(800) 468-3727.

The first of a two-part course designed to introduce people to the joys of backpacking begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information

BACKPACKING 102 Part two of a basic backpacking

class begins at 7 p.m. Wednes day, March 17, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information 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 WCSC clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. Cost is \$12 per student and includes text, equipment, range fees and lunch Call (313) 532-0285 for

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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 Rep. Raymond Basham (Taylor) will conduct the seminar. Call (313) 381-4735 for more information. ACTIVITIES

at 10 a.m. behind the Marathon Station at the southeast corner of Telegraph and 12 Mile Road. Call (313) 562-1873 for more information. SKI/HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a ski tour or hike, depending on the weather, through Independence Oaks. Participants are asked to meet at 10 a.m. behind the Marathon Station at the southeast corner of Telegraph and 12 Mile Road, Call (248) 932-5370 for more information

SIERRA CLUB HIKE Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a six-mile hike through the Proud Lake Recreation Area. Participants are asked to meet

SEASON/DATES

The late crow season runs hrough March 31 in the Lower Peninsula. COYOTE

Coyote season runs through April 15 statewide.

THE PARTY

FREE FISHING Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend will be held June 12-13

RABBIT/HARE Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.

CLUBS

SOLAR The School for Outdoor Leader shin. 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

third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information. FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refresh ments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information. **FISHING BUDDIES**

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more informa

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MEETINGS

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

3D SHOOT The Linden Sportsman's Club will hold a 3-d archery shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, March 7, on its walk-through course in Linden. Call (810) 735-5822 for more information.

ILINIOR OLYMPICS The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior **Olympic Archery Development** Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

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

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN **Bald Mountain Recreation Area** in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours 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 located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., 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 ours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more informa

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.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nomi-

nal fee. Advanced registratio and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, (800) 477-7756; Indian Springs, (800) 477-3192; Kensington, (800) 477-3178. MAPLE'S SWEET STORY Visit the sugarbush and see how

maple trees are tapped and the sap collected, then stop by the sugarshack and watch as the sap is boiled into maple syrup during this program, which will be held noon to 3 p.m. weekends through the end of March at Kensington. SPACE TRY-IT

All requirements for the space, brownies try-it badge will be completed during this program, which will be held throughout the day on Saturday, March 6, at Kensington.

BLUEBIRDS AND YOU

Learn about bluebirds and how you can help during a movie, discussion and a field trip, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

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Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching perm its are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call (800) 47-PARKS for more information.

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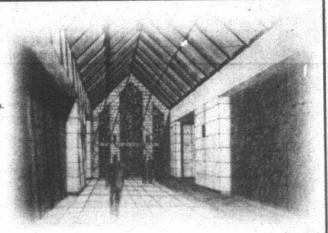
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MAPLE MAGIC Learn how maple syrup is made during this hike/slide presentation, which begins at 10 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Independence Oaks. CLEAN WATER

Learn all the facts about drinking water during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 13, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the pro grams at Maybury, call (810) 349-8390.



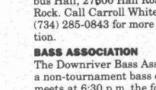
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The Downriver Bass Association



day. It really was," Lind-strom said of match with alem. "We kind of cruised in the early part of the day and kind of saved it, and I think we were as strong at the end of the day as we'd been al day long. And I think it kind of showed; Salem kind of fell down a little bit at the end there as far as being able to push a little bit."

BY BILL PARKER

Lake Central.

them up."

STAFF WRITER bparker@oe.hc

Central (44-8-1) led 8-6 in the opening game when ors Amanda Mendenhal and Douglas and junior Christina Tudor sparked seven-point run. Douglas erved an ace to make it 13-6. Tudor followed with a oss-court kill and Menden hall ended the game with a well-placed tip kill that fell softly between two Salem

Salem (43-10-1) regrouped in the second game and manged an 11-10 lead thanks to the dominant net play of Angie Sillmon, who has committed to play volleyball at Western Michigan Universi-

But Central, the league's regular-season champion and tournament's top seed, used another decisive run to seal the title. Douglas served two aces as the Vikings forged ahead 14-11 and junior Colleen Saldana closed it out with a kill off a set from

senior Sarah Schreiber. "We gave it a good run, but we didn't find our hitting zones very well at times,' Salem coach Tom Teeters said. "But that's how it goes in volleyball sometimes."

"I have seven seniors and three of them have been to the (state semifinals), so they know not to let up," Lind strom said. "We have lots of good leaders out there and that's all I can tell you. They're all picking it up right now and communicating well with each other."

Central held off pesky Livonia Franklin 15-10, 15-11 in one semifinal, while Salem easily disposed of Stevenson 15-3, 15-7 in the other. Northville and Livonia Churchill were also among the six teams to emerge from pool play.

Central senior Becca Sallana was 237-of-242 setting in the tournament with 104 assists and 33-of-36 serving with three aces, Douglas was 50-of-60 attacking with 38 kills and 19 blocks and 35-of-41 serving with four aces, Mendenhall was 90-of-112 attacking with 55 kills and 40-of-43 serving with eight aces, and senior defensive specialist Amanda Yaklin was 45-of-51 serving with six aces and 27 digs.

Sillmon posted a team-high seven kills and two solo blocks in Salem's semifinal win over Stevenson and teammate Amanda Suder had three kills and was 15of-15 serving with six aces.

Sillmon collected seven more kills against Central, Andrea Pruett added five kills and three block assists, Laine Sterling racked up 18 assists and Suder had 15

Class A district play is up next for the WLAA's 12 teams.

Central hosts a five-team district this Saturday that includes Walled Lake Western, Farmington Harrison, Farmington and North Farmington.

Saturday's Novi district features opening-round matches pitting Salem vs. Canton and Churchill vs. Northville, while Stevenson and Franklin are slated to compete at tomorrow's Livonia Ladywood district. Westland John Glenn will be at Saturday's Ypsilanti Lincoln district

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WLAA BASKETBALL

Did it ever!

The Warriors exploded for 23 first-quar ter points en route to its first berth ever in the WLAA championship game with a 64-46 victory over the Rockets. Western, 18-1 on the season, meets North Farmington, 16-3, in the conference championship game, 7:30 p.m. Friday at Livonia ranklin. Glenn, 11-7, meets Plymouth Salem, 15-4, in the consolation game at 5:30 p.m. at Franklin.

"At the beginning of the season our number-one goal as to be the best ever at Western," Stanczak said. "This is the best record we've ever had. We've never won the regular season championship before this year, and we've never played for the league championship before. I think we've accomplished that goal, but we won't be satisfied unless we make it out of districts."

transition game early in Tuesday's contest. Ben Dewar nailed a pair of triples had a hot touch and scored seven of his 10 in sparking the run.

"I thought we had a tremendous defensive performance tonight. I my opinion John Glenn is the best team in the league from an offensive stand-point," Stanczak said. "To hold them in the 40s is testament to a good defensive game."

Glenn closed the gap in the second quarter as Ty Haygood and Reggie Spearmon heated up for the Rockets and dumped in six points each. But Dawood nailed a huge triple at the buzzer to end the first half to put the Warriors on top by 13, 35-22.

"Western just came out and played great basketball," Glenn coach Mike Schuette said. "We missed a couple putbacks and if they would have fallen

Defensive execution keyed Western's maybe it would have been closer."

The Rockets made one more dent in Western's lead with a 10-0 run in the and scored eight of his game-high 18 third. When Haygood returned a rebound points in the first quarter as Western to the net with :40 left in the third he opened a 23-9 lead. Genero Dawood also pulled Glenn to within eight, 35-43. Eagle came up with the buzzer-beater for Western at the end o the third as the Warriors maintained a double-digit lead, 47-36.

Dewar finished strong and meshed in seven more in the fourth as Western wrapped up the win with a 17-10 advantage in the final eight minutes.

"In the fourth quarter the kids did tremendous job of pulling the ball out and spreading the floor and taking nothing but lay-ups," Stanczak said. "It's not always easy for a fast-breaking team to slow it down but I thought we did a nice job of that in the fourth."

Eric Jones scored 16 points and Hay, good finished with 14 for the Rockets. who managed just 14 of 27 shots from the free throw line.

INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL WRESTLING RESULTS

Western downs Rockets in WLAA semis

DIVISION I INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL WRESTLING RESULTS Feb. 27 at Troy High School Heavyweight: Casey Rogowski (Redford

Walled Lake Western basketball coach

Rex Stanczak was worried about Tues-

day's showdown with Westland John

Glenn in the semifinals of the Western

Lakes Activities Association tournament.

He feared his team had lost its concen-

tration. He was concerned the Warriors

might be looking ahead to Monday's dis-

trict tournament opener with rival Walled

"On Sunday I told my assistant coach

(Josh Tropae) I was worried the team had

lost its focus," Stanczak said. "He faxed

me a letter today and basically said we

don't have time to not be ready to play

We don't have time not to be focused. We

have to play these two games so we might

"I read the letter to the guys about 10

minutes before the game it really woke

as well go out and win them.

CC) p. Aaron Lambert (Utica), 2:22; consolation final: Joe Tate (Southfield-Lathrup) dec. Zack McKee (L'Anse Creuse North), 3-1. 103 pounds: Josh Gunterman (Livonia Stevenson) dec. Joe Moreau (Livonia Steven-

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125: Frank Coppens (Fraser) dec. Bruce son), 9-5; consolation: Vito Maniaci (Sterling Ealy (East Detroit), 10-5; consolation final: (Livonia Stevenson), 8-4.

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(Redford CC), 2:47.

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ABBEY DINCOLN Singer-songwriter: A68, she continues to be part of "the music."

A FORCE THAT'S 'WHOLLY EARTH'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

What's a 12-letter name for "50s-'90s jazz singer?"

According to the Feb. 14 New York Times Magazine, the answer

is Abbey Lincoln. The 68-year-old diva laughed when asked if she had seen the

when asked if she had seen the puzzle. "Tes, I was thrilled," she said in

a voice slightly lighter than her famous, smokey-rich singing voice.

Lincoln, who will be performing March'12 at Ann Arbor's Michigan Theatre, has just released a new, provocative CD on Verve, "Wholly Earth," that continues a string of albums dating from the late 1980s that display Lincoln's talents as a singer and songwriter. But, as the puzzle notes, Lincoln has been a force in music since the 1950s.

"I met Louis Armstrong when I was 22, around 1952 and I saw Billie Holiday in Honolulu," Linwhat: Abbey Lincoln performs with her trio for the UMS concert series.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday, March

WHERE: Michigan Theater. 603, E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. TICKETS: \$20-\$32. Call (734) 764-2538.

In 1957, the Kalamazoo native met the great be-bop drummer Max Roach, who was her husband from 1962 to 1970, and started singing with small jazz groups and recording some of her own material. In 1961 she was featured on Roach's famous "Freedom Now Suite," which she said taught her how to use her voice freely as an instrument. She was also introduced to John Coltrane and Thelonious Monk.

It was Monk who encouraged Lincoln to become a composer after she put lyrics to his "Blue Monk."

ment and write music that transcends easy categories. The new album displays a strong mystical, spiritual element both in her evocative lyrics and in the multitextured music. The title tune gives a sense of her concerns: "Places where the folks inhabit/have a geometric grace/Circled, squared, sometimes triangled/ruled with lines and space."

"I'm an older woman and I'm more spiritual," she says with a chuckle. "I don't sing about bad relationships or sex anymore. I'm too old for that, and I don't care about it."

Though usually a lyric comes first, sometimes it's the music.

"It depends, sometimes the music comes first. 'Look to the Stars,' the music came first, I was thinking of Jimmy Scott and the way he holds a note. But 'Conversation with a Baby' came altogether as a piece, music and lyrics," she said. young people in San Francisco, I was sort of the Big Mama there," she said. "I saw the lyrics and I said, Yeah, this is what I want to say." It took me 20 years to record it but I finally did."

it, but I finally did." On the new album she performs the Mercer-Hampton-Burke standard "Midnight Sun," Benny Carter's "Another Time, Another. Place" and, most

notably, the Yip Harburg-Harold Arlen "If I Only Had a Brain" from "The Wizard of Oz." Her version

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plays with the songs timing and melody while retaining its irony and humor, typical of Lincoln's thoughtful approach.

The album's music is multi-textured. Though on stage she'll be accompanied by just her fine trio, on the album she is supported on vibes and marimba by Bobby Hutcherson, on trumpet by

Local Celtic favorites Blackthorn appear 3 p.m. at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Tickets \$8 and include an opportunity to meet the artists following the performance. Call (248) 424-9041.



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Lincoln sees herself in a long tradition of "the music."

"Now it's such a business. This is no time for art, no time for a Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra, Billie Holiday. They didn't call it jazz. It was music. Rosemary Clooney, I sang her songs. Ella..." she said. "I never thought I was going to be a composer," she said. "It was Thelonious Monk who was quoted on the back of an album saying that Abbey Lincoln is not just a great singer but a great composer. I had written lyrics to 'Blue Monk' and he didn't object. ... He came over to the studio and did a little dance and whispered in my ear, 'Don't be so perfect.' I asked Max what he meant, and he said it means you can make a mistake."

That freed Lincoln to experi-

"Conversation" is an unusual, thought-provoking lullabye dedicated to a child named Gandhi.

"Gandhi is someone's little boy here in the apartment house where I live," she said. "It's for a happy baby."

Lincoln is also a powerful interpreter of songs by others. Her recording of Bob Dylan's "Mr. Tambourine Man" on her last album, "Who Used to Dance," received a lot of air play and rave reviews.

"I saw 'Mr. Tambourine Man' on a piano when I was with these Nicholas Payton and on two songs on vocals by Maggie Brown, whose younger, lighter voice adds a nice contrast.

Lincoln said she'll be performing songs from the Grammy-winning "A Turtle's Dream," "Who Used to Dance" and her new album in Ann Arbor.

She said her long association with Jean-Phillipe Allard has been important in her re-emergence as a singer after quitting music briefly in the early '70s and then recording and performing sporadi-

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POPULAR MUSIC

A reluctant Brian Wilson talks about his music

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

Arranging an interview with Brian Wilson is unlike any other. His publicist warns that Wilson is "not chatty." In order for the interview to work, Wilson needs to talk about his music, his album "Imagination" and maybe his favorite song on it. There can be no "yes or no"

questions and if the conversation lulls, "it's over."

Sean Lennon, who interviewed Wilson for "Raygun" magazine, even wrote that Wilson's publicist told him. "Now don't be surprised if he gets up after five minutes." Wilson's conversation with Lennon was long and thoughtful.

But when Wilson called two weeks ago, it was short and to the point. He answers the question, "How are

WHO: Brian Wilson

WHEN: Performs at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. March 9. The show is expected to run two hours.

WHERE: Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liber ty St., Ann Arbor.

HOW: Tickets are \$35 and \$45. For more information, call (734) 668-8397, (248) 645-6666 or visit http://www.99music.com. you?" with, "I'm good. Let's get the interview going, OK?"

One thing that excites Wilson is his tour to promote the album "Imagination," a very Beach Boys-sounding album which earned rave reviews from critics.

"It'll be the first major tour I've taken in my career. It's pretty exciting. To be able to perform my music in front of people is kind of a thrill for me."

In the song "South American" off "Imagination," Wilson sings "I've been around too long to care what anyone says." But that insecurity is what kept him out of the musical spotlight for 10 years.

"I was so hurt just by the fact that my first record didn't sell in 1988," Wilson said about the album

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Rare appearance: Brian Wilson performs Tuesday at the Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor. Last month he was up for the "Best Historical Album" Grammy for The Beach Boys album "The Pet Sounds Sessions."

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"Brian Wilson." "I took some time convinced that if I did it I would have a hit record. It wasn't a hit. It was a moderate hit."

Wilson wasn't completely away from music. Two albums of his fare argument he had with his music were released in 1995 the soundtrack to the Don Wasproduced documentary about ty good tune. I think it's a pretty Wilson's life, "I Just Wasn't Made good tune. I like it a lot." for These Times," and "Orange Crate Art" with Beach Boys col-

laborator Van Dyke Parks. He owes "Imagination" to his him the support he needed to create the album.

"At first it was (hard to get motivated) because I really wasn't up for all that work. But I got interested and I got into it. We nailed it pretty fast," he said.

Besides Thomas, Wilson collabmake "Imagination." Songwriter Carole Bayer Sager and "Margaritaville" man Jimmy Buffett are included in that list.

"It was a thrill, a pretty big off, 10 years off. Finally I was thrill for me," Wilson said of working with Buffett. "I met him through Joe Thomas. He did a lot for my album. He did lots for it."

"Cry" is a 4:56 weeper about a wife, Melinda. All Wilson will say about the song is, "That's a pret-

According to published reports, Wilson met the former Melinda Ledbetter in 1986 while shopping for a car with his then-psyproducer, Joe Thomas, who gave chologist, the controversial Eugene Landy. Landy was treating Wilson,

who had a nervous breakdown in 1964 at age 22, for drug addiction and depression. Wilson's family accused Landy of keeping Wilson doped up on prescription drugs and controlling his life. orated with a slew of stars to They sued Landy but, in 1991, before it reached the courtroom, a settlement required Landy to

sever ties with the musician. In the liner notes to "Imagina- Bye babe.

tion," Wilson thanks his new psychiatrist, Dr. Stephen Marmer, for giving him "support in my

Despite being called "eccentric," Wilson is regarded as one of the most influential bass players in rock history. Upon hearing that, Wilson is thrilled yet guarded.

"I'm honored that people think I can play bass that good. I used to pick. I've been practicing for my four-concert tour," said Wil-son who lives in St. Charles, Ill., with his wife and two adopted daughters.

After seven minutes on the phone, Wilson is antsy. His answers become shorter indicating it's time to end the conversation

"See me next month?" Wilson answers gruffly to the same question. When he is reminded that he is playing Ann Arbor on March 9, he responds, "Oh yeah.



A colony of convicts: A young lieutenant (Greg James, left) begins rehearsals for Australia's first theatrical production with leading lady Teresa Ann LaFranca, who is about to be hanged.

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"western world" as it was called. people, "The Playboy of the Western World" is a true literary masterpiece

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cally. It was Allard who called year of Betty Carter. her to sign with Polygram (parhas produced her string of fine albums. "He never tells me what to do. I tell him who I want and he

goes and gets them. ... I'm really fortunate and I know it. I'm part of the music, but I miss the elders," she said. She mentioned the death last

ment of the A.M.E. Church in "I miss her a lot, if someone Jackson. She said the minister pany of Verve) and who told me they played with Betty liked her voice, but she never Carter, I knew they could play," sang in the choir.

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Panelists include Don Soenon, president of the Plymouth Symphony Board; Louis G. Spisto, president of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra; Carla Lamphere, executive director Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony; Christine Bonner, executive director of the Detroit Oratorio Society; Maury Okun, executive director Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings; and Volodymyr Schesiuk, conductor of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

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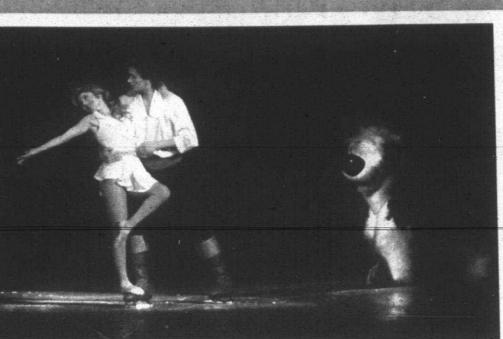
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FELD ENTERTAL Romance: Duet, Ariel, (Inna Volianskaia) and Prince Eric (Alexei Killakov) in a scene from "Disney on Ice - The Little Mermaid."

Disney on Ice producers alert to pleasing little 'story police'

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Ever conscious of the story police in their audience, Feld Entertainment brings the story of "The Little Mermaid" to life on

Arena in Detroit. choreographer for "Disney on Ice presents "The Little Mermaid," and director of skating for Feld Entertainment.

Bringing Disney's blockbuster film, "The Little Mermaid," which first debuted in 1989, to life on ice was not easy. Loosely based on the Hans Christian father, King Triton, disapproves. When Ariel falls in love with Prince Eric, Ariel makes a bad deal with Ursula, the diabolical diva of the deep, and loses her

friends, Ariel must win Eric's float by.

Community theaters ready to put drama in your weekend

There's no excuse not to put some drama into your life this weekend. Not the kind that causes stress, but the kind that entertains you.

Local community theater groups have been busy rehearsing. Here's what's opening, and soon to open, on a stage near

Ridgedale Players

The Ridgedale Players are presenting "Beau Jest," by James Sherman, a warm comedy involving a young Jewish woman who hires an actor to pretend to be her Jewish doctor boyfriend in order to please her parents.

Show times are March 6-7, March 12-14, and March 19-21, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road (between Crooks and Livernois) Troy. Tickets \$11, seniors and students \$10 on Sunday, includes a coffee-andsandwich afterglow. Call (248) 988-7049 for tickets.

Because the Passover seder is featured in one scene, the cast and directors have decided to raise money at performances to make a donation to Yad Ezra, a kosher food bank, for the purchase of Passover food for needy Jews.

Trinity House Theatre

Trinity House Theatre presents "Grace & Glorie" by Tom Ziegler, 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. Sundays at the theater, 8840 W. Six Mile, (west of I-275), Livonia. Tickets \$10, \$8 for groups of 10 or more. Call (734) 464-6302.

"Grace & Glory" tells the story of Gloria, a high-powered New York executive who, in an attempt to come to terms with a painful loss, leaves the big city to serve as a hospice worker. Grace is a feisty, independent woman who must face not only the end of her life, but the loss of her



A toast: Enjoying a toast at the Passover seder are Jack Abella of Southfield (left to right), Thom Griffin, Lyn Koch (Troy), Carl Jones (Rochester Hills), and Selma Cohen

beloved family farm in the Vir- Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. ginia mountains of Appalachia to Tickets are \$14, call (248) 644the creeping encroachment of development. Gloria cares for Grace in her last days, helping Grace die comfortably and with dignity

Avon Players

Hellman's adult drama. "The Children's House," opening 8 p.m. Friday, March 5 at the playouse, 1185 Tienken Road, (1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road), Rochester Hills. Tickets \$13, call (248) 608-9077

Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5-7; March 12-14, and March 18-

Birmingham Village Players

The Birmingham Village Players are whistling "Tradition" as they get ready for the March 12 opening of "Fiddler on the Roof," which plays March 12-14, March 19-21, and March 26-27 at their playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Birm-

First Theatre Guild

"First Theatre Guild" is presenting "Anne of Green Gables." March 12-14 and March 19-21 in Knox Auditorium at First Pres-Avon Players presents Lillian byterian Church, 1669 Maple (between Southfield and Cranbrook Roads) in Birmingham Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Sat urday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Saturday March 13 is senior day, all senior citizens will be able to see the show for free. The cost for all other performances is \$7 adults. \$5 seniors and students. Call (248) 644-2087, Ext. 151.

SRO Productions

SRO Productions presents the first play of it's 10th season; "Eating Your Heart Out," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, March 12 through March 28 at the City of Southfield's historic park, "The Burgh," corner of Civic Center Dr. & Berg Road Tickets \$8 general, \$7 seniors ngham. Performances 8 p.m. and children, call (248) 827-0704=





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Disney on Ice presents "The Lit- Gia Guddat. "In the first act as the glamor-octopus of the tle Mermaid," through Sunday, Ariel still has fins. Obviously deep. "Little Mermaid has every-March 7 at Joe Louis Arena in Ariel couldn't move around the Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666 or ice balanced on her tail. She had thing," said Stuart. "The music from the movie is fun, and (313) 983-6606 for ticket infor- to be free to experience the inspiring. A bi-level stage set adventure that awaited her." separates land from sea. Costume designer Scott Lane designed a costume that is divid-"We wanted to clearly define ed into two fins that allow Ariel, for the audience the separation between land and sea, between played by Russian figure skating Prince Eric's world and Ariel's champion Inna Volianskaia,

world," said director John Diet-

On Wednesday, students from

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in a clam shell, flying skaters,

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with an exploding turban.

more mobility. Prince Eric is played by Alexei Killakov, who is also Russian. When Ariel loses her mermaid and Wayne State Universities ice through March 7 at Joe Louis fin and is transformed into a met with show technicians and woman, she is wobbly on the ice, "Young children know when like someone learning to walk for skaters who shared their theatriwe're not telling the story accu- the first time. "She has no skates cal secrets including an elevator rately," said Cindy Stuart, co- in her on ice duet 'Kiss the Girl' and giant Carmen Miranda fish with Eric," said Stuart. "He car-

ries and whirls her.' Imaginative costumes take the audience to Ariel's world under the sea where there are dancing star fish, and sea horses.

"We really create the feeling of a lagoon," said Stuart. "It's three dimensional. Some of the skaters Anderson fairy-tale, "The Little have puppets. I would call the Mermaid," is the story of Ariel, a show multi-media, we're creating fun-loving mermaid princess an atmosphere. We tried to crewho longs for a life on land. Her ate the feeling of being underwa-

The 24-foot "puppet" fish are carried on pole units by skaters. "We wanted to have fish at all levels under the sea," said Lane. lovely voice. With help from "You never know what is going to

The fluidity of figure skating "We had to create the illusion lends itself to the show. Ursula, of being undersea," said Stuart the sea witch, who lost her beauwho choreographs the show with ty because she's evil, is portrayed

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THEATER CAPITOL THEATRE

Macbeth," performed by Montreal's Repercussion Theatre, 8 p.m. Saturday. March 6, in the theater's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave., W., Windsor, \$25 and \$22 (Canadian) (519) 253-7729 or

http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

Sunset Boulevard," Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical starring Petula Clark as Norma Desmond, continues through March 21, at the opera house, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays. \$32.50-\$65. 248) 645-6666

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE "Camp Logan," Celeste Bedford Walker's play about the Houston riot and court martials of 1917, through nday, March 21, at the theater 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 868-1347 FOX THEATRE

Cats," 8 p.m. Thursday, March 4, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 5-6, and 1 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the heater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages.

(248) 433-1515 IFWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

Never the Sinner," John Logan's dramatization of the Leopold and Loeb story of the 1924 thrill killing of 14year-old Bobby Franks, through March 7, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower evel of the the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake West Bloomfield. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday hursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Community forums follow Thursday evening and Sunday matinee performances. Featured speal ers include Mort Crim, George Canton and Clementine Barfield of So Sad \$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; "A Gift of Glory: Edsel Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts," Karim Alrawi's play about the relationship between Edsel Ford and the politically controversial artist Diego Rivera as the Detroit Industry mural were being created at the Detroit Institute of Arts, runs March 10 to Apr 1, at the theater, Wilson Hall, Oakland Inliversity, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

students. (734) 913-9733 or

'Faithful," the adult comic/thriller by

Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at

Hartland. \$8, \$7 seniors; reserved seat

"The Wizard of Oz," the Broadway musi

cal. 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturday, March 5,

12-13, at the Novi Civic Center Stage.

"Ouilters," a musical celebrating life in

March 5, 12-14, 19-21, and 26-27, at

House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit. \$10

"The Sound of Music," 8 p.m. Friday-

Theatre on the campus of Northville

Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven

Mile Road, Northville, \$11 in advance

at The Penniman Deli, 820 Penniman

St., Plymouth, Gardenview's, 202 W.

170 Haggerty Road North, Canton:

\$12 at the door. Discounts for groups

of 15 or more. (248) 349-7110

"Beau Jest," a comedy involving a

young Jewish woman who hires an

actor to pretend to be her Jewish doc-

tor boyfriend in order to please her par-

roy.8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 5

Sundays, March 14 and 21. \$11, \$10

"Light Up the Sky," a theatrical comedy

about an idealistic young author runs

Friday-Sunday, March 12-28, at the

Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette,

Royal Oak. \$10-12. (248) 541-6430;

Special dinner/theater package avail

"Into the Woods" by Stephen Sondheim,

lies, 8 p.m. Saturdays, March 6 and 13,

Theatre in Masonic Temple, 500 Temple

Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance, \$12 at

"Grace & Glorie," a drama about two

find friendship as they struggle with

Fridays-Saturdays, March 5-6, 12-13,

19-20 and 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sundays,

38840 W. Six Mile, (west of 1-275),

more, (734) 464-6302

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WEST END PRODUCTIONS

Livonia. \$10, \$8 for groups of 10 or

March 7, 14, 21 and 28, at the theater.

"Saucy Bossy and Burlesque," a hysteri-

of the jokes of the vanished era, 9 p.m.

Fridays-Saturdays, March 12 to April 3,

March 13 and 27, sold-out benefit per-

Theatre, 110 S. Main St., south of 11

Smoke, Royal Oak, \$12. (248) 541-

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cal comedy capturing the robust spirit

matters of death and life, 8 p.m.

women from different backgrounds who

an adult production suitable for fami-

and Friday, March 12, and 2 p.m.

the door. (313) 535-8962

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Sunday, March 7, at the Cathedral

able from Illustions Bar and Grill in

Roval Oak, (248) 586-1313

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

students/seniors on Sundays. (248)

ents, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long

Lake, between Crooks and Livernois,

6, 12-13 and 19-20, and 3 p.m.

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PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

Chazz Palminteri, March 6-7, 8 p.m.

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OPERA

DAVID DANIELS Countertenor performs with pianist Martin Katz, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 7 Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, 911 N. versity, Ann Arbor, \$20, \$35. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

COLLEGE

WSU BONSTELLE "Our Country's Good," a hilarious and harrowing play illustrating how theater has the potential to change people's ives when a colony of convicts attempt o do comedy, March 5-14, at the the Main St., Northville, and Evola Music. ater, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. \$8-10. (313) 577-2960

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE

Charles Dickens' classic "A Tale of Two Cities," runs in rotating repertory to March 4; Moss Hart's comedy "Light Up the Sky" continues in rotating repertory to April 1, and "The Playboy of the Western World," a literary classic from Ireland about a playboy who cons his way into becoming the romantic hero of a small peasant village, opens March 12, runs to May 8 in rotating repertory. 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 individuality in a conformist society, set in a small village in Africa in 1974 and based on a real-life South African artist, through March 7, at the theater downstairs from the Hilberry, 4743 Cass Ave., at Hancock, Detroit. 8 p.m. Thursdays Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. \$6-8 (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS The Children's Hour," Lillian Hellman's edult drama, March 5-7, 12-14 and 18-20, at the theater, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 n, Sundays, \$13, (248) 608-9077

B.W. PRODUCTIONS When God Comes Down from Heaven. a semi-musical/comedy gospel, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 12-13, at Oak Park High School auditorium, 13701 Oak Park Blvd. \$12.50 advance, \$15 at door, \$10 seniors in advance only.

(313) 865-2375 EMPATHEATRE

Troupe is a combination of psychodrama, improvisational theater and drama erapy, audience members during are invited to write down descriptions of situations they face, which the actors then use as a basis for improv, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 12, at the rrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$10, \$8



Little Mermaid: Intelligent, adventurous and independent, Ariel dreams of living on land with humans in the Feld Entertainment figure ice skating spectacular, "Disney on Ice presents The Little Mermaid," through Sunday, March 7 at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Tickets \$30, \$17.50, \$15.50 and \$12.50, available at the Joe Louis Arena and Fox Theatre box offices and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge tickets, call (248) 645-6666. For more information, call (313) 983-6606.

YOUTH

PRODUCTIONS "THE FROG PRINCE" 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Free with

suem admission of \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, free for mem bers and children ages 4 and younger. 313) 271-1620 MARQUIS THEATRE

Velveteen Rabbit," 2:30 p.m Saturdays and Sundays, March 6 to April 25, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday April 5-9, at the theater, 135 E. Main Northville \$7, (248) 349-8110 PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS Jack and the Beanstalk," runs Saturdays-Sundays to May 23, 1 p.m

Saturdays (lunch at noon) and 2 p.m. Sundays (lunch at 1 p.m.), at the Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougall across from Harbortown, Detroit. \$7.50, includes lunch and show. (810) 662-8118

SPECIAL EVENTS

ART THE FAIR Pewabic Pottery holds its' winter exhibt and sale of antique and contemporary handcrafted art tile, free antique tile appraisal and tile installation demontrations scheduled. Dennis DeSandre shows how-to set tiles in tables, back splashes and floors throughout the day 0 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at St. George Cultural Center, 1515 Woodward, north of Square Lake, loomfield Hills. \$5. (313) 822-0954 **GREATER DETROIT SPORTFISHING** AND TRAVEL EXPO 4-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 4-5, 10

a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, nd 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 7 The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$7.50, \$3.50 for children ages 12 and younger. 248) 377-0100 or

otto://www.palacepet.com INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY The Detroit Women's Coffeehouse cele brates the day with a variety of programming including speakers on music and poetry, a drumming explosion featuring Muse, an African drumming and dance trio, a women's self defense demonstration, and art, books and businesses bazaar, poet Maryann Cameron and Repercussions, a five-piece drumming ensemble, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the First Unitarian Universal Church, 4605 Cass at Forest, near Wayne State University Detroit, Sliding scale \$7-\$12 (more if

you can, less if you can't). (313) 832-RAILROADIANA

Buy and swap toys and trains noon to 4" n.m. Sunday, March 7 (tables still available for \$12 each, \$20 at door if available), at SS. Simon & Jude Church Hall (Fr. Andrew M Nieckarz Social and cademic Hall), 32500 Palmer Road, one mile west of Merriman Road. Westland, \$2, \$4 family, \$5 after 10 a.m. (313) 595-8327

RAILBOAD MEMORABILIA SHOW AND SALE Fifty dealers display train items to swap

and buy, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 7 at St. Martha's Parish Hall, 18100 Oakwood Blvd, across the street from Oakwood Hospital, south of Geenfield

Village, Dearborn. \$2, \$5 family, \$10 early birds, with proceeds to St. Martha's ushers for church improve ments and the Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railroad listorical Society for its restoration pro gram for passenger cars. The Bluewater chapter will show videos of their steam trip May 22-23 to Clare. (313) 277-

CARL REINER 8 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at West Bloomfield High School Auditorium. \$25 mbers of Jewish Community Center \$35 non-members, (248) 661-7649

REINVENTING ROSIE FOR 21ST CENTURY Women Mastering Non-traditional Work Expo (presented by Henry Ford Community College) features women

working in a wide range of non-tradition al occupations and professions, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, in the Pagoda Room of the Student Center Building on campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, Free. (313) 845-9757/(313) 845-9629 THREE MEN AND A TENOR High energy comedy a capella group, 8 p.m. Friday, March 12, at Churchill High Saturday, March 6, at Churchill High 8900 Newburgh north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$10, \$8 students/seniors. (734) 523-9218 WWF'S MONDAY NIGHT RAW

March 5 is the deadline to exchange . 2 WWF tickets for "Raw is War" 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 vere winter storm. All exchanges must be made by March 5 in-person at Joe Louis Arena box office or by mail Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center ive, Detroit, MI 48226, Attn: Box Office/WWF Exchange. Refunds will b available at point-of-purchase. Tickets charged by phone through Ticketmaster will be refunded by mail only. Tickets for the April 12 Monday Night RAW will go on sale soon to the public. 313)983-6606/(248)645-6666.

FAMILY EVENTS

SHRINE CIRCUS Family night 7 p.m. Friday, March 12, at the State Fair Coliseum, Detroit. \$4, at Farmer Jack Supermarkets. MAPLE SUGARING PROGRAM At Indian Springs Metro Park, 5200 White Lake Road, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, noon to 3 p.m. Sundays in March. Meet at the Nature Center, (248) 625-7280.

BENEFITS

"A BEARY MERRY DAY" 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, silent and live auctions to raise funds for the Mercy Education Project, at Park Place, on Park Street off Outer Drive outh of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. \$7, includes dessert and door prizes. (313) 963-5881

CELEBRATING LIFE A Broadway-style musical presentation esturing Petula Clark and other cast nembers of "Sunset Boulevard," 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 15, at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West omfield. \$72, \$36, proceeds to be efit the Michigan Jewish AIDS Coalition Broadway Cares: Equity Fights AIDS, and Steppin' Out, (248) 594-6522

GILDA'S CLUB BENEFIT eaturing performances by Mudpuppy and Jill Jack, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 4. Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older 248) 543-4300 (variety) MICHIGAN WOODWORKERS GUILD Hosts a silent toy auction to benefit Children's Hospital of Detroit, an exhibit will showcase guild members handnade curio cabinets, hutches, grandfather clocks and other items, noon to 5

p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, between Schoolcraft (I-96) and Five Mile. Free. (313) 345-3671 "IT'S THE TOPS!" A re-creation of Top of the Park to ben-

efit the Ann Arbor Summer Festival. with performances by Trademark, Ciga Store Indians, and rockabilly DJ Del Villarreal, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13 Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, 2275 Platt Road, between Washtenaw and Packard roads, Ann Arbor. \$125 ncludes 20 coupons to select food and beverages and games of chance, and \$75 tax-deductible donation; \$7 cover charge to dance, watch movies, buy lickets for games, ice cream and popcorn. (734) 647-2278 or http://www.mlive.com/aast

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

BLACKTHORN fund-raising concert for the Fair Lane Music Guild and the Dearborn Community Arts Council, 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, in the School o Management lecture theater on the Iniversity of Michigan-Dearborn campus. \$35. (313) 943-3095 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 and Home Care Services (734) 522-4244

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With Conductor Yan Pascal Tortelier and pianist Howard Shelley, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 4-5, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6; With Conductor Hans Vonk and flutist Jean Pierre Rampal, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday March 11-12, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48, and a limited. number of box seats for \$40-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsym-

JAMES GALWAY

Flutist performs with pianist Phillip Moll, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. \$20, \$35, \$45, \$55. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org ABBEY LINCOLN

With pianist Marc Cory, bassist Michael Bowie and drummer Alvester Garnett, 8 p.m. Friday, March 12, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbo \$20, \$24, \$30 and \$32. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Features guest planist 14-year old Joshua Cullen performing George

Gershwin's "Concerto in F," 7:30 p.m. north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$15, \$8 chi dren age 12 and younger. (248) 645-6666/(734) 464-2741/(734) 421-

MUSICA VIVA AND CRANBROOK Leipzig String Quartet, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at Kingswood Auditorium, Cranbrook, 1221 N. Woodward Ave. loomfield Hills. (248) 851-6987 JASON VIEAUX The classical guitarist performs 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 6, in Kresge Hall at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. \$15. (248) 975-8797

ORGAN MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Winter Movie Series continues with 'Hello, Dolly" featuring Barbra Streisand and Walter Matthau, 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 evening Lance Luce, matinee Gus Borman), at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

POPS/SWING TOM JONES

7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, and 8 o.m. Friday, March 5, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, at Hall (M-59) Roads. linton Township. \$38, \$34 students/seniors, \$42 gold circle. (800) 585-3737

MIGHTY BLUE KINGS

8 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Majestic 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12 i advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 w http://www.99music.com (swing) STARLIGHT DRIFTERS 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Karl's, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (western swing) **II-V-I ORCHESTRA** 9-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Soup

Kitchen, 1585 Franklin, Detroit, (313) 259-1374; 7-9:30 p.m. Sundays, at the eldelberg, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 663-7758

AUDITIONS

AVON PLAYERS Open auditions for five females, two male youths and an ensemble of storyellers of all ages for "Children of Eden," a new musical based on the olical stories of Adam and Eve. Cain and Abel and Noah's Ark, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 7, and 7 p.m. Monday March 8, at the playhouse, 1185 ienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, (248) 608-0792

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Auditions for 16 women, including six African-American women, and 21 mer including four African-Americans, for bree different shows, 2-5 p.m. Sunday March 7, and 4-7 p.m. Monday, March 8, at the Anderson Center Theater. 20900 Oakwood Blvd., inside Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. (313) 982-6044

MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

Auditions for professional resident cast and student academy, by appointment only Saturday, March 13, Oakland niversity's Varner Hall, Rochester hose wishing to audition for the acade my must be high school seniors or older, Renaissance Festival is Aug. 14-

Sept. 26. (800) 601-4848 PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD Auditions for Frederic Knott's "Wait Until Dark" 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 8.9 Water Tower Theatre. 41001 W. Seven Mile, between laggerty and Northville roads. Readings will be done from the script For performances May 7-9, 13-16. (248) 669-0436/(734) 525-

1206/(248) 349-7110 or visit http://www.causeway.com/ptg/ SHOWBIZ EXPO Accepting applications from boys and girls ages 3-18 for Michigan's 12th annual Showbiz Entertainment and

hotogenic Expo, March 20-21. Portions of all proceeds to benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation. (248) 650-741/(810) 977-2741 JAZZ

"CELEBRATE THE CENTURY-1930S

Jazz night with bread line by the Breadsmith Bakery, 7:30 p.m. March 11 at the Plymouth Historical Museum 155 S. Main St., Plymouth. (734) 455-

DAVE DOUGLAS TINY BELL TRIO 8 p.m. Friday, March 5, et the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$15, \$10

734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net KURT ELLING 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturda March 5-6, Bird of Paradise, 207 S.

Ashley St., Ann Arbor, \$18 in advance 734) 662-8310 or ttp://www.99music.com

TIM FLAHARTY TRIO With Nancy K., 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Friday, March 12, Woodruff's Supper Club, 212 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 586-1519 (classi jazz, guitar and vocals FUNKTELLIGENCE

With Slide Off Saturn and the Arthur

White Experience, 9:30 p.m. Saturday March 6, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (avant jazz) GROUND.EFX Live dub and jungle featuring forme

members of Larval and Butterfly, 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older (734) 662-8310 **HEIDI HEPLER / MICHELE**

RAMO/TODD CURTIS

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Nov Free, All ages, (248) 305-7333 JAZZHEAD

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, March 5 opper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield Free, 21 and older, (248) 223-1700 JAZODITY

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, March 12, Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 223-1700 KOG'S KATS

5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4. bsolute Tiffany Jazz Grille, 440 Clinton, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313 964-8953

KATHY KOSINS TRIO 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays, March 5 and 12, Edison's, 220 Merrill St ningham. Free. 21 and older. (248

645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass trio SHEILA LANDIS AND RICK MATLE 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays in March. Woodruff's, 212 W. Sixth St., Roya Oak, Free, All ages, (248) 586-1519 PHIL LASLEY TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 6. Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birminghan Free, 21 and older, (248) 645-2150 sax/piano/bass trio) MATT MICHAELS

With Charlie Gabriel (reeds), 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4; With vocalist Judie Cochill, March 11, at the Botsford inn, Farmington, \$5 cover waived with inner order. (248) 474-4800 M.A.S. (MUTUAL ADMIRATION

8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 4-6

and Wednesday-Saturday, March 10-13.

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SOCIETY)

\$35 and \$45. (734) 668-8397 or

http://www.99music.com (pop)

with The Hentchmen, 9 p.m. Sunday,

March 7, Magic Stick in the Majestic

\$7. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700

The Hush Party with resident DJs

and Club Color, featuring funk and

Melvin Hill and Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays:

disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before

10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave.

2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com

Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons

Villarreal, at the club, 206-208 S. First

Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-

from 8-9 p.m. Sundays with DJ Del

St., Ann Arbor. \$5, \$3 after 9 p.m.;

Gerald, 8EN and Aaron, 10 p.m.

and older. (734) 996-8555

older. (248) 333-2362 or

http://www.961melt.com

THE GROOVE ROOM

Solar" night featuring A Guy Called

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET

"Flashback" night with "The Planet

and house on level four, 8:30 p.m.

Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron

Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and

older: Alternative dance night, 8 p.m

Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's. 18 and

Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac

"Love Factory" alternative dance night

ridays; Alternative dance with DJ Mat

Saturdays; Alternative dance Tuesdays;

gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul

Wednesdays. Free, at the-club, 1815 N

Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak,

Free before 10 p.m. nightly, 21 and

Club Excess with live music, dancing

and contests sponsored by WXDG-FM

(105.1), 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays

Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8

Lake. \$10. Ages 15-19. (248) 926-

MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER

Stick. 18 and older. Free: "Work

"Good Sounds." with music by The

onehead Collective and images by

Release," Rock 'n' Bowl happy hour

omas Video, 9 p.m. Fridays at Magic

with bowling, music and complimentary

food from the Majestic Cafe, 5-8 p.m.

Gutterball, 9 p.m. Saturdays at Garder

Bowl. Free. 18 and older; "The Bird's

mances, 9 p.m. Mondays at Magic

Shakedown" with DJ Big Andy, 9 p.m.

"Back Room Mondays," service indus

p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays. Free. 21 and

dent DJs, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays.

9 p.m. Fridays. \$6. 18 and older:

"Divine" with DJs Mike Clark, Mark

he club, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck.

Men 4 Men" New York style dance

party with DJ St. Andy spinning high-

Saturdays, at the club, 2575 Michigan

Ave., in Detroit's Corktown area. Cover

charge, 21 and older, (313) 964 7040

hree Floors of Fun," 9 p.m. Fridays

\$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 afterward, 18

ind older: X2K dance night, 10 p.m.

Wednesdays in The Shelter, \$6, 21 and

older. St. Andrew's and The Shelter are

at 431 E. Congress, Detroit (313) 961

Saturdays at the club. 2115 Woodward

Ave., Detroit, Cover charge, 18 and

Latin Dance Night" with DJ Ronny

Lucas, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Thursdays, \$3,

popular music calendar); Swing lessons

Wednesdays (\$3 for 21 and older, \$5

for 18 and older), at the club, 28949

Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebell

Road), Westland. (734) 513-5030

r advanced dancers, 8 p.m. Tuesdays

Live music Fridays and Saturdays (see

\$3 for 21 and older. \$5 for 18 and

older), and for beginners, 8 p.m.

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ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER

Saturdays, "Incinerator," 9 p.m

Ignition" dance night, 9 p.m

older. (313) 961-5451

24 KARAT CLUB

STATE THEATRE

energy, progressive house, 10 p.m.

Fridays, "Family Funktion Internal

Groove" DJ Alton Miller, 10 p m

http://www.motordetroit.com

Flash and Brian Gillespie, 9 p.m. to 2

a.m. Saturdays. \$6. 21 and older, all at

\$3. 18 and older: "Maximum Overload.

Ider: "Community Presents" with resi-

tries employee appreciation night, 9

Tuesdays at Magic Stick. Free. 21 and

Stick, Free, 18 and older; "Soul

older (313) 833-9700

MOTOR LOUNGE

313) 396-0080 or

ONE X

Nest," punk rock night with live perfor-

Fridays at Garden Bowl. \$6. 18 and

older: "Rock 'n' Bow!" with DJ Del

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harge. 18 and older. (810) 468-1010

p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays at

he club, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled

at the club, Mount Clemens, Cover

LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB

http://www.thegrooveroom.com

older. (248) 589-3344 or

HAYLOFT LIQUOR STAND

D. Thursdays, Women admitted free;

WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old

school funk on level three, and techno

Wednesday, March 10. \$8 and \$10. 19

complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit

CLUB

NIGHTS

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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

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DARDEN SMITH AND GREG

8 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, The Ark,

316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$11, \$10

members, students, seniors, All ages.

8 p.m. Thursday, March 4, The Ark, 316

Main St., Ann Arbor, \$15. All ages.

8 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, The Ark, 316

POETRY/

The author of "Body and Field" and

Trio Voices" reads her poetry, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 12, in the main gallery o

aint Creek Center for the Arts, 407

Pine St., Rochester, Free. (248) 651-

Featuring performance poet/songwriter

Ken Cormier, spoken word artist Bob

mance artist Mike Webster, 7-10 p.m.

Sunday, March 7, Alvin's, 5756 Cass

Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313)

Sunday, March 14, at the Grand Cafe

33316 Grand River, Farmington. Free.

Featuring Women's Day Reading with

Stellasue Lee, Maria Mazziotti Gillan,

Grace Cavalieri, and Carolyne Lee

Wright, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesday

March 10, room 3234 of the Wayne

State University English Department

Building, 51 W. Warren Ave., Detroit.

Free. (313) 577-7713/(313) 267-5300,

ext. 338: Poetry workshop with Maria

Mazziotti Gillan, at YMCA Arts and

Humanities Center, 51 W. Hancock,

west of Woodward on Wayne State

University's campus, Detroit. Free.

DANCE

Voody Lane calls to music by Rex

Saturday, March 6, at the Pittsfield

Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road

7704. Open jam for string band musi-

:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, at

lubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of

ymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734)

cert featuring various jazz styles

hat range from mournful recollections

o fast-paced 80s flashbacks, also per

mances by Jazz Dance Theatre's

at the Power Center for the Performing

students/seniors. Proceeds to benefit

Iday-Sunday, March 12-21 at the

11th annual Sweetheart Round-Up

Workshop, 7:30 p.m. to midnight.

Saturday, March 13, at the Italian

American Cultural Center, Warren, \$7

\$6 WSD members. (313)-526-9432

COMEDY

hursday Saturday, March 4-6 (\$15);

Scarface." Thursday Saturday, March

All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth

Road, Livonia, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-

Fridays and Saturdays. Third Leve

undays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

hursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m.

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Mike "Chainsaw" Hessman, 8:30 p.m.

hursday, March 4 (\$8), 8 p.m. and

10:30 p.m. Friday, March 5 (\$10), and

5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m.

Saturday, March 6 (\$10): Margaret

\$10). 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday

March 12 (\$12), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15

p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, March

13 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty.

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Paul Kozak and Spike Rizzo, Thursday

Sunday, March 4-7, and a special kids

matinee at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 6;

Wednesday Sunday, March 10-15, at

8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m.

and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays

(\$12), and 7.30 p.m. Sundays (\$6)

Prices subject to change. (248) 542-

9900 or http://www.comedycastie.co

the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak

Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m

im David and Manny Shields.

Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080

Smith, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 1

1.13 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's

isher Theatre, Detroit, 8 p.m.

lesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m.

Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays-

ndays. (248) 645-6666

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Kip Addotta and Joey Bielaska

Angel Salazar from the movie

eedy patients and their families at the

University of Michigan's Mott Children's

outh Project, 8 p.m. Friday, March 12,

cians of all levels 4-6 p.m., free

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING

e Chapel Hill Condominium

JAZZ DANCE THEATRE

Arts, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$8

Hospital. (734) 995-4242

"STOMP"

DANCERS

south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-

Blazer and Anita Anderson, 8 p.m.

(313) 267-5300, ext. 338

CONTRA DANCE

Holman, poet Al Hellus and perfor-

Featuring Lenore Langs, 6-10 p.m

SPOKEN WORD

TERESA TRULL AND BARBARA

S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All

Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Reservations recommended

(313) 831-3838 SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 4,

Edison's, 220 Jerrill St., Birmingham Free. 21 and cider. (248) 645-2150 vocal/piano/bass trio CHARLES SCALES DUO 8 p.m. Mondays in March, Duet, 3663

Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luthe King Boulevard, Detroit. Reservations recommended. (313) 831-3838 **GWEN AND CHARLES SCALES**

8 p.m. Tuesdays in March, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Reservations recommended. (313) 831-3838

GARY SCHUNK TRIO 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 11. Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham

Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums trio URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY

BUDSON With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300 SUNNY WILKINSON 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 12-

13, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St. Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-

WORLD MUSIC THE ARTICLES

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10 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, lemphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St. Royal Oak, Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (Jamaican jazz) BLACKTHORN

3 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. \$8. (248) 424-9041

BOOM SHAKA 8 p.m. Sunday, March 7, Alvin's, 5756

Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (roots reggae) THE CLANCY BROTHERS 8 p.m. Saturday, March 6. Magic Bag 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$20

http://www.themagicbag.com (Irish

folk)

18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or

ENSEMBLE GALILEI 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 7, Henry Ford Estate - Fair Lane, University of Michigan - Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5330

(Celtic) IMMUNITY

10 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, March 12. Bachelor's, 1967 Cass Lake Road. Keego Harbor. Free. 21 and older. (248) 682-2295 (reggae)

MOYA Featuring Clannad vocalist Maire Brennan, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress Detroit. \$20 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com traditional Irish and contemporary

OLD WORLD FOLK BAND Entertain at a tribute to Congregation

Beth Shalom's Cantor Samuel Greenbaum, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13, it the synagogue, 14601 W. Linco Road, Oak Park, Food includes desser buffet by Sperber's and fancy kosher coffees by Viva Cappucino. \$38. \$19 hose younger than 21, includes 3 percent for Yad Ezra, the Jewish commun ty's kosher food band. (248) 547-7970 klezmer music, Yiddish theater songs and Eastern European folk music)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

BLUE TANGO 8-10 p.m. Saturday. March 6, Espress Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

LUCY KAPLANSKY AND SUSAN

MCKEOWN 8 p.m. Thursday, March 11. The Ark. 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members students seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org JAN KRIST

9 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 MERGIN AND MATT LOME

8-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the

Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, 1420 Hill Ann Arbor. \$5 suggested donation (734) 327-2041 JIM PERKINS

9 p.m. Wednesdays in March Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older.

(248) 650-5060 **KELLY JOE PHELPS** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6. The Ark.

316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$12.50, All ages. (734) 761-1451 or tp://www.a2ark.org

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. (7.34) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark org bluegrass

RFD BOYS

8 p.m. Friday, March 12, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

TOURS CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science," featuring four artists' projects representing an ongoing explo ration of a specific area of science, some incorporate specimens from Cranbrook Institute of Science, an Eastern Box turtle, satellite broadcasting prototypes, and a chicken coop. through April 3, at the museum, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Artist ectures March 11. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays, until 9 p.m. Thursdays. \$5, \$3 stu dents/children/seniors. (248) 645-3323 or

MUSEUMS AND

http://www.cranbrook.edu/museum

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM Women's History Month film and presentation, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, March 13 \$3. (313) 833-9720 for reservations; ontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, at the museum. 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby) Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free r children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER Breaking Through: The Creative Engineer." an exhibit exploring creativi y in engineering everything from roller

coasters to Colorado's Hanging Lake liaduct, continues to April 30 in the Exhibit Hall; IMAX movies include

'Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, and multiple showings f "Everest" and "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit, Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX ilms are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair is back on view after a week of conse vation efforts, also a life mask made 6 days before his assassination; March Family Fun Month "Swings into Spring" with musical performances, swing dance ing, yo yo demonstrations, pupp shows and more, March 6-7, 13-14, 20-21 and 27-28, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50

seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620 ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM Two Centuries of Hammered Strings An Exhibit Featuring Antique Pianos and Keyboard Curiosities," through Saturday, March 13, at the museum at Van Hoosen Farm, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road and off Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. \$3, \$2 seniors and students. Hours: 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays. (248) 656-4663 or rhmuseum@ameritech.net

POPULAR MUSIC

AGENT ORANGE With Los Infernos and OS 101, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, The Shelter pelow St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or //www.961melt.com (rock

AHADA 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages, (248)

344.4800 (blues

BIZER BROTHERS 8 n.m. to midnight Fridays-Saturdays

March 5-6 and 12-13, Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit, Free, J ages. (313) 567-4400 (pop) BLUE CAT Featuring Ken Murphy, 9 p.m. Friday Saturday, March 5-6, Fox and Hounds 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills

ree. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Friday, March 12, CK Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills, Free. and older. (248) 853-6600 (blues) THE BLUES SHAKERS

p.m. Friday, March 5, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland

Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 BONNE TEMPS ROULLE 0:30 p.m. Saturday. March 6. Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water

St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older 248) 650-5060 (R&B) THE BURROS 9 p.m. Friday, March 12, Jimmy's, 123

rcheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Free 21 and older. (313) 886-8101 (roots

CODE BLOOM With Son of Adam and Master of Nor

8 p.m. Saturday, March 6, JD's

Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St Mount Clemens. \$8.75 in advance. A

ages, minors must have parentai moaniment (313) 303-8630 (rock CRASH TEST DUMMIES With Big Rude Jake, as part of a con-

cert kicking off "Dine Out Detroit," an

11, Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave. Detroit. \$30 for gold circle seating and \$25 for general admission. (248) 545-1435 /(248) 645-6666 (alternative rock/swi TIM DIAZ BAND

AIDS benefit, 8 p.m. Thursday, March

Featuring Diaz of Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, 9 p.m. Thursday March 11, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills, Free, 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (rock)

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS With Daddy Longlegs and Nathan Whitt, 8 p.m. Friday, March 5, Magic Bag. 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or ttp://www.themagicbag.com rock/reggae)

ELECTRIC BOOGALOO

With Baked Potato and John Norman 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 5, Blind Pig 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (funk) ELIZA 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Smitty's

222 S. Main St., Rochester, Free, All ages. (248) 652-1600 (pop) ELVIS ASH

With Associates, 9 p.m. Saturday March 6, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginav Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older (248) 334-9292 (rockabilly) PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 12-13. The Alibi, 30555 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Free. 21 and older.

(248) 478-2010 (blues) FOOLISH MORTALS 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 12-13.

Woody's, 208 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-6911

FOOLS UNITE With Away and The Buzz, 9 p.m. Friday, March 12, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw ontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. 248) 334-9292 (rock)

FULLY LOADED

9 p.m. Friday, March 12, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. ree. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 GHETTOBILLIES With the Original Brothers and Sisters of Love, and Ah La Rocca, 9:30 p.m.

riday, March 12, Blind Pig. 206-208 S First St., Ann Arbor, \$4, 19 and older 734) 996-8555 (rock) **GORDON BENNETT**

0 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, Memphis moke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak Free, 21 and older. (248) 543-4300

GRAYLING With Mine, 9 p.m. Friday, March 12. Alvin's 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit, \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock) GRR

9 p.m. Thursday, March 4, Gameworks nside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills, Free, 21 and older. (248) 745-9675; With Tim Diaz and Jeff Fowlkes of Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, 10 p.m Sunday, March 7, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 andolder. (248) 543-4300; 8:30 p.m. Vednesday, March 10, Oxford Inn. 43317 Grand River Ave., Novi, Free, A

ages. (248) 305-5856 (rock) HANK DOGS 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, 7th House. Saginaw St., Pontiac. \$8 in advance. 18 and older, (248) 335-8100 ("death

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS ving Company, 116 E. Washington Ann Arbor, Free. 21 and older 734) 213-1393; 10 p.m. Friday, March , Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor, Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 332-9900; 9 p.m. Saturday March 6, Ford Road Bar and Gril 35505 Ford Road, Westland, Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 9 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, March 9-13, The Habitat inside Weber's, 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, Free, 21 and older 734) 665-3636 (blues)

INTRIGUE Friday-Saturday, March 5-6, at D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks oad at M-59, Rochester Hills, (810)

IMPOTENT SEA SNAKES

With Broadzilla, 9 p.m. Saturday, Marc 6. Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$8 advance, \$10 at the door, 18 and der. (313) 832-2355 (rock) JAY-Z

With DMX, Method Man and Redmai p.m. Friday, March 12, Cobo Arena. Detroit. \$25 and \$37.50. All ages SYSTEM OF A DOWN

313) 983-6616 (hip-hop) JUMPCATS 9 p.m. Friday, March 5, CK Diggs, 20 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills, Free 2

and older. (248) 853-6600 (blues) MIKE KING BAND 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4

Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older 81 650 5060 trock

KNEE DEEP SHAG with Three Speed, 9:30 p.m. Thursday March 11. Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St. Ann Arbor, \$4, 19 and older. (734 996-8555; With Rooster and Big Sam 8 p.m. Friday, March 12, Magic Bag. 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$6 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or

http://www.themagicbag.com

GLADYS KNIGHT with The Temptations, 8 o.m. Enday March 12 (sold out), 8 p.m. Thursday March 25, and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 28, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave

KUNG FU DIESEL 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, Free, 21 and older, (734) 455-8450; 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 12, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free, 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rockabilly LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND 9 p.m. Friday, March 5, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-0917; 9 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Lower Town

Detroit, \$47,50 and \$40, (248) 433-

1515 (R&B/Motown)

Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues) JOHN D. LAMB With Sal D'Agnillo, 9:30 p.m. Thursday March 4, Library Pub, 42100 Grand

River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older (248) 349-9110 (rock) JONNY LANG With Chris Whitley, 7:30 p.m. Thursday,

March 4, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$23.50 in advance, \$25 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (rock/blues)

ALANIS MORISSETTE With Garbage, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10. The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$29.50. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or

ttp://www.palacenet.com (rock) "MUSIC MADNESS TOUR" Featuring Babe The Blue Ox, The Interpreters and Trinket, 8 p.m.

hursday, March 11, Magic Bag, 22920

Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$6, 18 and

http://www.themagicbag.com (variet)

Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E

5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, The

Congress Detroit, \$8 in advance, All

9 p.m. Friday, March 5, Lower Town

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9 p.m. Friday, March 12, Fox and

Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248)

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9 p.m. Friday, March 12, Lower Town

Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-

With Velour 100 and Morella's Forest

9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4. Blind Pig

206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19

9 p.m. Friday, March 12, Bad Frog, 555

S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free.

1 and older. (248) 642-9400 (blues)

With Forge and Fudgegun, 9 p.m.

Friday, March 5, Alvin's, 5756 Cass

Ave., Detroit, \$5, 18 and older. (313)

9 p.m. Friday, March 5, Jimmy's, 123

Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Free,

21 and older. (313) 886-8101; 9 p.m.

aturday, March 6, CK Diggs, 2010

Auburn Road, Rochester Hills, Free, 21

and older. (248) 853-6600 (acoustic

Starry Night Lounge inside Van Gogh's.

27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmingto

8 p.m. Thursdays, March 4 and 11. Fox

Bloomfield Hills: Free, All ages. (248)

8 p.m. Saturday, March 6, St. Andrew's

Hall, 431 E. Congress. Detroit \$12.50

n advance. \$14 day of show. All ages

http://www.961melt.com (ethereal

STEVE SOMERS WITH VALERIE

9 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, Fox and

Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages (248)

10 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Atwater

Detroit, Free, 21 and older, (313) 393-

Block Brewery, 237 Jos. Campau

with hed (pe), and Static X, 7 p.m.

Monday, March 8. The Shelter below

St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress,

Detroit. \$8 in advance, \$10 day of

show. All ages (313) 961 MELT or

http://www.961melt.com?rock)

9.30 p.m. Thursday, March 11.

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Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water

St., Rochester Free, 21 and older.

RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC

9 p.m. Saturday, March 6. Woody's

With Radium, 9 p.m. Friday, March 5

Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac.

over charge, 21 and older, (248) 334-

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, Michigan

Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor.

older. (248) 543-6911 (blues)

208 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak, Free 21 and

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nd older, (734) 996-8555 (rock)

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Cover charge, 21 and older, (734) 451-

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MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM

older (248) 544-3030 or

ages. (313) 961-MELT or

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MOVIES

'The Other Sister' is as cute as a cookie cutter

BY VICTORIA DIAZ SPECIAL WRITER

You might assume that any movie with Juliette Lewis, Diane Keaton, and Tom Skerritt in the cast would be a fairly good. movie. And that's what "The Other Sister" (which stars these three) is - a fairly good movie. range. It's a touchy-feely film that may leave you feeling warm and fuzzy into next August. It's the something to be said for such kind of picture that prompts goals. But this can be slippery San Francisco. She has two, some film-goers to murmur territory, and Marshall occasionapprovingly as they leave the theater "That was sweet." Sweet it is. Cute as a cookie written with Bob Brunner,

problems

director Garry Marshall had in laughing with them.

mind when he made this movie.

mentally challenged are real

people, and they have the right

to take risks, just like everybody

Nothing wrong with good

intentions, and there's certainly

ally stumbles. Sometimes, his

OFSERVER & ETCESTRIC

whose IQ falls within a "normal"

As the story opens, we meet My guess is that he wanted to Carla Tate, a slightly retarded deliver a message or two: the young woman who is about to return home from the special education institution where she has spent much of her life. Her father, who calls her "Pumpkin" and obviously adores her, has come to accompany her home to the affluent suburban neighborhood where the family lives near

wouldn't you know it, beautiful sisters, one of whom is about to rather superficial screenplay, get married, and one of whom is, wouldn't you know it, gay. She most of the time, still, it has its makes us feel as if we are laugh- also has a mother. Watch out for ing at these disabled characters this mother. As the story pro-I don't know exactly what a little too much, instead of gresses, we will see that she has

her own disabilities. Played by Diane Keaton, she's like Annie Hall grown.older and turned

Carla has plans, which involve simply making a life for herself. She wants to get a job, maybe as a veterinarian's assistant, try out some college classes, live in

her own apartment and maybe even find the right guy. Her mother, who always had trouble accepting her daughter's imperfections, reasons desperately that maybe some tennis ons at the club would be the thing, or maybe some quiet visits "The Graduate," and we aren't to some quiet museums, while Carla lives quietly at home in closely with Dustin Hoffman, or her freshly decorated room a role played by Hoffman. His upstairs in the seclusion of the physical appearance, stuttery family home. But absolutely speech patterns, and nervous

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, March 5 ANALYZE THIS" psychiatrist helps a domineering mob boss overcome his various psychological troubles, not the least of which is orde ing a hit. Stars Robert De Niro, Billy Crystal.

Scheduled to open Friday, March 12 "WING COMMANDER" Science fiction adventure based on the

best-selling computer game series of the same name. Stars Freddie Prinze Jr. "LOCK, STOCK AND TWO SMOKING

BARRELS" British gangster comedy about high rollers who find themselves in debt to an underworld boss of 500,000 pounds.

"THE CORRUPTOR" Action-packed drama about an idealistic ookie cop who learns first-hand how ower and influence have compromised

his superiors. Stars Chow Yun-Fat, Mark Wahlberg, Elizabeth Lindsey. "THE RAGE: CARRIE 2" Thriller sequel that picks up 22 after the original about 18-year-old Rachel whose strange powers enable her to take

Irving.

result, an insightful look at one hapless romantic's roller coaster ride through

singlehood filmed Candid Camera Style. revenge on her school-mate tormentors. Stars Emily Bergl, Jason London, Amy Vritten and directed by Myles Berkowitz.

Scheduled to open Friday, March 19

enrolling in college classes and reminiscent of Hoffman in his

Juliette Lewis makes a superborn and strong-willed, soft and innocent at once. She gets a chance to display a kind of eccen- acts as if he'd wandered over an absolute riot in a memorable, Keaton.

As Danny, Carla's Mr. Right, a young actor named Giovanni Ribisi holds his own, and then some. Danny's favorite movie is surprised that he identifies so there will be no apartment, no mannerisms seem all highly

Animated musical telling of the story of

the patient school teacher and the over

bearing King of Siam. Stars the voices

of Miranda Richardson, Ian Richardson,

Isolated with eight others in a snow-

1847, an army captain must fight

bound fort in the Sierra Nevadas, circa

hunger within himself, as well as killer

who dines on men, Stars Guy Pearce.

A newspaper reporter discovers proof

executed and has only one day to save

er, Sydney Poitier, James Woods, Lisa

Scheduled to open Friday, March 26

A young filmmaker is struck with an

idea that had the potential to change

his luck all at once: to make a movie

that would chronicle his owned dogged

and indelicate quest for true love. The

Scheduled to open Wednesday, March

Gay Hamilton, and Denis Leary.

him. Stars Clint Eastwood, Frances Fish-

than an innocent man is about to be

"KING AND I"

"RAVENOUS"

"TRUE CRIMES"

"20 DATES"

and Daryl Hammond.

- horror of horrors - no young younger days, especially when he played Benjamin Braddock. Several similarities exist between convincing Carla, seeming stub- this movie and that one, including a big-finish wedding scene. Tom Skerritt as Carla's father,

tric comedic talent here and is from some 1950s family sit-com. He just pretty much keeps grinbirds-and-bees scene with ning, no matter what happens, like he'd received a mega-dose of something to render him endlessly patient and above the fray, a kind of hyper-clone of Ozzie Nelson himsel

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953-2045, then press 1854.

"THE MATRIX" Science fiction tale about a society that lives to unknowingly provide energy fo an artificial intelligence known as the Matrix until a few break free and set out to make changes. Stars Keanu Reeves.

Scheduled to open Friday, April 9 "LOST AND FOUND" Comedy about finding your true love a any price, even if it involves a little dognapping along the way. Stars David Spade

"NEVER BEEN KISSED"

A young looking reporter is given the assignment of going undercover to get-a story in high school. Romantic comedy. stars Drew Barrymore, David Arquette, Scheduled to open Friday, April 16 **

"GOODBYE, LOVER" Scheming brothers battle each other as each connives to inherit a \$4 million insurance policy. Stars Patricia Arguette, Don Johnson

Opening date to be announced

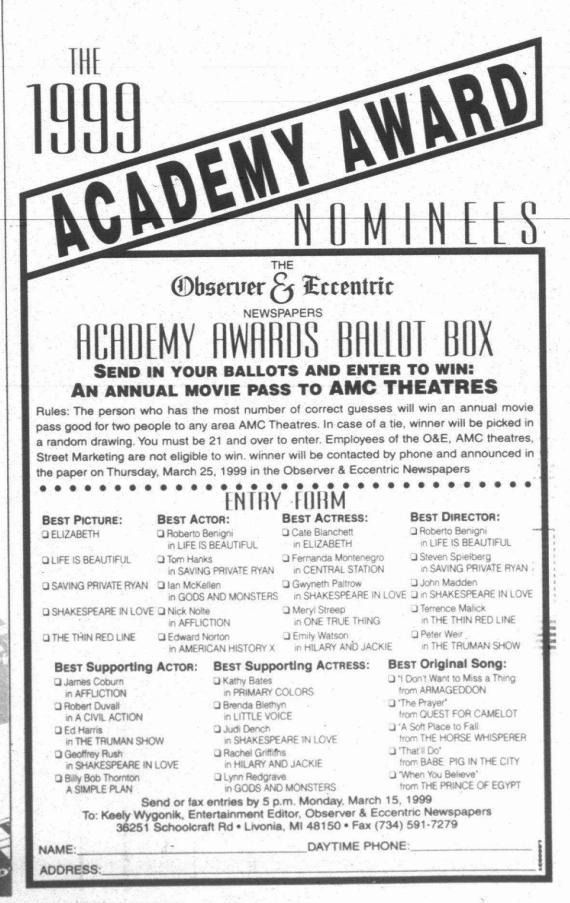
"THE 24 HOUR WOMAN" Contemporary comedy about a television producer balancing her

personal and professional lives during her pregnancy and the subsequent bisth of her daughter. Stars Rosie Perez.



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Friendship key to Sebadoh

Sebadoh's Jason Loewenstein is relieved to hear that his band's new "The album Sebadoh" possesses stripped-down. '60s feel.

"Oh thank FUOCO that. Nobody's really said that yet," said Loewenstein, bassist, hand Sebadoh

"We really admire the recordalways made you feel like you were intimate. It wasn't all cuddly necessarily, but you felt you make you feel like you might be sitting in a chair in a practice space.

explained, Sebadoh has been guilty of producing songs "that have been masked by a bunch of sonic horse crap. I think that has its place as well."

Not on "The Sebadoh," a sonic swirl of stripped-down, guitardriven, hook-laden pop songs created by Loewenstein, guitarist/ bassist/ vocalist Lou Barlow and new drummer Russ Pollard. The rocked-out "Colorblind" and the rollicking "Thrive" have huge hit

potential All three members shared writing duties for "The Sebadoh," an'album named after the penchant of rock bands to dub themselves "The" whatever. Loewenstein was inspired by a new situation in his life, his recent mar-

"The trials and tribulations of my life's longest romantic relationship leads to plenty of fodder for deep, confusing thoughts," Loewenstein said with a laugh. Ironically, one of his favorite

We're concentrating really on things that people wouldn't necessarily think is cool, like our friendships.'

> Jason Loewenstein Sebado

God. I appreci- of his own. Excuse the clichés, boy. It was very bizarre." ate you saying but Loewenstein is most To erase those memories, impressed with "Break Free," a Sebadoh eschewed pressure and song penned by Pollard and the let the music take the backseat guitarist and vocalist for the pop first song he ever recorded in the to their friendship while record-

"Pardon for my calling it this, really into the song that Russ put on there. I'm just so proud, it's really symbolic to me because tion. Recordings by Neil Young wasn't scared to put it on there, considering the situation. That could be really intimidating. But him putting his best foot forward In the past, Loewenstein like that, it's like a flag in the moon to me. I really appreciate

that one," Loewenstein said. "The Sebadoh" is the follow-up album to "Harmacy," Sebadoh's top-selling album thus far. "Harmacy" was Sebadoh's reaction to Barlow's success with his side "Natural One" from the "Kids" soundtrack.

undue pressure on the band, Loewenstein said.

last one, Lou was having a hit with Folk Implosion. One of the engineers who was helping with 'Harmacy' was actually the engineer on that stuff. The day we started recording, Lou learned about the hit. It sort of screwed everybody up," he said. "The engineer was proud. He

very jealous I think. He started oe homecomm.net

songs on "The Sebadoh" isn't one treating the guy like a whipping ing "The Sebadoh."

"I think the process in general ing of really good '60s songs that but for spiritual reasons I'm was different for us this time. We're all just making sure we al communicate really well. If we're not excited about something we were right there with the situa- it's such an amazing song. He just talk about it, instead of just being like, I'm bummed out, I'm not going to bother anyone with

"We're concentrating really on things that people wouldn't necessarily think is cool, like our friendships. It's more romantic to be a (ticked) off rock guy but that doesn't really make for any

Sebadoh performs Saturday, March 6, at St. Andrew's Hall, project, Folk Implosion and its 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$12.50 in Barlow's 15 minutes put advance, \$14 day of show. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT, or visit http://www. "Around the recording of the 961melt.com or http://www. sebadoh.com

Christina Fuoco is the pop music reporter for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. If you have a question or comment for her, you can leave her a message at (734)-953-2047, mailbox No. 2130, or write to her at The should have been proud. The Observer & Eccentric Newspaother engineer who worked on it pers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, was older and as experienced but Livonia, Mich., 48150, or cfuoco@

In 1990, a fellow named Mike "cures" Peter of all his problems all surprised. Judge created what would go on and turns him into something of to become that infamous TV duo, a new man. Beavis and Butthead. After As this new man, Peter's first achieving runaway success via the small screen with his witless

move is simply to do nothing. It's not like he's going to quit his job, he's just going to quit going to his job until he gets himself axed. Imagine his surprise, though, when the powers-thatbe, somehow impressed by his super-casual attitude, refuse to let him go. This little turn of events of course, thickens the plot considerably.

Somewhere in all of this, Peter finds a soulmate in a waitress named Joanna (played with offhand charm by Jennifer Anniston). The two are on the same wave-length for several reasons. but mainly because she abhors her own job, and shares Peter's enthusiasm for kung fu movies. They're a cute couple and plenty of screen chemistry exists between them, but this movie is something closer to a cartoon Lawrence than a romance. It soon takes yet another screwy turn when Peter hits upon a scheme to snatch plan will involve the computers that everything will be a nobrainer for a guy like him.

Sure it will. Mike Judge has assembled a cast with the abilities to not only Peter Gibbons. If you found him for it.

leanne Wolf, IEANNE WOLT S HOLLY WOOD

insel of an "occupational hyp- living next door or occupying the notherapist," who, in one of the next bar stool, or working in the film's most nonsensical scenes, next cubicle, you wouldn't be at

A strong supporting cast includes David Herman and Ajay Naidu as Peter's tightly-wired, sympathetic cohorts. In one of the film's funniest scenes the three friends, desperate to free themselves of a jam, decide they'll launder some money. But because they're so clueless about criminal matters they have to frantically search for a dictionary to find out what laundered money is

Gary Cole is creepy-crawly perfect as Peter's nemesis, an ersatz human being named umbergh. Stephen Root, looking and acting quite different rom his "I own the place" role in TV's "Radio News," is a cinematic delight as the mealy-mouthed social misfit, Milton. In an abbreviated role, Diedrich Bader makes an impression as Peter's next door neighbor and alter-ego, the long-haired, laid-back

Overall, "Office Space" is an entertaining, well-acted movie that gives us an opportunity to something from the haves and look in on a collection of contempass it on to the have-nots. His porary characters who could be us, or those around us. Propelled at INITECH, and since he's a forward by a kind of nervy ener programmer there, he reasons gy, it moves along smartly and contains a couple of scenes so effectively done that they seem practically inspired.

You could even say that "Office Snace" is a movie with warmth make his goofy screenplay ani- and a generous heart, although mated and lively but make it this is not to imply that it ever come to life. Ron Livingston is a spills over and turns sappy, highly likable actor who is utter- sticky or overly sentimental convincing as the beleaguered Best of all, it's fun and funny. Go

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SHOWCASE DEARBORN

'8mm' is a misguided mess

BY JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER

At one point during "Eight Millimeter," Nicholas Cage's new mystery, a can of film is opened and its contents burned. Unfortunately, the torched film isn't "Eight Millimeter" itself.

Did we say mystery? The biggest mystery is how Cage and respected director Joel Schumacher got into this misguided misogynous mess in the first

Mind you, Schumacher ("Batman & Robin") knows how to ply his craft and Cage is an actor of impeccable style. And many of you will be tempted to see it for those reasons alone. On balance, however, you'd probably prefer a two-hour screening of autopsies than be dragged into the nether world of underground pornography, the subject of "Eight Millimeter.'

Cage is Tom.Welles, a surveillance specialist and family man based in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. When the widow of a Philadelphia industrialist finds a reel of 8mm film in her late husband's safe, she hires Welles to investigate. It appears to be a 'sauff film," in which a teenage

her; the blood-letting is merely girl wasn't killed," she commissions him, offering a blank check o fund the search

before in films such as George C. porary heart of darkness, aided exploitation of minors." v adult bookstore clerk Max price.

From runaways lining the Better yet, what most people the dregs of Brooklyn, the trail for most people eads them to porn filmmakers Dino Velvet (Peter Storemare) and Eddie (James Gandolfini of HBO's "The Sopranos"), two real sweethearts of humanity.

As he gets closer to the truth more outrageous than horrifying), Welles is warned to forget the whole thing and go back to raking leaves in Harrisburg. Even his wife (Catherine Keen-'er) sobs on the phone that she and the baby might not be there dered by a large man in full when he returns, which prompts

bondage garb while a figure in a line right out of "The Godfathe shadows looks on. "There's ther" ("Sometimes it's better if no such thing," Welles assures you don't know what I'm doing"). The producers intended "Eight ketchup. "Just tell me the poor Millimeter" to be about the porn industry but not a porn film, and nected to the world of his in that they succeeded. Voyeurs will be disappointed. As in both the receptionist who answers the It's a search that's been taken his "Batman" films, Schumacher shoots almost the entire story in Scott's "Hardcore." Off comes the low light to convey, as he puts it, closely resembles a meddlesome suit and on goes the leather as "the even more deadly underbel- robot, to the jammed express-

Max cautions him. That said, girl has been learned. And most day of my life. "you name the vice, I'll name the people certainly won't buy the big finish.

Sunset Roulevard to won't buy is a ticket. Score one

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computer programmer. As he sits at his cramped desk, feeling trapped in his tiny cubicle, he grows increasingly frustrated not just with the daily, mindnumbing chores he must per form, but with everything conemployer, INITECH Corp. From phone sounding like some kind of demented bird, to his boss who

BY VICTORIA DIAZ

wonders, Judge gained another

measure of notoriety with his

full-length, animated movie,

"Beavis and Butthead Do Ameri-

ture-length, live-action picture,

"Office Space." Going by the

Texas filmmaker's past, highly

successful efforts, you might

anticipate finding new lows here

in rude-crude-lewd moviemak-

ing. But life really is full of sur-

prises, and "Office Space" hap-

pens to be one of them. While it

has no ambition toward being

squeaky-clean, neither is it

marked by Judge's usual, fetid

taste. Parts of it even feel down-

It's about a guy named Peter

Gibbons, a rather lowly cog in

today's high-tech world who

absolutely hates his job as a

right wholesome.

Now comes Judge's first fea-

SPECIAL WRITER

Welles journeys into this contem- ly of this industry, which is the ways on the drive to work each morning, he's fed up with it all. Noble intentions, but most Each day is more painful than Joaquin Phoenix). "You're gonna people won't buy why Welles the day before, prompting Peter see things that you can't unsee," keeps going once the fate of the to realize "Every day is the worst One night, as part of a group "YOU'LL LAUGH, therapy session, Peter seeks the YOU'LL CRY, YOU'LL CHEER!" '★★★★. The Best Film Of The Year AND THE FUNNIEST COMEDY IN A DECADE "DROP DEAD FUNNY! DE NIRO AND CRYSTAL





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Comedy: Ron Livingston (right) endures another lecture from his boss, Gary Cole in "Office Space."

'Office Space' fun and funny

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Bailey's Pub & Grille offers 'serious fun' and more

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.home

Open since early November, Bailey's Pub & Grille in Canton

offers customers "Serious Fun" and good food too. Bailey's, explained general manager Shawn Kelly, is a restaurant, sports bar, pool hall, upscale bar, and gathering place.

Bailey's has nine pool tables, a room with darts and video. games, 35 TVs, including two video walls, and two big screens, and nine satellites. It also has a dynamite sound system.

"We like to take care of as many people as possible," said Kelly. "In the burgundy room we play blues and jazz. In the green room we play alternative music, and in the main dining room, oldies to current hits, mainstream music."

Decorated in light woods, open and airy, with forest green and burgundy accents, Bailey's is a sports bar that doesn't feel like one

"It's a place you can' come with your family or a date and have a nice dinner, or with your buddies to watch the game. We like to think we offer something for everyone," said Kelly.

For starters, Kelly recommends the signature Spicy Chicken Billiard Sticks - thin potato wraps filled with tender roasted chicken in a spicy ranchero sauce with Monterey Jack cheese served with ranch dressing. They're also available Italian style with pepperoni and hot marinara sauce for dipping.

The Spinach Artichoke Dip is made with fresh spinach and three cheeses (Parmesan, Romano and Mozzarella) and artichoke hearts blended in a creamy Alfredo sauce with a hint of roasted garlic and nutmeg.

Chicken wings are another popular appetizer. "They're huge," said Kelly. And you can have them anyway you like -

Bailey's Pub & Grille

Where: 1777 Canton Center, near Ford, Canton, (734) 844-1137

Open: 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Sunday

Reservations: For parties of 10 or more Sunday-Thursday Credit Cards: All majors accepted

Menu: Upscale pub-style food, appetizers, sandwiches, soups, dinner entrees, ribs.

Cost: Moderate, entrees \$6.99-\$13.99; sandwiches \$6-\$7 Banquets: Rooms available for private parties up to 100 people

mild, medium, or hot with barbecue, hot honey or Teriyaki sauce. All orders are served with celerv sticks, ranch or bleu cheese dressing.

"We offer original sandwiches you won't find anywhere else." said Kelly. The Smoke Stack, smoked turkey, smoked bacon, smoked honey, ham, Monterey Jack and Cheddar cheeses, lettuce and tomato, stacked on a Portuguese roll with special hunt sauce is an example.

Black Forest - shaved smoked turkey, pepper bacon, Monterey Jack Cheese, lettuce and tomato on a giant Bavarian pretzel roll with special honey mustard is a another specialty sandwich. Teriyaki Steak Wrap - tomato basil flour tortilla stuffed with teriyaki-mustard marinated thinly sliced beef, rice, mixed cheeses and scallions, served with a side salad and your choice of dressing is an often requested item

Bailey's offers a great burger too - a half pound of ground sirloin topped with your choice of cheese. You can add mushrooms, jalapenos or bacon for a little bit extra. Check out the gourmet burger menu for more choices.

Bailey's tender baby back ribs, available in half or full rack, have won awards across the country. "We slow hickory bake them for four hours and then chargrill to order," said Kelly. Consider your "Pastabilities"

including stuffed shells, the new popular vodka shrimp - ten large shrimp sautéed in garlic and red peppers tossed with mushrooms and onions in a spicy sauce, served over fettuc-cine, or the Creamy Pasta Carbonera — a mix of garlic, ham, bacon, onions and Parmesan cheese, blended in light cream sauce. Served over ziti pasta. Add chicken for a dollar more.

tion - fish & chips shrimp on a skewer and broiled or Cajun salmon. Ask about the daily specials.

"We offer options for the health conscious," said Kelly, "We serve

without beer?'Bailey's has 36 different beers on tap and 80 different bottled beers. They also offer an extensive variety of top shelf liquors including single barrels malts and Scotches, and specialty drinks.

smoke in a climate controlled room. Bailey's has a humidor and offers a variety of cigars for sale

Total Entertainment Restaurant Corp., which operates 35 restaurants in 13 states including Michigan. Kelly said they are Rochester Hills and Novi

There's a decent seafood selec-

a lot of broiled salmon and shrimp you can even get the fish and chips broiled." What would a sports bar be

Cigar smokers can enjoy a

Bailey's is operated by the looking for restaurant sites in

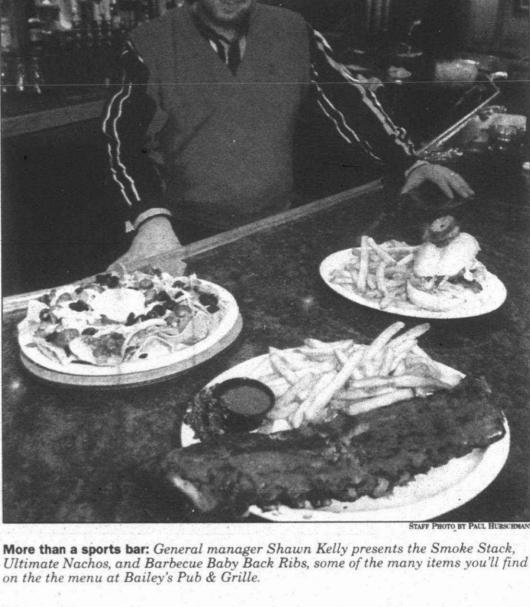
DON PABLOS

Through April 4 (Easter Sunday), Don Pablo's Mexican Kitchen is featuring four new

food items for customers to enjoy during the Lenten season -Shrimp Soup, Tacos Mazatlan (lightly-battered white fish wrapped in corn quesadillas with

roasted green chiles and Chipotle Cilantro dressing on Mexican rice with vegetables and charra beans), Baja Fish Fry, and Kid's Fish Fry





WHAT'S COOKING

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EAST SIDE MARIO'S

All you can eat snow crab legs available Mondays and Tuesdays at all three East Side Mario locations including 31630 Plymouth Road (just west of Merriman) in Livonia, (734) 513-8803, and 29267 Southfield Road (between Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.

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 sanc-



tioned by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Tickets are \$125 per person, call (313) 833-0247.

12 and 13 Mile Roads) in the Southfield Commons Shopping Center (248) 569-9454. Crab leg special includes salad, bread and side of pasta for \$13.95 during lunch and dinner.

Dine Out Detroit

Over 100 metro Detroit restaurants from nearly 35 cities will participate in the fourth annual Dine Out Detroit" benefit Friday, March 12. Local restaurants will donated 10 percent of that day's lunch and dinner sales to the Midwest AIDS prevention project, Michigan's largest nonprofit AIDS education organization. Event highlights include a benefit kick-off concert at Detroit's Second City featuring the Crash Test Dummies on Thursday, March 11. Tickets are \$30 for Gold Circle seating and \$25 for general admission, available at the Second City box office or any Ticketmaster outlet. For more information, or a completelist of participating restaurants, call (248) 545-1435. Participating restaurants in your neighborhood include Astoria Restaurant, Bread Basket Deli, and Fonte D'Amore in Livonia, and





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