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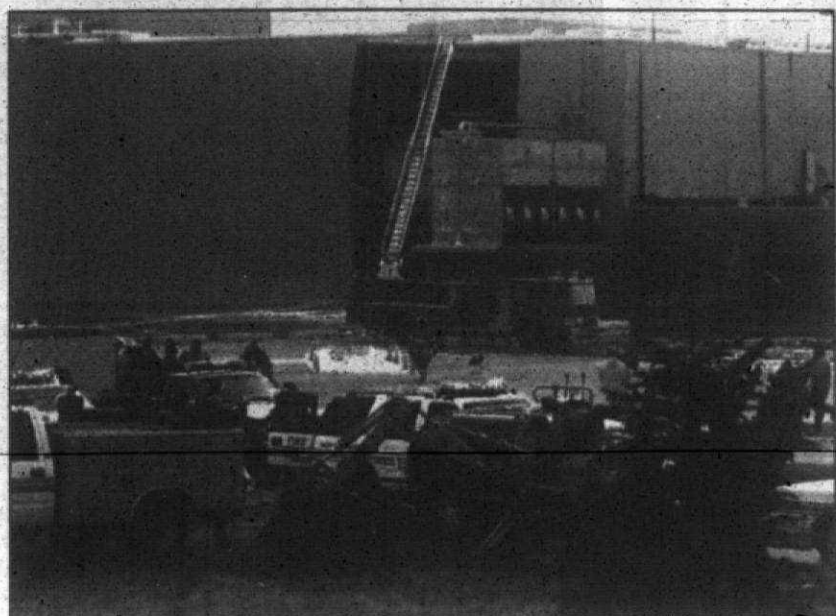
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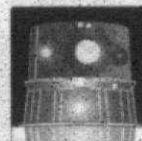
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Ammonia leak at plant injures 3



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Damage control: MichCon workers dig underground to reach a safety valve in front of the Norquick food storage plant on Haggerty, south of Joy, where a Wednesday morning ammonia leak led to an explosion and small fire.



Two employees of Norquick Distributing and a Canton firefighter were hospitalized Wednesday following an ammonia leak and explosion at the frozen food storage facility on Haggerty Road, south of Joy.

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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An ammonia leak at a Haggerty Road business sent two workers and a Canton firefighter to the hospital and caused an explosion early Wednesday morning.

Township firefighters were called to Norquick Distributing on Haggerty Road just south of Joy at 6:53 a.m. and discovered two male employees overcome by fumes. The men were subsequently transported to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

"Their injuries appear to be non-life-threatening," said Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher.

Michael McManamon, 41, of Redford suffered first-degree burns on his hands and ears and reported difficulty breathing. Benjamin Brand, 22, of Mount Clemens reported minor respiratory problems.

In addition, Canton firefighter Jerry

Lica, 84, was treated for inhalation of fumes.

A build-up of ammonia fumes caused a violent explosion at approximately 7:50 a.m. A 20-foot wide hole in the building's northwest corner was opened as a result. A small fire followed. Township firefighters were able to quickly douse the flames, however.

Western Wayne County's Hazmat team was called to the scene. Rorabacher said utilities had to be shut off before Hazmat could enter the building and stop the leak. That was accomplished by early Wednesday afternoon.

"We're taking a very methodical approach to this," he commented. "We want the utilities secured before they go in to eliminate the possibility of any more explosions."

Firefighters sprayed water on the building throughout the morning to

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Class dismissed

Charter school rejected by commission again

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

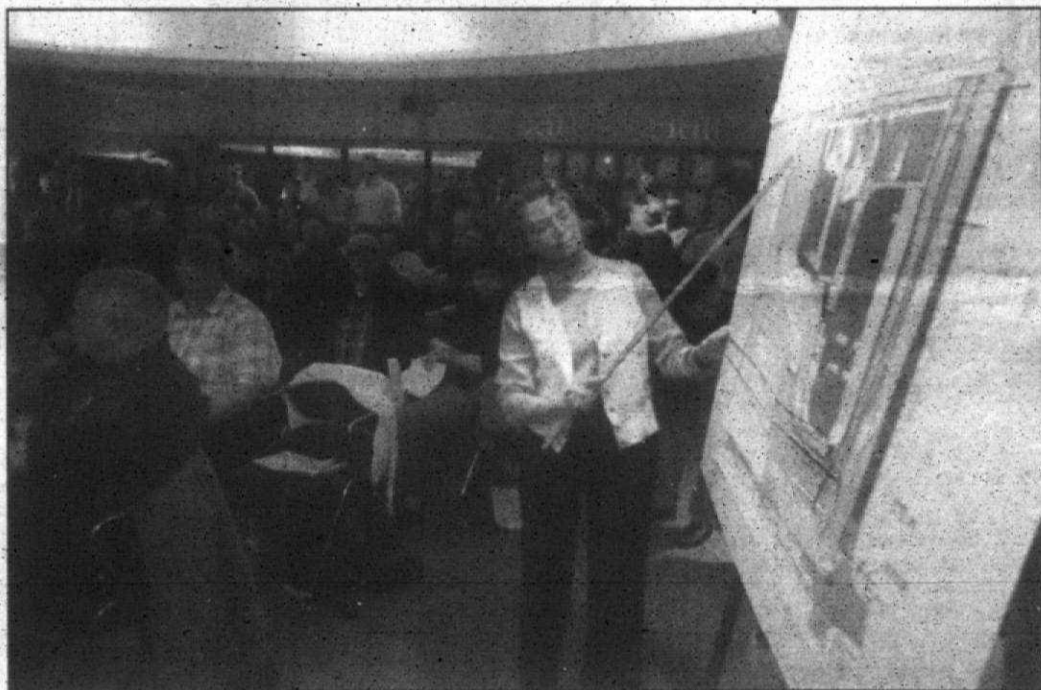
Residents and planning commissioners said they experienced déjà vu Monday when a company wanting to build a charter school in Canton presented a second set of plans.

Related editorial, A14

The planning commission voted 6-0, with Bob Wade absent, to deny Grand Rapids-based National Heritage Academies' request for special land use approval. Commissioners said the project was too small for the amount of land and was not much different than the company's first proposal last March.

The charter school management company's request was to build a two-phase, 650-student school on a 10-acre site at Ridge and Warren roads. Ann Arbor, Pontiac, Jackson, Grand Rapids and Flint are among the cities in which National Heritage operates schools.

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Speaking out: Lois Andres, who lives adjacent to the proposed charter school on Ridge Road, points to a homemade chart of the proposed site while her husband, Fred, addresses the planning commission Monday.

Yack to seek fourth term as township supervisor

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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All seven members of Canton's Board of Trustees plan to run for reelection later this year.

Supervisor Tom Yack will be seeking his fourth term. The township board - which also includes Clerk Terry Ben-

nett, Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter and trustees Robert Shefferly, Philip LaJoy, John Burdziak and Melissa McLaughlin - has been intact since 1995.

"As long as I'm feeling good and contributing," said Yack, "I'll stay."

Those wishing to run for the board must file petitions with the county

clerk's office by May 16 at 4 p.m. The state Legislature is currently determining how many signatures each applicant will need to make the filing.

The primary will be held on Aug. 8 and the general election on Nov. 7. Canton board members ran unopposed in 1996.

Yack said he sees his job as supervi-

sor as being always interesting.

"There's always new and exciting things happening," he added. "I enjoy the variety and constant challenges we face."

Yack said he's unsure about his future after the next four years.

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Tale tellers step up to the mike

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Once upon a time, bards told tales to attentive listeners gathered around fires, with each listener formulating their own version of the tale to pass along to their families and friends.

Years later such tales like "Beowulf," would be put to paper and become required reading for high school and college literature students.

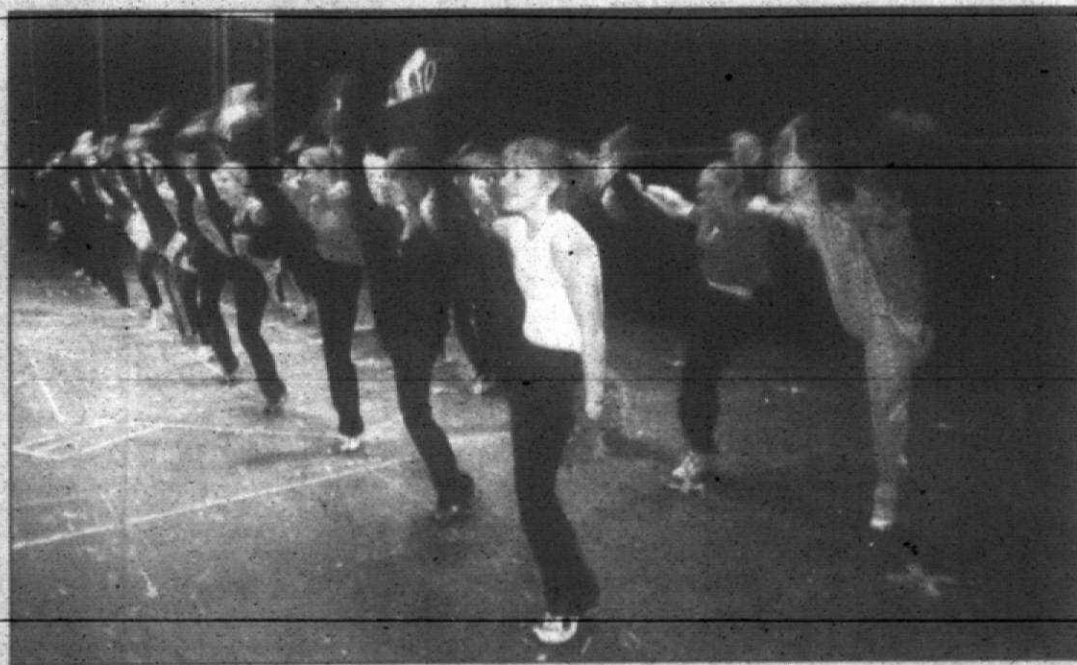
Canton ProjectARTS wants to revive those days of yore with its second annual Storytelling Festival, planned for Jan. 22 at the Summit on the Park. The activities are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and run all day. Admission is \$5 for individuals, \$15 for families of three or more.

"Storytelling is innate in all of us," said Debra Christian of Oral Magic, a storytelling group involved in the day-long event. "It was our first way of passing down history. Christian lives in Superior Township and is a special education teacher with the Garden City school district. She has been a professional story teller for 15 years.

The festival will not only give people a chance to sit back and listen to stories, but also offer

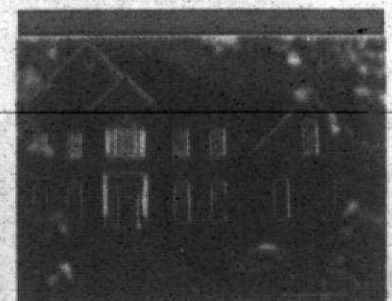
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Chiefettes are 'Millennium'-bound

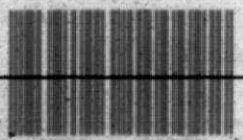


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High steppers: The Canton Chiefettes practice a routine Monday during a rehearsal for their annual variety show, "Kickin' Into the Millennium," which will be presented Saturday at the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.



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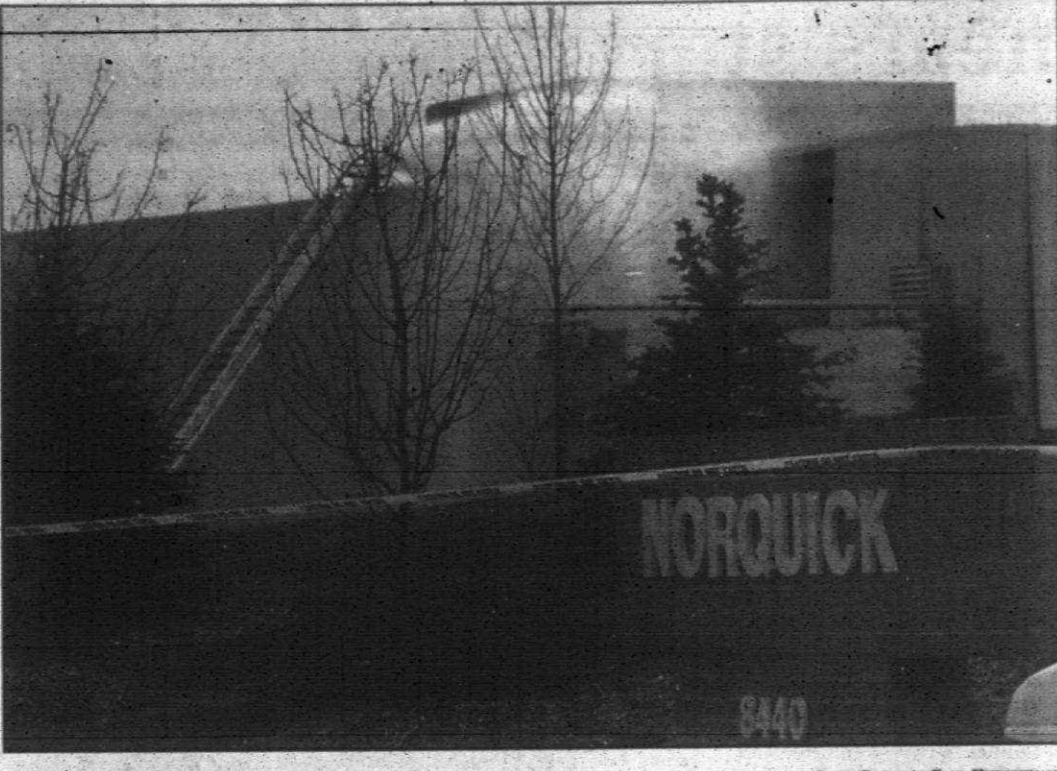
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Ammonia leak

keep ammonia fumes from concentrating. The leak came from a large storage tank inside the building...



Emergency response: Canton firefighters spray water on the Norquick food storage plant...

Man charged for shaking infant

A Canton man is being charged with child abuse after a 6-month-old infant baby was shaken hard enough to cause multiple internal injuries.

The incident occurred Jan. 5 at Everts' Canton Commons Apartment...

Raycraft said she notified the mother of the baby's condition. The infant was first taken to Garden City Hospital...

Robbers get cash, jewelry from home

Nearly \$4,000 in cash and more than \$3,000 in jewelry and clothing was stolen from a Canton man and friends at gunpoint late Saturday.

The three suspects then left the home, reports said. There were no injuries reported.

Officers noted a strong odor of toxicants coming from the men. Breath tests revealed both were legally intoxicated...

COP CALLS

MDOP: More than \$1,000 worth of damage was done to five vehicles at E & M Auto on Yost Road...

Firearms possession: Two unidentified men were arrested by Canton Police early Sunday morning...

Home Invasion: A Canton woman's Woodmere Street home was broken into Jan. 6, according to reports.

Storytelling

workshops for people to improve their own storytelling skills. Storytellers featured will include Christian, 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe...

Goose, Marc LeJarret and Jennifer Ivinskas. Workshops and events include: 10 a.m., "Meet Mother Goose..."

Mountain Men: 7 p.m., family concert with special guests in costume. Tickets may be purchased at the Summit on the Park...

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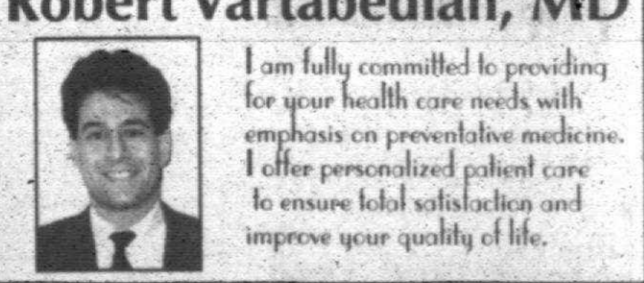
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Summit project

Charter school

Renovations to Summit on the Park will begin late this spring or early summer. The \$1.6 million project will take about a year to complete and feature a larger fitness center...

The commission nixed National Heritage Academies' earlier attempt to build a charter school on Beck Road, east of Hanford by a 4-0 vote.

Opponents' main concerns were with the project's size, increased traffic, the vinyl siding exterior, jeopardizing Ridge Road's Natural Beauty Road designation...



Getting an earful: Bill Case, National Heritage Academy board member (from left) National Heritage Academy Vice President Jeff Poole; and Wayne Seger, project manager from Holland Engineering...

An expanded fitness room heads the list of changes slated for the Summit. The room's current north wall will be knocked out...

Trustees made expansion possible last February by voting unanimously to amend the township's recreation master plan.

The school's plan to re-sod the roadside, install a sidewalk and pave a small portion of Ridge Road would violate the road's natural beauty designation...



Brain trust: Canton Planning Commissioner Karl Zarbo and Chairman Vic Gustafson look over details on the agenda during the commission meeting Monday.

The Livonia Parents of the Visually Impaired will host an annual bowling for Western Wayne County 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at Woodland Lakes in Livonia.

Woodland Lakes is at 33775 Plymouth Road in Livonia. Programs which benefit the children. Anyone interested in helping by either bowling or contributing to the event is invited to call Bonnie Sheriday...

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CANTON CONNECTION

Hall of Fame inductee: Canton resident Larry Masteller, a 1959 Albion College graduate, has been inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Police-student collection drive: The Canton Police Community Policing Team 3 joined up with Field Elementary students recently for a collection drive to help economically disadvantaged families this winter.



Skating for a cause: A special roller skating benefit, "Skating for a Cause," is planned for 8-10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at Riverside Arena, 26635 Plymouth.

Helping science olympians: Panasonic Automotive has donated \$5,000 to the Science Olympiad Teams at Salem and Canton High Schools.

Seniors get the care they need and the respect they deserve at Sunrise Assisted Living.

Did you know? The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular will be held Jan. 13-17.

Best children's books: Here are some top selections for young readers: "Sounder" by William H. Armstrong...

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Web Watch: Check out these Web sites: www.ftc.gov/bizop

Hot topic of the week: Tip-Up Town USA 2000! Michigan's largest winter festival runs from Jan. 14-23 at Houghton Lake.

No appointment necessary. Walk-ins are welcome!

Q & A: Q: When was the first ticket issued to a motorist? A: Records show the first motorist ticketed was pulled over in 1904 at Newport, R.I.

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OBITUARIES

OPAL L. MUCKER Services for Opal L. Mucker, 74, of Canton Township were Jan. 8 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Burial was in Cherry Hill Cemetery, Canton. She was born June 16, 1925 in Northville. She died Jan. 5 in Milan. During World War II Mrs. Mucker worked at Twin Tool & Die and then worked at Daisy Air Rifle. She was a lifelong resident of the local area and came to Canton Township in 1945. She was affiliated with the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church in Canton. Her many hobbies included crocheting. Mrs. Mucker was an avid fan and enjoyed watching baseball and hockey games. She bowled with the Town & Country League, the "Stricketts," and she volunteered her time serving meals for the church. She also collected money for the March of Dimes. She was preceded in death by her husband, Nick Mucker; parents Rosella and Arthur Wells; one brother, Ernest Wells; and two sisters, Judy Wells and Donna Wells. Survivors include her two sons, Gary (Barbara) Mucker of Westland, Larry (June Rorabacher) Mucker of Britton, Mich.; one daughter, Cheryl (Douglas) Mayher of Milan, Mich.; four brothers, Orville Wells of Livonia, James Wells of Las Vegas, Dale Wells of Manitowish Beach, Mich., Gary Wells of Livonia; one sister, Hazel Hogan of Livonia; seven grandchildren, James Mucker, Jeffery Mucker, Erica (Darin) Thompson, Brandie Mucker, Nick Mucker, Douglas Jr.,

Cassie Mayher; and one great-grandson, Jacob Thompson. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association. FREDERICK F. HADLEY Services for Frederick F. Hadley, 85, of Plymouth were Jan. 6 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Dr. James Skimins and the Rev. Tamara Seidel officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. He was born Sept. 1, 1914 in Holly. He died Jan. 2 in Livonia. He worked for Ford Motor Co. from 1937 to 1956. He was manager of the Sherman-Williams Paint Store on Pennington in Plymouth for 25 years, retiring in 1981. He came to the Plymouth community in 1923 from Holly. He was one of the original founding members of the Plymouth Goodfellows. He sold newspapers for them for 50 years. Survivors include his wife, June E. Hadley of Plymouth; two

sisters, Margery Williams of California, Jean L. Cover of California; and several nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth or the Plymouth Rock Masonic Lodge No. 47 F. & A.M. GEORGE G. "GERRY" ROBERTS Services for George G. "Gerry" Roberts, 69, of Westland (formerly of Plymouth) were Jan. 7 at Church of the Divine Savior with the Rev. Alexander A. Kuras officiating. He was born Dec. 20, 1930 in Wheeling, W. Va. He died Jan. 3 in Detroit. He was a small parts Hi-Lo driver at General Motors. He was a member of the Church of the Divine Savior. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry A. and Lucille Roberts. Survivors include his son, Mike (Lisa) Roberts of Livonia; one daughter, Becky (Lorie) Ruthig of Westland; two brothers, David Roberts of Arlington, Wash., Arthur Roberts of Syracuse, N.Y.; two sisters, Sharon Small of Woodhaven, Jennifer Roberts of Ypsilanti; five grandchildren, Amy Ruthig, Nicole Ruthig, Shaun Ruthig, Jessica Roberts, Michelle Roberts. Memorials may be made as Mass offerings.

ERNEST ADOLPH ANONEN Services for Ernest Adolph Anonen, 85, of Plymouth were Jan. 10 at Gramer Funeral Home with the Rev. James Mickelson officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit. He was born Feb. 24, 1914, in Baltimore, Md. He died Jan. 6 in Cherrwood Nursing Center, Sterling Heights. He attended Painesdale High School. He was a machinist with Burroughs for over 30 years and retired at the age of 62. He enjoyed winters in Florida, golfing, bowling, hunting deer and fishing. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed classical music. He attended monthly luncheons with fellow retirees from Burroughs. He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise. Survivors include his sister, Miriam (Walter) Kyllonen of Troy. Memorials may be made to Parkinson Foundation or the

Painesdale Apostolic Lutheran Church in Painesdale. GREGORY JON PERRI Services for Gregory Jon Perri, 37, of Plymouth were Jan. 11 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Mallia officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, Southfield. He was born March 24, 1962, in Pittsburgh, Pa. He died Jan. 7 in Redford Township. He was a respiratory therapist at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He started his career at Oakwood in high school, and that is where he met his wife, Maureen Llewellyn. He took a medical retirement after he became ill but continued to work as a volunteer at the hospital. He came to the Plymouth community in 1990 from Dearborn. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth. He loved to travel, work with stained glass, work with wood and do crossword puzzles. He loved candy and sweets and enjoyed watching cooking shows on the TV. He often went to the men's retreat at St. Paul of the Cross in Detroit. Survivors include his wife, Maureen L. of Plymouth; mother and step-father, Karen J. (James) Aiello of Redford; father, Fred Perri of Battle Creek, sister, Beth (Tim) Holme of Redford; brother, Kevin (Tamara) Perri of Dearborn; parents-in-law, Margaret and Robert Llewellyn of Rapid City, Mich.; six nieces; and three nephews. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. THEODORE A. FORTIN Services for Theodore A. Fortin, 83, of Plymouth will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Steven Schafer officiating. He was born Dec. 22, 1917, in Highland Park, Mich. He died Jan. 1 in Elgin, Ill. He retired December 1979 from General Motors Corp., Fisher Body Fleetwood Division, Detroit. He came to the Plymouth community in 1978 from Livonia. He was a

member of the U.A.W. in Livonia. He loved golf and watching sports on TV. He also enjoyed traveling, especially going south for the winter. He was a handyman and enjoyed having a project to do. He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Shannon Billings. Survivors include his wife, Frances of Plymouth; one daughter, Carol of Plymouth; one son, Dean of Portland; one brother, Bernard (Barney) Fortin of Clinton Township; and one granddaughter, Jennifer Braver of St. Charles, Ill. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association of Michigan. DORIS E. MCTURNER Services for Doris E. McTurner, 92, of Plymouth were Jan. 8 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with pastor Phil Rogers officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. She was born April 17, 1937, in Garden City. She died Jan. 6 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker. She was a bookkeeper for L&M Trucking (owned by Doris and W.C. McTurner). She also was a cashier at Danny's for 10 years. After Danny's she was a cashier at Beyer Rexall Drugs in Plymouth. She lived in Plymouth her whole life. She loved and was devoted to her family. She enjoyed bingo, arts and crafts, and square dancing. She was preceded in death by her husband, W.C. McTurner; and one brother, Robert Glass. Survivors include her four daughters, Roxanne (Ronald) Gill of Canton, Judy (James) Gagleard of Canton, Jacqueline (Jeffrey) Horton of Plymouth, Pamela (Ronald) Ryan of Plymouth; one son, William (Jody) McTurner of Canton; four sisters, Irma James of Florida, Dorothy Lee of Plymouth, Donna White of Plymouth; four brothers, Wayne Glass of Livonia, Carl Glass of Canton, Gary Glass of Ypsilanti, Ronald Glass of Arizona; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Individualized Home Nursing Care Hospice, 3003 Washtenaw, Suite 2, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Husband faces murder charge in wife's disappearance

By TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@ec.homecomm.net Plymouth police say a specialy trained dog detected the scent of human remains in the Roe Street home of Azizul Islam, which led them to arrest the biochemist for the murder of his wife, Tracy, whose remains authorities believe are the body parts found in Dearborn and in Allen Township, Ohio. During a video court arraignment Sunday, Islam, 50, was remanded to the Wayne County Jail on charges of first degree murder, punishable by life in prison, and mutilating a dead body, which carries a maximum sentence of 10 years. A preliminary exam was scheduled for Jan. 21. In a statement read at Islam's arraignment, Plymouth police Lt. Wayne Carroll said that on Jan. 17, a cadaver dog made a positive hit in the basement of the home... at a paint can, roller and pan, floor area near the clothes dryer and other areas indicating trace evidence of human remains. Carroll also indicated blood was found under the fresh paint on the concrete and other areas of the basement. Also during Sunday's arraignment, Carroll testified Islam said he arranged for others to harm Tracy, but she was not supposed to be killed or dismembered. Carroll said at one point Islam was crying in the lockup in Plymouth Township and said "I'm a criminal, I did a wrong thing." Islam's attorney, the high-powered Michael Schwartz, objected to his client being charged with murder. "The body has not been positively identified," said Schwartz. "It's not possible for the prosecutor to tell the court that Tracy is in fact dead, or the person who was found. Authorities are conducting DNA testing to determine if the arms and legs found in a Dear-

born A&W restaurant Dumpster on Dec. 22 match a torso found Dec. 31 in Allen Township, Ohio. According to Carroll, records from Dick Scott Dodge in Plymouth show Islam rented a white Dodge minivan on Dec. 23, the day after the first of the body parts was found in Dearborn, and returned it the same day after adding 213 miles on the vehicle. "Witnesses report a male subject fitting the description of Azizul Islam in the same area of

the field (in Allen Township) where the torso was found, near a light-colored sport utility vehicle," said Carroll. "Witnesses describe the subject as a well-groomed man in a dark overcoat standing in a muddy field." Authorities say Tracy Islam, 35, left her husband in August and returned to England, where she had previously lived and first met her husband. She flew back on Dec. 16 to visit their two children, Joseph, 16, and Anna, 14, for the holidays, staying at

their home on Roe Street. Carroll testified the Islam had an argument Dec. 19 after Azizul overheard his wife talking on the telephone to a male friend in England. The next day, Azizul reportedly told his children their mother had left. Carroll told the court Tracy Islam "never boarded a return flight on Dec. 24 to London and the ticket has not been cashed in." On Christmas day, the friend from England called Plymouth

police to report that Tracy Islam had never made it to England. Azizul Islam is a vice president at Plymouth Plating Inc. on Joy Road, where he has worked for the past 10 years, the same amount of time he has lived in the area. Schwartz used that argument in an attempt to keep his client out of jail on a personal recognizance bond. "Dr. Islam has substantial roots to the community. He has two children who go to high school and they represent his

entire life," said Schwartz. "His roots are here, his entire life is here, his children are here, he has a sister who lives in the area. His risk of flight is not particularly great." The judge decided otherwise, and Islam is being held without bond in the Wayne County Jail. Plymouth police say they expect the Jan. 21 preliminary exam to be delayed because DNA testing to determine the identity of the body won't be completed by then.

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High-profile attorney gets case. Attorney Michael Schwartz, a partner of flamboyant litigator Geoffrey Fieger, said he was called by a sister of Azizul Islam to represent the Plymouth biochemist in the murder of his wife. Following Sunday's arraignment on charges of first degree murder and mutilation of a dead body, Schwartz said he briefly talked to Islam and doesn't believe there's a case against his client. "If we were to go to trial today, the prosecutor couldn't prove Tracy Islam wasn't alive, let alone Dr. Islam has something to do with her death," said Schwartz. "I don't think they can establish that Dr. Islam is guilty of anything at all. My client is holding up the best he can, given the circumstances that he's sitting in jail on a horrible charge of which he's not guilty." Schwartz said the couple had been estranged and planned to see a divorce attorney Dec. 20 when Tracy Islam disappeared. "She had given him a quit claim deed to the house, and on the 20th they were to go to a lawyer for an uncontested divorce," he said. "People don't go for an uncontested divorce and then go out and kill somebody. I'm sure we have a situation here where Dr. Islam isn't guilty of any crime at all." In fact, Schwartz believes the cadaver dog that picked up the scent of human remains in the basement of the Islam home might not be correct in its findings. "I understand there was a man who owned the house before them (the Islams) who was a hunter and had a lot of animal carcasses he brought there to clean," said Schwartz. "I don't even know if it was human blood. Nobody has been able to match up the blood from what they found in the basement from what they found on the torso." And, despite police testimony Sunday that Islam appears to have admitted committing a crime, Schwartz isn't ready to give up on the case. "Anybody who has been charged with a crime and taken away from his family and put into jail may have all sorts of horrible feelings," he said.

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Yack



Tom Yack "I do it one term at a time," he commented. In terms of experience, Bennett is the "baby" of the board. She took the position of clerk in May of 1995 in a special election to fill the vacancy created by the move of her husband, Loren, to the state Senate. "I love what I do," said Bennett. "It's always challenging and gives you satisfaction to create a community we're proud of. It's challenging and sometimes difficult, but it's enjoyable." Bennett said her biggest challenge is staying ahead of the

Terry Bennett "We're all still learning," she said. "There's never an opportunity to get bored." Kirchgatter is another one who loves her job. She added that she likes playing a role in developing the township. "It's an exciting time to be involved with Canton Township," Kirchgatter said. "I'm proud of our accomplishments." She became treasurer in 1992 and had served as a trustee for five years prior to that. Kirchgatter said if she's re-elected it would likely be her last term.

Elaine Kirchgatter "I still have enthusiasm and energy for four more years," she commented. As for the trustees, Shefferly and LaJoy are senior members of the board. Both were appointed in 1988. Shefferly is tentatively planning to run. He has battled health problems in the past year and is currently awaiting medical advice. But all indications are positive, he said. "I'm feeling pretty good," Shefferly said. "I've thought about it and I'd like to go for another term (if possible)."

John Burdziak LaJoy isn't certain about another term. "But I'm leaning on staying with it," he said. "I think we've accomplished quite a bit." LaJoy recently sold his staffing service business. The uncertainty about his working future is the only question in his mind about running. "I've been involved with the community for a long time," said LaJoy. "Having the opportunity to contribute means a lot to me." Burdziak joined the board in 1990 as an appointee. He's not ready to relinquish his seat just yet.

Phil LaJoy "I'd like to have a hand in the development of the township," Burdziak said. "I'm very satisfied with the way things are going." He sees the improvement of township roads and the development of Cherry Hill Village as key issues in the next few years. Burdziak thinks the current board's ability to work cohesively is one of its biggest assets. "There's no grandstanding," he added. "Nobody tries to go behind anyone's back to get things done."

Melissa McLaughlin "I have the best job in the world," McLaughlin said. She ran for the Wayne County Commission in 1998, but was narrowly defeated. McLaughlin said she's happy to maintain the status quo for now. "I don't have any (political) plans for the future at this time," she commented.

Bob Shefferly McLaughlin is the most politically active of the trustees. Besides her role on the board, she's a Canton planning commissioner and a full-time district coordinator for state Sen. Loren Bennett.

Maida says vouchers may be a tough sell

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Detroit Cardinal Adam Maida supports school vouchers but believes the issue will be tougher to galvanize support among Catholics than the assisted suicide question on the state ballot two years ago.

If enough signatures from registered voters are obtained on petitions, a ballot proposal will ask Michigan voters this year to approve a voucher system for parents to use if they reside in a school district with a graduation rate lower than 66 percent. Those vouchers could be used at any public or private schools.

During an interview for the Catholic Television Network's show "Dialogue," Maida, the archbishop of Detroit, was asked whether a school voucher proposal would obtain the same kind of support from Catholics as the physician-assisted suicide issue. Maida said, "I just didn't want people killing other people," Maida said. "Vouchers will be more of a political issue, Maida said. 'Reasonable people could come out differently,'" he said.

Maida supports vouchers and believes the state constitution should be changed. Prohibiting religion from public life "is bad policy and it makes for a society that is not healthy," Maida said. "That (constitutional) language is bigoted. It's another way to isolate religion out of the way of public life. I feel strongly that religion is the soul of society, whatever religion it is. Every society needs to have a spiritual soul."

Maida believes it is "terribly unjust" for monopolies — school districts — to dictate to parents where children should attend school. Parents need choices of where they can send children to school, Maida said.

Public schools need to be challenged, Maida said. He compared education to cars. When foreign automakers created better cars and created competition for American car companies, that competition helped the Big 3 automakers create better products.

"Today we're as good as any car built in the world. Competition is good and it's healthy. Any of these monopolies (for schools) are destined to be mediocre at best," he said.

Maida also discussed Catholicism in the Detroit area, including the following items:

■ For the 300th anniversary in 2001 of Catholicism in Detroit, beginning when the area was a French fur-trading post, Maida wants parishioners to return to old churches to visit "their spiritual homes" for pilgrimages and prayer. Historical churches, such as St. Anne's, will be conducting commemorative services, while the Archdiocese will release videos, books and documentaries. Events are in the planning stage, Maida said.

Maida expects that the Archdiocese of Detroit will be joining other denominations and other faiths to celebrate.

■ Maida said balancing needs of the innercity parishes and the suburban ones is difficult. Suburban churches are generally newer and the resources greater

replace the one-on-one contact between priest and parishioners. "The Internet is very impersonal, while our faith is very personal, so to that extent, the Internet can only go so far," Maida said.

■ Maida foresees a day when Catholics celebrate the liturgy and possibly sacraments with other faiths.

Maida was asked whether an Episcopalian attending Catholic Mass eventually could receive Holy Communion at those services. "I think we're well on our way in dialogue toward that hap-

pening," Maida said. "We had a wonderful result in discussions with Lutherans in looking at theological problems we had in the past. "It will be a slow process, it will eventually evolve." But he added that he didn't know if that would happen in his lifetime. "We would hope that somewhere, somehow we can come around the table of the Lord, because that is the ultimate sign of unity." "Christ prayed, 'Let's all be one,'" Maida said. "Let's hope so."

Cardinal Adam Maida

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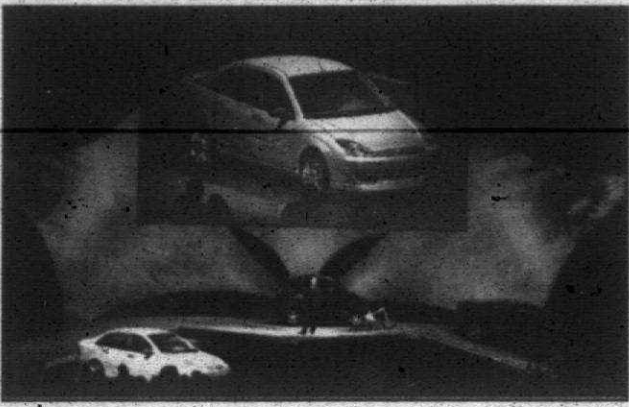
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High tech

Auto show is ultra modern with computers and TVs

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Regular visitors to the North American International Auto Show will notice a visible increase in the presence of high tech gadgets in the vehicles and in the displays.

For example, flat-screen TV sets and computer monitors can be seen everywhere but in the bathrooms at the Cobo Center.

The computer monitors, usually with touch-screen controls, are used to convey product information to customers, or, in the case of Polk Co., to conduct an on-site survey of visitors regarding the auto show.

The flat-screen TVs are mounted on pedestals or in the floor. At Isuzu and Nissan exhibits, one can watch the TV while standing on top of it. The Saab exhibit has TVs built into a bartop. Volvo built TVs into the sides of a special car.

The auto show has always conveyed a sense of "Here is the future," but that impression is stronger this year. Ford has even produced three versions of a concept car that is based on the Apple computer. If you could sit in some of these vehicles you'd feel like George Jetson or James T. Kirk.

Regular visitors will likewise notice that the GM has copied Ford in bringing all its brands into a coherent, contiguous

exhibit. "The GM Experience," located upstairs, resembles a museum, what with its display of a 1903 Oldsmobile, a 1957 Chevy and a wall-mounted montage of GM history. Kids will probably enjoy the Yukon exhibit, featuring Disney's Bill Nye the Science Guy and a host of contraptions surrounding a Yukon SUV.

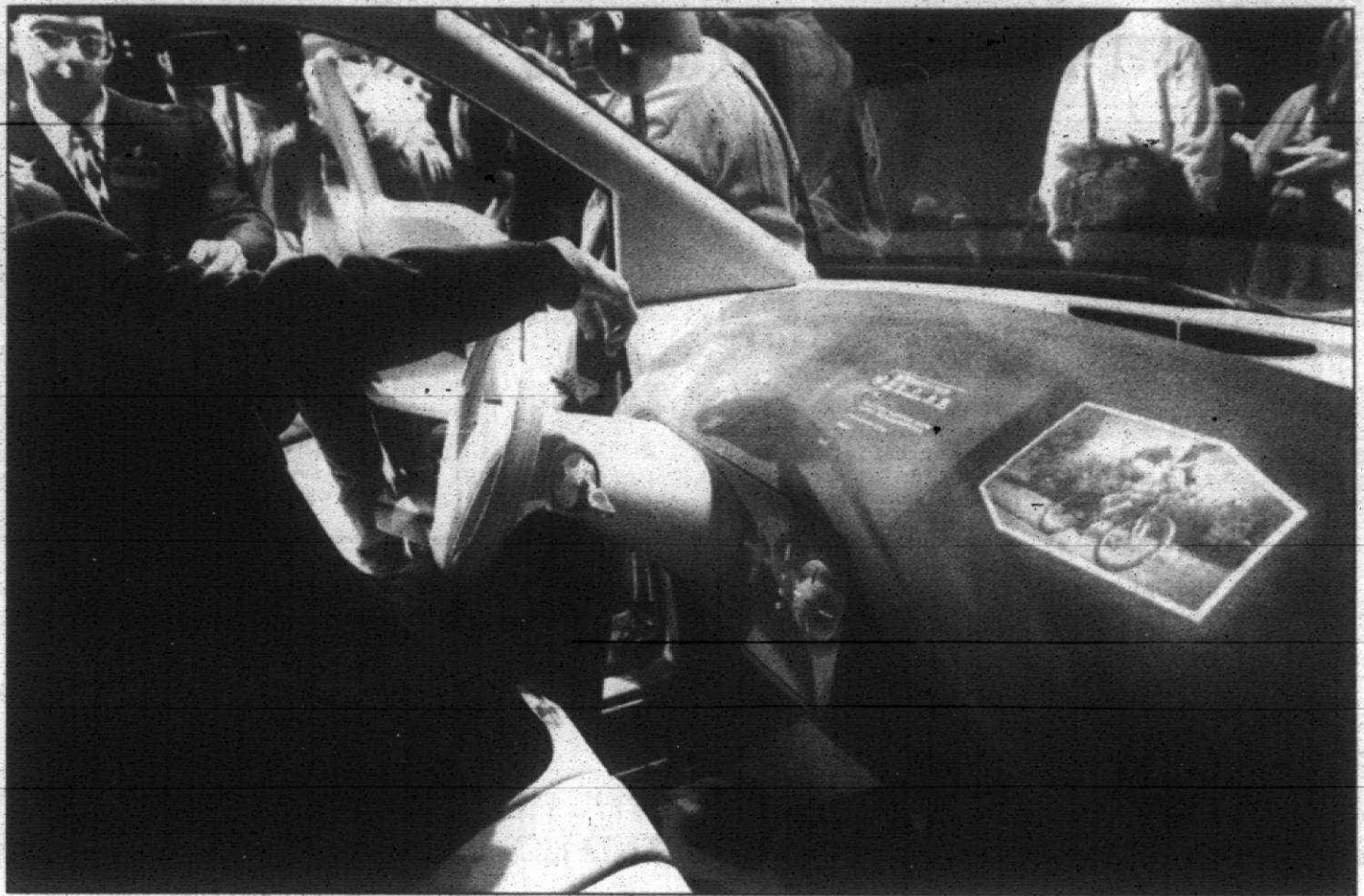
Several manufacturers are touting electric vehicles this year, including Corbin Motors, better known for its custom motorcycle seats. The one-seat Corbin Sparrow is so popular that the company sells them as soon as they're made, said salesman Chuck Gang.

Even the Sparrows on display will be shipped to waiting customers after the show, Gang said.

If you're looking for something to do besides examine the vehicles, a slot car track downstairs will host races during the show, and Michelin has a short 3D movie to show you.

Saturn has a giant, circular fish tank and a display of letters from satisfied customers.

The show is open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, through Saturday, Jan. 22, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23. Admission is free for people up to age 12 (when accompanied by a parent), \$10 for people age 13-64 and \$5 for people age 65 and up. Orders of 24 tickets or less may be purchased through Ticketmaster.

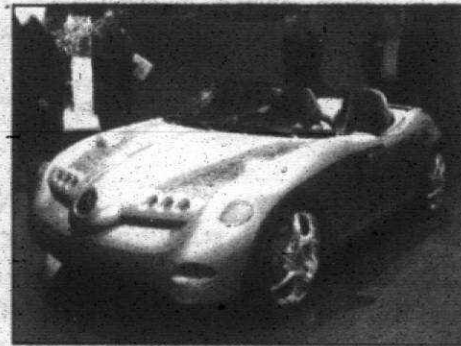


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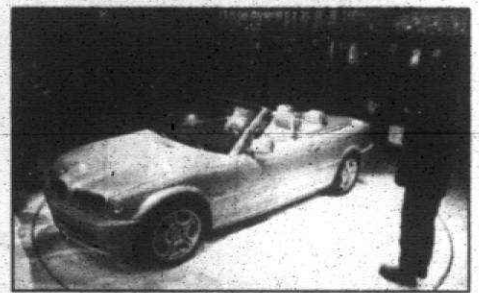
A grand opening: Upper left, Ford president and CEO J. Ac Nasser talks about Ford's new Think Group of electric and environmentally friendly cars at the auto show. Above, Ford Motor Co. unveils its Ford 24.7 concept at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Sunday, Jan. 9. "The new Ford Motor Co. will put the Internet on wheels," CEO Jacques Nasser said. "We will do nothing short of transforming our cars and trucks into portals to the Internet."



Outdoor excitement: The Chevrolet Avalanche sport utility vehicle at the General Motors' media preview at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.



New vision: Mercedes-Benz unveiled the Vision SLA coupe to the media, Monday, Jan. 10, at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.



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McCotter, Patterson declare Bush clear debate winner

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George W. Bush was the clear winner of Michigan's GOP presidential primary debate, at least according to the party faithful who were on hand to witness the exchange Monday evening at Calvin College in Grand Rapids. Bush showed "grace under fire," said State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia). "I endorsed Gov. George Bush in May of 1998," said Rep. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton). "He com-

ported himself well. He is recognized as the front-runner. He is a person who can articulate his ideas. He was the focus of most of the attention during the first hour. I think he handled himself well."

"I thought it was a terrific night for Bush. Bush looked very presidential. He was substantive. He had an effective use of humor. He looked very comfortable," Gov. John Engler said. But there were those with a different view. "Those are mostly Bush adher-

ents," Sen. John Schwarz (R-Battle Creek) said. "Definitely, John McCain was the most substantive. He was looser, less uptight. But when John McCain got a question, he gave a straight answer. If that's what the American people want, style over substance, they can repeal the 22nd Amendment and reelect Bill Clinton."

All six candidates still in the race for the GOP presidential nomination showed up for the debate, sponsored by the Kent

State a winner

The majority of Republican said there was another obvious winner - the state of Michigan. The candidates are paying more attention to the state in this year's contest, in large part because of lawmakers' decision to move up Michigan's Republican primary election from late March to Feb. 22. That was evident from the number of Michigan-specific questions asked and answered Monday night.

Russert noted that the application of sales taxes to goods bought over the Internet has been an issue in Michigan and pointed out that the state will ask taxpayers to voluntarily claim those purchases with their income taxes this year.

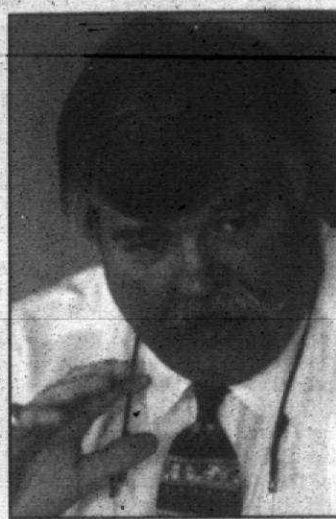
When Forbes said such taxes have already been judged to be illegal by the Supreme Court, Russert asked if Forbes was encouraging Michigan residents to break the law by refusing to pay. The candidate stopped short, saying he did not know the law in Michigan.

Bauer cited a General Motors plant in Flint which had been closed and reopened in Shanghai. He was leading into a question directed at Forbes about whether Forbes would "worship at the altar of international trade."

As intended, the earlier GOP primary is getting prominence for Michigan voters. "Michigan's being moved up in the process is the key to these



State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter



State Rep. Bruce Patterson

people paying more attention to us," House Speaker Chuck Perricone said. "We are going to be center stage in February. That was the intent. We will actually have a voice in who the nominee is that is selected. And that is the way it should be."

"The Legislature, in deciding to hold a primary in Michigan in February, has given the state visibility and vitality in this whole primary process. I think we saw that tonight," said Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi).

Schwarz agrees the early primary makes Michigan more important. "Michigan is going to be one of three or four determining states in the whole country when it comes to who the nominee will be," he said. "If McCain can win in New Hampshire, Michigan is going to be an absolute dog fight. I don't care what the poll numbers say. There is a poll coming out that shows McCain is climbing from 7 percent to 25, while Bush is falling from 71 percent to 50. That's the way I like it."

Again, there is another view.

Democrat view

There were political reasons for moving up the primary, says state Democratic Party Chairman Mark Brewer. "They are scared of McCain. They want to provide some comfort to Bush. And that may backfire on them," he said.

Engler has called Michigan a "firewall" for the Bush campaign against early strong showings by McCain. Engler, Cassis noted, has stated that Michigan - the first large, industrialized state to cast ballots this year because of the moved-up primary - will serve to counter the effect if the Arizona senator does better than anticipated in the first two primaries in New Hampshire on Feb. 1 and South Carolina on Feb. 19.

The candidates addressed a variety of topics. Bush touted his tax cutting record and promised tax reductions. McCain said the current budget surplus should be used to pay down the national debt. Forbes criticized Bush's tax cutting effort in Texas.

"It was kind of like what we did with Proposal A. We cut property taxes and raised sales tax to offset it," Garcia concluded. "So most of us saw through that. He (Forbes) did pick out points of it to make his point."

Bill McMaster, a Birmingham resident and the president of Taxpayers United, disagreed. "When Bush talks about his

history as being a tax cutter, I don't think he is really being honest," he said. Based on U.S. Department of Labor statistics, McMaster said, "In Texas, total state tax collections increased at a faster rate than any other state last year. Michigan was number two. It is not unlikely that Gov. Bush would find Gov. Engler a willing running mate since they both are on tax and spend spreads."

"Gov. Bush handled that very well," Rep. Susan Tabor (R-Delta Township) said. "He said, 'We cut taxes in the state of Texas and then got re-elected because of it.' And that is really what I think people want to know."

Hatch advocated requiring libraries to install filtering software on their Internet-linked computers to keep pornography out of the hands of children.

"Some people look at that as we are starting to delve into an area of freedom of speech. The difference is that these are our kids. They are not grown ups. They are children. So I think we have to draw a line somewhere," Tabor said.

Cassis noted that Michigan leads the nation on this issue because it has already instituted laws enabling libraries to put filters on computers.

Bush and McCain, prompted by a question from a college student, pledged to avoid negative campaign ads. McCain even walked across to shake hands with Bush when he made the pledge.

"That's fine. Bush believes in the 11th commandment," Engler said. "That doesn't mean they will be blowing each other kisses for the rest of the campaign. There are issues we can talk about. That's not negative. What Forbes has done, however, is put an extra edge on it. I haven't seen his ad. It doesn't go where he went with Bob Dole, but I think we have seen enough of Forbes to conclude he is a repeat offender."

Still, for GOP stalwarts, the night seems to have gone to Bush.

"I think it was George W. Bush. Clearly, he was the target. He stood right there and took all the shots," Perricone said.

"I have a soft spot in my heart for Alan Keyes," McCotter said, while agreeing Bush still won the day. "While (Keyes) can't win, he is allowed to be philosophical instead of presidential."

Democrat Brewer had another view. "The winner tonight? Gary Bauer. He got audience reaction. He was coherent. I thought Bush was under attack all night and on the defensive. But the message that people will carry away from this is that these people are not talking about issues that are relevant to me. I mean, what does the average American care about gays in the military? What does the average American care about China? They are not talking about the issues the American voters say are important... What about health care? What about education? I have to educate my kids. What about Social Security for me and my parents?"

Ford Motor makes unprecedented donation to arts

BY FRANK PROVENZANO,
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'It's a gift, contribution and an investment and we expect a return (on our investment). Making connections with the community leads to strong, successful enterprises.'

Jac Nasser
President, Ford Motor Co.

On the same day last week when the auto industry reported a year of record-breaking sales, Ford Motor Co. made an unprecedented donation to four, regional cultural institutions.

In contrast to the billions in reported year-end corporate revenue, the \$12.7 million gift from the Ford Motor Company Fund might have appeared somewhat paltry.

But there wasn't anyone complaining from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Zoo, Henry Ford Academy and Detroit Science Center, recipients of the auto giant's generosity.

The formal announcement was held Thursday at the Detroit Science Center featuring top executives from Ford, Wayne County, Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and representatives from the recipient organizations.

The DSO and Detroit Zoo will receive \$5 million each, while the science center and Henry Ford Academy will be given \$1.5-million and \$1.2-million, respectively.

The money will support educational programs at the various cultural institutions. A symbol,

Bush from page A10

of the auto giant's commitment to providing educational opportunities to 800,000 school-age kids in the region. In recent years, corporations have moved away from funding cultural events toward supporting educational initiatives and community outreach programs.

"It's a gift, contribution and an investment, and we expect a return (on our investment)," said Jac Nasser, president of Ford. "Making connections with the community leads to strong, successful enterprises."

Clearly, positive public relations with the community translates into good business for corporations. Yet dollars from the private sector shouldn't be considered a substitute for ongoing public funding to support operating budgets for the region's cultural institutions.

"Private funding complements other types of funding," said Peter Cummings, chair of the DSO. "Ford is enabling institutions that are already engaged in outreach (programs) to attain a higher level of service."

The \$5 million received from the Ford Fund will support a partnership between the DSO and the Detroit High School of Performing Arts. The funds will be used over a five-year period. "Most corporate gifts deal with specific needs, but revenue from a cultural tax would support a consistent flow of funds," said Detroit Mayor Archer.

The proposed regional cultural tax, which would support 14 regional cultural institutions, is currently being negotiated between arts groups and county commissions of Oakland and Wayne counties.

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Superintendent pleased with progress

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER
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Overall, Greg Baracy is pleased with the "State of the Schools" in Wayne-Westland. The superintendent knows, however, there's room for improvement.

"We can only imagine what the future is going to bring us," said Baracy during Tuesday's Westland Chamber of Commerce presentation at Joy Manor. A thriving community goes hand in hand with a thriving school district, he said.

In his address, Baracy outlined several areas, including the need for legislative reform in school finance. The Wayne-Westland district has a fund equity, or reserve, of 10 percent, which is below the state average. Since Proposal A took effect in 1994, the district has lost some \$8 million a year in revenue, and special education is underfunded.

"We will need legislative relief in the future," the district's per pupil spending of \$6,117 per year puts it near the bottom of neighboring districts, Baracy

WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS

are important, too, he said, urging parents of young children to read to them every night.

The approximately 75 people at the chamber luncheon appreciated Baracy's remarks.

"I think Greg is very well-spoken," said Robin Moore, Wayne-Westland school board president. "He gives you the good with the bad, and he tries to educate."

George Gillies, deputy mayor of Westland, gave the speech a 10 on a scale of one to 10. "He delivered a nice speech," Gillies said. "We were well-informed."

Baracy's articulate, the deputy mayor added, and said the city and school district have an "excellent" relationship. "We get a lot accomplished."

The luncheon also included the presentation of a \$5,000 check to the Family Resource Center, partial proceeds from the recent chamber "Taste of the Arts."

"It's going to have a tremendous impact," Baracy said of the contribution.

efforts. Middle school and ninth-grade sports have been resurrected, he said, along with other extracurricular activities. He voiced his support for recreational efforts in the communities.

He highlighted several successful partnerships involving Wayne-Westland, including Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village mentoring and the Technical Educational Academic Model. That labor-business venture includes in-plant job shadowing and paid summer internships for students and teachers.

Baracy said he's thankful for 1998 voter approval of a \$108 million bond issue, the largest undertaking in the history of the district. Of that, \$83 million is earmarked for physical improvements, with the first phase nearly done, the balance for technology which includes many new computers.

In closing, Baracy reminded the audience of the need for business support of schools. Parents are important, too, he said, urging parents of young children to read to them every night.

Abduction attempt reported by Bird student

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER
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A Bird Elementary first grader who was walking home along Sheldon Road Jan. 4 was asked if he wanted "a ride home or

some candy" by a young white man in a gray truck parked across from the school.

Principal Jane VanSteenis said the boy wasn't chased or pursued in any way, and the student kept walking. He told a crossing guard and his parents. The incident was then reported to police.

VanSteenis said after the incident she met with all the students who walk to school and later addressed the entire student population during school announcements.

"I emphasized to them about not talking to strangers, to keep on walking away and telling an adult about the situation," said

VanSteenis. "I also reminded them how important it is to remember as much as they can to give a description, and that whenever possible they should walk with a friend."

VanSteenis told parents of the incident in the school newsletter, which was sent home with students Friday. However, that didn't set well with at least one parent, who didn't want to be identified.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1909 and Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 7, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance:

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR R & R DEVELOPMENT TO MODIFY THE MOCCORI CONSENT JUDGEMENT TO DESIGNATE THE PARCEL ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS "OFFICE SITE NO. 1" FROM ITS CURRENT DESIGNATION ALLOWING FOR UP TO 30 SINGLE FAMILY CONDOMINIUMS TO LOCAL SHOPPING USE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A DRUG STORE ON PARCEL NO. 609 99 0063 001.

R & R MIDWEST FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR PARCEL NO. 009 99 0063 001 FROM MEDIUM-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO LOCAL SHOPPING.

R & R MIDWEST REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 009 99 0063 001 FROM R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL TO C-1, VILLAGE SHOPPING.

Property is located on the southeast corner of Joy and Sheldon Roads.

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Rouge River cleanup may receive new federal money

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER
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The Rouge River may be the beneficiary of more federal money to help remove pollutants and improve the river's quality.

The Rouge was named as one of eight Michigan lakes and rivers and 31 areas of concern in the Great Lakes region that would benefit from President Bill Clinton's proposed \$80 million effort to clean up the most polluted waterways in the Great Lakes watershed.

The money was announced Monday as part of Clinton's proposed 2001 budget, expected to be released in its entirety on Oct. 7. That budget year begins Oct. 1.

While the money still must be approved by Congress, it was

welcome news to state environmental officials and supporters of the Rouge cleanup, who are concerned about the future of federal funding for the cleanup.

Cathy Bean, coordinator of the Rouge River remedial action plan for the state Department of Environmental Quality's surface water quality division, was surprised because there were recent discussions and concerns expressed about the future of the RAP.

If the money is approved, Bean would like to see it earmarked toward removing river sediments near the Ford Rouge plant in Dearborn. "There's been years and years of heavy industrial discharges, creating sediment and presenting problems for the fisheries and fish swimming upstream," Bean said.

DEQ officials have discussed creating a fish ladder in Dearborn to assist the fisheries efforts on the Rouge and its tributaries, and a sediment cleanup would help with those efforts, Bean said.

Discharges from the Ford plant aren't "as bad as they were in the early 1990s," Bean said, and Ford officials have expressed interest in cleaning up the Rouge plant, including land along the Rouge River.

Local communities in the Rouge watershed in Oakland and Wayne counties may want the money to control and study stormwater runoff and water quality improvements. Under Clinton's proposal, the Environmental Protection Agency would provide \$50 million to state and local governments. They would

propose projects and have to fund at least 40 percent of their cost, meaning the total spent would equal about \$80 million.

Bean thought there would be Clean Michigan Initiative monies available for stormwater runoff improvements. Michigan voters approved that money in 1998 for brownfield cleanups and

water quality improvements. "I'd really like to see the sediment taken care of and get more habitat created," Bean said.

Other Michigan "areas of concern" named on the list were the Clinton River, Deer Lake in the Upper Peninsula, the Kalamazoo River, the Manistique River, Torch Lake in the Keweenaw

Peninsula, White Lake in Muskegon County and Muskegon Lake in Muskegon County. These areas of concern were identified in 1987 by the International Joint Commission, a U.S.-Canada binational organization charged with water quality oversight in boundary waters.

Workshop will explore soil erosion issue

Builders, developers, engineers, local government officials and community organizations who work in communities in the Rouge River watershed can participate at a workshop Feb. 8 on soil erosion and sedimentation issues at the Northfield Hilton in Troy.

Sponsored by the Department of Environmental Quality, the Rouge Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Group, and 25 additional organizations, the

workshop will review state soil erosion requirements and the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System storm water permit for construction activities.

Participants will learn about environmentally friendly site plans, communication tools and activities. Other topics are good sedimentation design, creative control techniques, alternatives for problem sites, how to save money and regulatory enforce-

ment.

Leading suppliers of soil erosion control equipment and related products will be on hand to showcase services.

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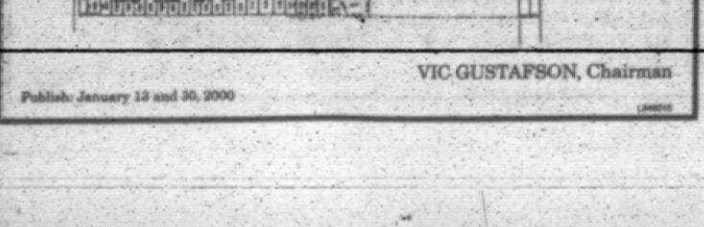
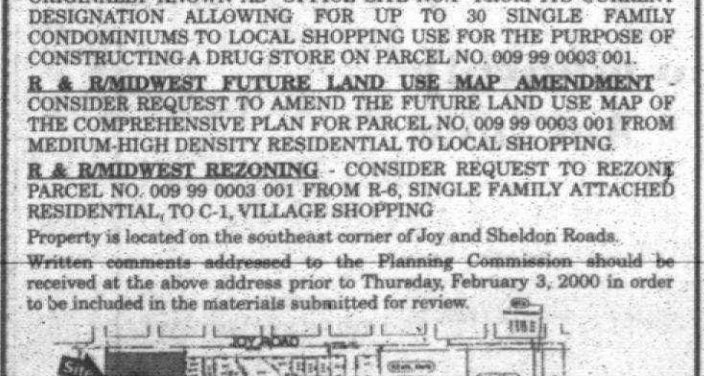
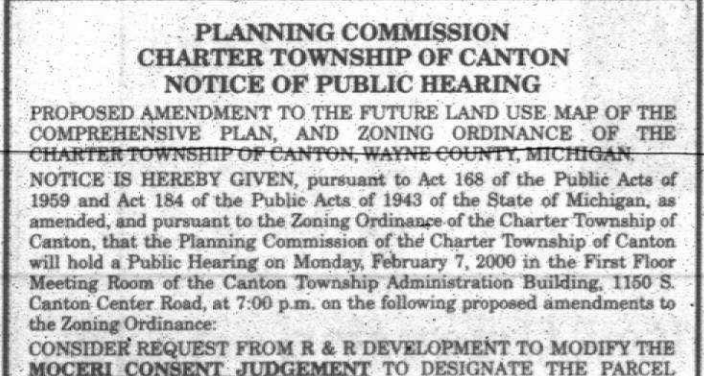
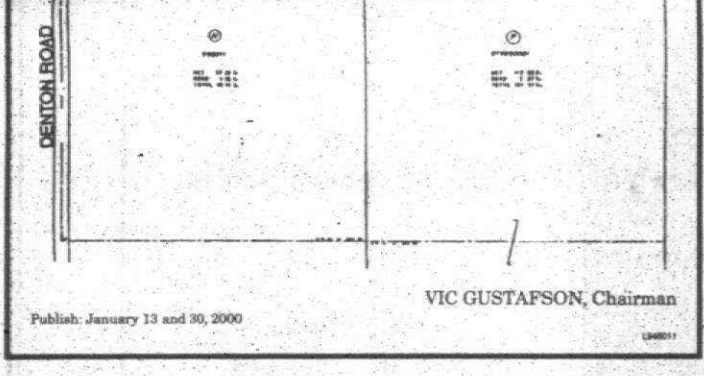
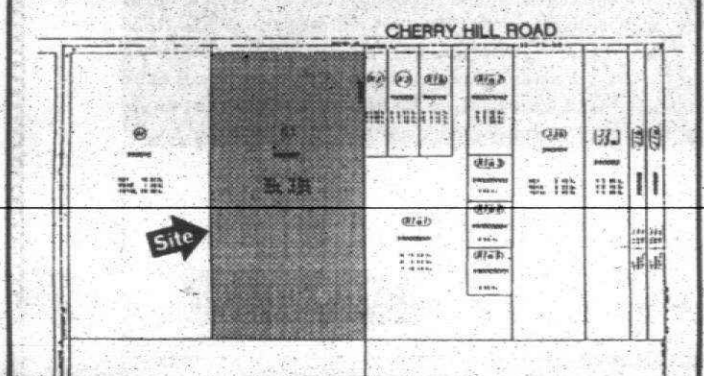
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Charter school Denial is right move - again

Those poor, mixed up folks at National Heritage Academies - they must feel this week like they got their signals crossed in Canton. Despite a strong demand from area families, the Canton Planning Commission has once again denied special land use for a proposed charter school to be built by the Grand Rapids-based organization.

Don't mistake our sympathy for support though. The Observer believes planning commissioners made the right decision Monday in unanimously recommending that the township board reject the proposed site at Warren and Ridge roads.

Moreover, the controversy opens up debate on a larger issue, the relevancy of a state law which exempts public school facilities from municipal zoning, site plan and building code requirements.

Although there was support on the commission for an area charter school, the revamped plan presented by National Heritage Academies Monday still had most of faults cited by commissioners when they turned down the original site on Beck Road, east of Hanford, last March. Those included:

- A building too large at 30,000 square feet for the proposed 10-acre site, more than half of which consists of unbuildable wetlands;
- "Substandard" post-frame construction with a vinyl-sided exterior.

In addition, residents from the Northwest Canton Homeowners Association cited concerns about altering the status of Ridge Road, which has been designated by the state as a Natural Beauty Road.

National Heritage Academies has said its construction standards for the proposed Canton charter school match what it has provided in other communities. But it has admitted that the bulk of those buildings were built "with efficiencies in building costs" due to budgetary concerns. Adjacent residents have a right to be concerned about property values, although the Observer doubts there would be much negative impact on surrounding homes.

The question of where a charter school fits in with other new construction is a prickly one. Any other private concern - for example a residential or commercial developer - would be required to obtain a slew of township approvals before being allowed to put up a

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building on the site. Input from the planning commission, township board and public would be considered at every step in the process.

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

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

The law was also passed at a time when schools in more rural regions couldn't afford the time or expense of waiting for county approvals. The schools must still meet state codes and requirements.

In the case of a charter school, special land use approval from the township board would be the final approval needed for construction. Even if it won approval from the township board, construction of a charter school would have to wait until the state Legislature lifts the cap on university-sponsored charter schools. That move is supported by Gov. John Engler but has yet to win enough votes in the state House and Senate.

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King Day worthy of celebration

U.S. Rep. John Lewis spoke at the University of Michigan Monday as Raoul Wallenberg lecturer and medalist.

As a young man, Lewis was one of the central figures in the civil rights movement of the 1960s. The son of a poor south Alabama sharecropper, Lewis founded the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee. Lewis felt the blows from Sheriff Jim Clark's nightstick and spent many nights in Southern jails.

Yet over time he learned to forgive his oppressors, and he has continued to contribute to society as a distinguished congressman from Atlanta, Ga.

This coming Monday we celebrate the courage of John Lewis and his fellow "revolutionaries" in the civil rights movement by marking the birthday of Lewis' idol and slightly older mentor Martin Luther King Jr.

Many "holidays" are designated with the best of intentions. On Memorial Day, we are admonished to remember those who died in battle defending the principles our country represents. On Independence Day, we are urged to remember those founders who chose liberty over tyranny. On Labor Day, we are supposed to pay homage to the working person and the struggle for economic justice.

As we all know, Memorial Day is the first good day to hit the beach, Independence Day means a barbecue and fireworks, and Labor Day is the last good day to hit the beach (no more giant parades, even in this once-solid union town). There might be some people who get King Day off who think it's a good day to hit the ski slopes or catch a movie and not think about what the day really means.

In this racially divided and often antagonistic metro area, it is especially important that we don't let this holiday lose its meaning. It is important that our communities and schools take time to offer programs that draw our attention to what has been accomplished and what still needs to be accomplished.

Livonia is holding its fifth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day program 6:30 p.m. Monday at Stevenson High School. The program's sponsors, People of Livonia Addressing Issues

of Diversity (PLAID), have the right idea about what should be done to mark this important day.

This year's theme is "Many Peoples - One World," and the programs are meant to stimulate the thinking of students and adults about diversity and cooperation in a troubled world. High school choirs will sing. Middle-school students have written essays. Jonathan Swift of Madonna University will be the guest speaker, and food is being collected for a mission in Haiti.

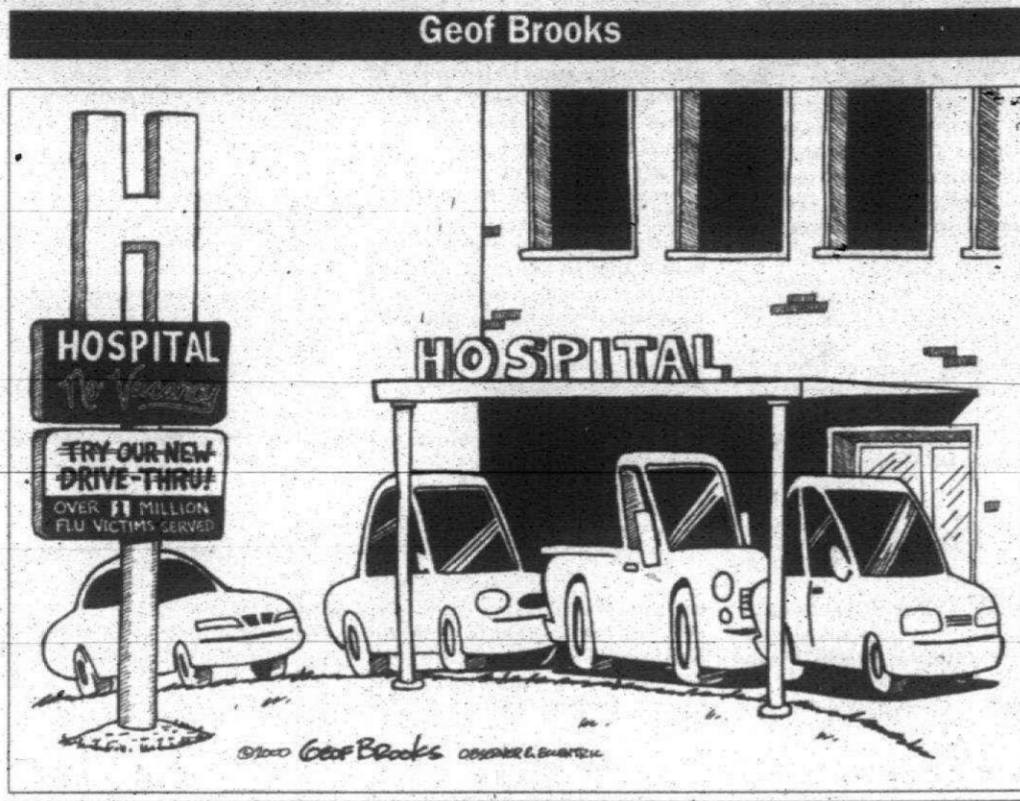
In Garden City, middle-school students will be going to Detroit in March where they will participate in a conflict resolution program and recreate the dramatic lunchroom sit-ins of the early '60s.

Colin Sheffield of Livonia's St. Edith School asks the important question in his essay: "You only need to turn on the evening news or pick up a newspaper to see that we still can't seem to get along. ...Why, when we have evolved so far in areas like technology, are we so behind in an area as basic as human kindness and compassion?"

Though we have a long way yet to go to right wrongs and change hearts, Rep. Lewis would offer Colin some encouragement that we have come a long way. He told the audience that when young blacks tell him they don't think the '60s accomplished anything since nothing changed, "I say to them, let me take you back to the South in the 1940s and '50s and then tell me things haven't changed."

He summed up his view of what he and his compatriots accomplished, "We led a revolution of values, a revolution of ideas. We live in a better country. We are a better people."

That deserves ourembrance and celebration.



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Poor judgment

In the Community Life section of last week's Dec. 30 paper, the Observer ran a story about "home-brewers," those who legally brew their own beer in the confines of their home. At the same time, who knows how many drunken drivers killed and maimed innocent lives across this country on New Year's Eve. Not only that, the millions of broken homes, many in our own beloved community, increase daily due to the ugly curse of strong drink. Perhaps the article will likely induce someone to try this wicked home-brewing practice and, down the line, another home is ruined beyond repair, those with beaten wives and terrified children.

Maybe next week, the Observer can obtain the services of a home-growing marijuana expert or even better, a crack addict can explain in detail how to cut the rock and smoke it in the correct manner. How about a heroin junkie explaining just the proper way to find that best vein where the possibly contaminated needle can rightly be stuck?

The list goes on. This was extremely poor judgment of management at the Observer. Shame on you! The next alcohol-related tragedy could be on your hands.

Steve Jeffers, Westland

Lay off the refs

I have refereed PCJBA for seven years now, and feel something needs to be said about the conduct of the parents and coaches.

Recreational basketball is, in part, learning basketball basics and having fun. Over the years, however, I have seen a dramatic decrease in the enjoyment of the players because of poor parent and coach behavior. The students who referee these games do so because they like kids and enjoy the game of basketball. Yes, it is often frustrating to see your child's team losing, or your daughter not getting the "right" call that you thought should have been made. But the student referees do try hard to make accurate and fair calls.

We are far from perfect, but then again we are not refereeing on the high school or professional level. We sometimes make "incorrect" calls, but due to the different levels of ability and the inexperience of the girls, if every play was called, the game would last for hours.

It is extremely frustrating and difficult to do a good job of refereeing because parents and coaches are constantly nagging and screaming at the us, as well as the players. This ruins the fun and learning experience for all.

Sarah L. Carter
Ohio University Senior
Plymouth Salem Union

Response was great

We want to thank the Canton-Plymouth community for their tremendous generosity in response to the "Boxing night" we recently had at our church. On the evening of Dec. 26, approximately 20 senior high students and adult advisors showed up with boxes to spend the night in the church parking lot. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness of the plight of the homeless in the metro-Detroit area and to encourage donations of food, clothing and blankets. Thanks to the help of WKYD-TV and WJR-AM which ran features of the event, the community was informed of the opportunity to help the homeless through their donations. And help they did! Enough donations came in that the church needed to rent a 24-foot Ryder truck to transport all of the donations down to Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit. Fort Street Church runs a daily ministry of providing food and clothing to those in need.

It was great joy to see people bringing in so much food and clothing. Many who had seen the news coverage on the 11 p.m. broadcast on Channel 7 went through their closets that night and dropped off donations from midnight to 2 a.m. Others went to the stores and bought new jackets and blankets to donate.

It was a great blessing to our entire church to see such generosity expressed by the community. Thank you, and may God bless you for the acts of kindness.

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Experience is a timely reminder for young drivers

By CYNTHIA RICH

The pavement is smooth and empty in the mid-afternoon light. Realization of what is happening ... of what has just happened ... has not yet arrived, and I watch the uniformed officer darting into the middle of the intersection in a haze. This is a busy intersection. And he's running after a scrap of paper, less than an inch long, with a date scrawled on it - a piece of paper that has just been pulled out of my hands by the wind.

I'm looking in Sarah's purse for her license - she's holding her mouth, red staining her hands. Shaking, I pull out the small card, remembering - was it only weeks ago - when we had gone to the bank, and she had made every effort not to let me see her picture. It doesn't matter anymore.

There's glass everywhere, and noises, and I know it. But I can't hear any

of them. The numb, shocking silence came with the impact - at least that's what I assume - and is receding slowly, allowing me only waves of sound, louder and louder, like the ripples in a pond. But it was no stone that hit us. A truck is parked at the side of the street. Only seconds ago - or was it minutes, or hours? I looked up to see that truck barreling towards me. Not the car, not the passenger side, not my door - me. And now it rests, empty, unreal, but decidedly solid, and deserted. And there is Sarah's car, in the middle of the intersection, surrounded by the glass of my window and puddles of eerily bright engine fluids. It's crushed.

They take us to the ambulance, have us sit down, cleaning Sarah up and giving her an ice pack for her bleeding lip. They ask us questions, over and over. How old are you? Are you sisters? Name? Address? Phone number? Parents?

GUEST COLUMN

There's confusion. We realize our books are still in the car and I get out, the strong, uninjured one, wondering if I can walk, wondering if the strapping will keep me from moving. I ask the tow truck driver if he can help me. The little blue Neon's already up diagonal, comically positioned for its trip to the next destination. He pops the trunk, and I gather all I can - a PreCalc book, and then another, and a Chemistry book, then more, until my trembling arms are piled with reminders of reality. This must be a nightmare.

Only the books are real. "I've seen people walk away from worse than this," he says, appearing to think it will comfort me. I smile outwardly and grimace inside. What sort of comfort is that? The last thing I see of Sarah's car

as it's pulled away is the tied-died Beanie Baby in the back window. It looks so alone. I turn and return to the ambulance with my armload, thankful that, unlike the solitary Beanie Baby, at least Sarah and I have each other.

They take us to the emergency room, then, because we're minors, and we wait there for our parents. Sarah's aunt gets there, and then my mom, and I leave with the promise of a phone call from Sarah. Her last words are ones I've heard an almost infinite number of times from her swollen mouth the past hours: "Are you sure you're OK? I'm sorry ... I'm so sorry."

The thing is, it wasn't her fault. The big truck - the one I looked up to see and still shudder to remember - was running a red light. My point? I'm not sure. But he was a teenager, too. I guess what I'm really doing is

sending out a cry to my own generation. When we're behind the wheel of a car, nobody can keep us from destroying life - both our own and the lives of others. We need to take the initiative. We need to do the right thing. We need to be careful.

Something really big happened that day - something so big that a man could run into the middle of an intersection after something as insignificant as a scrap of paper. That something could have been prevented.

Please, be careful. Drive safely. And never take for granted the life that you have. Just like that ... one sunny afternoon ... it could be taken away.

Cynthia Rich is a Canton resident and student at Salem High School. The accident occurred in October at the intersection of Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads. Rich says every one has recovered.

Changes to transform Metro into world-class airport

(Second of two columns on the future of Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport.)

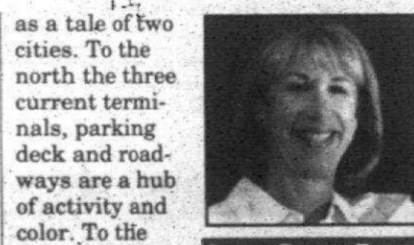
Lots of predictions have been made for the new millennium. But here's a truth. Early in this new century of ours, metro Detroit is slated to open a world-class airport. A new terminal, a new four-mile, six-lane airport roadway and a fourth runway all will take off late in the year 2001.

Actually, Metro Airport is steadily improving its service, ambiance and cleanliness. But a facility built in the '60s to handle 800,000 passengers a year, despite expansions, is inadequate to fully service 30 million travelers annually. Airport director Dave Katz proudly took me along the new road, pointed out the new runway and got us pretty close to the steel outlines of the new Midfield Terminal.

Then we went atop the control tower, from which the airport appears as a tale of two cities. To the north the three current terminals, parking deck and roadways are a hub of activity and color. To the south, stark construction cranes, steel beams, trucks, temporary buildings, a traffic-less road and a huge mountain of cement are the promise of tomorrow.

Right now what will eventually be a mile-long building featuring 99 gates, 18 luggage carousels, an 11,000-space parking garage (largest in the world) and an automated people mover is a huge construction site.

"It's the biggest single construction project the state has ever been involved with," Katz says. "It has its own cement plant."



JUDITH DONER BERNE

Northwest Airlines has the lead

role in the new terminal, as part of a public/private partnership with Wayne County. When it opens, Northwest will move its entire operation out of the International, Davey and Smith terminals.

The statistics are mind-boggling: The terminal contains 104 ticketing positions, a state-of-the-art baggage handling system (sure to be a most scrutinized aspect), and a Federal Inspection Service facility to handle 3,200 passengers an hour.

A connecting link to its East Concourse includes a 19,000-square-foot WorldClub and 15 shops and restaurants. The concourse itself hosts 66 jet gates including 10 international gates, 31 shops and restaurants, two smaller WorldClubs and an Automated People Mover.

A pedestrian tunnel with moving walkways connects the East to the West Concourse, with its eight jet gates, 25 commuter gates, a dozen shops and food concessions, and a

fourth, even smaller, WorldClub (3,200 square feet).

What about amenities such as public art, kids' playground, and overall ambiance?

All still up in the air (pun intended), but Katz gave me some clues. "We are looking to tell the Detroit story." So murals dedicated to Detroit's history in the fields of manufacturing, civil rights, sports, entertainment and corporations may well adorn its walls.

Restaurants and specialty shops could be part of a Woodward Avenue stage set. Instead of awarding an overall contract to only one or two concessionaires, officials are offering individual contracts to create a blend of stores and eateries with a local theme.

He promises a children's play area, which he also is looking to install somewhere in the current terminals. We didn't talk about it, but no doubt you'll see a business center, more extensive than the new Laptop Lane - a series of technology-equipped cubi-

cles plus conference area available for rent in the Smith Terminal.

Speaking of the Smith, what happens to the older terminals when Northwest moves out? Katz hopes other airlines will take over most of the gates. "If each of our 16 current carriers took one-two more gates, that would about do it," he said. "We have the capability of adding 300 more flights per day."

The added runway makes that possible. "Of all the projects we're doing, that's the most significant," he says. It will give Metro six runways, including two east-west.

For metro Detroiters, tired of having their airport labeled the worst in the nation, all of this will come about none too soon.

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Candidates miss the big picture

Republican presidential candidates George W. Bush, John McCain and the four dwarves went at it Monday night in Grand Rapids.

The event kicked off in earnest the presidential primary season in Michigan. Republicans vote Feb. 22 in a primary election, while the Democrats gather in caucuses on March 11.

Presented with the opportunity to cover a big-time national story, the Michigan news media fell all over themselves in trying to out do their national brethren in pontificating about the big questions. Can the charismatic insurgent McCain overcome all of Bush's money and institutional support from Gov. John Engler on down? Can Bush take a punch? Is Bush smart enough to know he's been hit? Is Michigan really a firewall for Bush in the event he loses the primary in New Hampshire?

I'd add one. Is all we are doing merely rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic?

Look at this way. We are plopping in the middle of the greatest surge of technological change since the Industrial Revolution in the 18th century. The Internet is a present reality, and the enormous range and scope of future innovations stemming from the application of information technology are sure to bring fundamental changes to our entire society.

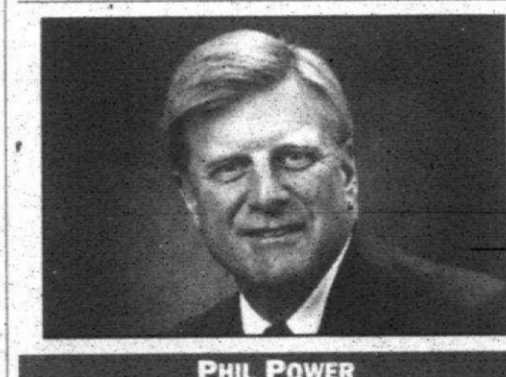
Yet are these the questions the news media pose and the candidates debate? Perish the thought! Instead the political contentions themselves with petty arguments about piddling subjects: Taxes (to cut or not to cut), subsidies to ethanol (of interest only to Iowa farmers), abortion (which is on the way down, anyway), family values (everybody, including Hillary, is running away from Clinton) and so on.

Great political leaders have always had the capacity to look over the horizon and focus attention on the big issues that might not be so apparent at the time but which eventually shake the roots of societies. Ronald Reagan concentrated on Russia and the Cold War. Franklin Roosevelt reconstructed America in the wake of the Great Depression. Winston Churchill early saw the danger of Hitler.

I believe the next decade is going to be as revolutionary and creative as any period in American history. And I think a presidential campaign that ignores these issues is a sad and wasteful exercise in futility.

Here are just a few questions Michigan voters might want to raise with presidential candidates.

Taxes. E-commerce was the big winner this Christmas season. Most sales over the Internet are not taxed. But most states and some cities rely on some form of sales tax. What's going to happen when governors and mayors discover their tax base is being lost to untaxed Internet commerce? A national sales tax, almost certainly. This, in turn, will provoke a complete re-



PHIL POWER

ting of the relations between cities, states and the federal government.

Safety net. Certainly, saving Social Security is important, but in the age of the Internet, access to information technology is going to be as fundamental a need as a fixed income on retirement. Should everybody be guaranteed access to the Web as a right, like Social Security?

Education. The basic technologies of teaching and learning - lectures, note taking and reading - are all survivals of the Middle Ages. The Internet and information technology are opening the door for fundamental rethinking of the ways children and adults learn. We have yet to start talking about the consequences for our entire system of education.

Government. A persistent problem in late 20th century advanced countries is the inefficiency of governments in delivering services to taxpayers, coupled with confusion about the proper responsibilities of our three-layered (local, state and federal) system of government. Why stand in line for hours to get your license renewed when you can get it done in seconds on the Internet? Why rush to file your income tax return at midnight on April 15 when you can file instantaneously on the Web?

Politics. Citizens are increasingly cynical about the political system. Voter turnout is low and getting lower. Certainly, there is room for debate about the ways special interest money infests our politics. But could information technology sweep aside the secret deals and revitalized citizen involvement in the political process? Or will the Internet merely open the door for a scary sort of mobocracy?

I doubt well-scripted sound bites or carefully programmed candidates will be able to handle these and other similarly far-reaching questions. But they desperately need to be asked.

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Democrats use caucus to pick candidate

BY MIKE MALOTT
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If local voters sometimes find presidential primary politics confusing, there is a reason. Just casting your vote in the upcoming Michigan ballot can be an intricate process.

The state's primary will be split this year, with Republicans participating in an "open primary" election Feb. 22. The primary operates like any other election. Voters just have to remember to register by Jan. 24.

Democrats have a much more complicated process for selecting their candidate - Vice President Al Gore or former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley. They'll host caucuses on March 11.

Democrats across the state will gather in local meeting halls across the state for "Iowa style" caucus sessions. Beginning at 11 a.m., the party will hold meetings asking members to vote by raising their hands. An old-fashioned 'round the room count will tally the results. The caucuses are expected to take no more than two hours, according to party officials.

For the first time this year, Democrats will be able to vote by mail, much like using an absentee ballot. Once they've voted by mail, they cannot attend a caucus session.

Local caucus sites

Wayne County	(for Garden City, Dearborn Heights, 13th Congressional portion)
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Maplewood Community Center 31735 Maplewood, Garden City	

Voters don't have to be members of the Democratic Party to participate, they must only be willing to declare themselves to be Democrats.

The purpose behind the caucus

is to eliminate "crossover" voting, where members of one party vote in the other party's primary to "cause mischief," according to Democratic State Party Chairman Mark Brewer. They run up

'Democrats should not participate in raiding. We don't like it where people can crossover like that.'

Mark Brewer

Democratic State Party Chairman

numbers for a weaker candidate.

If the purpose of a primary is to select the best candidate from that party, such "raiding" should not be allowed, Brewer said.

"Our official policy is that we discourage it. Democrats should not participate in raiding. We don't like it where people can crossover like that," he said.

The last time Democrats participated in a presidential primary election in Michigan was 1992, when voters were required to declare their party preference. Without that declaration, the Democratic National Committee has concluded that state parties should use caucuses rather than elections, state party communications Director Dennis Denno explained.

Once voters cast their votes for their favorite candidates, delegates to the Democratic National Convention will be apportioned on a percentage basis from the local congressional districts

according to the results on May 6 and for the state as a whole on May 20.

All told, the state will send 157 delegates, 22 alternates and 18 convention committee members off to the national convention in Los Angeles this August.

To vote by mail, Democrats must fill out an application. Forms are available through local party organizations or by contacting the state office by phone at (517) 371-5410, by fax at (517) 371-2056, or by sending a letter to 606 Townsend, Lansing, MI 48933.

Applications can also be obtained by e-mail at MIDEPARTY@aol.com, or on the party Web site at www.mi-democrats.com.

Ballots must be returned by March 10.

To vote in person, Democrats must go the caucus meeting for their area. Registration that day will begin at 10 a.m.

County begins campaign for Census 2000

Wayne County commissioners will be encouraging public participation in the U.S. Census through activities and programs designed to increase public awareness.

Wayne County Commissioner Christopher Cavanagh, who chairs the commission's subcommittee on Census 2000, unveiled a new decal Tuesday to be used to urge residents to participate in the census.

The decal uses a "Census Count" logo with a check mark and reminds residents "Don't Be Left Out." It will be used on correspondence and distributed at public gatherings.

Cavanagh said a full count is important because the federal government uses census figures to distribute more than \$100 billion every year to local governments for roads, housing, schools, senior and youth programs and community services.

"After computers, the true test of Y2K readiness will be ensuring the full participation of residents in the census," Cavanagh said. "A full and accurate count is essential to starting off the new millennium in the right way."

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JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Living happily ever after has ripple effect

Recent research shows that couples who stay married are more likely to raise children who hit fewer teen land mines, and more importantly, become healthy, productive adults themselves.

In a book called "Living Happily Ever After" by Wagner, Rausser and Collier, couples who have been married 30 to 60 years talk about what has kept them together. Their stories should inspire all of us.

Helma and Benno Schneider overcame incredible obstacles by escaping from a German concentration camp and lived in a forest for a year, only to then learn that 123 people in Benno's family had been killed by the Germans. Helma says the overriding principle for their marriage is, "We don't live for each other, we live with each other."

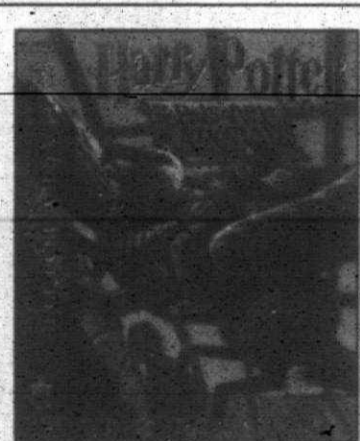
Another couple talked about a ritual they had of sitting together on the edge of the bed each morning and talking about what they were thinking or feeling. Peggy, the wife, reports that she needs to tell her husband her feelings, not waiting until it's gotten to the point where she is so hurting and so self-protecting that her anger frightens him. John, her husband, says he likes this method because it gets the problem "aired" before it gets to the stage "where I used to slip to the side and disappear."

Emmanuel and Sylvia Siegel have been married 64 years. Today, he has to dress, cook and clean her because of a stroke she had six years ago. But Emmanuel says that one of the secrets of long-term marriages is to do something to make the other person happy all the time.

"I don't do it so that she's better to me in bed or anything, I do it because I love her." Another couple explained that compromises must be made by both parties if the marriage is going to work.

Many years ago, one of my clients made a poignant comment about

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Harry Potter — friend or foe?

Have you gotten wrapped up in the latest trend of mystery novels — J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" series? So far, the series includes "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," and the latest installment "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban."

Do you think the books are a way to promote reading among young people, or do they show too strong a connection to sorcery or witchcraft?

Whether you're a fan or foe of the series, and you live in Wayne County (particularly Garden City, Westland, Livonia, Redford, Plymouth or Canton), please contact Stephanie Angelyn Casola to discuss the books for an upcoming article. Call before Friday, Jan. 21, at the Observer Newspapers. Call (734) 959-2130 or e-mail scasola@oe.homecomm.net

Chains of Love

Prison visits renew inmates spirits

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

There's no mistaking the identity of the Robert Scott Correctional Facility, a multi-level security women's prison in Northville Township, an area of expensive subdivisions and open fields.

The 35-acre site on Five Mile and Beck Roads is surrounded by three 12-foot fences topped with razor-ribbon wire, gun towers and electronic detection systems. Armed staff constantly patrol the road that wraps around the facility's perimeter.

June Clark of Plymouth, a prison ministry volunteer, has been there many times.

She still remembers a cold Christ-

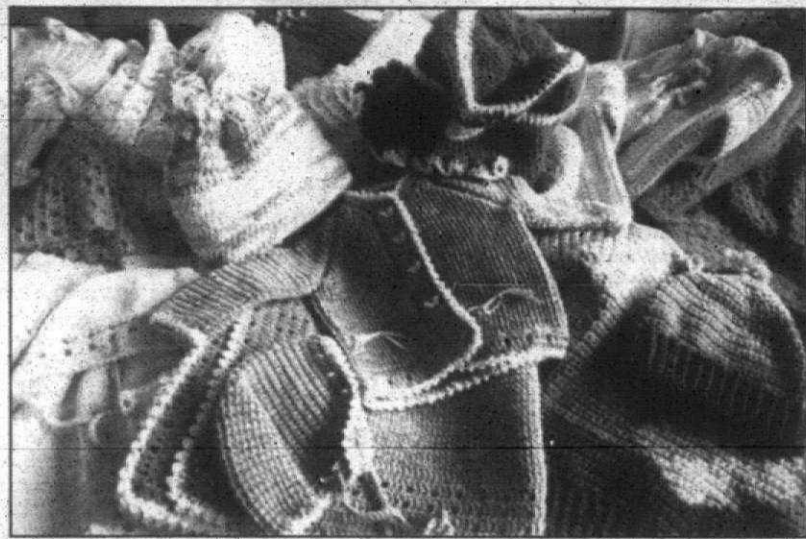


STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCIMANN

mas Eve several years ago when she set out from an office Christmas party to visit an inmate at Scott. Although she had visited other inmates at other times, this was different. This was Christmas.

"I got in my car and started for the prison. Then it hit me like a splash of cold water. I said, 'What can I say to this woman (inmate)?' I can't say Merry Christmas or Happy New Year. She's in for life."

Clark began her prison ministry 10 years ago. Through her late husband, Jim, she met the Rev. Art Lovely, a Jesuit priest at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Detroit who visit-



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

For baby: This collage of crocheted baby clothes comes from the talents of the inmates involved in the lap robe program at the Robert Scott Correctional Facility. Left, June Clark of Plymouth, a prison ministry volunteer, displays an afghan made by an inmate. Clark manages the prison's lap robe program.

ed the Wayne County jail every day, walking the half dozen long city blocks.

"He was bent over and stooped with osteoporosis, and he had bad legs and feet, but he walked every day," she said.

Lovely encouraged Clark to become a prison ministry volunteer. Through the Archdiocese of Detroit's prison program, she began three days of training at Sacred Heart Seminary. She has never regretted her decision.

"They told me, 'if you're looking for a pat on the back, don't go into prison ministry. You'll never see the fruits of

your labor.' If people ever knew the joy I've experienced, they'd be beating down the door at Scott's."

Soon Clark was visiting prisoners, both men and women, in facilities across the state, concentrating on those inmates who didn't have family or friends. Some, she said, had not had a visitor in 15 years. These people crave visits from anyone, she said.

"It could be Ronald McDonald. They don't care. They're just so lonely. They just want someone to care about them."

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Female inmates find a way to give back

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
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Deanna Nunn, 60, an inmate at Scott Correctional Facility since 1995, is affectionately called "Mother D" by the other inmates. She is an artistic, soft-spoken woman and an expert crocheter. She also loves to give.

"Even before I came in here, I have always been a person who did things for others," she said.

About a year and half ago Nunn was seeking ways to say thank you to the Salvation Army for its frequent gifts of much-appreciated toiletries. She and three other inmates approached June Clark during one of her visits. Could she get them some yarn?

Clark's church, Our Lady of Victory in Northville which sponsors the prison ministry program, donated \$200. Clark bought 200 skeins and some plastic crochet hooks. (Knitting needles or metal crochet hooks are not allowed at Scott.) The women soon made 30 lap robes to be distributed to nursing homes.

The lap robe program has since grown to over 200 inmates who make afghans, hats, scarves, gloves and baby items. Many of the items go to St. Leo's soup kitchen in Detroit. Clark collects donated yarn and delivers it to the prison. "You can't see a driver. My car is full of yarn," she said.

Nunn crocheted a beautiful christening dress over five feet long. It took her more than six months to complete. The dress has an underskirt made out of new thermal under-



Baptism beauty: Geraldyn Quick holds her baby daughter, Bryce, as she awaits baptism. The child is wearing Nunn's crocheted christening gown. Godmother Jennifer Kline looks on.

wear trimmed in crocheted yarn. It is looped in satin ribbons and has booties to match. She donated it to Our Lady of Victory for use by parishioners.

"Oh, it's just gorgeous," said Geraldyn Quick, whose baby daughter,

Bryce, was baptized in the gown Dec. 19. "We got so many compliments on the dress. They thought it was handed down from grandmothers."

Inmate Patricia Lickfeldt, 50, said she's "in love with June and the lap robe program." She has seen the positive affect the program has had on the inmates. "It gives them a good feeling without anyone thinking they have another agenda. Once they find out they can create something useful, it leads them to do other constructive things."

Lickfeldt said there is a need for atonement in prison. "It doesn't matter what the crime was, no matter how heinous, or if you're from a good family or bad. It only matters that you give to others."

Melvina Smith, 56, was reluctant to join the lap robe program. She didn't know how to crochet. "I just sat around lookin' and lookin' and said I don't want to do that."

Gradually, she was drawn into the program as she learned to crochet. "It was so interesting and mind-soothing. If I stay right with it, I can make an afghan in two weeks, a great big afghan."

Smith now reads patterns and often orders yarn from a catalog. She's made afghans for her mother, daughter, grandson, nephew and sister. And, since she couldn't attend her son's wedding, she made him an afghan.

"It has given me a sense of peace that I'm still able to do something," she said. "I felt lost when I came here. I wasn't accomplishing anything. Now I'm accomplishing some-

thing."

Forgotten population

At Scott, the women face an abundance of time and noise. They also have no choice when it comes to a room partner. The lap robe program has quieted people down, Clark said, and encouraged friendships between younger and older women.

However, prison life is still a harsh reality. Many times children stop visiting their parents. The inmates are the community's invisible neighbors.

"Part of being a prisoner is being disposed of. For the time we're here we don't exist to the world. If they have to be conscious of us, they have to be concerned," said Lickfeldt, who has earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and business administration while in prison.

Prison life has made Nunn an observer. "You know, when you're home and have a family and housework and a husband, sometimes a person doesn't have the time to sit back, look and listen. (Prison) has given me a whole new insight into things," she said.

"I feel people on the other side of these walls feel there's violence here, that the women are crude, rude people. It isn't like that. If people could just come in and visit some of the women ... There are women in here who don't have anyone to visit them. It would be so nice. If they could come in once, they'd see how wrong their perception of prison women is."

Pat Ernst, director of adult educa-

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Convention Bureau Red Coats help at Auto Show

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Of all the work generated by the North American International Auto Show this year, Marilynn Compton's responsibility is to make the visitor's day a little brighter.

For the past 40 years, the Livonia resident has worked as a "Red Coat" for the Metropolitan Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau. If there's a big convention in town, chances are Compton's been there, working and chatting with visitors.

The bureau, which was the first of its kind established in 1896, aims to promote Detroit in the best possible light so the city's visitors can have an enjoyable time.

Red Coats — a title derived from the uniform they are recognized by — are part of the bureau's temporary staffing service. They register convention-goers, and assist with information and program booths, cashiering, typing and

VOLUNTEERS

selling merchandise.

"We make the experience as pleasant as possible," said Compton. "If registration is pleasant, it can turn (a person's) whole attitude around."

This is the first year the Red Coats have been asked to help out for the full run of the Auto Show, an event that attracts car lovers and car-makers from all over the world.

In the past Red Coats have helped with the charity night that kicks off the show, but this year men and women sporting that signature item of clothing can be seen selling merchandise, programs and giving directions and information. It's all part of helping the show run smoothly, and Compton said she's happy to do it.

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Greeter: Marilynn Compton is a Red Coat volunteer.

CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

AROUND TOWN

RACQUETBALL LEAGUE

Canton Parks and Recreation sponsors a men's winter racquetball league at Body Rocks Racquetball of Livonia. Players will be divided into divisions based on ability. Court times are 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays. Cost is \$100 per person. No residency requirements. Call (734) 397-5110.

JUDSON CENTER

Make a difference in a child's life. The Judson Center is seeking families or persons who are interested in caring for children either through foster care or adoption. The next orientation training is scheduled from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13. For more information, call Jennifer Solack at (248) 443-5000, ext. 109.

VARIETY SHOW

The Plymouth Canton High School Chieftess Pom-Pon Squad presents its annual Variety Show entitled "Kickin' Into the Millennium." The show will be held at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Salem High School Auditorium. Tickets cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and children. Tickets can be purchased from any Chieftess squad member or at the door before the performance.

HISTORY PROGRAM

There will be a Natural History Program at Proud Lake Recreation Area at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at 3500 Wixom Road, Commerce Township. Learn about hibernating wildlife in Michigan on this 1 1/2 hour walk. Meet at Annex parking lot. A Michigan State Park motor vehicle permit is required for entry. Proud Lake Recreation Area is located three miles southeast of Milford. From I-96 take the Wixom Road exit and go north six miles to the park entrance opposite Garden Road.

COLLECTIBLE SHOWS

Plymouth's "Toy Show" and "Collectibles Show" will be held from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, and Sunday, Jan. 16, at the Cultural Center at 525 Farmer Street. The Toy Show features new, used, antique and collectible toys of all kinds. The Collectibles Show features Beanie's, Pokémon, Furby, Barbie, action figures, etc. Admission is \$5, kids 4-12 years old are admitted for \$2. For more information, call (734) 455-2110.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY WEEK

Evola Music hosts "Friends and Family Week," Monday, Jan. 17, through Saturday, Jan. 22, at 7170 N. Haggerty in Canton. Visit a group class for free during the Open House Week. For more information, call (734) 455-4677 for a listing of classes and times. Now taking registrations for group classes in Kindermusik, piano, violin, and organ. Winter/Spring session begins Jan. 30.

ME & MY SHADOW

New Morning School has openings for its winter 2000 "Me & My Shadow" program. This is an introductory class for children 2-4 and their parents. Parent and child participate in music, play activities, art and readiness projects, snack and story time. Two Saturday morning sessions begin Jan. 15 and one Monday evening session begins Jan. 17. Call (734) 420-3381. New Morning is located at 14501 Haggerty, just north of Schoolcraft Road.

REVIEW

The Princeton Review

Kudos for Canton scholar

holds free practice full-length DAT, GMAT, GRE, LSAT, and MCAT tests 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at The Princeton Review, 1220 South University, Suite 209, Ann Arbor. Call 800-2-REVIEW, or (734) 663-2163 to register.

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Canton Project Arts will hold its second annual family storytelling festival, "Storytelling Through the Ages," from 1-2:30 p.m. and a family concert from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Summit on the Park. The event will provide hands-on workshops and concerts for children and adults. Mother Goose will delight young children with a visit. Magician and folklorist Marc LeJarett will perform dazling magic tricks. Storybook character "Madeline" will also be present. Award winning storyteller Debra Christian will conduct a workshop for children on Creating Creepy Tales. Adult workshops will also be held. Individual tickets for the entire day and evening event are \$5 or \$15 for a family of three or more. For advanced ticket reservations or information, call (734) 397-6450.

SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Vermeulen Funeral Home offers a free monthly Grief Aftercare Support Group meeting for those who have recently experienced the death of a family member or close friend.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Starkweather Education Center/Alternative Education will offer in the second semester, beginning Jan. 31, "School of Choice." As a "school of choice" any Wayne County resident who was 16 by Sept. 1, 1999, may apply to enroll in the high school completion program at Starkweather. Interested students should call (734) 416-4901 to make an appointment to register.

WORKSHOPS

Financial consultant Paul Leduc presents a free "Advanced Living Trust Workshop" 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Northville Public Library, 212 W. Cady, Northville. Call (248) 540-8710.

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

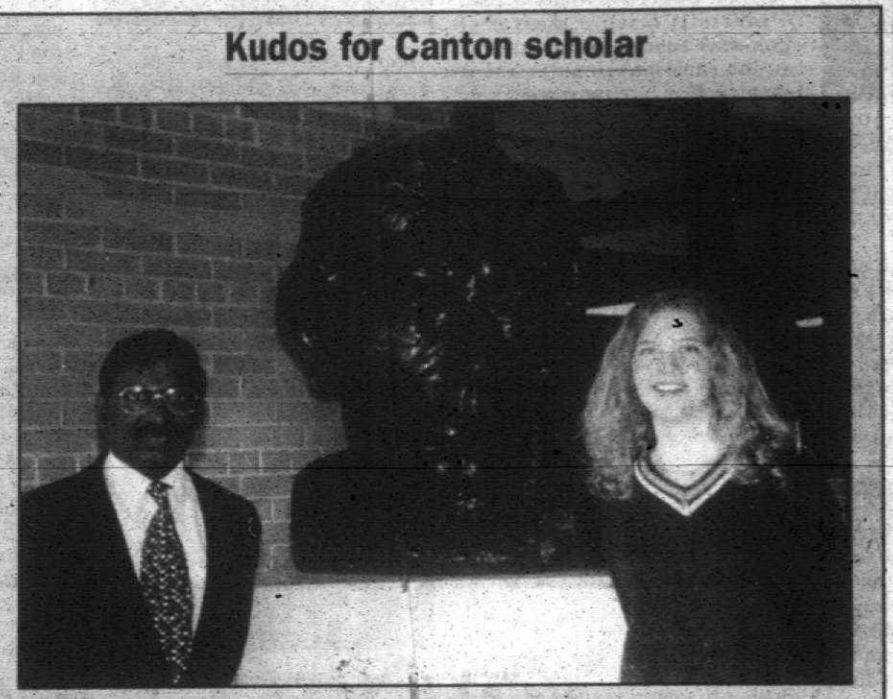
Celebrate Valentine's Day by attending the Canton Knights of Columbus 9th Annual Daddy-Daughter Valentines Dance. The dance will be held from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at the St. Thomas a'Becket Family Life Center, 555 Lillian Road, Canton. This special night will feature danceable music, a flower corsage, refreshments and a unique gift so dad and his date will remember the evening. It's dad has more than one date, how about inviting an older brother, uncle or grandpa, so each girl will have a partner. So dad bring your little valentine from ages 3-13 to celebrate this memorable evening. Tickets will be \$20.

EXHIBIT

The Plymouth Community Arts Council features "Spirit Earth," the recent watercolors of Todd Marsee, through Jan. 26 at the JWH Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Friday and weekends by appointment. Call (734) 207-3918.

SESAME STREET LIVE

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a family trip to Sesame Street Live "When I Grow Up" show on Saturday, Jan. 29, at the beautiful Fox Theater. Come and join a fun-filled family show with no worries of driving, as attendees will ride a chartered bus to the Fox Theater. The bus leaves Summit on the Park parking lot at 12:30 p.m. and returns at approximately at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person (any child who has celebrated their first birthday must



Award winner: Nicole Hrycyk (right), the daughter of Nicholas and Andrea Hrycyk of Canton, is the recipient of the Student Laureate Award of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois. She was one of over 50 students from each of the four-year, degree-granting colleges and universities in Illinois to receive the award. She traveled to Springfield Nov. 13 where she was presented with a Lincoln Academy medallion, a certificate of honor and a check for \$150. A senior psychology major and Spanish minor, Hrycyk consistently places on the President's List, which requires a minimum grade point average of 3.6 out of 4.0. She is a member of the College Scholars Program, which is North Central's honors program, and is a Wingspread Scholar.

available after all masses

at St. Thomas a'Becket or by calling Ralph at (248) 344-1956 or Mary at (734) 397-1359. Tickets are \$12 per couple and \$16 for dad and two dates. Space is limited.

CENSUS 2000

The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring enumerators for the 2000 census. Enumerators spend most of their time locating addresses and conducting door-to-door interviews. They work evenings and weekends. This temporary job will last up to two months next spring. Census workers are paid \$13-15/hour and are reimbursed for mileage. Bonuses are available. Call (888) 325-7733.

NOPS MEETING

The Plymouth Baptist Church holds mothers of preschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mothers with their children, kindergarten-age and younger, may attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Childcare is provided. The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 454-5534.

M.O.M. MEETING

Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) invites you to join it for guest speakers and discussion 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Baby-sitting is provided. Call Kim at (734) 459-7035 or Shannon at (734) 354-0191.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tues-

day at the Plymouth Cultural Center

525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

DINNER/AUCTION

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's annual dinner/auction, "Escape To The Caribbean," begins 6 p.m. Saturday, March 11, in the Mayflower Meeting House, Plymouth. Auction items include trips, dinners, clothing, furniture and art. Dance music will be provided by the Couriers. Entrées include beef tenderloin, stuffed chicken and orange roughy. Tickets are \$55. Call (734) 416-4278.

KIWANIS CLUB

The Plymouth Kiwanis Club meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the new City Limits Bar & Grill on Ann Arbor Road. Call Charlene Miller at (734) 455-4782.

NURSERY SCHOOL OPENINGS

Garfield Co-op has openings in programs for children 18 months to 5 years. The school is located in Livonia at Case Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road. For more information, call (734) 462-0135.

Plymouth Children's Nursery School

Co-op has openings for children 3-4 years old. For more information, call (734) 455-6269.

First Baptist Church of Plymouth-Canton

Kinder-musik has openings for its winter session enrollment. Call (734) 354-9109.

Garfield Co-op

has openings for people age 18 months to 5 years. Garfield Co-op is located at Case

Elementary, 34633

Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 462-0135.

The Salvation Army

Tiny Tots Preschool has openings for its 3-year old program from 9:30-11:20 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The school is located on Main St. in Plymouth. For more information, call Peggy Blaisdell at (734) 453-5464.

VILLAGE MUSIC

Village Music is registering students for Kinder-musik classes beginning the week of Jan. 24. Kinder-musik is music education for the whole family, not just for young children. Call now for classes for people up to age 7. Call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

Individualized Hospice

volunteers are needed in the community. Those interested in becoming a part of this volunteer program are invited to attend Tuesdays With Hospice from noon through 3 p.m. at Individualized Hospice in Ann Arbor. Evening training sessions may also be available. Hospice volunteers are trained to be compassionate, skilled listeners and often are a significant support to both the patient and family. Day-time patient care, overnight care for 11th hour, and office volunteers are presently needed. For more information, or to register for the training please call Rev. Nancy Doty at (734) 971-0444.

First Step

is being active in the effort to end violence in western Wayne County and downtown communities for over 20 years. Committed and dedicated volunteers are needed in several communities for the assault response on-call program. Training is provided and opportunities in western Wayne County and downtown communities are available for women and men at least 18 years old. For more information, call (734) 416-1111, ext. 223.

CANCER SOCIETY

American Cancer Society needs volunteers. Call (248) 557-5353, ext. 336.

ALZHEIMER'S

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NEW VOICES

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Jason and Michelle

Kunka of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of Hailey Rose Nov. 9 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins sister Brittany, age 7. Grandparents are Alan and Amelia Kunka of Dearborn Heights and Suzanne Mason of Westland.

Paul and Anne McGuffin

of Detroit announce the birth of Alexis Hellardore Nov. 10 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Megan Peticier of Detroit, Joe Sobieraj of Bloomfield Hills and Dave and Lisa Bunker of Livonia.

Michael Nunnally and Nichole Berkeley

announce the birth of their son, Zachary Noah Nov. 12 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. The boys' siblings Richard Duane, Heather Nichole, Christian Nicholas and Elizabeth Paige. Grandparents are Richard and Nancy Nunnally of Novi and Donna Berkeley of Harrison.

Brian and Christine Nelson

of Wixom announce the birth of Paige Elizabeth Nov. 12 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Mack and Sue Nelson, Richard Novak and Janet Tunis all of Garden City.

Michel and Teresa LaSage

of Garden City announce the birth of Blayne Michael Nov. 13 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins siblings Jessica, 13 and Christopher, 7. Lorraine Rosko of Garden City is his grandmother. Great-grandparents are Bob and Olga Wetzel of South Rock Wood.

Christopher and Stephanie Shasser

of Westland announce the birth of Sydney Ann Nov. 13 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Bob and Kathy Shasser of Westland and Dave and Pat Beech of Canton.

Steven and Marisa Battagin

of Dearborn announce the birth of Darien Renee Nov. 15 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Judith DeGolyer of Garden City, Raymond DeGolyer of Knoxville,

Tenn., and Luigi and Amelia Battagin

of Dearborn Heights. Sandra Kay Pennington of Inkster announces the birth of her daughter Faith Ann Champagne Nov. 19 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City.

Howard and Tammy Cooper

of Inkster announce the birth of Rebekah Ann Nov. 23 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins siblings Christina, 12, Amber, 10, Robert, 8, Steven, 6, and Virginia, 3. Grandparents are Pat and Gary Slater of Westland, Jim Underwood of Wayne and Dorothy Campbell of Taylor.

Jason and Dawn Burke

of Garden City and Inkster announce the birth of Brittany Lee Nov. 24 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Ted and Sandra Longsdorf of Inkster and John and Sheila Burke of Garden City.

Kirk and Heidi Gamman

of Garden City announce the birth of Colby Kreutzer Nov. 25 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Colby joins brother Andrew, 5, and sister Breanna, 2. Grandparents are Dennis and Sally Kreutzer of Chicago and Bob and Arlene Gammon of Utah.

Mark and Jenny Rice

of Plymouth announce the birth of Brandon Mark Nov. 25 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Bud and Shirley LeBlanc of Plymouth and Tom and Yvonne Rice of Livonia.

Alicia Lynn Spencer

of Garden City announces the birth of her son, Nicholas James Nov. 30 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Her grandmother is Allen Joan Spencer.

Michael Pudlock

of Westland and Amanda Sergent of Wayne announce the birth of Jonathan Scott Dec. 1 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins brother Michael Scott Pudlock, 3. Grandparents are Larry and Tina Quiggins of Westland and Wayne and Joe and Ethel Witkowski of Newport.

Teens earn Girl Scouting's highest honor

safety and awareness. "I and my troop felt very proud to put on a project that affected so many people and in such a way that someone's life could be saved because of what they learned at our program," said the 16-year-old. "For Meszaros, 18, the project made her "aware of the world around me," while it made Mitoraj "feel good." "I'm glad to do something for the community where the younger Girl Scouts enjoyed the fire safety day," the 18-year-old added. A student at Albion College, Charest has been a Scout for 10 years. She is a member of Senior Girl Scout Troop 2553. For her project, Charest, with the help of local Scout troops, made small crafts and, with the help of high school volunteers, visited and distributed the crafts to the residents of a nursing home. "I learned that I can become an effective leader and can offer a good example to younger Girl Scouts," said the 18-year-old. "I also learned that a little kindness goes a long way, especially to those who are in long-term care facilities." A student at Schoolcraft College, Tell has been a Girl Scout for 12 years. She is a member of Senior Scout Troop 761. For her project, she designed a pioneer garden at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia. "My project made me feel better as a person and helped educate people in the community," the 19-year-old said. "Swan, who plans to major in special education at Eastern Michigan University, has been a Scout for 14 years. She is a member of Senior Girl Scout Troop 640. For her project, she organized a bike and safety rally where she taught younger girls safety and crafts. "This project showed me that I can be organized and finish whatever I start," said the 19-year-old. The Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council is the fourth largest council in the United States, providing leadership and cultural development opportunities for more than 41,000 girls in Wayne and Oakland counties.

Maid of Erin pageant looking for local contestants

A call has been issued to young women ages 17-23 to compete in the annual Maid of Erin pageant that will be held Feb. 28 at the Gaelic League. The pageant, sponsored by the United Irish Societies, serves as the kickoff to the annual St. Patrick's Day festivities. Contestants must be of Irish heritage. The winner will win a free trip to Ireland and will participate in Irish functions throughout the year. For more information about the pageant or to enter, call Birdie Flynn at (734) 964-8556.

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RELIGION 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 96251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

FAMILY WEEK PROGRAM Paul and Nicole Johnson will bring their original drama to Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16. The couple, who have been featured on such programs as "Focus on Family" and "Family Life Today," will reflect real life in their powerful drama. Call (248) 374-9556.

RELIEF EFFORT The Archdiocese of Detroit, in partnership with Catholic Relief Services, is collecting monetary donations for the people of Venezuela, devastated by flooding that has left thousands dead or homeless. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Archdiocese of Detroit-Venezuela Relief and sent to Christian Service Department, 305 Michigan Avenue (G5), Detroit, MI 48226-2605. For more information, call (313) 237-4689.

ANDY GRIFFITH NIGHT Plymouth Church of the Nazarene will screen favorite episodes of the "Andy Griffith Show" Sunday, Jan. 16. Brush up on your Andy trivia to win a prize. Refreshments will be served.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in Knox Hall in Ward Church. On Jan. 14, Pastor Paul Clough will be the speaker. Coffee and cookies will be served; Ministries Showcase 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Sanctuary at church. Hear Phillips, Craig and Dean, a free concert. Offerings accepted; Single Parenting Ministry meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the parlor, room C317/C319, at the church. A free meal is served before the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Speakers or open discussion and encouraging atmosphere. Free child care provided; Light-house Cafe, a coffeehouse setting, is offered 7-10 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month in Knox Hall. The cost is \$5; all events provided by Ward Presbyterian Church, 4000 Six Mile Road, Northville, Cal (248) 374-5920.

THE GATHERING OF THE EAGLES CONFERENCE The Detroit Chapter of the Ministry of the Watchman International hosts this fourth annual event dedicated to renewing the strength of the people of God, 7 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Jan. 28-30 at VanDyke Park Hotel and Conference Center in Warren. Speakers include Barbara Williams, president of the Ministry, and Allen Wilson of Eagles Nest Church in Calif. Reservations are \$100 per person, \$15 for lunch. Call (800) 560-9240 to make reservations or obtain a complete schedule.

LET'S TALK

Interfaith Connection is sponsoring this three-part series for interfaith couples where one partner is Jewish. Sessions are held 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday Jan. 13, 27, and Feb. 3 at the Agency for Jewish Education, 21550 W. Twelve Mile Road in Southfield. The cost is \$5 per session and childcare is available. Call (248) 354-1050 for information or to register.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit organization, is forming new, beginner Tai Chi classes, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia, St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bloomfield and Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Observers welcome. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281.

Tai Chi is a complete and integrated exercise which works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for persons of all ages and conditions of health.

NEW SERIES Canton Friendship Church is now offering "What's the Difference," a series on World Religions in the Light of Christianity, 10:30 a.m. Sundays in January. Topics are "Hinduism and Latter Day Saints in the Light of Christianity," Jan. 16, "Unity and New Age in the Light of Christianity," Jan. 23 and "Secular Humanism in the Light of Christianity," Jan. 30. Call (734) 451-2100.

WOMEN'S RETREAT Calvary Baptist Church will have a women's retreat. "Choosing to Be God's Woman," Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, at the church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Sessions include "Choosing to Be God's Woman," "Choosing to Trust," "Choosing to Be What God Wants Me to Be" and "Sharing Christ in Familiar Places." The retreat will be held 7-9:15 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The \$20 ticket price includes all of the seminar sessions, snack, continental breakfast and a boxed lunch. To register, call (734) 455-0022. **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other. Feb. 11-12 and March 10-12 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit this Web site: www.rc.net/detroit/wvme.

HEALING SERVICE The Church of the Risen Lord presents a healing service at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the church, 821 N. Newburgh Road, south of Ford Road, Westland. The service, led by the Rev. Gary Seymour, is part of the series of healing services, "Rise and Come Forward."

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Clarenceville United Methodist Church is selling Entertainment passbooks to raise money for the church. The coupon books cost \$40 and are available by calling Jim Robinson at (248) 347-1535 or the church office at (248) 474-3444.
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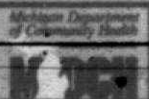
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Sharks corrected

In the Sunday edition of the Plymouth-Canton Observer, some of the information provided regarding an item in the Sports Briefs column on the Great White Sharks was incorrect.

First and foremost, a player's name was omitted. Matthew Rodgers was also a key member of the title-winning team.

Also, the team the Sharks defeated 4-2 for the championship was the Whalers, a Mini-Mite team from Dearborn. The Sharks, a Mini Division team from Plymouth-Canton, was playing down an age group.

Ten Star hoop camp

Applications are being evaluated for the Ten Star All-Star Basketball camps for boys and girls (ages 7-19).

Nearby camp locations include Fort Wayne, Ind., Canton, Ohio, and Georgetown, Ky. For an evaluation form, call (704) 372-8610.

Baseball clinics

The Wayne State University Baseball Winter 2000 Development Hitting Camp, conducted by the school's baseball coaching staff, is open for all baseball hitters in grades seven through 12 who reside within 100 miles of WSU.

The philosophy is to teach and develop secondary school hitters in the fundamentals of hitting.

There are three sessions held on four consecutive Saturdays: Jan. 22 and 29 and Feb. 5 and 12. Session I: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Session II: 10 a.m. to noon; Session III: Noon to 2 p.m.

Each session is limited to 20 campers on a first-come basis. Cost is \$100 per camper. Call (248) 477-6590 for more information.

Avery's All-Star Hitting Camp, conducted by Oakland University coach Mark Avery, is for ages 11 through 18. Wooden bats will be used.

The camp costs \$210 per player and runs five consecutive Saturdays or Sundays, beginning Jan. 15 or 16.

Bruce Fields, a former Major League player now managing the Grand Rapids Whitecaps Minor League team, is one of Avery's instructors.

There is a four to one camper-to-coach ratio.

Call Avery at (810) 523-1953 or Andy Fairman at (248) 672-1819 for more information.

Westland John Glenn will host a mid-winter pitching and catching clinic Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 22-23 at the school's gym (located at 36105 Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads).

Ages 8-13 will meet from 1-3 p.m., while ages 14-18 will meet 3:30-5:30 p.m.

The cost is \$50 per player. Payment must be received no later than Wednesday, Jan. 19 to guarantee a spot. Walk-in registration the first day of the clinic is \$60.

Pitchers will receive instruction on proper form, balance, release point and velocity. Catchers will receive instruction on stance, receiving, blocking and throwing mechanics.

For more information, call John Glenn varsity baseball coach Todd Duffield at (734) 721-5127.

Skate with Warriors

Wayne State University's first-year men's hockey program is giving the public a chance to skate with the players after the Warriors' game against SUNY-Brockport, which starts at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at the State Fairgrounds.

All skaters need is to bring their own skates. In addition to skating with the players, 1,000 free team photographs will be given to the first 1,000 children (17 and under) attending the game. The players will be available to sign the photographs.

Fans who bring cameras may take pictures with the WSU players.

For ticket information, call (877) WSU GOAL.

Cougars need coaches

Garden City High School needs coaches for the following positions: varsity boys track, junior varsity baseball and freshman softball.

Call athletic director Bob Drapp at (734) 762-8363 if interested.

Make it 7 straight wins for Whalers



How long can this last is the question. Whalers players, officials and fans all hope the answer is forever. The Whalers won for the 15th time in 17 games Saturday; their current win streak is at seven.

The Belleville Bulls got a goal with 19 seconds left in the second period and added a second just 6:20 into the third — but by then, it was already too little, too late.

The Plymouth Whalers roared to their seventh-straight win by scoring

three first-period goals and adding another in the second en route to a 4-2 triumph over the Bulls Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Defenseman Shaun Fisher, named the game's No. 1 star, and teammates Justin Williams and George Nistas

each accounted for a goal and an assist, and goalie Rob Zepp turned away 26 of 28 shots for Plymouth.

The Whalers improved to 23-14-3 and moved into a tie for second place with the Windsor Spitfires in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division; both teams have 50 points (the Spitfires have played two fewer games, however). Belleville is 22-14-1.

Damian Surma got Plymouth going, scoring at the 6:29 mark of the first period, with assists from Williams and Fisher. Fisher made it 2-0 at 14:14 of

the first period, Nistas and Eric Gooldy assisting.

Nistas' power-play goal at the 18:07 juncture of the first increased the Whalers' lead to 3-0; Gooldy got his second assist of the game, with Tomas Kurka also assisting.

Williams unassisted short-handed goal at 3:15 of the second period made it 4-0 for Plymouth. The Bulls narrowed the margin with a goal from Randy Rowe late in the second and

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Nothing easy

PCA wastes lead in loss to Inter-City

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When you compile a 21-4 record and advance to the regional finals in the Class D state tournament like Plymouth Christian Academy did last season, you might as well stencil a giant bull's-eye on the back of your uniforms the following year.

"When you're on top," PCA coach Doug Taylor explained, "everybody's gunning for you."

Using an arsenal that featured a relentless full-court press, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist overcame a 15-point first-half deficit and dropped the Eagles, 79-75, Tuesday night in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

PCA, which entered the season with most of last year's starting line-up intact and realistic hopes of improving on last year's sterling record, fell to 2-3 overall. The Chargers improved their overall record to 4-3.

"It was a Jeckyl-and-Hyde performance," Taylor said, shaking his head. "In the first half, we followed the game plan perfectly. We broke their press and then worked the ball into our big guys to take advantage of our height. As a result, we got a lot of lay-ups."

"The second half was a different story. We got away from the game plan and started taking too many outside shots."

The game's final shooting statistics confirmed Taylor's point. The Eagles shot 61 percent (19-for-31) in the first half and 30 percent (9-for-30) in the final 16 minutes.

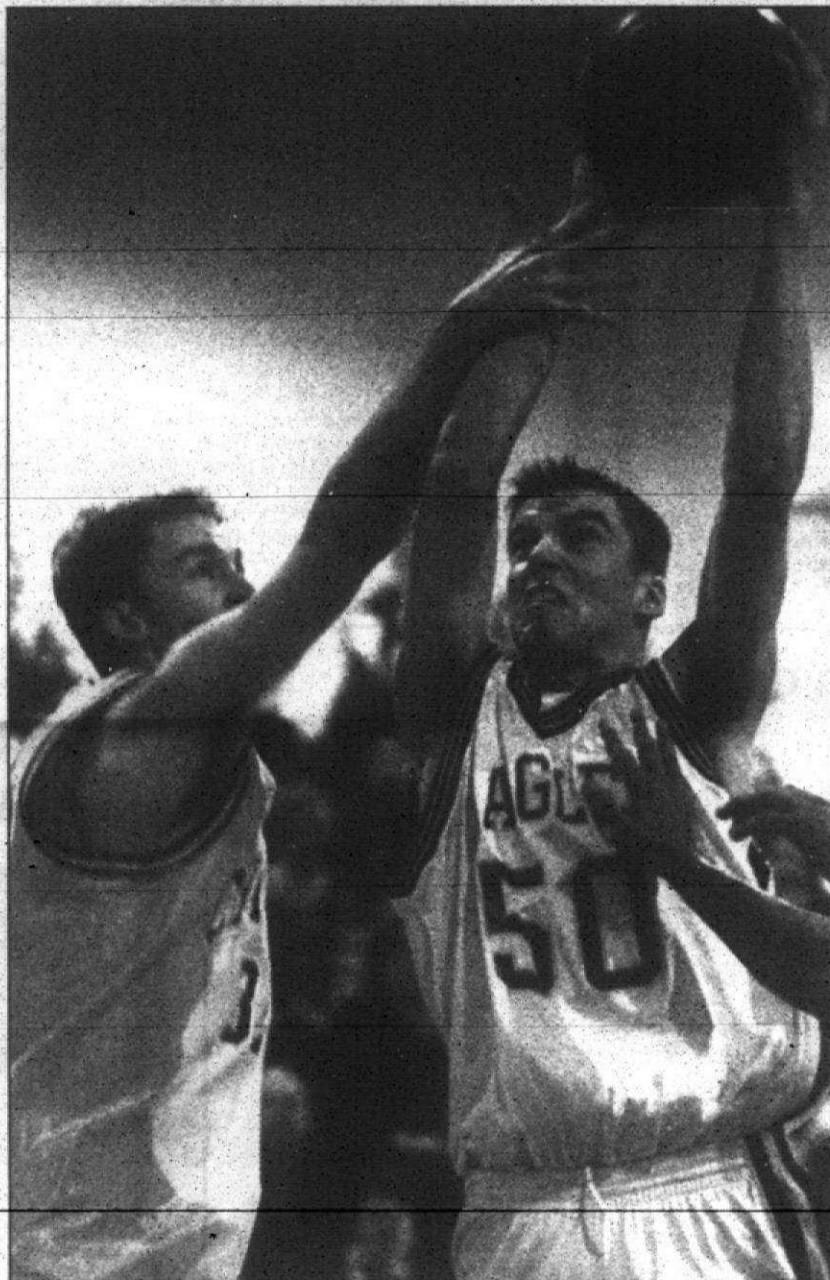
In addition, leading scorer Mike Huntsman was held to four second-half points after scorching the net for 22 in the first half.

Huntsman and teammate Derric Isensee, a third team All-State performer last season, were both plagued by foul trouble in the second half before fouling out in the game's final three minutes.

"It hurts when you lose an All-State player like Derric and a player like Mike in the fourth quarter of a close game," Taylor said. "But I have to give a lot of credit to our bench. They kept the game close when Derric and Mike fouled out."

The Chargers' second-half comeback was led by senior forward Jim Príncipe, who finished with a game-high 35 points and eight rebounds. Príncipe was equally efficient in the paint and outside the three-point arc, nailing three triples.

"Jimmy's a phenomenal player," said



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Big factor: Mike Huntsman led Plymouth Christian to an early lead with a 22-point first half, but the senior center got just four points in the second half before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

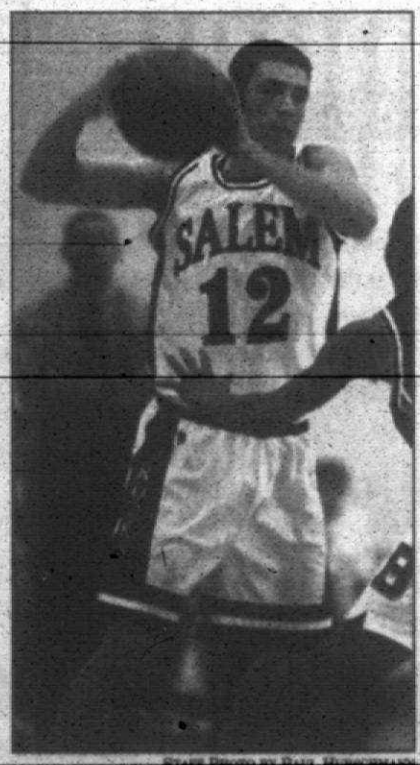
Inter-City Baptist coach Mark Kraatz. "He's not flashy, but he makes plays. He broke his leg his sophomore year and came back last year a little overweight. But this year he has been outstanding."

A track meet broke out in the first

quarter, as both teams raced up and down the court with not much regard for defense. The Eagles, who consistently shrugged off the visitors' baseline-to-baseline pressure, led 29-21

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Fast start ignites Rocks



Contributor: Salem's Jeff Haar scored eight in Tuesday's win.

Why wait?

On Tuesday against visiting Riverview, Plymouth Salem's basketball team didn't. The Rocks didn't allow the Pirates to get a lead and then make full use of their vaunted delay style of offense.

Instead, Salem broke out quickly and never let, eventually burying Riverview 72-51 in a non-league game played at Salem.

The win boosted the Rocks' record to 3-4 overall. The Pirates are 4-5.

"We took them out of it from the get-go," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We never let them run their delay game."

"Once they get the lead, they can dictate the tempo. That's what I was afraid of."

Riverview never got that opportunity because Salem never trailed. The Rocks led 6-2 to start the game and kept pulling away, making it 17-6 by the end of one quarter and 38-18 by halftime.

Matt McCaffrey and Nick Tochman did a good deal of the damage, although there was a long list of con-

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tributors. McCaffrey scored 10 first-half points, Tochman eight.

It didn't get any better for the Pirates in the third quarter — the Rocks outpointed them 21-8 to push their lead to 59-26 entering the last period and make Riverview's 25-13 final-quarter run meaningless.

Andy Koccoloski and McCaffrey paced Salem with 14 points apiece; McCaffrey also grabbed 11 rebounds. Tochman finished with 10 points, and Ryan Nimmerguth and Jeff Haar netted eight apiece. Ryan Cook scored four and dished out six assists.

All 12 Rocks scored in the game. Kyle Stiff topped Riverview with 25 points, including seven three-pointers.

Agape 66, Franklin Road 54: The one-two backcourt punch of Paul Anleitner and Julian Wettlin wrecked Southfield Franklin Road Christian Tuesday in

lifting Canton Agape Christian to victory.

The Wolverines trailed 8-5 after one quarter, then took command with a 26-12 second period to make it 31-20 at half. Franklin Road managed to trim that deficit to 44-36 entering the fourth quarter, but could not overtake Agape.

Anleitner and Wettlin combined for 51 of Agape's points. Anleitner, a junior guard, scored 26, hitting four three-pointers; he also had five steals. Wettlin, a senior guard, poured in 25 and grabbed 12 rebounds.

Brandon Edwards led Franklin Road with 19 points.

A.A. Huron 79, Redford CC 66: Ann Arbor Huron won a non-league game on Tuesday at Redford Catholic Central, outscoring the Shamrocks in the fourth quarter, 30-18.

Rodney Williams had a game-high 34 points to lead Huron, 5-2 overall. Imani Wilson added 25.

Senior guard Rob Sparks had 14

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VOLLEYBALL

Salem goes unbeaten to finish 1st

Straight sets. That's how Plymouth Salem played its own Five-Team Volleyball Invitational: in straight sets, beating all four of its opponents in the minimum number of games required — 10.

The four match wins boosted the Rocks' record to 12-4 and got them back on the winning track, which is where they started the season at the Midland Invitational last month, winning six-straight matches without losing a set.

Salem took a slight detour at the Portage Northern Invitational Dec. 30, going 2-4. Two of those defeats came in three-set matches.

It was different last Saturday at Salem. The Rocks ripped North Farmington 15-5, 15-2; Farmington 15-2, 15-6; Livonia Clarenceville 15-6, 15-9; and Trenton 15-11, 15-7.

Amanda Suder and Jill Dombrowski carried much of the offensive load through the tournament. Suder led Salem in kills with 20 and service aces with 29 (3.6 per game played); she was also second on the team in assists to kills with 28 and in digs with 12.

Dombrowski was second to Suder in kills for the tournament with 15. She added five service aces and 32 assists to kills.

Other standouts included Michelle Ginther with nine kills (with a .438 kill percentage), with a team-high in digs with 14 and blocks with three; and Denise Phillips with 10 kills (a .269 percentage) and 14 service aces.

For the season, Suder leads Salem in kills with 57 (2.59 per game), service aces with 40, and digs with 60; she's second in assists to kills with 58.

Dombrowski is tops on the Rocks in assists to kills with 107 and is tied for first with Ginther in blocks with 13; she also has 41 kills (a .245 average), 32 digs and 10 aces.

The Rocks travel to the Comstock Invitational Saturday, then host Walling Lake Central at 7 p.m. Monday.

Canton 2nd at Royal Oak

Really, the outcome was nearly perfect, as far as Plymouth Canton wrestling coach John Demick was concerned. The Chiefs finished a solid second, for the second straight year, at the Royal Oak Tribal Tournament, hosted by Royal Oak Dondoro HS last Saturday.

First place in the 13-team field went to Holly with 242.5 points; Canton scored 200.5, followed by Royal Oak Kimball with 149 and Dakota with 98.

A year ago, the Chiefs placed second — again to Holly — but there were only eight teams competing. Which means they've

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made progress, just being able to maintain their position in a bigger tournament.

"I'm real proud of our guys," said Demick. "They really are hanging together as a team and are hungry to win."

And yet, as well as they performed, not placing first left them thirsting for something better. "It was still a good win even though we really wanted first place," said Demick. "Holly beat us out, two years now. They are a team we hope to see again."

Canton had three tournament champions: Kyle Pitt at 103 pounds, Greg Musser at 130 and Derek McWatt at heavyweight. Chris Hothel at 125, John Pocock at 145 and Phil Rothwell at 189 all finished second.

Dustin Armer (112), Scott McKee (160), Shabien Rajaei (171) and Ozzie Wagner (215) all came away with fourth-place finishes.

The Chiefs host Livonia Churchill at 6:30 p.m. tonight in a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division match, then they travel to the Spauldini Lincoln Invitational at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Shamrocks' Hancock still undefeated

Sure as John Hancock put his signature on one of the most important documents in U.S. history, Redford Catholic Central wrestler Mitch Hancock is bound to win an individual state championship this year.

His coach, Mike Rodriguez, predicts it.

Hancock improved his record to 23-0 by winning the 160-pound weight class, highlighting the Shamrocks' efforts Saturday at their Wrestling Invitational.

Davison, a contender for the Division I state title, won the team title with 237 points; Holt was second with 131.

The Shamrocks had the best performance of three Observersland teams in the 14-team field, taking sixth place (92.5). Livonia Stevenson was ninth (84.5) and Westland John Glenn came in last place (26).

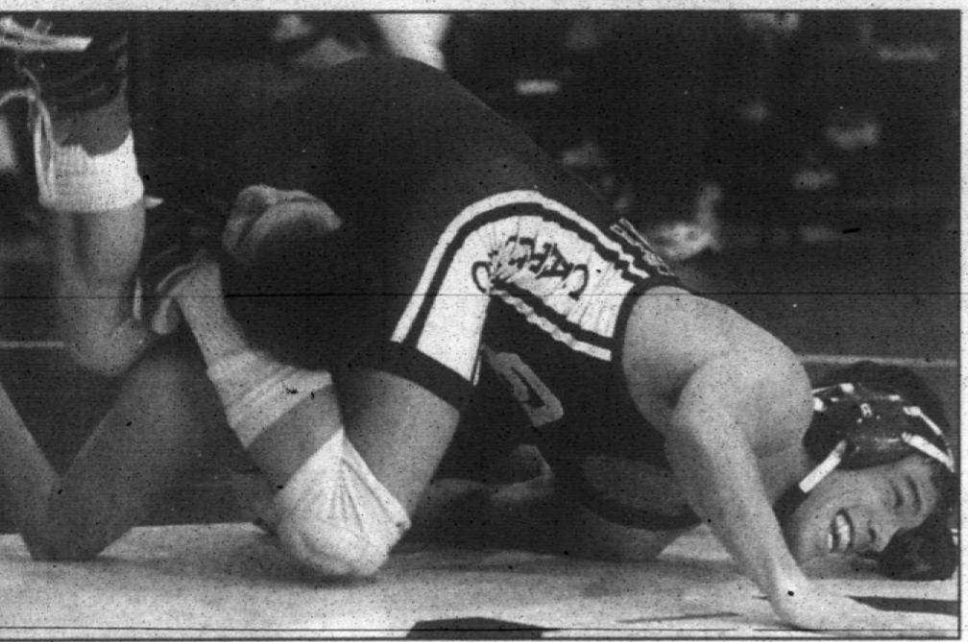
Hancock beat Fruitport's Kevin Lee, 7-3, in the championship round.

He reached the finals with a bye in the first round and an 18-3 win over Warren Lincoln's Jamie Palomo.

"I don't think he's going to lose," Rodriguez said of Hancock. "He's on target, focused this year."

The sixth place finish as a team was disappointing for Rodriguez, who thought a top three finish was possible.

"We're not ready yet," he said.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HANLEY

A champion: CC's Mitch Hancock (right) gets the best of Oxford's Joel Vasquez en route to the 160-pound division title at Saturday's Catholic Central Invitational.

"Some should have won that lost. Davison is going to walk away with the state title. Nobody out there can stop them."

"We have another month to go. By the Observersland (Meet) we're going to start flying."

No other CC wrestler won a fight but Jeff Wheeler, Ryan

Rogowski and Chris O'Hara reached the semifinal round.

Wheeler pinned Romeo's Tony Schuster in 4:54 for third place at 135.

Rogowski lost to Oxford's Jake Shagena, 14-5, in the consolation round at 171 pounds. O'Hara also finished fourth, losing his

consolation match to Warren Lincoln's Cainan Munsell, 9-3.

Rodriguez believes Rogowski, the younger brother of former CC two-time state heavyweight champion Casey Rogowski, will have a strong remainder of the season and career.

"He's going to be his own man," Rodriguez said. "Sometimes he goes at 160 and Mitch goes at 171. He's a terrific back-up to Mitch."

WRESTLING RANKINGS

- OBSERVERSLAND MAT RANKINGS**
- TEAMS:** 1. Redford Catholic Central; 2. Plymouth Canton; 3. Plymouth Salem; 4. Farmington; 5. Garden City.
- INDIVIDUAL WEIGHT CLASSES**
- 103 pounds:** 1. Josh Guertman (Livonia Stevenson); 2. Kyle Pitt (Canton); 3. Kyle Malo (Churchill); 4. Scott Massey (GC); 5. Harry Lespit (North Farmington).
- 112:** 1. Chris O'Hara (Redford CC); 2. Dan Tombras (Livonia Clarenceville); 3. Chris Smith (Westland John Glenn); 4. Steve Lenhardt (Livonia Churchill); 5. Chris Usher (Redford Thurston).
- 119:** 1. Ron Thompson (Plymouth Salem); 2. Jon Simmons (Farmington); 3. David Teets (John Glenn); 4. Pat Sayn (GC); 5. Bill Bullock (Stevenson).
- 125:** 1. John Mervyn (Franklin); 2. Rob Ash (Plymouth Salem); 3. Jon Gregg (Wayne Memorial); 4. Vinco Zoccol (Garden City); 5. Chris Holey (Canton).
- 130:** 1. Jeff Albrecht (John Glenn); 2. Jesse Stevens (RU); 3. Brian Marsh (Wayne); 4. Brian Reed (GC); 5. Greg Musser (Canton).
- 136:** 1. Jeff Wheeler (Redford CC); 2. Brandon Tempton (GC); 3. Steve Dendrinos (Salem); 4. Jeff Murphy (Luth. Westland); 5. Allen Waddell (John Glenn).
- 140:** 1. Josh Henderson (Salem); 2. Josh
- Fee (Garden City); 3. Jon Pocock (Canton); 4. Jay Abshire (Redford CC); 5. Trevor Olrik (North Farmington).**
- 145:** 1. Jeff Usher (Redford Thurston); 2. Steve Abar (Churchill); 3. Sean Bell (Redford CC); 4. Matt Barker (John Glenn); 5. Chris Cooper (Stevenson).
- 152:** 1. Mike Carter (Churchill); 2. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson); 3. Mark Ostach (Farmington); 4. Chris Wolfard (John Glenn); 5. Scott McKee (Canton).
- 160:** 1. Ryan Rogowski (Redford CC); 2. Eric Tucka (Franklin); 3. Eric Kelley (RU); 4. Mark Murland (Farmington).
- 171:** 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford CC); 2. Craig Medos (GC); 3. James Monar (Lutheran Westland); 4. Matt Veyanto (Wayne); 5. Dustin Gress (Farmington).
- 189:** 1. Dan Lukins (Farmington); 2. Kalen McPherson (Clarenceville); 3. Eric Pulinska (Stevenson); 4. Phil Rothwell (Canton); 5. Matt Conlan (Redford CC).
- 215:** 1. Otilie Muscarella (RU); 2. Nick Smith (Wayne); 3. Steve Rotenheiser (Clarenceville); 4. Kyle Domagalski (Farmington); 5. Ozzie Wagner (Canton).
- Heavyweight:** 1. Brian Brindan (Farmington); 2. Derek McWatt (Canton); 3. Josh Rose (Clarenceville); 4. Kevin Packard (Lutheran Westland).

WRESTLING RESULTS

- Redford Catholic Central Wrestling Invitational**
- Team standings:** 1. Davison, 237 points; 2. Holt, 131; 3. Oxford, 111; 4. Clarkson, 108; 5. Romeo, 96; 6. Catholic Central, 92.5; 7. Anchor Bay, 89; 8. Warren Lincoln, 86; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 84.5; 10. Fowlerville, 78; 11. Howell, 61.5; 12. Birmingham Brother Rice, 59; 13. Fruitport, 49; 14. Westland John Glenn, 26.
- Heavyweight:** Eric Ghalcos (O) defeated Nic LaFare, 6-3; consolation: Derek Stansbury (Ro) won by default over John Robinson (Ca); 9th place: Aaron Parr (CC) dec. Adam Barr (H), 9-3.
- 150 pounds:** Josh Guertman (LS) dec. Kerston LaBelle (D), 9-2; consolation: Andy Puyser (H) dec. Russ Boshinger (F), 14-1; 9th place: Jeremy Steiner (AB) pinned McIntireh Netto (BR), 1:44.
- 136:** Brooks Corant (HW) dec. Shawn Newton (D), 7-4; consolation: Canan Munsell (W) dec. Chris O'Hara (CC), 9-3; 9th place: Steve Storms (O) dec. Ken Strubitz, 13-7.
- 119:** Craig Tombsy (AB) dec. Jack Scott, 5-4; consolation: Dave Teets (JG) dec. Craig Zube (HW), 6-2; 9th place: Billy Bullock (LS) pinned John Whitman (D), 3-42.
- 130:** Chase Metcalfe (D) pinned Brian Sullivan (BR), 4-45; consolation: Manuel Garcia (W) dec. Mike Mendosa (W), 4-3; 9th place: Dan Siedick (O) dec. Glen Paul Murray (AB), 14-7.
- 160:** Charlie Myer (D) pinned Clint Montgomery (W), 5-59; consolation: Matt Ghastin (H) dec. Jeff Albrecht (JG), 9-3; 9th place: Dave Endrezi (Ca) pinned Clint Randall (Ro), 3-32.
- 152:** Joe Whitman (D) dec. Dave Wieland (Ca), 15-7; consolation: Jeff Wheeler (CC) pinned Tony Schuster (Ro), 4-54; 9th place: Drew Osterhouse (H) dec. Justin Nelson (W), 4-2.
- 140:** Scott Norton (Ro) dec. Chad Rowh (D), 6-4; consolation: Tom Klemmenschmidt (F) pinned Dave Besta (AB), 4-6; 9th place: Jay Abshire (CC) dec. Jason Harrison (BR), 1-0.
- 145:** Kevin Hennesman (AB) dec. Jimmy McFall (D), 6-7; consolation: Derek Stabley (Ro) pinned Sam Cooper (F), 2-21; 9th place: Clint Deringer (LS), 7-1; consolation: Kevin Harrington (BR) dec. Tim Poldan (D), 11-9; 9th place: Billy Johnson (F) dec. Jason Herbert (F), 7-0.
- 160:** Mitch Hancock (CC) dec. Kevin Lee (F), 7-3; consolation: Casey Streeter (D) dec. Anne Palomo (W), 9-6; 9th place: Zach Heiner (F) dec. Mike Phillips (LS), 3-1.
- 171:** Jon Falzone (D) dec. Chad Cheves (H), 10-6; consolation: Jake Shagena (O) won on major dec. over Ryan Rogowski (CC), 14-5; 9th place: John MacFarland (LS) dec. Kevin Senka (Ca), 10-4.
- 189:** Scott Philburn (F) dec. Willie Bryner (D), 17-11; consolation: Ben Teunisse (HW) pinned Adam Wilmet (D), 4-3; 9th place: Eric Pulinska (LS) pinned Frank Mathias (CC), 2-28.
- 215:** Pat DeJany (Ca) dec. Jake Dungey (H), 6-3; consolation: Kyle Tucker (W) dec. Derek Lair (D), 9-4; 9th place: Ryan Traso (Ro) dec. Tim McCarthy (LS), 7-2.

Quick strikes doom Salem

A few minutes here, a few minutes there

That's the best way to sum up the first half of Plymouth Salem's first-ever hockey season. The Rocks came seemingly skating with just about anybody for a period of time, but then there's that few fateful minutes in the game when their fate is decided.

And it hasn't, for the most part, been a good outcome.

The Western Lakes Activities Association games played against Livonia Stevenson Saturday and Northville Monday added to that legacy. Salem saw its record dip to 1-11 overall with an 8-2 loss to Stevenson at the Plymouth Cultural Center and a 6-2 defeat against Northville Monday at Novi Ice Arena.

"We were in the game, we had some opportunities," said Salem coach Fred Feiler regarding the Stevenson game.

Salem trailed 2-0 after one period and 3-1 after two. A goal by Steve Nagel (assisted by

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Mike Thackberry and Mark Nagel) with 13:12 left in the last period kept the Rocks within striking distance at 4-2.

That's when the pivotal few minutes came into play. The Spartans (7-4 overall, 5-1 in the WLA) scored twice in a 30-second span, then got two more in the last 10 minutes from Mike Ventimiglia to win going away.

"For whatever reason, we can't shake that habit," said Feiler. "We played a little better (Monday) night (against Northville). But the puck didn't bounce our way."

"These guys are improving, though."

Salem's first goal against Stevenson, scored with 10:22 left in the second period, came from James Pawlica (assisted by Steve Lyons).

Ventimiglia finished with three goals and an assist for the Spartans. Mark Nebus added two goals and an assist, and Mike

Perino had a goal and two assists.

Sophomore goalie Rob Grisisud made 13 saves in his first varsity start for Stevenson. Salem goalie Steve Steckel was bombarded by 64 Stevenson shots, 28 coming in the last period.

The Northville match was similar to the game played two days earlier. Salem trailed 3-1 after two periods, getting a goal from Mark Nagel (assisted by Scott Morrison and David Bida) with 7:16 left in the second.

The Rocks had stretch came in the first few minutes of the final period, when the Mustangs' Scott Schueler and Rob Ryan scored doubled their team's lead. Steve Nagel scored for Salem with 6:00 left to narrow the gap, but Tim Hillebrand's second goal of the game iced it for Northville.

Schueler, Ryan and Hillebrand — Northville's top-scoring line — each had two goals and three assists.

Stukel was in goal for Salem. Josh Block was in goal for Northville.

Shamrocks face traditional state powers

This is one of the marquee weeks on the Redford Catholic Central hockey schedule.

The Shamrocks have two challenges against perennial state powers, including an 8 p.m. Saturday face-off against rival Trenton at Redford Arena.

A big crowd is expected for the game between the two state powerhouses.

"A lot will miss a good game if it's not (sold out)," CC coach Gordie St. John said.

CC also was scheduled to play at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, a traditionally strong team in Class B-C-D, on Wednesday, ending a two-week layoff.

The Shamrocks, 8-1 overall, had been idle since Dec. 29 when they won the championship game of a two-day tournament in Milwaukee, Wis.

What was supposed to be a 10-day layoff between games turned into 14 days when St. Thomas Aquinas in Ontario canceled out on a schedule visit last Saturday for a game at Redford Arena.

The Shamrocks have picked up a game in place of that cancellation, scheduling the Ice Dogs, a Triple A team, on Saturday, Jan. 22.

Trenton was the only team to

beat CC last year. The other meeting ended in a tie but it was remembered more for the fact that a Trenton player nearly lost his life after being slashed in the neck accidentally by a skate.

The game was called with the score tied and not resumed.

CC coach Gordie St. John, who missed several practices last week because of the flu, knows full well what these two games mean to the Shamrocks.

"It's going to be intense," St. John said. "We had a layoff and that always hurts you. I'm worried about Wednesday in particular because you don't want people looking ahead to Trenton."

"We've had a history of playing tremendously competitive games against Trenton. They've got to be good, ranked third or fourth in the state."

Trenton is led by defenseman Andy Greene, one of the best players in the state regardless of class or position.

"He's a real player," St. John said. "You've always got to know where he is. He's certainly one of the best."

After juggling his lines most of the season, St. John likes the combination he's found in his top two with Dave Moss, Brett

John and Jim Spiewak occupying one and Brian Williams, Brandon Kaleniecki and Joe Moreau the other.

There are no assurances they'll remain the same, however, he said.

"We keep moving them around and it's good for the kids to learn to play with each other," he said. "We tweak it when kids get complacent and bring in someone else. It keeps them sharp."

Williams leads the Shamrocks with 18 points (eight goals and 10 assists) and Kaleniecki has 14 points (eight goals, six assists). Moreau (six goals, seven assists) and Moss (six goals, seven assists) are tied for third on the team with 13 points each.

Senior goaltender Ben Dunne has a goals against average of 0.903.

"I like our work ethic," St. John said. "I don't like the fact we've had as long a layoff as we've had. It wouldn't have been bad if we hadn't lost the one game to St. Thomas canceling on us. I could have gotten along with that. Right now these boys are tearing each other apart in practice. They're frustrated not having played games, whacking each other. We want to make



A perfect holiday

Championship run: The Plymouth-Canton Mile BB Power Sharks hockey team posted a perfect 4-0 record in winning the third annual Michi Lewis Memorial Tournament at the end of last month in Royal Oak. Goalie Zach Cisek earned tournament MVP honors, allowing three goals with two shutouts. Team members pictured are, front from left: Ben Symonow, Ryan Rose, Brenden Muir, Zach Cisek, Shawn Lyons, Joey Beard, Kyle Zink, Jordan Emery and Zach Cisek. Standing from left: Josh McGuire, Andy Senoli, Patrick Patin, Steven Roselle, Zach Vukmirovich and Noah Fairchild. Evan McCarthy is not pictured. The head coach is Eugene Patin (back, center); assistants are Jim Cook (right) and Matt Zink (left). Assistants Dan Symonow and Paul Kazmarek are not pictured.

Blazers blank Kingswood

Machrina Fallon and Katie O'Dea each scored a pair of goals Tuesday as Livonia Ladywood improved to 10-1 overall and 9-1 in the Women's Michigan High School Hockey League by blanking Bloomfield Hills Kingswood 4-0 at Plymouth's Arctic Pond.

O'Dea also contributed two assists in the victory. Jana Beumel assisted on Fallon's first goal, 47 seconds into the game.

Ladywood added two goals in the second period, both by O'Dea, and another in the third.

Goaltender Megan Shefferly posted the shutout.

Churchill 3, Farmington United 1: The defense supported by defensemen Nate Jakubowski and Sean Szostak carried Churchill to victory in the Western Lakes Activities Association matchup against Farmington United Friday.

Churchill (7-3-1 overall) is in first place in the WLA with a 6-1 mark. Farmington (7-2) is 4-2 in the league.

Szostak got the Chargers started with a slap shot past Flyers' goalie Logan McLean at 11:52 of the opening period. Heraghty, from Brian Marion, evened the score for Farmington with two seconds left in the opening period.

Krug broke the tie on a power play at 4:35 of the second period. Tom Sherman's empty-net goal clinched the victory.

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Shorthanded Ocelots stop St. Clair

How important is depth? Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team showed how significant a factor it could be on Saturday at St. Clair County CC, when the Ocelots lost one of their top players, Lamar Bigby, to foul trouble.

Going up against an opponent that was unbeaten in three previous games in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference, and on their floor, it figures SC coach Carlos Briggs

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would need all of his weapons to be available.

SC's quality depth, however, proved to be the decisive factor. The Ocelots, who led 45-35 at the half, maintained that cushion and posted an 81-68 victory.

"That was a big win," said Briggs. "We beat a tough team on their floor, and they have some shooters."

"Defensively, we stepped up

and the guys stepped up when Lamar went out."

Keys to the victory were SC's superior rebounding (a 36-28 edge on the boards), turnovers (SC had 19, St. Clair 18) and free-throw shooting (SC: 27-of-36, 75 percent; St. Clair: 6-of-12, 50 percent).

Robert Brown paced the Ocelots with 23 points and 14 rebounds. Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial), whose game has taken a turn for the better since the start of the conference season, added 14 points and seven assists. Nick Evola scored 13; and Quentin Mitchell netted 11.

Jim Campbell's 16 points was best for the Skippers.

SC is now 9-4 overall, 2-0 in the conference. St. Clair CCC fell to 9-6 overall, 3-1 in the conference.

Madonna rally falls short

Certainly, Madonna University didn't allow visiting Tri-State University to leave for home Saturday without knowing it had been in a game.

After falling behind by 10 at the halftime break, the Fighting Crusaders battled back against the bigger, more experienced Thunder, a team that came into the game boasting an 11-6 record (compared to Madonna's 2-15).

With 4:53 left in the game, a basket by Madonna's Chad Put-

nam (from Redford Thurston) knotted the score at 51-all. But Tri-State answered with a 10-2 run over the next three minutes, and the Crusaders couldn't recover, eventually losing by a 66-58 margin.

The loss kept Madonna winless in two Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference games; the Crusaders are 2-16 overall. Tri-State is tied for first in the WHAC at 2-0; the Thunder are 12-6 overall.

Madonna trailed 34-24 at the half and 46-31 with 14:01 left in the game. But the Crusaders launched a comeback, outscoring the Thunder 16-1 over the next 6:24 to eventually tie it at 47-all on a Dan Kurtinaitis basket.

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another by Kyle Wellwood early in the third, but they could get no closer.

Corey Britten made 30 saves in the game for Belleville.

Last Friday at London, defense ruled and Plymouth's defense proved more dominant as the Whalers blanked the London Knights, 2-0.

Top scorers from both teams were held pointless, but Plymouth had some others step up when needed. Rob McBride got his third goal of the season (and second in as many games), chasing down a puck sent into the corner in London's end of the ice by James Ramsay.

McBride then cut in front of the Knights' goal and lifted a backhand over the glove of goalie Gene Chiarello.

"It would be the only goal. Whalers' goalie Bill Ruggiero would need, as he recorded his first-ever OHL shutout against the team he once played for. Ruggiero had 21 saves in the game.

Jamie Lalonde added some insurance when he pounced on a Knights' turnover in front of their net and wristed a shot past Chiarello. Chiarello stopped 32 of 34 Whaler shots.

London was 10-21-5 through the weekend.

Ambassadors get 5 stars

Five members of the Compuware Ambassadors — four of them starters — will be on the ice for the North American Hockey League's 2000 All-Star Game, which will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 22 in Geneva, Ill.

A sixth member of the Ambassadors, coach Mike Vellucci, will serve as an assistant to the East team's head coach, Joe Shawhan of the Soo Kewadin Casino Indians.

Forward Michael Smith, defenseman Andy Burnes and goalie Craig Kowalski will start for the East squad. Also on the East team are Compuware forwards Steve Swistak and Alex Savruk.

Teams were selected by a vote of the coaches within their respective divisions. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own players.

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East Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Ottawa 67's	28	10	2	58
Kingston Frontenacs	25	11	3	54
Bellefonte Bulls	22	14	1	45
Peterborough Petes	19	17	4	42
Oshawa Generals	17	17	3	38
Central Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Barrie Colts	22	12	5	50
Sudbury Wolves	18	18	4	41
North Bay Centennials	15	19	5	36
Toronto St. M. Majors	11	27	2	25
Miss. Ice Dogs	9	32	1	12
West Division	W	L	T	Pts.
SSM Spiritfords	24	15	3	55
Windsor Spitfires	24	13	1	50
Plymouth Whalers	23	14	3	50
Sarnia Sting	18	17	6	42
London Knights	10	21	5	27
Midwest Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Eric Otters	20	19	1	43
Brampton Battalion	16	18	5	39
Kitchener Rangers	14	20	4	35
Guelph Storm	16	19	1	34
Owen Sound Platers	11	25	3	29

Salem stumbles

There were some good things that came out of last Saturday's Plymouth Salem Invitational, according to Salem gymnastics coach Melissa Hopson.

The performance of the Rocks' team wasn't exactly one of them.

Brighton finished first in the 17-team field, scoring 137.95 points. Second went to Rochester with 137.35, followed by Troy (136.925), Holt (135.55), Free-land (132.375), Adrian (131.65), Jackson County Western (130.3), Ann Arbor Huron (130.075), Grose Pointe North (129.5), Hartland (128.45), Ann Arbor Pioneer (126.95), Plymouth Salem (126.3), Fraser and Saline (tied with 115.5), Birmingham Seaholm (115.35), Midland (112.75) and Walled Lake (111.3).

Salem's 12th-place finish was somewhat predictable, considering the injuries that have sidelined some top performers: sophomore Emily Nicolau, out two weeks with a hyper-extended knee, and junior Ashley Heard, who has two bad wrists and two bad ankles.

Heard could compete this weekend at the Rockford Invitational, but she'll be restricted to the balance beam and uneven parallel bars.

And yet, Hopson had hoped for something a bit more. "It was a good meet," she said. "We got a good look at some other teams."

"My girls did OK. We didn't have the best meet of our lives. (Our score) was lower than it was against Walled Lake (Jan. 4). We could score 128, 129 with these girls."

Only team scores — not individual — were kept, and Salem did not place in the top five as a team in any of the four events.

The Rocks did get solid performances from Aquilino, who scored 9.2 on floor exercise, 9.05 on beam, 8.2 on vault and 8.1 on bars, and from Bethany Bartlett, who posted a 9.1 on floor, an 8.95 on vault, an 8.3 on bars and an 8.3 on beam.

Other good scores, according to Hopson, came from Kara Dendinos on vault (7.55) and floor (7.45); from Kelsey Ensor on floor (8.05) and beam (7.75); from Ann-Marie Zelinski on vault (7.6); and from Danielle Teper on beam (7.15).

"We had a bad bar day," said Hopson. "Once we get everyone back, what I'd like to see is this team score in the 132s by season's end."

"All I can look for is improvement."

Against Walled Lake Jan. 4, the Rocks rolled to an easy 126.4-109.65 triumph in their first Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet of the season.

Bartlett led Salem with a 34.00 all-around total, scoring 9.05 on vault, 8.7 on bars, 8.7 on floor and 7.55 on beam. Aquilino was next best with a 33.05 all-around, she had an 8.85 on floor, 8.8 on bars, 8.4 on vault and 7.0 on beam.

Other top scores were posted by Ensor on floor (8.1) and beam (8.0); Dendinos on floor (7.95) and vault (7.75); Teper on floor (7.75), vault (7.7) and beam (7.2); Zelinski on vault (7.9); Valerie Quigley on floor (7.4); and Stephanie Olli on beam (7.15).

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Turnovers ruin Crusader hopes

The effort was there. Unfortunately, so were the turnovers.

That, ultimately, was what cost Madonna University's women's basketball team Saturday in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game at Tri-State University.

The Lady Crusaders battled the Thunder evenly in almost every statistical category except turnovers: They had 30 to Tri-State's 18, which resulted in 15 more shots for the Thunder, nine more baskets, a 24-9 edge in points scored off turnovers — and a 64-54 victory in Angola, Ind.

The loss dropped Madonna to 0-2 in the WHAC, 6-8 overall. Tri-State improved to 1-1 in the conference, 11-5 overall.

The Crusaders had the advantage through the first half, building a 31-26 lead thanks in great part to solid free throw shooting: They were 10-of-13 from the line (76.9 percent) compared to Tri-State's 1-of-2.

That changed in the second half. The Thunder outscored Madonna 39-28, making all four of their three-pointers and 15 of the 25 floor shots (60 percent). Madonna was 8-

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of 22 in the second half (36.4 percent) and 17-of-43 for the game (39.5 percent).

Kristi Fiorenzi, a junior forward from Plymouth Canton HS, led Madonna with 16 points, 11 rebounds, three steals and two assists.

No other Crusader, however, reached double figures in anything. Chris Dietrich was next-best scorer with nine points, she also had five steals and four assists, and Carissa Giczki had seven points, five assists and two steals.

Tri-State got 12 points from Sarah Zimmerman and 10 from Karen Reinhart.

There was some good news for Madonna: Lori Enfield, one of the trio of inside players who had been injured, returned to action. Enfield, the Crusaders' starting center who suffered a severe finger injury against Wayne State Dec. 16, played 16 minutes and scored four points.

St. Clair tops Schoolcraft

Schoolcraft College couldn't overcome a bad first half, although the Lady Ocelots gave it a good effort in the last 20 minutes Saturday at St. Clair County CC.

Trailing 39-25 at the half, SC trimmed the deficit to six with 3:05 left but could draw no closer in losing, 77-66.

The loss evened the Ocelots' record in Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference play at 1-1; they are 2-7 overall. St. Clair is 3-1 in the conference, 7-8 overall.

"We were within six, but we couldn't quite get over the hump after making up the deficit," said SC coach Karen Lafata.

Four players reached double figures in scoring for the Ocelots, led by Angelica Blakely with 20 points; she also grabbed 10 rebounds. Janelle Olson added 18 points, Antone' Watson scored 14 and Carly Wright netted 12.

Kara Jackman's 20 points was best for the Skippers.

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points to lead four Shamrocks in double figures. Senior forward Matt Loidas added 12 and junior guards Mark Willoughby and Ryan Celeesky had 11 apiece.

Huron led 20-15 after one quarter before the Shamrocks gained a 32-31 halftime lead, outscoring the River Rats 17-11 in the second quarter.

Huron had a 49-48 lead through three quarters before dominating the fourth.

Huron finished 14-for-24 at the free throw line while CC was 10-of-13. The loss dropped the Shamrocks to 3-5 overall.

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after one.

PCA continued to work the ball in for easy baskets in the second quarter and led 52-37 at the half. Huntsman was unstoppable, hitting all eight of his first-half field-goal attempts and all seven of his free throws.

The Eagles came out in the third quarter as if they had spent the intermission in a giant freezer. Their once sizzling shooting touch turned ice cold as they connected on just 3-of-14 shots from the field.

The Chargers, on the other hand, were turning turnovers produced by their press into uncontested layups. As a result, they cut their once mealy deficit to 60-58 heading into the final stanza.

Eagle senior forward Randy

Elenbas deposited an offensive rebound into the basket one minute into the fourth quarter, boosting PCA's lead back up to 64-58. However, the Chargers stormed right back and scored their next seven points, taking their first lead of the game, 65-64, at the 5:46 mark on Prencepi's two free throws.

PCA junior forward P.J. Woodman gave his team its final lead of the night, 72-71, when he sank one-of-two free throws with 3:39 left. However, Huntsman fouled out 18 seconds later and Isensee committed his fifth foul one minute after that, putting a damper on the home team's scoring punch.

Following Woodman's free throw, In-City Baptist scored the next six points to tie the win.

The Chargers' all-out press forced the Eagles to commit 21 turnovers. "That's way too many," Taylor said.

Dave Carly turned in a solid effort for PCA, netting 17 points while pulling down six rebounds. Isensee finished with 14 points and 10 boards.

Huntsman was the Eagles' top rebounder, grabbing 12 missed shots.

Besides Prencepi, the Chargers had two players score in double figures: Jared Garner and Jake Milner, who netted 10 points each.

PCA shot 45 percent (28-of-61) from the floor and 58 percent (14-of-25) from the charity stripe.

The Eagles outbounded the Chargers, 35-25.

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ELECTRICAL SUPPLY
Canlit Electric Supply — www.canlit.com
Progress Electric — www.ge-eto.com

ELECTRONIC SERVICE AND REPAIR
ASL Electronic Service, Inc. — www.asletrv.com

EMPLOYEE LEASING COMPANY
Genesys Group — www.genesysgroup.com

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Advantage Staffing — www.astaff.com
Employment Presentation Services — www.spweb.com
HR ONE, INC. — www.hroneinc.com

EMPLOYEE SERVICES
Rooney Personnel — careers-ri.com

ENVIRONMENT
Resource Recovery and Recycling — http://www.rrec.com
Office of SW Oakland Co. — www.swoc.com

EYE CARE/LASER SURGERY
Greenberg Laser Eye Center — www.greenberglaser.com
Michigan Eyecare Institute — www.michiganyecare.com

FINANCIAL
Equifax Financial Advisors — www.equifax.com
Fairmont Investment Advisors, Inc. — www.fia.com

FLOORING
Danze Hardwood Flooring Company — www.dandefloors.com

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Cowboy Trader Gallery — www.cowboytradergallery.com

GAOLF
Dama Golf Club — www.damagolf.com

GOVERNMENT
Livingston County Human Services — www.livcounty.org

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HEALTH CARE
Family Health Care Center — http://www.familyhealthcare.com
HERBAL PRODUCTS
Nature's Better Way — http://www.nature.com/nbw

HOME ACCESSORIES
Home Accessories & Gifts — http://www.laurelhome.com

HOME IMPROVEMENTS
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HOSPITALS
Botsford Health Care Continuum — www.botsfordhospital.org
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Innovative Laboratory Acrylics — www.hlonline.com/ila
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Full Potential Hypnosis Center — www.hypnosis.com

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Identification Lamination Products — http://www.ilonline.com/lamination

INSURANCE
J. J. O'Connell & Assoc., Inc. — www.oconnellinsurance.com

INVENTIONS/PRODUCTS DEVELOPMENT
Martec Products International — www.martecintl.com

MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVES
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Hennrich Police Department — www.hnews.com/hennrichpd

POOL SUPPLIES
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Profile Investigations — www.profile-usa.com

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REAL.net — http://www.real.net
American Classic Realty — http://www.americanclassicrealty.com
AMP Building — www.ampbuilding.com

REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL
BBRS-CAR Appraisers Committee — http://www.justified.com/appraisal

REAL ESTATE EDUCATION
Real Estate Alumni of Michigan — www.ramadventure.org

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AmeriSpec Property & Environmental Inspections — http://inspect1.com

RELOCATION
Conquest Corporation — www.conquest-corp.com
Kessler & Company — www.kesslerandcompany.com

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
Agahar Alkani, M.D. — www.gynodc.com
Advanced Fertility and Sex Selection Center — www.mfisa.com

RESTAURANTS
Albans Restaurant — www.albans.com

RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES
Presbyterian Villages of Michigan — www.pvm.org
Woodhaven Retirement Community — www.woodhaven-retirement.com

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Birmingham Principal Shopping District — http://www.birmingham.com

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Observer & Eccentric Newspapers — www.observer.com/webpage.html

WHOLISTIC WELLNESS
Roots and Branches — www.reikiplace.com

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PMS Institute — www.pmsinst.com

WOODWORKING
Art Squared — www.artsquared.com
Classical Carpentry — www.hnews.com/classicalcarpentry

WORSHIP
First Presbyterian Church Birmingham — http://www.fpcbirmingham.org
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The 17th annual Silverdome Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be Feb. 2-6 at the Pontiac Silverdome...

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Aquatics Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays...

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CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford...

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How To Get U.S. Government Grants & Low-Interest Loans For First-Time Home Buyers, To Start A New Business, Expand A Business, Buy New Equipment or Invest In Real Estate!

Detroit, MI— What is FREE Money and how can you get it?

- **Kimberly Willis** got \$43,500 of FREE money to purchase her home.
- **Louis Wilson** got \$50,000 of FREE money to buy equipment for his construction company.
- **Ernest & Catherine Curione** got \$148,000 of FREE money to fix up their investment property.
- **Walt Vanderweel** got \$25,000 of FREE money and a \$50,000 low-interest loan to build his business and, sold it for \$1.6 million!
- **John & Lillie Wright** just qualified for a home loan of \$91,200 at 3% interest!

If you are looking to start your own business, expand your existing business, buy investment property or if you are interested in becoming a first-time home buyer, the answers to these questions will surprise you. They could also make a big difference in your net worth, your bank balance and your over all success in life.

It's FREE — But You've Got To Work For It!

As we all know, the best things in life are free, and the rest we have to pay for either by working hard or laying out cash. When it comes to government grants, you really can get FREE money. However, you will have to qualify and work for it. Sometimes you'll have to work hard and sometimes all you have to do is properly fill out the paper work and it comes easy.

You see, through the government grant, loan and subsidy system, it is possible to buy your own home, even though you don't have a down payment. You might also be able to start your own business or expand your existing business even though you don't have the money you need.

This free money comes from the federal, state and your local city government grant, loan and subsidy systems. These systems can (if you qualify) help you to become a real estate investor, even though you don't have any money, or the knowledge to do it. Or if you're already a real estate investor, you might be able to get free money to fix up your property and never have to pay it back.

Sound too good to be true? Read on. It gets better!

There is one organization in particular that teaches how to find free money, low-interest loans and subsidies offered by the government grant, loan and subsidy system. They provide reference materials about all the programs available in your local area and guide you to which ones you might qualify for receiving a grant, loan or subsidy.

The company is called the **National Grants Conference (NGC)** and they are on a mission to educate local business people, property owners and individuals who are sincerely interested in learning how to get free money from the government. The introductory conference attendees discover little known programs that offer free government money, low-interest loans, subsidies and great financial opportunities in their local community.

Get Money To Start Your Own Business!

For anyone who's in business or even wants to start their own business, you can get a \$6,000, or more, subsidy, courtesy of the U.S. Congress, that you never have to pay back every year for the rest of your life, as long as you're in that business. NGC shows you how to get this. The U.S. Government will provide grants for you to start that business.

Sandy Boella, Attorney & CPA, Former IRS Trainer
Availability, terms and amounts of grants and loans vary. You must meet eligibility requirements to qualify.

Additional educational materials will be offered for sale at this Conference.

Not Just For Poor People

There's a myth going around that only poor people can take advantage of free money grants, subsidies and low-interest loans. But really, some of the most famous people that have taken advantage of them in the past are the super wealthy. People like Donald Trump, his father Fred Trump and Ross Perot, to name just a few. Did you know that Lee Iacocca got \$1.5 billion for Chrysler and Stephen Jobs got money from the government to start Apple Computer? It's true.

In fact, most of the programs that people can qualify for actually fall in an income bracket that encompasses the majority of the American people. There are grant programs available in this area for people making as little as \$1,500 a month.

Mid-Income Range

NGC specializes in helping people get government grants, low-interest loans and subsidy programs for those in the middle income range who make between \$20,000 a year on the low end, and up to \$300,000 a year on the high end.

\$110,000 Free Money To Expand Business!

"We applied and were very surprised because in less than 30-days we obtained our first grant for \$110,000. The grant is free. We don't have to pay it back!"

Bob William, Director Of Sales Manufacturing Company
Availability, terms and amounts of grants and loans vary. You must meet eligibility requirements to qualify.

Is it Really FREE Money?

If you don't have to pay the money back, it's actually free. However, you do have to meet eligibility requirements to qualify and grants are subject to conditions that vary. And in some cases, re-payment may be required if the program conditions are not met. But if you can live with all that, this really is FREE Money!

All this sounds great, but why is the government doing this?

Better Life & More Taxes

Benefit number one is that as more people become home owners, they have a pride of ownership in their houses and they tend to be more productive members of society. They also pay property taxes and tend to be more stable in employment because they've got to make their house payment to maintain their investment.

Grant Money To Revitalize Communities

That's why the government also provides grant money for investors to revitalize communities. They offer grants and low-interest loans to property owners to take the properties that are in bad shape, that have been run down and re-build them and make them available for subsidized housing for the low to moderate income, as well as the elderly.

More Jobs & More Taxes

The government also has programs for small businesses. The reason for this is because the small businesses drive the American economy. Most of new jobs are created by small businesses. We've seen the future in big corporations. They're downsizing. It's the small businesses that are giving the economy a big lift and providing more jobs.

Programs For Women

There are special programs for women to get into business. The facts and figures about women in businesses are growing in this country and their success rate is extraordinary.

At the Conference, many opportunities for businesses and women have been identified and various local, state and federal

programs will be targeted that many people may be interested in and may be able to qualify for.

Local Free Money

NGC has a team of research specialists with offices in Chicago, Illinois and Rochester, New York. These specialists conduct daily research on every government grant, loan and subsidy program available in every major U.S. City as well as all programs that are nationwide.

In almost every case NGC is able to provide a wide variety of different programs that local people can take advantage of.

\$100,000 For Your Business

There's one particular loan program that's really exciting. It's called the 'Low Doc Program.' This is for individuals who want to start or grow a business. And there's a simple one-page form you have to complete. With this form you may be able to qualify for up to \$100,000 for your business. It's a fabulous program that cuts through the red tape.

\$50,000 Research Grants

If you have a great idea and are thinking... "If I just had the money..." — You will be interested to know that there is a research program, which allows up to \$50,000 if you have a great innovative idea on technology. The Government may give you six months of money for research.

Resources For Small Businesses

As a small business owner you can apply for government funding. You can use the money for equipment, for purchasing equipment, for getting technical help, as well as for your inventory and to even purchase the real estate too.

In a sense, by using these programs the government helps you create the American dream: owning real estate and owning your own business.

Who Should Attend?

If you are thinking that you don't want to work for a boss anymore, or you're sick and tired of your job or you don't want to commute any more, attend this conference.

Or maybe you simply don't have a sense of security working for somebody else. Take the time and effort and come to this local conference. Learn about these programs. If you have a great idea, you may be able to get the money for a new business or real estate investment and start to depend on yourself.

Look at all the examples on this page. People who've changed their lives and now have successful businesses and own their own homes and investment properties. These are examples of their own personal experience. Your experience may be different. It may be worse or it may be even better. The only way you'll ever know is if you try. Call and make your reservation today to attend the conference in your local area.

Bad Credit Is Not A Block

Bad credit is not necessarily an obstacle any more because many lending institutions have made it easier to qualify for a loan and there are various programs for people in this situation.

Bankruptcy Not What It Used To Be

Also, bankruptcy is no longer the kind of problem it used to be. That's because 1.3 million Americans filed for Chapter Seven protection last year. Banks understand that you can only go bankrupt once every seven years.

If you don't have a job, a business or a regular source of income or are in the process of declaring bankruptcy, it is doubtful that this program will be able to help your situation.

Participate On Any Level

The beauty in these programs is that you can participate on any level you want. If you just want to be a home-owner, there are programs available that may be able

Local Conference Tells Where Government Money Is & How To Get It!

 <p>Free Grant Money To Buy A Home</p> <p>"I got an actual grant of \$35,000 towards the purchase of my home, plus \$2,500 to make the house energy efficient, and \$6,000 at closing time to pay for my closing costs (I received \$43,500!). The grant is free. I just have to reside in the home."</p> <p>— Kimberly Willis* Child Support Examiner</p> <p>Availability, terms and amounts of grants and loans vary. You must meet eligibility requirements to qualify.</p>	 <p>FREE \$50K Grant To Expand Business</p> <p>"I went down and applied for grants. They gave me \$50,000. With that \$50,000, I was able to buy better equipment and with the better equipment, I was able to get bigger jobs. I made a lot of money after that and I didn't have to pay that grant back."</p> <p>— Louis O. Wilson* Construction Company Owner</p> <p>Availability, terms and amounts of grants and loans vary. You must meet eligibility requirements to qualify.</p>	 <p>Free Grant Money To Fix Up Property</p> <p>"We received a grant of a \$148,000. The property was remodeled. We applied for HUD tenants, and received an income from the state for approximately \$2,500 a month. We have no mortgage on the property and it is now valued at around \$220,000."</p> <p>— Catherine & Ernest Curione* Day-Care Owner & Maintenance Man</p> <p>Availability, terms and amounts of grants and loans vary. You must meet eligibility requirements to qualify.</p>	 <p>A Total of \$41,000! Now I'm A New Home Owner!</p> <p>"I looked into the grant system, which offered me \$35,000 from the federal government and \$6,000 from the city and now I'm a new home owner."</p> <p>— Christine Johnson* Medical Records Technician</p> <p>Availability, terms and amounts of grants and loans vary. You must meet eligibility requirements to qualify. Re-payment may be required if program conditions are not met.</p>
 <p>Like I Just Won The Lottery!</p> <p>"When I received that grant, I felt like I just won the lottery. I used the money to fix up the house. I later sold it for \$58,000. I made a \$36,000 profit and I never had to pay back the grant money. It was just great!"</p> <p>— Matt Orlando Vice-President, National Grant Conferences</p> <p>Availability, terms and amounts of grants and loans vary. You must meet eligibility requirements to qualify.</p>	 <p>\$7,200 Grant & \$7,500 1% Loan!</p> <p>"My mother-in-law is elderly, on social security and needed repairs to her home. We attended the Conference so I knew how to apply for the grant. She got \$7,200, which she doesn't have to pay back, and a loan for \$7,500 for only 1% interest!"</p> <p>— Nancy Dean, National Grants Conference Student</p> <p>Grants are subject to conditions that vary. Re-payment may be required if program conditions are not met.</p>	 <p>Received Grant For New House Down Payment</p> <p>"I'm 21 and I have two kids and I just bought my first new home. I got approved for the down payment assistance grant. It pays for my down payment and my closing costs. It's a miracle! Thank you!"</p> <p>— Chirlane Murray, National Grants Conference Student</p> <p>Availability, terms and amounts of grants and loans vary. You must meet eligibility requirements to qualify.</p>	 <p>Government Grant & Low-Interest Loan Yields \$1.6 Million!</p> <p>"I got \$75,000 from the government: \$25,000 of it was a grant I didn't have to pay back. The other was a low-interest loan that was enough to get me going and build a business, which I later sold for \$1,600,000."</p> <p>— WALT Vanderweel, Retired Relative of National Grant Conference Exec.</p> <p>Availability, terms and amounts of grants and loans vary. You must meet eligibility requirements to qualify.</p>

*Individuals shown are recipients of Government Grants and/or loans and are not National Grant Conference Students. Personal Experiences. Yours may vary.

to help you get the down payment grants and loans to provide the down payment, to buy your home.

If you want to be an investor, there are programs available to rehabilitate properties.

If you'd like to go into business for yourself, so you don't have to work nine to five, work for somebody else, depend on anybody else for an income, there are programs for small businesses. You can choose or combine many of the programs together.

Husband & Wife Team

This is especially true if you are a husband and wife team, and you've been sitting down talking about your financial future. Come to this conference because NGC is going to share with you a great opportunity that most people are completely unaware exists.

Whether it's the government grants and loan systems for buying your first house, for investing in real estate, as well as going into business. You may be able to build a future for yourself, a future that you can feel good about with your children and show them a way forward.

Learn how you can apply for government grant money that you may not have to pay back. Come to the National Grants Conference in your local area. You'll find out all about these programs, and if you qualify, you just may be on the road to financial security.

Make plans to attend the National Grant Conference, coming to your area. Discover the free money grant, loan and subsidy programs available right now.

Special FREE Bonus

Call now and make reservations to attend this local introductory conference and receive a valuable free 4 Volume mini-home study course that includes these valuable publications:

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Seating is limited. Please call and make your reservations today. If the

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P.S. The biggest excuse from people as to why they're not successful is because they don't have the money. If you are willing to take the time and make the effort, you can learn how to get free money from the U.S. Government, low-interest loans and subsidies for your first home, your business or real estate investments.

Come to the introductory conference and discover how the government can be a source of money for you. The first step to tap into this money is to make a reservation for the conference. Call now. Seating is limited.

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- **Monday, January 17th**
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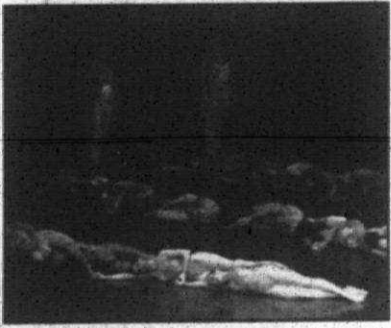
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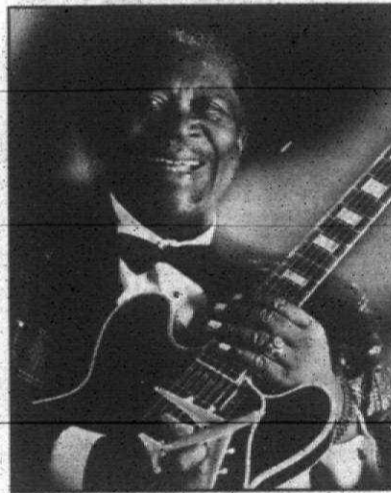
James Spader stars as Nick Vanzant, the pilot of a deep space medical vessel who must uncover a destructive force that threatens the ship, in "Supernova," a science fiction thriller opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



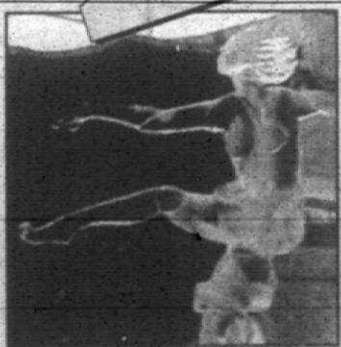
The Stuttgart Ballet makes its Detroit debut 8 p.m. at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets are \$17-\$62. Call the box office (313) 237-SING or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

SUNDAY



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On stage: Jack Willis (left to right), Judd Hirsch and Cotter Smith star in the Tony Award winning play, "Art."

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

"Art" is about an artist the way "Fiddler on the Roof" is about a musician.

That is to say, it isn't. The Tony Award-winning Best Play of 1998, which runs through Jan. 30 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit, deals with friendship, power and values.

Specifically, the aesthetic and monetary worth of an abstract painting, a large white canvas with some white stripes and nothing else. Starring Judd Hirsch, Cotter Smith and Jack Willis, "Art" is billed as a comedy.

Speaking by phone from Charlotte, N.C., the tour's stop before opening on Tuesday in Detroit, Smith took issue with that label.

Enjoyable

"The wonderful thing about this play is that it's so enormously enjoyable," he said. "And yet, it's also very serious and deeply moving. It's quite extraordinary."

Smith appeared on the ABC TV series "Equal Justice" and as Robert Kennedy in the mini-series "Blood Feud." In "Art," Smith plays Serge, one of three middle-aged, middle class Americans living in Paris. Recently divorced, Serge pays 200,000 francs (approximately \$40,000) for the abstract painting. His longtime friend Marc (Hirsch) takes one look and calls it something that won't get printed here but will get laughs at the Fisher.

A third friend, Yvan (Willis), is called in as mediator. In trying to appease the other two, he ignites

ART

WITTY, MODERN 'ART'

A PORTRAIT OF FRIENDSHIP

Art

WHEN: Through Sunday, Jan. 30 at the Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Blvd. at Second, Detroit.

CURTAIN: 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 7 p.m. Sunday. No performances on Mondays.

TICKETS: \$25-\$47.50, available at the box office, and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets, or (313) 872-1000 for information.

the quarrel that forces all three to re-examine their friendship.

"Art" was written by French author/actress Yasmina Reza and is directed by Matthew Warchus.

"To me the play is about the art of friendship," said Smith. "These friends, ostensibly over a piece of art, all of a sudden begin to uncover trouble in their relationship and how fearful they are of losing each other."

how powerful the play really is, that she actually got that at the age of nine."

Smith cautions against bringing children to "Art" because of adult language, but says "it's a great play to take teenagers to because I think it will excite them about the theater." The play runs 90 minutes, with no intermission.

The three stars had not worked together before "Art." Hirsch is best known for his starring roles on "Taxi" and "Dear John," but has twice won Tony Awards ("I'm Not Rappaport" and "Conversations With My Father," both by Herb Gardner). Hirsch starred in "Art" in London and then on Broadway, where Jack Willis (currently appearing on screen in "The Talented Mr. Ripley") joined the cast.

To prepare for the national tour, Hirsch invited his co-stars to his home in upstate New York. As Smith tells it, "he hired a cook and we hung out together; it was really wonderful. We all get along so well: it would be a mess on a nine-month tour if we didn't."

A founding member of the Matrix Theatre Company in Los Angeles, Smith derives more satisfaction from his stage work than from lucrative film and television offers.

"We don't have to wait 10 hours until they get the lights right and do every line 50 times," he said. "To me, theater is very primitive as it goes all the way back to sitting around a campfire. You really do sit in a dark room and tell a story to a breathing audience. There's nothing quite like that."

Author Reza drew on men she knew to craft the play, which enjoyed success in 25 countries before opening on Broadway two years ago. She has insisted that it remain set in Paris no matter where it runs, with some minor Americanisms substituted in the English translation for clarity.

Story meaning

One member of the audience who found the story very clear was nine-year-old Madeline Smith, Cotter's daughter.

"I was curious what it would mean to her," said Cotter Smith. "She said, 'At first I thought you guys were ridiculous. I couldn't figure out what you were so upset about, why you were fighting over this painting.' And then she took a pause and said, 'But then I realized that you weren't fighting about the painting, that you were really very upset with each other about something else.' And I thought, that's

FAMILY FUN

Get in on the act, spend an evening enjoying theater

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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This is a good weekend to introduce your children to the magic of theater.

The Rising Stars, a repertory theater for young people in grades six through nine, ages 10-14, is presenting "Pride and Prejudice," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 13-14, at Andover High School on Andover Road in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$3 per person. Call (248) 433-0885.

Several local performers, including Lisa Andres of Livonia, are featured in Dearborn Family Theatre's production of "Bye, Bye Birdie," Friday-Sunday, Jan. 14-16, in the Adray Auditorium in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on the main campus of Henry Ford Community College, Evergreen south of Ford Road in Dearborn. Performances are 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, with an additional show at 2 p.m. on Jan. 16. Tickets are \$10, senior citizens \$9. Call (313) 943-3095.

"Cinderella" opens Friday, Jan. 14, and continues through Sunday, Feb. 6,

at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak. Tickets are \$14-\$16, all seats reserved. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 541-6430.

Presented by Stagecrafters, "Cinderella," with music by Richard Rodgers/book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, features a cast of 27 people from all over metro Detroit. Karl Miller of Troy stars as the prince who sweeps Cinderella off her feet.

The Rising Stars

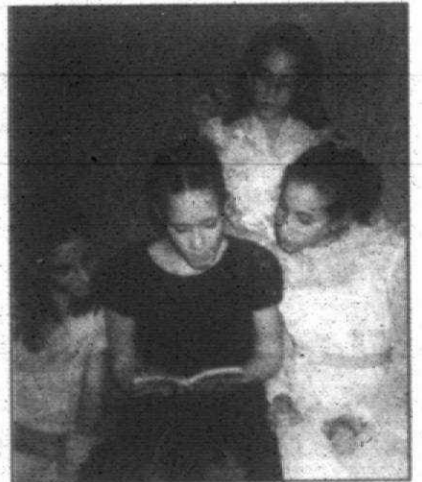
"Pride and Prejudice" is based on Jane Austen's classic novel. The play centers on Mrs. Bennet's determination to see her daughters married well. It is an age when a woman's future depended on who she married. Headstrong Elizabeth, the second eldest of the Bennet clan, resolves to marry for love, or not at all. Her refusal to do what is expected of her brings Mrs. Bennet to the "end of her nerves" in this romantic comedy set in the early 1800s.

The play features 22 actors from Bloomfield Hills, Pontiac, Sylvan Lake, Waterford, Clarkston and other cities in Oakland County. Rising Stars is sponsored by the Bloomfield Hills Parks and Recreation Department. In addition to putting on five shows per season, the group studies improvisation, monologue delivery and other aspects of theater.

"Pride and Prejudice" is directed by Thomas Logan of Pontiac and Danielle Paccione of Rochester Hills. In March the group will present "The Little Luncheonette of Terror," May brings "The Hobbit" and "The Skin of Our Teeth" is the scheduled summer production. For more information about The Rising Stars, call (248) 335-1788.

Dearborn Family Theatre

Celebrating its third year, under the direction of founder and artistic director Mary Bremer, Dearborn Family Theatre is presenting "Bye, Bye Birdie," Jan. 14-16.



Acting: Shaina Yorke (left to right), Erin Biebuyck, Kaitlin Hoke, and Erica Lardo in a scene from the Rising Stars presentation of "Pride and Prejudice."

Please see FUN, E2

THEATER

Meadow Brook's obsession with playing it safe

"Dangerous Obsession," a psychological thriller runs through Sun day, Jan. 30 at Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills. Performances Wednesday-Sunday, curtain times vary. Tickets \$19.50-\$35, call (248) 377-3300, or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

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Lisa Andres of Livonia plays Rose Alvarez, the leading female role, while her daughter, Brooke, is cast as Kim MacAfee. Stephen Sell of West Bloomfield stars as Kim's dad, Harry MacAfee.

REVIEW

John Barrett (Robert Morgan), has arrived with a mission to confront the couple who he and his wife met at a business conference, the road ahead is painfully predictable.

fateful night? Barrett has his own ideas. He has arrived carrying a briefcase filled with bits of evidence to prove his case. Of course, he enforces his right to make a case by shooting off his gun every now and then and holding the Driscolls hostage to his plan.

Fun from page E1

'Bye, Bye Birdie' opened on Broadway on April 14, 1960. The music was written by Charles Strouse. Lyrics are by Lee Adams, the book is by Michael Stewart. The show ran for 607 performances on Broadway

Good or bad, art is always in the eye of the beholder

BACKSTAGE PASS You've heard the expression, and maybe even used it. "I may not know everything about art, but I know what I like."

challenge to the actors to preserve the story's comedic intent. The current production, which runs through Jan. 30 at the Fisher Theatre, stars Judd Hirsch, Cotter Smith and Jack Willis. The furor in "Art" is over the value of an expensive piece of modern art that Hirsch considers just a waste of white on canvas.

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JET captures the 'Prisoner of Second Avenue'

Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents the "Prisoner of Second Avenue" through Sunday, Jan. 23 in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday; 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday. Tickets \$15-\$25, call (248) 788-2900.

Learn about 'The making of a Steinway'

PRNewswire - Miles Chapin, a fifth generation descendant of Henry Engelhart Steinway, founder of Steinway & Sons, will appear at local Hammell Music locations on Saturday, Jan. 15 to present "88-Keys: The Making of a Steinway."



On stage: John Seibert (left to right) as Mel, Rochelle Rosenthal as Pauline, Evelyn Orbach as Jessie, and Fred Buchalter as Harry in "The Prisoner of Second Avenue."

After the breakdown, Mel's successful older brother and three daily sisters arrive to help out. Brother Harry suggests they each chip in X dollars for doctor bills. "Is it a big X or a little x," they first need to know.

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THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE

"Forbidden Broadway Strikes Back," through Sunday, Feb. 13, 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Century Theatre, 333 Madison Avenue, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Valley Song," opens Thursday, Jan. 13 to Sunday, March 19, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347 2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"Dangerous Obsession," continues to Sunday, Jan. 30, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$24-\$35. \$19.50-\$24 previews Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 5-7. (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

WSU BONSTELLE

"Before It Hits Home," explores how people and families change and grow when outside situations hit home, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 21-22 and 28-29, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 23 and 30, at 3424 Woodward, Detroit. \$8-\$10. (313) 577-2960

WSU HILBERY

"Our Town" through Saturday, April 15, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 14-15, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, and 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, family night 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 (\$15, \$5 children); "Some Americans Abroad," through Saturday, Feb. 5, at the theater 4743 Cass, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS

"Made in the USA: Encore," a musical review showcasing the past century of American song and dance, Jan. 14-16, 21-23 and 27-29, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 1185 Tenken Road, Rochester Hills. \$15. students/seniors/group rates available Thursday and Sunday performances. (248) 808-9077

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

"Weekend Comedy" by Jeanne and Sam Bobrick, Jan. 14-15 and 21-22, and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. \$11. (248) 625-8811

DEARBORN FAMILY THEATRE

"Bye, Bye Birdie," 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Jan. 14-16, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, in Agrad Auditorium at the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, Evergreen Road, south of Ford Road, Dearborn. \$10, \$9 seniors. (313) 943-3095

PHOENIX PRODUCTIONS

"Present two comedies 'Lone Star' and 'Private Wars,' Thursdays-Sundays through Jan. 16, show time is 8 p.m. except for 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16 performance, at the Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. \$12, \$10 students/seniors/veterans. (313) 581-7544

PLAYER'S GUILD OF DEARBORN

"Jake's Women," Jan. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at 21730 Madison, South of Outer Drive and East of Monroe, Dearborn. \$11, (313) 561-TKTS

RIDGEVILLE PLAYERS

"Deathtrap," Jan. 14-16, 21-23 and 28-30, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sundays, at 205 W. Long Lake, between Livernois and Crooks, Troy. \$11, \$10 seniors/students. (248) 988-7049

ST. DUNSTON'S GUILD OF CRANBROOK

"The Foreigner," Jan. 21-23 and 27-29, at the theater on the campus of Cranbrook Education Community, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-0527

STAGECRAFTERS

"Cinderella," Jan. 14 to Feb. 6, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays (except Thursday, Feb. 3), and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$14-\$16. (248) 541-6430

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM

"Oliver," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 21-22, 28-19 and Feb. 4-5, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 23 and 30, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, south of Maple, Birmingham. \$14, \$12 students/under 18 and under. (248) 644-2075

DINNER THEATER

FOX LAIR DINNER THEATRE

Presents "Murder at the Howard



Cool festival: The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, through Monday, Jan. 17, in Kellogg Park, The Gathering and the Central Parking Structure in downtown Plymouth, features ice carving competitions, an 'Icy Toyland,' and other surprises. Open 24 hours a day, for more information or directions, call (734) 459-9157 or visit the Web site at www.online.com/plymouthice. Visit the warming center in Flagstar Bank on Ann Arbor Trail at Harvey, The Plymouth Whalers are hosting an ice skating party 5:30-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at CompWare Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth. Tickets are \$5 at the door, reservations not necessary.

dance program in summer of 2000, noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Wayne State University, 3226 Old Main, Detroit. Students unable to audition may send a video. (800) 221-3796

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

Auditions for "A Case of Libel" by Henry Denker 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 17-18 at the Depot, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. (248) 625-8811

COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS

8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, open jam for string band musicians of all levels 4-6 p.m. (free), at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saine Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 426-0241

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING

7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the Chapel Hills Condominium Clubhouse, 3550 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158 or eba@umich.edu

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Auditions for 12 men and 12 women for Cole Porter's "Kiss Me Kate," 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at the Bay, 32322 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 626-8767

FIRST THEATRE GUILD

Auditions for "Pier Piped in Hamelin," a youth production for school-age children through high school, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 N. Maple, Birmingham. (248) 644-2087, ext. 151

FREEDOM DANZ: XPRESSION

Auditions for hip-hop flavored dance companies Friday, Jan. 21, ages 6-12 5:30-7 p.m., ages 13 to adult 7:30-10 p.m., at the studio on the second floor of 229 Gratiot.

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

Auditions for the youth orchestra, will be held Saturday, Jan. 22. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (734) 591-7649

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Auditions will be held 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 18 and 25, and Feb. 1 by appointment, 20 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Feb. 1 and 8, at the theater, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe. (248) 594-9673/(313) 884-0196 or www.gpt.org

HUNGARIAN FOLK DANCE

Language and zither lessons. (248) 352-0927/(734) 946-6261

MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOC.

Lesson 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16 (\$3, free for members), Boogie Woogie class, dance 4-6 p.m. \$6/members, \$8 non-members, at the Amber House, 7012 E. Nine Mile, between Van Dyke and Woodland, Warren. (248) 926-5484

BEBE MILLER COMPANY

8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Woodland Mall, 111 Fletcher Street, Ann Arbor. \$32, \$30, \$22, \$16. (734) 764-2538

O'HARE'S IRISH DANCERS

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, south of I-96, Farmington Hills. \$12. (248) 471-7687

POLKA BOOSTER CLUB

Inaugural Ball 4-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, doors open at 1:30 p.m., dinner at 2:30 p.m., at Pvt. John Lyskova Hall, 6828 Waverly, Dearborn. Heights. (313) 561-8389/(248) 471-2963

STARDUST BALLROOM

Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available at the dance studio, 28551 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. \$8. (248) 356-5678

STUTTGART BALLET

8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 13-15, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway. \$17-\$62. (313) 237-SING/(248) 645-6666

COMEDY

DOWN HOME COMEDY SUPERSTAR TOUR

Featuring D.C. Curry, Joe Torry, Sheryl Underwood, hosted by Bobo Lamb 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$37.50, \$29.50. (248) 433-1515

ELDRADO COUNTRY CLUB

Mark Sweetman with Dee Proffitt, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 14-15, at 2869 N. Pontiac Trail, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Darwin Hines through Saturday, Jan. 15, Mike Green, Wednesday-Saturday, Jan. 19-22, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third level improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0558

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Diane Ford, Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 13-16, at John Pette's Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 524-8888

MARK RUTLER'S COMEDY CASTLE

Dan Greider, and Keith Ruff, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 13-15, Jim Davis, and Rob Little, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 20-22, at the club, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, Borders Books and Music, Rochester Hills, 1122 South Rochester Rd. All ages. (248) 652-0558

ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL

Featuring Shawn Colvin, Ario Guthrie, Great Big Matt, Watroba and more, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$20, \$25. (248) 645-6666

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

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DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

"On the Air" Michigan Radio and Television Broadcasting 1920-2000 exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30. "Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune"-style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Slave Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18. Free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Mexican artist Alejandro Garcia Nelo creates a large-scale palette in Rivera Court using the traditional Mexican folk art of papel picado, Saturday, Jan. 15 to Sunday, Feb. 13, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, Garcia Nelo will give a demonstration of papel picado techniques, at the museum, 5200 Woodward Avenue. Free with recommended museum admission of \$4. Children. (313) 833-7900

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everset" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week, at the center, noon, 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2:00 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older. Free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

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PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

"Celebrate the Century" exhibit continues at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth. \$2, \$5 kids, \$5 family. (734) 455-8940

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM

"A Stitch in Time" quilt exhibit continues through Saturday, Jan. 29, at the museum, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, at Van Hoosen Farm, east of Rochester Road off Tenken Road, Rochester Hills. \$3, \$2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663

SPIRIT OF FORD

Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, NASCAR Pit Stop Challenge, Turbo Tour full-motion simulator ride, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily including the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday Monday, Jan. 17, at 1151 Village Drive, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

POPULAR MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS

7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

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BONNE TEMPS ROUILLE

7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-8000 (blues)

BOY SETS FIRE

With Reach the Sky, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$7. (313) 961-MELT.

B'JAZZ VESPER

With Boss Bonnier and Paul Keller, 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, First Baptist Church, Birmingham. (248) 735-4011; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

BOTTLE ROCKERS

Wednesday, Feb. 16, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

BROTHERS GROOVE

10 p.m. Tuesdays in January, Fifth Avenue, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 735-4011; 9:30 p.m. Thurs. Feb. 3, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Grosse Pointe Road, Farmington. (734) 455-8450

BUMP N' UGLIES CD RELEASE

With Teenage Friends, Gutterspun, The Outsiders, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$5 advance/\$7 day of show. (313) 961-MELT.

SCOTT CAMPBELL

Will host an acoustic open mike jam every Thursday at 8 p.m. beginning Jan. 20 at Carbon.

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"Celebrate the Century" exhibit continues at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth. \$2, \$5 kids, \$5 family. (734) 455-8940

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM

"A Stitch in Time" quilt exhibit continues through Saturday, Jan. 29, at the museum, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, at Van Hoosen Farm, east of Rochester Road off Tenken Road, Rochester Hills. \$3, \$2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663

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Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, NASCAR Pit Stop Challenge, Turbo Tour full-motion simulator ride, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily including the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday Monday, Jan. 17, at 1151 Village Drive, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

WORLD MUSIC

THE CASSIDYS

A Dublin group with champion step dancers, 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$37.50, \$29.50. (248) 433-1515

MACAOIBH

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, at John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern, 33338 Grand River, Farmington. (248) 474-5941 (Celtic folk music)

FOLK/BUEGRASS

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9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 14-15, at John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern, 33338 Grand River, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

CHARLIE KING

The musical storyteller and political satirist performs 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666

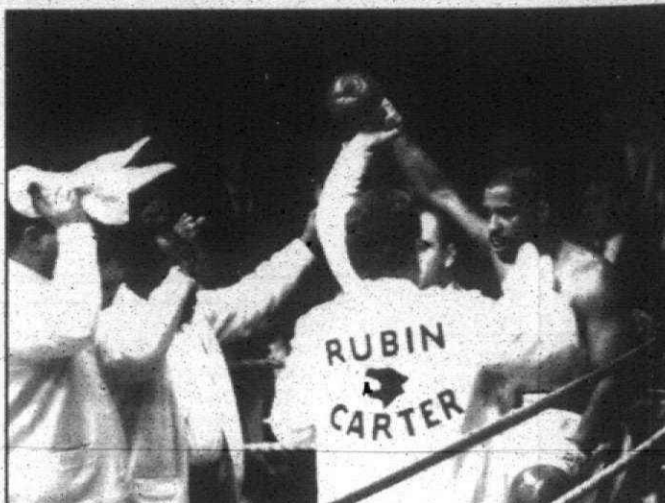
BARRELY HERO

MOVIES

'The Hurricane' will win over audiences

BY BOB THOMAS
ASSOCIATED PRESS
LOS ANGELES - The fictional Rocky Balboa found his vindication in the ring. The real-life boxer Rubin "Hurricane" Carter achieved his in the courts...

and bigotry. Rubin Carter, whose slashing style earned him the name Hurricane, seemed destined for the middleweight title in the early 1960s...



Fight of his life: Rubin "Hurricane" Carter (Denzel Washington) is a boxer sentenced for a crime he didn't commit in "The Hurricane."

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Table listing movie showtimes and theaters. Columns include National Amusements, Star Southfield, United Artists Commerce Township, Main Art Theatre III, and various other theaters like Birmingham Theatre and Star Winchster.

Having trained for a year and shed 35 pounds, Washington looks every inch the professional boxer. He is convincing in the ring and brings forceful emotion to Carter's long struggle for freedom...

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 14
HOLY SMOKE: A young woman is rescued from an Indian by her concerned family...
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'Turnaround' and catch this local blues quartet

My earliest memory of music in my life is a hard one to admit to. As a little girl, I grew up watching The Monkees on television...

Redford Union High School graduate. To avoid confusion with other bands in the area, they changed the name to The Turnarounds.



Bluesmen: David Gondoly, Bill Henrikson, Todd Best and Jeff Franchi are The Turnarounds, a Wayne County-based blues quartet.

It seems Jeff Franchi shared a similar experience. I didn't ask the guitarist whether his favorite Monkee was Davy Jones, but I did ask him for his earliest musical memory...

STAY TUNED...

Look out Jenny Jones. The talk show maven has taken a liking to the musical stylings of Kalamazoo's Knee Deep Shag.

CD REVIEW

Methods of Mayhem
MCA Records
No doubt shocking old fans, former Motley Crue drummer Tommy Lee has assembled hip-hop heavyweights like Snoop Dogg and Lil Kim...

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DINING

Hockeytown Cafe scores with Red Wings fans

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Ed Kroninger foresees a bright future for Detroit's Hockeytown Cafe.

The Farmington Hills resident attended the opening of the Red Wings-themed restaurant last fall.

"I think it's fantastic. What an unbelievable location. It's gonna be great all year long. It's a goldmine waiting to happen."

The restaurant on Woodward Avenue in the Second City building shows off Red Wings memorabilia from Hockey jerseys and photographs to an actual Zamboni parked in the entrance. Who needs a Hard Rock Cafe in Detroit? The restaurant just reassures fans and visitors alike that this is still "hockeytown."

Valarie Bollard said she was never a hockey fan until she joined the staff. "I love working here," she said. "Everyone's very friendly."

One trip to the bar will prove

Hockeytown Cafe
Where: 2301 Woodward Ave.; Detroit — inside the Second City Building, (313) 965-9500.
Open: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday-Saturday.
Menu: American favorites including ribs and burgers with an eclectic mix of entrees such as Spinach and Brioche Encrusted Whitefish.
Cost: Appetizers, \$5.95-\$9.95, sandwiches \$5-7, pasta, \$11.95-\$15.95, entrees, \$13.95-\$21.95.
Reservations: Recommended for dinner
Credit cards: All majors accepted
Highlight: For information about reserving the restaurant for groups, or dinner/show packages, call (313) 965-2222.

that. Hockeytown bartenders chat with those who stop in for a beverage or meal. They mix up cleverly-named beverages like the Most Valuable Margarita or creamy drinks like a Break Away, which is made with vanilla ice cream, Chambord, Creme De Cocoa and rum.

Non-alcoholic specialties include a Wild Berry Breeze, for a strawberry and raspberry frozen treat, or a Squeeze Play, a lemonade carrying a raspberry

kick. Drinks are placed on a strip of ice that stretches all the way around the bar, just another reminder of that special sport of choice. Hockeytown Cafe features eight domestic and imported bottled beers. The wine list shows nine varieties of white wine, 12 reds and four types of champagne or sparkling wine. Most are available by the glass or bottle.

Three levels

Dress up or dress down. Bring the kids or a date; it's suitable for any occasion. The dimly-lit restaurant offers dining on three different levels, so even when the place is packed, it's possible to enjoy a meal with space and comfort.

But Hockeytown Cafe is more than atmosphere for sports fans. The menu offers a mix of traditional favorites and eclectic entrees fit to satisfy the hungriest food connoisseurs.

Leave the hockey sticks and pucks behind and start off with an unusual appetizer, like Hoisen-Sesame Chicken Skewers or Crab and Risotto Cakes. Those with light appetites might go for a Cobb or Classic Caesar Salad.

If the goal is a hearty sandwich, Hockeytown's got it covered. From a Chicken Focaccia



Lunch or dinner: Hockeytown Cafe is open seven days a week and offers burgers, salads, appetizers and entrees for hungry hockey fans.

sandwich with roasted peppers and provolone cheese, to a Grilled Portobello Mushroom Sandwich or Hockeytown's signature burger, choices are plenty. Sandwiches come with potato chips, but may be substituted for french fries and cole slaw for a nominal fee.

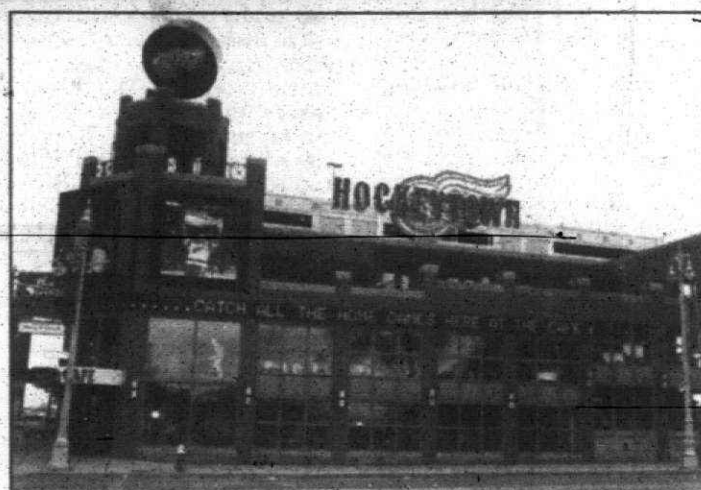
Entrees range from a slab of Baby Back Ribs to a Spinach and Brioche Encrusted Whitefish. Dinner entrees cost between \$13.95 and \$21.95 and include a starch and vegetable.

The Filet of Beef is prepared with a Traverse City Cherry and Walnut Crust and a Port Wine Sauce, giving a hearty Northern Michigan appeal. Pork Chops take the tastebuds south when served with a Caribbean Barbecue Glaze and Mango-Cilantro Salsa.

Pasta

If pasta is your pick, try Cannelloni with Ricotta and Spinach or Blackened Cajun Beef Pasta, served with roasted peppers, tomatoes and a creole sauce.

To satisfy any sweet tooth, the



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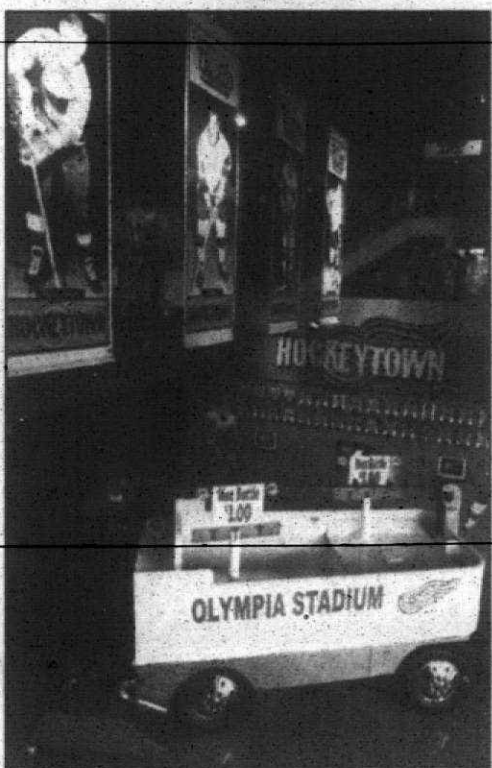
In the city: Hockeytown Cafe is inside the Second City building on Woodward Avenue, close to the Fox and State theaters.

restaurant offers six desserts and seven varieties of sweet coffee drinks. Try an Apple Cobbler with a scoop of French Vanilla Ice Cream, or Rocky Road Cheesecake with an enticing chocolate glaze. Dip into a Raspberry and White Chocolate

Creme Brulee or taste the Almond Cherry Tart, which is baked in a sugar cookie crust.

Whether the goal is to stop in before a game at Joe Louis Arena or grab a bite after a show at Second City, patrons won't leave Hockeytown Cafe hungry.

Sports fans: Hockeytown Cafe is decorated with a lot of Red Wings memorabilia.



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