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**Celebrating anniversary:** Members of the Gurdwara Guru Nanak Sikh Temple of Plymouth, along with temples in Madison Heights and Rochester Hills, are celebrating the 300th anniversary of the Khalsa, the baptized sect of the Sikh religion. /B1

## ENTERTAINMENT

**Music:** Due to illness, Jean-Pierre Rampal has been forced to cancel his appearances with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra this weekend. America's leading flutist, Paula Robinson, will be replacing him. Call (313) 576-5111 for information.

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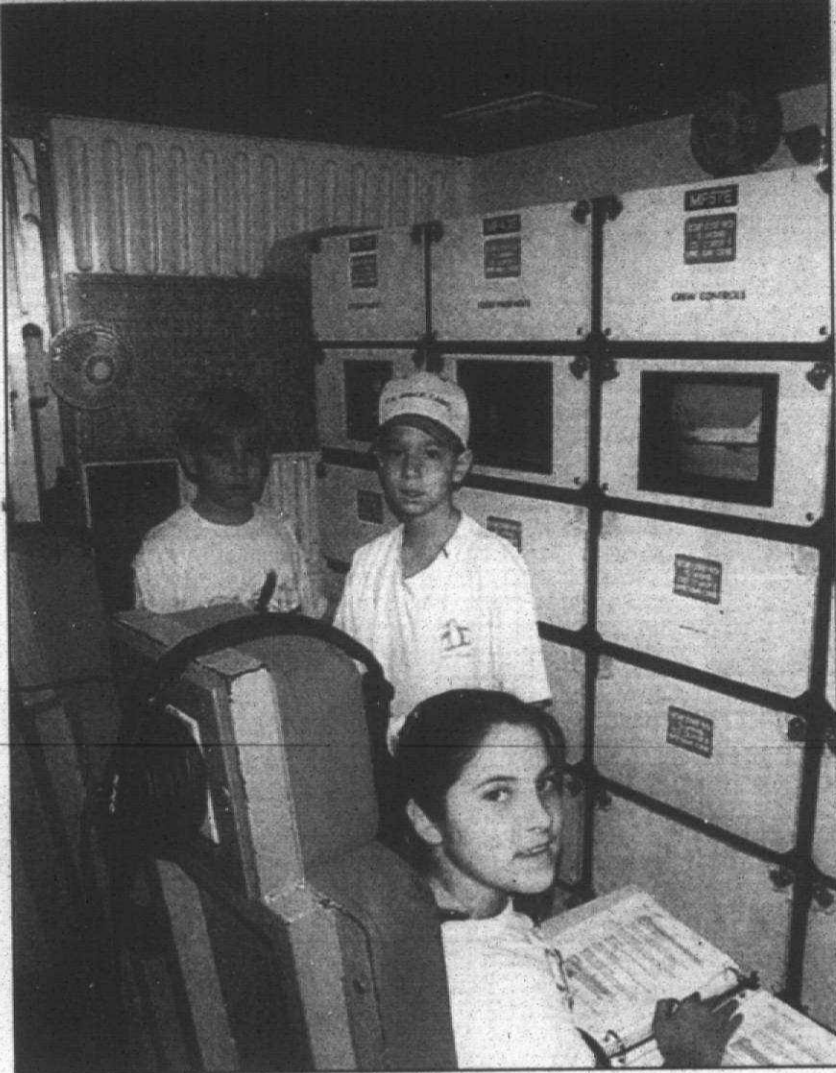
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**Young pilots:** The mid deck crew on the space shuttle is prepared to land. Pictured (from left) are Michael Thorpe, of Canton; Kevin Weingrot of Plymouth, and Kynna Brindza of Canton. They are part of the first group of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools fifth-graders attending Space Camp in Titusville, Fla. this week. For more Space Camp coverage, turn to Page A3 in today's paper and check the Observer Web site at: [www.observer-eccentric.com](http://www.observer-eccentric.com)



STAFF PHOTO BY TONY BRUSCATO

## Space Camp

*Isbister trip mixes learning, fun*

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While 96 Isbister students and seven teachers and administrators are having a great time at Space Camp in Titusville, Fla., sights on the real meaning of the trip have not been lost on those in charge ... to learn about space and science.

And, after having been at Space Camp a few days, what seemed like just fun learning in the beginning is starting to come into focus.

"I think the kids are starting to put things together," said teacher

Linda Guenzel. "They see the instruments the astronauts have to work with, the gravity exercises, and are starting to see how it all works together."

"This hands-on learning experience makes all the difference in the world," said teacher Jeff Quattro. "It completely immerses the children in learning."

"All of what they're doing leads up to the shuttle flight, and it all comes together there," added Guenzel.

Guenzel also noted that without even knowing it, there was some background teaching done at Isbister for this trip, like working

with some experiments the students are doing at Space Camp.

"Space Camp really enhances what we do in the classroom," said teacher Tracy Racer. "The kids are seeing that all of the things they learn are actually used in the real world."

That's something students don't always see in their daily studies.

"It helps culminate all those different ideas and concepts, many of which are separate ideas which need to be tied together," added Quattro. "The question by students always remains 'Why

Please see **SPACE CAMP**, A2

## Landfill to reach new height

■ The Canton Board of Trustees has approved the vertical expansion plan for the Sauk Trail Hills landfill. Allied Waste Systems will make some operational changes to improve conditions for nearby residents.

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
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Vertical expansion for Sauk Trail Hills landfill was unanimously approved Tuesday by Canton's Board of Trustees.

The 165-acre landfill, which sits south of Michigan Avenue near Lilley, currently stands at 124 feet. Allied Waste Systems, Sauk Hills' parent company, plans to add 100 feet.

The company must now get approvals from Wayne County and the state department of environmental quality (DEQ) before moving forward.

Sauk Hills General Manager Laurie Kendall hopes to have all approvals by the end of the year or early in 2000.

"If we have community approval," she said prior to Tuesday's meeting, "it should be included."

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## Soccer dome wins Trustee approval

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
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A 120,000-square-foot indoor soccer facility scored a goal with Canton officials Tuesday.

Trustees voted unanimously to approve the sale of eight acres for an arena at Canton Softball Center on Michigan Avenue. Developer Bryan "Goose" Finnerty hopes to have the facility in operation by October.

Please see **SOCCER**, A5

## Township to buy Gilmore farm for \$1.2 million

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One of Canton's oldest farm sites is changing hands.

The township purchased the 48-acre Gilmore farm, which is located at the corner of Ridge and Ford roads, at Tuesday's Board of Trustees' meeting.

According to Canton Finance Director Tony Minghine, the parcel could have a variety of future uses for the township.

"It could be anything from a park to DPW or a fire station," he said.

The township paid \$1.2 million for

the property or about \$25,000 per acre. Funds from the department of water and sewerage were used for the purchase.

"We think it's a good price given the location and the way parcels are going," Minghine said. "This was an opportunity for us to buy land and hold it for awhile until a final determination is made (for its use)."

No plans for the site are currently in the works.

"There are no immediate needs to make improvements," Minghine said.

Much of the land is open. Fellows Creek cuts through in two locations,

first at the very northern boundary running west to Ridge Road and also near the southern boundary running northwest into Ford Road.

"It has been a farm for as long as anyone can remember," Minghine said.

That's not an exaggeration, either. According to information from Canton's Historic District Commission, the farm dates back to 1825.

The property was first recorded as a land grant from President John Quincy Adams to Alfred G. Fellows in that year. Fellows sold the property in 1841 to Linus Potter.

Just three years later, it changed

ownership again with John Patterson taking control. He built a Greek revival-style house that still stands in about 1844 - just a decade after Canton came into existence.

A summer home, which was a chicken coup at one time, and remains of a barn are also on the property.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said the home and other buildings will likely stay put on the parcel.

"I don't think there's any plan to move them," he said.

The township may take an acre of

Please see **FARM**, A5

## Old-fashioned feed store to close after 7 decades

BY LILLY A. EVANS  
STAFF WRITER

In the 1930s the late Charles Hewer of Canton opened Hewer's Feed Supplies on Canton Center Road to supplement his income at the telephone company while struggling through the Depression.

The feed and grain store later became his full-time livelihood. He sold feed and chickens for nearly half a century.

On March 19, co-owner Catherine Foege will sell the last pellet of animal food and The Country Place pet store (renamed) will close forever.

"I will miss talking to my customers. I greatly appreciate the ones that have been regular customers to us," Foege said.

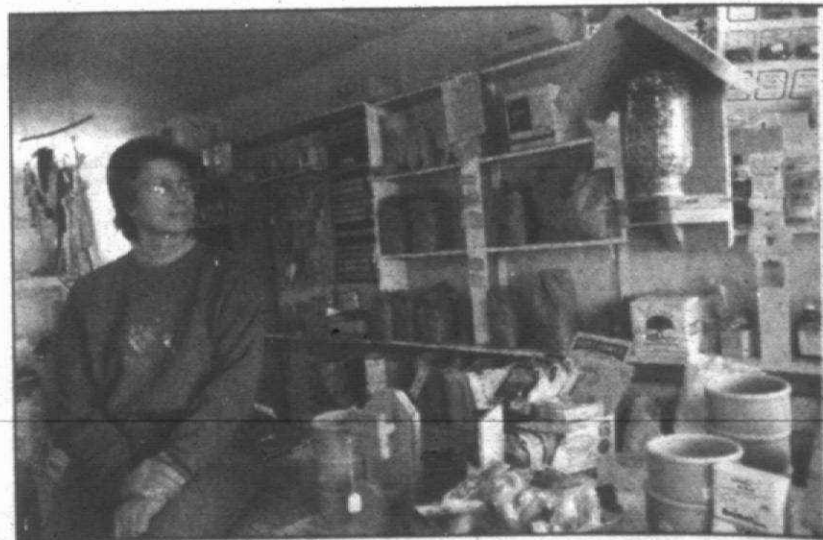
The last few years she said she had mostly bird and deer feed business.

By the beginning of April there won't be a trace of the store, house and two buildings on the parcel that sits across from the high school. It will be demol-

ished by Foege's brother-in-law in preparation to sell the land. Foege is asking \$199,000 for 2.3 acres.

As the small house-like structure sits today it looks much like it looked in the 1930s. Wooden shelves and bins hold pet food, bird seed and lawn fertilizer. The 1950s manual cash register sits on a wooden counter adjacent to the rotary dial phone and an old wooden stable-type door encases the back room where Hewer used to keep his

Please see **STORE CLOSING**, A4



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMAN

**Final days:** Cathy Foege sits on the counter of her feed store in Canton last week. Foege will close the doors to the 68-year-old business March 19.

# Space Camp from page A1

are we learning this? How does this actually relate to something I'm actually going to use?"

"It's great the students see that what they are learning in the classroom has some importance in their everyday lives," said teacher Vail Ciescila.

**Classroom extension**

Guenzel believes being at Space Camp is an extension of what she and her colleagues are already teaching at Isbister.

"Without us teaching space as a particular subject in fifth grade, we are teaching inertia, Newton's laws and other concepts that we are seeing today," she said. "The goal of any good science program is for the kids to see the connection of what you teach them in the classroom and what you see in the real world."



**Ready for landing:** Shailee Patel of Canton gets ready to land the space shuttle safely at Space Camp.

shape future careers.

"We use the excitement of the space program to encourage the kids to go back and study more math, science, computers and engineering," said Charlene Neuterman, Space Camp manager. "These children will be out future leaders, and will some day determine the future of our space program."

"We need to excite them about space and technology. Everything that happens in the space program benefits all of us in our day-to-day lives."

Neuterman says the excitement of Space Camp needs to be taken back to Isbister and the Plymouth-Canton school district.

"The students need to take what they've learned here and go back and read the books that have the technology in it so they will learn more," said Neuterman. "Teachers need to take an experience so they can come up with some new activities to teach science and math."

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The two Plymouth-Canton educators visiting Space Camp who will try to come up with new ideas and ways of teaching science and space are Judy Krieman and Cheryl Klee, both science support teachers in the district.

"Through our questions we hope to be able to design our own experiments for the classroom," said Krieman. "I'm very impressed with the fact everything is concrete, children are experiencing things so they understand concepts."

The pair are getting lesson plans and developmentally appropriate activities to take back with them to enhance the teaching opportunities in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

"Everything that we are experiencing now we had only gotten third hand through videos or readings," added Klee. "Now since we have that experience we'll have many more questions and much more appreciation of what goes into our future space program."

While it's the fifth grade students who are attending Space Camp, principal Lee Harrison says the learning applies to everything the students have learned in their lives up to this point.

"This is a way for students to apply everything they've learned through elementary school, not just fifth grade," said Harrison. "A lot of this they've learned in other grades, but they're seeing how it applies in the real world. They're starting to appreciate

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## Isbister landing was a thrilling moment

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A rousing applause erupted when the Southwest Airlines jetliner, carrying 96 Isbister Elementary students, touched down in Orlando, FL, shortly after 8 a.m. Sunday morning.

It all started about 3:30 Sun-

day morning with cars jamming the parking lot at Pioneer Middle School, students boarding buses for the 4 a.m. trip to Detroit Metropolitan Airport. And, just like NASA, everything went off without a hitch as the buses left on time.

"I tried to go to sleep and couldn't," said Kelley Delcol of Canton. "I could hardly get any

sleep all week waiting for this trip."

"I hardly got any sleep. I was just too excited," added Velorie Placinta of Plymouth during the ride to the airport.

"I've never been away from home this long. But, I'm not worried. I can learn how to take care of myself and learn what I can do."

There were only a few anxieties among the 96 Space Campers as the flight took off. And, while in the air, the cabin resembled more a McDonald's Playplace than an airplane with students walking around talking to friends and long lines at both bathrooms. It was also kind of neat to check out the overhead lights and air vents.

**Blast off to Space Camp with us**

The Plymouth and Canton Observers are featuring daily reports of Isbister Elementary's landing at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Titusville, Fla. Staff writer Tony Bruscatto shuttled off to Space Camp Sunday with Isbister's 96 fifth-graders. Visit our Web site at [observer-eccentric.com](http://observer-eccentric.com) throughout the week for updated reports and photographs.

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## Day one: It was action packed

While Sunday was a chance to take a look around, see a movie and generally take it easy, Monday was the day they'd been waiting for with activities planned from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

"When I was going upside down I felt like I was standing on the moon," said Kim Olech of Canton. "I started to get dizzy and seeing black-and-white. You wouldn't want to do that for a long period of time. Your face feels like it's going to fall off."

One of the major activities is training for the lift-off, flight and landing of a space shuttle. Every student will be part of a Mission Control crew, and then have a part as a member of the shuttle crew.

"I'm flight director for our mission," said Andrew Kokoszka of Plymouth. "That's what I wanted to be. That's the person that's in charge, what you say. That's kind of like the person I am. I really want to be in charge ... in control."

"It was a little scary hanging upside-down, but it was fun," admitted Brett Porter of Canton. "I have a hamster and I like watching him, but this would be like him watching me."

## Day two: Overwhelmed with fun

Day two at the U.S. Space Camp in Titusville, Fla., was nothing but fun and games, in shorts and t-shirts, under sunny skies and weather which is ... well, we won't rub it in.

"I think they're overwhelmed with the experience thus far," said Linda Guenzel, fifth grade teacher.

Students have been broken down into teams, which not only make them more manageable, but provides for fun competition when it comes to rocket launching, as well as blasting off and landing the Endeavor or Discovery shuttles.

lot about astronauts and how things work in space."

Teachers and students alike took an opportunity to try the Multi Axis Space Training Inertia Facility.

"The machine was designed to help astronauts regain control of an out-of-control space capsule as it returned to earth," explained counselor Sarah Kasica.

"Astronauts actually trained for an hour-and-a-half in the machine, which was then disregarded in future training because they could only get control for a few short seconds."

"While Sunday was a chance for them to get acclimated to camp, this morning the kids were really excited because they have their mission book, and they know what's going to happen. They look really happy."

Trevor Rice of Plymouth tried the Space Station Mobility Trainer, which allows astronauts to workout while in space. "It was exciting running around, especially upside down," said Trevor. "My stomach felt like it wasn't even there. I got a little dizzy, too. So far I've learned a

# School name is Discovery; groundbreaking Sunday

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## PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS

An idea of seeking corporate sponsorship was abandoned - at least for the new middle school. Superintendent Chuck Little raised the controversial topic at the district's last meeting.

Most board members didn't like the idea of a Tostitos Middle School or something similar, although the idea could be revived when the school district looks at reconstructing its tennis courts or other sport fields, said board member Judy Mardigan.

"I really don't know how I feel about it. I think it's something that should be investigated," she said. "The tennis courts, that would be a perfect opportunity for a health system or corporation because it's something that is used by the whole community." She added, "The fact of the matter is other communities are doing it. We wouldn't be breaking ground."

Several of the board members liked the name of Hanford because of the historical significance, although they all agreed on the Discovery name because it aligned with the 'directional' names of other middle schools, such as Central, East and West.

Pioneer Middle School was named because of the changed junior high to middle school concept. Similar to the name Discovery, it tells where the district is going, said Mardigan.

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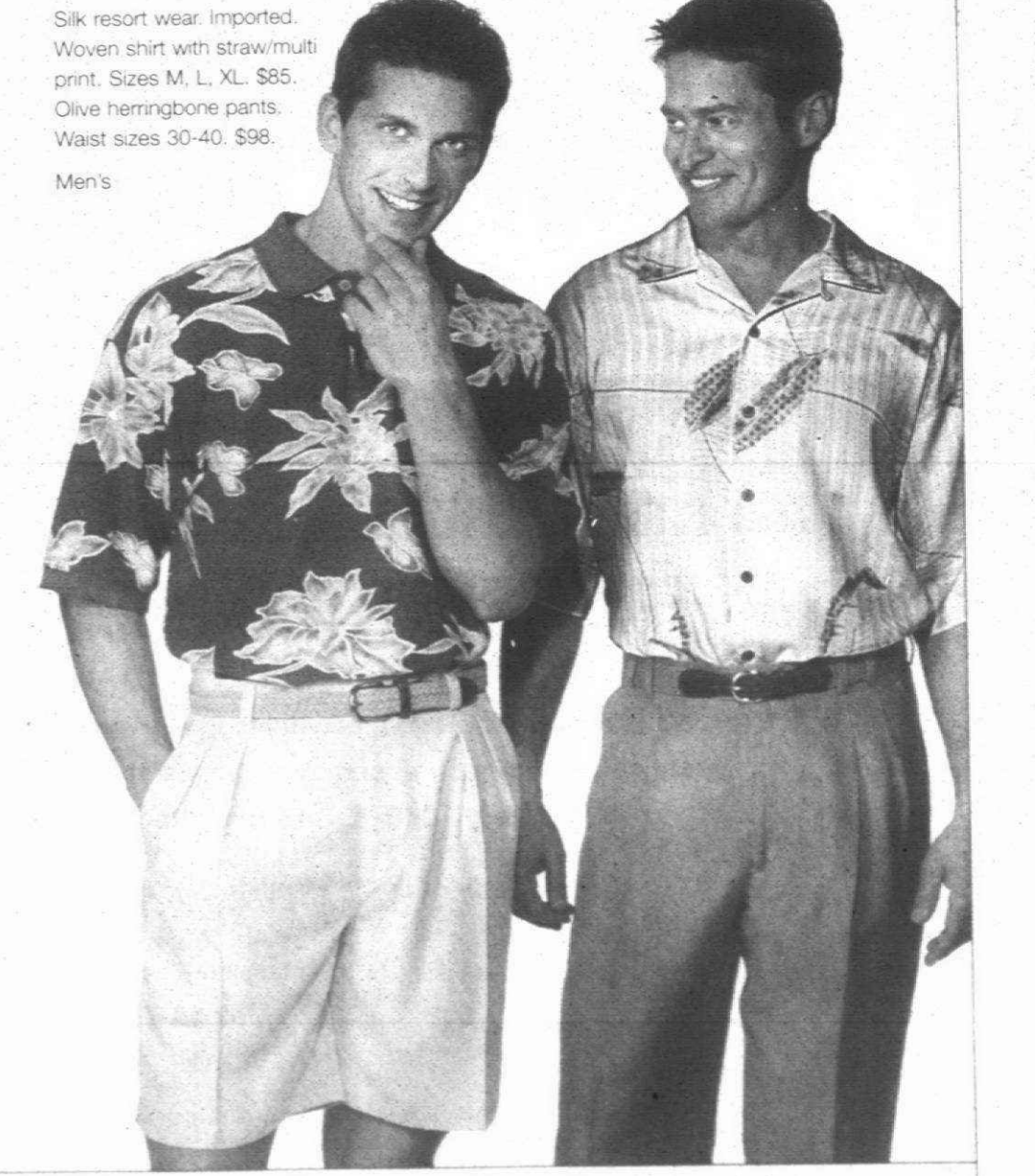
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# Landfill

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ed into the county's plan without too much additional work." Residents of the Greater Canton Hills Homeowners Association aren't thrilled with the expansion, however.

Noise from vehicles backing up on the site has been a constant irritation. Homeowners also worry about the landfill becoming an eyesore with its increased height.

Emily Brock, a representative of the homeowners, praised Canton Supervisor Tom Yack and the township for their efforts to mitigate problems.

"I've been satisfied with our administration and board," she said.

Allied plans to install visual warning systems on its vehicles to eliminate some of the "beeping."

"I think it will cut that noise by 50 percent or more," said Yack.

Kendall said Sauk Hills plans to fill the section closest to the homeowners first. This would allow the company to plant grass and trees to shield residents from the landfill, she explained.

"Our company believes in being good neighbors," Kendall

Yack.

The waste industry is currently going through serious consolidation, he said. Allied, for example, recently bought BFI, one of the nation's largest waste companies.

The end result, Yack said, will be less competition and higher dumping fees. Rates have already jumped nearly \$2 per cubic yard in the last quarter he said.

"I think we'll see rates continue to climb," said Yack.

The agreement with Sauk Hills gives Canton virtually guaranteed unlimited dumping until about 2015.

As host community of the landfill, the township receives 5 percent from dumping or "tipping" fees other municipalities and private businesses pay to use the facility.

Kendall said it generates \$750,000 to \$1 million a year for the township.

As for Allied, the deal benefits her company by simply being able to remain in operations 5 to 10 years longer, she said. The landfill would've been forced to close by 2008 or sooner without the expansion, said Kendall.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMAN

For sale: Owners of the 2.3-acre parcel that Country Place pet store sits on hope to get \$199,000 for the property.

## Store closing

chicks to sell.

Foege and her sisters Mary Perlong of Plymouth and Rita Thompson of Whitmore Lake have been running the store for the past 22 years and think it's time to move on. Their uncle, who bought the store from Hever before his death in 1976, passed the store to them to continue the business. Their mother Mildred Foege has also been helping man the store.

"It's not as profitable as it should be. I think it's time for a change," Foege said.

In the last five years, Foege said she noticed a drop in business after the Sheldon Center connector was developed to

detour traffic from in front of the high school and chain pet food stores came to town.

As for the future of the land, it is yet to be determined. It is zoned for "non-conforming use" as a business in a residential area and would be limited to similar projects.

## Car wash reports break-in

A Michigan Avenue business was the victim of a break-in Saturday night.

More than \$200 in damage was done to Canton Auto Wash in the incident, according to police reports. About \$50 in cash was stolen and another \$20 in service coupons were reported missing.

The incident occurred between 9:30 p.m. and about 10 p.m. Upon arriving, police found a glass entrance door shattered, reports said. A brick was found inside the building.

Police have no suspects.

### COP CALLS

**Snowmobile stolen**

A snowmobile valued at \$4,000 was stolen from a 33-year-old Canton man's home Saturday.

According to reports, the vehicle was parked in front of his Saltz Road garage. He left his home at about 5:35 p.m. and returned at midnight to find the snowmobile missing.

**Domestic Violence**

A Canton woman was the victim of domestic violence Friday.

She told township police that an argument between herself and her husband began about midnight. Reports said that the man came out of his bedroom and began yelling at the woman for an affair she allegedly had had years ago.

The argument quickly turned violent. The woman told police that her husband began hitting her head against a wooden column in the kitchen. He then hit her on the right side of the face, reports said.

The Canton woman was eventually able to get out of the home. She was later taken to Ann Arbor Hospital and treated for a hairline fracture to her right jaw, reports said.

The man will likely be charged with aggravated assault.

**B & E**

A 42-year-old Canton man's storage unit was broken into.

Police reports said the unit, which is located in a Canton Center Road storage facility, was robbed of two TV's, VCRs and a VCR with monitor. The items were valued at more than \$1,500.

The break-in occurred between October and December of last year.

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# Family clings to rural lifestyle, despite development

BY LILLY A. EVANS  
STAFF WRITER

Bill and Marianne Ruehr have lived in their Warren Road home in Canton for 18 years. When they bought in Canton, they were surrounded by cornfields and they lived on a dirt road.

"That is why we bought out here, it was all agricultural," Marianne Ruehr said.

Now, Buckingham Place subdivision with homes ranging from approximately \$300,000-450,000 is on the east and Pheasant Ridge subdivision with homes ranging from \$375,000-600,000 is being platted (pending township approval) on the west side of their 8-acre rural lot.

In between these clusters of

modern-day palaces, the Ruehrs continue to grow flowers in their greenhouse to sell and they raise their family. The Ruehrs say they like Canton and they don't plan on moving from their humble abode.

"We're not ready to move, we may develop our land ourselves. We have a daughter in high school and we are content," Marianne said.

The two homeowners west of them are taking the developers up on their buyout offer.

Bill Ruehr said he wasn't offered enough to move.

"Nobody offered me any great deal of money," he said.

He said he was offered a few hundred thousand dollars for his property but said he thinks his

neighbor was offered double that and has three acres less.

"If somebody offered me \$640,000 dollars today I would move," Bill said.

The Warren Road homeowners who are choosing to vacate may have to make a move as early as spring.

"We may be demolishing the homes on the property as early as May or as late as September," explained Bryan Amann, the attorney representing the developers of the proposed Pheasant Ridge subdivision which will stretch to the northeast corner of Warren and Ridge Roads.

Amann would not disclose a dollar amount but he said all three homeowners were offered "a lot."

Amann said we wanted to include the third house (the Ruehr residence) in the parcel in order to make the project look better.

Of course, it is the homeowners' decision on whether to stay or vacate but the difference between an older non-uniform ranch home on a large rural lot conducting business off their land and a brand new, \$500,000 multiple-story home on a sodded, landscaped subdivision lot can be substantial in appearance.

That's one reason why some of the adjacent Buckingham Place homeowners want the Ruehrs' lot cleaned up.

John Wezner of Wadebridge Street works out of his second

floor home office in his Buckingham Place home. Since his view is the Ruehrs' land, which is casually maintained, he has complained to the township of debris, a dilapidated second greenhouse, drainage spilling over to his yard, weeds and unsanitary conditions for teenage workers in the greenhouse.

Melissa McLaughlin, Canton planning commissioner and township trustee, said she has seen a lot of development in Canton and often the rural residents and the new subdivisions homeowners have to learn how to live in harmony.

"In times when nobody lived next to you could get away with

more relaxed maintenance, but if there are ordinances being broken we need to address it," McLaughlin said.

Russ Heatwole, Canton Township ordinance inspector, said the Ruehrs have violated several ordinances in the past that had to be addressed.

Heatwole said with another subdivision going in there will be more eyes on his property and possibly more complaints. But overall, if Ruehr is running a greenhouse he has been running for years without breaking any ordinances, he does have some rights because his business is pre-existing to his new subdivision neighbors, Heatwole said.

## Soccer

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"We've been working on this project for 48 months," he said. "We're ready to move tomorrow morning."

Finnerty, who coaches and plays goalie for the Detroit Rockers professional soccer team, is a partner in Troy-based High Velocity Sports. He said ground will hopefully be broken in May.

The company was to be included in a sports complex at Michigan Avenue and Haggerty Road. When plans shifted to the softball center, Finnerty had no problems changing gears.

"We have a good relationship with the township," he said. "We think this makes much more sense."

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack agreed.

"It's a better location from an aesthetic standpoint," he said, noting the arena would have been very close to I-275 under the old plan. "It kind of fits in the area."

The soccer arena will feature three fields. One will be strictly for soccer while the other two will be convertible for other uses such as in-line hockey, lacrosse and basketball, said Finnerty.

Office and retail space will be included in the building, too.

Canton finance director Tony Minghine said up to 25,000 square feet could be used for a pro shop and offices.

A separate 80,000-100,000-square-foot golf dome will be part of the development.

Finnerty said it will have a variety of year-round uses. Besides a golf driving range, baseball and softball will be played during winter months, while team clinics and training sessions will be held during the summer.

The dome will stay up year-round. The idea, Finnerty said, will be to make patrons feel like they're outside.

Having traveled the country and looking at similar facilities, he thinks the golf dome and soccer arena can succeed under one condition.

"It isn't that you build and they come," Finnerty said. "You've got to build it right and they'll come."

The township will make \$800,000 from the sale of eight acres on the site. The township will also have the right to buy the arena if High Velocity's venture fails.

Seven acres for development of the ice arena will remain.

Southfield-based Griffin Properties is helping the township develop the ice arena. The company will present options on possible operators.

"Hopefully that will come together shortly," Minghine said.

The township and Griffin Properties agreed last month on a \$25-million project to put the two arenas and a golf dome on the site.

It represents, however, a much scaled back plan.

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

While Griffin couldn't acquire enough land to include the movie theaters, he presented plans for the rest of the project to the township last December. It took two more months to finalize the deal.

## Farm

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## LEGAL NEWS CAPSULE

## Different addresses

A person may register to vote at an address different from the one on his or her driver's license, Attorney General Jennifer Granholm has ruled.

Granholm said local clerks aren't prohibited from "accepting voter registration applications reciting addresses different from those listed on the applicant's driver's license."

The opinion on Michigan's Election Law was requested by state Reps. Liz Brater, D-Ann Arbor, and Laura Baird, D-Oakland.

Source: AGO 7010 of March 1, 1999.

## No protection

## SC founder from page A6

from Bradner's major and doctorate in history. "He believed a good college library is of prime importance to the success of a college."

Butler said Bradner wanted him to aim for a goal of 20,000 volumes, since studies had indicated that a community college should have that many volumes. When Butler visited other community colleges, library officials there were "amazed" to hear Schoolcraft was collecting books at such an early stage in the college's development.

State Police troopers and sergeants aren't protected by the state Whistle-Blowers' Protection Act, Granholm said in an opinion requested by Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton.

The 1981 protects employees "who report a violation or suspected violation of state, local, or federal law. Under specified circumstances, the act prohibits and employer from disciplining an employee who reports violations of the law," Granholm said.

But the definition of employee excludes "state classified civil service," Granholm said. The Michigan Constitution was amended in 1978 to give troopers and sergeants collective bargaining rights but didn't exempt them from civil service coverage.

"As members of the state clas-

sified civil service, state police troopers and sergeants are excepted from the act's definition of 'employee' and are thus not subject to the provisions of the act," she concluded.

Source: AGO 7007 of Feb. 22, 1999.

## Vacation time

A state court judge should take 20 days of vacation per year with the approval of the chief judge, the Michigan Supreme Court said.

The high court also said it expects judges "to take educational leave of two weeks every three years to participate in state or national judicial training programs."

And it encourages judges to "participate in professional

meetings and conferences" to advance public understanding of the judicial system. The high court rule applies to all judges at all levels.

Commented Chief Justice Elizabeth Weaver: "The vast majority of judges in this state already operate within these standards. The few who do not - both those who do not allow themselves sufficient vacation time to 'recharge their batteries' from the difficult work of being a judge, and those who take too much time off - will benefit by the articulation of these standards."

Source: Supreme Court order of Feb. 23, 1999.

## City must pay

The city of East Tawas will

have to pay Frederick and Linda Manning attorney's costs for the council's violation of the Open Meetings Act and the clerk's violation of the Freedom of Information Act, a state Court of Appeals panel has ruled. The case sets a precedent for the rest of the state.

The Mannings sued when the council rejected their site plan for a recreational vehicle park. The council went into closed session but failed to state a reason, as required by sec. 8 of the Open Meetings Act. The clerk refused to release the minutes of the closed meeting under the public records act.

The appeals panel said Iosco Circuit Judge J. Richard Ernst was correct in opening up just part of the minutes because the council's deliberations covered

both exempt and nonexempt topics.

The Mannings argued that the council 1) failed to state a purpose for closing the meeting and 2) failed to take a vote. But the appeals court said, "However, the city council duly re-enacted and recorded the decision," and said the council thereby validated its action.

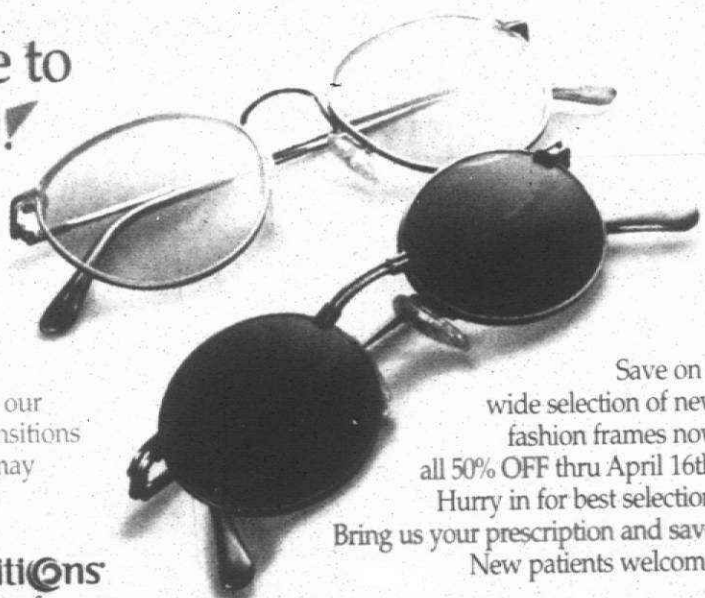
"Further, deficiencies in the keeping of minutes of meetings are not in any event grounds for invalidating the actions taken."

Judges Peter O'Connell, Joel Hoekstra and Martin Doctoroff sent the case back to the trial judge to calculate attorneys' fees and costs for the Mannings.

Source: Manning vs. East Tawas, CA No. 202142, Feb. 26, 1999.

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## Touches lives from page A7

The cost of surgery to correct a cleft lip is between \$2,000 to \$3,000 in Mexico and many of the people who seek help don't earn that much in one year.

### Developing bonds

The volunteers often see some of the same people who need numerous surgeries year after year.

"It's like seeing family again and you really develop a bond with these people," said Glovak, adding that the group tries to make arrangements for treatment in the United States for the extremely severe cases that can't be handled during the weekend trip.

The team of medical experts has become more than just a group of people with kind hearts. They've learned to meet each other's needs, too. Even though Glovak's illness makes her weak and tired, the others insist that she continue to make the trip with promises that they will pick up the slack when she can't finish her job.

Busuito launched his charitable work years ago when he

accompanied other physicians who donated their time to help children in the United States.

Twelve years ago, he started taking his talents overseas. "It's just the type of work that gets in your blood and keeps you wanting to go back," Busuito said. "I think that one feels a great sense of satisfaction after doing something like this. Essentially, we all donate our time and most of us donate a lot of money in order to do this."

### Heartfelt stories

He also tells stories about children who have a special place in his heart and memory: an 8-year-old girl in the Philippines whom he helped 18 months ago. Her home had no electricity and she was burned by the kerosene lamp that provided her family with light. The scars were so severe that her thighs healed together and her mother was preparing her to enter a convent because she assumed her daughter would never be able to have children.

"We were able to reconstruct her and get her legs apart and

when I came out and told her mother that she would be able to walk normally and bear children in the future, her mother broke down and started crying," Busuito said. "It's stories like that and experiences like that really drive you to go back and do it again and that's just one example."

He tells another story about a 6-year-old Mexican girl who had a very large cleft palate. She whimpered constantly after the surgery and while she was recovering, a nurse asked her mother to bring one of her baby dolls to hold. The mother cried and said the girl never had a doll. That night, the nurse sent her husband out to buy a doll for the little girl.

Almost all children in the United States, regardless of socioeconomic status, who are born with a cleft lip or cleft palate have their lips fixed before they are 3 months old and they have their palate fixed by the time they're 1 year old.

"When I was in the Philippines in one day I operated on three

people all in their 60s who walked around their entire lives with these severe deformities and never had been fixed," Busuito said. "It really gives you a sense of how lucky we have it here in this country."

Other medical volunteers going to Camargo include Dr. John Lange, a dentist from Grand Rapids; Peter Lapine and Dr. Kate Runyan from Michigan State University audiology and speech pathology department; and Sterling Heights resident Joanna Hegedus, a nurse manager at Hutzel Health Center. Warren and Martie McGrail, of Grand Rapids, who works as manager of the pediatric clinic at Devos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

### All jobs

Tasks and jobs vary. If the garbage needs emptying, it gets emptied by whomever is available.

The volunteers take one week, dipping into their work vacation time, to travel to Mexico and watch their efforts work miracles for people who don't have

much. Most of the people seeking help live in cinderblock homes without windows, drapes for doors and no running water. Luxuries, like telephones are rare. In fact, Operation Kindness announces surgical schedules through radio announcements because that's the easiest way to get the word out.

"When you come back, you look at the equipment we have with a totally different viewpoint," Glovak said. "You don't believe what we have and the abundance."

Operation Kindness brings everything they will need. "We get donations of supplies, like Band-Aids and even anesthesia," Glovak said. "The host hospital can't afford what they have, let alone supply 40 additional surgeries."

Busuito, a board certified plastic, general and hand surgeon, mostly works on cleft lips and palates, deforming burns, reconstruction work for people born without external ears, hernias and devastatingly gruesome physical marks.

"Children there are just as cruel as kids here in the States," Glovak said.

"They can be teased unmercifully. We know that by going there we can restore their function and their social acceptability. We've removed their stigma."

"With a lot of the kids if they have a major birth defect, they think of it as a curse from God

and they really do hide them away," said Glovak, who describes surgery as fun. "It's not work. It's solving a problem. It's like a jigsaw puzzle and you're helping to put them back together."

### Missionary work

Glovak and the other volunteers had gone on missionary work with various organizations until they started their own nonprofit organization, Operation Kindness, last April in an effort to ensure that all the money would go to the children.

"There are no administrative costs," Busuito said. "The definition of compassion is seeing a need and doing something about it," Glovak said. "The medical volunteers also try to teach the medical professionals at the host hospital and they distribute literature, in Spanish, regarding various treatments."

Regarding their own safety, Glovak said, they drink only bottled water and rely on the local medical people to tell them where to eat.

"We're very, very careful and we've been very fortunate, too," she added.

Anyone interested in helping may make checks payable to Operation Kindness. Donations should be sent to Macomb Community Bank, 16000 Hall, Clinton Township, MI 48038.

# Expansion jets airport into 21st century



DRAWING COURTESY OF NORTHWEST AIRLINES

**New digs:** Here is an artist's rendering of the approximately 2-million square foot midfield terminal at Detroit Metro Wayne County Airport. Expected to be completed in late 2001 the terminal will be located adjacent to a parking structure (far left) with 11,000 parking spaces. The two concourses (the West Concourse is on the far right) will house 74 jet gates and 25 commuter gates with an underground tunnel with moving walkways connecting the concourses.

## More parking, moving walkways highlight new terminal

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

One day travelers can expect to drive into Detroit Metro Wayne County Airport on a south access road, entering the facility from either I-275 or I-94.

They will drive into a parking garage with 11,000 parking spaces. Soon they will be directed to a main ticketing hall with 104 ticketing positions and counters, a domestic luggage claim with 11 carousels and a federal inspection facility ready to handle 3,200 passengers per hour.

They may enter the 4,900-foot-long East Concourse to get to one of 66 jet gates, using an automated "People Mover" traveling 3,600 feet — nearly the length of the concourse. Then again, they may be directed to the West Concourse, its eight jet gates, 25

commuter gates, shops and concessions. They will enter via an underground pedestrian tunnel with moving walkways.

That's the vision — and now soon to be reality — Northwest Airlines and airport officials have of the completed midfield terminal, expected to be finished in about 2 1/2 years. The entire airport expansion project is expected to cost about \$1.2 billion.

On March 3, Northwest Airlines and Wayne County officials announced that Northwest awarded a \$366 million contract to Hubert, Hunt & Nichols of Indianapolis for the construction of the midfield terminal, scheduled to be completed in late 2001. Northwest officials said the Indianapolis firm's bid had a significant difference in price than other national construction firms.

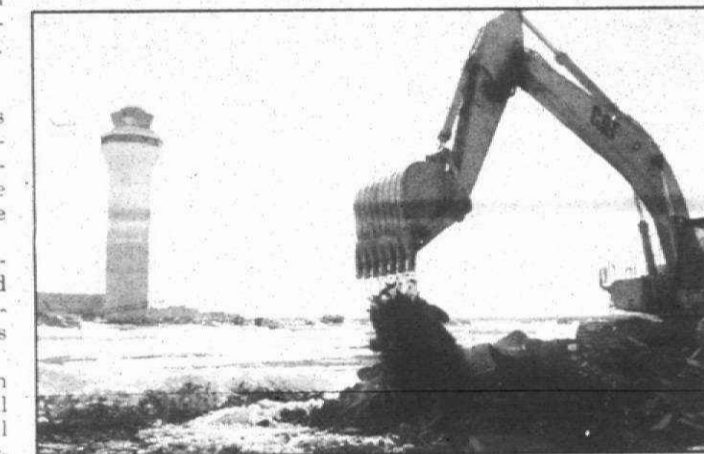
The firm has been contracted to build the new baseball stadium for the Detroit Tigers, and has constructed airport terminals in Atlanta and Indianapolis.

### 'World-class facility'

Ray Vecchi, Northwest Airlines president of Michigan operations, said Northwest was excited about building "what will be the finest airport facility in the United States."

"We are committed to providing our customers in Detroit and around the world with a world-class facility and a world-class hometown airline," Vecchi said. Approximately 2 million square feet in size, the terminal will include a main ticketing hall that has 104 domestic and international ticketing positions, a domestic luggage claim with 11 carousels, a state-of-the-art luggage screening system, a

Airport Director David Katz says leadership is key to airport's success, A16



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

**Under construction:** Tons of dirt and asphalt will be excavated over the next few months as the midfield terminal site is prepared for concrete, and steel girders.

### Expansion facts

The Midfield Terminal Building at Detroit Metro Wayne County Airport will be located south-southwest of the Smith and Davey terminals. Approximately 2 million square feet in size, the terminal will include:

- Main ticketing hall with 104 domestic and international ticketing positions, a domestic luggage claim with 11 carousels, a state-of-the-art luggage handling system and a federal inspection services facility to handle 3,200 passengers per hour, and 24 luggage curbside check-in positions at departure level.

- Connecting link includes a 19,000-square-foot WorldClub with 15 shops and restaurants.

- The East Concourse will be 4,900 feet long with 66 jet gates, including 10 international gates. 31 shops and restaurants. 2,200 feet of dual moving walkways, two 6,800-square-foot WorldClubs and an automated people mover traveling a length of 3,600 feet to transport passengers through the concourse.

- A 900-foot long underground tunnel with moving walkways connecting the two concourses.

- Satellite West Concourse with eight jet gates and 25 commuter gates and over 11 shops and food concessions, and a 3,200-square foot WorldClub.

- Parking garage — with more than 11,000 spaces — adjacent to the midfield terminal.

The entire terminal will house concession areas of approximately 125,000 square feet of retail space, an increase from 55,000 square feet currently at the airport.

Construction is under way for an energy plant near the control tower to provide electricity, heating and cooling to the midfield terminal complex. That area of the airport also will house 180 acres of aprons and taxiways, aircraft hydrant fueling system, drainage, pump stations and a glycol collection system.

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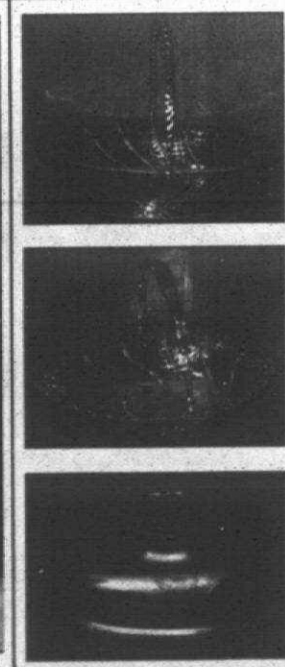
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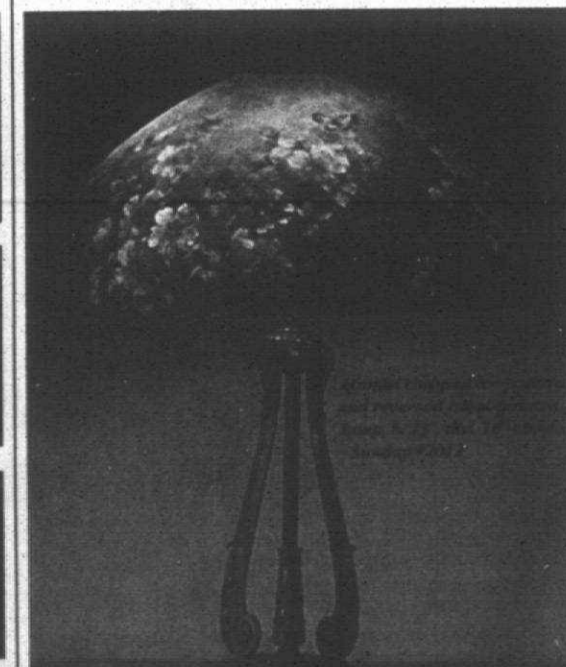
Henry Mosler, (American 1841-1920), oil on canvas mounted on board, 35" x 27". Sun. #2006



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Upon earning her medical degree at Wayne State University, Dr. DiMaggio went on to complete her internship and residency at Providence Hospital. She is a member of the American Medical Association and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

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## OBITUARIES

## VINCENTIA COLE

Services for Vincencia Cole, 70, of Canton were Feb. 24 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township, with the Rev. Jack Quinn officiating. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery. She was born July 7, 1928, in Detroit. She died Feb. 22 in Canton. She was a homemaker. She was a member at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, Salvatore and Antonina Ferrara. Survivors include her six sons, Joseph R. Cole of Woodhaven, William (Cynthia) T. Cole of Plymouth, Frank H. Cole of Canton, Vincent E. Cole of Detroit, David A. Cole of Detroit, Kevin (Elizabeth) Cole of Hazel Park; three daughters, Patricia D. Tyler of Canton, Jami L. Zarzecki of Wayne and Sharon (Thomas) R. Vaughn of Detroit; two brothers, Andy Ferrara of Las Vegas, Nev., James Ferrara of Chicago, Ill.; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154-5010.

## FRED ALLEN

Services for Fred Allen, 83, of Plymouth were March 10 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was in Knollwood Cemetery, Canton. He was born May 9, 1915, in Akina, Okla. He died March 5 in Livonia. He worked at Evans Products, starting in 1940 until his retirement in 1975. He came to the Plymouth community in 1948. He played softball and managed softball teams. He loved sports, bowling and golf as well as softball. He was on the All State basketball team in Oklahoma as a high school student. He served in the U.S. Army, Engineers 6th Division of the Army, serving in World War II in the Pacific.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bertha, and two brothers, Frank and Perry Allen. Survivors include his son, Ronald Allen of Brighton; two daughters, Cheryl Endicott of Wayne, Carolyn (Robert) Theisen of Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

## GUY PATRICK VILLET

Services for Guy Patrick Villet, 51, of Canton were March 5 in Santele Chapel with Deacon John Marks of St. Christopher Catholic Church officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

He was born April 24, 1947, in Detroit. He died March 3 in Canton. He was a computer programmer.

Survivors include his mother, Loraine Villet; one son, Guy Villet; one daughter, Amy Villet; one sister, Faye (Richard) Setlock; and one brother, Jay (Patricia) Villet.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

## JENNIE LORENZ

Services for Jennie B. Lorenz of Westland, formerly of Plymouth, will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 13 from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Mrs. Lorenz, 86, died March 8 in Westland.

Born on July 6, 1912 in Pellston, Mich., Mrs. Lorenz moved to the Plymouth community in 1925 from Grand Rapids. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church and was active in the church women's society. She loved to read, do crossword puzzles and travel.

She is survived by two daughters, Barbara J. Sullivan of Livonia and Elizabeth A. (Arthur)

Racz of Apollo Beach, Fla.; two brothers, Edward (Carol) Smith of Plymouth and Thaddeus (Grace) Smith of Montana; two sisters, Sophia Preston of Plymouth and Dorothy (Joe) Archer of Maryland, a former Plymouth resident; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William.

Memorials may be made in the form of mass offerings or to the Karmans Cancer Institute.

## EUGENIA LENSKI

Services for Eugenia Lenski of Novi will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 13 from St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington and Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Mrs. Lenski, 79, died March 7 in Southfield.

She was born Jan. 11, 1920 in Detroit and worked as a sales associate at J.L. Hudson Co. She is survived by two sons, Lawrence A. (Nancy) Lenski of Plymouth and Gregory (Cheryl) Lenski of Milford; a granddaughter, Amanda (Scott) Wawrzyniak; and a grandson, Eric (Sarah) Lenski of Loveland, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alexander and Elizabeth Nadolny.

Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington or Providence Hospital Cancer Care, 22255 Greenfield, Suite 228, Southfield, MI 48075.

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## 1999 LAWN AND CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

March 11, 1999

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## PURCHASE OF ONE (1) DYNAWELD SBL 10 OR EQUIVALENT WITH SPECIFICATIONS ON SKID-STEER TRAILER

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## RENTAL OF PORTABLE TOILETS FOR PARKS AND GOLF COURSES

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March 11, 1999

## CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 5, 1999, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

## ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT (99-1)

(a) Consider request from Ryan Florenzi, 47912 Stonestreet Ct., Plymouth, Michigan 48170 to amend:

Article 15, C-1, Village Shopping District, Section 15.02A, Permitted Uses and Structures - Principal Uses and Structures, by amending subparagraph 9 to read as follows: Personal Fitness Centers, Martial Arts Studios, Dance Schools, Music and Voice Schools, and Art Studios, and renumbering existing subparagraphs 9 and 10 to 10 and 11, respectively.

Article 16, C-2, Community Commercial District, Section 16.02A, Permitted Uses and Structures - Principal Uses and Structures, by amending subparagraph 10 to read as follows: Personal Fitness Centers, Martial Arts Studios, Dance Schools, Music and Voice Schools, and Art Studios.

(b) Consider Township-Initiated amendments to:

Article 1, Rules of Construction and Definitions Section 1.03, Definitions, to amend the definition of "Kennel".

Article 6, Site Development Standards Applicable to Specific Uses: Section 6.02, Site Development Standards for Non-Residential Uses, by amending subparagraph K, regulations for private and commercial kennels.

Section 6.03, Site Development Standards for Residential Uses, by amending subsection D.4, Cluster Development Criteria, Lot Coverage and Building Separation-Lot Area and Setbacks, regulations for lot width and setbacks.

Section 6.04, Site Development Standards for Mixed Uses, by amending subsection A.2, Landscaping and Screening, regulations for landscaping adjacent to a freeway in mid-rise and high-rise developments.

The proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment (99-1) is available for public inspection in the Canton Township Planning Services Division, 1150 South Canton Center Road, during regular business hours.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, March 25, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

March 11 and 15, 1999

## Eatery carves niche in fast-food pack

By VICTORIA STERNER

SPECIAL WRITER

A big red pickup truck pulls up to the Arby's drive-through and a spotted spaniel pacing the front seat presses his black, wet nose against the glass and blinks expectantly.

The drive-through window opens and out comes a hot beef and cheddar sandwich for the driver, and a beef-farlow biscuit for the dog.

"Hospitality" is the word here on Ford Road where the 24-member staff is in the lead among 42 metro-Detroit stores to win a corporate-sponsored trip to Disney World.

With a month left in the campaign, they are taking no prisoners. Each is committed to doing an expert job. For the past 11 months during twice-monthly secret shopper checks, they've scored high for cleanliness, service and hospitality, the latter of which they take very seriously because it's making all the difference.

People entering the restaurant are personally greeted. When they're done eating, they're asked if their food was OK, or "Can I take your tray?" Regular customers are considered friends and new faces are wooed to come back.

Kids get balloons and suckers and dogs get biscuits.

No employee can be too gracious or thoughtful. "It's part of (parent company) RTM's philosophy," said operating partner and general manager, Lori Green.

Cheryl Delgrosso, an eight-year employee of Arby's, makes sure there are plenty of handouts on hand.

From time to time, when she

runs out of dog biscuits, people-eating chicken fingers are used.

These Canton dogs are eating pretty well," she laughs.

Green knows all about hands-on. She cleans the restaurant's windows with a bucket and squeegee. She cleans tables. She gets behind the counter and gets done whatever needs to be done. Her work ethic spills over.

A 20-year old assistant recently took the initiative and fixed a broken oven, saving the store \$650. Other staff come in on their day off to simply visit.

Nationally, the job turnover rate in fast-foods is 225 percent, Green said. Last year, her store rang in at 40 percent.

Andrea McKinnon, 17, a senior at Plymouth-Salem High School, has worked behind the counter for the past year and a half.

"I like working here. It's fun. It's like family," she said. "We treat everyone so nice, I like to show people I can be nice and to really work at it."

Green is proud of her staff and its commitment, and isn't worried that other Arby's will try and copy their style.

In the end, it's customers who have the final say.

"They treat kids like kings here," said Linda Karst of Canton Township, setting into a weekday lunch. "They're very good here, they really are. They're clean. They're friendly. I come here at least once a month."

Debbie Leach, another Canton Township resident sitting nearby, agrees. "Even my dogs are taken care of here when we go through the drive-through."

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## 1999 SPRING TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

March 11, 1999

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

## ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of the materials being presented at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley  
ADA Coordinator  
Charter Township of Canton  
1150 S. Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48188  
(734) 397-5435

March 11, 1999

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 23, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Bodycote Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property on a new facility to be located at 8580 Haggerty Road N. within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

A parcel of land being that part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 1, T28N, R24E, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan described as beginning S 89 Deg 30S E 1689 95 Ft and S 00 Deg 56M 29S W 400.05 Ft and along a curve to the Rt RAD 5789.58 Ft Chord S 01 Deg 26M 10S W 99.95 Ft and along a curve to the Rt RAD 5789.58 Ft Chord S 03 Deg 18M 30S W 281.26 Ft from NW corner Section 1; Th S 89 Deg 08M 30S E 325.10 Ft; Th S 00 Deg 32M 16S W 259.00 Ft; Th N 89 Deg 08M 30S W 349.86 Ft; Th along a curve to the Lt RAD 5789.58 Ft Chord N 08 Deg 00M 07S E 260.04 Ft to the Point of Beginning 2.00 Acres. Parcel no. 002 99 0001 710

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

March 11, 1999

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

## SUMMIT PARKWAY STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Sealed bids will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 2 p.m. Thursday, April 8th, 1999, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

Major work includes the replacement of approximately 307 lineal feet of curb and gutter; the cold-milling of approximately 455 tons of asphalt and resurfacing with approximately 455 tons of asphalt on Summit Parkway between Canton Center Road and Glegarry Boulevard. Some drainage structure work, restoration and pavement markings is also included.

Bid documents are available for pick up at Dietrich, Bailey and Associates, P.C., 107 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan. A non-refundable fee of \$15.00 will be charged for the bid packet. Bid documents will be mailed for an additional charge of \$5.00. Call (734) 455-3111 for directions to the office of the Engineer.

Plans and specifications may be examined at Public Works, Charter Township of Canton, 2nd Floor, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 397-5405, and at the office of Dietrich, Bailey and Associates, P.C., 107 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan without charge.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid, payable to the Owner, as security for acceptance of the contract. A bid bond in the Michigan Standard Form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a Certified Check.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the date set for the opening thereof.

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March 11, 1999

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gage handling system and a federal inspection services facility to handle 3,200 passengers per hour, and 24 luggage curbside check-in positions at departure level.

A "connecting link" will include a 19,000-square-foot WorldClub with 15 shops and restaurants. The East Concourse will be 4,900-feet long with 66 jet gates, including 10 international gates. 31 shops and restaurants, 2,200 feet of dual moving walkways, two 6,800-square-foot WorldClubs and an automated people mover traveling a length of 3,600 feet to transport passengers through the concourse.

A 900-foot long underground tunnel will include moving walkways connecting the two concourses. A satellite West Concourse will house eight jet gates and 25 commuter gates and over 11 shops and food concessions, and a 3,200-square foot WorldClub.

"It will be the gateway to Detroit and to Southeast Michigan," said Jim Greenwald, vice president of Northwest Airlines' facilities and principal in charge of construction for the midfield project.

"It won't be just another airport terminal. It will be impressive with high-tech services."

The East Concourse also will include 14 gates to accommodate widebody aircraft. Ten of the 14 gates are configured for international arrivals and departures.

An international traveler flying on Northwest from Amsterdam to Indianapolis can expect to notice the difference, Greenwald said.

"They will be able to make that connection in the terminal, and not get on the bus or a terminal," Greenwald said.

Greenwald expects the mid-field will assist Metro in competing with airports in Chicago, Cleveland and Pittsburgh. "We want to have a facility that makes it easy to get in and out. It will take away the operational constraints. If you can operate freely and effectively, it can take some of the hassles away from the passengers."

Northwest wants to make a facility to make passengers comfortable and ease travel for them, Greenwald said. "It gives us the ability to process without congestion and without bottlenecks," Greenwald said.

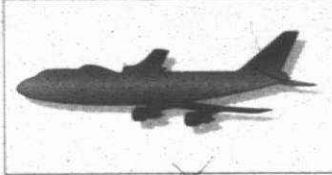
The expansion couldn't come quick enough for Metro. The airport has dealt with poor showings in customer surveys, Northwest received criticism for its handling of air travelers in Jan. 2 snowstorm, while security breaches have caused further delays on at least four different occasions in the last year.

Increasing travel

Even though the airlines and airport have had their share of problems, air travel continues to grow at Metro. That meant interim improvements calling for rest room renovations and expanded U.S. Customs inspection area, expanded to clear 1,200 passengers an hour for international travel.

Since 1991, passengers have increased an average of 7.9 percent annually. In 1997, 15.2 million passengers boarded planes at Metro.

Lufthansa has started a daily non-stop service to Germany from Metro, while Northwest has flown nonstop to China. British Air and KLM fly out of Metro as



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well. Katz will know later this year whether another gate or two can be added to the International Terminal.

"We'd also like to do something about the international terminal," said David Katz, director of Wayne County airports. "The demand is tremendous."

With the new midfield terminal and continued improvements, international arrival gates are expected to accommodate 3,200 passengers an hour in 2005 and 3,600 passengers an hour by 2020.

Doing business

In the Smith Terminal, a new business center is expected to be constructed this year, Katz said. Currently out for bid, the 1,200- to 1,500-square-foot facility would assist business travelers who want to use cubicles

equipped with amenities for laptop computers.

The center will be designed similar to a facility at Cincinnati Airport.

Katz expects the bids will arrive within 30 days. Once the county commission approves that bid, the construction will begin and last about three or four months.

In another phase of the project, Katz expects Goddard and Wayne roads will be re-routed at the airport for the construction of an additional parallel runway Runway 422. Construction will continue this year on the South Access Road.

Currently the public cannot access the construction site, but when completed in late 2001, the terminal will be accessible from the south via Eureka Road or from the north via I-94 once the

south access road is completed. That means travelers will be able to exit from I-275 to get to airport and the new terminal. Today travelers must exit from I-94 to get to the Smith and Dave terminals.

At any one time, the airport can have between 50 and 100 construction projects going, Katz

said. Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara said the airport is a visitor's first impression of Detroit, so airport and airline officials wanted to "showcase the very best of our community."

"We want that impression to be welcoming and pleasant," McNamara said.

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## Crime prevention Staying alert your best defense

Canton is a safe community. The statistics tell us so. Your chances of being the victim of a random, violent crime in Canton are significantly smaller than in a big city and smaller than in some rural areas. Still, violent crimes do occur here and in the last few weeks we've reported on several. A Realtor working in a model home on Woodbine was raped last December. The alleged assailant — a Monroe man with a history as a sex offender — was eventually arrested and last week he was ordered to stand trial. Several elderly women have been victimized by purse snatchers along Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail in neighboring communities this winter. A Plymouth Township woman, 84-year-old Helen Kloczek, was found dead in Detroit last week. Kloczek's purse was missing and witnesses last reported seeing her at Three Brothers Restaurant on Joy, east of Lil-

ley. Area communities have taken positive steps in helping residents and businesses protect themselves. Last month, the Canton Public Safety Department held a seminar for area real estate professionals, alerting them to the incident and offering tips on how to work safely. In fact, police credit the information distributed at the seminar with helping to arrest the rape suspect. On Monday, the Plymouth Community Council on Aging dedicated a portion of its monthly meeting at the Independence Village housing complex in Plymouth Township to talk to residents about crime prevention. While it can't be eliminated altogether, random crime can be deterred somewhat by using common sense and remaining aware of one's surroundings.

## Health-O-Rama benefits all

Project Health-O-Rama comes to Canton for the third consecutive year on Saturday, March 20. This year's event — featuring free and low-cost health screenings — is set for 8 a.m. to noon at the St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building on Canton Center Road at Summit Parkway.

About 200 people took advantage of the program in each of the first two years, when Canton hosted a site at the nearby Summit. Dozens of township residents and area health care providers have volunteered their time and expertise in making sure those who attended in 1997 and 1998 received prompt and courteous attention. More than 30 residents have committed to this year's event.

Hosting Project Health-O-Rama is about more than numbers, though. The economic health of the region is tied directly to the physical and mental health of its residents. Even in prosperous communities like Canton,

there are people for whom health has slipped to a secondary consideration for financial and other reasons. Senior citizens living on fixed incomes or people out of work are the obvious groups. But so are college students, or young adults in low-paying service jobs where health benefits are either nonexistent or take too big a bite out of a paycheck to be practical.

Project Health-O-Rama is the only chance for many to receive early intervention for medical problems or preventive care. A complete walk-through of the event and all testing should take about 90 minutes. The event is designed for people over 18 (a driver's license or other ID is required to register on the site).

The Canton site is one of dozens put together by the United Way's United Health Organization throughout metro Detroit in March and April. Local sponsors are Canton Township, the Summit, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System and the Observer Newspapers.

## Net use shouldn't up penalty

The "crime of the week" is becoming a sad joke in the Michigan Legislature.

Latest entry is a pair of bills to add two years onto the prison sentence of a pedophile who uses the Internet to prey on kids. "Get tough," say the news releases of publicity-hungry lawmakers. One suspects there are more "tough new laws" news releases than there are Bill/Monica jokes floating around the State Capitol lobby.

Let's talk sense. Crime is crime. Assaulting a child sexually is one of the more heinous crimes a human can commit. It deserves and usually gets a prison sentence along with lengthy exposure on the address list of sexual criminals.

But what makes using Internet an extra crime, worth an additional two years in prison?

What makes using the Internet worth two years more than going into a park and dragging a kid into the bushes? What makes using the Internet worth two years more than picking up and abusing a young hitchhiker?

What makes using the Internet worse than using a standard telephone or writing a letter?

The Michigan Senate rushed to the job for publicity purposes. The phenomenon of attacking children sexually has been around

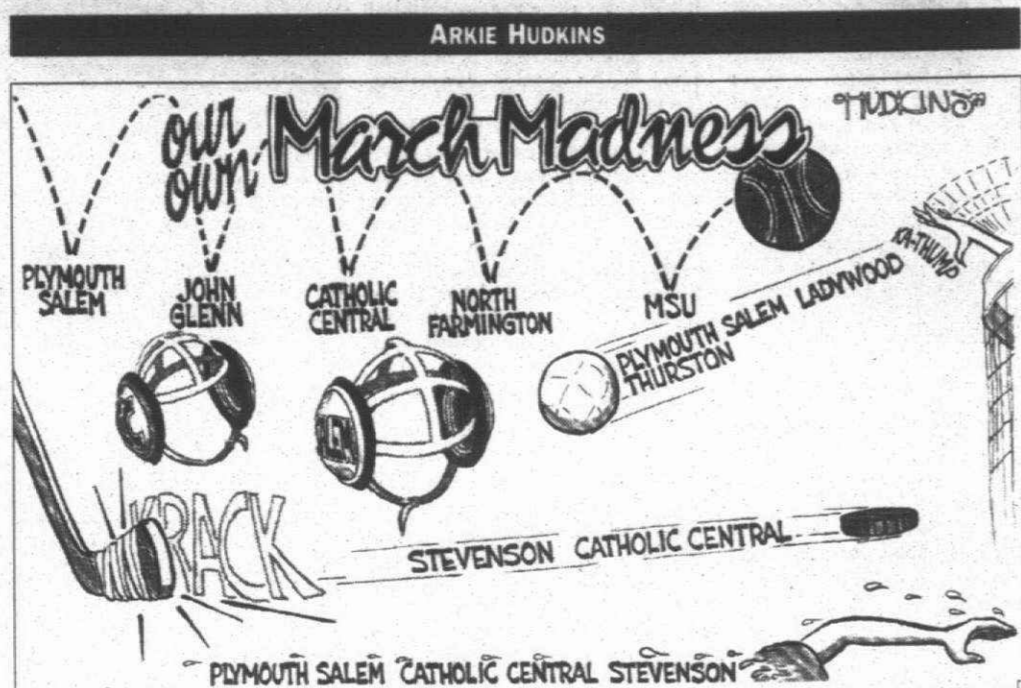
for thousands of years. The Internet is just a few years old. It's a hotter topic at suburban cocktail parties than the U.S. Postal Service, the telegraph or two tin cans and a string.

Michigan does have a law tacking two years onto a criminal's sentence if he uses a gun in committing a crime. That makes sense. Guns are more effective tools of death than fists, brass knuckles and even knives.

But the Internet? If Senate Bills 7 and 217 become law, they will just take up space in the statute books.

It was ironic that the Senate acted within a week after some of its members bawled out Budget Director Mary Lannoye for giving the Department of Corrections (prisons) an 8.6 percent increase while higher education was getting half that percentage. Senators wanted to know why. The answer is that every new crime is greeted with the bleating legislative response of "tough new laws" and "tougher penalties."

Here's a question for Sens. Rogers and his pal, George Z. Hart, D-Deerborn, sponsor of SB 217: What are you doing to make sure we catch those predators? Are more law enforcement people being hired to police the Internet? Are more prosecutors being added to assemble the burden of proof in an Internet case?



### LETTERS

#### Granholm off base

State Attorney General Jennifer Granholm's recent considerations for bringing a lawsuit against gun manufacturers make one ask "What has happened to personal responsibility?"

Gun manufacturers are no more responsible for a consumer's actions than Ford Motor Co. would be if a criminal used a Ford Taurus as a getaway car. Granholm's philosophy of big government isn't new or original. Following Mayors Daley (Chicago) and Morial (New Orleans), Granholm's goals are not to make any business more responsible. Her aims are much higher than that. AG Granholm seeks to eliminate the entire hunting and firearms culture altogether.

If we're going to talk product liability as it relates to crime reduction, let's get to the root of the matter here. Let's have lawsuits all right, let's undertake litigation against the State Department of Corrections for not delivering a safer product. After all, isn't the justice system supposed to rehabilitate criminals, thus making them more productive citizens? Yet, recidivism is quite high among felons.

Or, perhaps Granholm should target the parents of those who abuse firearms. Let's go after these parents who failed to raise their children correctly, allowing them to grow up and become criminals who prey upon the law-abiding. After all, they are required to turn out a quality product, right?

Actually, there is no place for our attorney general or her ideals in these schemes. Granholm need not appoint herself "Chief Ambulance Chaser" in Michigan, that's not what she was elected to do. What she is doing is abusing her post to further her personal agendas. Jennifer Granholm made it very clear during the elections that she is very much against allowing citizens to defend themselves against criminals. That sounds rather backwards to me, having our "Top Cop" favoring disarming the citizens while providing no alternative to removing weapons from the hands of criminals.

Citizens should be held personally accountable for what they do, and not what others do. The firearms manufacturers are providing a product. That is what America is about, free enterprise. And for now at least, it is very legal for a law-abiding citizen to own a firearm. That may change, however, if Granholm gets her way, hunters and hard-working Michiganders will find themselves priced right out of the ability to defend themselves or to enjoy hunting. And for a state that depends on tourism dollars, Granholm and her allies are proving to be no friend to the law-abiding citizen, resort owner, hunter, or merchant.

#### Tax me happy

The government levies a happiness-crushing tax burden on me. It reaches into my pants and, with a smile, grabs what money it can and hands the booty over to a stranger, making them smile too, not noticing the sadness appearing on my face.

Since the government enjoys taxing my happiness, the opportunity to "choose" a schooling method remains just out of reach. Adding more public school buildings and long-term debt helps perpetuate, and locks me into the public school system. Furthermore, my own tax money is turned against me in the form of dues used to push the idea that the state must be in the business of education.

To "choose" a non-public school opportunity means making the choice between keeping an 11-year-old car for another five years, moving out of a 1,400 square foot house to an 1,100 square-foot house, quitting the perfect long-term job in favor of a new riskier job, reducing the winter furnace setting from 65 to 62 degrees, eliminating lunch in favor of a bag of dirt, more Friday macaroni dinners, doubling up on all showers, not reupholstering my hand me down living room couch for seven more years, reducing the two-day family vacation to no vacation, putting off buying a family computer for two more years, etc.

Everyone can accomplish some of these tax induced personal sacrifices up to a point. After that, you start destroying the happiness of life.

When a system takes a decade to change from within, it's time to say enough and prod it into responsiveness by the best way it has shown me, the pocketbook.

I'm glad that at least some citizens in Plymouth Canton can use their pocketbook to make their own choice. Taxes choose for me.

Glen Kremer  
Plymouth

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### POINTS OF VIEW

## Dream voyage

### Space campers now have female astronaut role models, too

When most people think of history of the U.S. space program, they think of Neil Armstrong's first steps on the moon or John Glenn's voyage into space, first as an astronaut and 30 years later as an astronaut turned congressman.

Jerrie Cobb's name is not among them. And being that March is Women's History Month, her story needs to be told.

Cobb was the first woman to undergo the testing developed for the selection of the Mercury astronauts in 1959. She went through weeks of grueling testing that included physical, psychological and fitness regimens.

Cobb passed the Mercury Astronaut Selection Tests, but never

became an astronaut. She was appointed a consultant to the nation's space program in 1961, but NASA's requirement that astronauts have military jet test pilot experience eliminated all women since they were not allowed to fly in the military.

Jerrie Cobb was not the first woman in space. In 1964, a Russian woman earned that designation, Valentina Tereshkova.

Surprisingly, the American space program did not open the ranks of its astronaut corps to women until 1978. The race into space was more of a saunter when it came to women.

It wasn't until June 18, 1983, that an American woman was launched into space. Sally Ride was aboard the



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space shuttle Challenger when it took off from Kennedy Space Center commanded by Capt. Robert Crippen. Ride was among a five-member crew on Mission STS-7. She was in orbit for six days.

Ride again went into space once more aboard the Challenger; it was

the 13th space shuttle flight. She had been in training for a third flight in 1986 when another crew aboard the Challenger met their fateful end. The world was stunned by the explosion that took the life of two brave women in space, teacher Christa McAuliffe and astronaut Judith Resnik.

This spring, history may be made again when Lt. Col. Eileen M. Collins blasts off into space aboard the Columbia with her crew.

Collins, 42, is the first woman selected to be a space shuttle pilot and the first woman to command a space shuttle.

On March 5, 1998, when the official announcement was made in the White House, Collins told reporters,

"When I was a child, I dreamed about space — I admired pilots, astronauts and I've admired explorers of all kinds. It was only a dream that I would someday be one of them. It is my hope that all children, boys and girls, will see this mission and be inspired to reach for their dreams, because dreams do come true."

For Plymouth-Canton fifth-graders who have been given a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Titusville, Fla., who knows what the future may hold? This is what dreams are made of.

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## Peters' vote on takeover reveals his ability to speak GOP

Gary Peters was in top form, and I was sure he would have "the other side of the aisle" squirming before the day was over.

Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, is a second-term state senator. Early in his tenure, his party recognized him as easily the best Democratic debater, almost in a class with the GOP's Dr. Joe Schwarz, better than the late Basil Brown.

It was March 2. The topic was the change of governance for Detroit public schools — "takeover," if you prefer. Republicans want to eliminate the elected school board and empower Mayor Dennis Archer to appoint a "reform" board. Peters thinks it will backfire.

Now what makes lawyer Peters, 40, so much fun is that he speaks Republican. He went to a private college (Alma); he was a vice president for investments and former branch manager of PaineWebber, the brokerage firm; he taught strategic management and business policy at Oakland

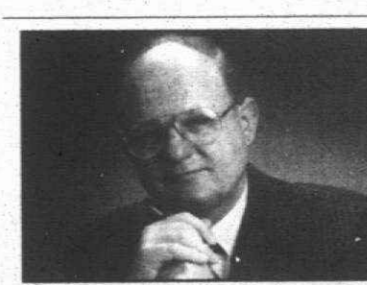
University; he taught finance and business economics at Wayne State — superb Republican credentials.

No sociology claptrap for Peters. Republicans like to say that "ours is a government of laws, not of men," and Peters used the argument beautifully.

"We need to have some sort of objective standards by which we assess school performances, and if schools are not meeting that objective performance, then a takeover would be implemented. But it would be an objective standard that would apply to every single school district ... We are singling out a district (Detroit) without any objective criteria."

Republicans should have listened. After all, everyone admitted Detroit doesn't have the worst test scores and graduation rate in the state.

Republicans are big on local control and participative management — the kind they do at Saturn, Ford and Deloitte-Touche. None of this "System 1 Punitive Dictator" stuff for modern



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corporations, no sirree. Peters adapted the GOP principle well:

"Absent criteria, I believe that we need to place the issue on the (Detroit) ballot (in 60-90 days) ... It gives political legitimacy to any reform, and more importantly it does not trample on sacred voting rights."

Letting folks vote on a mayoral takeover, Peters went on, "would involve everybody. Parents would be involved, all residents, business people, all segments of the city of Detroit."

Having inserted the GOP's own oratorical knife into its ribs, Peters then proceeded to twist it:

"I've heard rhetoric from the other side of the aisle saying we need to have more parental involvement ... You're eliminating the ability for that parent to be involved in the school system ... You're taking away a fundamental right of people to be actively involved in the administration, the direction and the objectives of their school district."

He should have reminded the Senate that only last fall candidate Engler was talking about empowering parents to take over schools in Detroit.

Richard Nixon used to say that government shouldn't over-promise because the supposed beneficiaries of a program will feel cheated.

Peters said kids in classes won't be helped by a governance change at the board level. "Their schools should have access to state-of-the-art technology. They should be educated in

small classrooms, particularly in the early grades. Teachers should have proper training and professional development because ... Ultimately, it's the teacher in the classroom ... that can have some of the greatest impact on the development of that child."

"Without a vote of the people, I must vote 'no' on this bill," Peters said, and he did. The vote was 30-7 in favor of a very unRepublican bill.

Peters later told me his father taught 30 years in Detroit public schools and never saw a board member. "Just be sure you write that I have passionate Democratic principles," he said.

Some Democrats are thinking of running Gary Peters for much higher office. From their point of view, they are nuts if they don't.

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## Term limits no real solution

Remember the old line about how risky it is to want something too much? You might actually get it.

Lots of politicians jumped on the term limit bandwagon in the early 1990s. Some got elected to office promising to abide by strict limits on their time in office. "If we break this contract, throw us out," declared U.S. Rep. George Nethercutt of Washington state, a leading term limit proponent.

Now that time is up, and it's fascinating if slightly disillusioning to watch once high-minded candidates come wriggling against the reality of wanting to stay in office. Words such as "disingenuous" and "hypocritical" come quickly to mind.

According to a Detroit Free Press survey, all six Republicans in the Michigan congressional delegation pledged support for term limits when they signed the Contract with America and voted for one or more term-limit bills in 1995 and 1997. However, only three of the six are actually limiting their terms.

To their credit, Reps. Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Hills, Peter Hoekstra, R-Holland, and Nick Smith, R-Addison, intend to leave Congress after serving for the prescribed six terms (12 years).

Reps. Dave Camp, R-Midland, Vernon Ehlers, R-Grand Rapids, and Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, are among the wrigglers. Of course, they support term limits, but not self-imposed ones. Camp, for example, told the Free Press that until term limits become the law of the land he will not impose on his political ambition term limits that do not also bind his 434 colleagues such as John Dingell, D-Trenton, and Sandy Levin, D-Southfield.

How convenient. I understand, Or, maybe, I don't. But I do recognize ambition wriggling on a phrase book when I see it.

In Michigan, it's much the same story, although in an earlier phase. The state House, which got 64 new members this year because of term limits, is still holding training sessions for inexperienced lawmakers on crafting and passing bills and understanding state budgets. The term limit tidal wave will hit the Senate in four years time, when we can confidently expect the departure of the few remaining experienced and knowledgeable legislators.

Not surprisingly, some people are beginning to have second thoughts about term limits. They include Sen. Glen Steil, R-Grand Rapids, a second-term member who in 1992 was co-chair of the petition drive to put term limits in the Michigan Constitution.

Steil is preparing another constitutional amendment to modify legislative term limits to



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Words such as 'disingenuous' and 'hypocritical' come quickly to mind.

"12 years for everybody," i.e., six two-year terms for representatives and three four-year terms for senators. "The compelling reason is that six years (in the House) do not give a person enough experience ... to make an impact."

Steil may be right. But years of watching politicians wriggle has made me skeptical.

Look at it this way. Everybody knows the Republicans won control of the state House last year by winning seats previously held by Democrats who were term limited out of office. And now that they've got control, what's to prevent the GOP from the convenient idea that now term limits should be increased?

I put this hypothesis to Bill Ballenger, publisher of "Inside Michigan Politics," and one of the most knowledgeable guys around. "Your premise might be accurate in theory, but I doubt anybody has thought it through as clearly — or as cynically — as you have," said Ballenger. "Most of the Republican leadership is for term limits; Betsy DeVos (State GOP chair) puts out endless press releases on the subject. And those that are against it are being browbeaten into silence. Senator Steil's out in front, and we'll just have to see what happens."

I asked Ballenger about the odds for success of legislating the wriggle away. "Not good," he responded. "High interest in extending term limits extends no farther than two blocks in any direction from the State Capitol."

I used to think term limits might be a good idea. I now fervently believe they are a bad idea whose time has come and should now go.

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"Landing on the moon. We should go to the moon to explore more."  
David Leone, 11



"When Neil Armstrong stepped on the moon."  
Jon Easton, 10



"When John Glenn went back up into space. Because he's pretty old and I thought that was pretty brave."  
Kim Olech, 10



"I think getting someone on the moon is an amazing accomplishment. It's not like just taking a walk in the park."  
Andrew Kokoszka, 11

# Leadership is key to airport success - Katz

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To say that David Katz had a busy year would be an understatement.

His first year at the helm as director of Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport was filled with land-



Katz

A survey found Detroit Metro was the worst in the United States. Security breaches on four occasions caused delays for thousands of travelers. An audit by the county's auditor general found underreported parking revenue and questioned competitive bidding procedures by the airport operator and the airport oversight.

Then there was the Jan. 2 snowstorm, hindering air travel and stranding thousands of travelers on taxiways and runways. Some travelers were left sitting in planes for eight hours that day.

Ask him about the airport's problems and Katz doesn't mention the airport's expansion as a

"cure-all." Instead he points to a list propped on display in his office for everyone to see.

No. 1 on the list: Leadership.

"I have a team of people who are a very good group of folks, who are dedicated to improving morale, production and performance," Katz said. He expects department leaders will receive more training, while employees will receive awards and recognition.

Katz also has submitted an airport reorganization plan that has received approval from County Executive Edward McNamara that calls for more oversight on parking and food concessions. It has not been approved yet by the county com-

mission.

Some of the airport's physical improvements will focus on customer service, particularly in security. Security checkpoints will be revamped this year in the Smith Terminal to eliminate the "tremendous bottlenecks," Katz said.

"We're looking at the expansion of (concourses) A and B to combine that into one checkpoint," Katz said.

Security will have four sets of screening equipment instead of two.

"It would clear up that whole area and make it more user-friendly," Katz said. While the improvements help prevent security breaches, Katz acknowl-

edges that the human element and margin for error is still there. A problem in one of the breaches in January occurred when a guard failed to stop a man for a search.

"We haven't been able to figure out a system where human beings aren't involved," Katz said.

With the additional surveillance equipment, police officers and concourse revisions will be able to shut the complex down in segments instead of the whole concourse. That means passengers in the middle of a security breach may be held over for one hour instead of five, with 1,000 passengers cleared from a concourse instead of 5,000.

Northwest — which is responsible for hiring security employees — is taking the security issue very seriously, Katz said.

"It's a tough job, it's tedious, it's boring. You have to keep people fresh and on their toes. It's a challenging job."

Katz said the airport is finishing rest room renovations. Twenty-four have been remodeled and another 24 are slated for improvement this year.

Katz hopes to add nine customer service agents to the staff of 21.

With the snow removal problems of the Jan. 2 snowstorm in which thousands of travelers were left waiting on taxiways

and then waited days for their baggage, Katz found out just how dedicated airport employees were. Some went to the store for food and medicine for stranded travelers.

"For me it was a new experience. People here put the customers first. People on the snowplows were tremendously dedicated, getting this place cleared out in half a day."

"You can look at how we compared to other airports in that storm."

Chicago's O'Hare Airport also had several flight cancellations due to the storm.

Since the storm, Northwest has reassessed what they should do during the storm. No changes were recommended or made in the airport's snow removal plan after county officials met with the airlines. Katz said Northwest leaving the people on the plane was a "critical mistake."

As for Northwest, "I don't think they'll allow people to sit out there again."

But Katz knows both Northwest and Detroit Metro officials need to work on public relations, especially in the midst of Northwest, acting as the construction manager for the midfield terminal.

"We have a tremendous challenge ahead to earn back whatever trust we lost. The proof will be in the pudding."

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injured or killed in traffic crashes.

Eyesight dims and reflex time slows down with age, but not for everybody and not at the same rate, the study concludes.

Can roads be improved and redesigned? Yes, say Bruff and Evans. Some suggestions:

- Traffic signs have letters one-inch high for every 50 feet of distance, and engineers have assumed a "visual acuity" of 20/25. But one study has shown 40 percent of drivers aged 65-74 have vision less than 20/40. Let-

ters should be larger and at a standard of one inch for 40 feet of distance.

- Pavement markings should be wider — six to eight inches on two-lane rural highways instead of four inches. "Wider edge lines make it easier for drivers to control the vehicle under the glare of oncoming headlights."

- Separate left-turn lanes and protected left-turn phases at traffic lights would reduce the number of left-turn crashes.

- More research is needed to set standards, but it's apparent

the elderly need more "perception-reaction time" to stop at signs.

SEMOG's study noted that the American Automobile Association, The American Association of Retired Persons and the National Safety Council have undertaken educational programs aimed at the elderly.

"This approach is quite beneficial to the large number of elderly who are unaware of recent changes in traffic rules or have only a vague recollection of certain aspects of the principles of

driving learned when they were much younger," the authors say.

The SEMOG study urges greater use of car pooling and use of school buses to transport the elderly when kids are in school.

Source: "Elderly Pedestrian and Driver Study Southeast Michigan," SEMOG Information Services, 660 Plaza Drive Suite 1900, Detroit 48226. Web site: [www.semcog.org](http://www.semcog.org)

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## Finding place in life for why

Friedrich Nietzsche, a 19th century philosopher, said, "He who has a 'why' can bear almost any 'how'."

Research has shown that only 6 percent of the population has a purpose in life ... translating to 94 percent of the people without any "why" to their life.

Do each of us know why we have been put on this earth?

Back when life was more difficult and people were less into self-actualization (Maslow's hierarchy of needs), there was little conscious thought about "why I am here" and more burden on just surviving (food, shelter, clothing).

And yet, significant accomplishments and discoveries came about when people like Copernicus, Benjamin Franklin or Mozart found their purpose and persevered. Sometimes, they serendipitously discovered something great on their way to something else.

Why have a purpose? Does it serve any "purpose"?

People who have a purpose in life say that there are many feelings that come with having a purpose. They report feeling peaceful, on top of the world, content, passionate, alive, complete, balanced, centered, blessed, fulfilled, more grateful, joyful and as if they are making a difference.

Your mission is filled with doing words. It could be to experience, build, love, accept, encourage, commit, live with integrity, live healthily, create, serve, inspire, strengthen or ... you fill in the verb.

### Simple statement

Walt Disney created a simple statement that has served as his company's mission to this day: *To provide excellent entertainment for all ages, everywhere.* The mission of the Disney Corp. is in alignment with what they do. From movies to theme parks, they want you to be entertained in a first-class fashion.

When we write a statement of purpose for ourselves we can think of that purpose as the hub of a wheel for everything we do. If the wheel is the hub of our "being," then the spokes are the *doings*.

Sam ambled through his life aimlessly without any sense of purpose. If something came up, and it felt good, he usually did it (the spokes of the wheel). Sometimes, he did things impulsively and ended up in minor scrapes with the law and having problems in his marriage.

Finally, one day, he stopped and thought about his life. He asked himself what he valued. He thought about who he treasured. He challenged himself to think about what was really important to him. He wondered what in his life he was doing that was worthwhile.

In his self-reflection, he wrote down that he wanted his purpose in life to be two things. He wanted to have a feeling of peace and a feeling of usefulness in everything he did.

### The hard part

Then he tackled the hard part. He wrote down all the things he had done that had been neither useful nor brought him peacefulness. The list made him a little sick. *I haven't been there for my children; I haven't sacrificed or given of myself.*

It was then that he was able to come up with a mission for himself. And it was this: *My life's mission is to love and encourage which will bring me a sense of peace and a feeling of usefulness.*

Today, he does only things that are in alignment with his mission and his purpose.

Who benefits from your having a purpose? Your spouse, your relatives, your children, colleagues, supervisors, acquaintances, outsiders and, of course, you. Having a purpose in life is one of the best legacies you can pass down to your children. It will not only spill over into their lives, but it will model for them how meaningful their lives can be, too.

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## 300<sup>th</sup> year



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The Sikh way: Kuldip Singh (from left) and Dharam Singh play harmoniums and Ravinder Jit Singh the tabla while Pashaura Singh (photo at right) reads from the Scriptures at the Gurdwara Guru Nanak Sikh Temple.

## Sikhs mark anniversary of Khalsa

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Children tend to be cruel. They poke fun of kids without perfect bodies, complexions or grades, and others of different faiths and nationalities.

Because of their unshorn hair and turbans, many younger Sikhs are often teased. To clear up common misconceptions about their religion, area Sikhs are inviting the public to a banquet celebrating the 300th anniversary of the Panth Khalsa (the Order of the Pure Ones) 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Novi Hilton Hotel. The Khalsa is the baptized sect of the Sikh religion.

The banquet is sponsored by the three area temples - Gurdwara Guru Nanak Sikh Temple in Plymouth, Sikh Gurdwara in Rochester Hills and The Sikh Society of Michigan in Madison Heights.

"One of our things is we wanted to introduce ourselves. I think people have a lot of either no concept, no understanding of Sikhs or a misconception," said Raman Singh, a West Bloomfield resident and member of Gurdwara Guru Nanak Sikh Temple in Plymouth. "We get confused with Middle Eastern terrorists because a lot of them wear the turbans as well, or they have no idea, especially for our children in the schools. If they go to school, no one understands."

"It's like anybody else. Children tend to be cruel. They're mean to you if you're fat, pimply faced, black in a white school, white in a black school, or Jewish. It's not just us. We just want to show that we're Americans just like anybody else. We just practice our faith

a little differently."

The celebration begins with dinner and videos on Sikhism, and continues throughout the evening with speeches on Sikh history and the importance of the Khalsa. Tickets for the banquet are \$50 per person. For more information, call Tejinder Singh at (734) 416-9012 or Harpal Singh at (248) 373-4658.

"We have invited a real cross section of people," Raman Singh explained.

"We've invited several interfaith leaders. We'll have them do some kind of prayer and small speeches. We've invited a lot of representatives from the different communities - a few mayors, school superintendents and people like that - and some of them will speak as well."

Among those slated to appear are Congressman David Bonior, D-Mount Clemens, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, and Mayor Kathleen McLallen of Novi.

### Religious evolution

The Sikh religion was founded in 1499 by Guru Nanak, who received the call of God while bathing in the Bein River. According to the book, "World Religions," he emerged from the river three days later, gave away his possessions, and said, "There is neither

Hindu nor Muslim."

There were nine subsequent gurus or teachers.

"By about 1699, the 10th prophet or guru or teacher decided it was time to formalize and establish the brotherhood, and also to stop the human guru," Raman Singh said of Guru Gobind Singh. "Now we regard the Scriptures as the guru or the teacher, because the problem is with human beings, you tend to get corruption within the faith. But the Scriptures are unchangeable."

"The faith was also solidified and rules and regulations were formalized."

As part of the evolution of the religion, Guru Gobind Singh founded the Panth Khalsa (the Order of the Pure Ones) on April 13, 1699.

"You can be a Sikh but you may not be baptized," said Pashaura Singh, a member

of the Plymouth temple and a professor at the University of Michigan.

When he founded the Khalsa, Guru Gobind Singh asked all Sikhs to wear the five "Ks" - Kesh or uncut head of hair; Kangha, a comb that symbolizes personal care and cleanliness; a Kachh, white underwear that symbolizes chastity; the Kirpan, a dagger, and Kara, an iron bracelet.

"Every symbol has a number of dif-

ferent interpretations. 'Kirpan' means a symbol of self-respect and honor. You are given sword of honor," Pashaura Singh said as he pulled a small sword from his side. "We never use it as a weapon."

The Kara keeps Sikhs from the misusing their hands.

"It's a gift of the guru and it gives us the message that we belong to the guru," Pashaura Singh explained. "It also reminds us not to misuse the hands. We can not steal anything. It's a kind of handcuff. It's a constant reminder not to misuse the hand, not to misuse the sword."

Many Sikhs, Raman Singh added, do not wear the full uniform because of personal reasons or because they are not baptized.

"Baptism doesn't happen at a certain age. It happens when you feel that you're ready to take on the external as well as the internal responsibilities," she said.

Sikhs are not allowed to smoke, consume intoxicants or eat meat that has been cut slowly.

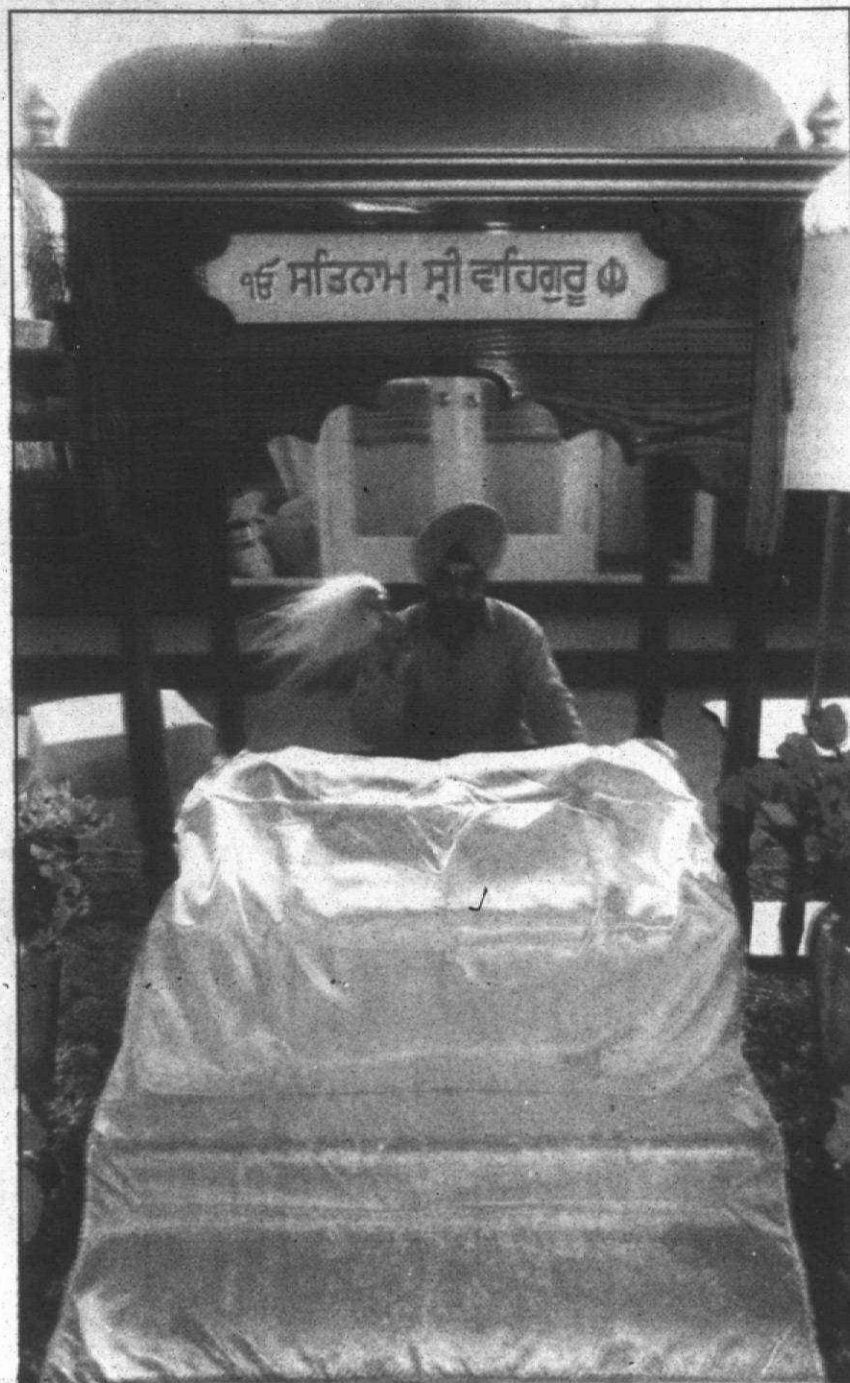
"If the animal is cut slowly it bleeds to death. The animal should be cut in one stroke," Pashaura Singh explained.

### Equality for all

The central shrine for all Sikhs is The Golden Temple, built by the fifth Guru Arjan, in Amritsar in Punjab, India. The Golden Temple has four entrances, one in each direction, emphasizing the Sikhs' belief that anyone is welcome. The only requirement is that visitors cover their heads and remove their shoes.

Services at all Sikh temples are fol-

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Outside view: The Gurdwara Guru Nanak Sikh Temple, formed in 1997, is located on Five Mile, west of Haggerty Road.

## You can raise kind and courteous children

### PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH



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nized you earlier. You have that same kind and courteous attitude."

Could that clerk be your child? The challenge of raising kind and courteous kids is a demanding task, but with consistency and love you can "make it happen."

You're in a department store frantically looking for a last-minute gift. The store clerk greets you with a smile. "Good afternoon, how may I help you?"

You give the clerk your particulars and proceed to browse around. The clerk returns with three different gift ideas. You smile as you notice the name badge.

"Hey, I know your parents. I should have recognized you earlier. You have that same kind and courteous attitude."

Could that clerk be your child? The challenge of raising kind and courteous kids is a demanding task, but with consistency and love you can "make it happen."

First, be a role model. What you do and how you act is noticed by children. Your child is watching your interactions with others. Even when you think they're not paying attention, they are. Children in other rooms of the house notice the tone and pitch of your voice.

The old cliché, "Do as I say and not as I do," will not work here, so take advantage of teachable moments. Easy starters are "Hello" and "Goodbye." Even very young children can learn to say hello and goodbye, when entering and exiting a room.

Children learn at an early age the impressionable lesson of kindness by how you treat them. Your child is watching. Remember to do the right thing!

Next, be consistent with your actions and words. Demonstrate integrity, mean what you say, and model trust. Compliment your friends, family and spouse in front of your child. Make sure that it is genuine.

Tell your child that kind and courteous behavior helps you feel good about yourself. Every moment of every day is the living laboratory of how your child

will form his or her character.

### Consistent example

Kindness is taught by consistent example. Every human interaction has the potential to shape a child's behavior. Use opportunities at the mall, the restaurant and the car wash to point out kind and courteous behavior.

Take time to discuss why certain actions were important. Kind and courteous behavior can be found in simple gestures and casual remarks, like taking time to visit a sick relative or friend, holding the door open for another person and complimenting a person for job well-done.

Give positive reinforcement when your child does something right. For example, "Thank you for your helping me carry the bags. With your help, it didn't take long." Be consistent with your reinforcement, but don't necessarily respond the same way every time. Remember to reinforce kind and helpful behavior.

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# Parenting from page B1

Share dignity and respect with your children. Develop a positive, open environment for discussions. Eye contact with your children will help them develop eye contact with others. This can even be done with toddlers. Have your child look at you when you are talking and vice versa.

Try not to interrupt your child until you believe he or she has completed their thoughts. Share

with your child how it makes you feel when they interrupt your conversation. If your child should need to interrupt a conversation, teach them appropriate language like, "Excuse me please, but I need to use the bathroom."

Use phrases that are comfortable for both you and your child. Have a contest to see who comes up with the most ways to say, "excuse me."

Watching television together provides opportunities for teachable moments. Ask questions like:

- How would you feel if you were that child?
- What just happened?
- How could you help?

Be sure in your conversation to share how you would react in certain situations. Point out how they feel when someone treats them kindly.

Here are a couple of at-home activities to do with your children:

- Buy an assortment of colored adhesive dots. Give each family member a different color. Using the calendar have each member place a dot on the date whenever they see a family member show kind and courteous behavior.
- Acts of kindness can be shared at dinnertime, once a week, or once a month.

After a birthday party or gift exchange sit down with your child and MAKE thank you cards. Have your child write (depending on age) something special for each gift.

- Have your family draw the names of family members from a hat. At least once a day, you must do a kind and/or courteous act for that person without revealing who you selected.
- Post kindness materials in your home or at your child's school. "Kindness is contagious."

Kindness is contagious... CATCH IT! call (734) 727-3139.

Virginia Burns is director of the Head Start program at Starfish Family Services in Inkster.

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lowed by a meal, during which men and women sit together in rows.

"It's usually one lentil and one vegetable dish, bread, and yogurt, and dessert of rice pudding. That changes," said Raman Singh, a 1983 Troy Athens High School graduate. "There are some temples in particularly the southwest in California and New Mexico where there (are more) Caucasian converts to Sikhism, and they have temples. A lot of times they have very Western meals, but they're always vegetarian."

Vegetarian meals also will be served at the 300th anniversary celebration, an event that Raman Singh is anticipating.

"I'm looking forward to several things - the celebration itself, the reaffirmation of the history and also to show my children how excited we are," she said. "It's something exciting for them."

It's a big deal. Just like we feel excited to be around as the millennium changes, this happens only once every 100 years. It's a real privilege to be around."

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Or you can think of it the way Richard Bach thought of it in "The Little Book of Wisdom" (1996, Heath Communications): "Here is the test to find whether

your mission on earth is finished; if you're alive, it isn't."

Jacque Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and

has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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Food for thought?  
It's in Taste

# Nouveau Design stresses teamwork in its creations

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Teamwork is the key to any successful business. Working together for an area design and display company, Raelon Routzahn and Michael Onyskin couldn't deny their camaraderie.

After frequently being told that they should start their own business, the duo did just that. Routzahn, Onyskin and senior design assistant Wendy Atkinson opened Nouveau Design Studio LLC in Canton Township on Dec. 15.

"Everybody was telling us we were crazy not to do it ourselves," said Routzahn, a Livonia resident. "We just felt that there was a really good team and we complemented each other. We felt that we could be very successful in the field together."

Nouveau Design Studio creates custom design exhibits, visual merchandising, store fronts, special event theme decorating, corporate holiday decor and custom-made props.

"We had a lot of people backing us up prior to us coming out," Onyskin added.

That includes Taubman Properties, with which Nouveau Design Studio is getting ready to ink a deal to be its Midwest Regional Visual Merchandisers. For Taubman, Nouveau Design will do all the RMU (retail merchandising units) and all their in-line stores.

"That's a really big thing," she said. "We will design what goes into the kiosks in the malls. What we would do in the in-line store is to do a theme for their store window and the signage."

Staying current

The company's mission is to stay on the cutting edge of the design industry.

"We want to bring our customers the newest, most innovative stuff that's out there. We're going to go to a lot of design shows and things like that," Routzahn said.

Before starting Nouveau Design, Routzahn, an Eastern Michigan University graduate, owned Raelon's Radiant Parties for five years, doing special event decorating for nights like the Montreux Jazz Festival parties and the Grand Prix black tie ball.

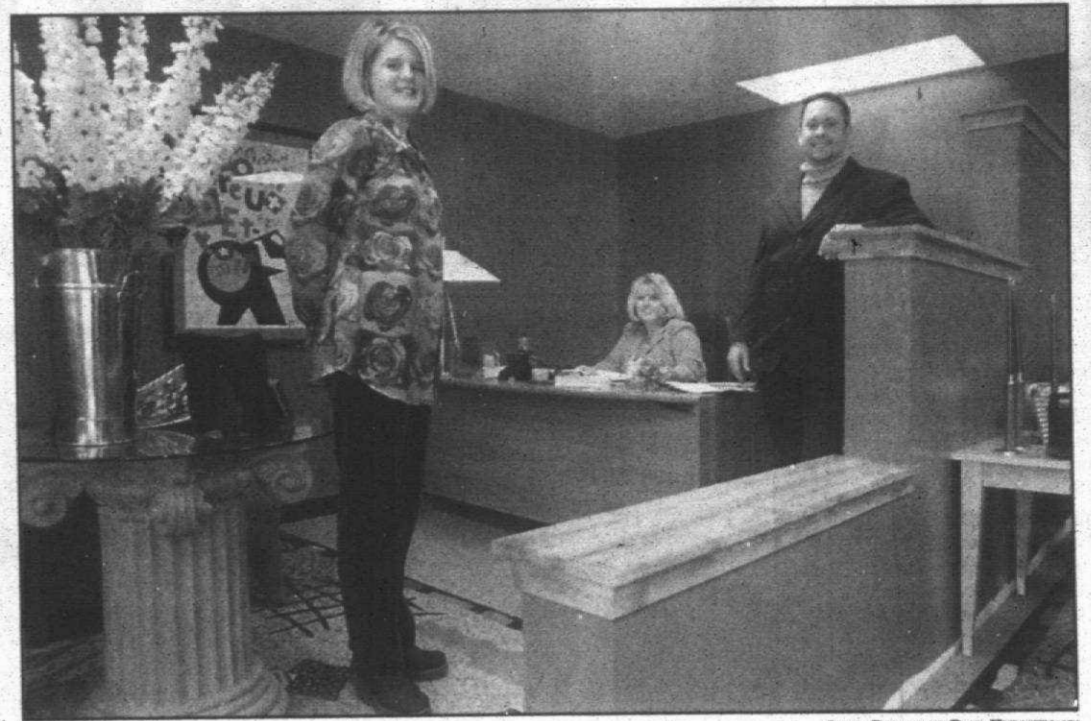
Onyskin, a Dearborn resident, graduated more than 10 years ago from Center for Creative Studies with a degree in editorial illustration.

The two met four years ago when Routzahn was hired as an independent contractor for another area design studio and Onyskin served as her art director.

Routzahn and Onyskin's credits with their former company include the installing the Christmas displays at Lakeside, Westland and Macomb malls and Fairlane Town Center. All the pieces came in boxes and "then we take it out and do the layout, and light all the trees," Routzahn explained.

"We have to have a visual in order to figure out how things go. It's almost like interior design work," Onyskin added.

"You get a big element and you have to figure out where this element is going to fit on the stage. They don't really give you a floor plan or layout where anything goes. You have to figure out how it's going to be put together. It's an incredible job."



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The two are using experiences like those as learning experiences for Nouveau Design where Routzahn serves as president and Onyskin is the chief executive officer.

"I have a really good eye for quality or for uniqueness and Michael has the eye for putting it all together," she said.

Everything, including custom props and faux finishes, is created and built on-site at the studio. "If someone was giving a '50s party and someone wanted a giant jukebox built with lights through it, we could do that," Onyskin said. "Everything that we do is always something different."

Masked marvels

The most recent project was an exhibit of celebrity-designed masks that traveled to Fairlane Town Center, Lakeside Mall and Twelve Oaks Mall. It was promoting the "MASKORADE" fund-raiser for the Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS). The masks will be auctioned at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the International Banquet Center at the Athenaeum Hotel in Detroit's Greektown as part of the benefit.

Soupy Sales, Rosie O'Donnell, Pam Dawber, Vinnie Johnson,

Gov. John Engler, Ted Nugent, Sinbad, Jeff Bridges and several local artists and stars with ties to Detroit created masks for the exhibit. Onyskin made specialty masks for each of the stores.

"We made replicas of the little masks to make the 5 foot tall specialty masks for each mall. They're 5 feet by 4 feet," Routzahn said.

They also designed the cases and the layout for the exhibit, and transported it to each mall.

"We worked with Diana Leone, the marketing director at Lakeside Mall, in designing the cases for the layout of the exhibit. We designed the overhead graphics,

Nouveau look: Wendy Atkinson, senior design assistant (from left), Raelon Routzahn, president, and Michael Onyskin, CEO/creative director of Nouveau Design Studio, are proud of the exhibit they put together for "MASKORADE," a traveling show of masks that will be auctioned off Saturday to benefit the Coalition for Temporary Shelter.

the whole exhibit," Routzahn said.

Next up, Nouveau Design Studio will revamp the Easter exhibit at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn into an English country garden design. It will be on display Saturday, March 20, to Sunday, April 4.

"We want to strive to give really, really good customer service," Routzahn said. "That's going to be our main goal - to be available at all times to provide outstanding customized customer service."

For more information about Nouveau Design Studio-LLC, call (734) 554-6400.

## RELIGIOUS NEWS

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

### 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" 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 new support group for mothers at 7 p.m. Friday, March 12. Afterward, the group will meet 7 p.m. every other Friday in the church's parlor, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford. Some child care will be provided. For more information, call Lisa Bruce at (313) 561-5145.

### FISH FRY

St. Edith Parish will have Lenten fish fries 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, March 12, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. The menu will include baked and fried

## 'Masterpiece' Jeff Steinberg to perform



Jeff Steinberg

He's called a "masterpiece in Progress," but he doesn't look like a masterpiece. Jeff Steinberg has no arms and no legs, but he has a dynamic singing voice that has been likened to that of pop singer Neil Diamond.

A singer and author and in the 20th year of his ministry, he will appear in concert 11 a.m. Sunday, March 14, at Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45810 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Steinberg was born in Philadelphia with multiple birth defects - no arms and two bent, scissored legs - a condition known as Phocomelia, thought to be the result of Thalidomide or similar

drug prescribed for his mother during pregnancy.

He spent his early years in a welfare shelter in Philadelphia and then later at Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children. He underwent numerous operations, learned to walk with braces, feed himself with a hook attached to a prosthetic arm.

In all, he only lived at home for nine months and eventually was placed by the court in the Good Shepherd Home for Crippled Children in Allentown, Pa., a home for severely crippled children where he lived for more than 10 years.

Now age 46, he travels around the country, singing and speaking about the mas-

terpiece in each person and encouraging people to see what God can do through them, no matter what their limitations appear to be.

At 4 feet 6 inches tall, Steinberg holds a microphone in the hook at the end of his artificial arm and uses his singing talent, humorous anecdotes and personal story to inspire his audiences. Steinberg logs more than 80,000 miles a year, performing in concert halls, music festivals and other special events around the United States. He also has record 10 music albums, including his latest, "Tiny Giant."

For more information, about his performance, call the church at (734) 453-1525.

kids know that even difficult situations can turn into hope. The cost is \$15 per child or \$30 per family. For information, call the church at (248) 374-5920.

### CONQUERING FEAR

What do you do when rainwater is pouring in your basement at 3 a.m. and the water extraction company says you're number 200 on its list?

Thomas Mitchinson of Naperville, Ill., he, his wife and daughter prayed to understand that God is the only power and this power is good. As they did that, the water stopped coming in their home even though it still poured outside.

That experience is on of three Mitchinson will detail when he speaks at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 14, in the auditorium of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail. He has been invited to present his lecture, "Don't Live with Fear - Conquer It," by the church.



Mitchinson

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# CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

## WEEKEND

### PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY

The Plymouth Symphony League has started to collect items for its auction at the Plymouth Symphony Pops Concert, which will be Friday, March 12, in Laurel Manor. If you have items or know of a business that is willing to donate items, call Patty at (734) 459-5293. For more information about the concert, call (734) 451-2112.

### KUMON CENTER

The Plymouth Kumon Math Center will hold a free parent information meeting noon to 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 opportunity to sign up the children for a free diagnostic test. For more information or reservations, call (248) 348-3859.

### BEANIE BABY SHOW

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

### PARKINSON GROUP

The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County will hold its monthly meeting 1:30-4 p.m. Sunday, March 14, in the Education Center. Guest speaker will be Beth Spencer, faculty at the University of Detroit Mercy in the geriatric program. She will lead the discussion regarding "Care for the Care Partner." She is the co-founder of Care Giver Connection in Ann Arbor. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call (734) 930-6335 or (734) 741-9209.

## AROUND TOWN

### PROJECT HEALTH-O-RAMA

Project Health-O-Rama, a morning of free and low-cost health screening services, will be 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 20 at the St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building, 1600 S. Canton Center Road at Summit Parkway in Canton. Free tests include blood pressure, hearing, vision, body composition, depression screening, massage therapy, podiatry screening, nutrition counseling and health education. There are fees for a blood panel other blood testing and take-home test kits. Participants must be 18 or older and bring a driver's license or other identification. For information call St. Joseph Mercy at (734) 712-5206.

### IRISH WRITER'S NIGHT

Irish Writer's Night will be held 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, in the Box Bar, next to Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth. Featured readers are Jerry Maloney, Tony Johnston, the Rev. Rod Reinhardt and Anna Cary Barr. For more information, call (734) 459-7319.

### AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion Plymouth Passage Gayde Post 391 will hold a monthly meeting 8 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at the Legion Post, 173 N. Main, Plymouth. All veterans are welcome. For more information, call (734) 459-7890.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Canton Historical Society will meet 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11, in the Canton Historical Museum, on Canton Center at Heritage Drive. Guest speaker will be David Washburn on the Spanish-American War. Guests welcome. Refreshments will be served.

### LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Christian Preschool will hold a preschool registration 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 13, at 45000 N. Terrior, west of Sheldon, Plymouth Township. Enrollment fee is \$35. Monthly field trips and classroom visitors are included. There is also an evaluation and parent/teacher conference twice yearly. For more information, call 414-7792.

### PRESCHOOL OPENING

Garfield Co-op still has openings for preschool. Programs for children 18 months to 5 years old. Located in Livonia, at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road. For more information, call (734) 462-0135.

### SOFTBALL LEAGUES

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will run the following adult softball leagues this spring/summer: Men's Slow Pitch, Women's Slow Pitch, Coed Slow Pitch and Men's Modified. 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.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

The 16th Annual St. Patrick's Day Party for seniors will be held noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, in the banquet area of the Summit on the Park, Canton. There will be a special buffet lunch served

## New officer joins the D.A.R.E. corps



New graduate: Canton Police Officer Stephani Morningstar (center) receives her plaque denoting graduation from a two-week training course to become a certified D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officer in local schools. With Morningstar are Ron Karr, D.A.R.E. advisory board member and Montgomery County sheriff, and Candace Curtis, D.A.R.E. executive director.

### THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. The featured speaker will be Carol Weaver of Domino's Pizza. Weaver will challenge businesswomen to explore customer service from a fresh perspective. Cost is \$18 for members and \$22 for nonmembers. Reservations, (248) 347-3355.

### 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 available. 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.

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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.

### HEALTH FACILITIES

The Schoolcraft College Sunday Health Club charges \$4 a visit. Individual membership fee is \$32. Family membership is \$70 for 13 weeks of unstructured activity in a fully equipped physical education facility. Club members can use three gyms, six racquetball courts, weight machines, the pool and the sauna. An adult must accompany children under 16, and nonswimmers must be 45 inches tall at the shoulder to use the pool. The Health Club continues until March 28. For more information, call Continuing Education Services Physical Fitness at (734) 462-4413.

### ART CLASSES

D&M Studios in cooperation with Canton Parks and Recreation and Plymouth Parks and Recreation (with classes at all three sites) offers fine art classes for the preschool through adult in fully equipped preschool sessions, home-schoolers, student and teen drawing & painting, cartooning, student and teen studio art, high school portfolio preparation, adult oil/acrylic/watercolor, adult drawing skills, adult pastel and adult charcoal. For more information, call (734) 453-3710.

### AUCTION

The Plymouth Christian Academy is hosting a dinner/auction 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, in Burton Manor, Livonia. The theme is "Wild About Education."

### FOSTER CARE

A foster parent orientation will be held 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13. Judson Center Foster Care Adoption Division of Wayne County is seeking candidates interested in obtaining their foster care license. Interested candidates will provide temporary, yet daily, care to children who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned. Judson Center Foster Care provides foster care placements for children between the ages of newborn and 18 years old. Donations of clothing, bikes and beds are always welcome. Foster parents can be married or single and receive financial assistance from the State of Michigan. For more information, call (248) 443-5000, Ext. 141, to reserve a space.

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### HEALTH PROGRAMS

The Plymouth Ministerial Association's 1999 Ecumenical Lenten Program, "The Cross: The Gift of Life," will take place in the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church, corner of Main. The program will take place on each Wednesday of Lent, through March 24. All the services will take place at First Presbyterian Church, but various member churches of the association will be leading the noon service, followed by a bread-and-soup lunch provided by another church. Donations to the lunch will be sent to Habitat for Humanity. Residents of the Plymouth area and persons employed in Plymouth are invited to attend. For more information, call 453-0326.

### HEALTH PROGRAMS

The Plymouth Ministerial Association welcomes the Plymouth community to the Ecumenical Lenten Gatherings held every Wednesday through Lent at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth at 12:05 p.m. with a worship service followed at 12:30 p.m. lunch of soup and bread. The members of the following churches will provide the worship and the lunch: March 17, worship by St. Kenneth Catholic Church and lunch by First Baptist Church; and March 24, worship by First Baptist Church and lunch by First Methodist Church.

### TAX COUNSELING

Free tax counseling for seniors will continue until April 13 in the Parkview Room at the Summit on the Park, Canton. Appointments are necessary. Morning and afternoon appointments are available with tax counselor volunteers. Arrangements can be made for home visits to the homebound. This program is sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons. For more information, call (734) 397-5444.

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## Baran-Smith

Erin D. Smith and Steven M. Baran were married Jan. 23 in Sarasota, Fla. The bride's stepfather, Dr. Richard Arno, performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Roger D. Smith of Worthington, Pa., and Richard and Phyllis Arno of Sarasota. The groom is the son of Chet and Juanita Baran of Belleville and Ron and Sue Cook of Westland.

The bride is employed as a medical assistant at Great Lakes Orthopedics in Garden City. The groom is employed by Meijer Inc. in Westland.

The couple took a honeymoon in Sarasota. They are making



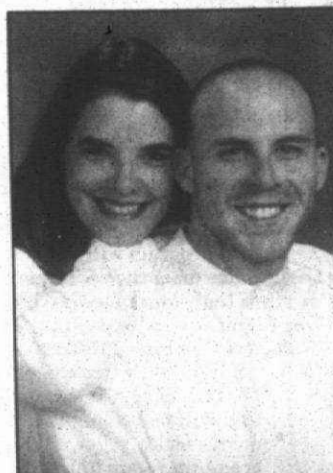
their home in Livonia.

## Martin-Worpel

Jim and Jann Martin of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, April Lynn, to Jason Edwin Worpel, the son of Mark and Mary Worpel, also of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1998 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree and a major in marketing. She is employed as a merchandiser at the Kmart Resource Center in Troy.

Her fiancé also is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is the owner of Part Ride Inc.



planned at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia.

## WRC joins in 'Clean Your Closet'

It's the time of year to clean our closets, right? Well, there's no better motivation to do so than to help women who are entering, or reentering the workforce - and need a hand up the business ladder. WJBK FOX 2's "Working Women" program has teamed up with Art Van Furniture, Women's Resource Center of Schoolcraft College and local Dress for Success agencies for Clean Your Closet Week March 14-21.

FOX 2 and Art Van Furniture are working together to collect gently used women's business attire while the WRC and Dress for Success are handling clothing distribution.

Clothing can be dropped off at all Art Van Furniture stores in

the Detroit area 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

People are asked to drop off women's business attire in all sizes, including plus sizes, including dresses, suits (including pant suits), professional skirts, dress/tailored slacks, coats, new cosmetics, blouses, jackets/blazers, shoes (that are not badly worn), scarves and unused, unopened packages of pantyhose and knee-high stockings.

Appropriate receipts for tax deductions will be available. Individuals who donate clothing will receive a coupon for special savings on accessories at Art Van Furniture.

Women who are entering the

workforce for the first time or reentering the workforce and who need assistance in obtaining the proper attire to do so, can call (248) 552-5188 to make an appointment with an agency.

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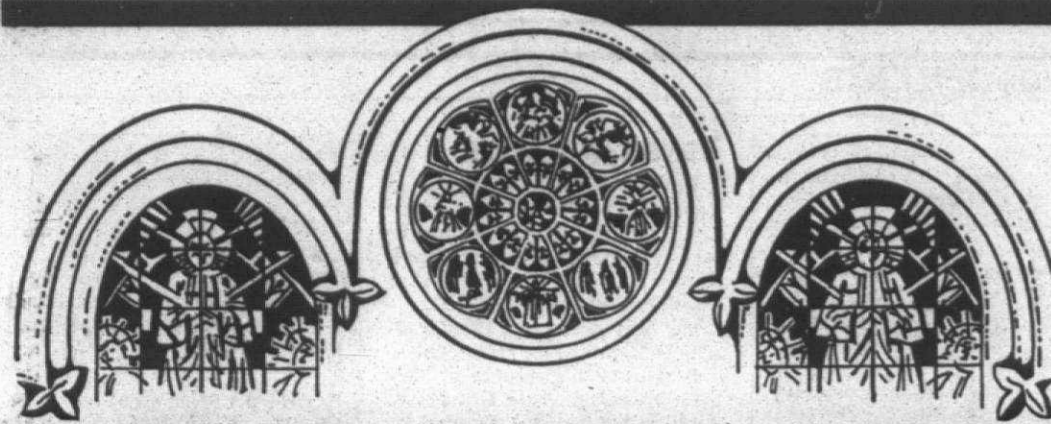
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## Religion from page B3

Mitchinson is an experienced Christian Scientist healer and writer. He serves as a Christian Scientist chaplain at Cook County Correctional Facility in Chicago and is a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship.

There is no admission charge and no offering will be taken. Child care will be provided. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-1676.

**SEMINAR FOR GROUPS**  
National speaker and author Dale Galloway will address starting, building and multiplying small groups and small group leaders in churches during the "Successful Small Groups Seminar" 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at Tri-City Christian Center, 2020 Hannan, east of I-275, Canton. The registration fee is \$99 per person, with discounts for groups. To register, call (734) 326-0330 or (800) 420-2048.

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Church is inviting the public to attend a Celebration of Friendship Service 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, March 14, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The service will feature a message of hope and friendship by the Rev. Luther Werth and a music ministry by adults and children. Complimentary breakfast will be served 9:30 a.m. and a coffee hour will be held after the 11 a.m. service. For more information, call (734) 522-6830.

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The multifaceted singing group, Proclaim, will provide special music at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services and perform in concert at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Day Road, Redford. The concert will include original compositions from the group's nationally released projects, "Thankful Hearts" and "Acapella Praise." For more information, call at (313) 937-3170.

**"THE RIDE"**  
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**FAMILY SHOW**  
Dan Bergen along with his son, Nicholas, and daughter, Alicia, will be ministering in a program of praise and worship featuring vocal, piano, saxophone and violin 6 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at Calvary Missionary Church, 29850 W. Six Mile, Livonia. A free will offering will be taken. For more information, call (734) 261-5050.

**LENTEN PROGRAM**  
St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will have a potluck dinner and performance Sunday, March 14, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Dinner will be 6 p.m. and participants should bring their place settings and a dish to pass. Frieda Spafford, president of the Detroit Conference Foundation, will present a program on Indonesia at 7 p.m. There also will be a children's mission study for those in kindergarten-fifth

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**HYMN OF ST. PATRICK**  
The Hymn of St. Patrick - which expresses much of the early Celtic Christian faith - will be presented 7 p.m. Monday, March 15, at St. Maurice Parish, 32766 Lyndon, Livonia. The program will look at the life of St. Patrick and studied the hymn. For more information, call (734) 421-5340.

**WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP**  
Geneva Presbyterian Church is hosting a free orientation session for the Weigh Down Workshop weight loss group 7 p.m. Monday, March 15, at the church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton

Township. Regular classes are held from 7-9 p.m. Mondays beginning March 22. Men and women are welcome. First-time participants will receive 12 audio cassettes for home study and a study manual. Classes will include videotapes, group discussion, prayer and fellowship. The fee for first-time participants is \$100. For more information or to register, call Mary Kay Siebel at (734) 459-9077.

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St. Raphael Parish will have a Shamrock Shuffle card party 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, in the church Activities Building, Merriman Road north of Ford Road, Garden City. Tickets are \$6 each and include dessert, coffee, blarney bags, table and decorations. For more information, call (734) 522-8595.

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Seidelman all-MAC

Eric Seidelman, a 1995 Plymouth Salem graduate now a junior at Eastern Michigan University, was instrumental in the Eagles' second-place finish at the Mid-American Conference Swim Championships, held last week at EMU.

Seidelman, a team co-captain, placed in the top five in three individual events and was on three winning relay teams. His performances earned him all-MAC honors.

He was second in the 200-yard freestyle (1:39.61), third in the 50 free (20.48) and fifth in the 100 free (45.37). The 200 free and 800 free relay teams he swam on both set pool records (1:20.79 in the 200, 6:42.15 in the 800); the 400 free relay won in 3:00.50.

EMU, which won the MAC title in 1998, scored 742 points in placing second to Miami of Ohio.

### Hammerheads win title

The Hammerhead Sharks of the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association are the 1998-1999 league champions in the Little Caesars Mite BB Division III. The team posted an 11-1-2 season under head coach Tim Davison.

Team members are Bryan Davison, Kyle Reno, Joey Fava, Joel Majszak, Roman Kahler, Adam Powers, David Onorato, Shawn Simancas, Ryan McKigney, Nick Bargowski, Harrison Hall, Ian Barnaby, Jeremy Caiarelli, Austin Kronig, Sam Ott and David Sweirszcak.

Assistant coaches are Frank Majszak, Rich Bargowski and Steve Reno.

### Madonna signs 2

Madonna University volleyball coach Jerry Abraham has received letters of intent from a pair of recruits: Hayley Ann Myers of Milford HS and Jen Wing from Rochester Adams.

Myers, a 6-foot middle hitter/outside hitter, was a three-year player and a team captain as a senior. She was also a varsity basketball player.

Wing, a 5-8 setter, is expected to compete for a starting position in the fall. She has been named all-league, all-region, all-Eccentric, all-Metro and all-conference in each of the last two seasons, and she was third team all-state last season.

They join a Madonna team that won the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship while posting a 44-7 record, losing in the NALA Great Lakes Region semifinals.

### Soccer Zone 99 champs

The Canton Storm, an under-10 soccer team, swept the Soccer Zone 99 Tournament title last month at Novi Soccer Zone by winning four-straight games, outscoring their opponents 30-6 en route.

The Storm beat the Livonia Bad Boys 7-1, the Canton Shooters 7-2, the Holly/Davisburg Wolfpack 11-2 and the Okemos Hard Attack 5-1.

Team members are Brooks Belhart, Adam Brown, Matt Collins, Chris Dolinski, John Farmer, Mike Goff, John Hoven, Austin Poirier, Daniel Robinson, Carl Roll, Scott Schrimsher and Ausable Schwiebert. The team is coached by Steve Schrimsher and Ray Poirier.

### Baseball clinic

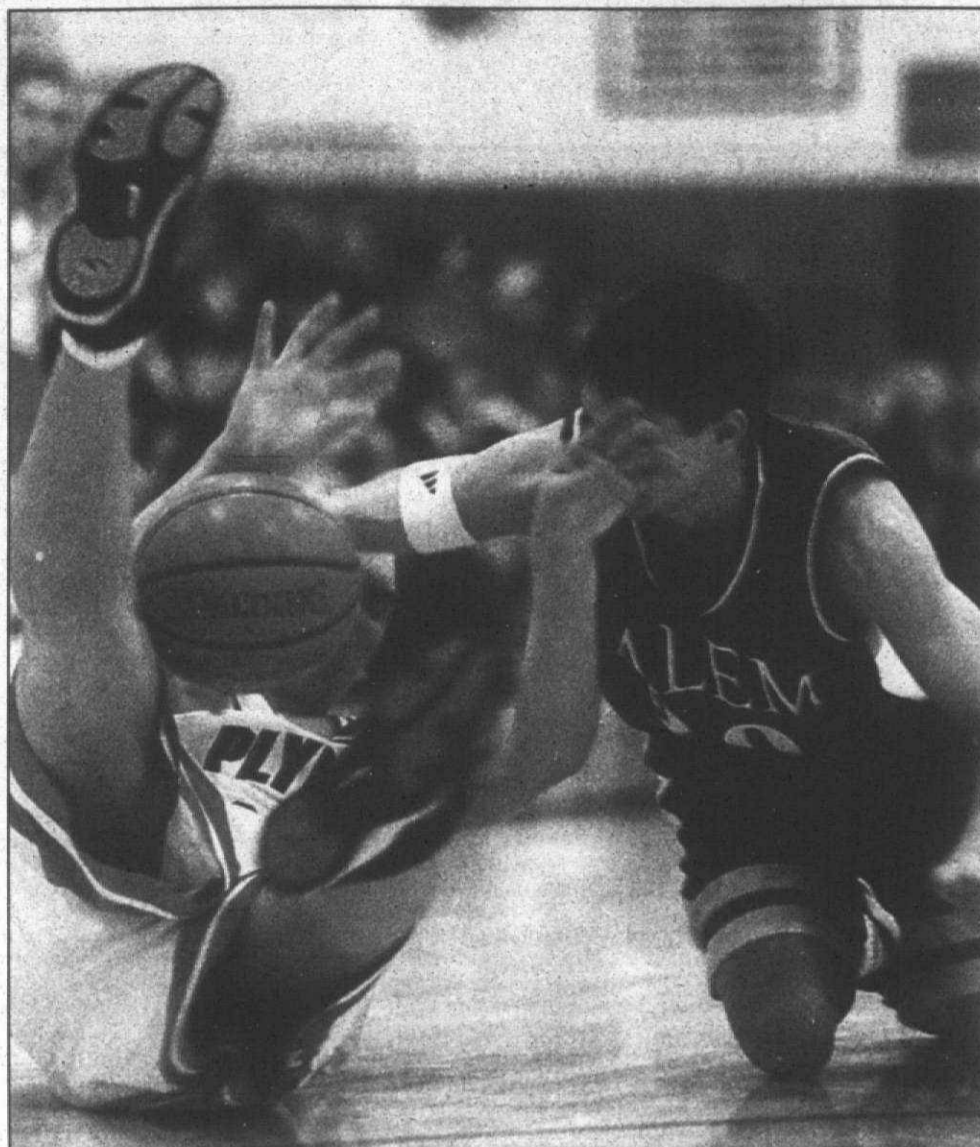
The Plymouth Salem HS baseball team and coaching staff will sponsor their annual instructional clinics Saturday, March 27 and Sunday, April 3 in the Salem gym. Cost for each session is \$20, which includes a hot dog lunch.

The 11-15 year-old session will be 9 a.m.-noon each day; the 7-10 year-old session will be from 1-4 p.m. Lunch will be served from noon-1 p.m. Mail your check (made payable to the Plymouth Salem Dugout Club) to the Plymouth Salem Dugout Club, 10782 Red Maple Drive, Plymouth, 48170.

For more information, call Bill Styles at (734) 453-1679.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

## Rocks turn to roll



**Taking a dive:** The defensive efforts extended by both Salem and Canton — as shown by Salem's Mike Korduba (right) and Canton's Jason Waidmann — often ended in wrestling matches for possession of loose balls. Waidmann, who scored 16 points in Canton's win over Churchill two nights earlier, was limited to six by a swarming Salem defense that ultimately forced 27 turnovers.

## Salem scrambles past Canton

BY C.J. RISAK  
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Limits. That's what coaches do — test their players' limits, destroying old barriers and replacing them with another challenge. It's the path an athlete follows to realize his/her potential.

Wednesday night in the Plymouth Canton-vs.-Plymouth Salem district semifinal, played at Canton, limits were reached. As Canton coach Dan Young said after his Chiefs lost 53-48, "It just wasn't meant to be. We prepared as hard as we could prepare, we played as hard as we could play. We left it all out there."

"It just wasn't meant to be. We lost to a better team." There was no lack of effort in this game, not by either side. The difference between the two teams was easily discernible: Salem had better depth.

The Rocks, now 17-4, used that element to great advantage. They went the final 90 seconds of the third quarter and the first 2:18 of the fourth with all five starters on the bench. In that span, they outscored the Chiefs 7-2.

When the starters returned to the floor with 5:42 left in the game — rested

and ready — Canton deflated.

Not all at once. The Chiefs continued to work, creating turnovers (Salem had 11 in the second half, after committing just five in the first) and lunging for loose balls.

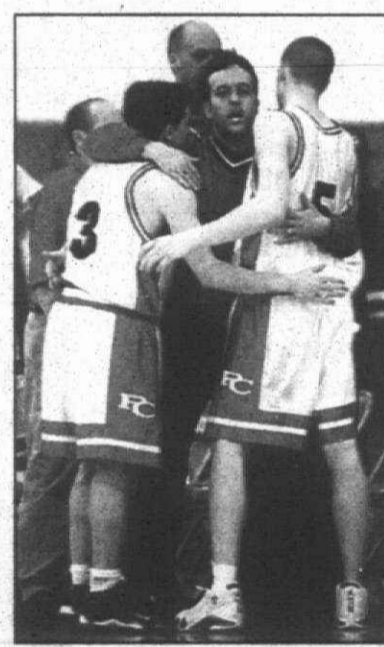
But they couldn't take advantage of their best chance to overtake the Rocks. After Andy Brandt's basket with 6:51 left in the game, Salem did not score again for nearly 3 1/2 minutes, missing four-straight free throws (two of them one-and-ones). In that span, however, the Chiefs managed just one basket while turning the ball over five times.

A lot of that had to do with the Rocks' defense, which completely disrupted Canton. An inside game that had accounted for 42 points in the Chiefs' opening round win over Livonia Churchill was absent against Salem: Jason Waidmann, Nathan Rau and Scott Samulski combined for just 10 points.

That left the offense up to Joe Cortellini. The senior guard responded, hammering away for 22 points — including four three-pointers. But he could not do it all himself, and no other Chief had more than seven.

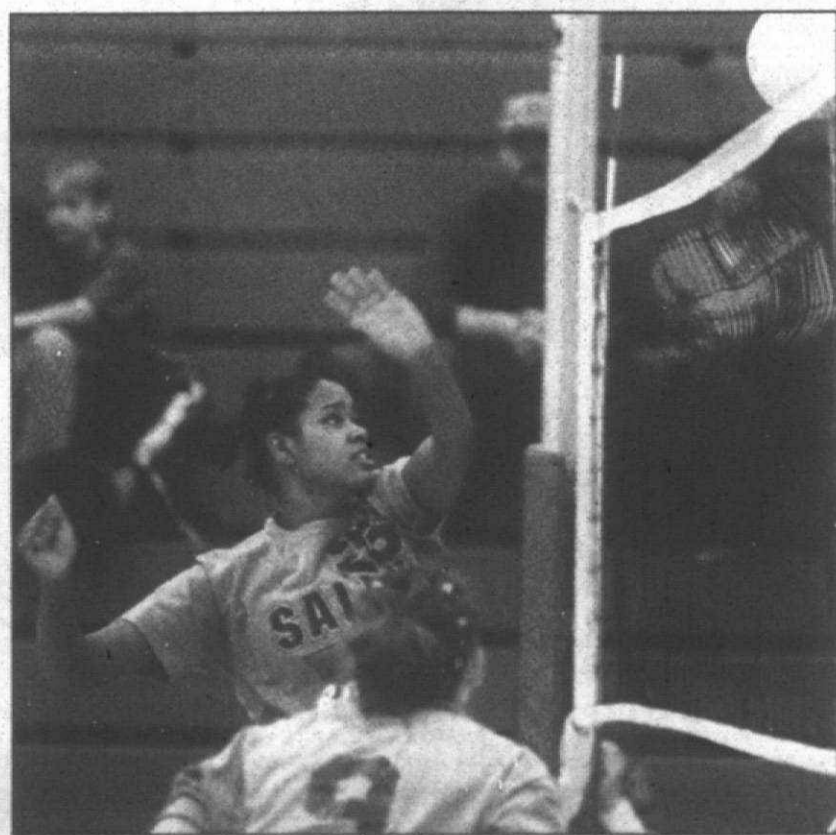
Adam Wilson topped Salem with 14

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STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

**Worthy effort:** Canton coach Dan Young consoles seniors Joe Cortellini (left) and Scott Samulski.



**Big smash:** Salem's Angie Sillmon had a major impact at the net in the district tournament, collecting 39 kills in three matches.

## Salem survives a Charger challenge

BY C.J. RISAK  
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A war of nerves — that's what playing Livonia Churchill in volleyball is. The Chargers often take the best opponents to the three-game limit, wearing them down and frustrating them.

Plymouth Salem was well aware of Churchill's methods going into Saturday's Class A district final at Novi HS. It didn't make it any easier to play the Chargers, but by the third game it was the Rocks who did the wearing down to win the deciding set 15-5. Salem won the opening game, 16-14; Churchill won the second, 15-13.

Salem, now 46-10-1, advances to Friday's regional at Ann Arbor Huron. The Rocks will play Saline after the Livonia Franklin-vs.-Wayne Memorial match, which starts at 4:30 p.m. The championship will be at approximately 7 p.m.

Churchill bows out at 29-12-3. "We were very competitive in the first two games," said Churchill coach

Mike Hughes. "I thought in the last game, the difference was Salem got good swings at the ball and we didn't. You've got to give (Salem) credit — they've got good athletes and they played well."

"I was pretty pleased with the way we played. I thought we got the maximum out of our players."

Indeed the Chargers did. The two teams had met twice earlier this season, Salem winning in three games in their Western Lakes Activities Association regular-season encounter followed by a split of their two-game set at the WLAA Tournament.

"I thought it would be tough," said Rocks' coach Tom Teeters. "That first game was crucial, and it could have gone either way."

"If we didn't win that, there wouldn't have been a third game."

The first set was indeed a gut-wrenching test. Neither team scored more than two points on a serve; Salem's biggest lead in the game was

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If they weren't prepared to be used for target practice before, the Plymouth Whalers better be now.

For the first time in franchise history, the Whalers are ranked No. 1 in the Canadian Hockey League in the weekly Bank of Montreal/MasterCard Canadian Hockey League's Top Ten. The ranking is done by a panel of NHL scouts.

The Whalers own the best record in the entire CHL — 49-11-4. Their 8-1-1 mark in their last 10 games boosted their winning percentage to .797, also best in the CHL. They have already clinched first place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division, and their 102 points is one better than the Barrie Colts, who dropped from third in the poll to fourth.

The Calgary Hitmen (48-10-7), members of the Western Hockey League, dropped from No. 1 in the rankings to No. 2. The Quebec Remparts (48-12-5), who compete in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, are No. 3, followed by a pair of OHL teams: Barrie (48-11-5) and the Ottawa 67s (47-12-4).

### Whalers get win, tie

If there is a single team that must register as more of a concern to the Plymouth Whalers than their record would warrant — like that unreachable itch in the middle of your back, a minor problem that becomes a major annoyance — the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds are it.

In a league that consists of a Big Three (Plymouth, Barrie and Ottawa, each with 98 points or more) and the rest (next best: Guelph, with 84), the Greyhounds are members of the latter. They have a 31-25-7 record, and their 69 points ranks 10th in the 20-team league.

But they have certainly made things rough on the Whalers, the OHL's best team with a 49-11-4 record. Sault Ste. Marie has beaten them once, handing them their first loss of the season (5-4 in overtime Sept. 27), and three times the Greyhounds have forced Plymouth to overtime — winning once, losing once, tying once. The Whalers narrowly averted another OT when they thwarted a three-goals-in-the-third-period Sault Ste. Marie comeback.

The tie came Saturday, and again the Whalers were pushed to the limit. They led 2-1 going into the second period, but the Greyhounds scored three times to take a 4-2 lead. It took a pair of power-play goals by Plymouth, the second with 1:59 left in the game, to

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# Southfield stops CC in district semifinals

Southfield and Redford Catholic Central combined for only 11 points in the third quarter of Wednesday's Class A boys basketball district semifinal and the Shamrocks could have lived with that if they had a majority of the points.

Trouble is, Southfield scored seven and CC four to leave the Bluejays with a 38-35 lead after three quarters. With defensive-minded Ben Kelso as the Southfield coach, that's like a 10-point lead for most teams.

Southfield went on to win the fourth quarter, too, 22-17, and left with a 60-52 victory over the host Shamrocks.

Senior guard Desmond Martin led Southfield with 21 baskets, making six of seven free throws

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to help seal the outcome. Senior forward Malcom Ross added 16 points, including four of five free throws.

The Shamrocks let a 16-9 lead after one quarter go to waste in the second quarter when Southfield enjoyed a 22-17 scoring advantage to tie the score at the half, 31-31.

CC senior guard Nick Moore had a game-high 23 points, including four baskets from three-point range. He also made all five of his free throws.

Southfield, 13-8 overall, advanced to the district final to play Detroit Redford at 7 p.m.

Friday.

CC finished its season with a 15-7 record.

**Redford CC 60, Henry Ford 55:** Senior guard Nick Moore scored 20 points and dished out 12 assists Monday to lift Redford Catholic Central (15-6) past Detroit Henry Ford (7-14) in the district opener.

Juniors Rob Sparks and Matt Loras chipped in with 12 points apiece for CC.

Henry Ford's Morris Hall led all scorers with 22.

**Lutheran Westland 58, St. Alphonsus 52:** The Warriors repulsed a late Arrows' rally Tuesday to win their Class C district opener.

Lutheran High School Westland played host Redford Bishop Boregas in a Wednesday district semifinal game. The Spartans demolished Detroit School of the Industrial Arts, 87-28, to advance.

Junior Charles Hoeff scored 21 of his 27 points in the first half to help Lutheran Westland build up a 40-25 lead. He had 12 of the Warriors' 20 second quarter points.

Senior forward Ryan Ollinger added 18 points to help the Warriors improve to 14-7 this season. Guard Thomas David led Dearborn St. Alphonsus with 17 points and junior forward Lamond Benney hit 16.

A 16-3 third quarter let the Arrows make a run in the second

half but the Warriors staved off defeat with some good defense in the fourth quarter.

**Belleville 73, Franklin 45:** The guard-oriented Tigers showed the Patriots why they made the state Class A finals last year.

Junior guard Kevin Harrison led Belleville with 21 points, senior John Edwards added 20 and point guard C.J. Grantham ran a fine floor game while scoring nine points.

Edwards swished six triples from the corner to help Belleville, host team for the district, raise its record to 14-7.

The Patriots tried to stop the outside shooting with a zone defense. The few times they went to a man-to-man, the more

experienced Tiger guards beat them off the dribble.

Franklin, which won one of 20 games this season, got 15 points from sophomore Joe Ruggiero, who made three three-point shots himself. Dustin Kuras had 11 and junior Derek Schema scored nine.

"They're a tough team," Franklin coach Dan Robinson said of his opponent. "They're good."

"Our kids played hard and never gave up. We had good attitudes all year long."

Franklin trailed, 22-11, after one period and 46-22 at the halfway point. The Patriots made half their 16 free throws while the Tigers missed five of the eight free throws they tried.

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points. Rob Jones added 13 and Aaron Rypkowski netted 10.

The game's turning point came in the second quarter. Canton expanded an 11-10 lead after one period to 16-10 early in the second, on a three-point play by Mike Major and a Waidmann basket. Then something gave way.

The Chiefs had made four turnovers to that point. But Salem kept switching defenses, and its various full-court presses began to pay dividends. In a three-minute stretch of the second quarter, Canton suffered a turnover on seven consecutive possessions.

That fueled a 12-point run for the Rocks, seven scored by Jones, and gave them a lead (22-16) they would never relinquish.

"We changed defenses quite a bit, and I thought that kept them on their heels," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "Our traps were effective. We have good team quickness, it's just tough to do that the whole game."

Which elevates further what Salem's bench accomplished midway through the second half, when the outcome was very much in doubt. The Rocks had expanded their five-point halftime advantage to 32-21 with 5:29 left in the third quarter, but the Chiefs battled back to within 33-31 on a Major basket with 1:33 left in the quarter, and the floor now filled with Salem's back-ups.

Canton never tied it, however.

One starter that deserves a great deal

of credit for Salem advancing to Friday's district final (7 p.m. against Novi, a 59-49 winner over Northville) is Wilson. Usually a deadly long-range shooter who is often relied upon to jump-start the Rocks' offense in the first quarter, Wilson struggled from the field in this game. He missed his first four shots in the opening period and had just one basket in the game.

But while the other Rocks were struggling mildly from the free-throw line (they combined to make 8-of-17), Wilson came through. He canned 12-of-14 from the stripe, including eight-in-a-row in the last quarter — four of those coming after Salem had managed to make just one of its previous eight.

Wilson also made a pivotal defensive play in a game filled with such gems. A Jimmy Reddy drive and score with 2:08 left in the first quarter had brought Canton to within four points, and the Rocks had possession after a Salem miss. But Wilson read their outlet pass, stepping in to intercept it — and seal Canton's fate.

The Chiefs, who finish with a 12-10 record, committed 27 turnovers (nine coming in the second quarter); they were also 7-of-10 from the line, compared to Salem's 20-of-31. The Rocks had 16 turnovers.

Although Salem hasn't played Novi, its opponent in Friday's final, this season, Brodie is well aware of the situa-

tion facing his Rocks. "I told our kids, there is no celebration here," said the coach. "The last two times we played Canton, in last year's district (semifinal) and during the season this year, we lost our next game, both times against Northville."

"We have to overcome that." They'll get their shot at redemption tomorrow night in Canton's gym.

**Canton 64, Churchill 45:** The Livonia Churchill strategy looked like a winner — at least for a half.

The Chargers used an extended zone defense against Plymouth Canton in the district opener hosted by the Chiefs Monday. Their object: "We wanted to take away their perimeter game," explained Churchill coach Rick Austin.

Those who have witnessed the sharp-shooting abilities of Joe Cortellini and Mike Major know the damage Canton can do, especially from three-point range. So Austin's game plan seemed reasonable.

And his Chargers carried it out well, pressuring well and keeping Cortellini, in particular, off the scoreboard. He had just five points in the game — all in the first quarter.

At halftime, Canton had a 21-18 lead. But things changed in the second half. "Churchill came out at us with a little pressure, and it caught us off guard," said Canton coach Dan Young.

"We tried to regroup at halftime. We really focused on the inside game in the second half."

Indeed the Chiefs did. Jason Waidmann, Nathan Rau and Scott Samulski combined for 42 points to lead their team in a dominating second-half performance. Waidmann finished with 16 points, while Rau and Samulski added 13 apiece.

"We made them beat us from the inside," said Austin. "And Canton capitalized on that. (Ryan) Vickers, (Brandon) Garlack, (Ryan) Cousino and (Brad) Bescoe — those four guys played very well on defense. They took away Cortellini."

Unfortunately, it left too many holes for the bigger Chiefs to take advantage of inside. Canton converted 10-of-15 second-half floor shots and drew a lot of fouls (20 in the second half). They were 20-of-25 from the line in the second half (80 percent) and 22-of-29 in the game (76 percent). Churchill was 9-of-19 from the line for the game (47 percent).

"Canton's a smart team. They adjusted," admitted Austin.

Rau's presence inside, with Waidmann, was particularly effective. The 6-foot-2 senior scored eight third-quarter points, making all six of his free throws, as the Chiefs outscored Churchill 16-7. Samulski took over in the final quarter, converting five straight from the line while scoring nine points in Canton's

27-20 fourth-period surge. John Bennett paced the Chargers with 17 points, 11 coming in the fourth quarter on three three-pointers and two free throws. Devin White was next highest with eight.

Churchill finishes with a 7-14 record — its best since the 1990-91 season.

**PCA 71, Huron Valley Lutheran 30:** There were no thoughts of extending the season by any of the Westland Huron Valley Lutheran players after the first quarter of their Class D district opener at Jackson Baptist Monday.

That's because Plymouth Christian Academy wasted no time taking command, outscoring the Hawks 23-5 in the opening quarter. By halftime it was 44-16.

"We jumped on them early," said Eagles' coach Doug Taylor. "We played real good defense. It was a great team win and a good way to open district play."

Nine Eagles scored in the game, with Michael Huntsman leading with 24 points and 10 rebounds. Jordan Rose contributed 15 points, six steals and five assists, and Dave Carty totaled eight points, six steals, four rebounds, four assists and three blocked shots.

Rene Arnel topped Huron Valley with 11 points.

The Hawks finish their season with a 2-16 record.

# Crusaders making most of Florida trip

Madonna University's softball fortunes could be in good hands with Janell Leschinger and Janelle Schmidt.

Especially their pitching hands. Leschinger took a no-hitter into the seventh inning, setting for a two-hitter Tuesday, as Madonna defeated Malone College, 2-1, on Vicki Malkowski's game-winning solo home run in the bottom of the seventh.

In the Crusaders' second game of the afternoon, Schmidt hurled a one-hitter while her Madonna teammates were pounding out 17 hits in an 8-0 beating of Robert Morris College.

Madonna is getting its spring games in at Fort Myers, Fla.

The Crusaders made three errors

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against Malone, which scored an unearned run in the second. Madonna tied the score in the fourth before Malkowski won it with her two-out blast in the bottom of the seventh.

Leschinger (3-1) walked just one and struck out seven. She allowed two hits with two outs in the top of the seventh but retired the side with no damage.

Madonna scored five runs in the first and three in the second to cruise past Robert Morris in the second game. Schmidt (1-0) struck out seven and didn't walk a batter.

The Crusaders made three errors

Kelly Zurawski and Jamie Cook had three hits each. Courtney Senger, Jenny Kruezel and Missy Bako had two RBI apiece as the Crusaders raised their spring record to 5-4.

Madonna started its three-game winning streak Monday with a 17-7 pulverizing of Mercyhurst. Tanya Liske allowed four hits and four runs in the first three innings and gave up three runs and three hits. The Crusaders pounded out 20 hits in the game, scoring 12 times in the third.

The Crusaders opened their season Saturday, splitting two games. They lost a 5-2 decision to Slippery Rock before coming back to blank St. Joseph, 9-0.

Senger had two hits against Slippery Rock and Bako was the losing pitcher. Leschinger allowed one hit in five innings of work against St. Joseph in the second game. Kruezel had just one hit, but it was a home run, and she drove in four runs.

On Sunday, Madonna played three games. It dropped a 10-1 contest to Anselmi, pounded Waynesburg College, 9-1, and lost to Holy Family College, 7-2, getting just one hit.

Leschinger collected the win over Waynesburg with one-hit, six-strikeout work in five innings. Cook and Senger each drove in a pair of runs while Kristy McDonald had three hits.

Madonna dropped a 5-2 game to Avila

College on Monday. Leschinger gave up eight hits in seven innings but the Crusaders could only muster five.

Senger led the team with a .444 batting average after Madonna's first nine games. Jen Walker and McDonald were each at .391 while six other Crusaders were at .300 or better. The team was hitting .335.

Malkowski and Kruezel had the team's only home runs. Senger had the team's RBI lead with nine but Kruezel was right behind at eight.

Schmidt had a 1.02 ERA for 13 2/3 innings of work and Leschinger was at 1.46 for 24 innings. Leschinger had walked 11 but had struck out 20. Opponents were hitting just .138 against her.

## DIVING

### INDIVIDUAL CLASS A BOYS DIVING

#### REGIONAL MEET RESULTS

##### March 9 at Grand Rapids North

##### Top 12 qualify for state meet:

Andrew Silukis (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 499.75 points; 2. Paul McCarty (Ypsilanti), 488.50; 3. Chris Geronzi (Walled Lake), 442.55; 4. Conrad (Adrian), 413.45; 5. Folk (Ann Arbor Huron), 382.95; 6. Chris McFarland (Westland John Glenn), 377.60; 7. Joe Labovis (North Farmington), 366.95; 8. Walter (Woodhaven), 365.40; 9. David Meyers (Walled Lake), 352.90; 10. Greg Bransu (Redford Catholic Central), 342.25; 11. Hookberry (Brighton), 334.50; 12. Zinich (Pioneer), 322.35.

##### Other participants:

13. Mike Mattis (CC), 312.35; 25. Scott Clark (John Glenn), Justin Goodwin (N. Farmington), Mike Baslin (Livonia Stevenson), Greg Kubitski (Salem), Ken Douglas (Livonia Franklin), Blake Brunner (Canton), Chris Mavetta (Redford Union).

Following is a list of boys Observerland best swim times and diving scores. Coaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara by faxing information to (734) 591-7279 or calling (734) 953-2141.

### 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

(state cut: 1:42.99)

North Farmington 1:40.37  
Plymouth Salem 1:41.14  
Livonia Stevenson 1:41.35  
Plymouth Canton 1:43.11  
Redford Catholic Central 1:45.31

### 200 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 1:58.38)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:44.71  
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 1:47.71  
Brandon Diggs (N. Farmington) 1:48.79  
Matt Casillas (Salem) 1:49.10  
James McPartin (John Glenn) 1:50.34  
Joe Bubitz (Stevenson) 1:50.61  
Don LeClair (Canton) 1:51.18  
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 1:51.80  
Ryan Meekins (Canton) 1:52.49  
Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:53.25

### 200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

(state cut: 2:03.99)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:57.33  
Joe Bubitz (Stevenson) 1:57.82  
Paul Perez (Salem) 2:04.26  
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:06.40  
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 2:06.83  
Sonny Webber (Wayne) 2:07.00  
James McPartin (John Glenn) 2:07.36  
Eric Lynn (Salem) 2:07.56  
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:08.04  
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:08.06

### 50 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 22.59)

Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 21.68  
Andrew Locke (Salem) 21.92  
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 22.59  
James McPartin (John Glenn) 22.65  
Mike Nemer (Salem) 22.74  
Brad Buckler (Stevenson) 22.78  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 22.80  
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 22.81  
Joe Bubitz (Stevenson) 22.88  
Mark Wachsborg (N. Farmington) 22.99

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Joe Labovis (N. Farmington) 261.75  
Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 257.20  
Greg Bransu (Redford CC) 256.30  
Mike Mattis (Redford CC) 230.50

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Walled Lake Western: John Eagle, George Thompson, Jerry Hargan; North Farmington: Matt Kelmingan, Phil Wajha, Brian Shulman; Plymouth Salem: Rob Jones, Jake Gray; Westland John Glenn: Ben Harris, Bill Foder, Reggie Spearman, Stephen Woods; Farmington Hills Harrison: Dave Pesci, Matt Reed, Joe Hundley, Brian Nelson; Plymouth Canton: Jason Waidmann, Mike Major; Walled Lake Central: Mark Bortz, Joe Paletta, Eric Jackson; Northville: Brett Allen, Ryan Eller, Travis Bliss; Livonia Churchill: John Bennett, Ryan Vickers, Randall Bobbige, Devin White; Livonia Stevenson: Keshay McBriston, Marty Kennedy, Ryan Tobin; Farmington: Justin Milus; Livonia Franklin: Dustin Kuras.

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**CLASS A**

at PLYMOUTH CANTON

Friday, March 12: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Birmingham Groves regional semifinal vs. Detroit Mumford district champion.)

at RED CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Friday, March 12: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Dearborn regional semifinal vs. Detroit Cady district champion.)

at BELLEVILLE

Friday, March 12: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Ypsilanti regional semifinal vs. Monroe district champion.)

at BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAKEVIEW

Friday, March 12: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Birmingham Groves regional semifinal vs. Southfield-Lathrup district champion.)

**CLASS B**

at BLOOMFIELD HILLS ANDOVER

Friday, March 12: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Warren Woods-Tower regional semifinal vs. Warren Woods-Tower district champion.)

**CLASS C**

at REDFORD BISHOP DORRIS

Friday, March 12: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Petersburg-Summerfield regional semifinal vs. Whitmore Lake district champion.)

**CLASS D**

at JACKSON BAPTIST

Friday, March 12: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Hillsdale College regional semifinal vs. Uitchfield district champion.)

**STATE TOURNAMENT REGIONAL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PAIRINGS**

**CLASS A**

March 12 at Ann Arbor Huron

Semifinals: Livonia Franklin vs. Wayne Memorial; 4:30 p.m.; Plymouth Salem vs. Saline, 6 p.m.

Championship final: 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 16 at the University of Michigan's Cliff Keen Arena vs. the Dearborn regional champion.)

March 13 at W.L. Western

Semifinals: Birmingham Groves vs. Rochester Adams, 11 a.m.; Waller Lake Central vs. Farmington Hills Mercy, noon.

Championship final: 1:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, March 16 at Saginaw Heritage vs. St. Louis regional champion.)

**CLASS C**

March 12 at Ann Arbor

Semifinals: Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett vs. Southfield Christian, 5 p.m.; Lutheran High Westland vs. Almont, 6:30 p.m.

Championship final: 8 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, March 16 at Saginaw Heritage vs. St. Louis regional champion.)

March 13 at

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## Pats stop Spartans; Blazers out

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You can call them the new kids on the block.

Upstart Livonia Franklin, with just two seniors on its roster, proved Friday they're for real, winning the Class A district volleyball tournament at Livonia Ladywood.

The Patriots, who captured the Western Division title and took second during the regular season in the Western Lakes Activities Association, ran its overall season record to 35-12-1 with a 15-13, 15-9 win over city rival Stevenson in the championship final.

The victory avenged two regular season losses to the Spartans and moved Franklin into its first-ever regional appearance in school history.

Backed by a spirited Patriot crowd, Franklin stormed back from a 9-2 deficit in the first game and 9-6 deficit in the second to bring home its first-ever district trophy.

"In practice we keyed on fundamentals and do what we do best, which is to attack," Franklin first-year coach Mary Helen Diegel said. "We wanted to see Stevenson in the final because we had lost two very tough matches. We felt it was our turn."

Diegel also sold the Patriots all week on throwing all the records out of the window.

"When it's the state tournament everybody is zero-zero, it's a clean slate and it's a whole new ball game," the Franklin coach said.

Tera Morrill, a 5-foot-10 junior, was one of the Patriots' catalysts with 10 kills, four aces and two blocks.

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The lefty helped offset the hitting of Stevenson's outstanding 6-10 senior, Stephanie Dulz, who finished with nine kills, three blocks and two aces.

Morrill also came up with some key defensive digs off Dulz in the second game.

"There is an excellent all-around player," Diegel said. "And Dulz is a strong hitter. We were prepared for her to attack from the right side and fortunately we pulled through."

Andrea Kmet, a 5-10 junior, contributed six kills and one ace. Nicole Boyd, a 5-10 senior, added five kills, two blocks and one ace. Sophomore Kerstin Marshall also had a couple of blocks, while the Patriots also received steady play from Alexis Bowman, Lyndsay Sopko and Lyndsay Duprey.

Kristi Copi added four kills, one block and an ace for Stevenson.

"It was tough playing Franklin a third time after beating them twice — and both those matches were wars," said Stevenson coach Kelly Graham, whose team finished 34-15-2. "Franklin had the advantage. They had nothing to lose."

Graham said the Spartans had struggled with serve receive and blowing leads all season long.

"You don't know which team was going to show up — the A team, which plays with a lot of intensity, the B team — which is up and down, or the C team, which you have no idea who they are," Graham said.

"Once we'd get down, teams would just pick us apart."

"And Franklin was more to prepare to play us. They mixed up their hits. They tipped some balls and just didn't hit away. They were very effective."

The Spartans definitely had the tougher draw in getting to the final.

They opened with eight-time Catholic League champion Ladywood in the first round.

Dulz was on top of her game in the 15-9, 16-14 victory with 15 kills, 13 blocks (including three solos) and three aces.

"Stephanie will truly be missed," Graham said. "We'll miss both her ability and her leadership on and off the court. Those are big shoes to fill."

Junior Kate LeBlanc, expected to carry the load next season, added four kills and six blocks (four solo). Sophomore setter Kelley Hutchins came up with 12 assists in 40 attempts.

Ladywood was led by Central Michigan signee Jenny Young, who finished an outstanding career with 14 kills.

The host Blazers, who bowed out at 30-17 overall, had the second game tied at 14-all, but Dulz served an ace and Ladywood followed with two blown serves and a hitting error to end the match.

"Dulz is an awesome player," Ladywood coach Larry Wyatt said. "And Stevenson played with more passion and intensity."

"When it's a 14-14 game the team that works the hardest will win. We missed a couple of serves and it was just a lack of execution."

The 6-1 Young had not practiced at full speed during the week after injuring her wrist in the Catholic League final on Feb. 18.

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### SATURDAY



"1964 ... The Tribute," a Beatles tribute band, returns to the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit <http://www.themagicbag.com>

### SUNDAY



Guest conductor, Hans Vonk (pictured) leads the Detroit Symphony Orchestra with guest Jean-Pierre Rampal 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$13-\$48, call (313) 576-5111.

## HOT TICKET



Kids can roll up their sleeves, create a hand puppet, and enjoy a variety of family-oriented activities at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn during Family Fun Month, weekends through Sunday, March 28. The museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., call (313) 271-1620 for more information.

Love affair: Playwright Karim Alrawi's story examines the relationship between Edsel and Eleanor Ford.



## A mural transcends walls

### Meadow Brook's 'Gift of Glory'

raises expectation for regional-specific theater

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When he arrived at Meadow Brook Theatre two years ago, Karim Alrawi never suspected that the educational outreach program placed in his charge would extend so broadly.

Ostensibly, as the theater's playwright-in-residence, he has lectured about drama at local schools, and encouraged area writers in their literary pursuits.

But Alrawi's most lasting impression might be the parable for the stage he's created about one of the most recognizable symbols of labor, technology and gritty Motown — Diego Rivera's "Detroit Industry Frescoes" at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Because of the widespread anticipation for his new play, "Gift of Glory," based on the relationship between muralist Rivera and Edsel Ford — who funded the wall painting — Alrawi is proving that indigenous stories have a place on center stage. Especially if that stage is at Meadow Brook Theatre, with its slipping subscriber-base, sluggish ticket sales, and reputation for predictably safe, albeit high-quality productions.

The subtext of "Gift of Glory," which opens this week for a three-week run, may be the play's foreboding sense of how art transcends ruthless aggrandizers and short-sighted politics.

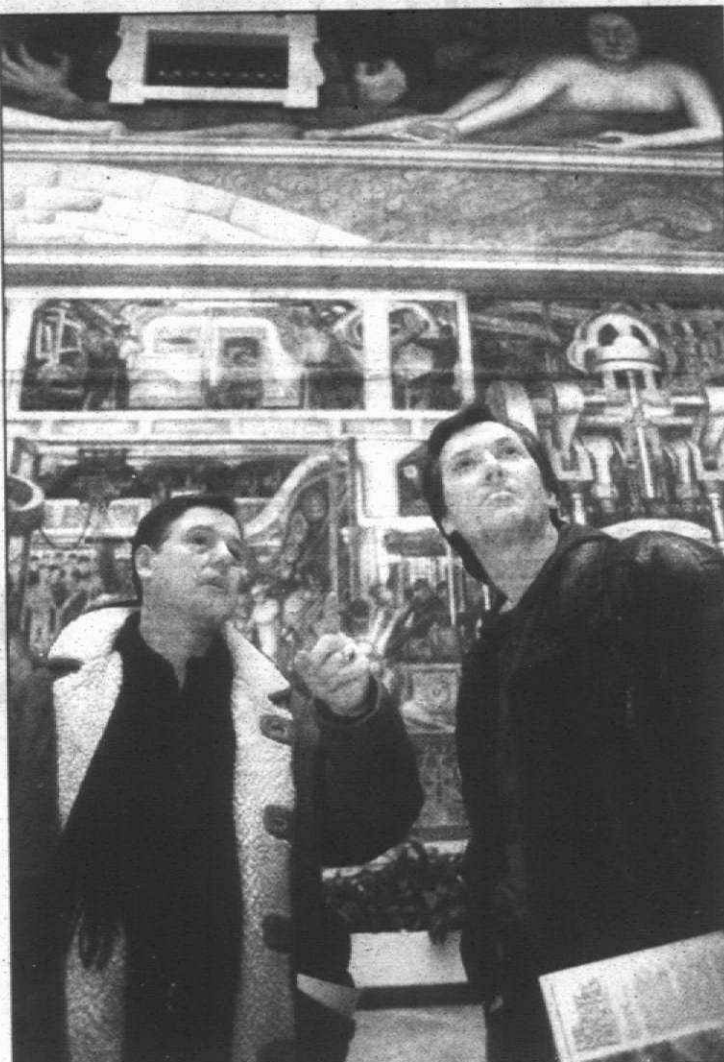
Throw in a couple subplots about the love story between Edsel and Eleanor Ford, the "common man" in search of a rallying cause, and the layers of Alrawi's drama come to life.

On a more practical level, however, "Gift of Glory" may also hold a clue to Meadow Brook's future.

#### History revisited

"This play demonstrates one of the most important reasons for a regional theater — doing 'geographically specific theater,'" said Geoffrey Sherman, artistic director at Meadow Brook.

"Not only will 'Gift of Glory' get an audience, but many people will



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Inspired: Playwright Karim Alrawi, left, discusses Rivera's mural with actor Geoffrey Beauchamp. The cast spent a day at the Detroit Institute of Arts to study the mural.

realize that they can't get this kind of intimate, communal experience anywhere else."

Ironically, those central to the play's development aren't even from the area. Alrawi, Sherman, director Deborah Wicks and five of the seven-member cast are transplants to the region.

The Egyptian-born Alrawi, who

speaks with impeccable diction and an accent inherited from his British mother, recognized that sometimes you just don't see what's right in front of you.

"Growing up in Alexandria, I thought the pyramids were a pile of rocks," he said.

That, of course, understates the type of biographical mining Alrawi has done to recreate the milieu of Detroit in the early 1930s: a time of economic depression, class warfare and ideological

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STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAND

Surrounded by history: Chris de Oni, left, portrays artist Diego Rivera in "Gift of Glory," directed by Debra Wicks, (right).

**WHAT:** "Gift of Glory: Edsel Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts," written by Karim Alrawi and directed by Debra L. Wicks

**WHEN:** Through Sunday, April 4. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, except 6 p.m. Saturday, March 13 and March 27; 2 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday; and 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

**WHERE:** Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills

**TICKETS:** \$19.50-\$35. (248) 377-3300.

## HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

### St. Patrick's Day events showcase local talent

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

Denise Marie Costello of West Bloomfield, recently crowned the Maid of Erin, is looking forward to celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

"It's an honor," said Costello, 22 about being crowned Maid of Erin, and the responsibility that goes along with it. "My father grew up in Ireland. I've always been interested in my family's history."

She and her court — Maureen Lewis of Livonia and Bridget Mulcahy of Canton, will be participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade Sunday, March 14. The parade begins at 2 p.m. on the corner of Michigan Ave. and Third St. in Detroit and ends near Tiger Stadium at the Gaelic League.



Michael Belvitch

Costello was judged on poise, personality and Irish history. For the talent part, she sang an Irish song. "I was actually less nervous this year than last year," she said about the competition. Last year she was first runner-up.

Costello earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in musical theater performance from Western Michigan University. She recently finished "A Wonderful Life," the musical, in Warsaw Indiana's Wagon Wheel Theatre, and is currently involved in an on-camera class taught by Jane Brody one of Chicago's top casting directors.

"I want to be able to perform in musicals or live theater," she said. As Maid of Erin, Costello will be a role model for young Irish girls, and participate in various Irish activities throughout the year.

She's also planning a trip to Ireland. Her Maid of Erin prize package includ-

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#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

■ **Sunday, March 14** — Liz Carroll, Larry Nugent and Jim Dewan in concert with three champion step-dancers at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road (east of Newburgh), Westland. Doors open 6 p.m., concert begins 7 p.m. Dinners and cash bar will be available 6-7 p.m. A warm-up group will entertain during the dinner hour. Tickets \$12 at the door. Call Mick Gavin, (313) 537-3489, for more information.

■ **Sunday, March 14** — St. Patrick's Day Parade, 2 p.m. on Michigan Ave., followed by entertainment at the Irish American Club, Gaelic League, 2062 Michigan Ave., Detroit, call (313) 963-8895 for information. Entertainment will also be offered at the Gaelic League throughout the day on Wednesday, March 17.

■ **Wednesday, March 17** — 14th Annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest featuring over 60 local Irish entertainers at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Doors open 4 p.m. Corned beef and cabbage dinners, snacks and cash bar will be available all evening beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets \$8 at the door. No charge for children accompanied by an adult. Continuous entertainment all evening until approximately 11 p.m. Call Mick Gavin, (313) 537-3489, for information.

■ **Wednesday, March 17** — Blackthorn performs 7-10 p.m. in the School of Management lecture theater on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen Road (between Ford Road and Michigan Ave.) in Dearborn. Also performing will be the Celtic duo of Mike Mullen and Andy Kilburn and dancers from the Kitty Heinzman Ceili Dance Troupe. A sampler of Irish treats will be served during intermission. Tickets \$35 per person, call (313) 943-3095. Proceeds benefit the Fair Lane Music Guild and Dearborn Community Arts Council.

■ **Friday-Saturday, March 19-20** — "Irish Eyes are Smiling" starring June Haver, Dick Haymes and Monty Wooley, guest organist Dave Calendine at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road (at Grand River) Detroit 7:30 p.m. (organ overture), 8 p.m. film Friday and Saturday, and 1:30 p.m. (organ overture), 2 p.m. film Saturday. Tickets \$25, available at the door.

■ **Sunday, March 28** — Concert by Ireland's Golden Tenor, Frank Patterson, accompanied by Eily O'Grady & the Birmingham Celtic Pipe and Drum Band, 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave. (at Parsons) Detroit. Advance tickets \$25 balcony, \$30 main floor, \$50 dress circle. Call (313) 576-6111. Event benefits St. Patrick's Senior Center in Detroit.

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battles between capitalism in need of profound reform and communism holding out the promise of working-class utopia.

So impressed was the Ford family with Alarwi's research that their initial caution turned quickly into a resounding endorsement after reading an early draft of the play.

Perhaps the Fords recalled the hackneyed characterization of Henry Ford in Meadow Brook's 1995 production, "Camping with Henry and Tom," a story about a fictitious camping trip gone awry, involving Ford, Thomas Edison and Warren Harding.

Ever vigilant to preserve the Ford family's reputation, "Gift of Glory" is considered to reveal the deep humanitarianism of Edsel Ford, said John Miller, president of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Estate in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"We're hoping that this is the beginning of Edsel Ford being considered as a courageous and heroic figure," he said.

Indeed, Alarwi compares the Ford family to Italy's Medici family, who supported works by Donatello, da Vinci, Michelangelo and Botticelli.

### Dramatic question

A stack of books on Detroit's first family rests on a file cabinet in Alarwi's first-floor office in Meadow Brook Theatre. By now, the broad details of the lives of Henry, Edsel and Eleanor Ford are no longer drawn in pastels, but deep hues.

Alarwi is quick to cite Edsel's generosity in subsidizing Ford Hospital in the 1920s and 1930s,

paying the bills of the poor, and funding medical research. All the while, he noted, the Ford Family's support for the DIA was integral to the development of one of the country's finest museums.

In addition, Alarwi points out that it was Edsel Ford who established the Ford Foundation, one of the world's largest philanthropic nonprofit organizations.

For the playwright, there's a certain pride in talking about Ford, as if perhaps Alarwi is a distant relative since his father worked as an engineer and his mother was employed as a secretary for Ford Motor Company.

Regardless of Alarwi's admiration for both Ford and Rivera, the dramatic question at the heart of "Gift of Glory" is why would one of the world's wealthiest, most powerful men pay a \$20,000 commission to a renowned communist, albeit the world's preeminent muralist?

### Compassionate portrait

Through "circumstantial speculation," Alarwi offers the motivating reason that Ford funded the mural, then maintained his unequivocal support for Rivera despite criticism about the artist's communist background.

In March of 1931, a few weeks before Rivera arrived to look over the mural site at the DIA, a hunger march at the Ford Rouge Plant turned violent. As laid-off workers marched outside the factory demanding to be employed, Ford Motor Co.'s security officers — under the direction of Ford's Chief of Security Harry Bennett — opened fired on the crowd, killing five and wounding 30.

At the time, Edsel was president of Ford, and resoundingly blamed for the incident. "By many accounts he was sickened by what occurred," said Alarwi.

As a consequence, the playwright contends, the significance of Rivera's interpretative mural of the "working man" became a means of redemption for Edsel Ford.

The collaboration, in Alarwi's view, grew into a symbol that transcended the painting. Typically, Rivera would complete a sketch for the mural, then show it to Ford.

When Rivera expanded the idea for the mural to include the upper part of the walls, Ford responded by doubling the commission.

Alarwi among others contend that Rivera's compassionate portrait of Ford in the mural reflects the artist's affection for the billionaire turned collaborator.

### From an assembly line

Many of the characters in "Gift of Glory" are familiar personages. In addition to Rivera, Henry, Edsel and Eleanor Ford, the story includes Bennett (Ford's ruthless head of security), Father Coughlin (the Royal Oak preacher whose nationally aired radio programs railed against what he saw as anti-American), and William Valentiner, the far-sighted DIA director.

Much like the grandeur of Rivera's mural, Alarwi has constructed mythic-like characters playing out a drama of honesty versus deception, and compassion versus exploitation.

sion versus profiteering.

The play opens as Ford's chief of security Bennett, who Henry Ford called "his second son," looks back at one of the defining moments in the history of Ford Motor Co. — the 1930s, and particularly the controversy surrounding Rivera's mural.

While Bennett was hardly a supporter of Rivera, he does prove to be an appropriate foil to gauge the lasting power of the mural.

In the light of history, Alarwi's "Gift of Glory" suggests that Rivera's mural serves as a metaphor whereby the mechanical assembly line was transformed into a union of sweat-and-blood laborers.

That Alarwi manages to distill such a grand theme into a play essentially about the painting of a mural demonstrates the scale of the playwright's own storytelling gifts.



On location: Dan Kremer (left) as Edsel Ford and Paul Hopper as William Valentiner. Above them on the mural at the Detroit Institute of Arts are the same people they play.

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ed two tickets to Ireland compliments of Key Tours.

"My parents went back to Ireland for their 25th wedding anniversary and saw where my dad grew up," said Costello. "Now I'll have the opportunity to research and explore my family history. I'm looking forward to going there to meet my relatives."

On Friday she and her court will paint a shamrock in the middle of Michigan Avenue, in front of the Gaelic League to establish the start of St. Patrick's Day festivities in metro Detroit.

If you can't make it downtown to the parade, tune in the Irish Hour on the radio, WNZK-AM 6.90 — 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Costello and her court will be on the show.

### Irish concert

On Sunday evening, Liz Carroll, two-time All Ireland fiddle champion and Green Linnet recording artist will present a concert at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland with Larry

Nugent and Jim Dewan.

Nugent, six-time champion of the All-Ireland flute championship has appeared with the Chieftans and Green Fields of America and recorded two solo albums with Shanachie Entertainment Corp. Dewan will provide guitar and vocals. Doors open 6 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7 p.m. with dinner available 6-7 p.m.

"I thought it would be nice to have a traditional Irish concert in metro Detroit," said presenter Mick Gavin of Redford. "These performers are very well known on the Irish music scene, they're well known on the Irish music scene — they're top of the line."

Local step-dancers will also perform including 1998 World Champion Paul Cusick of Plymouth, 1999 All-Ireland Champion Mike Belvitch also of Plymouth, and Pat Quinn, also an All-Ireland Champion. Cusick and Belvitch have both been accepted to join "Riverdance."

A warm-up group of young musicians will perform during the dinner hour.

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### Irish Fest

On Wednesday, Gavin is hosting the 14th Annual Irish Fest which features over 60 local Irish entertainers including Cusick and Belvitch at the Hellenic Cultural Center from 4 p.m. to about 11 p.m.

"There will be corned beef and cabbage dinners, snacks, food for the kids, pop, beer, it's not your regular pub outing," said Gavin. "We get people of all ages. We're beginning to get calls already. People know about it."

Gavin began the event to offer families a way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Jeremy Kittel, a 14-year-old fiddle prodigy from Saline, will perform with Tyler Duncan on uilleann pipes and Sean Gavin, Mick's son, on flute and whistle.

"There are a lot of young people interested in the Irish arts," said Gavin. "We're a little bit behind Chicago and Boston, but we're slowly catching up. These kids are excellent."

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## 'Our Country's Good' strong ensemble piece

"Our Country's Good," continues through March 14, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m., at the Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Tickets \$8-10, call (313) 577-2960. BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

A play within a play may be a familiar convention, but in "Our Country's Good" it is also a vehicle to illustrate the change that occurs in people when they are given a goal and a chance to rebuild their shattered self-esteem.

Brought to Australia via an eight-month sea voyage with conditions similar to African slave ships, England populated and built its new colony of Australia with convict labor. Many of the transported prisoners, some convicted of seemingly minor crimes such as stealing food, lived under brutal, oppressive conditions and lived on the ragged edge of humanity.

A young lieutenant, with the encouragement of his liberal commanding officer, decides to stage a comedy with convicts in the cast, not only for the entertainment value, but for the morale of the convicts as well.

The humanizing effect on the convicts' lives, and the changes in the attitudes of their captors creates a revealing, insightful piece of theater.

Director Blair Anderson has created a strong ensemble piece, creating a core of officers rife with divisions and a cadre of prisoners with bitter personal

rivalries, but an unshakable code of silence and loyalty.

The harshness of the conditions are immediately illustrated by the graphic depiction of the inhumane conditions between decks where the prisoners were housed for the horrendous sea voyage. The audience immediately witnesses a beating for "insolence," a very strong reinforcement of the degradation to which the prisoners were constantly subjected.

What becomes amazing as the play unfolds is that the prisoners are able to endure the taunts and abuses from military personnel while maintaining their tenuous hold on self-respect nurtured by the play being rehearsed. As the convicts rehearse and try to understand characters so different to their own experience, they glimpse a future brighter than their own, while the audience is given a picture of the abject degradation, such as hunger and poverty, they have experienced.

Greg James is the naive and winning young Lt. Clark who takes on the challenge of molding the diverse group of convicts into a theatrical troupe. The convicts, in the process, overcome their ingrained hatred and suspicions to rise above their situation and bring the play to life.

Teresa Ann LaFrance winningly portrays Mary, a beautiful and gentle young convict with whom Lieutenant Clark falls in love despite his strong devotion to his bride in far-off England. Mary is

also pursued by an earnest convict, John Wisenhammer, a Jew accused and convicted in a case of racial bigotry, skillfully played by Dusan Dean Cechvala.

The officers' roles were mostly one dimensional, while the prisoners offered the richest character roles in the production.

Jennifer Hild was memorable as the angry, outspoken Dabby Bryant. Brandon Randless was poignant as he struggled with his guilt as the convict assigned to be the hangman, earnestly assuring his fellow prisoners that he would do it "so they felt not pain."

One anomaly to the richly detailed and well-costumed production was the double casting of some female convicts as male officers. In one back-to-back scene, several female convicts used the brief blackout to don a soldier's coat or wig, and played the military scene with their full skirt and feminine appearance. And since the gesture seemed in no way symbolic, it seems unusual that the director did not utilize other actors from the large Bonstelle company to play the other roles, which were speaking parts even if they were limited to one scene.

Kathleen Crosby of Rochester successfully captured the period and poverty in the convict and military uniforms. The sound effects — a ship under sail, the Australian outback at night, or a prisoner being savagely beaten offstage — were realistic and greatly enhanced the production.



Rehearsing: Kevin Edwards (standing, left to right), Sarah James, Heather Blackwell, Lesa Bydalek (seated, left) and Katherine Hardy in a scene from the Avon Players production of "The Children's Hour."

## Avon offers taut 'Children's Hour'

Avon Players presents "The Children's Hour," Lillian Hellman's adult drama, Friday-Sunday, March 12-14 and Thursday-Saturday, 18-20, at the theater, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. \$13. Call (248) 608-9077. BY MARY JANE DOERF SPECIAL WRITER

There are no apples for the teachers in the Avon Players latest production "The Children's Hour." But, there is one rotten apple that spoils the whole bush in this powerful interpretation of Lillian Hellman's 1934 masterpiece of sexless lies and whispering secrets.

As the scene opens with the theatrical Sheila Lyle, as former actress Lily Mortar, instructing nine young pupils at the Wright-Dobie School, reading the script of a play, everything seems congenial. The girls are dressed in the usual boarding school uniforms — white blouses and red plaid skirts, and other than Lily's odd theatricality, life in the countryside private school seems normal enough.

Then Heather Blackwell enters as Mary Tilford. Mary doesn't follow the rules of the house and while the others are reading their parts in the play she is out walking. She doesn't need Mortar's lessons in acting either.

She has already learned to act and adlib is each situation when her lies get her into trouble. When the teacher, head mistress Karen Wright played by a stately and lovely Lesa Bydalek questions her, Mary fakes an illness and adds lie upon lie.

Wright's fiancé arrives, the Dr. Joseph Cardini who is Mary's Uncle, and examines her to find nothing wrong. Well aware of

the young girl's deviations, he recognizes her phoniness. Then, Wright makes the mistake of punishing Mary by grounding her — an act that sets the entire tragedy in motion. Mary has figured out how to manipulate and play her adoring grandmother against the disciplining teachers, and frighten her classmates into submissively supporting her.

Twelve-year-old Blackwell plays the cunning little brat with an annoying smugness that grinds Katherine Hardy is good as the frightened Rosalie.

Kimberly Britt's tight direction of this drama is best in the pivotal scene between the two headmistresses Karen Wright (Lesla Bydalek) and Martha Dodie (Sarah James). In the smooth dialogue, it becomes apparent that the nervous Martha has three problems — student Mary, Aunt Lily, and the upcoming marriage of her business partner and friend Karen to Joe played by Kevin Edwards.

Britt and her cast give a 90s interpretation of what the play calls "unnatural affection" but what the story is mostly about is the destructiveness of false accusations. When Mary leaves the school and goes home to avoid her punishment, she expounds upon her lies to keep her grandmother from sending her back to school and certain disciplinary actions.

Judy Privasky is the proud and stalwart grandmother, Amelia Tilford who prejudicially acts on Mary's misinformation.

Privasky's dignity and Sheila Lyle's capriciousness as Amelia and Lily make this drama believable. Sarah James has the subtlety tuned acting skills as the unstable Martha to bring the drama to its climatic conclusion.

Tom Russel and Diane Thian-sky and the other students (Julia Rudolf, Kristin Halladay, Tara Subbarao, Trisha Poling, Jennifer Burstein, Katherine Hardy, Kristen Freels, Katherine Timpi) enhance the production.

If it were not for the fact this drama has been repeated too often on the nightly news, this classic might be passed off as only a play. It is a play though with more than an ounce of truth.

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### DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Camp Logan," Celeste Bedford Walker's play about the 1917 Houston riot and court martial, through Sunday, March 21, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 13103 Woodward Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

### JET

"Over Esther," Esther Turner Raab escaped with 300 other women from Sobibor, a Nazi death camp, as a result of the book and film "Escape from Sobibor" Esther received hundreds of letters and poems and letters from children everywhere, the play shows the impact of the correspondence, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre on the lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$13-\$23, discounts for seniors and students; "Anne Frank & Me" continues to March 26 at 10:30 a.m. for students \$5, general \$10, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21 (\$10, \$5 students), at the Millennium Theatre Center, Southfield. (248) 788-2900 or visit the web site at <http://commet.org/>

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## DINING

## Friendly O'Malley's offers something for everyone

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Relaxing after a busy lunch, Patrick Kelly was smiling. O'Malley's Bar & Grill in Livonia, which he owns with his son Brian, has been doing well since it opened on Feb. 17.

There's only a small paper sign on the door, but people seem to be finding O'Malley's, which is tucked into a shopping plaza on the corner of Farmington and Five Mile roads.

They'll be open at 7 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day and have special events throughout the day, including bagpipers at 3 p.m.

Kelly said he chose "O'Malley's" because it's a "catchy, easy-to-remember name."

"We're a family style restaurant with a great bar," he said. "We get a lot of families in here," adds general manager Sandra Bingamen, pointing to the children's menu. There are also booster chairs and high chair for little ones.

The menu offers something for everyone. They have a saying at O'Malley's — "When Irish eyes are smiling, there's always something cooking at O'Malley's!"

"We wanted some great corned beef, which everyone says we have," said Kelly. Tender baby back barbecue ribs prepared with Chef Tony Tocco's sauce are another specialty.

Order a New York Strip Steak, broiled pork chops, or barbecue chicken. If you're hungry for some Irish fare, try Shawn's Shepherd Pie or the

**O'Malley's Bar & Grill**  
**Where:** 15231 Farmington Road, (at Five Mile Road), Livonia (734) 427-7775.

**Hours:** 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to midnight, Sunday. Opening 7 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day.

**Menu:** Something for everyone including sandwiches, salads, soups, Irish specialties, ribs, chicken and fish. Children's menu: Available

**Cost:** Sandwiches \$3.95-\$6.25; entrees \$7.50-\$14.95.

**Credit cards:** All majors accepted

**Carry-out:** Available for all menu items. To fax your order, call (734) 427-6338.

corned beef and cabbage.

O'Malley's also offers deep fried lake perch, fish & chips, broiled white fish, shrimp, and a Catch of the Day. "You can order any item on the menu blackened or Cajun-style at no extra cost," said Bingamen.

Pasta lovers can choose from spaghetti, mostaccioli or Chicken Parmesan. On Friday's and Saturday's, O'Malley's features prime rib dinners, 8 ounce for \$10.95 or 10 ounce for \$13.95.

For lunch, try one of the many



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

sandwiches. From the usual tuna salad, stacked turkey and ham to the "Go Fish! Sandwich," and Portabella Burger — char-broiled giant mushroom cap topped with tomato and Mozzarella cheese on an onion bun. All sandwiches are served with soup of the day and Zapp's pota-

to chips. Patrick Kelly serves Zapp's potato chips because he likes them. They're shipped in from Louisiana.

Be sure to ask about the daily lunch and dinner specials.

"Our corned beef is awesome and our hamburgers are great," said Bingamen. "We offer a

friendly atmosphere. This is a fun place to work. People seem to enjoy themselves when they come in."

Sit at one of the booths or tables for four. There are eight TVs, four in the bar area and four in the dining room.

O'Malley's offers "wonderful

**House special:** Sandra Bingamen presents corned beef and cabbage, one of the items you'll find on the menu at O'Malley's Bar & Grill.

wines," cocktails, five beers on tap and 22 bottled beers including some that are alcohol-free. Finish your meal with dessert and an Irish coffee.

Soft drinks, juice, and even a tropical smoothie delight made with a blend of tropical juices, are also on the menu.

## CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Here are some places to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Wednesday, March 17.

## CONOR O'NEILL'S

318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Open 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday-Sunday. Opening 7 a.m. St. Patrick's Day. Irish dancers, bagpipers will be performing throughout the day. The Diggers begin performing at 9 p.m. The menu includes fish & chips, corned beef & cabbage, Shepherd's Pie and other foods. Call (734) 665-2968 for information.

## COWLEY'S OLD VILLAGE INN

33338 Grand River, Farmington. Open 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sunday. Opening 10 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day. From noon to 5 p.m. Blackthorn will be performing; 7 p.m. to close, Perkins & Friends. Serving corned beef and cabbage dinners and Irish stew, Friday-Saturday, March 12-13. Corned beef sand-

wiches, burger and pizza served on St. Patrick's Day. (248) 474-5941.

## DICK O'DOW'S

160 W. Maple, Birmingham. Open 11 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday; open noon to 2:30 a.m. Sunday. Will be opening 6 a.m. St. Patrick's Day. Breakfast will be available for the early crowd. Serving corned beef sandwiches, fish and chips, and other sandwiches throughout the day. Entertainment includes pipers, Odd Enough, Ravensong, Company of Strangers, and Mo Doyle, call (248) 642-1135 for informa-

tion.

## O'GRADY'S IRISH PUB

585 W. Big Beaver, Troy, (adjacent to the Drury Inn) (248) 524-4770. Open 11-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 1 a.m. Sunday. Menu includes corned beef and cabbage, Shepherd's pie and Irish stew. Entertainment on St. Patrick's Day.

## INNISFREE IRISH PUB &amp; GRILL

6327 Middlebelt Road (near Ford Road), Garden City. Open evenings, call (734) 425-2434 for more information.

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homedcomm.net

## 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

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.

## OSCAR NIGHT AMERICA

Party Sunday, March 21 at The Second City and Risata Restaurant in Detroit's theater district. The gala fund-raiser is the only party in Michigan officially sanctioned by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Tickets are \$125 per person, call (313) 833-0247.

## DON PABLOS

Through April 4 (which is Easter Sunday), Don Pablo's Mexican Kitchen will be featuring four new food items for customers to enjoy during the Lenten season — Shrimp Soup, Tacos Mazatlan (which is lightly battered white fish wrapped in corn quesadillas with roasted green chiles and Chipotle Cilantro dressing on Mexican rice with vegetables and charra beans), a Baja Fish Fry, and a Kid's Fish Fry.

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