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**Ready for prime time:** Mike LaMasse smiles on campus at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti last week as he anticipates his upcoming trip to California, where he will compete on a college version of the game show, "Jeopardy!"

## Quiz master

### Salem grad will star on college 'Jeopardy!'

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Here's the clue: Canton resident and Eastern Michigan University student who is getting a chance to test his knowledge on the "Jeopardy!" 12th Annual College Championship.

Who is Michael La Masse?

The answer, phrased in the form of a question is correct, as "Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek might say.

La Masse, an EMU philosophy major, sophomore and Plymouth-Salem graduate, will be among 15 college students from across the nation competing on the trivia game show. Taping of all 10 episodes was Jan. 15-16 and the expected air dates are 7:30 p.m. Feb. 7-11 and Feb. 14-18 on WDIV-TV Channel 4. He said he has watched "Jeopardy!"

since he was about 11 years old.

"I reacted a lot more coolly than my mother did," La Masse said of learning he would be a "Jeopardy!" contestant. He applied to be a contestant over the Internet last summer.

The news came just before Thanksgiving — a time when good news was particularly welcome. His father, Brian, 39, died of cancer complications just days before. He worked at Awrey Bakery on Farmington in Livonia and drove Michael to a July show audition in Indianapolis.

"He was a great influence on my life," Michael said of his father, whom he described as very intelligent.

His mother took a more sentimental

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## Tell us what you think Observer to host advisory panel

In an effort to keep in touch with the people we serve — namely, our readers — the Canton Observer staff is returning to a method we hope will help us do just that: citizen advisory panels.

The panel will consist of approximately eight to 12 members representing a cross-section of citizens from around the community. The panel would meet several times throughout the year, discussing with the editorial staff the content of the paper, what readers would like to see, what the paper is doing right and what it's doing wrong.

What kind of volunteers are we looking for? Anyone with an interest in what goes on in their community and how it's reported in the media.

We hope to have the first meeting by the end of February. Meetings would probably be scheduled quarterly, perhaps with more frequent meetings at the beginning of the process.

Anyone interested in serving on such a panel is invited to call the Canton community editor, Tedd Schneider, (734) 459-2700, or e-mail him at [tschneider@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:tschneider@oe.homecomm.net).

## Chills and thrills at Ice Spectacular



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

**Colorful day:** Kelly Zimmerman of Canton, 6, shows how the dye came off on her hand after she rubbed her palm on the giant carved "M" at the corner of Main and Penniman in Kellogg Park at Plymouth's International Ice Spectacular Saturday. For more on the annual event, please turn to Page A3 in today's Observer.

## Ball is centerpiece event for Canton Foundation

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Bigger isn't always better.

At least that's what organizers of the Canton Community Foundation Winter Ball are hoping. Invitations are being cut by about 100 this year to make the social gala a touch more manageable.

"We want it to be more intimate," said Foundation President Joan Noricks, who added that fun is the pri-

mary goal. "The focus of the winter ball is for people of western Wayne County to socialize and have a wonderful time."

The ball starts at 7 p.m. Friday at Livonia's Laurel Manor.

It's the foundation's biggest fundraising event each year. Noricks thinks the ball will net \$70,000, which would be about a 30 percent increase from last year.

Proceeds are divided equally between

the foundation's operating budget and endowment fund. Noricks said increasing the fund is a major goal.

Currently, the endowment stands at \$300,000. Noricks would like to get it up to \$1.5 million, which would allow the foundation to operate and award grants purely from interest.

"We're a long way off," she commented. "But you have to have a goal. We hope to reach our goal in two to three years."

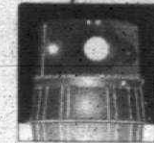
The nonprofit organization works to enhance performing arts, education, human services and Canton itself.

Last year, for example, the Canton Community Foundation awarded \$35,000 in grants. Nearly two dozen scholarships were given to local students while programs such as Character Counts and Gear Up for Safety received grants, too.

"Our grant program is wide and var-

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## High-speed crash kills Canton man



Police are investigating whether alcohol and marijuana use played a role in the weekend crash that killed Scott Velasquez, 20, of Canton and a friend from Westland. Velasquez was a backseat passenger in the car.

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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Westland police are investigating whether marijuana and alcohol played a role in a 91 mph, one-car crash that killed two people, including a 20-year-old Canton man, and injured three others early Saturday.

The five young men had been to a party, police said.

"There may be some evidence leading toward narcotic use, marijuana in particular," Officer Jack McIntosh said Tuesday. "The use of narcotics and/or alcohol is being investigated."

However, official autopsy results on driver Brian O'Donnell, 18, of Westland, and backseat passenger Scott Velasquez, 20, of Canton, may not be available for several weeks, McIntosh said.

The two died from injuries suffered when O'Donnell lost control of a 1997 Escort and slammed sideways into a tree on westbound Cherry Hill Road near Carlson, Sgt. Peter Brokas said.

The accident occurred at 3:07 a.m. Saturday in front of Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, he said.

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## Plymouth-Canton MEAP Results

11TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

DISTRICT	ENDORSED				NO. STUDENTS
	LEVEL 1 (EXCEEDS STANDARDS)	LEVEL 2 (MET STANDARDS)	LEVEL 3 (BASIC LEVEL)	LEVEL 4 (BELOW BASIC)	
Plymouth-Canton	0.6%	33.1%	38.7%	27.6%	794
State Average	0.5%	23.2%	34.4%	41.8%	79,667

Source: Michigan Department of Education

## District holds its own in latest MEAP test

### PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS

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The results weren't pretty, but the scores of the first Michigan Education Assessment Program 11th grade social studies tests were about what everyone expected.

"This was not a basic skills test, it was an advanced skills test," said Bob Hayes, Plymouth-Canton Schools director of instruction. "This was not a

simple exam."

While the scores were low, they were better than the state averages. And Plymouth-Canton 11th graders fared better than all but four of the 12 districts it benchmarks itself against.

Hayes said the district will analyze the data from the tests given last spring, and then make changes to teach "what the state wants us to."

"Under the old model, teachers

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O'Donnell attended John Glenn High School. "Brian was a senior here at John Glenn, and he was very well-known and liked in the building," Principal Neil Thomas said. "He had a lot of friends. He was a very personable young man. He was the kind of kid that everybody liked, and we're certainly going to miss him."

O'Donnell was declared dead on arrival at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis in Wayne. Velasquez survived until Sunday, Brokas said.

Police Officer Mark Cholak identified the other three passengers as Timothy Edwin Twardokus, 20, of Canton; his uncle, Timothy Andrew Twardokus, 27, of Detroit; and Donald Raymond Woodruff, 23, of Westland.

The younger Twardokus remained in critical condition Tuesday at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, where he was flown by medical helicopter.

"He has a closed-head injury. He is unconscious and on life support," McIntosh said.

The older Twardokus was listed in good condition Tuesday at U-M Hospital, a spokeswoman said.

McIntosh said the uncle suffered multiple fractures in his left leg and pelvic area.

Woodruff has been released from a local hospital. "He is now at home," McIntosh said.

Woodruff was a front-seat passenger. The Twardokuses sat in the back, McIntosh said.

The young men had been to a party near Marquette and Shoemaker in Westland, McIntosh said.

One witness told police he saw the Escort stop at a traffic light at Cherry Hill and Wayne roads. "He said they just took off like a bat out of hell," Brokas said. "He didn't see the accident because they had gotten ahead of him, but he saw the carage."

"They were doing about 91 mph, according to the investigation," Brokas said. "Somewhere prior to Carlson, (O'Donnell) lost control and went up into Kirk of Our Savior (property). He hit a tree broadside, in the middle part of the driver's side."

Westland firefighters gave medical help on the scene but had to use "jaws of life" equipment to remove the car's roof and reach some of the young men, said Michael Reddy, emergency medical services coordinator.

Brokas warned other drivers to beware of high speeds.

"When you're traveling at a high rate of speed, the car builds up air under it and kind of hydroplanes itself," he explained. "Friction with the road is reduced. It takes very little (movement) on the steering wheel to turn those tires, but the back end of the car wants to keep going in the original direction. Then the rear end swings out and slides sideways, in an arc."

The deaths of O'Donnell and Velasquez marked Westland's first traffic fatalities of the year.

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**Police: Doughnut shop break-in an inside job**

More than \$2,000 in cash was stolen from Dunkin' Donuts on Michigan Avenue Saturday, according to township police reports.

An assistant manager came in to open the restaurant and found her office in disarray. Reports said several cash drawers had been emptied.

Canton Police watched a video surveillance tape from the previous night and discovered an employee and ex-employee in the shop for more than an hour after close.

Police interviewed the employee, a 20-year-old Ypsilanti man. He told police that the 16-year-old ex-employee used a drill to open the manager's locked office.

The 16-year-old, a Canton resident, was subsequently arrested. More than \$2,000 in cash was recovered from his home, reports said.

Both he and the Ypsilanti man were released pending charges.

**Officer injured**  
A Canton Police officer was injured Friday following a scuffle.

Reports said the officer had made a traffic stop at Sherwood Mobile Home Park on Michigan Avenue. While the officer was running a background check, a male occupant of the car fled on foot. A female, who was unidentified in the report, then ran at the officer.

He ordered her to stop and arrested her. The officer then put the woman in handcuffs, but she fled moments later.

The officer chased and tackled her. A short scuffle ensued and the officer was bitten on his left thumb.

He was able to subdue her after striking her in the face, reports said. An ambulance transported the woman to Annapolis Hospital to check for injuries. Reports said she was bleeding from the forehead.

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**Spotlight on Your Pet**  
by Elizabeth Routson, D.V.M.

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**Clear magic**  
*International Ice Spectacular packs them in again*

By BRAD KADRICH  
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New challenges. Old foes. Same success.

That about sums up the weekend for the 18th annual Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular, which opened a day late but was anything but a dollar short after another successful run.

Event organizers battled a familiar opponent — warm weather — when Mother Nature forced the show to be delayed a day. And a new challenger — the Detroit Auto Show — presented a potential obstacle.

Neither did much to keep the spectators away.

"The auto show opened, and Saturday was still one of our better Saturdays," said Mike Watts of Watts Up Inc., the executive director of the festival's board of directors.

By the time the weekend's carving competitions arrived, temperatures had dropped into the teens and low 20s — even colder when the wind chill was factored in — and gave carvers

plenty of opportunity to get it done.

Despite the international appeal of the ice show, local carvers made out the best when it came to competitions. Tajana and Paul Raukar of Plymouth and Ted Wakar of Canton and Jim Bur of Sterling Heights took silver medals in the professional

**And the winners are ...**

Winners in the 18th annual Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular competitions included:

**Professional Team**  
Tajana Raukar and Paul Raukar, Plymouth, silver medal  
Ted Wakar, Canton, and Jim Bur Jr., Sterling Heights, silver medal

J.R. Lorentz, Garden City, and Matt Cooper, Fenton, silver medal  
Greg Butauski and Eric Pfaff, Columbus, Ohio, silver medal

**College Individual**  
Dawnmarie Chmiel, Schoolcraft Community College, silver student medal

Michael Stump, Grand Rapids Community College, silver student medal  
Ryan Jones, Grand Rapids Community College, bronze student medal

Mark Bell, Schoolcraft Community College, bronze student medal

**College Team**  
David Stadler and Jim Shields, Macomb Community College, silver student medal  
Michael Stump and Luba Petrash, Grand Rapids Community College, bronze student medal

**Amateur Individual**

Marvin Purdy, Dearborn  
Mark Johnston, Harrow, Ontario, Canada  
John Adamski, Eastpointe  
Durjon Morris, Detroit

**College Individual**  
Dawnmarie Chmiel, Schoolcraft Community College, silver student medal

Michael Stump, Grand Rapids Community College, silver student medal  
Joel Pool, Sandusky High School, bronze student medal  
Davis Scott II, Oakland Technical Center, culinary diploma  
Glen Nast II, Oakland Technical Center, culinary diploma

**High School Team**  
Glen Nast II and Kris Lutenberger, Oakland Technical Center, bronze student medal  
Lakisha Thames and Marvin Calhoun, Oakland Technical Center, culinary diploma

**Big crowds:**  
Thousands braved the cold temperatures, and the crowds to view the ice carvings in Kellogg Park at the 18th Annual Plymouth International Ice Spectacular Saturday.

is "Famous First Facts."

**Librarians' choice**  
Here are some top fiction picks by librarians:

■ "Book Borrower" by Alice Mattison  
■ "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" by J.K. Rowling  
■ "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" by J.K. Rowling

■ "The Hearts of Soldiers" by Joan Vannorsdall Schroeder  
■ "Amy and Isabelle" by Elizabeth Strout  
■ "One Hundred and One Ways" by Mako Yoshikawa

**Hot topic of the week**  
■ Ludington Area Winter Fun Fest! Jan. 29-30 Ludington, Mich., is host to an ice and snow sculpture competition, indoor sidewalk sale and hot-air balloon race. Other activities include an antique show and sale, marathon race and cross country ski race. For more information contact the Ludington Area Chamber of Commerce, (800) 542-4600.

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**Q & A**  
Q: What was the first movie entertainment shown on an airplane?  
A: A newsreel and two cartoon comedies were shown on Oct. 8, 1929, by the Transcontinental Air Transport company in a Ford transport plane 5,000 feet in the air. The projector was installed by J. Frankenberg, its originator, and weighed about eight pounds. Regular in-flight movie service began on July 19, 1961, on a Trans World Airlines flight between New York and Los Angeles. The movie was "By Love Possessed."

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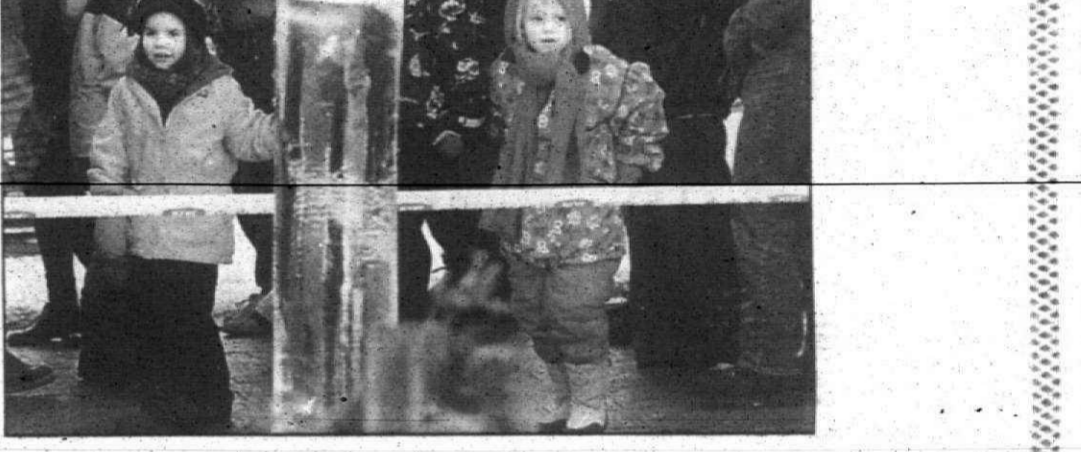
Leonard  
■ "The Bean Trees" by Barbara Kingsolver  
■ "Body of Evidence" by Patricia D. Cornwell



Centerpiece: A large map of the world carved from ice was one of the centerpieces of Kellogg Park throughout the weekend.



Carving a niche: Atalie Rudd of Ann Arbor (left) and Helga Giesladottir, originally from Iceland and now living in Ann Arbor, both 5, check out one of the many ice carvings in Kellogg Park Saturday.



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Salem practice room OK'd by county

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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Wayne County officials have given a clean bill of health to the wrestling room at Plymouth Salem High School after a rash of ringworm fungus and impetigo bacteria was found, infecting most of the wrestling team.

Health officials were here Monday and Tuesday to take a look at the facility, examine the wrestling mats and went over our cleaning procedures," said John Robinson, Salem athletic director. "We are back in the room with wrestling practice, our high school wrestling classes and with cheerleading practice."

The wrestling room was shut down for nearly a week when an unusually high number of ringworm cases were reported. School officials sent wrestlers to their personal physicians to be treated and used bleach to clean mats in an effort to rid the room of the fungus.

"We found that school officials were following all appropriate precautions," said Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, Wayne County health department medical director. "There's no need, from a public health perception, to keep the room closed."

Robinson said school officials have made some changes in how the facility is being used, in cleaning procedures, and have informed all athletes about personal hygiene precautions.

"We discarded one of the old wrestling mats which had been compromised because of cracks in it," said Robinson. "We are concerned on the wear and tear on the mats. When you do have as much wear as we have because of the number of groups that use the facility, it causes some breaks in the surface. That makes it harder to keep it sanitary."

There were some concerns by wrestling parents that use of the room by the cheerleading squad and other groups was putting too much wear on the mats, allowing for ringworm to infest itself beneath the porous surface.

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taught the facts and students regurgitated them," said Hayes. "Under the new model, like the social studies test, students are given the facts and learn to use them to make decisions and take action. It's essential we change the written curriculum in our classes."

That is being done even as the results are being evaluated.

"We've been contacted by Livonia school officials about sharing strategies to improve our results for the next test," said Bruce Siegel, assistant principal who oversees the high school social studies department. "We'll see where we need the most improvement as a department, and do some brainstorming with Livonia to achieve better results."

Part of the reason for the poor test scores is the simple fact that no one knew exactly what to

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keep the mats from enduring too much, a second mat for cheerleaders will be placed on top of the wrestling mat during cheerleading practice.

"I think it came down to mismanagement of the room," said JoDee Dillon, Plymouth Salem varsity cheerleading coach. "None of the 26 varsity cheerleaders had ringworm. We've followed all the rules pertaining to mopping the area and cleanliness."

"We suggested using a second mat for cheerleading practice about a year ago," added Dillon. "I hope the situation has been cleared and we can move forward."

Dillon is hoping the week off from practice doesn't impair the cheerleading squad, which is slated to participate in national competition next month.

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ied," said Noricks.

Friday's gathering will be the foundation's sixth ball.

"It's really for the people," said Noricks. "It's not for us."

Besides Canton's political and social elite, officials from Plymouth Township and Livonia are expected to attend. State Sen. Loren Bennett and State Rep. Bruce Patterson will also be on hand.

"It's becoming a regional event," said Noricks.

Filet mignon, pasta and an "upgraded" desert highlight the ball's menu this year. While the volume of food will be reduced, quality will be enhanced.

Noricks said.

"It'll be more of a gourmet-level meal this year," she added.

The Tim Hewitt Band will entertain. The group specializes in "Motown," oldies and big band tunes.

"We hope the big band sound will be a hit with both the older and younger crowds," Noricks said.

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Officials say WTUA talks now moving forward

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A week after negotiations between Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships and the Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority appeared dead, signs of life emerged last week.

The Western Townships Utilities Authority has been embroiled in a two-year dispute over timing, breadth and control of expansion for Ypsilanti's wastewater treatment plant.

Negotiations appeared stalled after YCUA refused to budge on representation for WTUA on its board and the composting of solids, among other issues.

The Ypsilanti authority also declined to provide written assurance that it wouldn't seek zoning changes for a parcel currently optioned by Canton. The parcel, which is adjacent to YCUA's plant, would be used for an independent western townships facility.

According to WTUA Operations Manager Tim Faas, negotiations improved dramatically last week.

First, Ypsilanti Township didn't go forward with zoning changes. Faas said that move won't be made, if at all, until March.

Secondly, YCUA said it would give Faas its final position on all issues later this week. While he's not sure what those positions will be, he's at least encouraged that the two sides are communicating.

"This whole thing has been a roller coaster ride," Faas said. "But I'm always optimistic. Everything is there to make an agreement, but everyone has to be willing to compromise."

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack was surprised at YCUA's sudden change of heart. But he thinks any agreement with the authority has serious hurdles to clear.

Yack said, for example, that Ypsilanti wants to pick its own engineer and architect for expansion. By contract, WTUA should make those choices, he said.

"I don't think they want us to have control over design," Yack commented.

Faas will make a recommendation to WTUA's board Monday on how it should proceed. Leaders must decide now which path to follow or risk running out of capacity for wastewater flows.

Faas recently outlined what he feels are the authority's three options:

■ Continuing to negotiate with YCUA on expansion.  
■ Force a WTUA only expansion.  
■ WTUA builds its own facility.

Either expansion or a new facility will take at least five years to complete, Faas said the ball needs to start rolling and he hopes the board will move forward Monday.

"I want to give them enough information to decide," he added.

WTUA currently sends about nine million gallons of waste water to Ypsilanti. Other flows go to Detroit.

YCUA's plant, located in Ypsilanti Township, has a current capacity of 29 million gallons per day. WTUA's flows are expected to rise well beyond that capacity within five years.

The local authority has been left with the options of helping Ypsilanti expand or build its own treatment facility.

In September, WTUA voted for the latter at a cost of about \$130 million. But those plans were put on hold for a last-ditch negotiation effort with Ypsilanti.

Talks have been ongoing since then, but yielded few results.

Exam set in murder

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Friday's preliminary exam in 35th District Court for Plymouth resident Azzul Islam on charges of first degree murder and mutilation of a dead body is expected to last more than a day.

"We've got a good number of witnesses to fill the whole day and then finish on another day," said Mike Lehto, assistant Wayne County prosecutor. "On the second day we expect to introduce the scientific evidence from DNA findings and the crime lab."

Lehto said there are nearly a dozen witnesses set to testify, "which will put all the different pieces together."

Islam, 50, is charged with the murder of his estranged wife, Tracy, 36, sometime between Dec. 19 and Dec. 22. Tracy Islam, who left her husband last August and returned to her native England, was visiting her family in Plymouth a week before Christmas. She was reportedly visiting her teenage son and daughter for the holidays, and seeking an uncontested divorce.

According to police, the couple had an argument Dec. 19. Tracy was missing Dec. 20 and a friend from England reported her missing Christmas Day when she failed to board a Dec. 24 flight to Great Britain.

An A&W restaurant worker in Dearborn found a plastic bag containing two arms and two legs in a Dumpster on Dec. 22. Police are conducting DNA testing to determine if those body parts belong to a torso found in a muddy field in Allen Township, Ohio, Dec. 31. The Islam children are also undergoing DNA testing to help identify the body remains. The results are expected sometime next month.

Plymouth police say Islam rented a van from Dick Scott Dodge in Plymouth the day after the body parts were found in Dearborn, and drove it 213 miles before returning the vehicle the same day. Authorities say they have witnesses who saw a man in the Ohio field who fit the description of Islam standing near a light-colored sport utility vehicle.

Allen Township is located in Ottawa County, Ohio, southeast of Toledo.

Sources close to the investigation say mud and other items were found in the van by Michigan State Police crime lab investigators. And human traces and blood were reportedly sniffed out by dogs at Islam's Roe Street home during a search Jan. 7.

Defense attorney Michael Schwartz believes that without the scientific evidence identifying the body parts as those of Tracy Islam, the prosecution has no case.

"The big thing is the DNA," said Schwartz. "They need to show the body parts are those of his wife."

Schwartz said he has talked to his client in the Wayne County jail.

"He's depressed, but who wouldn't be sitting in jail charged with a serious crime," said Schwartz. "He's in a regular cell, but he doesn't mingle much."

Monday, representatives from the prosecutor's office, Dearborn police and Plymouth police sat down to discuss their case in preparation for the preliminary exam.

"Everything went very well," said Dick Miller, Plymouth police chief. "I think our case is pretty solid."

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tal point of view about his father's role, however.

"He'll be an angel sitting on his shoulder when he goes," Mike's mother, Sandy, said. Also rooting for Michael will be his brother Chris, 17, and his sister, Jennifer, 15 — both Plymouth-Salem students.

La Masse said his strong cate-

gories will be literature, world history, philosophy and sports. His weaker categories will involve pop culture and modern music.

He's not trying to bone up on pop culture trivia, however.

"I'm going to focus on categories I'm strong in," he said, adding that he has memorized

world capitals, names of world leaders and names and dates of battles.

When he's not studying, La Masse works part time in season as a free-lance soccer referee for different communities. He also worked last summer for Hydro Design Inc. in Bloomfield Hills.

"I inspected downspouts," he

said, joking that it wasn't very intellectual work.

He is an avid Chicago Bears fan, though he said his fandom has caused "anguish" for him. "They lose too much."

His mother, a Northwest Airlines reservation agent, said she would attempt to fly to Culver City, Calif., for the taping. Culver City is in the Los Angeles area.

### 'Jeopardy!' practice

Plymouth-Salem social studies teacher Scott Beaman helped give La Masse his first taste of buzzer gaming on the Plymouth-Salem Academic Quiz Bowl team.

"He was one of the senior members of the state championship team in 1998," Beaman said, adding that he also was a senior captain.

La Masse started Quiz Bowl his freshman year.

His forte was literature and philosophy, Beaman said.

"He was very knowledgeable about authors and their works," he said.

### College 'Jeopardy!' competitors

Other 'Jeopardy!' contestants competing in the college tournament:

Milo Dochow, 18, of Portland, Ore., representing Cooper Union in New York; Marcell Moran, 20, of New Orleans representing Hollins University in Roanoke, Va.; Peter Scott Breeze, 20, of Great Barrington, Mass., representing Ithaca College; Ithaca, N.Y.; Gwyneth Connell, 20, of Columbia, S.C., representing the University of Virginia; Charlottesville, Va.; Natalie Tindal, 21, of St. Petersburg, Fla., representing Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, Fla.; Greg Hodgins, 21, of Columbia, Ga., representing Emory University, Decatur, Ga.; Julia Becker, 19, of Cranford, N.J., representing Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass.; Anita Brkic, 21, of Agoura Hills, Calif., representing UCLA, Los Angeles; Gina Bronsberg, 19, of Chicago representing the University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.; Janet Wong, 21, of Easton, N.J., representing Drew University, Madison, N.J.; Darren Bates, 21, of Sherman Oaks, Calif., representing University of California San Diego, La Jolla, Calif.; and Adam Center, 21, of Atlanta, representing Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

La Masse's lust for knowledge is what set him apart from other Quiz Bowl team members.

"I never had a Quiz Bowl member who studied as much as he did. He continued to try to expand on what he knew. He was a very important member of our team," said Beaman.

There are several books on the market to help "Jeopardy!" contestants prepare. One was written by Trebek and some were written by contestants, according to Beaman.

"I'm going to be watching it for sure," he said.

Leanne Suttan, promotions director for the show in Culver City, said 10,000 people try for a spot on the college tournament. From that pool, 1,000 are selected for an audition — which consists of a "Jeopardy!" simulation on a video monitor.

Hopefuls are tested on buzzer use, phrasing answers in the form of questions and, of course, their knowledge.

"Jeopardy!" looks beyond knowledge of Italian opera, French novelists, potent potables and world explorers when picking the contestants, however.

"We want people that look like they're having fun," Suttan said, adding that contestants should represent a cross section of the United States.

The grand prize winner will receive a minimum of \$15,000 and the third place winner \$10,000.

Earnings of first, second and third-place winners will be matched by Volvo and be earmarked toward college scholarships at their respective schools.

La Masse will join one other Michiganian on the "Jeopardy!" set — Kurt Medland, 20, of Lapeer, who will represent Albion College.

## Medical billing skills taught in new class

The Plymouth-Canton Adult Education Department will offer a new class called Medical Office Manager/Billing at Starkweather Education Center beginning Jan. 31.

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The Starkweather Education Center is located at 550 N. Holbrook, Plymouth.

## Showdown?

### Granholt, Miller share cordial stage

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If Jennifer Granholt and Candice Miller ever run against each other, there would be no mud-slinging and no negative campaign advertising.

Michigan's attorney general and secretary of state each said as much Tuesday after their joint appearance before the Metropolitan Detroit Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

It was a cordial encounter, with Granholt and Miller complimenting each other and talking about shared experiences — like the sexist comments and letters they received early in their careers as Michigan's highest ranking female executives.

Granholt, a Democrat, and Miller, a Republican, are both considered rising stars within their respective political parties. In response to questions about their futures.

Granholt — who is eligible to seek another term under Michigan's term limit laws — reiterated a statement she has made many times before. She said she is happy being attorney general and wants to continue in that job.

Miller, who can not seek another term as secretary of state, admitted the prospect of running for governor in 2002 —

as political wags insist she will — is intriguing. "But I haven't made any decisions," she said.

### The governor's race

Following their two-hour appearance, the attorney general and secretary of state were each asked about the possibility of a head-to-head Granholt-Miller race, possibly for governor.

"We have far too much respect for each other to do anything negative," said Miller. "We would definitely stick to the issues."

Any campaign between them — which pundits insist is inevitable — would be characterized by civility and honest debate, said Granholt, who had earlier said Miller's biggest shortcoming was "being a Republican."

Both candidates are concerned about campaign financing, individuals' right to privacy and getting more people — especially younger people — involved in the political process. "When you talk to young people about (the possibility of their) holding public office," lamented Miller, "they look at you like you're nuts."

Granholt, who made her first bid for public office in 1998 after incumbent Frank J. Kelley retired, described the pressure on candidates to raise money as "grotesque" and "obscene."

Miller, who was unsuccessful in her attempts to end or restrict some forms of soft money contributions, said she is pushing for

more disclosure on the part of political candidates.

### Sharing information

The secretary of state was particularly vocal in her opposition to using the office to collect information that is unrelated to operating a motor vehicle — including a move by the federal government to require her office to garnish drivers' Social Security numbers to help the effort to trace deadbeat dads.

"I don't need to know your Social Security number to issue a drivers license," said Miller.

She said she also objects to selling information obtained by her office to various insurance companies or marketing consultants — even though her office obtained more than \$1 million through the sale of such lists in 1999.

Granholt said her establishing a four-member unit to pursue Internet crime — and the subsequent arrest of a man in Colorado and another in Florida for drug dealing — had already put Michigan on the cutting edge of fighting cyber crime.

She referred to gathering data on the Internet as "data mining," and she said the general public has a right to be greatly concerned. "It's no longer 'big brother' watching," she said, "it's 'big browser' watching."

### Gender bias

Both were emphatic about gender bias being on the wane.



Friendly chat: Secretary of State Candace Miller and Attorney General Jennifer Granholt speak before the formal program begins.

She was never convinced the so-called "glass ceiling" really existed, Miller said. "Gender bias still exists," she said, "but we've come a long way."

Granholt remembered an exchange with a Lansing area commentator who early in her campaign asked if having three small children at home would hamper her efforts. "I said Gov. Engler has the same number of small children at home," the attorney general recalled, "but I don't recall your ever asking him

that question."

Oddly enough, their respective mothers had been culpable in the area of gender stereotyping, Granholt and Miller acknowledged.

After an appearance on national television, Granholt recalled, her mother being more concerned about her makeup and appearance than the issue Michigan's new attorney general was discussing.

Miller's mother still urges her to get out of politics and get a real job, said the secretary of

state. "She wanted me to get into the marina business, like my brother," said Miller, the former Macomb County treasurer who in 1994 upset popular incumbent Richard Austin.

All things considered, however, Granholt said she is encouraged by the changing faces within the ranks of public officials. "Some of those faces are black and some of those faces are brown," she said, "and some of those faces wear lipstick."

### Miller opposes selling names

Within hours of telling metro Detroit journalists she doesn't like the idea of being compelled to sell information collected by the Secretary of State's office, Candice Miller held a press conference to support of a bill banning prohibiting such sales.

"I don't think it's the right thing for governments to do," Miller said at a Lansing press conference in support of a bill banning the sale of information collected by state agencies to marketing companies, mortgage companies and other companies who use it to target customers.

Miller had voiced her opposition to selling such lists during her appearance at the Orchard

Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College.

Even though her office made more than \$1 million last year by selling such information, Miller said she opposed the practice as an invasion of personal privacy.

She had tried to stop the practice, Miller said, but was thwarted by an attorney general's ruling that the secretary of state's office must make such information available.

"I want driving records to be available to the public (and the press)," Miller told journalists. "But other information about drivers should be private."

### Granholt promises to look into movies shown at Maxey center

Michigan's attorney general promised to look into an allegation that movies with explicit obscenity and violence are being shown at the W.J. Maxey Training School, the state-run training center in Livingston County to which Nathaniel Abraham — believed to be the youngest person in the nation to be convicted of murder — was assigned last week for rehabilitation.

The complaint came from attorney Evelyn G. Butler of Plymouth during the question and answer period following the appearance of — Jennifer Granholt and Secretary of State Candice Miller at the Oakland Community College campus in Farmington Hills.

Butler, who represents a man whose wife was murdered at the

training school, complained that a state agency — in this case the Family Independence Agency that supervises Maxey — routinely shows R-rated movies including "Basic Instinct," which depicts actress Sharon Stone stabbing her partner with an ice pick after a nude and graphic love scene.

Butler was adamant such movies are inappropriate, particularly in light of Granholt's contention that magazines, such as *Cosmopolitan*, often depict women on their covers as sex objects.

The attorney general said she realizes the rights of adult individuals to view graphic material, but Granholt said as a parent she is concerned about movies or publications that cater to children.

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# Road agencies use satellite to speed snowplowing

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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A joint effort by metro Detroit's four largest road agencies and a suburban bus system to improve the efficiency of snow and ice removal was unveiled today, Jan. 20.

Called SEMSIM, for Southeastern Michigan Snow and Ice Management, the new project combines high-tech, state-of-the-art global-positioning satellite technology and computer linkups with unprecedented intergovernmental cooperation.

Through constant monitoring of road crews' whereabouts and work, crews will be able to be dispatched as needed — even crossing into other jurisdictions to help, if necessary, according to John Roach, spokesman for the Wayne County Department of Public Services.

"We really think that this is going to be the future of snow removal, not only in Michigan but in all the snowbelt states in the country — certainly in the technological aspect," said

Roach.

The four agencies involved — the Wayne County DPS, the City of Detroit and the Road Commissions of Oakland and Macomb Counties — will monitor their respective fleets during storms via on-board telemetry and a radio/computer linkup provided by the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) bus service.

Satellite-based global positioning system (GPS) tracking devices and various temperature and other gauges on each vehicle will feed crew location and activities into computers monitored at the respective road yards.

Then, "if something happens," such as increased snowfall in an area or traffic tie-ups, trucks and crews can be redistributed, Roach said. Dispatchers will have to only look at their computer screens to respond accordingly.

It's possible, Roach said, that plows from one jurisdiction will cross into that of another — Detroit's, say, into Macomb County's — depending on condi-

tions and "if it results in more efficient service."

"Sometimes it doesn't make sense to turn around" because of a boundary line, he noted.

Exactly how it will play out is not known. "We're still working out different aspects," Roach said.

## Sharing info

The cross-jurisdictional cooperation is a first, according to Roach: "Never before that we're aware of have four road agencies teamed up to work on a snow removal effort," he said. "We will be sharing information back and forth with each other."

"We feel all this will help us manage our fleet at any given point in a storm," said Roach. "We feel we will be able to be a lot more responsive, especially to unforeseen events."

SMART and its riders should benefit, as well, according to spokeswoman Beth Gibbons.

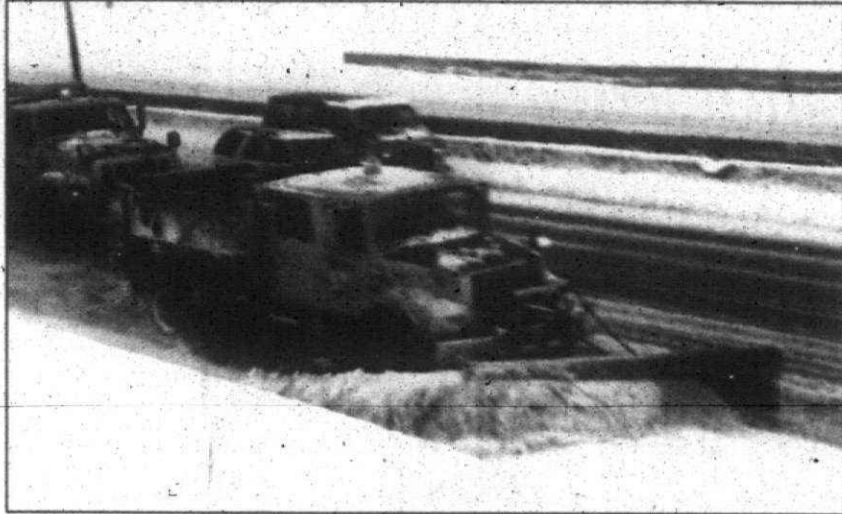
SMART dispatchers will now know better which roads are salted and plowed and therefore onto which roads they can send buses.

"This will provide an important piece" of information "we don't have right now," she said. "We're really pleased to be a part of this."

After a storm, all recorded data will be able to be played back and analyzed to improve response, Roach said.

Eventually, he said, SEMSIM will have a computer program able to redesign snow and salt routes to meet "whatever the situation is," he said.

Any cross-jurisdictional service will be charged back to the agency receiving the help: Taxes from one agency "would not be used to subsidize" another,



WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

Roach said.

## Save money?

Will SEMSIM save money?

"We do believe this will result in savings to agencies' snow removal effort by optimizing salt routes and becoming more efficient by using less salt and doing a more effective job," said Roach.

But "even if it doesn't result in a dollar savings, it will result in increased level of service," he said.

Phase One of SEMSIM was unveiled Thursday at the Wayne County DPS Wyoming Street Garage. It encompasses the area around the intersection of Eight Mile Road and Dequindre where all four agencies' jurisdictions meet.

Some 40 fully equipped trucks — 10 from each jurisdiction — will be linked together via SMART in Phase One.

"This is just the first phase," said Roach. "Over the next four or five years, we expect to have

500 vehicles totally equipped."

Roach said Wayne County DPS "pioneered this technology" last year with both the GPS and the data-gathering.

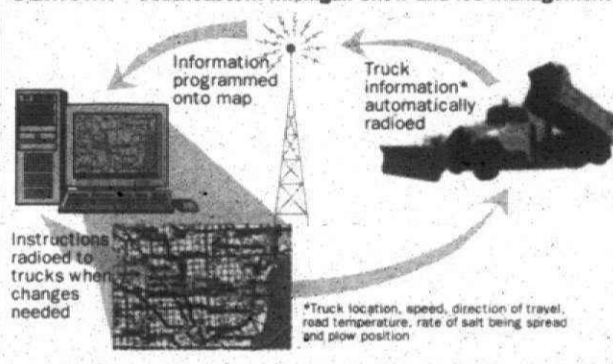
"We had just got it up and running" prior to the January 1999 blizzard.

However, the storm prevented the DPS from learning as much

as it could "because everything was so crazy," Roach said. "But now we'll be able to move to the next stage."

Much of the funding for SEMSIM comes from the federal government, according to Roach, who credited both U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham (R-Mich.) and U.S. Rep. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick with securing it.

## SEMSIM - Southeastern Michigan Snow and Ice Management



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# Selling on-line

## A Canton collectibles store is a showcase for e-business

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

The foot traffic Reme Tillman's collectibles store has generated over the past 11 years of business in Canton has been nice.

But the sales to customers in Singapore, Australia, England and Spain has made business even better for Tillman, who owns Reme Collectibles, 42839 Ford, at Lilley.

Better yet, items are going to the highest bidders — who sometimes bid as much as 17 times higher than the original retail price. The store sells collectible dolls, figurines and stuffed animals, as well as various porcelain and crystal items.

Tillman is one of many retailers looking beyond the walls of traditional stores and creating virtual stores for global customers. Tillman began auctioning her store's merchandise on the Internet auction house eBay in May, 1999. It was a big step for the technology-shy store owner, but she said it's paid off.

"I do more business on-line," said Tillman, a native of Spain and an Ypsilanti resident. "It helps a lot. You reach more people. I can reach people that I cannot reach from the store."

She said foreign customers have been eagerly grabbing up discontinued "American History Barbie" dolls, dressed in different historical costumes. One customer paid \$53 for a "Civil War Barbie" that retailed for \$24.95. Auction customers also have to pay shipping — \$5 domestically, more for overseas.

The biggest profit she ever saw was from a tiny

porcelain cucumber, called a "kiddie cucumber." It retailed for \$9 and sold to an eBay customer for \$153.

"The more people you have bidding on an item, the more you make," she said. "We try to get as close to or a little bit more than we do in the store. We set a minimum (auction price) of \$20."

On-line business costs include paying percentage commissions to eBay, technology costs and staffing. A part-time staffer comes in twice weekly to handle most of the eBay transactions. Shipping and bookkeeping take up a good deal of Tillman's time as well.

Her eBay rating is 600, which represents the number of customers who have successfully done business with Reme Collectibles. It does not include customers who weren't the highest bidders.

That number is a vote of confidence, Tillman said.

"Six hundred people can't be wrong."

Some customers who failed to make the highest bids have approached Tillman directly about purchasing particular items, adding to her customer base, she said.

Selling pieces on-line has its own challenges. Since the customer doesn't have the advantage of being able to see items up close and touch them, on-line retailers like Tillman quickly learn the art of descriptive writing.

"If you are a good writer, you can sell (on-line)," Tillman said, adding that her part-time assistant handles the writing.



**All dolled up:** Several varieties of Barbies are some of Reme's best-sellers on the Internet. She places many items for auction on eBay.



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

**Branching out:** Reme Tillman shows off a snowman figurine, one of the popular items she sells on eBay, an online auction. The items are also available at her Ford Road Reme's Collectibles store.

The Latin phrase "caveat emptor," or "let the buyer beware" need not be uttered when buying from Tillman on-line.

"We guarantee our pieces," Tillman said. "If (customers) don't like it, they can send it back."

Those interested in making on-line bids on Reme

Collectible items can visit [www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com). Others may contact the store via e-mail at [remecollect@aol.com](mailto:remecollect@aol.com), by phone at (734) 981-7500 or visit the store on Ford, at the southwest corner of Lilley.

## State Rep has district office hours on Monday

State Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, has scheduled district office hours 4-6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24 at the Canton administration building, lower level Room 2.

"As State Representative I want to continue to be open, accountable and accessible to all of my neighbors," said Patterson, whose 21st District includes Canton, Van Buren and

Sumpter Townships and the city of Belleville. "I enjoy meeting with residents here in the district, rather than ask them to come to Lansing to share their ideas and opinions personally."

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OBITUARIES

PAUL G. LUCAS JR.

Services for Paul G. Lucas Jr., 71, of Plymouth, were held Jan. 12 at St. Joseph's Church of Christ in Livonia, with Mike Hazelton officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

He was born Oct. 22, 1928, in Lexington, Ky., and died Jan. 9 in Botsford Hospital. He was an apartment manager. He did towing for Farmington and Farmington Hills Police through Lucas Towing Service and enjoyed hunting and golf.

He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Howard Legg, and one sister, Lanora Merrihew. Survivors include his wife, Marlene; one son, Paul (Barbara) Lucas III of Livonia; one daughter, Lori (Kirk) Schultz of Milford; one sister, Mary Legg; one brother-in-law, Irving Merrihew; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph's Church of Christ, Livonia.

Local arrangements were made by Thayer Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

THOMAS FREDERICK FRIDAY

Services for Thomas Frederick Friday, 65, of Plymouth were held Jan. 10 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating.

He was born Nov. 11, 1934, in Gogebic, Mich. He died Jan. 6 in Plymouth. He was a laborer. He served in the United States Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frederick and Evelyn Friday. Survivors include his daughter, Pamela (John) Sittler of Livonia; one son, Jim (Jean) Friday of Westland; two sisters, Gail (Tom) Labadie, Irene (Don) Schubert; and four grandchildren.

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PHYLLIS JEAN MAURER

Services for Phyllis Jean Maurer, 73, of Canton were held Jan. 13 at the Vermeulen Funeral

Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Leland Flaherty officiating. Burial was in United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth.

She was born Jan. 4, 1927, in Pontiac. She died Jan. 9 in Dearborn. She was a sales associate in a retail store.

Survivors include her daughter, Leah (Robert) Hintz of Garden City; one brother, Donald (Vivian) Markle of Zepher Hills, Fla.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association Michigan Affiliate Inc., 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 400, Southfield, MI 48075-3680.

VIRGINIA BIELAK

Services for Virginia Bielak, 78, of Canton were held Jan. 4 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John J. Sullivan officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

She was born July 30, 1921 in Detroit. She died Dec. 31 in Westland. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Stella Filipkowski. Survivors include her husband, Charles Bielak of Canton; two sons, Charles R. (Barbara) Bielak of Plymouth, and the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. He was born Nov. 11, 1934, in Gogebic, Mich. He died Jan. 6 in Plymouth. He was a laborer. He served in the United States Army.

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She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Stella Filipkowski. Survivors include her husband, Charles Bielak of Canton; two sons, Charles R. (Barbara) Bielak of Plymouth, and the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. He was born Nov. 11, 1934, in Gogebic, Mich. He died Jan. 6 in Plymouth. He was a laborer. He served in the United States Army.

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PHYLLIS JEAN MAURER

Services for Phyllis Jean Maurer, 73, of Canton were held Jan. 13 at the Vermeulen Funeral

Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Leland Flaherty officiating. Burial was in United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth.

She was born Jan. 4, 1927, in Pontiac. She died Jan. 9 in Dearborn. She was a sales associate in a retail store.

Survivors include her daughter, Leah (Robert) Hintz of Garden City; one brother, Donald (Vivian) Markle of Zepher Hills, Fla.

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Lana Pollack: Michigan Environmental Council.

Environmentalists warn about dangers of sprawl

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Residents new and old will "urbanize" 1.4 to 2 million more acres of land in Michigan in the next 20 years - that's an amount equal to the total land that had been developed up to and through the 1970s, according to the Michigan Environmental Council.

There are a number of reasons for this acceleration of urban sprawl, said Julie Stoneman, lands program director for the Michigan Environmental Council. One is population growth. In the past, Michigan's population has largely remained unchanged. But, Stoneman said, the Michigan Society of Planning Officials now is projecting an 11.8-percent growth in population for the state by the year 2020.

On top of that, the number of residents per household is dropping, down from 3.5 persons per household in 1960 to 2.8 in 1990. It will likely drop further, to 2.5 persons per house by 2020, the planning officials estimate.

And each house is taking up more land. Older cities could put 5.5 houses on an acre. Development of the '60s typically put 3.8 homes on an acre. In the '80s, the density was 2.6.

But over the next 20 years, Stoneman said, the figure will likely drop to 1.3 homes per acre.

Large lots

People like living on large lots. A study conducted by Public Sector Consultants showed that 49 percent of residents would like to live on a large rural lot. Just 19 percent said they would like to live in an established neighborhood. Fifteen percent wanted to buy into a new subdivision.

Stoneman, along with Michigan Environmental Council President Lana Pollack and MEC Policy Specialist Conan Smith, gave this prediction of future sprawl to editors of the

tribute to it.

"People have no other choice" than buying the expensive homes on large lots that builders have concentrated on in recent years, she said. "If the options were available to them and they still did not buy, fine, you could say it was market driven. But right now, they don't have other options."

Sprawl encouraged

Among the policies that encourage sprawl are laws such as Michigan's Land Division Act, which allows developers to divide large parcels into lots of 10 acres or larger without having to plat their developments as a subdivision.

Another contributor is the vast number of local governments in Michigan, 83 counties and 1,800 municipalities - cities, township and villages - all of which are responsible for their own land use planning.

Rather than override local control of land use, Stoneman said, MEC is advocating that the state adopt a "smart growth" plan, such as the one in use in Maryland. There, local communities decide on their own where their growth areas should be and where they should attempt to preserve land. Then the state targets its financial assistance to encourage development (or redevelopment) inside those growth areas. But the state withholds assistance when developers seek to build in areas marked for preservation, she explained.

Transit needs

Smith argued that the lack of mass transit is one of the leading contributors to, as well as a result of, urban sprawl. The state constitution caps the money spent in Michigan on mass transit at 10 percent of the state transportation fund. He noted that the state is spending just 8.3 percent on mass transit.

The Detroit area's heavy reliance on automobiles has a

number of serious effects for the region, Smith said. For one, according to the figures offered by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, commute times for the average driver have increased 30 percent, an average of 15 minutes, just in the last few years.

Thirty percent of Detroit residents don't own cars. So the lack of mass transit makes it difficult

for them to get to work, or to find employment in the first place.

"They say the road to hell is paved with good intentions," Smith said. "The devil would say, 'Use bituminous concrete.' I'd say that if you built mass transit, you could get people there a lot faster."

The Michigan House of Representatives has created a Land

Use Panel to study urban sprawl and recommend policies for addressing it. Chaired by Rep. Gene DeRossett, R-Manchester, the panel was named in the fall and is just beginning its work.

The MEC is one of 14 groups that has been asked to provide information. Stoneman and Smith have made similar presentations to its members.

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she is scheduled to receive technical training Aerospace Propulsion Apprentice. She will earn credits toward an associate's degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

Alejandro Kneeland, son of David and Connie Kneeland, enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Entry Program October 1999. Kneeland, a 1999 graduate of Eastern Michigan University, is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force on Jan. 27. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course in San Antonio, Texas,

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ENLISTED

Johnathon Huber, son of Raymond and Elsa Huber, enlisted in the Air Force October 1999. Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six-week basic military training at Lackland

Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, he was scheduled to receive technical training in Aerospace Maintenance Apprentice. Huber, a 1998 graduate of Jaques Dalcroze High School,

Ecuador, will earn credits toward an associate's degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

BASIC MILITARY TRAINING

Army Reserve Pvt. Nicole L. Schmidt has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

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Ford resurfacing will begin in spring

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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The \$1.4-million resurfacing and repair of a 1.36-mile section of Ford Road (M-153) between Wayne and Venoy roads in Westland will begin this spring, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

The completion date of the project, which will include cold-milling, resurfacing and concrete pavement and repair, is expected

to be August. Ajax Paving is the contractor.

The project is one of three affecting Observer readers announced by Gov. John Engler Jan. 13 as part of Build Michigan II, MDOT's \$1.4-billion road and bridge program for 2000.

Also announced for spring start-ups are work on Grand River in Redford Township; on Ford Road in Dearborn; and under Ecorse Road at I-275.

The Redford project will involve \$5,000 worth of curb and

gutter construction along Grand River at Vassar Road. However, the bid has not been awarded as yet.

The Dearborn project involves bridge repair on Ford/M-153 westbound over Hines Drive. The \$274,000 project is to be completed by J. Slagter & Son by June.

The Ecorse Road overpass repair, a \$333,000 project awarded to WWA Inc., is to be completed by October.

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# Group stages protest against deer hunt at Kensington

BY TRAN LONGMOORE  
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More than a hundred people staged a Saturday afternoon protest outside Kensington Park in a last ditch effort to save the lives of up to 250 deer scheduled to be killed in the next six weeks.

The protest, organized by the

Metroparks Deer Preservation Council, was staged to generate public outcry about plans to have sharpshooters bait and kill more than half of the park's famed deer herd before March 1.

"I don't know, maybe it's too late. But we still have some hope," said council president Judy Brock, as motorists drove

down Milford Road, honking horns in support or shouting derisive comments at the placard waving protesters.

Milford resident Barbara Young said shooting tamed and trustful deer is inhumane. She likened it to "shooting fish in a barrel."

The people-friendly deer,

known to eat out of the hands of park visitors, are one of Kensington's greatest draws. Plymouth resident Rosita Smith visits the park several times a year. When her daughter and granddaughter visit from Colorado, Kensington Park is always first on the agenda.

"I know of nowhere else in the world like it," Smith said. "But if they start shooting the deer, they'll ruin everything."

Protesters had harsh words for the Huron-Clinton Metropark Authority, the state Department of Natural Resources and Gov. John Engler.

"Metroparks are a sanctuary for these deer and other wildlife," said Lou Nantais, who lives next door to the park on East Buno Road. "This isn't about saving vegetation and wildlife. This is about making the hunters happy."

Nantais disputes deer population estimates.

"I drive down the road every day, and there I've noticed a



reduction in the deer I see," he said.

Last year, it was estimated that 528 deer lived in the park. That number dropped to 454 based on aerial infrared counts done two weeks ago. But Nantais wonders why the Metroparks used deer living outside the park when figuring population density.

"They're trying to skew the numbers," he charged.

Nantais and many other protesters said the authority is fudging with the numbers to gain more support for hunting plans.

Protesters say that sport hunting organizations have been lobbying the Metroparks for hunting since 1995.

"Why are there representatives from hunting groups on the Metropark Wildlife Advisory Committee?" Brock asked.

In 1995, a Gov. Engler-initiated task force on the issue recommended that urban parks and

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recreation areas be opened to hunting and fishing.

While park rangers are performing the culls this year, protesters say that hunters will soon be clamoring to get into Kensington.

Protesters also decried Metroparks' lack of foresight. Many biologists say that hunted deer populations have a reproduction rate which doubles that of non-hunted deer. Hunted does are nearly three times more likely to have twins than other does, and they begin reproducing at a younger age. Critics charge hunting is just a form of harvesting the next year's crop.

The New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife states that "the deer resource has been managed primarily for the purpose of sport hunting."

Protesters also said that the deer population is not significantly damaging the park's vegetation as the Metroparks purport. "No baseline study was ever done on Kensington Park's vegetation," Brock said.

According to a permit received from the state Department of Natural Resources, the cull can take place anytime now through March 1. Park officials say rangers, who will kill the deer at night, are still in training. Spokesman Dave Moilanen refused to say when the cull will start.

## Foster care board needs volunteers

The State Court Administrative Office of the Michigan Supreme Court is seeking volunteers to serve on the Wayne County Foster Care Review Board.

The Michigan Legislature established the Foster Care Review Board Program in 1984 in an effort to improve children's foster care programs through the state utilizing citizen review boards.

The five member board meets once day each month to review a representative sample of cases of children who have been removed from their homes and placed in foster care due to abuse or neglect. At these reviews, board members interview parents, foster parents, caseworkers, attorneys and other interested parties who may be involved in planning for the ward. Advisory recommendations are formulated and mailed to the court, child welfare agency, prosecuting attorney, parents and other interested parties. The purpose of the review is to ensure that all agencies, including the court, have established a plan for the ward and progress is being made toward achieving permanency.

The Foster Care Review Boards are comprised of citizens who reflect a broad cross section of their communities. Minorities and men are especially encouraged to apply. The program is seeking volunteers who have demonstrated leadership in other settings. Employees of the Family Independence Agency, family court, or private child placement agencies are prohibited by law to serve on the Foster Care Review Boards.

Each volunteer who is selected must attend a two-day orientation training in Lansing March 9-10. This training is a requirement to serve on a board. Also, board members attend yearly training which is held in different locations throughout the state, and expenses for training are reimbursed.

Citizens interested in volunteering for the Wayne County Foster Care Review Board should call (517) 373-1956 for an application. The deadline for receiving applications is Jan. 31, 2000, and interviews with prospective candidates will take place in February 2000.

## Chamber will oppose property tax lawsuit

(PRNewswire) — Attorneys representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce will file a request to submit an amicus brief in opposition to a lawsuit eight units of local government (Wayne County, Detroit, Oakland County, Macomb County, Livonia, Taylor, and Van Buren Charter Township) have filed against the State of Michigan.

The request was to be filed Wednesday in Wayne County Circuit Court.

The local government lawsuit seeks to prevent the Michigan State Tax Commission from implementing new personal property tax depreciation tables for electric and gas utility company transmission and distribution systems.

The new depreciation tables are part of a multi-year effort by the State Tax Commission (STC) to increase the fairness and improve administration of the personal property tax.

In Michigan the personal property tax is only levied on business equipment, machinery and furnishings.

"This effort by local governments to undermine personal property tax reform must be stopped now," said Michigan Chamber president and CEO Jim Barrett in announcing the legal action.

"Earlier this month several

local government officials from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties launched a false and misleading public relations campaign attacking businesses that exercised their right under the law to appeal unfair property tax assessments. Now this same group has filed a frivolous lawsuit asking a Wayne County court to prevent the State Tax Commission from continuing to move forward on personal property tax reform," explained Barrett.

"For 106 years, Section 114 of the General Property Tax Act of 1893 has clearly and simply stated, 'No injunction shall issue to stay the proceedings for the assessment or collection of taxes under this act.' This wasteful lawsuit is a classic example of taxpayer funded lawsuit abuse and a sad reflection of our litigation culture. It is apparent that these local politicians are more concerned about maintaining current levels of government spending than complying with the standards for property taxation contained in the State Constitution and the property tax law," Barrett concluded.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is a statewide business organization representing approximately 7,000 employers, trade associations and local chambers of commerce.

## United Way seeks volunteer nominations

The United Way Community Services is accepting nominations for several volunteer awards. The awards will be presented at the Celebrate Volunteers Luncheon that will be held on Wednesday, April 12, during National Volunteer Week. All nominations must be received at United Way Community Services by Feb. 7.

Nominations are being accepted for the following volunteer awards:

■ **Cheer Award**, sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Corporate Volunteer Council and United Way Community Services, is presented annually to one exceptional employee nominated by his/her employer as an outstanding community volunteer. In addition, a \$1,000 gift will be awarded to the non-profit organization where the winner performs most of his/her volunteer work.

■ **Heart of Gold Award**, sponsored by United Way Community Services, honors individuals whose dedication, time, commitment, program participation and personal contributions have made a significant difference in

the community.

■ **CorPlus Award**, sponsored by the Junior League of Detroit, is given to one retiree whose volunteer efforts exemplify the highest standards of excellence and generosity of service focused in the city of Detroit. The award is intended to promote volunteerism among our retired population as an incentive to continue "working for Detroit" in a volunteer capacity. The Junior League of Detroit will make a \$1,000 donation to a charity the winner selects.

■ **Young Metro Volunteer Award**, sponsored by United Way Community Services, acknowledges and honors the efforts of student volunteers, ages 12 to 21, who show exceptional leadership, commitment and character in service to the community.

■ **Governor's Honor Roll**, sponsored by The Junior League of Birmingham with support from the governor's office, recognizes volunteers for their outstanding community service. A proclamation will be initiated to note the names and organizational affiliations of all candidates.

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where the winner volunteers his/her services.

Nomination forms for these awards may be obtained by calling the George W. Romney Volunteer Center at United Way Community Services between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at (313) 226-9430 or (800) 392-4833. All nomination entries must be received by Feb. 7.

## Stargazers meet at Nankin

Stargazers can learn to identify constellations such as Pegasus and the Little Dipper and other celestial star formations with guest astronomer Mike Best 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

Best, the planetarium demonstrator of the Vollbrecht Planetarium in Southfield, has been an astronomy enthusiast for more than 50 years. Participants can expect an informative evening beginning with an indoor slide presentation "Winter Skies and Space Update" followed by a discussion and outdoor star viewing, weather per-

mitting. Refreshments will be available following the presentation.

Suited for ages eight and above, the fee is \$2 per person and advance registration is required. This program is made possible through funding from the parks millage. The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Parking is available off of Hines Drive and can be reached even if the road is barricaded for flooding.

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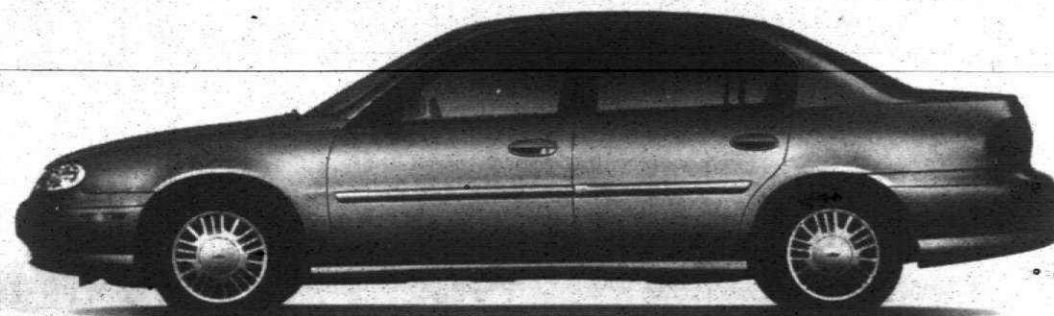
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## Township board

### Now's the time to get involved

Lost in all the hoopla over the presidential candidates is the fact that it's a local election year, too. All seven seats on the Canton Township Board of Trustees — full-time supervisor, clerk and treasurer along with four, part-time trustees — will be on the ballot next fall. So will all six members of the Canton Public Library Board of Trustees.

So why are we bothering to even mention this four months before the May 16 filing deadline? Well, Canton doesn't exactly have a reputation as being a hotbed for local politics — and that's too bad. In fact, the last time the board was up for election in 1996 not a single challenger filed. That's hard to swallow in a growing community that will count 75,000 residents by the time election day rolls around.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, who will seek his fourth term in November, will tell you residents like the direction in which the township is going, are strongly behind his administration's efforts and see little reason to seek alternatives. While there is some truth to those assertions, life in Canton isn't perfect. And there are local issues — like development and roads — that deserve a counterpoint that a more diverse selection of candidates would be able to provide.

While not criticizing individual performances, the Observer believes the township only stands to gain from some fresh viewpoints on its board, particularly on the four part-time seats. Trustees Bob Shefferly and Phil LaJoy have been on the board since 1988; John Burdick was appointed to his seat in 1990; and Melissa McLaughlin was appointed

to her seat in 1995.

Of the three full-time officials, Yack was elected in 1988, Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter in 1992 and Clerk Terry Bennett appointed in 1995 to replace her husband, Loren, following his election to the state Senate.

To date, all seven incumbents say they plan to seek re-election.

To run for a seat on the township board, which is a partisan governing board, you must be a registered voter and Canton resident. You must file a petition with the township clerk's office by 4 p.m. May 16. If you file before March 10, the petition must contain signatures of 154-307 registered Canton voters (for Republicans) and 45-87 signatures (for Democrats). After March 10, the required number is 100-200 signatures for both parties.

To run for a seat on the non-partisan Canton Library Board of Trustees, you need at least 158 valid signatures before March 10 and an as-yet-to-be-determined number after March 19.

Candidate kits with these and other details are available from the township clerk's office, (734) 397-5366.

The Observer urges any qualified resident with an interest to get involved in the process. A good first step is attending township board or library board meetings, which are open to the public. The township board meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center. The library board meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the library, 1200 S. Canton Center.

## Mass transit still needed here

This is the week that the world comes to Detroit.

The North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center is the showcase for all the shiny, new automobiles offered for the coming year and a dazzling display of concept cars that may never be marketed but stimulate thinking about transportation design.

We are still the auto capital of the world, and this is our week to boast.

The automobile changed history and the way we live our lives for good and bad. It tempted us from our small towns and from our congested cities. Ribbons of highway were built to allow the automobile and trucks to move across country and, more significantly, across ever expanding urban areas.

The suburbs grew with the automobile and the roads built to accommodate it.

We had suburbs before the automobile, connected by electric streetcars that ran from the center of Detroit, west to Ann Arbor and north to Pontiac. But the suburbs didn't really grow until the freeways allowed people to drive their own cars from home into the city. Inevitably, the suburbs, themselves, became places where industry and commerce followed the people.

The center city lost its prominence as retail shopping, entertainment venues and office and factory jobs moved out to the suburbs.

We love our cars and the independence they give us. But that independence has come at a price. The racial divide has been exacerbated by the outward movement and the lack of transportation for the poor who remain in the center city. We've destroyed viable neighborhoods to put in freeways. We've devoured thousands of acres of farm, forest and park land to build housing along the freeways.

We spend large amounts of our state budget on continuous road repair and build new roads

that will also require repair. We consume fuel at unacceptable levels. Our major roads and freeways are frequently clogged to a standstill during rush hour.

In affluent Oakland County, 91 percent of commuters drive alone to work. By design and practice, Detroit has one of the worst mass transit systems in the United States. The Michigan Constitution mandates that not less than 90 percent of fuel taxes go toward building and maintaining roads, leaving a paltry 10 percent for alternatives like rail and bus systems, and even this is not currently allocated.

We understand how important the automobile is to the economic life of metropolitan Detroit, but we also know that time has come to rethink our transportation needs locally, regionally and nationally.

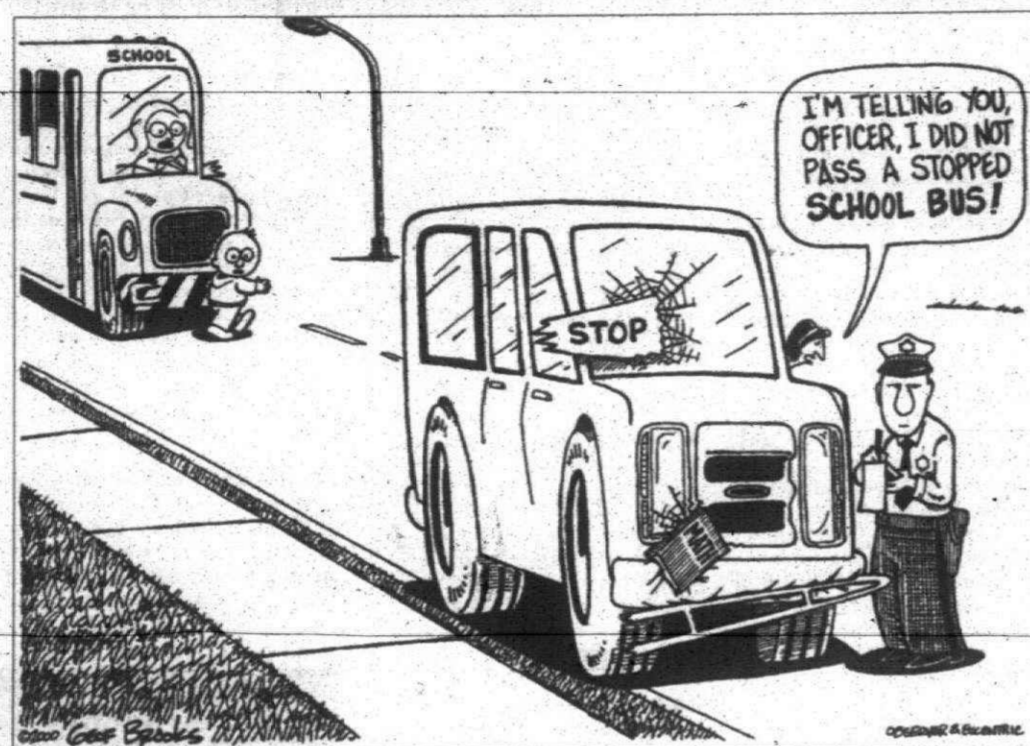
The Michigan Environmental Council, a coalition of environmental and public health organizations, is offering some alternative thinking about a system for "moving people not cars."

They are asking that we limit construction of new roads, allocate the maximum allowable 10 percent fuel tax to mass transit and programs to mitigate congestion, require the Michigan Department of Transportation to plan road projects that complement local master plans and allow communities to disapprove construction plans if a consensus can't be reached in three years.

Other cities such as Washington, D.C., Chicago, Boston and Toronto have efficient, well-used mass transit systems and programs that discourage wasteful driving practices.

We can still have our personal automobiles, but it is past time to also have a good mass transit system in Detroit.

Geof Brooks



## LETTERS

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### Fair treatment wanted

With the success that the Canton and Salem gymnastics at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park have had, you'd think that they should be congratulated and rewarded by their schools. Unfortunately, it seems like just the opposite has happened.

Recently, the P.E. department decided that they were going to allow a lot more students than before into one power training class at Phase III. In order to do this they needed more space. So, what did they do? They took advantage of the team that's already used to it and decided to use the gymnastics room. Although the weight equipment only takes up one-fourth of the room, they still see this as the "best" solution.

Almost every year Salem and/or Canton gymnastics has sent their team or individuals to the state competition. Salem alone has been either state champions or runners-up three times, and Canton once. These are great accomplishments and much more than many teams at P.C.E.P. can say. Nevertheless, ever since there has been a gymnastics program here, both Salem and Canton have been inconvenienced.

First of all, the room that they did have wasn't even big enough to set up all of the equipment, so every day they spent a total of an hour setting up and putting away equipment that some schools are able to keep set up in a room all year. Secondly, they've never had enough time or space, in the west gym, on practice days to set up the floor, which is one of four events that take place at a competition. Therefore, they haven't been as prepared as they should have been for that event. Thirdly, the days that the men's basketball games or volleyball matches have taken place, they've had to shorten their practice time even more. Last but not least, they have always shared a room and equipment and have had to figure out how to split the gym time.

Without consulting the gymnastics coaches, the athletic director and the P.E. department spread the gymnastics equipment throughout Phase III. Since then, the 15 percent of equipment that had to be left in the new weight room, due to lack of space elsewhere, has been abused by students and its being there has been complained about by the teachers. The other 85 percent is jammed into the P.E. office and has to be carefully taken out had perfectly.

In a certain order, put back in every day. Now equipment setup is more difficult and takes about twice as long. If this isn't enough of an inconvenience, the two teams are being sent to practice one to two times a week at a gym in Westland where three other groups already practice. It's a practice facility that doesn't have any trainers or individuals who would be able to take care of injuries, placing our athletes at risk.

No matter what the circumstances, no one would ever make Salem or Canton football or basketball teams practice with each other — being arch-rivals — at a field or court 15 miles away.

Education does come before sports, but isn't there some other way to solve this small problem without penalizing some hardworking girls that already had enough challenges in the first place, and had nothing to do with the school's problem? There must be some temporary solution to this unfair treatment for now. When the new school is built at Beck and Joy, this problem should definitely be fixed.

There's no doubt that our teams deserve an entire gymnastics facility where they can set and leave up all of their equipment. If they haven't already, the athletic directors should start pursuing this with the school board now. The gymnastics teams have already begun their seasons. Good luck to them; it looks like they're going to need it.

Tiffany Grubaugh  
Canton

### Pleased to know

Kudos to Farmington Hills police officer Warthman who questioned minors with cigarettes, which ultimately resulted in the ticketing of a gas station clerk with a reputation for selling to minors (Thursday, Jan. 6).

I am a taxpayer who is pleased to know that this officer is alert to both the law regarding minors in possession of tobacco and the law regarding the sale of tobacco products to minors, and is willing to follow through to the point of a ticket being issued. I am also curious, were the minors ticketed as well under the current state law?

Cynthia Helisek  
Farmington Hills

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— Philip Power

## POINTS OF VIEW

# Home rule takes some unprecedented hits in Lansing

Here's a civics quiz that most folks flunk.

Q. True or false: The U.S. Constitution provides for three levels of government — federal, state and local.

A. False. The Constitution mentions only the federal government and the states. Local governments are creatures of their state. Local units have only the powers the state constitution and laws give them. The textbooks say that one state even abolished all its counties.

Michigan always has been strong for municipal home rule, local options and grass-roots power. The state only occasionally trims the wings of its local units, as when it abolished local gun control ordinances. But in 1999 the Legislature and governor trimmed the wings of local units three times.

Here are the latest chapters: Schools — At Gov. John Engler's insistence, the Legislature wiped out the Detroit school district's board of education, giving the city's mayor power to appoint a new school board.

The drastic act shocked even many suburban school boards: "If Engler can do it to Detroit, he can do it to us." But the bills passed with biparti-

san support.

In Cities — After 35 or so years of agitation, the state took away cities' power to impose residency requirements of less than 20 miles on municipal employees. Some 80 units are affected, but making the most noise was Detroit, which can tax the incomes of residents at 3 percent but of non-resident employees only 1.5 percent. The bill was sponsored by Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton.

In recent decades, as Detroit's ethnic composition turned more than 80 percent black, politicians wanted to see blacks in city jobs. But in modern Michigan, as pointed out by former Sen. Dave Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, both husbands and wives hold jobs, and often for different units of government. If both employers have residency rules, the couple must maintain one fictional residence, or one spouse must give up a job. Public employees' unions joined the agitation



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for a change.

"This bill is about personal freedom for those who put their lives on the line," Engler said to applause as he signed the bill. "It's about the freedom for our law enforcement officers and firefighters to choose where they want to live."

The House on Dec. 8 passed it 66-44. The Senate vote was 27-9 with suburban Democrats Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township and John Cherry of Clio joining Republicans in support.

The Michigan Municipal League is livid. Spokesman Dan Gilmartin Jr. says the league of 534 cities and villages will mount a petition drive either to repeal the law or amend the state constitution to allow residency rules for employees.

Townships — Republicans mainly pushed the bill to curb townships' power to regulate nuisances caused by farms. SB 205 was passed 23-13 on Oct. 7 on a largely party-line vote — 22 Republicans and one Democrat voting yes, 13 Democrats voting no. Sen. George McManus, R-Traverse and chair of the renamed Agribusiness Committee, guided the bill, calling it a measure to protect farming.

The House passed it 61-48 on Dec. 9, the last day of session.

Signed late in the month by the governor, it will prohibit a local unit from enacting or enforcing any regulation that conflicts with the state Right to Farm Act and the Agriculture Commission's list of generally accepted practices. The argument was that if every township were allowed to regulate farms, 1,400 sets of regulations would govern farms with 1,000 animal units.

Democrats complained that the GOP was letting "corporate" and "factory" farms run roughshod over the environment.

Opponents came from two corners. First, the Michigan Townships Association saw it as an infringement on local powers, though it hasn't announced what it will do next. Politically, it was a dangerous bill for House members because the lower chamber has been called "the Retired Supervisors Club," meaning that many state reps come from township government. If township officials are angry enough, many rural Republican lawmakers could find themselves in primary challenges next August.

Second, environmental groups such as Sierra Club said state Agriculture and Department of Environmental Quality regulations of farms are too lax. Sierra even proposed that the federal Environmental Protection Agency strip Engler's administration of its regulatory powers.

Local government won a big victory in the Supreme Court, however. The court in June said Burt Lake Township could regulate zoning of (read: block) a state public boat launch.

When Michigan was admitted to the Union, there was a tug of war between state and local units. During the Great Depression, there was a tug of war between state and local units. When the current constitution was drafted in the 1960s, there was a tug of war between the state and local units. The tug of war continues today.

Prediction for the 21st century: There will be a tug of war between the state and local units. The conflict will never be 100 percent resolved. That's why we don't have revolutions.

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## LETTERS

### Don't tolerate prejudice

I have been following the recent outbreak of prejudice that has struck Plymouth-Canton.

As a future teacher I am outraged that children's rights can be violated so easily because of the fear of a small group of people. As teachers and community members, we should all be irate. It is a teacher's job to protect the rights of ALL students. It is not relevant if you approve morally of a student's choice.

It is a teacher's job to create a safe environment where all students "can

learn and succeed."

Yes, this means African American, Asian, Catholic, Jewish, gay or straight.

In a public school especially, it is important to support diversity. We do not have to teach "gay" issues to let students know that school is a safe place.

Do we not know that intolerance breeds intolerance? Are we not aware that all students deserve, have the right, to express themselves? Teachers, you are bound to protect all students. If a student walked into your room and called a black student a

racial slur, the child calling names would be disciplined, even suspended.

Why do we tolerate gender or sexual orientation bashing? Do we think this is OK? Obviously, listen to how many of your students say, "That's gay" or "faggot" in one day, not to mention other insults.

This prejudice is here because we allow it, tolerate it (and if Mr. Walcott had stayed on) endorsed it. To ignore that kind of behavior is to endorse it. Do not fool yourself, you are a part of the problem if you ignore it in your home or classroom.

Stand up for the rights of children,

### Never happened

We stocked our pantries, fridges, freezers, filled up every water jug, bought more firewood, filled our gas tanks, braced for the "Y2K bug." With the dawning of 2000, everything worked just the same — just another Happy New Year — dreaded glitches never came!

Bea Scaglione  
Farmington Hills

## Lesson in sprawl is real eye-opener

Headlines like these are increasingly appearing in this newspaper:

- Local citizens group fights strip mall development
- 400-acre centennial farm slated for subdivision
- County road congestion makes commuting tough
- Michigan to lose millions of acres of farmland
- Citizens group charged with NIMBY (not in my back yard) thinking
- Another store closes; downtown called "a wasteland"

Lurking behind each of these stories are interconnected matters of development, zoning, land use planning and environmental preservation. Put them all together and what you get is something called "sprawl."

The Michigan Society of Planning Officials has produced a pretty good definition of sprawl: "a low density pattern of development... (that is) automobile dependent, energy and land consumptive, and requires a very high ratio of road surface to development served." Anybody who lives in suburban, exurban or rural Michigan has plenty of concrete examples to go with that rather abstract definition.

Sprawl is the most common form of growth in Michigan today. And I'm pretty sure the number and intensity of local conflicts that trace their origin back to sprawl are only going to increase as time goes on. Here's why.

Assuming the economy stays reasonably healthy, Michigan's 9.2 million population is expected to grow by 1.1 million people by 2020. If development continues at the current low density levels, those 1.1 people will urbanize as much land as was urbanized by the first 9.2 million, consuming nearly 2 million acres of rural land. That's space equivalent to four or five counties!

Because sprawl affects the lives of nearly everybody who reads this newspaper, I invited Lana Pollack, president of the Michigan Environmental Council, and two of her colleagues to meet with our editorial board last week. Pollack served as a state senator for 12 years before starting her own statewide newspaper, Michigan Monthly. Casting around for something constructive to do after selling the paper, Pollack signed on with MEC, a coalition of 53 organizations organized 20 years ago to provide a voice for the environment in Lansing.

In keeping with the complexity of the subject, our conversation covered a lot of ground. One clear conclusion: One of the biggest contributors to sprawl is wrongheaded public policy. Take the Plat Act and its successors, for example. In seeking to provide rural landowners relief from going through all the regulatory and legal aggravations of plating their land prepara-



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tory to sale, the Legislature enacted laws that allowed property to be divided up into parcels of 10 acres or more for sale without being formally platted.

The net result? Lots and lots of 10-acre lots sold. And as the saying goes, 10 acres is "too small to farm and too large to mow." Building one single family home on a 10-acre lot is a great way to convert a lot of formerly rural land into exurb.

Another topic: The overwhelming preference of folks in Michigan is to live on a large lot in a rural setting. That's low density development and that contributes to sprawl. So you might conclude the Environmental Council is just a bunch of anti-growth social engineers trying to deny folks what they want.

Not so, says Pollack. Well-designed developments — by clustering homes close together and preserving common ground as open space, for example — can provide people with a home in a rural setting, often at less cost to developers and their customers than traditional design. In fact, Pollack says her organization isn't anti-growth. Instead, MEC favors "smart growth," which includes well-designed cluster housing and downtown redevelopment.

I picked my ears up at "downtown redevelopment," as it's always seemed to me that the deterioration of traditional downtowns is one of the inevitable consequences of sprawl developments such as strip shopping centers and big box stores built on previously productive farmland.

Thanks to our conversation, I'm better informed than I was, and I believe our editors and reporters are, too. You'll be seeing sprawl and what to do about it as an important part of this newspaper's coverage in the weeks to come.

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

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What brought you out to this year's International Ice Sculpture Spectacular?

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Jim Merrill Redford

"I come every year. It's beautiful and artistic. It's my favorite thing to do."

Kris Czaplewski Taylor

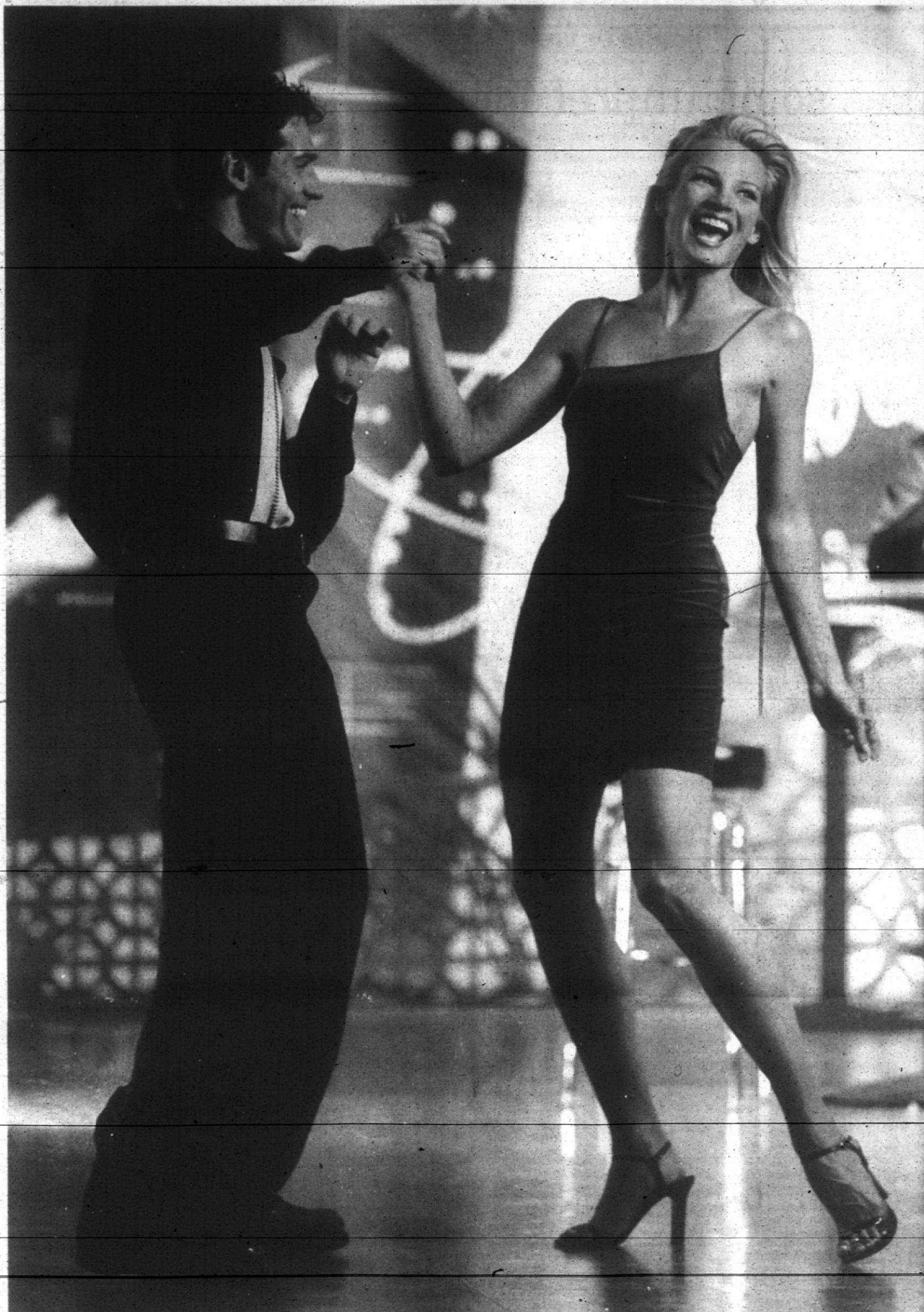
"I was just curious to see what it was all about."

Carolyn Reynolds Westland

"We haven't been in a while, so we decided to come out and see it."

Debbie Olmsted Plymouth

We asked this question in Kellogg Park.



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(Oh, and there are bands too.)

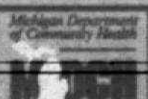
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JACK GLADDEN

## Musings about the millennium

"It's not only a new year, it's a new century." That's the first sentence in a story in a certain community newspaper dated Jan. 13, 2000.

Two weeks into the new YEAR and we still can't get it right. The new CENTURY and the new MILLENNIUM do not begin until Jan. 1, 2001. That's not an opinion, that's a fact.

Yet everyone from heads of state to television network anchors to community newspaper reporters have been propagating the false information that the stroke of midnight, Dec. 31, 1999, would usher in the 21st century, the third millennium. The question is: Why the plethora of misinformation?

Mass ignorance comes to mind as one possible answer. A cynical view, perhaps, but no more so than that expressed by the venerable Times of London on Dec. 26:

"We have uniformly rejected all letters and declined all discussion upon the question of when the present century ends, as it is one of the most absurd that can engage the public attention, and we are astonished to find it has been the subject of so much dispute, since it appears plain. The present century will not terminate till January 1, 1801, unless it can be made out that 99 are 100. It is a silly, childish discussion, and only exposes the want of brains of those who maintain a contrary opinion to that we have stated."

Pretty strong stuff. And by the way, that date of "1801" is not a typo. This statement was published in the Times on Dec. 26, 1799!

The Feminist has a theory that the combination of changing centuries, changing millennia and the infamous and over-hyped "Y2K" computer glitch got people confused. She probably has a point.

I've read stories and listened to broadcasts where people used the terms "millennium" and "Y2K" interchangeably, as though they mean the same thing. If Y2K were something to worry about when the calendar changed from 1999 to 2000, it must have something to do with the new millennium.

An Internet acquaintance of mine, who put up a Web site devoted to this subject, has a less benevolent theory. He thinks it was all about money. If there was money to be made selling Y2K survival merchandise, there was also money to be made with millennium celebrations, millennium sales, millennium memorabilia, and so on.

(You can check out his Web site at [www.geocities.com/heartland/Plains/1638/millennium.html](http://www.geocities.com/heartland/Plains/1638/millennium.html))

Personally, I still hold to the theory of mass ignorance, fostered by governments perpetuating another Big Lie. Case in point:

When Lord McIntosh of Haringey, the British government's deputy Chief Whip, was asked why "for official purposes" the start of the 21st century was being celebrated a year early, he replied:

"The government has always recognized that the new millennium starts on 1 January 2001. But many people wish to celebrate during the year 2000."

So? They're wrong.

That didn't bother President Bill Clinton when he was asked in a radio interview if he and Hillary were guilty of "propagating the myth" that the new millennium would start in 2000 instead of 2001. His answer:

"Yes. I mean, I think basically, by common consent, everybody decided that we ought to celebrate the millennium on January the 1st, 2000, even though most of the strict correctionists say that it's January 1st, 2001."

Asked if the strict correctionists weren't right, he replied:

"Well, apparently, that was the prevailing view among the experts, but the people have expressed a different wish, so we're going with the folks. We've got a democracy here, and that's the way we're going."

That's just great. Government of the ignorant, by the ignorant, for the ignorant. Now that's a Y2K bug to worry about.

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## Mock rock

### Lounge offers kids karaoke

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It only takes one time in the spotlight and they're hooked.

At least that's what Danny Harrington, owner of Reiser's Keyboard Lounge, thinks about coupling kids with a Karaoke machine and microphone.

At the Westland lounge, he's established a weekly karaoke night especially for kids. And it's become quite popular for children of all ages, from shy little girls and boys to their parents.

"We started it about two months ago," said Harrington of the Sunday night activity. "I usually do karaoke Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights. Kids always want to come up and do it. Ever since it started, it's been building up. More kids come."

One of those "regulars" on stage Sunday nights is 13-year-old Melanie Topasch of Westland.

"I like to sing," she said. "I have nothing else to do. I like it because I can get away from my parents and my brother."

It's not unusual to see "Mel" belting out tunes by Dixie Chicks, TLC

or Mariah Carey. She said someday singing might be something she'd like to do professionally.

For now, it's just a fun way to spend a Sunday with her friends and neighbors — like Donovan and Samantha Liddell, ages 9 and 11, respectively. Donovan's favorite songs to sing include Will Smith's "Wild Wild West" and hits by N'Sync.

Making her third trip to the lounge, Samantha said she'd tell other kids her age to try it out because it's fun to get a chance to sing.

#### Calming influence

Occasionally, nerves get the better of the youngsters. That's when Jennifer Hall "sings" into action. As hostess, and Danny Harrington's daughter, she coordinates the singers, announces their names and songs and helps them get over the jitters.

"I'll sing with them or sit on stage with them," said Hall who enjoys running the activity. "Kids usually don't have anywhere to go."

For Melanie, Reiser's is the place to be Sunday

evenings. She said sometimes when people come in while she singing, she gets a little nervous and thinks "they might not like my voice." But now she's more comfortable with the mike. And it's all in the name of fun, anyway.

"Mainly, they have a day with family," said Harrington. "Nobody offers this. It's a good thing, a more controlled atmosphere. The activity attracts ages 8 to 20, and everyone gets to know each other."

"I've seen strangers, kids go up there who don't even know each other. They can come down here and sing all they want for free."

The atmosphere on Sunday nights is relaxed, not raucous. Parents watch proudly as their children take to the stage with courage. Participants really listen to one another, and clap after each song.

They are free to bring in their own karaoke-coded CDs or to choose from the available selections. Songs by Cher, Shania Twain, Dixie Chicks and Bette Midler were popular among the amateur voices recently.

#### 'Pretty good'

"The kids are pretty good," said Kim Pakcyk of Westland who has been helping out with the Sunday night activity for the past few weeks. "I think they get some fun out of it. It's like a hobby."

Pakcyk accompanied niece Samantha on stage for a duo later in the evening, prodding the shy girl to sing — and laughing together all along.

"I think they enjoy themselves," she added. "It's a good experience for them."

Robert McGeogh of Westland said the activity gives kids in the area something to do in their spare time.

"It keeps them out of trouble," he said, "and makes them more outgoing."

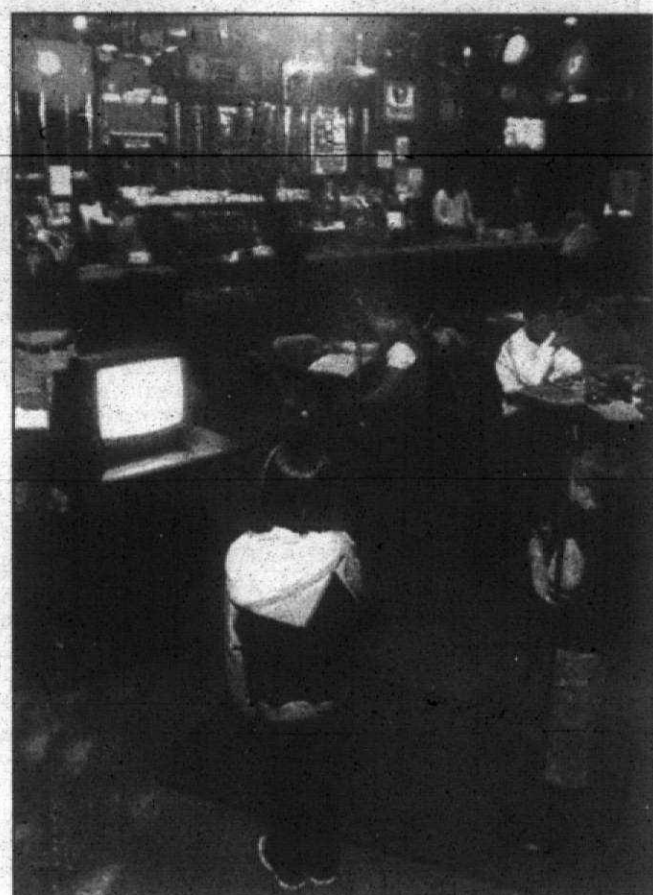
Tonia Coleman can attest to that. The 16-year-old said she comes to the lounge to "be the center of attention." She doesn't hesitate to take her mother on stage with her for a duet to "Believe" by Cher.

"It's a lot of fun," said Coleman. "Once you get up there, you don't remember (there are people watching). You're kind of just singing by yourself."

Reiser's Keyboard Lounge, Wayne Road just south of Palmer Road in Westland, offers Kid's Karaoke 5-8:30 p.m. Sundays and also books birthday parties. Call (734) 728-9330 for more information.



**Natural:** Tonia Coleman, a 16-year-old Westland resident, wows the crowd with her voice during Kid's Karaoke.



PHOTOS BY WILLIAM HANSEN

**Belt it out:** Top, young singers watch the monitors when they take the karaoke stage. Above, Rebecca Kalnasy looks over karaoke song choices with her son, Kory.

## Smart cookies: Girl Scouts continue tradition

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Of all the unexpected visitors who may appear on one's doorstep, none is more welcome than a young girl sporting a brown, green, or blue sash politely asking, "Would you like to buy some Girl Scout cookies?"

It's an annual tradition in some households, a time of year cookie-lovers anticipate. And it all goes back to the 1920s when Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low taught troops how to raise money to reach their goals. Cookie sales became a national franchise in 1936. Now, more than 300 councils participate in it.

#### Filling the cookie jar

Everyone has a favorite kind and it's America's Best Cookies who makes those treasures we know as Thin Mints (the most popular variety), Caramel Delites and Peanut Butter Patties, and the newest cookie in the batch, Animal Treasures — a fudge-dipped shortbread cookie.

For 14-year-old Kaitlyn Christenson, lemon pastry cremes are the preferred treat. She's been involved in Scouting for 10 years and is now a member of Cadette Senior Troop 900 in Canton.

Kaitlyn said the best part of Scouting is going on camping excursions and taking trips to Cedar Pointe, Niagara Falls and Sleeping Bear Dunes. But when it comes to cookies, Kaitlyn's days of ringing doorbells and selling them at store fronts have taught her a few things — like it's a good idea to break up a few cookies and let people taste them.

"Everyone who tried it, bought some," added Dawn Christenson, troop leader, administrative volunteer and Kaitlyn's mother.

Cookie sales are important to Scouting because more than two-thirds of proceeds benefit projects for financial aid, leadership and citizenship training, facility and property maintenance,



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**Big seller:** Junior Girl Scouts Alyssa Heller, 10, and friend Sharan Shokar, 10, represent Troop 643 of Canton. They are expecting the newest cookie, Animal Treasures, to be a big hit this year.

math, science and technology training, career awareness and job preparation. The money also goes to Girl Scout trips, service projects and camping activities.

Camping is a perk for 9-year-old Brownie Kari Theisen, of Troop 429 in Canton. Kari and her friend Julia Molnar have been Scouts for four years and said they like delivering the cookies even more than taking the orders.

"Most of the kids have been together for four years," said Natalie Anderson-Theisen, Kari's mother and troop leader. "They're good friends."

#### Make new friends

Eleven-year-old Hannah Cavicchio is all smiles and giggles upon mention of the Girl Scouts. The Canton resident and member of Junior Troop 639 said she would definitely encourage other girls to join. She insists that it's about friends and fun. "A lot of my friends are in Girl Scouts," she said.

One best buddy, Clare Baptist, said she sticks with Girl Scouts because of the crafts, horseback riding and Mall Madness — a chance for Junior and Cadette Scouts to spend a whole night shopping, watching movies and scampering about Southland Mall.

Linda Cavicchio, Hannah's mother and troop leader, said the activities give her the change to spend time with her daughter and the friends she's made in Girl Scouts. "I see a lot of benefits to being involved with Girl Scouts," said Cavicchio.

"I just like being with the girls," she added. "It's a lot of work, but it's rewarding. It's a good way to help kids with leadership skills. It gives them more confidence."

#### Making the sale

Katy Thompson, 13, is practically an expert in cookie sales. "I've learned how to persuade people in buying cookies," she said.

#### What we wait for: Girl Scout Cookies defined

- ANIMAL TREASURES**  
The newest addition to Girl Scout's cookie menu, these are fudge-dipped shortbread cookies with the likeness of an endangered animal embossed on them.
  - THIN MINTS**  
Chocolate wafers dipped in a thin chocolate coating and a burst of peppermint.
  - PEANUT BUTTER PATTIES**  
Crispy vanilla cookies layered with peanut butter and coated in chocolate.
  - CARAMEL DELITES**  
Vanilla cookies covered in caramel, toasted coconut and drizzled with chocolate.
  - UPSIDE-DOWNS**  
Frosted oatmeal cookies covered with a sugar frosting on one side.
  - LEMON PASTRY CREMES**  
Reduced fat treats with lemon creme and a pastry cookie.
  - SHORTBREAD**  
Buttery light cookie that bears the Girl Scout symbol.
  - PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICH**  
Smooth peanut butter in the middle of two oatmeal cookies.
- Cookies cost \$3 a box. Call the cookie hotline at (800) 49-SCOUT, extension 216.



Making sales occasionally gets more difficult as Scouts grow older and buyers sometimes tell Cadette Scouts they're waiting to purchase cookies from the younger girls, like Brownies.

Hannah Cavicchio confirmed that yes, sometimes they get turned down — and it can be a little depressing. But Scouting is about more than just the

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# Birthday parties are popular celebratory events for parents, children alike

Planning a birthday party for your child? You're not alone.

According to American Greetings research, 95 percent of children under age 10 had some type of celebration for their birthday, and the most frequent place for the celebration was a home, the parents' home (66 percent) or someone else's home (12 percent).

American Greetings party planning experts and experienced moms have a few tips to guarantee birthday party success.

**Planned by kids for kids:** The No. 1 party tip several American Greetings parents recommended was involving the children in party planning and preparation.

**Surprises are fun,** but the kids like to get involved in planning and this is a time when the kids are motivated to be especially helpful.

**Let them plan the theme, location, guest list, menu, games, etc.** They can write invitations or create them on the computer with fun computer paper, fill out bags, blow up balloons, decorate, even help "childproof" "crowdproof" or

straighten the house.

**Party basics:** The second most frequently mentioned tip from experienced party moms is to make the party manageable. It's tempting to invite the whole second grade class for the afternoon, but you'll likely regret it. Children's party planning standards, such as the old rule of inviting the same number of young guests as your child's age, have been passed along by experienced moms for a reason. The company's research indicates on average children's birthday parties had included eight other children.

**As for the length of time,** one hour is more than enough time for a toddler or preschool party. For older children two to three hours is recommended.

**Popular themes:** According to company research, one third of kids' parties have a theme. American Greetings DesignWare company advises that many of the most popular themes are kids' favorite characters from the entertainment world.

For the past three years, one of the most popular party themes has been

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"Rugrats." "Pokémon" is a new favorite. For the younger set, "Bear in the Big Blue House," "Clifford the Big Red Dog," "The Busy World of Richard Scarry" and "Paddington Bear" are favorites loved by parents and kids alike.

Other trendy themes are space and aliens, said Amy Bergstresser, DesignWare brand manager.

"Retro themes from the '60s and '70s are trendy now with all ages and they're fun for parents who remember smiley faces and tie-dying from their childhood," she said. "These themes make for fun hippie costume parties, and moms and dads can play their old records. Sports and dinosaurs also continue to

be classic kids' party themes." The most popular themes are available inexpensively in discount, party or toy stores. You can purchase all the trappings, including themed games, decorations, balloons, stickers and favors, or theme with a few basic store-bought items, such as disposable plates, cups, table covers, loot bags and napkins and make your own accessories.

**Keep them busy:** Another top tip was keep them busy.

"Both of my sons have summer birthday parties, so we have always had backyard parties," said Jill Hooley, marketing director for American Greetings educational products subsidiary Learning Horizons. "I've found that it's best to plan plenty of activities to keep them busy."

One sure hit was a wacky relay. Teams compete in relays that include putting on dress-up clothing and hats. Another version has teams compete in stuffing balloons into extra large clothing.

Chris Mahon, human resources training coordinator, planned a backyard

scavenger hunt for a party. "It was such a hit that my daughters requested scavenger hunt birthday parties for several years following," she said. "As they got older, we made the hunt more challenging and expanded beyond our yard to the neighborhood."

**Beware of sleep-overs:** Sleep-overs are a challenge, according to parents. For those under age 10, carefully consider the viability of making it through the evening without midnight calls to "pick me up, I want to come home."

For pre-teens (but not their parents), sleep-overs seem to have become the party of choice. Sleep-over tips included being in touch with the guests' parents and being specific about sleep time rules, or they never will. Older children may enjoy a summertime tent camp-out party in the back yard.

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sweet side of life. It's also about helping others.

Katy Thompson's most memorable experiences have included her troops involvement with Wayne County Family Center. The Cadette seniors hosted parties for the children there as part of a 30-hour community service project. Katy particularly liked working with the younger Scouts during these activities.

Kaitlyn Christenson said, "You feel like you're making a difference in people's lives."

### To be a Girl Scout

Girl Scouts are dedicated to fostering leadership and develops character among girls ages 5-17. But those involved said Scouting is more than the motto, "Where girls grow strong."

Linda Cavicchio believes that Scouting teaches girls skills relating to crafts, art, theater, the outdoors, and even mechanics. The possibilities are up to the troop, which

chooses which badges they will aim for and completes activities in order to do so. "They learn how to set a goal and take the next step toward that goal," she said.

It's just something to remember when you see those smiling faces in the community next month.

The Girl Scouts will be setting up cookie booths at area stores beginning Saturday, Feb. 19.



**Dedicated troops:** Girl Scouts (back row) Katy Thompson (left) and Kaitlyn Christenson; (middle) Clara Baptist, Hannah Cavicchio and Julie Molnas; and (front) Kari Theisen are eager to get out and start selling cookies for the upcoming fund-raising season. The girls say customers love to sample "American's Best" cookies before making up their minds.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**  
**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., February 3, 2000 for the following:  
**PURCHASE OF CARPETING FOR FELLOWS CREEK GOLF CLUB**  
Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.  
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk  
Published: January 20, 2000

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**SUSPENDED CEILING AT FIRE STATION 2**  
Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.  
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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**  
**BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
**JANUARY 11, 2000**  
A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 11, 2000 at 11:50 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Jack called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.  
Members Present: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sheffery, Yack  
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the Agenda as amended to delete Item G1-Consider Commendation to Sidewalk Committee, acceptance of Missing Sidewalk Section List and Identification of Funds for the Next Budget, Item G-20 Purchase of Greens Aerator for Fellows Creek Golf Club, and Item G-25 Letter of Intent From Agency Realty to Purchase Canton Township Property. All ayes.  
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton of December 14, 1999. Ayes: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack. Abstain: Sheffery.  
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Sheffery, to approve payment of the bills as presented. All ayes.  
**Expenditure Report for January 11, 2000:**  
General Fund 101 \$ 277,397.63  
Fire Fund 206 35,109.68  
Police Fund 207 114,082.90  
Summit Operating 208 22,581.58  
Golf Course Fund 211 1,670.42  
Cable TV Fund 220 947.28  
Federal Grant Funds 274 11,449.46  
Post Employment Benefits 296 9,505.16  
Building Auth. Debt Fund 369 430.00  
Bldg Auth. Construction Fund 469 345,431.26  
Water & Sewer 592 106,627.41  
Trust & Agency 701 1,106.58  
**Total - All Funds \$ 925,306.38**  
**Expenditure Report for Board Meeting of Dec. 28, 1999:**  
General Fund 101 \$ 345,667.45  
Fire Fund 206 39,896.91  
Police Fund 207 69,761.66  
Community Center Fund 208 97,089.27  
Golf Course Fund 211 18,851.73  
Street Lighting Fund 219 16,695.63  
Cable TV Fund 220 1,035.45  
Community Improvement Fund 246 154,820.93  
E-911 Emergency Funds 264 744.16  
Special Investigative Fund 267 487.50  
Federal Grant Funds 274 364.58  
State Projects Fund 289 91,231.02  
Downtown Development Auth. 294 32,054.82  
Retiree Benefit 296 351.49  
Cap Project-Road Paving Fund 403 17,222.50  
Bldg Auth. Construction Fund 469 18,916.72  
Water & Sewer Fund 592 957,997.38  
Construction Reserve 702 8,850.30  
**Total - All Funds \$1,910,507.78**  
Supervisor Jack opened the public hearing to consider the Westfield Estates Subdivision Street Light Special Assessment District at 7:03 P.M.  
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to close the public hearing at 7:10 P.M. All ayes.  
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the request of the Petitioners to create the Westfield Estates Subdivision Streetlighting Special Assessment District for the purpose of installing two (2) Acorn style lights at the Westfield Boulevard entrance of the subdivision with a one-time installation charge of \$12.70 plus \$7.50 per lot annual maintenance charge to be billed on the winter tax statement. All ayes.  
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the transfer of funds from ABC Paving, Inc. purchase order #17707 in the amount of \$15,000.00 to Dietrich-Bailey and Associates, P.C. purchase order #15168 in order pay additional inspection charges. All ayes.  
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the minutes of the Election Commission dated January 4, 2000 and further to attach them to the regular minutes of the Board of Trustees of January 11, 2000. All ayes.  
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the increase of purchase order #17920 by \$1,350.00 for the shipping costs of the Canton Subball Center's pitching machines. All ayes.  
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution to grant tentative approval of the Preliminary Plan for Cobblestone Ridge Subdivision No. 4. All ayes.  
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution approving the Re-opening Request of South Development Calvary Baptist. All ayes.  
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution approving

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**  
**INVITATION TO BID**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be accepted at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., February 3, 2000 for the following:  
**PURCHASE OF MEDIC JACKETS**  
Bid specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.  
TERRY BENNETT, Clerk  
Published: January 20, 2000

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
**CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO STATE LAW 257.252, THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE(S) WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE AT MAYFLOWER AUTO TRANSPORT 1178 STARKWEATHER RD., PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN, ON THE DATE AND TIME LISTED BELOW:  
January 28, 2000 10:00 a.m.  
VEHICLE(S):  
YEAR/MAKE/STYLE/VEHICLE ID NUMBER CASE NUMBER  
1981 FORD SW BRONCO 1FMDU15E1BLA57658 99-11400  
1987 CHEV. VAN VAN 1GCGG3850H7129106 99-11754  
1987 OLDS. 4D 98 1G3CW1319H1019163 99-11430  
1987 DODGE SW COLT J3BBA24KHU108301 99-12307  
1987 CHEV. SW CAPRICE 1G1BN81Y2H9124543 99-13489  
1985 OLDS. 4D CUTLASS 1G3AM19E5FD445073 99-13684  
1978 OLDS. 2D CUTLASS 3B7A9B7626 99-14650  
1986 FORD VAN AEROSTAR 1PTCA14A2GZA45868 99-14498  
1989 DODGE VAN RAM 150 2B7B1Y19KK313502 99-14497  
1979 LINCOLN 4D TOWN CAR 9Y628727583 99-14685  
1990 SATURN 4D SL1 1G8H5480N2167106 99-14496  
INQUIRIES REGARDING THESE VEHICLES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO OFFICER AL COX, CITY OF PLYMOUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT, AT 453-8600.  
LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMO/CAE  
City Clerk  
Published: January 20, 2000

**CANTON TOWNSHIP**  
**NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR**  
**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2000**  
To the Qualified Electors of CANTON TOWNSHIP - WAYNE COUNTY  
Notice is hereby given that Monday, January 24, 2000 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election. If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above-stated jurisdiction in which you live you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.  
IN PERSON  
• At your city or township clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.  
• At any of the Secretary of State branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.  
• At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.  
• At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.  
BY MAIL  
• By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forward to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:  
TERRY BENNETT, CANTON TOWNSHIP CLERK  
1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD  
CANTON, MICHIGAN 48188  
Phone: 734-397-5452  
NOTE  
A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least sixty (60) years of age or are handicapped.  
Published: January 18 and 20, 2000

## Drumm-Cunningham

Ryan John Drumm and Lisa Michele Cunningham were married Oct. 16 at Newburg Church at Greenmead in Livonia by the Rev. Suzanne Paul.

The bride is the daughter of David and Pat Cunningham of South Lyon and Gary and Susan Koch of Plymouth and Tony and Sophia Modelski of Rochester Hills. The groom is the son of Casey and Diane Drumm of Detroit.

The bride currently attends the University of Michigan-Dearborn and will graduate the summer of 2000. She is employed at Bosch Braking Systems in Farmington Hills as a Human Resources Administrator.

The groom is currently employed at Link Engineering Company in Plymouth as a industrial electrician.

The bride asked Amanda Koch



to serve as matron of honor. Scott Bahne served as best man.

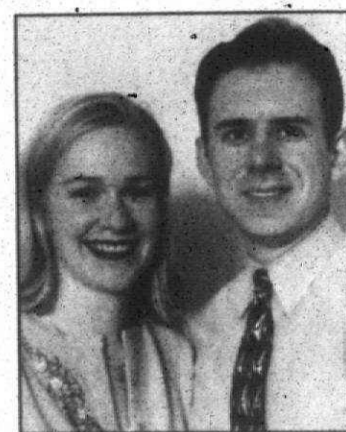
The couple received guests at a reception at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Following a trip to Walt Disney World and a cruise, the couple made their home in Canton.

## Bricker-Kolb

Gerald and Linda Bricker of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Lorraine, to Kevin Michael Kolb.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Southfield Lathrup High School, Alma College and the University of Detroit-Mercy's School of Law and Graduate Business. She is a member of the Michigan Bar Association and works as an attorney with Angelo Plakas and Associates in Westland.

Her fiancé, the son of Kenneth Kolb of Taylor and Mary Ann Kolb of Dearborn, is a graduate of St. Francis Cabrini High School, Wayne State University and the University of Detroit-Mercy Graduate Business School. He is chief financial officer for Great Lakes Rehabilitation Hospital in Southfield.



A wedding is planned for May 2000 and will be followed by a honeymoon in Greece. The couple will reside in Allen Park.

## Online engagement, wedding plans

Engaged? Just home from your honeymoon and you'd like to announce your recent marriage? You can now find engagement and wedding forms on our Web site at <http://observer-eccentric.com>. Click on the "Features" link on the home page and you'll find the form under Suburban Living. Print the form from your screen and mail it in at your convenience or e-mail the information to [kmortson@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:kmortson@oe.homecomm.net)

## Zybtowski-Belveal

Susan Bellomo of Belleville announces the marriage of her daughter, Jennifer Sue, to Scott Howard Belveal of Brighton.

The bride, also the daughter of the late David Zybtowski, is a graduate of Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. She works as a litigation attorney for Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn.

Her husband, son of William Belveal of Harbor Springs and Janet Schultz of Swartz Creek, is a graduate of General Motors Institute and Ashland University. He works as an engineering supervisor for Ford Motor Company.

A wedding was planned for



Nov. 14, 1999 at Kaanapali Beach, Maui, Hawaii. The couple now resides in Canton.

## Roggendorf-Budai

Robert and Patricia Roggendorf announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerry Amber, to Robert Stephen Budai.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University. She is currently working on her master's degree at MSU and works as a second grade teacher at Hayes Elementary in Livonia.

Her fiancé, son of Andrew and Barbara Budai and Anne Budai of West Bloomfield, is a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University and obtained his master's degree from University of Michigan in 1999. He works as a physical therapist at Excel Rehabilitation in Bloomfield Hills.



The wedding is planned for February at Temple Shir Shalom in West Bloomfield.

## Schunder-Waite

Paul and Mary Schunder of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Marie, to Craig D. Waite, the son of Del and Shirley Waite of Big Rapids, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Central Michigan University with a degree in Health Education. She is employed as a health educator for the Muskegon County Health Department.

Her fiancé is a 1999 graduate of Central Michigan University with a teaching degree. He is a teacher and basketball coach for



Ravenna Jr. High School. A summer 2000 wedding is planned in Muskegon.

## Dorothy-Darby

Robert and Aggie Dorothy of Novi announce the marriage of their daughter, Amy Jo, to Greg Darby on Sept. 4.

The bride is a graduate of the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit and works as a designer for DaimlerChrysler in Auburn Hills. Her husband, son of Larry and Marge Darby, is also a graduate of the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit and works as a designer for Sundberg-Perar in Commerce Township.

The couple were married at The Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak before the Rev. Joseph Horn. The Darbys received guests at Meadowbrook



Country Club and took a wedding trip to St. Lucia.

## NEW VOICES

**Kristi Duarard and Greg Karkoska** of Garden City announce the birth of Anna Jordan Duarard-Karkoska Sept. 28 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Gary and Ruth Duarard of Livonia and Rose Karkoska of Garden City.  
**Frank and Tina Lipke** of Westland announce the birth of Shelby Malynn Dec. 2 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins brother Daniel, 5, and Johnny, 3. Grandparents are Terry and Denise West and Frank and Sharon Lipke all of Westland.

**Greg Pokorny and Kelly Jackson** of Wayne announce the birth of Cassie Noelle Dec. 3 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins brother Christopher Klossner, 2. Grandparents are Nancy Fisher and James and Lynne Courlas of Wayne.  
**Chuck and Jennifer Morningstar** of Livonia announce the birth of Joseph Tyler on Dec. 9 at Beaumont Hospital. He joins Jacob, 5, and Joshua, 20 months. Grandparents are Bob and Karen Chartier

of Westland and Charlie and Pat Morningstar of Livonia. His great-grandmother is Betty Morningstar of Boynton Beach, Fla.

**Kevin and Tanya Johnson** of Inkster announce the birth of their daughter Ce Ante La'Mae Dec. 11 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Ce Ante joins siblings Syven, Marissa, Arkalah and Oshae. Grandparents are Kathy, Bessie Mae, Laurie and Rita Johnson of Inkster.

**Patrick and Becky Stolick** of Westland announce the birth of Patrick Edward Dec. 15 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins siblings Kim, 25, Jamey, 23, Ashley, 10, Brittany, 9, Bridget, 9, Chelsea, 7 and Penny, 2. Penny Coffey of Westland is his grandmother.

**Jake and Sandy Tanana** of Canton announce the birth of Kassandra Elaine Dec. 18 at Oakwood-Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Jim and Con-

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**PLYMOUTH ICE SPECTACULAR**  
The Board of Directors of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular would like to thank the following:  
**The City Of Plymouth**  
The City of Plymouth sponsors the event and provides the ice. Sponsors include: FARMER JACK, BUD LIGHT, National City, Lipton, Uncle Ben's, Lysol, Borden's, Jif, Pepsodent, Q95, VALASSIS, HILTON Garden Inn, NEXTEL, MediaOne, JOHNSON CONTROLS, Ottopolts, MEIJER, PANTHENON, and others.  
and everyone else who helped make this event possible  
Pro Team: Tajania & Paul Raukar, Plymouth, MI  
Pro Individual: Ted Walker, Canton, MI  
<http://oeonline.com/plymouthice>

**MICHIGAN DESIGN CENTER**  
**Semi-Annual Floor Sample Sale**  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 9 AM-5 PM  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 12 NOON-5 PM  
**60% TO 70% OR MORE OFF SHOWROOM LIST PRICES**  
OUR "DESIGNER ON CALL" DESIGNERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS DURING SAMPLE SALE  
MICHIGAN DESIGN CENTER, the resource marketplace for the interior design profession, is home to 40 showrooms offering extraordinary home furnishings by the most sought-after names in the interior furnishings industry.  
Some Showrooms Closed, but lighted for your window viewing  
Michigan Design Center, 1700 Strutz Troy, is located 3 blocks east of Coolidge, north off of Maple (15 Mile Road) 248-649-4772  
Visit our website at [www.michigandesign.com](http://www.michigandesign.com)  
\$4.00 Admission  
A portion of the proceeds will go to benefit COTS

# 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.

■ **FRIENDS AND FAMILY WEEK**  
Evola Music hosts "Friends and Family Week," through Saturday, Jan. 22, at 1170 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.

■ **REVIEW**  
The Princeton Review 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 S. 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 dazzling 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 tickets reservations or information, call (734) 397-6450.

■ **SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**  
Vermeulen Funeral Home offers a free monthly grief support group meeting for those who have recently experienced the death of a family member or close friend. The next meeting begins at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23. Each meeting is led by Wes Baldwin of Pointe Care Counseling. All meetings are held at the Plymouth location on West Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck. Call (734) 459-2250.

■ **YMCA**  
The 38th annual meeting of the Plymouth Community Family YMCA begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. The purpose of the meeting is to renew terms for board members, elect officers and conduct other business that may come before the members, including a proposal to convert the Plymouth Community Family YMCA from a membership basis to a directorship basis.

■ **SEMINARS**  
Plymouth Independence Village hosts a free seminar beginning 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25. Hoppy Hanson and Alan D. Marx of All America Financial will discuss long-term care insurance and senior estate planning. Call Bryan Neal at (734) 453-2600.

■ **BOOK REVIEW**  
Adoption Book Review Group, sponsored by Hands Across the Water, will be from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25. Do you have a stack of books on your nightstand just waiting to be read? This group is for you. Join the group to read and discuss adoption-related books. For more information or to register, call (734) 913-0831. The group is free.

■ **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, 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.

■ **SPRING SPORTS**  
Registration for the spring 2000 baseball, softball and T-ball season for all Canton and Plymouth residents from ages 5-18 years, will be 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29. For more information, call (734) 453-2040 or (734) 981-9170.

■ **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 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 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person (any child who has celebrated his first birthday must have a ticket). Registration ends Friday, Jan. 28. For more information, call 397-5110.

■ **ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION**  
The Starkweather Education Center/Alternative Education will offer in the second semester, beginning Jan. 31, "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



**They're 'Scramblin' for the Kids'**  
New scholarship: Chico Rodriguez, manager of the Westland Sam Club, and Darren Silvester, a Plymouth Salem High School teacher, stand in front of Silvester's newly-created scholarship fund. "Silvester's Scramblin' for the Kids" scholarship fund will present two scholarships to needy kids based on several academic factors, acceptance to a four-year university and an essay. Recipients will receive either a \$2,000 scholarship or a \$500 scholarship. Interested students can visit the Salem Guidance Office for an application. Deadline for applications is March 10.

Northville Public Library, 212 W. Cady, Northville. Call (248) 540-8710.

■ **INFORMATION MEETING**  
Hands Across the Water, a licensed adoption agency, is holding a free information meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9. Come learn about the options available to you in international adoption. Hands Across the Water is at 2300 Washtenaw, Suite 103B, Ann Arbor. For more information or to register, call (734) 913-0831.

■ **DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE**  
Celebrate Valentine's Day by attending the Canton Knights of Columbus ninth annual Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance. The dance will be 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at the St. Thomas a'Becket Family Life Center, 555 Lilley, Canton. This night will feature danceable music, a flower corsage, refreshments and a gift so dad and his date will remember the evening. If dad has more than one date, how about inviting an older brother, uncle or

up to two months next spring. Census workers are paid \$13-\$15 per hour and are reimbursed for mileage. Bonuses are available. Call (888) 325-7733.

■ **MOPS MEETING**  
The Plymouth Baptist Church holds mothers of preschoolers meetings 9-11:30 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 at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

■ **M.O.M. MEETING**  
Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents 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 Tuesday 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, "A Taste of 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 in Livonia at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road. For more information, call (734) 462-0135.

■ **Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op** has openings left in its 3- and 4-year-old classes. Call (734) 455-6250.

■ **First Baptist Church of Plymouth-Canton** Kindermusik 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 at Cass 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 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The school is on Main Street 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 and joyful learning 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.

■ **SUPPORT GROUPS**  
■ **STARTING OVER**  
Starting Over is a group for widowed men and women younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church of Christ. Call (734) 662-5999.

■ **ARBOR HOSPICE**  
Arbor Hospice sponsors grief support programs. To sign up, call (734) 662-5999.

■ **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS**  
Community Hospice and Home Care Services has a drop-in grief-support group that meets 6:30-8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month. Call Becky Rose at (734) 522-4244.

■ **COUNTERPOINT**  
Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people age 10-17 and their families. Call (734) 563-5005.

■ **ANGELA HOSPICE**  
Angela Hospice offers free monthly grief support groups for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. All groups meet at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia. For meeting dates and times, call Ruth Faver, (734) 464-7810.

■ **VOLUNTEER WORK**  
■ **Plymouth-Canton Head Start**, in Central Middle School, is looking for volunteers to help in the classroom with large-group activities, to assist children during recess, participate in the Learning Centers and assist during meal times. If you have a morning or afternoon free Monday through Thursday, call 416-6196.

■ **Angel Care**, a volunteer organization, is looking for volunteers to sew, crochet, knit, etc., blankets and burial gowns to donate to local hospitals for infants who have died. Contact Mary Piontek for patterns and information, (313) 534-6496.

■ **Hospices of Henry Ford** Health System needs volunteers in Canton and Plymouth. Volunteers can help by visiting patients, either at their home or a nursing home, to offer emotional support, companionship and comfort. Call (313) 582-2342.

■ **William Beaumont Hospital** is looking for volunteers to support the care of people with terminal illnesses and their families. Call (248) 853-8931.

**CALENDAR FORM**

The Canton Observer welcomes calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Canton Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Info.: \_\_\_\_\_

Use additional sheet if necessary

to five graduates at commencement. Stewart earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Management with a concentration in accounting, and graduated with high distinction. She received UM-Dearborn Honors twice, the Undergraduate Excellence Award twice and placement on the dean's list one semester. She was named the 1999 UM-Dearborn Honors Scholar for accounting and received four scholarships while attending the university. Stewart is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, the honor society of the AACSB, the International Association of Management Education.

## 54 years later, Weimer thanks veterans for sparing town

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER  
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Some veterans made their way back to the battlegrounds of their youth when the world paused to remember D-Day on its 50th anniversary.

But a small group of men, members of the 317th, 318th and 319th Infantry of the 3rd Army's 80th Division made the journey four years later at the request of the residents of Weimer, Germany.

The citizens of Weimer wanted the soldiers to come back and thank them for sparing the town.

Please see VETERANS, B8



In good shape: Fifty-four years ago, Cliff Hooker was a private first class in the U.S. Army. Now 82 years old, the Livonia resident still has the uniform he wore as part of the 318th Infantry.

## New voices from page B3

nie Hejka of Westland and Geoffrey and Helena Tanana of Westland. Great-grandparents are Peter Galda of Detroit, Mary Hejka of Detroit, Wanda Tanana of Westland and David and Gloria Abraham of Detroit.

■ **Chris and Suzanne Kwasniewicz** of Novi announce the birth of Mackenzie Ann Dec. 19 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She joins brother Cole. Grandparents are Ronald and Rose Kwasniewicz of Livonia and Thomas and Carol Hooks of Farmington Hills.

■ **Michael and Amy Montefusco** of Farmington Hills announce the birth of Jason Michael Dec. 20 at William Beaumont Hospital. Jason joins brother Matthew. Grandparents are Wallace and Betty Sutton of Boynton Beach, Fla. and Elizabeth Montefusco of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

■ **Steve and Lisa Stephan** of Walled Lake announce the birth of Joey Lynn Dec. 28 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington. Grandparents are Howard and Shirley Stephan of Livonia and Charles and the late Bernice Girtbach of Riverview.

■ **Jim and Tanya Frederic** of Livonia announce the birth of Haley Nicole Dec. 28 at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. Haley joins sister Christina Lee. Grandparents are (the late) Kroum and Lillian Gregoroff of Livonia, Diane Butka of Plymouth and Charles Frederick of Canton. Roxann Porterfield of Florida is her great-grandmother.

■ **Denis Joseph and Tracy Lee Maccoux** of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of Brianna Mary Dec. 30 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Carol Hill of Canton and Larry and Karen Maccoux of Green Bay, Wis.

■ **Walter Mihalik and Jennifer Wilson** of Westland announce the birth of their son, Jeremy D. Dec. 31 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. He joins siblings Gunnar Smith and Sabrina Mihalik. Grandparents are Richard Smith of Westland and Walter and Kathleen Mihalik of Canton.

■ **Ricky and Dawn Spence** of Westland announce the birth of Lexi Renee Jan. 1 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Dave and Karen Brown of Wayne and Cheryl Watkins and Dave Spence of Westland.

■ **James and Trisha Strong** of Westland announce the birth of Emily Suzanne Jan. 4 at

Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. She joins siblings Chelsea, Steven and Noah. Grandparents are James and Suzanne Woodards of Westland and James and Kathy Strong of Wayne.

■ **Charles and Dawn Hallman** of Wayne announce the birth of Rebecca Jan. 4 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Bob and Audrey Savage of Inkster and Don and Phyllis Hallman of Wayne.

■ **John and Kerry Brannan** of Canton announce the birth of Sarah Katherine Jan. 4 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Susan Brannan of Canton, Rick and Jean Brannan of Northfield Township and Fred and Debbie Slider of Livonia.

■ **Carl and Chrissy Decker** of Canton announce the birth of Kaelee Ann Jan. 4 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. She joins siblings Carl and Danny. Grandparents are Paula Hood of Westland, Carl and Karen Decker of Southfield and Ernie and Sylvia Earls of Wyandotte.

■ **Ronald and Elizabeth Machniak** of Canton announce the birth of Jonah Alexander Jan. 4 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Rodney and Mary Johnson of Westland and Ronald and Patricia Machniak of Livonia.

■ **Mark and Paula Bruni** of Shelby Township announce the birth of Angela Kay Jan. 5 at Royal Oak Beaumont. Grandparents are Franklin and Kay Bruni of Farmington Hills and Paul and Susan Casola of Rochester Hills.

■ **Marcus and Joann York** of Romulus announce the birth of Marcus William Jr. Jan. 5 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. He joins sisters Olivia and Alyssa. Grandparents are Joe

**REUNIONS**

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

**ALL SAINTS**  
Class of 1950  
Is planning a "Millennium Reunion" for November 2000. (248) 437-9735

**BERKLEY**  
Class of 1950  
Is looking for alumni. (248) 932-1722, (248) 548-5359 or (248) 393-1233

**BIRMINGHAM GROVES**  
Class of 1965  
Aug. 12 at The Community House in Birmingham. (248) 433-2362 or by e-mail at JCRich47@aol.com

**BIRMINGHAM MARIAN/BROTHER RICE**  
Class of 1970  
A reunion is planned for July 29. (248) 540-2917 or (248) 358-4490

**BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM**  
Class of 1970  
A reunion is planned for July 1. (510) 523-0906 or by e-mail at HubSpauld@aol.com

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER**  
Class of 1979  
March 4 at the Somerset Inn in Troy. (248) 366-9493, press #2 or by e-mail at reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

**BRIGHTON**  
Class of 1980  
Aug. 26 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi. (248) 360-7004, press #5 or by e-mail at reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

**CLARKSTON**  
Class of 1960  
A reunion is tentatively planned for August.

(248) 627-4549, (248) 933-1670 or dmiller@flash.net

**CLINTONDALE**  
Class of 1960  
A reunion is planned for July. (810) 465-2388

**CRESTWOOD**  
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Is planning a reunion. (313) 277-1316 or (248) 426-6888

**DETROIT CENTRAL**  
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**DETROIT COOLEY**  
Class of 1960  
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**DETROIT DENBY**  
Class of 1950  
A reunion is planned for June. (810) 773-4253, (248) 585-2083 or (810) 773-3286

**DETROIT FINNEY**  
Classes of 1970-72  
A reunion is planned for April 1. (313) 837-5880

**DETROIT IVES ELEMENTARY**  
Classes of 1953-55  
A reunion is tentatively planned for May. (810) 644-4106, (810) 791-6998, (906) 847-3535 or (810) 728-4875 after 6 p.m.

**DETROIT MACKENZIE**  
Class of 1949-51  
July 28 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. (734) 453-7561

**DETROIT PERSHING**  
Class of 1960  
A reunion is planned for Sept. 9. (313) 835-9642, (810) 773-3952, (248) 547-0664 or (734) 595-7508 or at the Web site, www.jmctech.com/~justice/ind ex.htm

**DETROIT REDFORD**  
Class of 1965  
A reunion is planned for July 8. (313) 937-3077 OR (734) 427-6047

**DETROIT WESTERN**  
Class of 1966  
Is planning a reunion.

(248) 280-0053 or (517) 546-8874

**FARMINGTON**  
Class of 1950  
Sept. 15-17, with a dinner at Vladimir's on Sept. 16. (248) 474-7822

**FERNDALE**  
Classes of 1929-1958  
Oct. 14 at Ferndale High School, 726 Pinecrest, Ferndale. (248) 589-2609 or (248) 541-2476

**GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL**  
Classes of 1952-59  
Sept. 15-17 at the Eagle Crest at the Yoplanti Marriott. (734) 421-0278, (734) 422-0266 or (734) 427-0535

**HENRY FORD TRADE**  
Class of 1950  
Is planning a reunion. (248) 618-9865

**HIGHLAND PARK**  
January-June classes of 1950-51  
Are planning a reunion. Send name, address and telephone number to Fred Kashouty, 21528 Raymond, St. Clair Shores 48082 or call (810) 294-7512 or (313) 881-2023

**JANUARY CLASS OF 1950**  
June 4 at the San Marino Clubhouse. (313) 345-9104 or (810) 263-8179

**LINCOLN PARK**  
June Class of 1965  
A reunion is planned for August. (734) 676-9178 or (734) 763-5988

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL**  
Class of 1990  
Is planning a reunion. Send name, address, telephone number and e-mail address to CHC Class of '90 Reunion, 6609 Salem Road, Plymouth 48170 or by e-mail to hallen72@hotmail.com

**MERCY**  
Class of 1950  
Is planning a reunion for June. (248) 851-7620

**NOVI**  
Class of 1980  
June 24 at the Holiday Inn West-Livonia. (248) 366-9493, press #1

## CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material, printed or typewritten to: Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170.

**GRADUATES**  
Chun-Mei Lee of Canton and Matthew Rich of Plymouth have been awarded Ph.D. degrees from Eastern Michigan University.

Laura L. Standen of Plymouth received her associate degree from Washtenaw Community College.

Jason A. Danely of Canton received his BA Degree in religion and Asian studies from Western

Michigan University. He is the son of Richard and Rebecca Danely of Canton.

**HONORS PROGRAM**  
Daniel B. Holland of Canton was accepted this fall into the Honors Program at Albion College. Holland is a first-year student at Albion College. He is the son of Brian P. and Carol L. Holland of Canton. He is a graduate of Canton High School.

Dand E. Lobelle was accepted this fall into the Honors Program at Albion College. Lobelle is a first-year student at Albion College. She is the daughter of Donald E. and Joan C. Lobelle of Hudsonville, Mich., and a graduate of Canton High School.

**KAPPA DELTA PI**  
Jamie Spaulding of Canton was inducted into the fall initiation ceremony for Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education. To be a member of this honor society, a student must have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or better; at least 12 semester hours of course work in education; and worthy education ideals, leadership potential, commitment to education and desirable personal qualities.

**CHANCELLOR'S MEDALLION**  
Mary Stewart of Canton has received the Chancellor's Medallion for outstanding academic achievement. The University presented the award

**Bridal Directory**

For information regarding advertising in this section please call Rich (734) 953-2069

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Rev. Lawrence Wilco • Rev. Steve Eggers  
23310 Joy Road • Redford, Michigan  
5 Blocks E. of Telegraph • (313) 554-2121

Mass Schedule:  
First Fri. 7:00 p.m.  
First Sat. 8:30 a.m.  
Sun. Masses 7:30 & 9:30 a.m.  
Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass  
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions  
Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M.

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**PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
With Remembrance  
Sunday Worship Service  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School & Bible Class  
9:15 a.m.  
Bible Class  
School Grades • Preschool - 8  
Church & School office:  
(734) 422-6950

**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
17810 Farmington Road • Livonia • (734) 261-1380  
May thru October • Monday Night Service • 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday School & Bible Classes For All Ages 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service  
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor: James Hoff  
Pastor: Eric Steinbocker

**Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Church & School**  
14750 Knoch • Redford Twp.  
313-532-8655

Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Class & Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Midweek Adult Services Dec. 1 & 8 & 15  
10:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.  
School Grades K thru 8  
Please for Enrollment Info  
WLQV 1500 SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.

**Timothy Lutheran Church**  
8820 Wayne Rd.  
(Between Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road)  
Livonia • 427-2280

Rev. Carla Thompson Powell, Pastor  
8:00 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship (Nursery Avail.)  
<http://www.timothyvillivonia.com>

## NON-DENOMINATIONAL

**Agapé Family Worship Center**  
"A PRACTICAL CHURCH ON THE MOVE"

45081 Golden Road, Canton, MI 48108  
(734) 394-0337

**New Service Times**  
Sunday Worship Service - 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday - Family Night - 7:00 p.m.

Agapé Christian Academy - K through 12

**FULL GOSPEL CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH**  
291 E. SPRING ST.  
2 Blocks N. of Main - 2 Blocks E. of MI  
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of bloodshed," said Cliff Hooker of Livonia. "They were so glad to see us. They got a hold of a stone cutter to make a plaque to the 80th for liberating the city, so we laid flowers on a plaque at a memorial on the 54th anniversary of Weimer's liberation."

The 82-year-old Livonia resident was among 17 veterans and relatives who returned to the city of Johann Goethe and Fredrich Schiller in April for a 10-day visit.

The group toured historical landmarks, including the Buchenwald concentration camp and as honored guests signed the guest book in the town hall.

"They provided the hotel accommodations, breakfast and dinner and where ever we went, they had a lunch waiting for us," Hooker said.

## Fateful decision

The 80th Division was part of Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd Army that arrived on a hill overlooking Weimer on April 12, 1945. The commander, Col. N.O. Costello, issued an ultimatum to the townspeople: Fly the white flag and spare the city.

That evening, the white flag flew over Weimer, saving it from the fate of neighboring Erfurt, where tanks were sent in first to dislodge German soldiers and destroy potential sniper sites.

It was the first time Hooker had been back to Europe since the war ... and his first ever visit to Weimer. A private first class and assistant squad leader, Hooker was wounded in Erfurt three days before the assault on Weimer.

"At Erfurt, the tanks went through and the Germans came back to wait for us; we were the cleanup crew," Hooker said. "When we looked around a corner, we saw they hadn't taken out the church steeple. There was a sniper with a machine gun and the bullets hit at our



**Tall and short of it: Veteran Don Davis (left) towers over fellow veteran Cliff Hooker, at 5 feet 2 inches. They were among the veterans who laid flowers at a memorial to the 80th Division.**

feet. I said, 'This is gonna be a hard one.'"

Hooker was the old man at age 26 and had three new kids in his squad. He told them to go around the corner and duck into the first doorway they saw.

"I was the last one and when I went around the corner, a sniper shot me in my left shoulder and my arm

was paralyzed for three months," he said. "I ended up with a 20 percent disability."

During the trip, Hooker, and cousins, Bob and Mabel Burrows, returned to Erfurt and with some searching - "We had to come into to town from the east" - found the corner almost 54 years to the day where his short stint in the Army came to an end.

Bob had been a part of setting up the Weimer visit with veteran Sid Haley and had asked Hooker if he wanted to go.

"My daughter-in-law got after me to go," said Hooker, whose wife Alice died last year.

## In the Army now

Hooker had a good paying job at the Willow Run bomber plant, working up to 16 hours a day. Because of his father's paralysis, he was the sole support of his family and had a deferment.

He decided to enlist on June 5, 1944, after the family's neighbor lost two sons in the war.

"I couldn't stay home any longer," he said. "I didn't tell my mom or dad. I went down to Royal Oak to enlist and asked them to make it look like I was drafted."

He was on his way overseas by November 1944 and celebrated Thanksgiving on board the transport ship. He disembarked at LeHarve and rode by truck to southern France where he was assigned to the 318th infantry.

Offered a chance for leave in Paris in December, it was cancelled when the Battle of the Bulge erupted.

"If you were on the line for five months, you were lucky," said Hooker. "You were lucky to get a clean shirt. You'd wear the same shirt for a month at a time. The good Lord was with me all the way. When the bullet hit me, it was only missed my heart by 4-5 inches."

# Winter luncheon series at Schoolcraft

The Winter Luncheon Series 2000 of Schoolcraft College features three upcoming programs for people of all ages.

Jan. 28 "Dolls from Around the World," will be presented by Rigmor Cuolahan, a Scandinavian native and Northville resident. She will present a variety of dolls from her vast collection.

Feb. 25 "The Daybreak Gray and Dim," will feature Ellen Oliver Smith, dean of Science at Madonna University speaking on the Civil War and 19th century medical practices. Her presentation will include visuals.

April 7 "Museums, Past and Present and their Role in Society," presented by Mary Louise Majewski, former director of the Spirit of Ford automotive museum.

Lunch is offered from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$14. Call (734)462-4443 to register.

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### CCJBBA registration

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will have registration for all of its summer seasons from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 29 at the Summit in Canton.

Registration will be for players between four and 18 years old, both girls and boys, baseball and softball — including travel teams. Fees must be paid at time of registration; they range from \$65-\$95 (additional fees for travel teams).

Birth certificates are required for first-time CCJBBA players.

For information, call 453-2040.

### Directors wanted

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association is searching for league directors for its girls Instructional League (7-8 year olds) and Junior League (11-13 years old).

Duties include arranging playing schedules, appointing managers and seeing to it that participants enjoy the season.

For more information and benefits, call Ray Barnes at (734) 981-5170.

### Softball coaching clinic

A coaching school/clinic, conducted by the Amateur Softball Association's national office, is scheduled for Feb. 12-13 in Howell.

What's different in this clinic is the emphasis — it's on you, with hands-on instruction that puts you in the position of the player, teaching you efficient techniques in breaking down skills and developing players.

Those conducting the clinic have national reputations and are well-versed in playing and teaching softball.

Cost is \$40 if paid before Feb. 1, \$45 after. For more information, call Dennis Troshak at (517) 546-0693.

### 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.

### Soccer registration

The city of Plymouth's Recreation Department is currently taking registration for youth soccer from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at its offices, located at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

Cost for six-year-old, seven-year-old and eight-year-old players living in the city of Plymouth is \$45; the fee for non-residents in those age divisions is \$65. For all other age divisions, the fee for city residents is \$50 and for non-residents it's \$80.

All registrations require a birth certificate. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620.

### Skate with Warriors

A chance to skate with the Wayne State women's hockey team is here. Following the Lady Warriors' game against Mercyhurst College, which is 7 p.m. Saturday, everyone in attendance can skate with the team. All you need is your own pair of skates.

In addition, anyone wearing a hockey jersey (any team) will be admitted free. Without a jersey, admission is \$4.

Also, 1,000 women's media guides will be distributed to the first 1,000 kids (age 17 and under) attending, and the team will be available to autograph them. Team members will also be available for photos.

For information, call 1-877-WSU-GOAL.

### Coaching vacancies

Livonia Ladywood High School has coaching positions open in: track (JV, sprint and jump coaches); soccer (freshman and JV); field hockey (freshman and JV); girls softball (JV assistant and freshman assistant); and golf (JV).

For more information, call Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2323.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 26251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

## Chiefs 'fall' to Hartland

When you go up against the defending state champion, expectations often obscure reality.

Plymouth Canton's gymnastics team didn't actually expect to beat the Eagles, but they were hoping to put off a good show. And for two events, the Chiefs did just that.

But then that old bugaboo that's been bothering them all season cropped up again, as Hartland pulled away for a 135.4-131.05 victory in this Western Lakes Activities Association dual Tuesday at Canton.

"It was an improvement," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "We had two good events. Vault and floor (exercise) went well."

"The falls on (uneven parallel) bars and (balance) beam continue to plague us. But things are looking up."

Amy Driscoll finished with Canton's top all-around score (33.9), just ahead of Liz Fitzgerald (33.85). Driscoll tied for first in floor (9.0), placed second in the bars (8.55), tied for fifth in vault (8.6) and scored 7.75 in beam.

Fitzgerald tied for second in vault (8.75), took third in both floor (8.75) and beam (8.35), and tied for fifth in bars (8.0).

Other top scores for Canton were posted by Maggie Bett, who tied for fourth in beam (7.9); Jackie Bennington, sixth in beam (7.85); and Kristen Schilk, sixth in floor (8.45).

Last Saturday, the Chiefs put together a solid performance in placing seventh out of 15 teams at the Rockford Invitational. Canton scored 130.65, just 1.45 points out of fourth place. Plymouth Salem was ninth with 129.00.

East Kentwood won the Invite, scoring 145.20. Holland was second with 141.85.

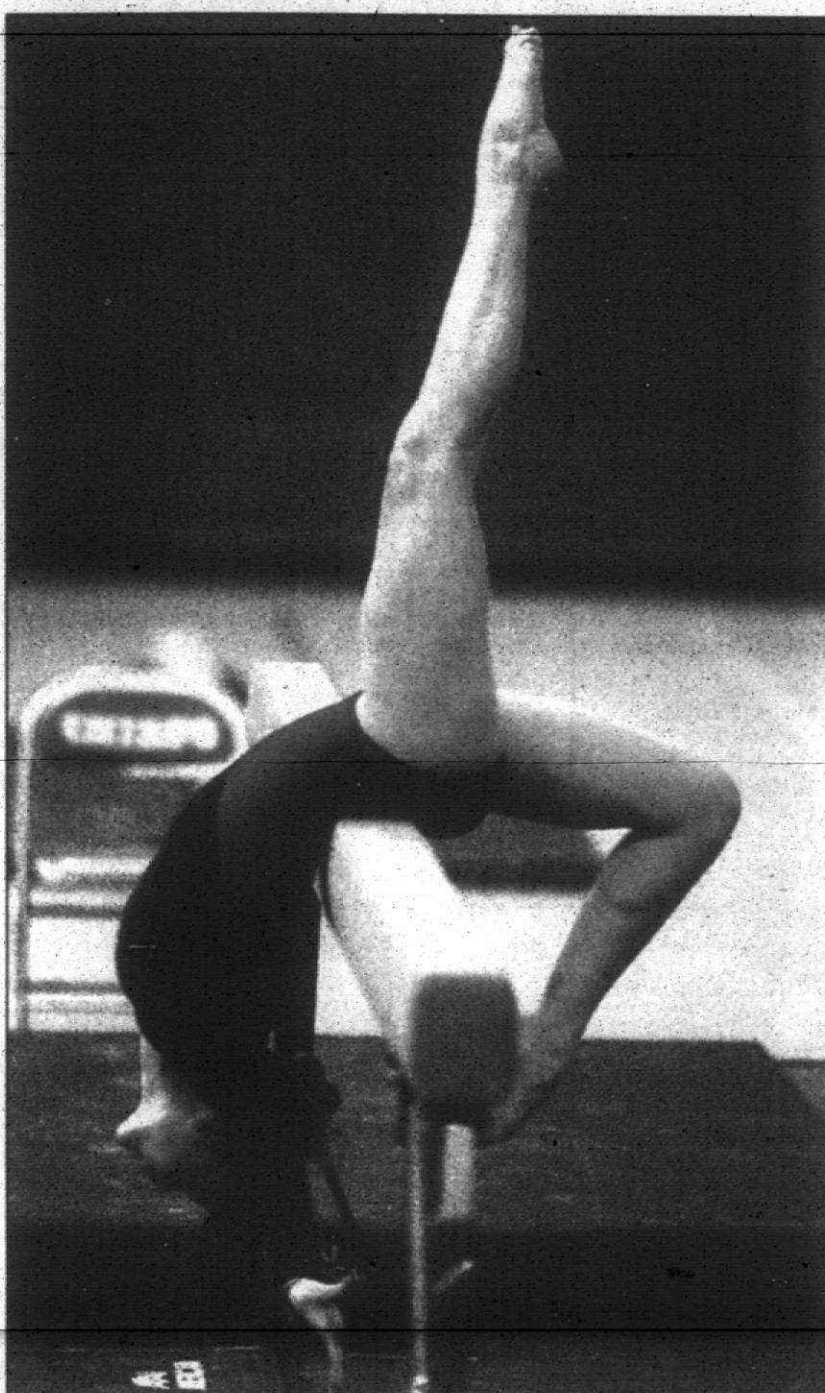
"Falls and the lack of a spring floor were again a problem," said Cunningham. Canton was without Driscoll for the vault due to a minor knee injury.

"Liz Fitzgerald had an even better meet than indicated," the Canton coach added. "Her routine on bars was a first-place routine."

Fitzgerald was first in the Division II all-around with a 34.65 total, winning the beam (9.05), taking fifth in the vault (8.7), sixth in bars (8.3) and eighth in floor (8.6).

Other top-10 marks were posted by Driscoll, fifth in the Division II bars (8.35), seventh in the beam (8.7) and

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

**A solid showing:** Canton's Kristen Schilk put together back-to-back good performances on the beam. She scored 7.85 Monday against Hartland (above) and 8.25 Saturday at Rockford.

## Salem's Suder makes choice

BY C.J. RISAK  
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Just where Amanda Suder ends up on the scale of top players signed by Madonna University volleyball coach Jerry Abraham can't be decided yet. Heck, she isn't even halfway through her senior season at Plymouth Salem yet.

But this must rate as one of Abraham's easiest recruitments.

Suder, who signed with Madonna Monday, has literally been a part of the program since she was in fifth grade, when she was "a Little Lady Crusader." And she's been in the Madonna AAU Crusader Juniors volleyball program for several years.

"I wasn't really looking to go anywhere else," said Suder. "I've known a lot of the girls who have gone through

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there." So it couldn't have been too tough for Abraham to convince her. Oh, one other thing that might have helped: He's her uncle.

This, however, has nothing to do with nepotism. Abraham has been recruiting Suder since "last year," she said. "He was talking to me about it then."

He was also the one who introduced the sport to her when she was still in grade school. Abraham watched and helped his niece develop into a top-level player, and knew she'd be a top recruit.

There was a good reason. Suder has been starting at Salem since her sophomore year, which is not easy to do. The

Rocks were 95-17 during the past two seasons and reached the state quarter-finals last year.

A 5-foot-8 outside hitter, Suder was leading Salem (which was 18-6-1 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association through Monday) in kills with 116, service aces with 52 and digs with 110, and was second in assists to kills with 86 (through last Saturday's Comstock Invitational).

"She's just a real gutsy player with excellent all-around skills," said Abraham. "She's a very strong passer and defensive player. And she has a high desire to play at a higher level."

"I feel we got one of the area's best players."

It's a subject Abraham's well versed in. He's coached at Madonna for 13 seasons, and he's never had a losing sea-

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### BASKETBALL

## Agape unable to keep pace with Eagles

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy discovered a cure for its "third-quarter blues" Tuesday night.

Unfortunately for Agape, PCA got well at its expense.

PCA, which has struggled mightily this season immediately after the half-time intermission, stunned the Wolverines with a jarring 16-0 run to start the second half, and went on to post a convincing 75-51 victory.

When the third quarter was over, the Eagles led 59-33, thanks largely to red-hot 13-of-17 shooting effort.

The win improved PCA's record to 3-4 and put the skids on its two-game losing streak. Agape fell to 4-3.

"(Plymouth Christian) has big kids who are fast and well-coached," Agape coach Keith Anleitner said, analyzing the primary reasons for his team's demise Tuesday night. "We've been able to keep up with them a little better in past years, but this is the best team I think they've ever had. They're very deep — they can go eight or nine deep — which gives them a big advantage on most teams."

More than once this season, PCA coach Doug Taylor has seen sizeable half-time leads shrink in a matter of minutes. Don't think he didn't remind his team of this fact during Tuesday's halftime break, at which point the Eagles led, 33-20.

"Oh yeah, we talked about it," Taylor said, smiling. "I told them that the first three minutes (of the second half) were the key. I was proud of the way we came out and put a run together."

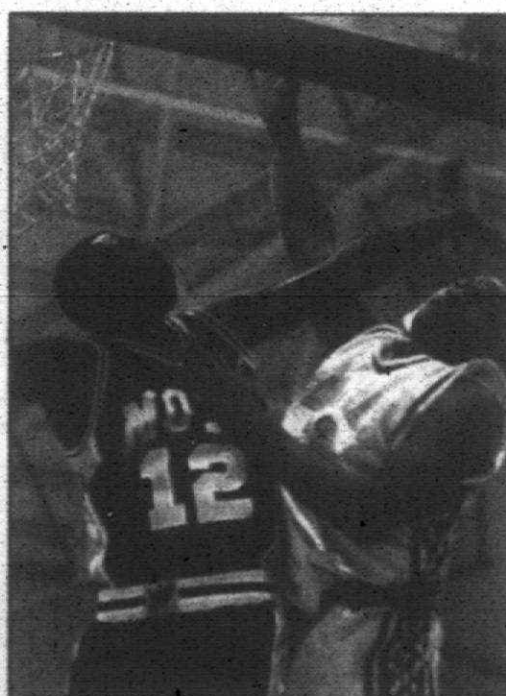
"Hopefully, we've turned the corner now as far as the third quarter is concerned. It's a mental

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

**New Crusader:** Amanda Suder will take her multiple skills to Madonna in the fall. She leads Salem in kills, digs and aces.



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**Power performance:** SC's Robert Brown (right) drives on Mott's Alonzo Evans. Brown scored 25 points in the win.

## SC outlasts Mott, 78-74

BY BRAD EMONS  
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It was more than a battle of the monster dunks. It was a game of two semi-tractor trailers colliding head on.

First place was at stake and the lead in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association in this rematch of last year's MCCA playoff championship final.

When the dust finally cleared Monday night, host Schoolcraft College emerged the winner with a hard-fought 78-74 men's basketball victory over Flint Mott CC.

Behind Robert Brown's game-high 25 points and 16 rebounds, SC is now 12-4 overall and 5-0 in the conference. Mott falls to 13-3 and 5-1.

"It was like a prize fight — honestly," SC third-year coach Carlos Briggs said. "It was a game of spurts. The last team with the ball was going to win. We were fortunate the ball rolled our way at the end. But give our kids credit, they never quit fighting."

Brown, an Oak Park High product who spent last year at Central Michigan before transferring to Schoolcraft, measures only 6 feet, 4 inches, but his scoring and presence on the backboards made him loom as large as a 7-footer.

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His rebound basket off a Brian Williams drive to the hoop and miss with 28 seconds left proved to be the game-winning basket.

"Robert came up big with his offensive rebounding down the stretch," Briggs said. "He played all 40 minutes because when your play that well and hard you want to keep him on the floor."

Mott then called timeout with 15 seconds to play to set up the potential game-tying shot to force overtime or perhaps even go for the jular with a three-pointer.

But SC's defense held its ground as Josh Key's jumper from the wing, with just six seconds to go, was slightly off the mark.

A mad scramble for the rebound ensued as Gilbert Mitchell (18 points) slapped the ball ahead up-court to Brown, who put an exclamation point on the win with a breakaway dunk with just 1.48 left on the clock.

"We had a lot of good looks at the basket tonight," Mott coach Steve Schmidt said. "The last play we diagrammed, coming out of the timeout — you couldn't have asked for more than that. We also had a couple of good looks on a couple of possessions before that, but

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ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS (Through Jan. 17)					
East Division	W	L	T	Pts.	
Ottawa 67s	29	10	2	61	
Kingston Frontenacs	26	11	4	57	
Bellefleur Bulls	25	14	1	51	
Peterborough Petes	21	17	5	47	
Oshawa Generals	18	19	3	40	
Central Division	W	L	T	Pts.	
Barrie Colts	24	13	5	52	
Sudbury Wolves	18	20	5	42	
North Bay Centennials	16	21	5	38	
Toronto St. M. Majors	13	27	2	29	
Miss. Ice Dogs	5	36	1	12	
West Division	W	L	T	Pts.	
SSM Greyhounds	25	16	4	58	
Windsor Spitfires	25	15	1	52	
Plymouth Whalers	23	16	4	51	
Sarnia Sting	20	17	7	47	
London Knights	11	23	5	30	
Midwest Division	W	L	T	Pts.	
Brampton Battalion	18	18	7	45	
Erie Otters	20	22	1	43	
Kitchener Rangers	17	20	4	41	
Guelph Storm	17	20	2	37	
Owen Sound Platers	12	26	4	32	



tation at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The Whalers spotted Brampton a four-goal lead by the time the second period was two minutes old — far too much a deficit to overcome as the Whalers lost 5-3.

The defeat, Plymouth's second in three games after winning seven straight, left the Whalers in third place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division, a point behind the Windsor Spitfires.

A tough tie with division-leading Sault Ste. Marie Friday night still hurt the Plymouth Whalers Saturday when they hosted the Brampton Battalion at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The Whalers were first in the OHL's Midwest Division with an 18-7 record through Sunday. Brampton's offense was sparked by Raffi Torres, who assisted on three of his team's first three goals. Rich Kearse scored twice in the opening 1:40 of the second period to double the Battalion's lead to 4-0. Lucas Havel added two assists on those first four goals.

The Whalers did mount a comeback with Rob McBride scoring midway through the second period and Steve Weiss narrowing the gap to 4-2 with a power-play goal with 7:07 left in the second.

But the Battalion pushed their lead back to three goals when Scott Thompson scored at 6:54 of the third. Justin Williams' goal 19 seconds later, his

second point of the game, narrowed the deficit but didn't change the outcome.

Scott Dellavedova made 30 stops in goal for Brampton. Rob Zepp and Bill Ruggiero split time in goal for the Whalers, combining to make 17 saves. The Whalers have a tough double this weekend, traveling to play a 7:30 p.m. game Friday in Sault Ste. Marie against the division-leading Greyhounds, then returning to Plymouth to take on the Owen Sound Platers at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

#### Ambassadors rebound

After suffering a frustrating 2-1 loss to the Cleveland Barons last Friday at Cleveland's Barons Arena, the Compuware Ambassadors rebounded with a pair of lopsided wins Saturday and

Sunday over the Rochester Jr. Americans at Compuware Arena.

The two wins boosted the Ambassadors back into first place in the North American Hockey League's East Division with a 23-11-2 record and 48 points, one more than the second place Soo Kewadin Casino Indians.

In all three games, NAHL all-star goalie Craig Kowalski was superlative. He made 40 saves in the loss at Cleveland, then made 34 stops on his 19th birthday in the Friday night win over the Jr. Americans. He followed that up with a 37-save performance Saturday.

Six different players scored in the Ambassadors' win Friday, and in Saturday's victory there were eight different goal-scorers.

The NAHL All-Star game is 7 p.m. Saturday in Geneva, Ill.

## Canton rallies to tie up Novi

Playing two games in two nights can be draining for any hockey team, and it was something Plymouth Canton had to deal with last weekend.

After battling Novi to a 4-4, come-from-behind draw Friday, the Chiefs took on Western Lakes Activities Association rival Livonia Stevenson Saturday. Both games were at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Canton trailed Stevenson 3-0 after two periods, then surrendered four third-period goals in falling, 7-0.

Mark Blazek scored two goals for the Spartans, and Alex Piotrowski and Mark Nebus added a goal and an assist apiece. Mike Perrino, Chris Wrigley and Mike Majkowski got one goal each, while Matt Calus, Josh Latzman and Eric Mink had two assists

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apiece.

Kevin Marlowe was in goal for the shutout for Stevenson. Brad Arnskov (five goals allowed) and Charles Kemp (two goals) split time in the net for Canton.

Friday's game was a dramatic one, with Mike Carson scoring a power-play goal with just 38 seconds left in the game to salvage the tie for the Chiefs. John Bockstanz and Brad Wolfe assisted.

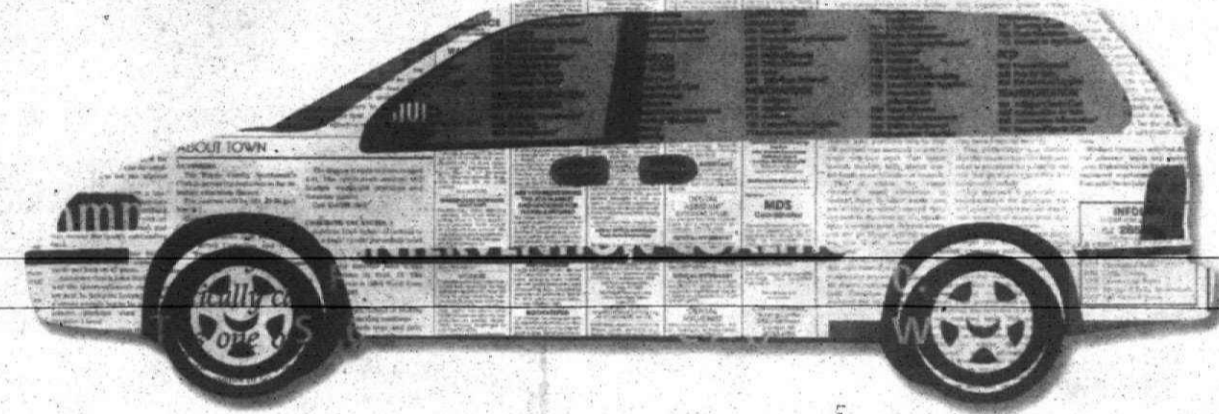
Carson's goal capped a wild third period. Canton trailed 2-1 after two periods, Brian Marsh giving the Chiefs a 1-0 lead after one period (Jack Ware assisted), but Brad Zarem

— who had a hattrick in the game — putting Novi ahead with two second-period scores.

Bockstanz and Wolfe regained the lead for the Chiefs with third-period goals (assists went to Sean Depp and Rick Lashbrook on Wolfe's), but the Wildcats rallied with two goals in a span of 1:01, by Travis Malott and Zarem.

Which set the stage for Carson's clutch, game-tying goal. Ryan Zielinski was in goal for Canton; Brandau and Jeremy Goodman split time in the net for Novi.

The weekend results left the Chiefs with a 7-5-1 overall record; they are 4-4-1 in the WLAA. Stevenson is 9-3 overall, 7-1 in the WLAA.



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## Salem still perfect in duals; takes 3rd at Invite

Well, so far so good.

In fact, at present a Plymouth Salem team somewhat dependent upon an influx of younger swimmers is doing doggone well. The Rocks followed up a third-place finish at their Rock Invitational Saturday by sweeping Livonia Churchill Tuesday at Churchill.

The victory, by a 136-47 score, kept Salem's dual-meet record in the Western Lakes Activities Association perfect at 2-0; the Rocks are 5-0 overall.

#### SWIMMING

Salem took all 12 first-place finishes, including nine separate individual-event winners.

Jim Ross started the sweep in individual events with a win in the 200-yard freestyle (1:55.66). He was followed by Ben Dzialo in the 200 individual medley (2:14.76); Ryan Kappeler in the 50 free

(24.88); Greg Kubitski in diving (175.10 points); Hugo Alvarez in the 100 butterfly (1:02.12); Aaron Shelton in the 100 free (52.30); Brian Mertens in the 500 free (5:04.81); Brian Dorogi in the 100 backstroke (1:04.43); and Jason Rebarachik in the 100 breaststroke (1:10.84).

Shelton, Dzialo, Eric Lynn and Mike Johnson combined to win the 200 medley relay (1:47.95); Dan Jones, Shelton, Kory Pund and Kappeler teamed for a

first in the 200 free relay (1:41.94); and Lynn, Mark Witthoff, Johnson and Dzialo were tops in the 400 free relay (3:31.02).

Saturday's meet was dominated by Ann Arbor Pioneer, which scored 340 points — 100 more than runner-up Rockford. Salem was third with 213, followed by Livonia Stevenson with 162, Plymouth Canton with 125 and Birmingham Seaholm with 56.

The meet has a unique set-up, with

four races in each event, each scoring the same. Neither a Salem nor a Canton swimmer was first in the fastest heat in any event.

Indeed, only Stevenson's Joe Bublitz broke the Pioneers' stranglehold, winning the 200 IM and 100 back (see results).

The Rocks swim at Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m. tonight in a key WLAA dual meet.

#### ROCKS MEN'S INVITATIONAL

Swimming and Diving

Jan. 15 at Plymouth Salem

Team scores: 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 340 points; 2. Rockford, 240; 3. Plymouth Salem, 213; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 162; 5. Plymouth Canton, 125; 6. Birmingham Seaholm, 56.

#### Event results

200-yard medley relay: Heat C — 1. Pioneer, 1:48.68; 2. Salem, 1:53.02; 3. Rockford, 1:55.81; 4. Stevenson, 2:01.79; 5. Canton, 2:15.50.

Heat B — 1. Pioneer, 1:47.12; 2. Rockford, 1:48.70; 3. Stevenson, 1:49.85; 4. Salem, 1:50.17; 5. Canton, 2:00.90.

Heat A — 1. Pioneer, 1:40.68; 2. Stevenson, 1:42.67; 3. Salem, 1:45.27; 4. Rockford, 1:45.49; 5. Canton, 1:50.60; 6. Seaholm, 1:52.50.

200-yard freestyle: Heat D — 1. Morgan Drake (AAP), 1:57.55; 2. Garrett Denoff (R), 2:01.98; 3. Steve Rue (PC), 2:03.59; 4. Adam Sonnanstine (PS), 2:08.03; 5. Mike Migano (BS), 2:27.36; 6. Ryan Pratt (LS), 2:33.47.

Heat C — 1. Brad Gregorka (AAP), 1:51.98; 2. Mark Witthoff (PS), 1:56.51; 3. Matt Leskovar (R), 2:00.20; 4. Pat Ridemeyer (LS), 2:01.29; 5. Ryan Ahern (PC), 2:02.33; 6. Dan LaFave (BS), 2:26.92.

Heat B — 1. Steve Hill (AAP), 1:49.15; 2. Jim Ross (PS), 1:56.13; 3. Jerrard Reickard (R), 1:56.14; 4. Matt Wisniewski (PC), 1:57.49; 5. Rob Cambridge (LS), 1:58.11; 6. Nick DiGiuseppe (BS), 2:04.57.

Heat A — 1. Graham Taylor (AAP), 1:49.57; 2. Matt Zolnierik (R), 1:52.31; 3. Brian Mertens (PS), 1:55.90; 4. Brad Nilson (PC), 1:56.42; 5. Rob Parker (BS), 1:56.44; 6. Justin Kettner (LS), 1:57.23.

200-yard individual medley: Heat D — 1. Brendan Whelan (AAP), 2:15.62; 2. Eric Dabkowski (LS), 2:16.59; 3. Adam Maloney (R), 2:22.82; 4. Jeff Nevi (PS), 2:25.22; 5. Shawn Bernard (PC), 2:36.64.

Heat C — 1. Kyle Cannon (R), 2:01.61; 2. Griffin Meyers (AAP), 2:11.94; 3. Geoff Lowes (LS), 2:12.88; 4. Hugo Alvarez (PS), 2:23.29; 5. Brett Reidsma (PC), 2:34.88.

Heat B — 1. Will Wakefield (AAP), 2:04.51; 2. Mike Nemer (LS), 2:09.11; 3. Adam Keith (R), 2:10.29; 4. Aaron Shelton (PS), 2:10.47; 5. Brad Herbert (PC),

#### 200-yard freestyle: Heat D — 1. Jay Fantone (AAP), 2:38.24; 2. Ryan Kappeler (PS), 2:45.31; 3. Ben Zolnierik (R), 2:55.49; 4. Yehes Uno (PC), 2:55.53; 5. Ryan Pratt (LS), 2:59.03; 6. Kory London (BS), 3:46.46.

Heat C — 1. Taylor Jackson (AAP), 2:35.65; 2. Brad McMahon (BS), 2:38.88; 3. Jason Rebarachik (PS), 2:45.04; 4. Kyle Vethouse (R), 2:47.45; 5. Brandon Truscott (LS), 2:49.86; 6. Trey Gercak (PC), 2:51.18.

Heat B — 1. John Stover (AAP), 2:29.94; 2. Dan Jones (PS), 2:38.03; 3. Tom Parker (BS), 2:40.44; 4. Mike Dallas (R), 2:42.23; 5. George Earhart (LS), 2:50.02; 6. Matt Schacht (PC), 2:52.68.

Heat A — 1. Will MacDonald (AAP), 2:21.15; 2. Chris Meyer (BS), 2:30.50; 3. Mike Johnson (PS), 2:36.67; 4. Brad Buckler (LS), 2:40.04; 5. Dan Schlessier (R), 2:45.66; 6. Eddie Lindow (PC), 2:56.88.

Diving: Heat D — 1. John Wright (AAP), 272.05 points; 2. Tom Morbitzer (PC), 199.55.

Heat C — 1. Chad Zillich (AAP), 374.35; 2. Dan Nagy (R), 372.80; 3. Gerald Bennett (PC), 217.00; 4. Andrew Brissette (LS), 162.05.

Heat B — 1. Eric DeMarco (AAP), 362.85; 2. Dustin Lauterback (R), 341.35; 3. Ryan Henry (PC), 215.70; 4. Matt Schacht (PS), 141.35.

Heat A — 1. Andrew Sivulka (AAP), 488.10; 2. Ben Chapman (R), 357.40; 3. Halim McGilvray (BS), 282.35; 4. Blake Brunner (PC), 268.15; 5. Greg Kubitski (PS), 241.10; 6. Jason Zykowski (LS), 206.60.

100-yard butterfly: Heat D — 1. Rich Magnier (AAP), 1:02.76; 2. Kevin Schopler (PS), 1:05.40; 3. Jon Burmeister (LS), 1:07.21; 4. Steve Workman (R), 1:08.58; 5. Brett Reidsma (PC), 1:11.32.

Heat C — 1. Andrew Caglian (AAP), 59.03; 2. Geoff Lowes (LS), 1:01.46; 3. Mike Horgan (PS), 1:03.99; 4. Adam Maloney (R), 1:06.18; 5. Brad Herbert (PC), 1:13.26.

Heat B — 1. Brandon Truscott (LS), 58.69; 2. Adam Keith (R), 58.90; 3. Steve Buster

#### (AAP), 5:00.01; 4. Dave Carlson (PS), 1:05.58; 5. Yehes Uno (PC), 1:06.07.

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Heat C — 1. Mike Johnson (PS), 52.09; 2. Jerrard Reickard (R), 52.87; 3. Brian Welch (AAP), 53.06; 4. Rob Parker (BS), 54.34; 5. George Earhart (LS), 56.22; 6. Shawn Bernard (PC), 1:03.13.

Heat B — 1. Kevin Hyde (R), 49.83; 2. Brad Gregorka (AAP), 52.29; 3. Brad McMahon (BS), 52.90; 4. Dan Jones (PS), 53.00; 5. Kevin VanTiem (LS), 53.53; 6. Steve Van Proven (PC), 1:00.03.

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Heat C — 1. Jim Ross (PS), 5:14.74; 2. Morgan Drake (AAP), 5:15.92; 3. Matt Leskovar (R), 5:31.43; 4. Steve Rue (PC), 5:35.08; 5. Kevin Dalesandro (LS), 6:22.82.

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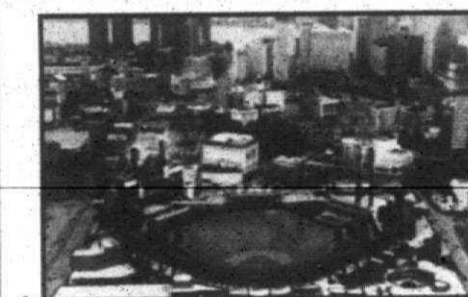
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# Rocks sweep Central

Plymouth Salem got a key volleyball win Monday when it knocked off Walled Lake Central 15-11, 15-12, in a Western Lakes Activities Association match played at Salem.

The win boosted the Rocks' record to 18-6-1 overall, 2-0 in the WLAA.

"It was an important win," said Salem coach Tom Teeters. "They're one of the tougher teams in the conference. It wasn't our best game — we didn't serve that well. When we did, we took advantage of their weak serve reception."

Amanda Suder led the attack with 10 kills; she also had 12 digs. Michelle Ginter added four kills with a team-best .500 kill percentage, and Kelly Jaskot turned in a solid all-around performance with six kills and 11 digs.

Denise Phillips and Jill Dombrowski each contributed three

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kills, Phillips also getting three service aces and Dombrowski adding 12 digs.

Salem, ranked sixth in the state, hosts Westland John Glenn at 7 p.m. Monday, then travels to Farmington for a 7 p.m. match Wednesday. Both are WLAA events.

### Rocks reach final

Only one thing stood between Plymouth Salem and the championship of the Comstock Invitational Saturday.

East Kentwood. The Rocks beat everyone else they faced at the tournament, defeating Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 15-6, 15-1; Livonia Ladywood 9-15, 15-8, 15-5; Portage Central 15-12, 15-6; and Allegan 15-10, 15-1, a team they tied in their

first match 15-12, 13-15.

East Kentwood, however, was a different story. The Falcons beat Salem 15-10, 15-8 in their first meeting in the tournament, then did it again in the finals, 15-7, 15-1.

The 4-2-1 tournament left the Rocks with a 17-6-1 overall record.

In the final against East Kentwood, Amanda Suder managed six kills and Kelly Jaskot had five, but the team totaled just 18. Jaskot added 11 digs and Suder had 10, while Jill Dombrowski collected 16 assists to kills.

For the tournament, Suder led Salem with 56 kills; she also had a team-high 47 digs and five service aces. Sarah Jensen, who didn't play in the final against East Kentwood, finished with 32 kills; Dombrowski had 18 kills, five aces, 105 assists to kills, and 25 digs.

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son. Indeed, his Crusader teams have averaged 41 match wins per year.

That alone is a good reason for Suder to choose Madonna. "They always do well in their league," she noted. "They always play well and they always do well. He's had so many All-Americans, and he always gets best coaching awards."

Last fall, Madonna was 29-14 overall and tied for first in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Saying a team like that had a certain weakness would be unfair; there were some areas

Abraham would like to strengthen, however.

Suder should do that. "She will be able to fill a void for us as a primary passer," he said. "We needed to recruit an outstanding passer. I think we got one in Amanda."

Of course, there are other qualities Suder brings to the team. "She hits well for her size, and she's got a good jump serve," said Abraham. "She's been getting excellent coaching at Salem (under Tom Teeters)."

"Amanda plays a consistent

style of play. She performs her best in pressure situations."

Strong academically, Suder plans to major in education. She also knows what she'd like to do in her first year of collegiate volleyball.

"I'd like to give them some defense," she said. "I'm probably going there as a defensive specialist."

Her all-around abilities could help make her something more, and may lead Abraham back to the family tree in search of additional talents.

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# No ground gained

## Lady Ocelots crushed by unbeaten Mott CC

### WOMEN'S HOOP

Angelica Blakely scored a game-high 26 points, but it wasn't enough as Schoolcraft College fell Monday night at home to Flint Mott CC, 81-62.

Mott, led by Tyra Gay's 20 points, improved to 13-0 overall and 6-0 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

The loss drops Schoolcraft to 4-8 overall and 3-2 in the conference.

Blakely, a 6-foot-1 center from Detroit Kettering, also paced Schoolcraft with 17 rebounds.

Antone Watson (Detroit Henry Ford) and Carla Saxton (Southfield-Lathrup) each contributed 11 points for the Lady Ocelots. Watson dished out nine assists and grabbed five boards; Saxton had six rebounds and hit three triples.

Madonna 61, Spring Arbor 57: What it came down to was performance in crunch time. Madonna made the shots when it had

to, Spring Arbor didn't Saturday at Madonna.

Carissa Gizicki missed all eight of her floor shots in the game, but she converted 3-of-4 free throws in the final 42 seconds.

And Kristi Fiorenzi (Plymouth Canton) made just 3-of-9 free throws overall, but she got two with 1:45 left to put Madonna ahead for good.

The combination helped Madonna even its overall record at 8-8 and made the Lady Crusaders 2-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Spring Arbor is 10-7 overall, 1-3 in the WHAC.

As important as Gizicki's (three points, five rebounds, five assists and four steals) and Fiorenzi's (11 points) performances were, it was Chris Dietrich that got the Crusaders there.

The senior guard hit 4-of-12 three-pointers in scoring a game-high 18 points; she also grabbed five rebounds, dished out three assists and made six steals to pace Madonna.

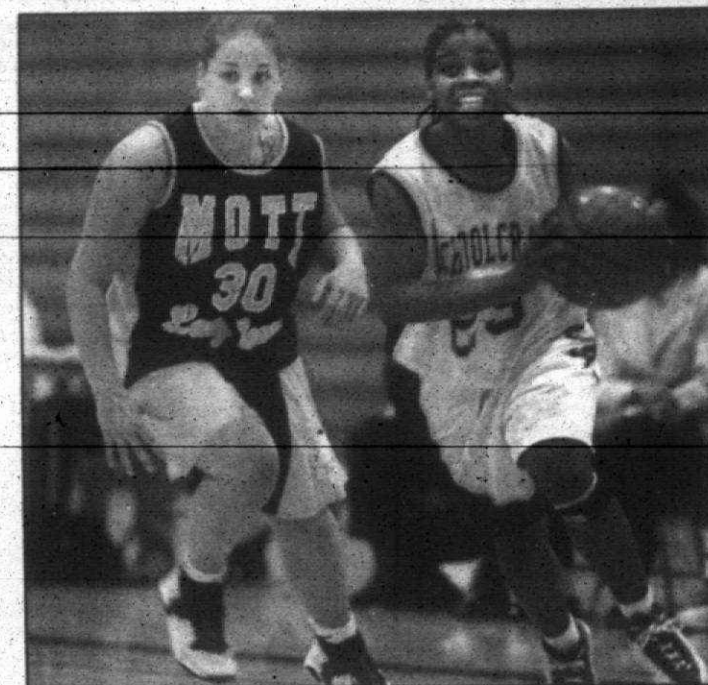
Her performance, combined with the 16 points she scored in an 81-70 victory over Indiana Tech, earned Dietrich WHAC player of the week honors. She averaged 17.5 points, five rebounds and 3.5 steals in the two triumphs.

Michelle Miela scored 13 points and Lori Enfield added eight for Madonna.

The Cougars got 16 points from Andrea VanderHorst and 14 from Portia Heilly.

Spring Arbor outrebounded Madonna, 38-33, and outshot the Crusaders from the floor, making 23-of-50 (46 percent) to their 20-of-57 (35.1 percent).

But Madonna forced 27 Cougar turnovers (while making 20) and was 7-of-20 on three-pointers (35 percent) to Spring Arbor's 2-of-8 (25 percent).



**Driven:** Schoolcraft's Antone Watson heads to the basket, with Mott's Abby Hunjo in pursuit. Watson scored 11 points and had nine assists.

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that's the way the ball bounces."

With a larger than normal crowd in the Schoolcraft gym, the fans were treated to some entertaining and intense action on both ends.

The game played as advertised. "People who paid three dollars got a steal. They were treated to some quality basketball."

Mott led 19-12 midway the opening half, but the Ocelots scored eight points in a row just before intermission to take a 43-35 advantage.

"We kept changing our defense from a 2-3, to a 1-3-1 and a man-to-man," Briggs said. "We knew they like to slash and get to the basket. We wanted to keep them off-balance, especially at the beginning of the game. Then we'd go into a zone later in the game."

The Bears pulled even at 49-all in the second half only to have Schoolcraft answer with a 20-10 run to go up 69-59 with just under 10 minutes to play.

Mott, stepping up its man-to-man defensive pressure, forged ahead 72-70 with just under to three minutes to go on a hoop by Gary Solomon.

Second-year forward Lamar Bigby (15 points) answered with a short banker to tie the game at 72-72. Freshman Mike Williams then hit a pair of free throws with 1:15 remaining to knot the score again, 74-all, setting up Brown's heroics.

"We just gave up too many second and third shots," Schmidt said. "Defensive rebounding hurt us."

But Schoolcraft did a lot of things that forced us to play tentative. In the first half we were out-competed, but in the second half we competed and I was proud of the way our guys hung in there."

The Schoolcraft-Mott game has become a rivalry of sorts. Mott won both regular season meetings en route to conference title last season. But SC turned the tables on Mott in the MCCA playoff championship, capturing its first-ever state crown.

"It's always a rivalry when you have two of the best areas of talent in the state — Detroit and Flint — competing against each other and now it's been taken to the JUCO level," Schmidt said. "This year our conference is probably not as strong as it has been from top-to-bottom, but it's great that Schoolcraft has become so competitive. I'd say right now they're in the driver's seat."

Briggs, who drew a technical foul with just over five minutes to go, was glad to get out of his own gym with a win.

"Mott never quit," he said. "They play hard for 40 minutes. They shoot the ball and go get it."

"I think our trip to Southern Idaho (a three-game tourney over Thanksgiving) really helped us prepare for a game like this."

Dwight Windom and Mike Williams came off the bench to combine for 16 points — eight each. Point guards Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial) and Reggie Kirkland combined for only one point, but they kept the Schoolcraft offense running smoothly throughout the night.

"Dwight and Williams gave us the spurt we needed off the bench," Briggs said. "And Reggie and Brian did a good job under pressure. They didn't turn it over down the stretch."

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Liggett at Clareville, 7 p.m.  
Luth. North at Luth. W. 7 p.m.  
Garden City at Woodhaven, 7 p.m.  
Thurston at Carlson, 7 p.m.

Redford Union at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Western at Harrison, 7 p.m.  
Farmington at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.  
Salem at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Northville at Canton, 7 p.m.  
N. Farmington at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Temple Christian at Agape, 7 p.m.  
DetaSale at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.  
Notre Dame at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Agatha at St. Florian, 7:30 p.m.  
Ply. Christian at Roeper, 7:30 p.m.

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Jan. 20  
Huron Valley vs. Warren Zee  
at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.

Borgess at Det. DePores, 6 p.m.  
Clareville at Luth. East, 6:30 p.m.  
Notre Dame at Mercy, 6:30 p.m.  
Riv. Richard at Ladywood, 7 p.m.  
Benedictine at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.  
Southfield Christian at PCA, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 21  
Temple Christian at Agape, 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 22  
East Kentwood Tourney, 8 a.m.  
Saginaw Valley Tourney, 8:30 a.m.  
Clarkston Tournament, 9 a.m.

## ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Jan. 21  
Ply. Whalers at S.S. Marie, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 22  
Ply. Whalers vs. Owen Sound  
at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

## PREP HOCKEY

Thursday, Jan. 20  
Redford Unified at Allen Pk., 8 p.m.

## Friday, Jan. 21

Canton vs. Northville  
at Novi Ice Arena, 6 p.m.  
Salem vs. Churchill  
at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.  
Redford CC at F. Kentwood, 7:30 p.m.

Franklin vs. Farmington  
at Fern. Hills Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
Stevenson vs. W.L. Western  
at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.

## Saturday, Jan. 22

Crestwood vs. Redford Unified  
at Redford Ice Arena, 1 p.m.  
Farmington vs. Canton  
at Ply. Cultural Center, 1 p.m.  
Ladywood vs. W.L. Western  
at Fraser Arena, 6:20 p.m.

## MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 22  
Aquinas at Madonna, 3 p.m.  
Delta College at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

## WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 22  
Madonna at Aquinas, 1 p.m.  
Delta CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

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thing, so I hope it's behind us. We needed a game like this because we were able to relax and have fun in the second half. It was also nice because everybody got a chance to play."

PCA's scoring ledger was balanced. Senior Derric Isensee and Mike Huntsman each netted 18 points while junior David Carty chipped in with 16. Isensee, a third-team All-State selection last year, also contributed 12 rebounds, five assists, four steals and two blocked shots.

Agape's usually potent guard combination of Julian Wettlin (13 points) and Paul Anleitner (19 points) combined for almost two-thirds of their team's points. However, the duo suffered through a rough shooting night, connecting on just 13 of the 48 shots they fired up.

PCA's ball-hawking guards — James Bauslaugh, Carty and Kurt Slagenwhite — deserve most of the credit for Wettlin's and Anleitner's troubles. It was

a rare site to see an Agape player take a shot without a hand positioned strategically in his face.

"I was very pleased with our defense tonight," Taylor said. "Our half-court trap looked good and we played zone a lot for the first time this season."

Agape shot just 29 percent (22-of-74) from the floor and 25 percent (2-of-8) from the free-throw line. The Wolverines also turned the ball over 22 times.

The taller, quicker Eagles took advantage of several uncontested lay-up opportunities and hit 52 percent of their shots (34-of-65). PCA hit only 7-of-14 free throws, but it didn't matter.

PCA established its inside game early and ran out to an 18-11 first-quarter lead behind Huntsman's eight points.

Anleitner's came out and buried two long three-point shots to start the second quarter, cutting the Wolverines' deficit to 20-17. But the Eagles closed out the

quarter with a momentum-grabbing 13-3 run to put the game away.

PCA's largest lead — 67-35 — came at the 5:30 mark of the fourth quarter when Huntsman tipped in a missed shot.

Just over a minute later, Carty brought the fans to their feet when he went high to grab and lay in a back-door, alley-oop pass from Isensee.

The taller Eagles out-rebounded Agape, 41-32. Huntsman nabbed 11 missed shots.

Nathaniel Jones paced the Wolverines' rebounding effort with seven boards. He also had eight points and a blocked shot.

Things weren't all rosy for PCA in the second half. During a time-out with 1:46 left in the game, its mascot — a giant eagle — bruised its beak when it leaned against a wheeled basketball cart and slid to the court. The eagle is listed as "probable" for Friday night's game at Bloomfield Hills Roeper.

## Gymnastics from page C1

ninth in floor (8.55); and Bennington, 10th in the bars (8.0).

Schilk turned in a solid meet as well, scoring 8.25 in beam, 8.15 in vault, 7.95 in floor and 7.4 in bars for a 31.75 all-around.

The Chiefs travel to the Holland Invitational Saturday.

## Salem, Farmington tie

How often does this happen? The answer: not very.

Plymouth Salem's gymnastics team traveled to take on the Farmington United team Monday, and after a full

evening of competition — nothing was decided.

Final score: Salem 132.35, Farmington 132.35.

The tie left the Rocks with a 2-0-1 record in Western Lakes Activities Association dual meets. It also left them with a problem, albeit a good one.

As Salem coach Melissa Hopson put it, "I was proud of our score. I was hoping we could reach 132 by season's end — now we'll have to change our goal for the season."

Bethany Bartlett, a freshman, paced the Rocks' effort by winning two events

and compiling the top all-around score. Bartlett won the balance beam (9.15) and vault (8.95), tied for second in the uneven parallel bars with teammate April Aquinto (8.6), and finished third in the floor exercise (9.15). Her 35.85 all-around total was best in the meet.

Aquinto wasn't far behind. She tied for first in the floor exercise (9.2), tied Bartlett in the bars, and placed third in the vault (8.4) and beam (8.9). She had a 35.1 all-around total.

Other solid scores for the Rocks against Farmington: Kelsey Ensor,

sixth in the floor at 8.0 and tied for sixth in beam at 7.65; Kara Dendrinos, 7.9 in floor and 7.8 in vault; Ashley Heard, 7.75 in bars and 7.65 in beam (tied for sixth); AnnMarie Zelinsky, 7.85 in vault; and Cammi Carnes, 7.7 in vault.

"We looked out there," said Hopson. "Our routines were cleaner. Bars is still our weakest event. We've been hitting our beams, which I'm proud of."

As for the tie, Hopson could only say, "Well, I guess it's better than a loss." Last Saturday, Salem was led by

Bartlett and Aquinto at the Rockford Invitational in scoring 129.00 to finish ninth.

Bartlett, competing in Division I, placed in the top six in two events: she was fourth in bars (9.2) and fifth in beam (8.95). She also scored 8.25 in floor and 8.55 in vault, posting a 34.85 all-around.

Aquinto, competing in Division II, won the floor with an 8.8. She was second in beam (8.95) and scored 8.15 in vault and 7.8 in bars; her 33.7 all-around was sixth.

## HOCKEY

## CC's victory over Trenton solidifies spot

Any doubts that Redford Catholic Central is a threat to win the state high school hockey championship yet one more time were dispelled by Trenton.

Actually, it wasn't what Trenton did, it was what the Trojans didn't do — they didn't beat the Shamrocks.

The top-rated Shamrocks topped the No. 3 ranked Trojans, 4-2, Saturday night at Redford Ice Arena to improve to 9-1 and hand Trenton its first loss in 12 games this season.

"They were ranked third in state and were undefeated," Catholic Central coach Gordie St. John said. "Fortunately, we're ranked first."

"Which, when you look at it, doesn't mean a whole lot. The game was hyped a lot."

St. John didn't mind the hype. Just like he didn't mind the full house at Redford Ice Arena, where fans were lined up shortly after 5 p.m. to buy tickets for the 8 p.m. start time.

"The place was jammed," St. John said. "You couldn't get in. It was a huge crowd. I'd like to have about 10 of those a year."

Catholic Central swept to a 4-0 lead with a pair of goals in the first period then two more in the second before Trenton got on the scoreboard. The Trojans scored their other goal with seven seconds left to play in the contest.

"It's always nice to beat 'em when they're ranked," said St. John, who hasn't been on the short end many times in the past few seasons. "It was nice to get away with a win."

"We play them at their barn Feb. 9."

The Shamrocks started a play in their own end to get their first goal. Dave Moss dropped a pass back to defenseman Ryan Yost and he buried the puck into the upper corner of the net. Joe Moreau also assisted on the play.

Brandon Kaleniecki made it 2-0 later in the period. He scored off a 2-on-1 break, taking a pass near the post from Brian Williams and converting it into a goal.

Kaleniecki notched his second goal of the game, taking a pass from Mike Ratigan behind net in the second period and just rapping it home.

Ratigan rounded out the Catholic Central scoring with an unassisted goal later in the second period. He picked off a turnover in the Trenton defensive zone, skated around in front of the net ripped in a high shot on the left side.

"It was a hard-fought game," St. John said. "Both teams skated well and both had their opportunities. We outshot them by a few shots, 32-27 or something like that."

Redford CC has a pair of games this weekend, traveling to East Kentwood on Friday night, then returning to Plymouth's Arctic Pond to play the AAA Ice Dogs at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

Churchill 12, W.L. Western 4: Junior Defenseman Nathan Jakubowski had one goal and six assists Saturday as WLAA Western Division leader Liponia Churchill (8-4-1, 8-1) cruised past host Walled Lake Western (3-9-3, 3-4-1) at Lakeland Ice Arena.

The Chargers scored four short-handed goals in the win.

Other offensive standouts for Churchill included Adam Krug, two goals and two assists; Tom Sherman, two goals and one assist; Adam Jakubowski, two goals; Jason Turri and Mike Andes, one goal and one assist each; Sean Szostak and Adam

Derek Martin and Brian Grant also scored for Churchill, while Jeff Andes contributed an assist.

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## PREP WRESTLING

# Canton perfect in dual-meet tournament

On the big guys shoulders goes the credit. Or the blame.

That was the message Plymouth Canton wrestling coach John Demsick was trying to deliver. Dual meets begin with the smaller weight classes; when the outcome is on the line, the bigger guys are up.

For the most part, the Chiefs' upper weight wrestlers have

come through this year. Last Saturday at the Ypsilanti Lincoln Invitational, they didn't have to.

In the dual-meet style tournament, Canton came away with five dual victories, thanks in great part to the start provided in each by the guys Demsick called his "five little Indians."

The Chiefs beat Ypsilanti 54-

24; Willow Run 72-12; New Boston Huron 49-24; Carleton Airport 48-21; and host Ypsi Lincoln 48-18. The five wins boosted Canton's overall dual-meet mark to 10-1.

"If you start a meet being up by 24 or 30 points like we did after our lightweights got through, then you get on a roll and it's near impossible for the

other team to change the direction," said

Demsick. "Some of the teams we wrestled had some state qualifiers, but they just couldn't come back from the setback our lightweights gave them."

"Often in dual meets it comes down to the heavyweights. They take all the pressure and the team wins or loses based on how

they fare. It was great of our 'five little Indians' to take that pressure off of them for once."

"Those little guys really performed well. If they hadn't given us that start, it may have come out differently."

Kyle Pitt (103-pound weight division), Brad Kreger (112), Doy Demsick (119), Chris Hosey (125) and Greg Musser (130)

each won all five of their matches in the tournament.

The Chiefs return to Western Lakes Activities Association action at 6:30 p.m. tonight when they travel to Northville. There's no tournament for them this weekend as they rest and prepare for the Observerland Invitational Jan. 29 at Livonia Churchill.

## RANKINGS

### OBSERVERLAND MAT RANKINGS

**TEAM:** 1. Redford Catholic Central; 2. Plymouth Salem; 3. Plymouth Canton; 4. Livonia Stevenson; 5. Garden City.

### INDIVIDUAL WEIGHT CLASSES

**103 pounds:** 1. Kyle Pitt (Canton); 2. Kyle Malo (Churchill); 3. Scott Massey (GC); 4. Harry Leipitz (North Farmington); 5. Scott Gothe (Salem).

**112:** 1. Josh Gunterman (Livonia Stevenson); 2. Chris O'Hara (Redford CC); 3. Dan Tondreau (Livonia Clarenceville); 4. Chris Smith (Westland John Glenn); 5. Steve Lenhardt (Livonia Churchill).

**119:** 1. Ron Thompson (Plymouth Salem); 2. Pat Sayn (GC); 3. Jon Simmons (Farmington); 4. David Teets (John Glenn); 5. Bill Bullock (Stevenson).

**125:** 1. Rob Ash (Plymouth Salem); 2. Jon Gregg (Wayne Memorial); 3. Vinnie Zoccoli (Garden City); 4. Chris Hosey (Canton).

**130:** 1. Jeff Albrecht (John Glenn); 2. Jesse Stevens (RU); 3. Brian Marsh (Wayne); 4. Brian Reed (GC); 5. Greg Musser (Canton).

**135:** 1. Jeff Wheeler (Redford CC); 2. Steve Dendinos (Salem); 3. Brandon Templeton (GC); 4. Allen Waddell (John Glenn); 5. Jeff Murphy (Lutheran Westland).

**140:** 1. Jon Pocock (Canton); 2. Josh Henderson (Salem); 3. Josh Fee (Garden City); 4. Jay Abshire (Redford CC); 5. Trevor Clark (N. Farmington).

**145:** 1. Jeff Usher (Redford Thurston); 2. Steve Abar (Churchill); 3. Chris Cooperider (Stevenson); 4. Matt Barker (John Glenn); 5. Sean Bell (Redford CC).

**152:** 1. Mike Carter (Churchill); 2. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson); 3. Chris Wolfgang (John Glenn); 4. Mark Ostach (Farmington); 5. Scott McKee (Canton).

**160:** 1. Ryan Rogowski (Redford CC); 2. Mike Falzon (Stevenson); 3. Eric Toska (Franklin); 4. Eric Kelley (RU); 5. Brian Jones (Churchill).

**171:** 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford CC); 2. John MacFarland (Stevenson); 3. Ben Lukas (Farmington); 4. Craig Medos (GC); 5. James Molnar (Lutheran Westland).

**189:** 1. Kalen McPherson (Clarenceville); 2. Eric Puninske (Stevenson); 3. Dave Popeney (Salem); 4. Matt Conlan (Redford CC); 5. Phil Rothwell (Canton).

**215:** 1. Ollie Muscarella (RU); 2. Kyle Domagalski (Farmington); 3. Ozzi Wagner (Canton); 4. Steve Rotenheber (Clarenceville); 5. Tom Vandeboosche (Churchill).

**Heavyweight:** 1. Josh Rose (Clarenceville); 2. Aaron Parr (Redford CC); 3. Brian Brinsden (Farmington); 4. Derek McWatt (Canton); 5. Brad Tinney (GC).

**Note:** The weekly Observerland wrestling rankings are compiled by a panel of four coaches including Bob Moreau (Stevenson), Marty Altunian (Churchill), Jim Carlin (RU) and Dave Chiola (GC).

## Spartans stall against Pats; Glenn tumbles

Livonia Franklin beat rival Livonia Stevenson for the second time in five days with a 50-43 boys basketball win Tuesday.

Franklin, coming off a 54-48 overtime homecourt win Friday over the Spartans, improved to 3-5 overall. The loss drops Stevenson to 3-6.

The third quarter was the difference as Franklin outscored the Spartans, 16-5, after trailing 27-23 at intermission.

Joe Ruggiero, a junior forward, led the victorious Patriots with a game-high 18 points. Tim Borrie contributed eight.

Ryan Drolet and John Van Buren scored 15 and 11, respectively, for host Stevenson.

**Howell 59, John Glenn 51:** Andy Gerkin and Eric Walters got 16 points apiece Tuesday as Howell (4-6 overall) came away with the non-league win at Westland John Glenn (2-6).

Eric Jones led Glenn in scoring with 17 points. Brent Bogle added 11.

Tom Murray added 10 for Howell, which outscored Glenn 19-12 in the decisive final quarter.

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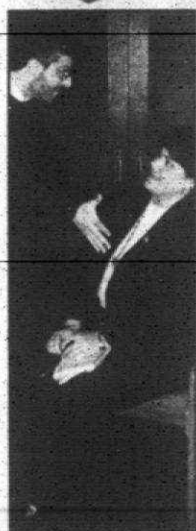
Academy Award winner Susan Sarandon (left) and John Cusack, star in "Cradle Will Rock," opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters. Based on true events, the film focuses on a group of artists who are determined to mount a musical at the WPA Theatre despite overwhelming odds.

### SATURDAY



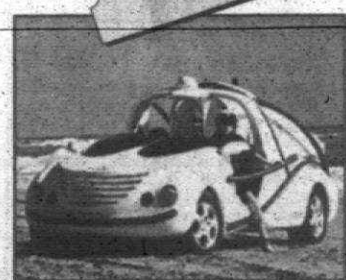
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### SUNDAY



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# Arlo Guthrie

spins tales at folk festival

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Arlo Guthrie modestly declines all the credit for his ability to spin spellbinding stories. Guthrie is one of the featured performers at the Ann Arbor Folk Festival Saturday, Jan. 29, in Hill Auditorium.

Even though he grew up surrounded by folk legends such as his father Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger, Arlo Guthrie was able to write the anti-war anthem, "Alice's Restaurant Massacre," not because of some inborn genius but because it happened to him. Maybe that's why the 18-minute song about a fellow, dismissed from the draft and subsequently from killing women and children in Vietnam, remains as popular with the younger crowd as with those who grew up during the late 60's and early 70's. His clever lyrics may sometimes border

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**WHEN:** 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29.

**WHERE:** Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor.

**TICKETS:** \$30, \$25, Call (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666.

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Anything you want: Arlo Guthrie is one of the headliners at the Ann Arbor Folk Festival.

## Local musicians support folk festival

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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Talk about irony.

Matt Watroba stands before students at Plymouth Canton High School, now teaching in the classroom where he once came to learn.

Watroba is perhaps better known as host and producer of "Folks Like Us" on WDET-FM. As an English teacher at the high school, he educates students on subjects such as English, literature and theater. During his days at Plymouth Canton in that very classroom, he discovered something which would become his life's passion: Watroba was introduced to folk music.

In ninth grade his English teacher played a record by Tom Paxton. "Something about that record really spoke to me," he said. "It just started the whole ball rolling." By 10th grade, Watroba began frequenting The Ark coffeehouse in Ann Arbor, and his interest in folk music grew. He wanted to learn all he could about the genre. That expertise lead to his



See folks like them: Matt Watroba and Robert Jones will emcee and perform at the Ann Arbor Folk Festival Saturday, Jan. 29 at The Ark.

own radio show, which has endured 13 years.

Watroba, along with well-known Detroit bluesman Robert Jones, will perform at and emcee the 23rd annual Ann Arbor Folk Festival Saturday, Jan. 29 at The Ark. "I don't know if I'd do it by myself," said Watroba.

The two met 13 years ago at the radio station. They host back-to-back Saturday programs. Jones, who hosts the award-winning "Blues from the Lowlands," is a

self-taught musician with a love for listening to and performing traditional blues and spiritual music.

"It's a real honor," said Jones, a Detroit resident. "By no means do you often get an opportunity to be part of this program. We're all looking forward to it."

The Ann Arbor Folk Festival is a major fund-raiser for The Ark, a club that Jones refers to as a

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## Community bands present joint concert

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The Farmington Community Band and Birmingham Concert Band are getting together Sunday to present a joint concert at Birmingham Groves High School.

Each band will play for a half hour, before joining together as a mass band for a finale under the direction of Douglas Bianchi, director of bands at Wayne State University.

There is no charge for the concert, but donations will be welcomed and appreciated to help pay concert costs.

Paul Barber, conductor and founder of the Farmington Concert Band, and Grant Hoemke, conductor of the Birmingham Concert Band, have selected a variety of music from swing to classics and marches.

For the past 18 years the bands have looked forward to hearing each other play and renewing friendships at the Festival of Bands, formerly held at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

When the festival was discontinued last year, there were a lot of sorry people in both bands.

"Folks missed it," said Paul Barber, founder and conductor of the Farmington Community Band. "Last summer we called each other to discuss the possibility of a joint concert," said Grant Hoemke, conductor of the Birmingham Concert Band.

They both work for the Farmington Public Schools. Barber is music coordinator for the school system, and Hoemke an instrumental elementary music instructor. Together they developed a plan to hold one joint concert a year, one year in Birmingham, the other in Farmington.

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### Two for One

**WHAT:** The Farmington Community Band joins the Birmingham Concert Band in a special concert.

**WHEN:** 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, Groves High School Auditorium, 20500 W. 13 Mile Road, Birmingham

**ADMISSION:** No charge, but donations will be appreciated. For more information, call (734) 261-2202.

Web sites: Farmington Community Band, [www.fcmband.org](http://www.fcmband.org); Birmingham Concert Band, [www.birminghamconcertband.org](http://www.birminghamconcertband.org)

### Special event:

■ Valentine Dinner Dance, featuring the Farmington Community Band Jazz/Dance Band - Friday, Feb. 11, at Glen Oaks Country Club, Farmington Hills. Cash bar cocktail hour begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by buffet dinner at 7:30 p.m. and dancing until midnight. Tickets available by reservation only. Individually or in tables of eight. Call (734) 261-2202 for reservations/information.

### To join the band:

■ Farmington Community Band members range in age from 13-78. There are some high school members, but it's primarily adults. You don't have to audition to join. They rehearse 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Monday at Farmington High School. Call (248) 489-3412 for more information about the band, or visit the Web site.

■ Birmingham Concert Band members range in age from early 20s to their early 80s. No audition is required to join. The band rehearses 7:30-9:45 p.m. on Wednesday at Groves High School in Birmingham. For more information, call (248) 474-4997, or visit the Web site.

## FAMILY FUN

# Dancer's days are sunny on Sesame Street

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Sesame Street is a sunny place because of people like Gretchen Wolfanger.

"There's nothing worthier than performing for children. They're wonderful and adorable and like to be entertained," said Wolfanger who portrays the Count in Sesame Street Live's "When I Grow Up," now playing at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

As the curtain rises, Prairie Dawn gets her friends together to stage a pageant about growing up.

In "When I Grow Up," which first opened on Sept. 17, 1980, the Sesame Street Live puppet friends show the audience what they want to be when they grow up.

Telly Monster becomes a baseball player, Oscar a ballet star, and poor Elmo can't make up his mind.

Like many little girls, Wolfanger dreamed of becoming a ballerina when she grew up. Traveling with "When I

### Sesame Street Live

**WHAT:** "When I Grow Up"

**WHERE:** The Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit

**WHEN:** Through Sunday, Jan. 30. Performance times vary, call (313) 983-6611 for information, or on The Internet at [www.olympiaentertainment.com](http://www.olympiaentertainment.com)

**TICKETS:** \$25, \$16, \$14 and \$10, available at the box office and all Ticketmaster locations. Call (248) 433-1515 to charge tickets.

"Grow Up," a musical extravaganza with all the wows of a Broadway show, is the next best thing.

She auditioned for the show after graduating from Hope College in Holland, Mich., where she studied dance. Wolfanger joined the tour in February of 1999.

"I wanted to dance and travel," she said. "It's a good job. It's like a Broadway musical, the dancing's the same caliber. I'm 24 - you have to start somewhere."

When she puts on her costume, which weighs about 30 pounds, the 5-foot 8-inch Wolfanger grows to over six feet tall. "I'm playing a character that the audience knows and loves," she said. "The Count is 1.8 million years old. He helps the other characters decide what they want to be. We sing and dance about it. The moral is to try all things to decide what you want to be."

### Costume

Performing in costume is not easy. "I wear a size 8 shoe," said Wolfanger. "The Count is a man's size 18. Picture being in a clown costume or a snowmobile suit. The biggest challenge is that I can't change the Count's face, or make his mouth move. You have to find ways to express what you're saying."

Even though you can't see her face, Wolfanger assures, "I'm still smiling in there."

She describes "When I Grow Up" as a family show that adults and grandparents will enjoy as much as kids. The

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**Careers:** Join Big Bird, Ernie and all your Sesame Street friends as they try to figure out what they want to be in Sesame Street Live's musical stage presentation "When I Grow Up."

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on the ridiculous but always contain a glint of truth. Guthrie's sense of humor, political satire and wry delivery make him a storyteller for all time.

"A lot of it is just repeating, like the blind judge who walks in with his seeing-eye dog or officer Obie," said Guthrie. "But maybe it was exaggerated a little with the 27 8-by-10 color glossy photographs (with circles and arrows and a paragraph on the back of each one). They were really black-and-white. Of course as it went on with the real officer Obie and the blind judge, it gets even more ridiculous. Truth is stranger than fiction sometimes."

Guthrie is as witty today as in the lyrics for "Coming Into Los Angeles," "The Motorcycle Song" and "The Pause of Mr. Claus (the FBI song)." Asked how his music has changed over the years, Guthrie replies, "It's gotten better. Anybody who does the same thing for 40 years has to get better."

Guthrie left Warner Brothers after 15 years to start his own company, Rising Son Records, in 1986. He spends 10 months a year on the road with son Abe, 30, and daughter Sarah, 20, joining him on stage.

"I didn't encourage or discourage," he said. "Abe started

playing at a young age on his own and started bothering me to show him stuff. Sarah only became interested three or four years ago because she was hanging around with people who were playing acoustic music. All four of my kids know how to play something, though not all of them pursued it but have gone on to do something else."

### Next stop

Proceeds from his performance at the Ann Arbor Folk Festival will benefit The Ark in Ann Arbor, one of Guthrie's favorite stops whenever he's in the Detroit area. Guthrie began coming to the Ark in the late 60s when the venue was too small for him to play. "Alice's Restaurant" put Guthrie in the big time. It was not until the late 70s that the places he played became "smaller and smaller."

"I may have not always been famous, but I've continuously been on the road since the '60s," said Guthrie, who in 1995 published a children's book, "Moose Come walking," with Alice Brock (Alice of Alice's Restaurant).

Underneath the humor is a man who cares as much about the suffering of other human beings as he did in those early days of marches and demonstra-

tions for civil rights and the end of the Vietnam War. It was a lesson Guthrie learned as a child. His mother, Marjorie, and father, Woody, who was in the hospital from the time Ark was 7 until he died from Huntington's disease 13 years later, instilled a sense of responsibility.

"I was brought up that way," said Guthrie. "Mom and dad were two for whom singing was not enough. You also had to do something and you had to speak up about something. My mother's family was wiped out in the Holocaust, and dad had his problems with Wall Street. Their history led them to believe you have to say something and do something... not just be sensitive to people's lives but participate in them."

Guthrie continues to stand up and be counted through the center and foundation housed in the Old Trinity Church, the "scene of the crime" in "Alice's Restaurant." His Guthrie Foundation was recently instrumental in taking the AIDS quilt to Cape Town, South Africa. The Guthrie Center, a nonprofit interfaith church foundation named for his father, offers art and music programs for children recovering from abuse, supports people with HIV/AIDS and provides a vari-

ety of community services.

The re-release in 1995 of an updated version of "Alice's Restaurant" spreads Guthrie's anti-war messages to a new generation. And in between touring and working with the center, Guthrie tries to keep his fingers on the pulse of the folk music scene.

"Folk music today has branched out into a whole industry. But for me folk's always been the music you've learned from other people — by ear or written down. When I grew up, songs were not just for entertainment, something you'd do in the evening. It's only in the last 100 years that we've recorded music. Before that, it was passed down."

### 23rd Ann Arbor Folk Festival

Over the years, legends such as Donovan, Bonnie Raitt, Chet Atkins, Don McLean and Guthrie continued the tradition of passing on their particular style of music at the Ann Arbor Folk Festival staged by The Ark. This year David Siglin, director of The Ark, has once again scheduled acts so diverse that "if you don't like one of the acts, go out in the lobby for 15 to 20 minutes. The next act will be on. There's no time to get bored."

Her contract is up at the end of May, but Wolfanger hasn't decided her next move. "Right now I'm not sure," she said. "I love the work and I love traveling."

If you'd like to make a move to "Sesame Street" here's your chance. Sesame Street Live is holding auditions for professional performers for its national touring stage productions 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at the Fox Theatre. For more information call (612) 375-9670 (ext. 704) or send a message online at [www.sesamestreetlive.com](http://www.sesamestreetlive.com).

Violinist Elana Freerman grew up playing classical violin, but listeners would never guess by the fiddlin' she does on "Joe Bob Rag," "Wildcat" and "Draggin' the Bow."

"Some people call it retro. What I call it is hot jazz and

western swing," said Freerman. "I like it because it's happy music. It's dance music, so anyone can go and participate. It's not antiquated or a museum piece. It has to do with Americana heritage. The music from the '20s and '30s is everybody's heritage."

Freeman will be joined on stage by Whit Smith, guitar and vocals, and upright bass player Matt Weiner, formerly of The Flying Neutrons.

### Tradition at The Ark

The Ark celebrates its 35th anniversary in 2000. Founded as a coffee house by four churches, this Ann Arbor institution began by showcasing local bands playing traditional folk and grassroots music. Today, musicians ranging from Leon Redbone to the RFD Boys take to the stage with a wide array of musical styles.

"With The Ark being open six nights a week, you don't present one kind of music and make money," said Siglin. "A lot of the musicians are just breaking in, and on these nights there might be only 35 to 40 people. So we present everything but straight-ahead rock. The money we make on the folk festival allows us to continue to do that."

show is geared to children ages 2 to 5, but Wolfanger says she's seen little babies in the audience, and even teens. It's one-and-a-half hours long. The first half is 45 minutes, and the second half 30 minutes with a 15-minute intermission.

"There's a lot of music in the show, and adults will recognize some of the songs, too. The show is very bright, there's a lot of light, it's a fun show to look at. My sister is 26 years old and enjoyed it. It's very interactive, the audience is encouraged to stomp their feet and clap their hands."

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"national treasure" and Watroba calls it "the most important club in his life."

"It's the perfect event for WDET," said Watroba. "The lineup reflects the kind of stuff we play. It's brilliantly booked." The music is planned to attract folk fans young and old, and may even win over some new fans.

Watroba, the father of four, uses his music as a teaching tool. "We talk about the history of music in my class. I use music to teach the humanities." One of his goals in the classroom is to help

students open their minds to all styles of music and art.

It's that same mindset that serves him well on the air. Folk music, particularly, appeals to Watroba because it touches people's emotions. "It's real subjects, real people and real situations," he said.

Jones loves the immediacy that folk music and traditional blues music have to offer. "You don't need to round up a band in order to play," said Jones. "Early traditional blues or black folk music came from people creating

a story and sharing it with others. As a result of that, the songs also represent in pure form what people had on their minds."

He compared the direct quality found in folk and blues and more-polished music with the difference between drawing and painting. "A painting is a finished product. It's polished. A drawing sort of has these lines that show where the artist was going."

Watroba also believes in keeping the folk tradition alive. "It's a shared community event. I hope

when someone hears one of my (live) shows, they feel like their part of it."

Watroba and Jones invite listeners to be part of the festival experience. "Support the arts and have a great time," said Jones. "There's nothing like live music."

Both can be heard on 101.9 WDET-FM. Robert Jones hosts "Blues from the Lowlands" 10 a.m. to noon. Matt Watroba hosts "Folks Like Us" noon to 3 p.m. Saturday.

# 'Art' shows beauty lies in eye of beholder

**Directed by Matthew Warchus with sophisticated lighting by Hugh Vanstone and jazzy musical transitions by Gary Yershon, "Art" is a 90-minute montage of masculine emotions and motives.**

"Art" continues 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. Charge by phone at (248) 645-6666 or call (313) 872-1000 for information.

BY JON KATZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

Are you the type of person who would buy something because it's in vogue, even at a cost as ridiculous as the item itself? Are you someone who would tell that person what you really think of it? Or are you the peacemaker, always in the middle?

If you fit in there somewhere, you're likely to like "Art." The one-act intermission-less comedy/drama has been translated into some 30 languages and honored around the world. Winner of the 1998 Tony Award for Best Play, "Art" is not about art at all, but about the art of friendship. And like most friendships, it's

not always a pretty picture.

For three middle-aged American men living in Paris, their 15-year camaraderie is put to the test when recently divorced dermatologist Serge (Cotter Smith) buys a 4x5 foot white canvas with barely perceptible white lines and nothing else. Oh yes — he paid 200,000 francs (\$40,000) for it.

His older friend Marc (Judd "Taxi" Hirsch) takes one look and calls it something we can't print but can't help agreeing with either. In comes meek, chunky Yvan (Jack Willis) to mediate, but in doing so causes the emerging rift to grow even wider.

Yvan accepts the avant-garde work "as long as it's not doing harm to anyone else." "It's harming ME!" replies Marc, and

indeed it is, as it threatens to come between them as surely as Yoko broke up the Beatles.

Marc's jealousy towards the canvas by fictional artist Antrios is as curious as Serge's obsession with it, and maybe more understandable. "It's not just an Antrios," Serge boasts, "it's a 70s Antrios." "Are you having it framed?" Marc asks innocently. "No," Serge explains as if teaching a foreign language, "you mustn't interrupt it."

French author/actress Yasmina Reza gets inside these guys and turns them inside out. They are, then, her own pieces of art to admire or scorn but not ignore.

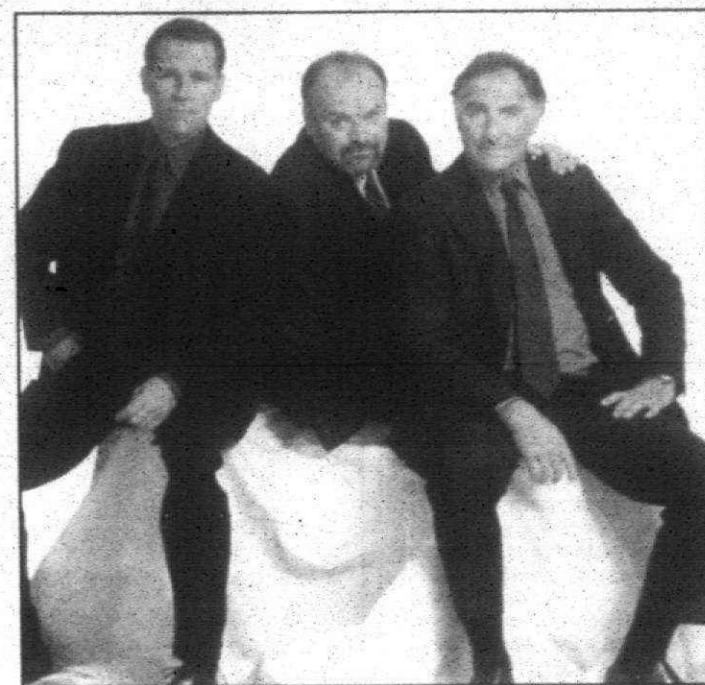
So what is "Art," comedy or drama? Fortunately and very creatively, it's both. Willis (cur-

rently appearing on screen in "The Talented Mr. Ripley") gets a gem of a monologue, ranting about his impending wedding and the in-laws and the invitations and why-me-I-hate-my-new-job-I-hate-my-life. It's a hoot.

Hirsch is as welcome as a favorite uncle, and from him even the swearing is almost G-rated. His Marc is a pompous horse's behind, but as a friend, is he worth losing over this piece of art?

Cotter Smith (TV's "Equal Justice") blends perfectly with Hirsch and Willis; when he picks up the painting and stalks out of the room, it's like he's defending his child from the school bullies.

Directed by Matthew Warchus with sophisticated lighting by Hugh Vanstone and jazzy musical transitions by Gary Yershon, "Art" is a 90-minute montage of masculine emotions and motives. For most, it will be like looking at a painting. For some, it will be more like a mirror. It seems that like beauty, "Art" is also in the eye of the beholder.



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

## Dodworth Saxhorn Band sounds like summertime

Okay, it's late January. We've finally accepted the fact that there is going to be a winter, even though your neighbor just stopped mowing his lawn two weeks ago.

So, you know the drill. There's a ground hog named Phil.

There are boat shows and garden shows, suggestions that you'll simply collapse without a tropical getaway and dozens of other reminders that most of us do not like this season.

Who am I to buck the tide? The winter blues are no match for the Dodworth Saxhorn Band, which produces a sound synonymous with summer. When filmmaker Ken Burns was selecting music for his PBS series, "Baseball," he turned to the Dodworth Saxhorn Band to supply three of the nine innings. There is something about 19th century brass band music that celebrates

America, our past, and summer.

The Michigan-based band has also performed at the White House for an "Afternoon of Baseball" event, The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, and The Calumet Theatre. On the next edition of Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, airing at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, the band performs a rousing tribute to Claudio Grallula, a master composer of this distinctive music who preceded John Philip Sousa.

Visitors to Tiger Stadium in the 1930s were treated to a work of art that serves as a spot in Detroit baseball history. You may recall the metal sculpture of a tiger that resided on Trumbull Avenue during that period, which served as a tribute to the 1968 World Series Champions. It was later displayed at the Detroit Zoo. Until I saw a segment produced by Todd Hastings on BACKSTAGE PASS, I was unaware of the amazing story of Don Thibodeaux, an auto shop owner and boxing trainer who has created stunning representations of sports-related figures out

of chrome bumpers and other car parts for the past three decades.

### Local treasure

"He's one of our local treasures, a pure Detroit artist who uses Motor City relics to create his sculptures," says Hastings. "Don is an incredible talent who is somewhat unheralded, even though many have marveled at his work, such as the sculpture of Muhammad Ali that is exhibited in the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History."

Now, it finally seems that Don is getting his due. The Johanson Charles Gallery in Detroit is exhibiting a collection of his sculptures, which are also featured on the Jan. 23rd BACKSTAGE PASS.

Where is the tiger now? "It's in his backyard. I'm sure Don's a bit attached to it because it was his first major piece, and he wants the right situation to come along before he parts with it," says Hastings.

Isn't there a new baseball stadium? Some of our best ideas come when we think spring.

## Bands from page E1

Barber will lead the Farmington Community Band in its opening "Olympic Fanfare," by John Williams, the theme of the 1984 Olympics. Also on the program is "Flight of Years," a brand new piece by Patrick Burns, and "Salvation is Created," by Tschernokoff, and the technically challenging "Mannin Veen," a tone poem by British composer Haydn Wood. The title of this work translates to "Dear Isle of Man," the British island in the Irish Sea where Wood spent most of his childhood.

Birmingham Concert Band's program includes "Procession of Nobles" by Rimsky-Korsakov, a medley of swing tunes by Warren Barker, and "Celebration Variations," a piece by James Curnow that the band commissioned two years ago in celebration of its 20th anniversary. They'll close their program with the "Emblem March" by Karl King.

Together, the bands will play "Festive Overture" by Shostakovich. "It flies, it's very dramatic, it's a barn burner," said Barber. They'll play "Army

of the Nile," a British march by Kenneth Alford, and close with "Eisa's Procession to the Cathedral" by Wagner.

Both Barber and Hoemke enjoy working with their bands, which are all volunteer adult musicians. Barber's wife, Fern, band director of Walnut Creek Middle School, Dard, Walled Lake Schools, is first clarinet.

"We're celebrating our 34th year," said Barber. "Making music is always fun; that's why we do it."

### EXHIBITS

#### ARTIST RECEPTION

A public reception will be held for 1992 Farmington artist-in-residence Evanthea Samia 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, at Farmington Hills City Hall. Her paintings will be on display at Farmington and Farmington Hills City Hall. (248) 473-1856.

#### ANN ARBOR ART CENTER GALLERY

"Collective Memories," work of artists Linda Soberman and Jennifer Martin through Feb. 19 at 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.

#### ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY

Through Feb. 14 - Diversity: Focus on India. 11 of M. Dearborn campus, Mardian Library, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 593-5058.

#### CASS CAFE

An exhibition of photography by Millard Berry, Ralph Rinaldi and Bill

Waters, 4620 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 831-1400.

#### JEFFREY CLAY GALLERY

The lusters of Paul Katrich. 404 East 4th Street, Royal Oak. (248) 584-2223.

#### COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY

Graduate works in Progress exhibition. 28 5400 Guilan Mall, Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2423.

#### JANICE CHARACH EPTSTEIN GALLERY

Through Jan. 27 - "The Mountain of the Lord: Scale Models of Jerusalem Temples. 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

#### ELAINE JACOB GALLERY

Through Feb. 4 - Misbehaving! Works from the studio of Sandy Skoglund. 480 W. Hancock, Detroit. (313) 993-7813.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Through Jan. 28 - Mixed media of Norma McQueen. Through Jan. 31 - Watercolor portrait of Toni Stevens. Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2490. In the Livonia City Hall Lobby, Schoolcraft College student artwork through Jan. 31. 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

#### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Through Jan. 26 - "Spirit Earth," recent watercolors of Todd Marsee. 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 416-4481.

#### JEAN PAUL BLUSSER GALLERY

Through Jan. 28 - Richard Mock: Mock of the Times. University of Michigan School of Art & Design, 2000 Bonisteel Blvd., Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0397.

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"Valley Song," through 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 Woodward Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

**GEM THEATRE**  
"Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through March 26, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

**JET THEATRE**  
"Prisoner of Second Avenue" shows dates Jan. 20-23, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, in the Aaron DeJoy Theatre, lower level of Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

**MEADOW BROOK THEATRE**  
"Dangerous Omission," continues to Sunday, Jan. 30, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$24-\$35, (\$19.50-\$24 pre-views Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 5-7). (248) 377-3300

## OPERA

**OPERA HIGHLIGHTS**  
Baritone Dino Valle and other local artists perform excerpts from "Phantom of the Opera" and other opera greats through Thursday, Jan. 20, at Gratz, 326 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 663-5555

## 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, 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. 21-22 and 27-29, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$15. student/senior/group rates available Thursday and Sunday performances. (248) 608-9077

**CLARKSON VILLAGE PLAYERS**  
"Weekend Comedy" by Jeanne and Sam Bobrick, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. \$11. (248) 625-8811

**MC ZION THEATRE**  
"The Celestial Heils and Other One-Act Plays," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 28-29 and Feb. 4-5 and 11-12, interpretation for the deaf Feb. 4, at the Mt. Zion Center for the Performing Arts, 4453 Clintonville Road, Westland. \$8 advance, \$10 at door; \$7 students/seniors/groups of 20 or more. (248) 673-5432

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

**PLOWHARES THEATRE COMPANY**  
"A Soldier's Play" opens 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 (\$10) and continues through Sunday, Feb. 27, opening night 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, thereafter 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 6 p.m. Sundays, at Detroit's Holistic Development Center, 17425 Secon Blvd. near West McNichols and Woodward. \$15-\$18. (313) 872-0279

**RIDGEADE PLAYERS**  
"Deathtrap," Jan. 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

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**STAGECRAFTERS**  
"Cinderella," through 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) 541-6132

**VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM**  
"Oliver," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 21-22, 28-29 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

**BACI THEATRE**  
"Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$25 Thursdays and Saturdays, and \$30 Fridays-Saturdays), and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 746-8668/(248) 645-6666

**FOX LAIR THEATRE**  
Presents "Murder at the Howard Johnson's," a hilarious comedy opening Saturday, Jan. 22, Saturday nights only, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner (show follows), at Fox Hills Golf Club, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. \$29.95. (734) 453-7272

**YOUTH PRODUCTIONS**  
Runs 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 23, 30 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 22, 29, Scott's Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. \$5. (313) 535-8962

**CLARKSON VILLAGE PLAYERS**  
"Jack and the Beanstalk," a musical puppet show for children, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 29-30, at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. \$5. (248) 625-8811

**JUDY & DAVID**  
perform 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29001 Middlebelt Road, north of 13 Mile, Farmington Hills. \$3. (248) 851-5100

**PUPPETRY**  
"Close the Window...or Chein's Law," 2 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 22 and 29, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. \$7. \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
**CAMPER, TRAVE & RV SHOW**  
3:30-3 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 26-28, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Pontiac Silverdome, \$6.50, \$3 children. (616) 530-1919 or [www.ShowSpan.com](http://www.ShowSpan.com)

**"CLASSICS ON THE LAKE"**  
The series continues with the CutTime Players presenting "Peter and the Wolf" narrated by former Detroit Chief of Police Isaiah McKinnon, and "Suite for Flute and Jazz Sextet," with Alexander Zoric as guest flutist, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, in the shrine chapel on the campus of St. Mary's College, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake and Commerce roads, Orchard Lake. \$15, \$10 children ages 12 and under. (248) 683-1790

**DAVID COPPERFIELD**  
"Journey of a Lifetime" Tickets on sale now for five magical performances, March 24-26, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$45. call (248) 645-6666

**"ON THE ROCKS" ICE FESTIVAL**  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, in downtown Brighton. (810) 227-5086

**SESAME STREET LIVE**  
"When I Grow Up," Jan. 19-30 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit. \$25, \$16, \$14, \$10. (248) 433-1515

**STORYTELLING FESTIVAL**  
Canton Project Arts holds its second annual storytelling festival Saturday, Jan. 22, "Storytelling Through the Ages" provides hands-on workshops and concerts for children and adults throughout the day and evening, children's show takes place 12:30 p.m. and a family concert 7:30 p.m. at the Summit on the Park Community Center, Canton. Tickets for the entire day and evening event are \$5, \$15 for a family of three or more. For advanced ticket reservations, call (734) 397-6450

**FARMINGTON PLAYERS**  
Perform John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" to benefit Capuchin Soup Kitchen 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, \$50, includes a theme dinner after the show. (248) 553-2955

**CLASSICAL**  
**BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
"Millennium Special/Four Centuries of Music," 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile and Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. \$20, \$15. (248) 645-2276

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
Pianist Stephen Kovacevich performs Brahms Piano Concerto No. 2, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 20-21, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. \$19-\$50. (313) 678-5111

**KERRY-TOWN CLASSICAL SERIES**  
Harpicordist Kenneth Cooper and pianist Gena Raps perform Ravel's "Mother Goose Suite" and selections for J.S. Bach's "Well-Tempered Klavier," 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at the concert house, 415 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or [kchc.net](http://kchc.net)

**LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
With the Madonna University Choral, Beethoven's "Symphony No. 9" and Richard Strauss' "2001 Space Odyssey," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at Chrysler High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$15, \$10 students. (734) 464-2741/(734) 424-1111

**YO-YO MA**  
The cellist performs 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$55, \$45, \$35, \$20. (734) 764-2538

**PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
"No. 10 Norel" is the annual chamber orchestra concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 7 p.m. pre-concert choral with conductor Nan Washburn, in the Plymouth Canton Little Theatre, 8415 N. Canton Center Road, \$12, \$10 seniors/college students. (734) 451-2112

**PRELUDES WEST**  
OSO musicians Greg Staples (violin), Pauline Martin (piano) perform works by Mozart, Ernest Bloch, William Kroll, and a Helfitz arrangement of the March from Prokofiev's "The Love for Three Oranges," noon Friday, Jan. 21, at Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills. \$25, \$10 children. (313) 576-5154

**FLAVIO VARANI**  
The pianist performs French and Russian compositions, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. \$15, \$10 students/seniors. (313) 882-5330

**THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA**  
**REDFORD**  
Is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Dale, across from the Township Hall in Redford.

**VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM**  
Auditions for "Sherlock Holmes" 7:30 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Jan. 23-24, at the theater, on east side of Woodward, south of Maple, Birmingham. For performances March 17 to April 1. (248) 642-5577

**VOCAL COMPETITION**  
Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan is looking for entrants for its sixth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School students. Finalists will be selected from cassette audiotape auditions of each contestant singing submitted through their respective high schools, deadline for entry is Saturday, Feb. 19. Each of the 10 finalists perform before a live audience at a concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at the Italian-American Cultural Center in Warren. (734) 455-8895

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Frank Sinatra Tribute, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through November, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

**ALTRIO SHELTON**  
The musical impressionist sings "A Motown Tribute," voices include Stevie Wonder, Sammie Davis, Jr., Redd Fox and Nat King Cole, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Ponchartrain Hotel, Washington Blvd. and Jefferson, Detroit. No cover. (313) 965-0200/(248) 354-1194

**AUDITIONS**  
**FIRST THEATRE GUILD**  
Auditions for "Pied Piper of 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 W. Maple, Birmingham. (248) 644-2087, ext. 151

**FREEDOM DANCE: XPRESSIONZ**  
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 at 229 Gratiot, Detroit. (313) 964-8497

**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

**MARQUIS THEATRE**  
Auditions for boys and girls ages 8-16 for "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. For performances March 11 to April 30. (248) 349-8110

**PARK PLAYERS OF NORTH ROSELAND PARK**  
Auditions for all roles for the "Wizard of Oz," 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 (teens and adults) and 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23 (young children who can read), North Roseland Park Community House, 18445 Scarasdale, east of Outer Drive, north of Grand River, west of Southfield Expressway, Detroit. For performances March 24-26, March 31-April 2, and April 7-8. (313) 538-2336/(313) 592-4817/(313) 835-1103

**WORLD MUSIC**  
**FINVARRAS WREN**  
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, at John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern, 33338 Grand River, Farmington. (248) 474-5941 (Irish folk music)

**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)

**SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION**  
The Bohemians Club (also known as The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), hosts its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college students ages 16-22). Submit performance tape by April 1. For application, e-mail [CouLink@aol.com](mailto:CouLink@aol.com)

**JOE'S COMEDY CLUB**  
Mike Green, Wednesday-Saturday, Jan. 19-22, Louis Ramey Wednesday-Saturday, Jan. 26-29, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S**  
John Pinette Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

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Jim David, also Rob Little, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 20-22, at the club, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

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**DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
"On the Air Michigan Radio & 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 auction, and an active, three new video screen interactive, a documentary video, and a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City. automobile capital of the world, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 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) 833-1905 or <http://www.detroitshistorical.org>

**DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**  
Mexican artist Alejandro Garcia Neio creates a large scale paper altar in Rivera Court using traditional Mexican folk art of papel picado to Sunday, Feb. 23, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23 Garcia Neio will give a demonstration of papel picado techniques, at the museum, 5200 Woodward Avenue. Free with recommended museum admission of \$4, \$1 children. (313) 833-1900

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9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at Edison's 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

**JANET TENAJ TRIO**  
Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahne, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 2922 N. Western Hwy, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

**TOTY VIOLA**  
8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at Edison's 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

**ED WELLS**  
The pianist performs 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

**COMEDY**  
**CHAPLINS EAST**  
Robert Schimmel, 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, at 34244 Groesbeck, Warren. \$12 Friday 10 p.m., \$15 all other shows. (810) 792-1902

**ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB**  
Steve Bills with Frank G. and Dee Profit, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, at 2869 N. Pontiac Trail, Commerce twp. (248) 624-1050

**ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL**  
Ario Guthrie, Shawn Colvin, Great Big Sea, Beth Nielsen Chapman, Hot City of Cowntown, Anne Hills, Fred Eaglesmith, David Barrett, Matt Watroba and Robert Jones, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$30, \$25. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666

**RARELY HERD**  
7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Oakland Community College, 739 S. Washington on the north side of the Woodland, Royal Oak. (248) 544-4903 (bluegrass)

**LEON REDBONE**  
8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666 (folk-rock and country)

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Workshop for poets looking for more members, 2-4 p.m., third Tuesday of month, in the Jenkins rooms on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. (734) 762-7588

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7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, Fielding Dawson and Christopher T. Leland, at the Scarab Club, 217 E. Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. Free. (313) 267-5310, ext. 338 or [www.ymca-art Detroit.org](http://www.ymca-art Detroit.org)

**DANCE**  
**ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE**  
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9 p.m. Saturdays, at the Dance Scene, 25333 Van Dyke, Centerline. \$6. Also swing and Latin classes. (810) 757-6300

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**ASTRAL PROJECT**  
8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. \$15 advance. (734) 662-8310

**THE BACON BROTHERS**  
Featuring Kevin and Michael Bacon, with Jeffrey Ganes, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, Royal Oak Music Theatre. \$20. (248) 645-6666

**BECK**  
7:30 Thursday, Feb. 3, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave. in Ann Arbor. All ages. \$22.50. Call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-TKTS

**BLUE RAYS**  
9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and over. (734) 213-1393

**THE BROTHERS CREEGAN**  
Features current and former members of Barenaked Ladies, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11, 7th House, N. Saginaw, Pontiac. All ages. \$10. (248) 645-6666

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**FINVARRAS WREN**  
Featuring Jim Perkins, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Cowley's, Grand River at Farmington Road, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

**THE FLATLANDERS**  
Featuring Joe Ely, Jimmie Dale Gilmore, Butch Hancock, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$20 advance. (248) 645-6666

**FREE**  
5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, Griffin's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292

**GRAYLING**  
CD Release Party with Cromwell and The Lantierjack, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$5. (313) 961-MELT

**THE GREENHOUSES**  
With Come-on, Babykillers, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan.

MOVIES

# 'Magnolia' weaves lives together in chilling tapestry

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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It all begins with a weather report — the forecast is partly cloudy with an 82 percent chance of rain.

But the showers pouring through scenes of Paul Thomas Anderson's "Magnolia" wash together the lives of 12 people one random day in California. As the skies grow darker, the plot escalates and the lives of the characters are forever altered. Some are left wounded, some are healed. All are connected in some manner. And it takes place somewhere along a main thoroughfare called Magnolia.

The opening scenes play out in hurried fashion, from one character's life to the next, set obliquely to the tune of "One is the Loneliest Number."

Loneliness, isolation and insecurity plague the characters in the film, but no more than the former Quiz Kid Donnie Smith (William H. Macy). Smith comes to the realization in his adult life that knowing all the answers doesn't solve all of life's difficulties. He's struggling to survive and ease his loneliness. He declares: "I really do have love to give. I just don't know where to put it."

Stanley Spector seems to be following the same path as his

predecessor. Stanley is a boy genius, on the verge of setting a record on the same quiz show that made Donnie a child star. He has all the answers but can't seem to win the love of his own father, a struggling actor portrayed coldly by Michael Bowen.

While Stanley's father isn't the ideal parent, he's got nothing on the quiz show's celebrity host Jimmy Gator. On screen, Jimmy's the perfect family man. Pitting kids against parents to see who's smarter, he's got a quip for the audience after every commercial break. But off camera he's drowning himself in alcohol.

Not until he discovers his failing health does Jimmy try to

make amends with his estranged daughter, Claudia (Melora Walters). She's much too busy doing cocaine and shifting through meaningless physical relationships to give him the time of day. When he shows up at her apartment door, she screams and throws him out.

But you can't cause such a disturbance in this town and get away with it. No sir. At least not when Officer Jim Kurring's on duty. An honest-to-goodness man of the law (played by John C. Reilly), Jim tries to convince himself he's a good cop. Talking to himself in his squad car, he assures himself: "This is my job and I love it. I want to do well and I want to help people."

The dim-witted officer falls quickly in love with Claudia, without noticing any of her habits. It's almost as easy to feel for Officer Jim as it is for Parma (Philip Seymour Hoffman), a nurse caring for the dying Earl Partridge (Jason Robards), who incidentally is the producer of the quiz show and a dead-beat dad himself.

Phil is there to ease Earl's pain while his young, second wife runs frantically about town filling prescriptions for morphine. The unfaithful Linda Partridge (Julianne Moore) can't stand to watch him die.

The only thing she can imagine that would make the situa-



Drama: Linda Partridge (Julianne Moore) and Earl Partridge (Jason Robards) in a scene from "Magnolia."

tion worse in her mind is getting Earl's son involved. Frank T.J. Mackey stopped talking to his father at age 14 when Earl abandoned him and his mother, who later died.

Portrayed with a no-holds-barred approach by Tom Cruise, Frank has grown up to become an ultra-macho expert on female seduction. His company, "Seduce and Destroy," teaches men how to control women, but his own life spins out of control when it comes to his family. This man

who has renounced his past discovers — as the narrator puts it — "The past isn't done with us."

All the regrets, uncovered lies and desperate pleas culminate in ironic circumstances and something that can only be described as heavy weather. Rain cannot wash away the past.

Paul Thomas Anderson and director of photography Robert Elswit weave an unforgettable story of life, death, love, honesty, infidelity and forgiveness which is unlike any other.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

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**HOW TO STEAL A MILLION**  
Starring Audrey Hepburn and Peter O'Toole, will be shown at the Historic Redford Theatre. Call (313) 537-2560 or check the Web at [theatreorgans.com/mj/redford](http://theatreorgans.com/mj/redford).

**CRADLE WILL ROCK**  
Revisit the year 1937 and Orson Welles' attempt to mount the production of a musical of the same title, which made it to Broadway even after the U.S. Government shut it down. Stars Hank Azaria, Ruben Blades, John and Joan Cusack.

**DOWN TO YOU**  
A romantic comedy set among college students in New York City. Directed by Kris Isaacson. Stars Freddie Prinze Jr., Selma Blair and Henry Winkler.

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This offbeat adventure centers on two friends who journey to Las Vegas in hopes of resurrecting their failing boxing careers. Only to end up in a battle for the belt. Stars Woody Harrelson and Antonio Banderas.

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# Book uncovers the secrets of the music industry



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You don't have to twist my arm to get me to admit I've always been intrigued by the music business. There is no Cinderella story sweeter than those which star an up-and-coming talent who breaks into the radio or video charts with a new sound, a new style.

But the industry itself demands so much more than talent and the will to succeed to create a star. Glass slippers aren't fit for just anyone. That's what makes the voices we hear on the radio and TV so much more interesting.

My interest in the behind-the-scenes side of this industry started at age 11. My best friend had cable TV, you see. And for kids in the '80s, cable meant one thing — MTV. There was nothing else like it, 24 hours of popular music. Forget the "Real World" marathons you see today. MTV was "Rock Blocks," hip vegees, and game shows like "Remote Control" that rewarded viewers for possessing useless knowledge

With 170 pages and two supplementary CDs, Eric Kline covers interviews with those in-the-know.

— this was a kid's dream.

After a good amount of begging I convinced my parents we needed cable. The day it was installed, ironically enough, I came home from visiting an MTV event, "The Museum of Unnatural History," at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. I turned on the TV and there it was — music you could see.

The obsession began. I wanted to know how musicians rise to success; what it takes to get a record deal, what kind of lives these rock heroes lead. I bought so many magazines and cassettes my mother cringed at the sight of my growing collection. Meanwhile, a man named Eric Kline sought all those answers.

Kline, who grew up in the suburbs of Boston, became senior producer for the Box Music Network where he learned all aspects of the music business. With more than 350 commercials, documentaries and television spots to his credit, Kline sought

to teach future generations of musicians and industry moguls what he found out.

With the help of performers like Big Bad Voodoo Daddy and Ice Cube, and those on the flipside like Tony Bongiovi, record producer and engineer, and Larry Flick, talent editor at Billboard Magazine, Kline has put together a definitive guide for musicians and music fans with "Inside the Music Business: The Power Players."

Here's a peek at some of the pearls of wisdom Kline uncovered:

**Scott Moriss of Big Bad Voodoo Daddy ... On style**

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## DINING

## You can 'surf 'n turf' at City Limits Grille

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND  
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The mushroom appetizer was just what I needed on the cold, overcast winter afternoon I visited the City Limits Grille on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

It was a huge Portobello stuffed with shrimp, crab and mozzarella. It came nestled in the just right amount of creamy lobster sauce and was baked to perfection. If they serve food in heaven, it's going to be that stuffed mushroom.

"On a Friday or Saturday night, we'll sell 50 or 60 of those," said owner Al Balooley.

City Limits Grille, which opened in September, occupies the premises of the former Water Club Grill. Balooley has not changed the interior — although he has plans to do so — but his menu offers more grilled meat items than the previous owner's. There's lots of old-fashioned surf 'n turf combinations, like the steak and lobster dinner at \$17.95.

While Balooley wants to add a few more seafood selections, his menu already includes stuffed white fish, broiled walleye, sautéed perch, lobster tails and crab legs. "We're selling so many lobster tails it's unbelievable," he said.

If you're a lamb chop lover,

**City Limits Grille**  
**Where:** 39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, (734) 454-0666

**Open:** 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday; Noon to 8 p.m. Sunday.

**Menu:** A variety of American fare, including grilled meats, seafood and surf 'n turf. Some chicken and pasta. Appetizers, salads and hearty luncheon sandwiches. Great French onion soup au gratin.

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**Extras:** Two large downstairs banquet rooms. Carryouts available.

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you're in luck. Balooley features them for both lunch and dinner. They're a customer favorite, he said. "I didn't think they were that scarce. Being Lebanese, that's all I eat. We use Australian and American lamb. America produces the best lamb and veal in the world."

Another popular item is The City Limits Special, a 12-ounce certified Black Angus sirloin steak. "There's no fat. The flavor is wonderful. It's very tender. You can eat it with a butter knife. It's our best seller," said restaurant manager Dana Johnson.

## Lunch

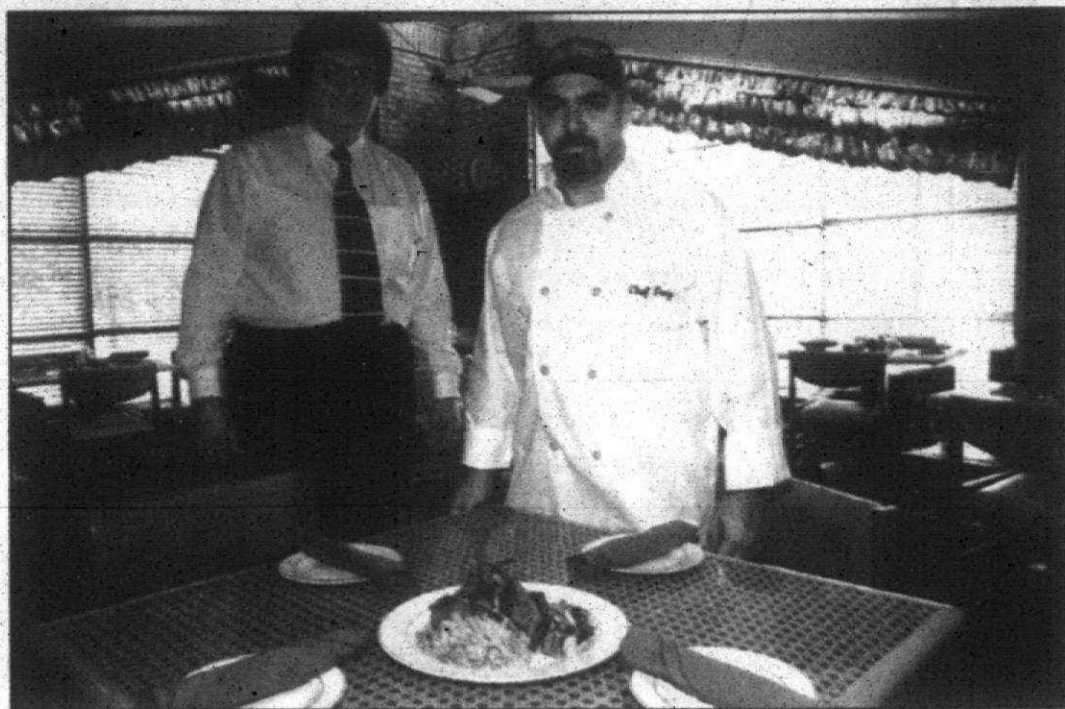
The lunch menu features lots of hearty sandwiches served in generous portions. The Ruben, a mountain of corned beef with

sauerkraut and Swiss cheese, is stacked high enough to dislocate your jaws. You could easily split one with a friend, especially if ordering soup.

Balooley is not new to the restaurant business. He's been at it for 35 years. In the '70s and '80s he owned the once popular Topinka's Country House and Topinka's on the Boulevard, which was located across from the Fisher Building. Whenever the actor Zero Mostel was appearing at the Fisher Theatre he called Balooley for an order of stewed chicken.

"That was the love of my life," said Balooley of his Topinka days. "It was just a good time of my life."

This is also a good time for Balooley. His restaurant is well-located and usually filled on the



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

**Great chops:** Chef Troy Barnes (right), and owner Al Balooley present one of City Limits Grille's most popular dishes, grilled lamb chops.

weekends. He's looking to add a new chef, one who isn't a "prima donna." Customers need to be served exactly what they want and how they want it, he said.

He's fussy about what goes on in his kitchen, especially when it

comes to the house salad dressing, which is made from a beloved family recipe. No one makes the dressing but Balooley, not even his nephew, who is one of his chefs. "I won't let anybody have the recipe. I make at least

25 gallons every week to 10 days."

Balooley's fussiness is paying off. The food is delicious, the service good and, most of all, the customers are happy.

## WHAT'S COOKING

Send dinner specials, menu changes, restaurant renovations, and other items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Assistant Managing Editor Features Group, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net. Let us know about your Chinese New Year

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