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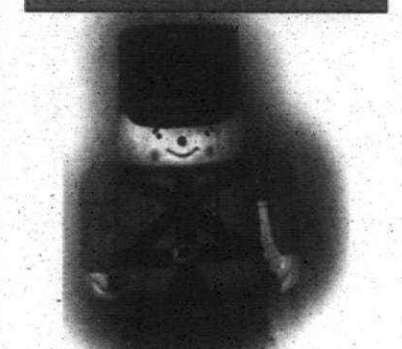
Gaming: *Cathy Koch of Farmington Hills works at Detroit's MGM Grand Casino where winners and losers are born every minute. /E1*

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Wife charged in fatal stabbing

Newlyweds moved to Canton after marriage in India

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
AND SCOTT DANIEL
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A Canton woman who had only been in the United States 12 days before allegedly stabbing her husband to death was arraigned on an open murder charge Tuesday.

Kinnari Sutariya, 20, wrapped in a blanket and hospital scrubs, pleaded not guilty to open murder at 35th District Court in Plymouth. She held her face in her hands and cried as she left the courtroom.

Sutariya spoke her native language, Gujarati, through translator Manish Mehta of Ann Arbor, though she can speak some English. Gujarati is a language spoken in her native Western India.

Judge John MacDonald instructed Mehta to advise Sutariya of her right to remain silent and her right to an attorney. Mehta told MacDonald that she understood her rights and that she wanted a court-appointed attorney.

Open murder carries a maximum

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Cultural differences create special needs

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Domestic violence is a problem affecting all income groups, races, religions and marriage types — including arranged marriages, according to a local expert.

Ilene Hogan, domestic violence programming coordinator for First Step in

Plymouth, said her staff has dealt with all cultural walks of life, including India natives.

With arranged marriages, isolation can play a powerful role, particularly with immigrants.

"(Women) might feel they have nowhere else to go," Hogan said. "They

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHELMANN

In court: Kinnari Sutariya during her arraignment on an open murder charge Tuesday in 35th District Court.

Mobile home fire kills resident, 67

ROYAL HOLIDAY ESTATES

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Fire claimed the life of a 67-year-old Canton man late Tuesday.

William Romone Hope died from apparent smoke inhalation, according to Township Fire Marshal Dave Champagne. A final determination will be made by the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office, he said.

Careless smoking is thought to be the cause of the blaze, said Champagne. The fire began at about 11 p.m. at Hope's residence in the Royal Holiday Estates mobile home park on Warren Road.

"We believe he had fallen asleep," Champagne said. "He became aware of the fire and tried to exit the home, but was unable to do so."

Canton emergency dispatch received a 911 call at 11:09 p.m. and fire units responded four minutes later. A neighbor of Hope's made the call, said Champagne.

Flames were visible from the home as firefighters arrived, according to department reports. Rescue and fire-fighting efforts began immediately.

Hope was found in the living room area of his home approximately five feet from the door, said Champagne. He noted that the home wasn't equipped with smoke alarms.

"I believe the lack of smoke detectors was a significant factor," Champagne said. "It delayed his response in trying to get out of the home."

Hope had lived at Royal Holiday since 1986.

"He was a nice person," said park manager Carolyn McGrew. "He had a kind heart."

Hope liked to make others laugh, she added.

"He was always very jovial," McGrew commented. "He liked to go down to the pool and tell jokes and tease people."

"He was very outgoing," said Barbara Cormack, a neighbor of Hope's for six years. "He liked to talk. He always told you what he thought whether you wanted to hear it or not."

Despite having emphysema and asthma, she said, he enjoyed gardening and working on his home.

"He was really active" until the last

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Deadly scene: An American flag flies over the home where William Hope died in a fire late Tuesday. At right, park resident Barbara Cormack remembers Hope as a friendly neighbor.



Board OKs 3 percent pay hike

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Canton's elected officials are getting a 3-percent pay raise this year.

The township's Board of Trustees approved the raise for all non-union township employees Tuesday. That includes department directors as well as numerous mid-level managers and lower-level employees.

Administrative and Community Services Director Dan Durack said raises have been 3-to-4 percent for quite some time.

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\$1 million spruce-up set for softball center

LEISURE SERVICES MASTER PLAN

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More than \$1 million will be spent to upgrade Canton Softball Center in 2000.

The township plans to make the center more player and family friendly through ballfield renovations, construction of a pavilion/restroom facility and extensive landscaping. Supervisor Tom Yack said the work is much needed.

"I think it's critical," he said. "We're trying to produce a theme out there. When you enter the complex that theme will be carried through to all of the uses so it's not a hodgepodge."

The softball center may eventually include an indoor soccer facility, golf dome and ice arena. Its spruce-up is just one component of Canton's new Leisure Services Master Plan.

By law, the township must update the plan every five years and submit it for state approval. Yack said the township wouldn't be eligible for state recreation grants without submitting a

plan.

Plan submitted to board

A draft version was presented to Canton trustees recently. The plan will likely be approved by the board next month, said Yack.

Ann Arbor-based Beckett and Raeder, a landscape architect, planning and engineering firm, prepared the document.

"The community voiced a lot of approval about Canton's recreational facilities in our surveys and focus groups," said John Iacangelo, a senior partner at Beckett and Raeder. "There were no great negatives or overwhelming needs expressed."

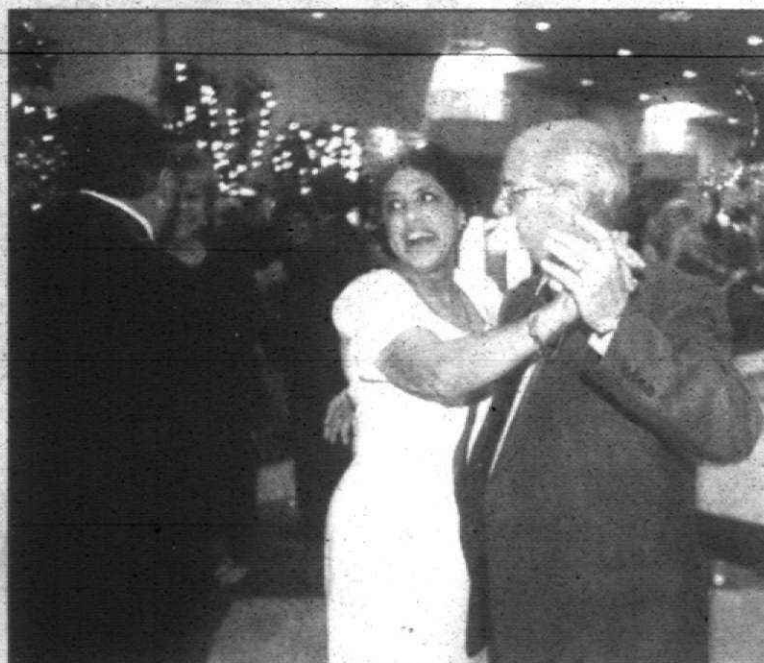
It didn't come as a surprise to Yack.

"The community has a good reputation for leisure services," he said. "That's something we can build on and something the community can feel good about."

The master plan outlines the town-

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Thirty-nine years and counting



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Special evening: Elaine and Rich Aron celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary with a dance at the Canton Community Foundation Winter Ball Friday night. For more photos from the annual event, please turn to Page A3 in today's Observer.



Preliminary hearing under way in Plymouth murder

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The children of a former Plymouth woman believed to have been murdered and dismembered say their parents had a big argument Dec. 19 at their Roe Street home when their mother was caught talking to a male friend in England.

However, they didn't suspect anything strange when the next day their mother was missing because it had happened once before, last August when she left her family to return to her native Great Britain.

While the children may not have suspected anything, Wayne County prosecutors began presenting their case during a preliminary exam Friday in 35th District Court in Plymouth. Azizul Islam, 50, is charged with first degree murder and mutilation of a body in the death of his estranged wife, Tracy, 35.

Despite protests by defense attorney Michael Schwartz, Judge Ron Lowe allowed the prosecution to adjourn the preliminary exam until Feb. 16, when Tracy's sister Anita Ross is expected to testify and DNA tests on the body parts are expected to be ready from the Michigan State Police crime lab.

An argument on the last day anyone saw Tracy Islam alive began when her husband overheard a telephone conversation in which Tracy was talking to a man in England.

"I love you. I miss you. I'm not going to stay with this guy," Joseph Islam, 16, testified to what his father said he heard Tracy tell the man from England during the conversation. "He (Azizul) began yelling, 'This woman cheated on me. I can't believe it.'"

After an argument which lasted close to an hour, Tracy stayed away from Azizul the rest of the day, according to testimony by their daughter Anna, 14.

"She wanted to leave right then, but dad said, 'I don't want you to leave like this. I still want you to be friends.'"

Anna testified that she and her mother fell asleep in Anna's room, which the two were sharing during Tracy's visit last month. When she and her brother awoke, her mother was gone.

"I just figured she left because she left the first time," Anna testified.

Anna said her mother's luggage was gone, but her toothbrush and watch were left behind.

"My father would be depressed sometimes, ever since my mother left," Anna said. "Sometimes the teens testified that Tracy's sister, Anita Ross, called the Islam home trying to find Tracy.

"Dad was on the phone yelling at Anita, saying 'don't play games with me. Tracy is there, don't lie,'" said Joseph.

After testifying, Joseph walked up to his father at the defendant's table and embraced him before leaving the courtroom. The pair began weeping, as did several family members who consoled each other. Lowe then called for a recess. Azizul Islam was heard sobbing while isolated in a nearby room during the break.

Prosecutors began laying out their case during the six-hour preliminary examination. Despite the lack of positive identification, authorities believe arms and legs found in a Dumpster at an A&W restaurant in Dearborn Dec. 22 belonged to a torso found in a field in northern Ohio Dec. 31. They're hoping DNA testing due by Feb. 11 will identify the body as that of Tracy Islam.

Dawn Bassitt of Millbury, Ohio, testified that she and her husband saw a well-dressed man with a light-colored minivan or sport utility vehicle in a field where the torso was found. Bassitt gave authorities a description of the man, although she testified she couldn't positively identify him.

"He was standing in weeds wiping his feet and looking at us," testified Bassitt. "He was clean-cut, wearing a suit and overcoat. I believed him to be foreign, either Middle Eastern or Italian."

Azizul Islam was born in Bangladesh.

"He was well dressed and didn't look the part of someone you'd find standing in a field," said her husband, John Bassitt.

James Cholach, the manager of Rent A Car at Dick Scott Dodge in Plymouth, testified that he rented a white minivan to Islam, who wanted a 24-hour, unlimited mileage lease. Cholach testified that Islam, dressed in "business attire with a long trench coat-like jacket," picked up the van around 10 a.m. He returned the vehicle approximately five hours later with 213 miles on it.

When prosecutors asked to continue the exam, Schwartz objected.

"The case against my client isn't very strong," pleaded Schwartz to Lowe. "This is one of the weakest cases for first degree murder I've ever seen."

Judge Lowe remanded Islam back to the Wayne County jail without bond. However, he did note, "I have to concur with defense counsel when he says this case is just thin threads right now... but it's not unusual for the case to be weak when the entire case hasn't been presented."



Hearing: Defendant Azizul Islam (left) looks on Friday while his attorney, Michael Schwartz, completes some paperwork during a break in Islam's Preliminary examination in the murder of his wife, Tracy.

Canton man, 20 still hospitalized following crash

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A Canton man remains hospitalized in critical condition following a Jan. 15 double-fatality accident in Westland.

Timothy Edwin Twardokus, 20, is in University of Michigan hospital with closed head injuries. "He's still in a coma-like state," Westland police Officer Jack McIntosh said.

Twardokus' nephew, Timothy Andrew Twardokus, 27, who suffered multiple fractures to his left leg and pelvis, was released Saturday from the hospital, a public relations spokeswoman said.

The Twardokuses survived a 91 mph, one-car crash that killed 18-year-old driver Brian O'Donnell of Westland and 20-year-old back-seat passenger Scott Velasquez of Canton.

The Twardokuses were back-seat passengers in the 1997 Ford Escort.

A fifth man, 23-year-old front-seat passenger Donald Raymond Woodruff of Westland, was treated and released at a local hospital.

The accident occurred at 3:07 a.m. Jan. 15 on westbound Cherry Hill Road near Carlson, after the five young men left a party in Westland, McIntosh has said.

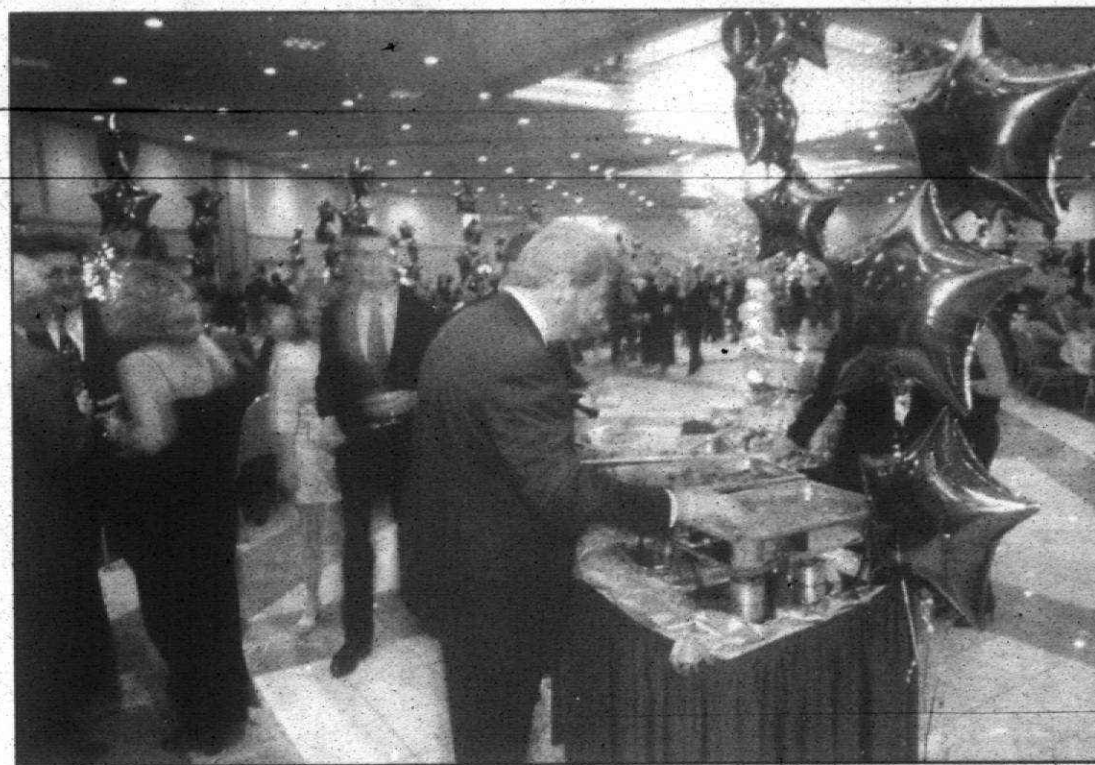
O'Donnell lost control of the Escort, which spun out of control and slammed into a tree in front of Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, police Sgt. Peter Brokas said.

The driver's side of the car hit the tree, and O'Donnell was declared dead at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis in Wayne.

O'Donnell attended Westland John Glenn High School.

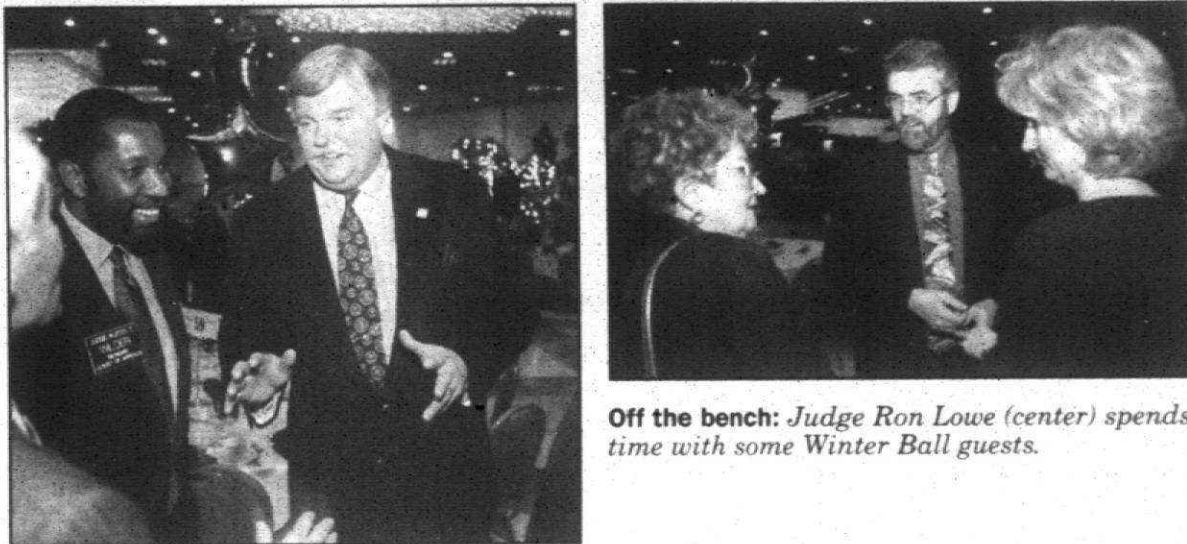
Westland police have confirmed that marijuana and alcohol are being investigated as a possible cause in the accident, but McIntosh said official autopsy results may not be available for several weeks.

Foundation ball is a party with a mission



Good time: Food and mingling were high priorities Friday at the Canton Community Foundation Winter Ball. The annual event was expected to raise about \$70,000 for the foundation, which works to enhance education, performing arts and other quality of life issues for Plymouth-Canton area residents.

Friendly chat: State rep. Bruce Patterson (right) chats with Dick Lewiston (left) and Judge Wilder.



Off the bench: Judge Ron Lowe (center) spends time with some Winter Ball guests.

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21st District Legislative Advisory Council sets meeting

The 21st District Legislative Advisory Council, established last year by state Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 in the Van Buren Township Offices, 46425 Tyler Road, in Sheldon Room.

Patterson, associate Speaker Pro Tempore of the Michigan House, represents the 21st District, which includes the townships of Canton, Sumpter and Van Buren and the city of Belleville.

The advisory council meets with Patterson to discuss legislative issues facing southeastern Michigan. Residents active in the community or who have experience in a particular field such as agriculture, crime prevention, health or education are encouraged to participate.

For more information about the advisory council, call (800) 555-5021.

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year," said Cormack, who last saw him before Christmas.

Hope was having his home remodeled.

"He said he was going to get that done no matter what," Cormack said.

@ the Canton Public Library

Did you know?

■ Friday, Jan. 28, is "Fun at Work Day." Plan an activity that will result in fun and laughter in your work environment.

■ Mackinaw City Winter Sports Weekend and the Ludington Area Winter Fun Fest are both held Jan. 28-30?

■ This year Chinese New Year celebrates the year of the dragon?

■ On Jan. 31 1990, McDonald's Corp. opened its first fast-food restaurant in the Soviet Union?

■ Scotch tape was developed in 1928 by Richard Drew of the 3M Company?

Multi-media

Here are some books on CD available from the library:

■ "Cat and Mouse" by James Patterson

■ "Dead in the Water" by Stuart Woods

■ "The Eleventh Commandment" by Jeffrey Archer

■ "The Hammer of God" by Arthur C. Clarke

■ "The Horse Whisperer" by Nicholas Evans

Web Watch

Check out these Web sites:

■ www.amazingmail.com

■ www.brain.com

■ www.filmfestivals.com

■ www.idealady.com

Cruise ship fiction

Here are some selections to keep in mind if you're planning a holiday at sea:

■ "Great Circle" by Peter Prince

■ "My Runaway Heart" by Miriam Minger

■ "Angels Will Not Care" by John Straley

■ "Bluebeard's Last Stand" by Alistair Boyle

■ "Princess Charming" by Nicholas Evans

Hot topic of the week

■ Black History Month! Traditionally it's February, the month containing Abraham Lincoln's and Frederick Douglass' birthdays. An observance of a special period to recognize achievements and contributions by African Americans. Launched by Dr. Carter G. Woodson in 1926, it was designated Negro History Week. The observance period was initially one week, but since 1976 the entire month has been set aside for celebration.

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

Librarians' choice

Here are some top nonfiction picks by librarians:

■ "The Best American Recipes 1999"

■ "Foreign Correspondence" by Geraldine Brooks

■ "Hot Chocolate for the Mystical Soul" by Arielle Ford

■ "The Lexus and the Olive Tree" by Thomas L. Friedman

■ "The Culture of Fear" by Barry Glassner

■ "Faster: The Acceleration of Just About Everything" by James Gleick

Artists sought for Liberty Fest

Canton Township is seeking artists for the ninth annual Fine Art and Fine Craft Show at Liberty Fest 2000.

Dates of the show are June 24-25. The hours are Saturday from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Artists can choose to display their work under "the big tents" or can bring their own tent.

In addition, any art student in middle school or high school in the Plymouth-Canton district can display and sell art in the student booth, sponsored by developers Jonathan Retzlaff and Bruce Silver. There's no entry fee for students.

The art show is a juried show and each participant will be required to submit slides or pictures of his or her work from the approved categories: painting, prints, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, drawing, pastel and selected fine crafts. No commercially-produced merchandise will be allowed.

Deadline for application submission is April 15. For more information contact Sharon Dillenbeck of D & M Studios at (734) 453-3710.

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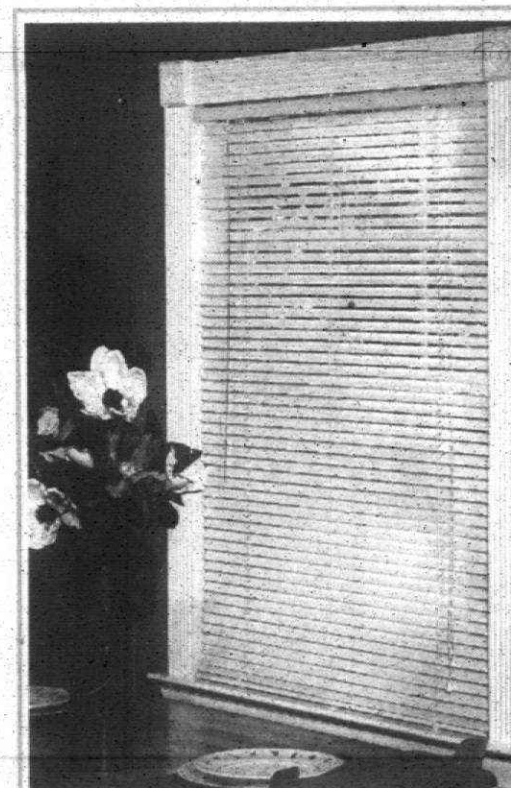
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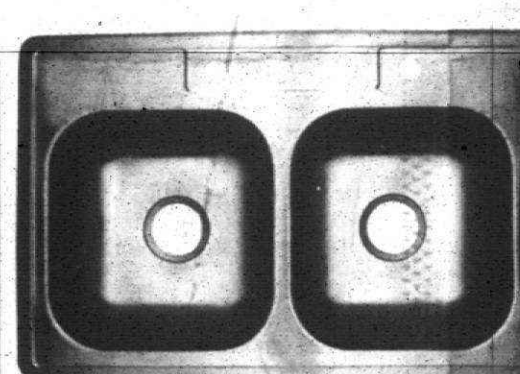
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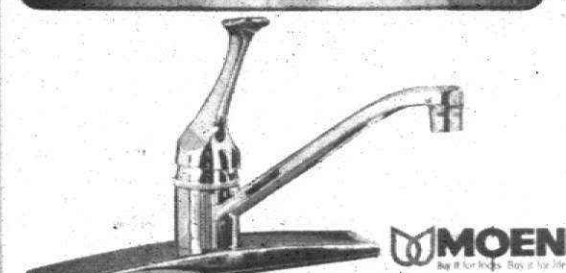
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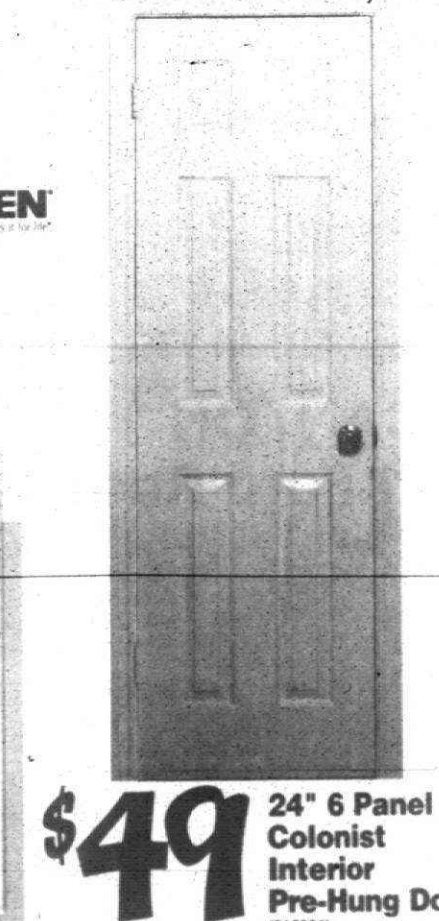
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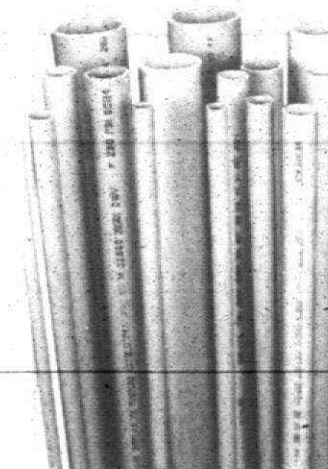


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State and local police join on Plymouth Road sweep

BY RICHARD PEARL
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People driving along Plymouth Road last Friday and Saturday night had good reason to slow down and mind their road manners.

Michigan State Police troopers and officers from Redford Township, the City of Livonia and Plymouth Township conducted a two-night sweep of the busy thoroughfare.

It resulted in 172 traffic stops, with 120 citations issued and five arrests made. Some 123 verbal warnings also were given out.

The joint effort "wasn't just to write tickets, but to get people to watch their driving and slow down," said its organizer, Sgt. Dave Robertson of the state police's Metro South Post in Taylor, who noted some 123 verbal warnings also were given out.

Safer, slower driving was especially in order Saturday night, when it snowed and the situation got "pretty nasty," Robertson said.

"A lot of people (were) cutting (traffic) lights a bit short and in that weather, they're apt to get hit by someone coming through an intersection who can't stop."

However, there were no reported accidents or injuries during the sweep and that, coupled with the heightened awareness from the heavy patrolling, had participating local officers agreeing with Robertson that the effort was "very successful."

Blood needed

The American Red Cross will be accepting blood donations from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8 and Wednesday, Feb. 9, in Madonna University's Science Wing Lobby.

The process is safe, simple and takes only a short time. To make an appointment, call the office of student life at (734)432-5428. Walk-in donors are also welcome.

The Red Cross is in need of blood donations with a critical need for O and B blood types.

"I think it's a great project," said Redford Traffic Officer Scott Corso, whose officers wrote 41 tickets and gave out about 40 verbal warnings in making almost 60 of the stops. "We'll help them (State Police) out whenever we can."

Redford, which contributed 22 man-hours to the project, had the bulk of the traffic scofflaws, with 124 traffic stops, 87 citations issued and four arrests made, including one of the two for drunken driving. The other collars were for outstanding warrants. A total of 108 verbal warnings also were issued.

Stops were made for "seat belt violations to running traffic lights to speeding and unsafe lane change," as well as for equipment violations, registration and insurance violations and not using proper child restraint, said the state patrol's Robertson.

"We weren't looking for just one thing," he said.

"Our combined goal was to provide a safer road for the citizens and prevent any accidents or injuries which could occur due to the actions of unsafe drivers."

"It is our belief that our objective was very successful,"

Robertson said.

"I think it was very productive," said Plymouth Township Police Sgt. Robert Antal, who reported 15 citations written and 10 verbal warnings issued in 25 stops in his community.

Although there's only about a half-mile of Plymouth Road in the township, Antal noted it still has "quite a bit of traffic."

"All the violations we wrote were either for speed or (no) traffic signal," with the speeders doing 12 or more miles per hour over the limit.

Antal said most of the tickets he issued on Friday night were

to township residents.

Livonia police and state troopers made a combined 23 stops and arrested one person for driving drunk.

Robertson said the effort, which was funded at the patrol level with both grant money and post overtime funds, was the second such he's conducted.

"We did one on Ford Road awhile back and it was a raging success," he said. Police from Dearborn Heights, Westland and Canton Township participated.

He promised more such operations through October. "It'll depend on what police agencies

would like us to focus on - Michigan Avenue, the Dix/Telegraph Highway, Telegraph Road," he said.

A side benefit is that such operations gives state troopers a chance to develop closer working relationships with local police than they normally have in communities which don't border free-ways.

"It also lets local agencies know if they need something, all they have to do is give us a call," he added.

"We'll do what we can to help them."

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sentence of life in prison without parole. She is being held without bond at the Wayne County Jail because of her flight risk.

Sutariya's preliminary examination was set for 9 a.m. Feb. 7 at the district court.

Sutariya, who holds a microbiology degree from an Indian university, is charged with murdering her husband, Ramesh Sutariya, 28, early Saturday morning. The incident occurred at the couple's home in the Carriage Cove Apartment complex at Lilley and Warren roads.

According to police reports, the couple was married in India on Christmas Eve last year. It was an arranged marriage. An official U.S. wedding ceremony took place this month.

Ramesh Sutariya had lived in the U.S. for 16 years and lived close to relatives, including his adoptive parents.

Arranged marriages are common in India and Middle Eastern countries. Commonly, couples are matched up as children by family members and do not meet until they are later married.

Family's response

The murder came as a complete surprise to Ramesh Sutariya's family, Yash Sutariya, a brother of the victim, said the couple appeared happy.

"That's why we're in such a state of shock," he commented. "Everything was going good."

"There was really no sign of this," Sutariya said the couple had been involved in many family activities since returning from India.

"We saw them every day," he added. "She called us all the time. It was a happy home."

Sutariya described both his brother and his wife as educated, peaceful people.

"Ramesh was the most gentle person," his brother said. "Anyone would tell you that."

The eldest of three brothers, Ramesh Sutariya was six months away from completing his medical residency. He was a student at Wayne State University.

"His whole goal was to help people out," said Yash Sutariya. "He didn't care about the financial end of it."

While the marriage was arranged, the couple had known each other for years. Sutariya said the two families were close.

"This wasn't a stranger coming in," said Yash. "The whole family viewed her as a sister."

The two had talked of marriage for several years, but waited because of Kinnari's age, he explained.

"It seemed like a good fit," Sutariya said. "He was madly in love with her."

"This is just not real."

Murder scene

Sutariya suffered 18-24 stab wounds, Canton Police said. Most of the wounds were in the abdomen, but some were also inflicted on the victim's face and back, reports said.

At least two knives were used in the attack. Reports said a "large broken knife" was found lying in the apartment's living room with blood on the floor.

A second bloody knife was discovered by Canton Police in the kitchen sink. Witnesses heard the couple arguing at about midnight Friday and again around 2 a.m. Saturday, reports said.

At some point during the struggle, Ramesh Sutariya called his parents in Plymouth. He spoke with his mother briefly.

"Kinnari stabbed me," Sutariya told his mother, according to police reports. "She killed me."

His parents and a younger brother rushed to the Canton apartment. They found the door locked. After pounding on neigh-

bors' doors, Rajan Sutariya was able to contact 911, reports said.

He then went back to his brother's apartment and pounded on that door. Reports said Kinnari Sutariya finally opened the door.

The victim's family found both him and his wife lying on the apartment's tile floor near the door in a pool of blood. Rajan Sutariya tried to aid his brother with chest compressions, reports said.

Police arrived shortly after 2 a.m. and EMS followed minutes later.

Kinnari Sutariya was reportedly semi-conscious when police arrived. She was taken to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, examined then released into police custody.

Canton Police Sgt. Charles Raycraft said there was no indication of domestic violence.

"We're still investigating the reasons," Raycraft said.

Psychiatric social worker Usha Ari, who has worked with Sutariya since her arrest, said she might have been upset about leaving her native country.

"We're not really sure what happened here," Ari said. "She was only here for a very short time."

tion pond, he said. That was then discharged to the Wyandotte Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The fluid, which mixed with snow and rain, was too diluted to economically recover and recycle. In fact, the airport paid up to \$1.5 million per year to the Wyandotte plant for treatment costs and sewer flow fees.

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"EQ has been active in assisting airports across the United States with the management of spent de-icing fluids for the past several years and is committed to (the) continued success" of the Metro Airport program, according to Todd Brinkel, the EQ project manager working at the airport.

Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara said the county and the airport's hub carrier, Northwest Airlines, "worked together on the design, construction and operation" of the three de-icing stations.

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Differences

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feel cut off from everyone else."

From Hogan's experience, arranged marriages are no more prone to domestic violence than non-arranged marriages, however.

"We've seen violence in every kind of marriage," Hogan said. "Unfortunately, domestic violence does not discriminate."

In cases involving non-English speaking parties, First Step will attempt to locate translators or find churches or other organizations dedicated to helping the particular cultural group. Printed information is available in a variety of languages at First Step,

which has offices in Plymouth and Canton.

We try to make sure our staff is aware of cultural differences," Hogan said. "We try to reach out and assist people."

Authorities say in this case there were no indications of domestic abuse between the husband and wife. However, some statistics show that when women kill their partners, it is in some cases because of previous abuse inflicted on them, either by that partner or someone else during their lifetime.

A 1992 Georgia Department of Corrections study showed that in 64 percent of cases where a woman killed her partner, the woman claimed she was being assaulted or abused at the time of the crime.

In 57 percent of the cases, there was some record of a history of domestic abuse in the woman's lifetime. The data was provided by the Michigan Resource Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence in Okemos.

Jerry Thompson, faculty advisor for the Indian American Student Association at P-CEP, said arranged marriage rates as one of the hottest topics of student discussions. The IASA was formed seven years ago and is about 50 students strong.

"Kids are always talking about the old (Indian) culture mixing with the new," Thompson said. "A lot of kids are afraid of losing their culture."

The Rev. Latha Ravi, an India native and pastor at an Ypsilanti church, said some arranged marriages have become more egalitarian and democratic.

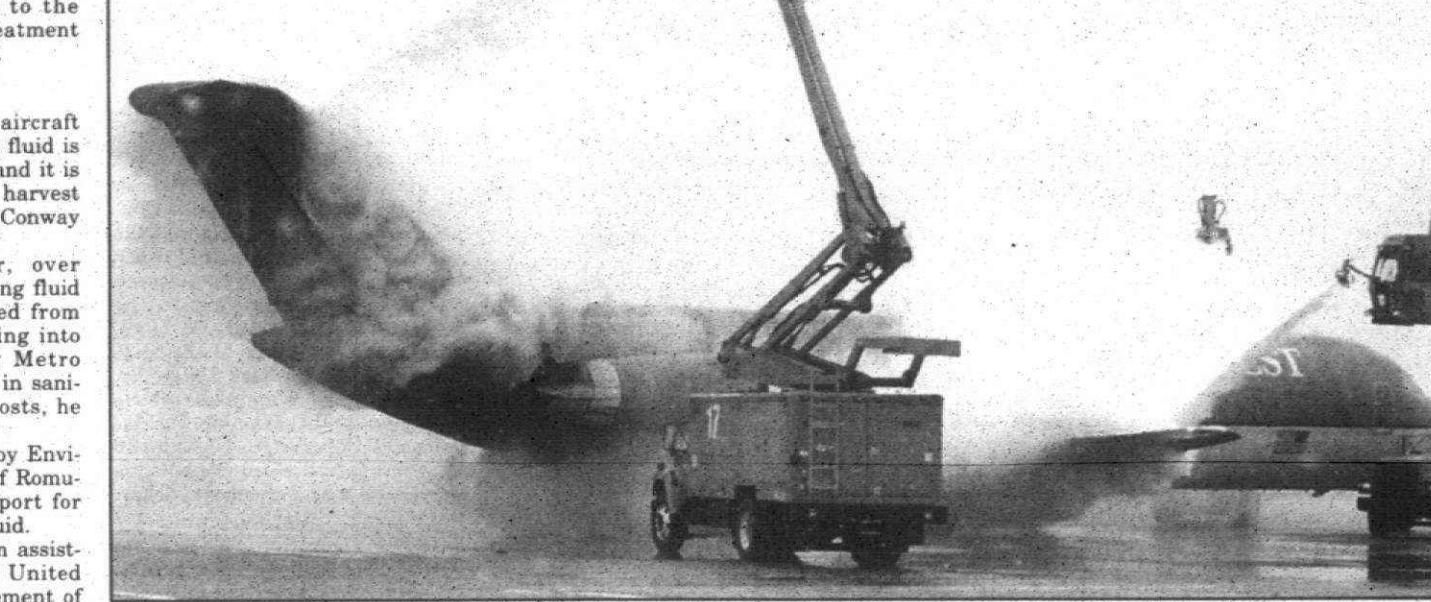
"Women now go to India and look at a (prospective husband's) picture," Ravi said. In the past, it was the boy who looked at pictures of prospective wives, she added.

Parents arranging marriages actually "weed out" mates deemed undesirable for their children - a process not unlike courtship, a Western rite of passage, Ravi said.

But modern Indian children get more of a say in choosing their mates than children from previous generations.

"It's been equalized a little bit in that sense," Ravi said.

Some statistics have shown arranged marriages are less likely to end in divorce than non-arranged ones. But Ravi said there is a greater stigma attached to divorce and a bigger commitment to making the marriage work.



De-icing: Boom-equipped trucks on one of Metro Airport's new de-icing pads spray propylene glycol on a Northwest Airlines jet just minutes before it takes off Tuesday at Metro Airport.

Features include lead-in lighting to guide aircraft in low-visibility conditions, control buildings and "a sophisticated drainage system to keep the runoff concentrated and recyclable," McNamara said.

Metro's environmental staff "works cooperatively on the airfield" with Northwest and such firms as EQ and Signature Flight Support "to maximize (the pads') design efficiency," he added.

"Everybody wins with these new state-of-the-art runway-end de-icing pads," said Metro Airport Environmental Administrator Bryan Wagoner.

"The Federal Aviation Administration and the airlines recognize the safety and efficiency benefits," he said. "Wayne County saves money on treatment costs. A local Romulus company is providing jobs and the reduced treatment plant load is better for the environment."

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Airport panel OKs lobbyist

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The Wayne County Commission's airport committee unanimously recommended Jan. 20 that the commission approve a three-year contract for former east-side U.S. Rep. Dennis Hertel to be its lobbyist in Washington, D.C., and also recommended a two-year agreement with Palace Sports and Entertainment of Auburn Hills to manage its advertising.

Both recommendations now go before the entire board of commissioners, who are expected to vote on them at their regular meeting at 10 a.m. today in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Building.

The \$504,000 contract for Hertel would make him an independent professional consultant in Metro's behalf on matters involving the federal government.

For the past three years, he has been a subcontractor to Metro through the lobbying firm of Simat, Hellesen & Eichner in Washington, but Airport Director David Katz told committee members the county will realize a savings of \$60,000 over the term of the contract.

The county commissioner said the \$2.7 million contract with Palace Sports to operate and manage the display advertising and sponsorship concession in the Smith, Davey and Berry terminals at Metro was "a better deal for the county" financially.

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OBITUARIES

REBECCA L. (HOOTH) ROY
Services for Rebecca L. (Hooth) Roy, 42, of Hamburg, Mich., were Jan. 20 at the Church of the Savior with the Rev. Thomas M. Daubenspeck officiating.
She was born April 10, 1957, in Corona, Calif. She died Jan. 15 in Ann Arbor. She was an administrative assistant.
She was preceded in death by her brother, Marc Hooth. Survivors include her parents, William H. and Mary Hooth of Plymouth; one brother, Michael R. (Trisha) Hooth of O'Fallon, Mo.; grandfather, Robert Greenwood of Mattawan, Mich.; and two nephews, Marcus and Trevor Hooth.
Memorials may be made to the Church of the Savior, 38100 Five Mile, Livonia MI 48154.
Local arrangements were made by the Vermeylen Funeral Home, Plymouth.
FERNE H. SIEGER
Services for Ferne H. Sieger, 75, of Canton Township were Jan. 25 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. J.J. Mech officiating. Burial was in Acacia Park Cemetery, Birmingham.
She was born Jan. 19, 1925, in Stratford, Ontario, Canada. She died Jan. 22 in Pittsfield Town-

ship. She was a medical lab technician. After retirement, her full-time job was baby-sitting for her grandchildren. She came to the Plymouth-Canton community in 1979 from Livonia. She had a cat named "Sheba."
She was preceded in death by her husband, Hughie, in 1971. Survivors include her two daughters, Shanin A. Sieger of Canton; Sharon A. (Tuong) of Plymouth; brother-in-law, Howard Fetherston of Northville; two grandsons, David Le and Joseph Le.
Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice.
Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

IRIS ANN BARBARA
Services for Iris Ann Barbara, 47, of Reading, Mich., were Jan. 21 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating.
She was born Sept. 27 in Detroit. She died Jan. 15 in Hillsdale, Mich. She was a homemaker. She came to the Reading community one year ago from River Rouge. She loved crafts and to sing and dance.
Survivors include her two daughters, Christine (Jerome) Thompson of Romulus, Sarah Barbara of River Rouge; one son, Aaron (Rachal) Barbara of Plymouth; brother, Joseph John

Sauer of Reading; three sisters, Zada Laramie of Belleville, Rosemarie Zobel of Westland, Anna Marie of Westland; and seven grandchildren, Jacob Carter, Kerlee Barbara, Alexis Barbara, Jerrett Barbara, Raquel Barbara, Ashlynn Collier and Jerome Thompson.
Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.
HOWARD L. DUNLAP
Services for Howard L. Dunlap, 76, of Plymouth were Jan. 22 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.
He was born Dec. 23, 1923, in Toledo, Ohio. He died Jan. 19 in Superior Township. He was the founder and owner of Dunlap Heating and Cooling for 50 years in Plymouth. He came to the Plymouth community in 1978 from Kenosha, Wis. He was a member of the Plymouth Masonic Rock Lodge No. 47. He was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers. He was a veteran in the Korean conflict. He served in the Army. He was an artist and enjoyed sketching. He donated several books to the Plymouth Community Library. He was proud of the Plymouth community. He loved to play golf and was a loving husband, father and grandfather.
He was preceded in death by one son, Harold; and one brother, George. Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann of Plymouth;

three children, Christine (Tony) Hangartner of Plymouth, Sandra (John) Constantine of South Lyon, David (Kelly) Cismoski of Redford Township; one brother, Norman Cismoski of Berlin, Wis.; and two grandchildren, Nicholas and Andrew.
Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Cancer Society.
Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.
RACHEL ANNE HARRISON
Services for Rachel Anne Harrison, 29, of Canton Township were Jan. 20 at Resurrection Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Peretto officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.
She was born Oct. 21, 1970, in Detroit. She died Jan. 17 in Canton Township. She worked in a retirement home in the laundry department. She was a member of Resurrection Catholic Church.
Survivors include her parents, Catherine and Paul Moore; and one brother, Bradley.
Memorials may be made to University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.
Local arrangements were made by the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.

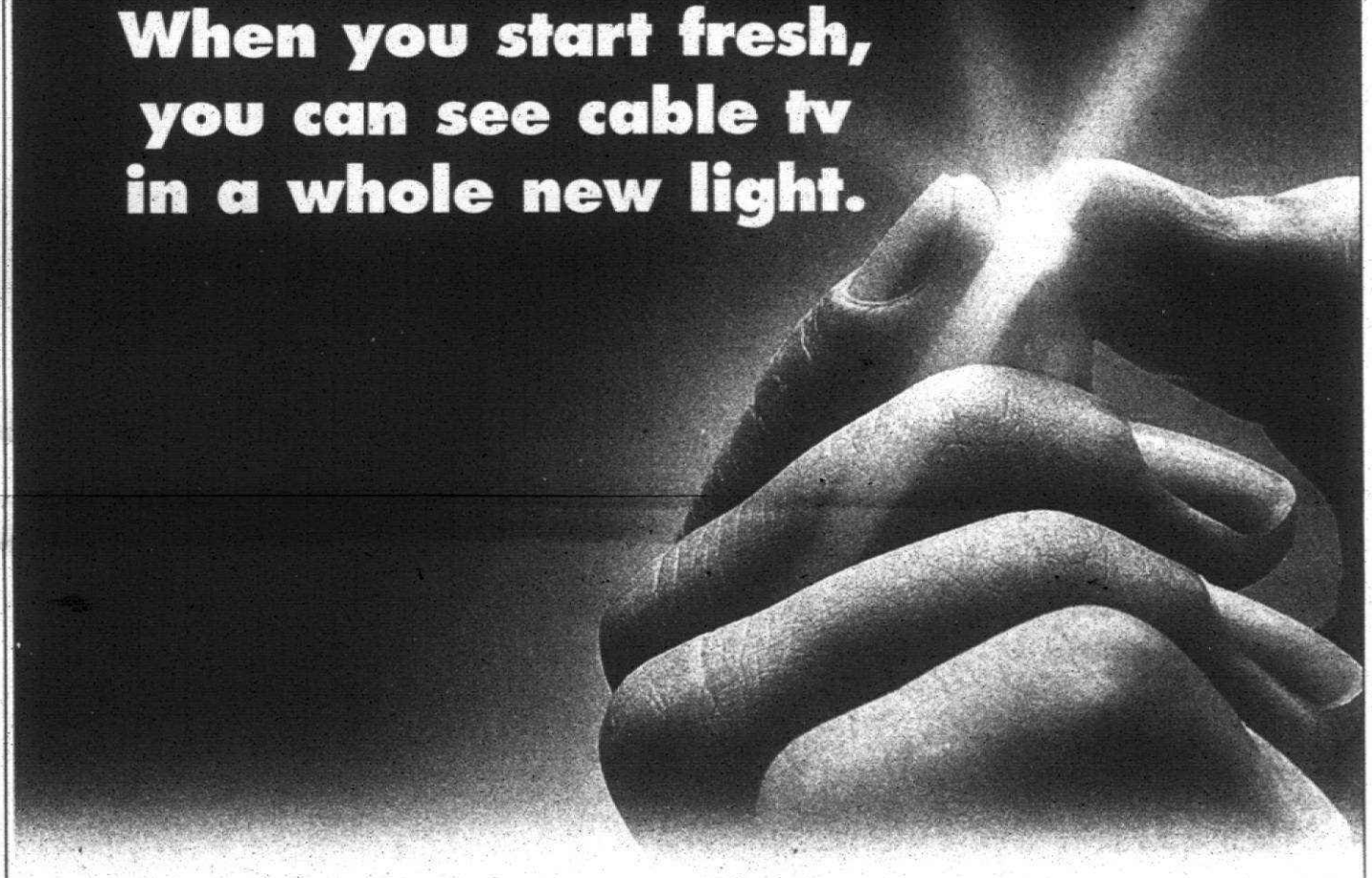
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
The Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees will meet on the First, Second, Third and Fourth TUESDAY of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. The following Township meetings will be cancelled due to Elections: February 22, 2000; August 8, 2000; and November 7, 2000.
Publish: January 27, 2000

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 10, 2000 for the following:
PURCHASE OF COLD WATER METERS AND ASSOCIATED CONTROL EQUIPMENT
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
Publish: January 27, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON 2000-2004 CONSOLIDATED PLAN INITIAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
On January 27, 2000, the Canton Community will begin taking public comment to be incorporated into the above identified document. The 2000-2004 Consolidated Plan will guide the community in setting goals for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the five-year period described. As sections of the document are completed, they will be available for public inspection and comment in the Resource Development Division, 1150 South Canton Road, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours. All comments will be acknowledged in or as a supplement to the completed document. The 2000-2004 Consolidated Plan will be submitted to the Department of HUD no later than May 15, 2000. At least one public hearing will be held on the Plan. The public hearing date or dates will be published no later than 14 days before the public hearing. Information on the Consolidated Plan is available in the Resource Development Division at the above address.
TERRY BENNETT, Clerk
Publish: January 27 and 28, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., February 10, 2000 for the following:
PURCHASE OF SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE FOR SUMMIT ON THE PARK AQUATIC CENTER
Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. 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
Publish: January 27, 2000

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 7, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:
CENTRAL PARK SOUTH SUBDIVISION SPECIAL LAND USE CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B 13 FOR PARCEL NOS. 114 99 0002 000, 115 99 0001 000, 115 99 0004 000, AND PART OF PARCEL NO. 115 99 0005 000. Property is located on the north side of Geddes Road between Denton and Beck Roads.
Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, February 3, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.
VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman
Publish: January 27, 2000



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Health care, safe schools top agenda of Democrat response

By MIKE MALOTT
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Access to health care, retirement for senior citizens and safe, successful schools topped the list of the Democratic party's agenda when it responded to Gov. John Engler's State of the State Wednesday, Jan. 19.

Following tradition, the minority party puts out its view of what the state's agenda ought to be following the governor's annual speech. This year's address was read over Michigan Public Radio by Sen. Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga, Rep. Patricia Lockwood, D-Fenton, and Rep. Andy Neumann, D-Alpena.

Byrum took up the issue of health care and Health Maintenance Organizations.

"We have learned that almost one million Michigan residents still do not have health care insurance and many families fear that they will lose their coverage soon. We understand that families are frustrated when their health plans deny them access to services and do not let them get a second opinion. Almost three million Michigan residents now belong to an HMO. It is time that we start taking their complaints seriously," Byrum said.

When patients do appeal HMO decisions, through the current Patient Bill of Rights system, she said, "the state rules in favor of the patient only 26 percent of the time."

She proposed:

- Giving customers the right to sue HMOs over health care decisions.
- Creating a managed care ombudsman to assist consumers having difficulty with their HMO.

- Improving the appeals process already in place.
- Improving the quality of care in nursing homes.
- Protecting communities from losing local hospitals.

- Providing seniors with an affordable solution to "skyrocketing" prescription costs.
- Lockwood said her party's top priority would be education this year, focusing in four areas: higher standards, smaller class sizes, improving building conditions and making schools safer.

- She proposed:
- Using the latest techniques, including distance learning and technology, to set and achieve high goals.
- Lowering class sizes by legislation for kindergarten through third grade.

- Establishing a state fund to help school districts pay the interest on voter-approved building bonds.
- Setting up a statewide violence hotline, where students can report activities they believe may be a danger.

- Legislation to make sure violent students expelled from schools are kept off the streets.
- Neumann took up the issue of retirement. He proposed:

- Using the state's tobacco settlement money and an additional \$30 million from the budget to help seniors cover the cost of prescription drugs.
- Allowing seniors to defer property taxes to avoid being taxed out of their homes while in retirement and living on fixed incomes.

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Quirky ballot counts only for GOP

By MIKE MALOTT
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Lyndon LaRouche will win the Democratic Party primary election in Michigan Feb. 22, Donald Trump will walk away with the Reform Party balloting that day.

Poll results? No. They are the only candidates whose names appear on the ballot in the primary election for their respective parties.

Not that it matters. Neither party will recognize the outcome of voting in Michigan's open primary election.

Only the Republicans will. This quirky aspect of the presidential primary ballot is the result of what Michigan election law interacts with party politics.

Might it just serve to confuse voters?

"The media has done a fairly good job of explaining that Republicans vote in the primary election Feb. 22 and that Democrats will vote in caucuses in March," Elizabeth Boyd, communications director for the Secretary of State, said. "But I can't speak for all 6,640 voters in Michigan either."

The process for deciding which candidates would appear on the

found at least 10,800 to be valid, Boyd explained. The process also allows candidates to withdraw their names, which is exactly what Gore and Bradley did. The Democratic National Committee has decided it won't recognize the outcome of votes in "open primaries," because such primaries allow for crossover voting.

Instead, Michigan Democrats will vote for their candidate in "lowa style" caucus meetings to be held around the state on March 11. Altogether in the room at the same time, Democrats will vote by raising their hands in those meetings.

So that leaves only LaRouche on the Democratic side of the primary ballot Feb. 22.

Ventura also withdrew from the Reform Party ticket in Michigan's primary. In the affidavit he filed with the Secretary of State's office, Boyd explained, he said he did not consider himself a candidate.

Buchanan also withdrew because, like Democrats, the Reform Party won't recognize the results of Michigan's primary. In fact, the Reform Party isn't recognizing any individual state's results. Instead, it'll hold its own national primary election

later this year. So only Trump's name remains on the Michigan ballot for the Reform Party.

The main reason
For Republicans, the ballot will count. And that's the main reason for the election. Republicans, who prefer the "open primary" process, will take citizens' votes in regular election polling that day. The date of the primary was moved up this year by the state Legislature to increase the state's impact on the process. Michigan will be the first large industrial state to cast ballots for their nominee.

If the purpose of the Democratic party, in withdrawing from the open primary, was to eliminate crossover voting, it likely won't have that effect.

There is nothing in law, Boyd explained, and no system for cross-checking to determine if a voter casts ballots in both the Feb. 22 primary and the March 11 caucuses. In the primary, any registered voter may participate.

In the caucus, Democrats ask only that voters declare themselves to be Democrats when registering. To participate in the caucus, voters need not be actual party members.

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Madonna offers intellectual property workshop

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"Intellectual Property" will be taught by Sheila Reaves, a Detroit paralegal. The workshop will meet on three weekends, March 3-4, March 17-18 and March 24-25. The Friday sessions will meet 6-10 p.m. and the Saturday classes will be held 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Classroom discussion will focus on real people and actual business problems of inventors, writers, musicians and artists.

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Working together

New job complements council

There's no reason why a neighborhood coordinator hired and paid by Canton Township can't work closely with the existing volunteer Canton Homeowners Advisory Council to help solve local problems and ensure continued viability of the township's older neighborhoods. In fact, this would seem to be an ideal match.

But some on the advisory council don't see things that way. Nancy Spencer, council president, views creation of the full-time job as a threat to the council's existence and the good work it has done over the years. "If you look at the description of duties for the job, they're exactly what our mission is," Spencer said. "If this person settles everything, what are we going to meet for?"

The neighborhood coordinator will help homeowners and homeowners associations make improvements on things such as sidewalk restoration, clean-up and beautification projects in established subdivisions, according to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack. Additional duties will be to help prepare and implement marketing programs for neighborhoods, attend association meetings and act as a liaison between associations and township government.

The job, to be posted and filled during the 2000 fiscal year, will pay between \$36,300 and \$55,200 annually.

Spencer does make a couple of valid points. Why wasn't the council consulted about cre-

ation of the neighborhood coordinator's job and its duties? Will someone on the township payroll be able to honestly critique administration policies and procedures when it comes to dealing with local neighborhoods?

On the first issue, it would have been nice—but not absolutely necessary—to get input from the council before going to the township board for approval. The sometimes adversarial relationship between the council president and supervisor may have been a contributing factor. On the second point, the Observer believes the only way the coordinator's job will work is for the person to be a true advocate for neighborhood residents. That includes straightforward evaluation of township policies and whether or not changes need to be made.

It's good to see the township dedicating resources to its established neighborhoods. Then success of Canton depends not just on subdivision growth of the 1990s or even the planned neo-traditional developments like Cherry Hill Village. For Canton to remain a vital community, developments built in the '60s and '70s must increase in value along with new construction. A full-time neighborhood coordinator can only help.

The Homeowners Advisory Council should recognize that it still has a role to play and work with the new coordinator in a complementary fashion.

Education is finally a priority

We'd never have guessed it 10 years ago, but it appears John Engler wants to mold his legacy as Michigan's Education Governor. With the state on rock-solid economic footing and the need for fiscal belt-tightening a distant memory of Engler's first term, the governor devoted about half of last week's State of the State address to education issues.

So while the \$1 billion surplus, state income tax rate cut and further welfare reform efforts—seen as big-time gubernatorial accomplishments in previous years—drew polite applause, the gimmicky disbursement of "Golden Apple" cash incentives to high-achieving school districts was hailed as innovative and revolutionary by Engler supporters.

Whatever the governor's motivation, we're glad to see a renewed emphasis on strengthening K-12 education throughout the state. The Observer has long believed education is the cornerstone to building a sound environment for all Michigan families. It is one issue that ties directly into all else—everything from the state's continued economic prosperity, to the physical and mental health of its citizens, to public safety and the quality of life for Michigan residents.

And the governor wasn't just playing to the crowd in the House chamber. Engler has put forth some substantive proposals and set worthy goals with his latest initiatives. In particular, we praise the move to increase the state foundation grant for public education to \$6,500 per student from the current \$5,700, state-supplied laptop computers and Internet training for teachers and the governor's call to "tear down those walls" limiting student movement between districts. With these proposals, Engler is sending a strong signal to legislators that a cash-rich state needs to apply its resources to secure its future.

State Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, said Engler is looking "to put some entrepreneurial spirit into education." We like that analogy. For too long, Michigan's educators have approached their field as being above and beyond the scope of performance measures

adopted by other disciplines. Many school districts have become mini-fiefdoms run by protective chiefs who believe they are immune to criticism from the outside world.

But while there's certainly a lot to like about this new-found Lansing "agenda," we continue to question the fairness and equity with which the Engler administration approaches education, particularly the traditional public school model that has been largely successful in Michigan since the 19th century.

And we wonder how an executive who buys so heavily into the philosophy that the (federal) government that governs least, governs best can with a straight face continue to push for more authority for the state to take over failing school districts, particularly urban districts where Democrats and unions hold sway.

We find it troubling that the governor's call for accountability on the part of educators seemingly applies only to traditional public schools. How else can we explain his "Principal's Bill of Rights," which includes exclusive authority to hire and fire building staff? Or his continued insistence that the cap on charter schools be lifted with no questions asked?

While charters offer families some needed alternatives, especially in troubled districts, there's no solid proof that the 1993 law allowing their creation has even marginally boosted student performance to date. With for-profit companies involved in charter school administration there needs to be more accountability, not less, if this experiment is to work.

Farmington Schools Superintendent Bob Maxfield summed up our thoughts best in his reaction to Engler's speech: "We ought to be happy he devoted most of his speech to education issues," Maxfield said. "But I wish some of the things he discussed would have been discussed with local districts ahead of time."

But then local control—or even accepting local input before drafting policy on such a critical issue—doesn't seem to fit in with the way Gov. John Engler approaches his job these days.

Geof Brooks



LETTERS

Opinions are to be shared: We welcome your ideas, that's why we offer this space for your opinions. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity we ask that you provide a contact telephone number and if mailing or faxing a letter, please sign it. Letters can be mailed to: Tedd Schneider, Canton Editor, 794 South Main, Plymouth, MI 48170, faxed to Tedd at (734) 459-4224 or emailed to tschneider@oe.homecomm.net

Decision was prejudiced

An open letter to the Canton Planning Commission:

Your decision was prejudiced pertaining to the National Heritage Academy Special Land Use hearing conducted on Jan. 10, 2000.

The planning staff recommended that the special land use for the charter school be approved. In order to get this recommendation; the National Heritage Academy met all the zoning requirements set forth by the planning staff. Still, the planning commission denied the request for special land use.

The denial was based on several factors. First, there were concerns about the Natural Beauty Road status. The school would not necessarily affect the Natural Beauty Road status; therefore, this was not a valid reason for denial. Any type of development, whether it be a school or a tract of new homes, would impact the natural vegetation. According to NHA, they would replace all the required vegetation that would be removed during excavation. Frankly, I'm concerned about this community that puts the Natural Beauty Road status above the needs of our children, who are the future of this growing community.

There were some concerns about the traffic flow. However, an independent study showed that Warren and Ridge roads would accommodate traffic generated by the school. There were other minor concerns, such as, safety issues, parking, and the wetland area, which was all addressed by NHA representatives.

You did not use the facts or the law to make your decision. Now there are hundreds of Canton families who are disappointed with the outcome of this hearing. Could the decision have been based on emotion and political expedience?

Rose Lang
Canton

Supports court proposal

As an attorney, I support the recently reported Michigan Supreme Court proposal to prohibit judges from accepting campaign contributions from lawyers whom that judge appoints, in matters pending before that

judge.

I do not doubt that judges will have a tough time raising campaign contributions if this proposal is adopted; however, that is a small price to pay to ensure the integrity of our legal system. As lawyers, we should always be looking for ways to improve our legal system and the public's perception of our legal system.

A better solution in my mind would be to prohibit individual judges from appointing any attorneys who serve in any capacity before them. Judges are elected civil servants. I see nothing in our Constitution or statutes which grants them authority to establish their own kingdoms.

An attorney practicing in a court of law has a duty to represent his respective client's interest whether that interest conflicts with the interest of the judge or not. At the very least, an appearance of impropriety is created when the judge deciding a case has the ability to control the income of an attorney/advocate practicing before him.

Michael Gerou
Canton

Quick action applauded

I would like to publicly thank Superbowl on Ford Road in Canton and its manager, Mike Reffitt, for its quick action in removing the violent video game, "Carnevil," from its Family Fun Center. This game allows the user to chase and gun down individuals in graphic realistic details. The user only has to hit the reset button to begin the death and carnage all over again.

After hearing Judge Eugene Moore's remarks prior to the sentencing of Nathaniel Abraham last week, we as parents, citizens and business owners need to be aware of how these senseless violent games promote a desensitization of our youths to death and violence.

Chris Pauley
Canton

Social studies as important as 3 Rs for today's students

Another round of MEAP test scores and another round of disappointment for educators and parents.

It was also a disappointment for this journalist because the test was about social studies. That is a subject that students, especially high school students, should be learning through newspapers, magazines and television news in addition to the classroom. Yet only 23.2 percent of the state's 11th graders met the state standard on last year's test. Another 34.4 percent showed a basic understanding and 41.8 percent failed.

The test is a combination of multiple-choice and essay questions challenging students to think about history, geography and social issues.

Some have said that the MEAP tests have been designed to make public education look bad in order to promote Republican ideas about vouchers and charter schools. That's a bit too cynical and evades the point about what we should expect from students in the areas of math, reading, science and social studies.

We can't lower standards because we find out the majority of students aren't being taught or absorbing the subject material. But we can expect that the state doesn't deliberately devise a test that covers material that isn't part of the standard curriculum. We hear from some school administrators that what gets tested has little relationship to what gets taught.

It's been hard for schools to keep up with expectations. In the Farmington School District only about 20 percent of the juniors took the test and those who did scored considerably higher than the state average. But Kris Gekiere of Farmington's assessment, research and evaluation department is aware of the MEAP problem: "What we have to do is align our curriculum with the objectives of the state and what's being tested. It's always a moving target."

But this test, unlike some other MEAPs, isn't so much about acquiring and regurgitating set information. This test assesses an ability to analyze information.

Marlene Bihlmeyer, Livonia district curriculum director, spoke to what makes this test challenging and necessary: "This test assesses a child's ability to think rather than place an emphasis of their knowledge of the content."

Engler's job skill ideas on target

With Michigan enjoying the longest sustained economic recovery in half a century and the state treasury looking at a \$400 million surplus this year, Gov. John Engler's State of the State speech last week could not have been more on target.

The speech drew generally favorable reviews, even from some Democrats. After all, what politician wouldn't kill to be in office during an economy in which cutting taxes and spending more on pet programs are both possible?

Although the speech covered a long list of topics for legislative action during this election year, Engler's speech concentrated on education, devoting 17 of 40 printed pages to the topic.

The Governor's priorities are right on, because it's now clear that labor shortages and lack of skilled workers are the major barriers to continued good times in Michigan.

At the biannual revenue-estimating conference at the Capital last week, University of Michigan economist George Fulton said worker shortages are particularly acute in the construction trades and in jobs having anything to do with computer skills. These, in turn, are exactly the jobs that will require training after students leave high school.

That's an area that Engler stressed in his speech. The groundwork was laid down by a commission appointed by Engler last September to study ways to help parents get kids through college. Headed by Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus, the commission found that working class families can't save enough to pay for ever-increasing college tuition bills, while poor families have trouble saving anything.

In the State of the State, Engler proposed two new programs arising from the commission's findings.

For middle income families, the governor wants a new kind of savings account that provides tax breaks for setting aside money for college expenses. The Michigan Education Trust (MET) program, the first prepaid college tuition plan in the country when it was adopted in 1988 during the Blanchard Administration, has turned out to be too expensive for most families.

Engler's college savings plan would allow parents or grandparents to set aside a nest egg to pay for college expenses and deduct up to \$3,000 from their incomes subject to Michigan income tax. The money would build up, with taxes deferred, until families needed the cash. If approved, the deferral would complement a federal tax break already in effect. In the federal income tax code's 529 Accounts, when the money is withdrawn it is taxed at the student's rate, not the parent's. Given the fact that federal rates vary from 15 percent to nearly 40 percent, this could be a terrific savings.

For families that earn less than \$40,000 a year, Engler wants a new program that provides

POINTS OF VIEW

It's nice to know academics take high priority in hoops program

I was late, around seven o'clock at night, when I strolled into the Canton Gymnasium last year to try out for the freshman basketball team. A group of guys had started to congregate around a sign-up sheet that was placed near the entrance to the gym.

Coach Dan Young was explaining some things about tonight's activities. I stood in line looking at the other more talented players around me. Some of them were wearing expensive sneakers, stood six feet tall, or were already joking with one of the coaches. I played for my middle school team, but this seemed to be on a whole different level of competition. I finally made it to the front of the line. Hesitating for just a minute, I slowly lifted the pen to sign my name.

NAME? Rob Dean, of course.
POSITION? Small forward.
What is your grade point average? Well, it's a 4.0...but I'm trying to make a basketball team, not get into college.

I was completely surprised that Coach Young, head coach of the boys varsity team, wanted to know about our school record.

Here I am trying out for a sports team, and they were interested in how hard I worked in school.

I had never heard of this before. Usually, it was quite the opposite.

There are many programs in the country that look the other way when a child is struggling in school but in an exceptionally talented basketball player.

Feeling proud, I wrote down my record of straight A's and went to join the other guys in the gym.

I didn't make the team that night. There was really no chance. I walked away, however, satisfied by the fact that Canton had valued both athletic ability and grades in choosing players for its team.

My school had defied the stereotype that sometimes grades could be ignored for the sake of sports.

As I would later find out, school was not only an important factor—it has taken top priority in the basketball program.

Recently, I sat down to speak with several people who are a part of basketball at the Park. They were all asked the same question: Does athletics ever take precedence over school?

Meghan Meier, a member of the girls varsity basketball team, gave me an answer that was unanimous across the board. "Never," she told me.



ROB DEAN

'You're trying to compete, but you're also trying to provide a good environment for the kids to develop socially and mentally.'

Bob Blohm
Basketball coach

She is part of a team that has been academic all state for several years now. Their composite GPA just a year ago was a 3.4. David Anderson, who just entered the program as a freshman at Salem, shares a similar sentiment.

"We are representing Salem in both the classroom and on the basketball court." He told me that playing for the basketball team carries with it a certain sense of responsibility that the players are willing to accept and the coaches seem willing to enforce.

As I later found out, Coach Young not only looks at a player's grades, but his attendance record.

He wants smart people who are going to be hard workers. Bob Blohm, coach of the girls varsity basketball team, also believes that school is number one.

Many of his former players have gone on to college, and not necessarily to play basketball.

The bottom line for the basketball program at the park is developing people, not just winning basketball games.

Coach Blohm put it all into perspective for me by saying this: "In high school, you're trying to compete and win; but you're also trying to provide a good environment for the kids to develop both socially and mentally, as well as physically."

Rob Dean is a student at Plymouth Canton High School.

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QUESTION: Are you following the presidential election? Who will you vote for in the primary?

We asked this question at the Penmen Deli in downtown Plymouth.

Jeff Adelman Livonia
"I haven't heard anything appealing so far. I haven't made a decision."

Mike MacLeod Plymouth
"I probably won't vote in the primary or in November. I have no interest. I don't really affect my life very much."

Marti Copial Plymouth
"Yes. It's important to decide who will get to run for president. I want to have a say." (She declined to reveal her choice.)

Mike Galliers Plymouth
"Yes. I'm voting for George Bush. I think he has the best chance of beating whoever is the Democratic candidate."

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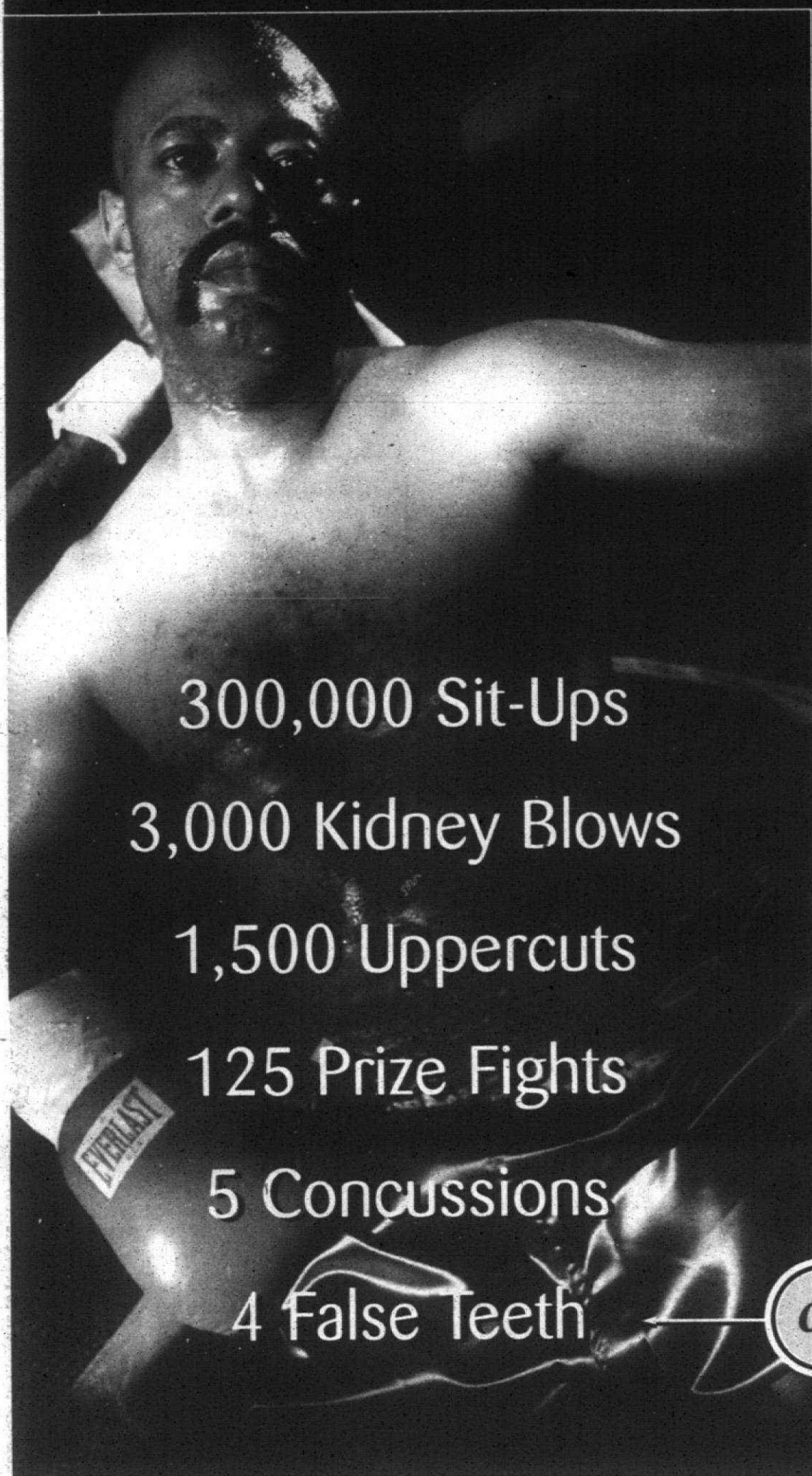
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JACK GLADDEN

Stupid is as stupid does?

It's been a pet peeve of mine for years. Some of my colleagues roll their eyes and listen politely when I get started, but I'm sure they're thinking, "There he goes again." And sure enough, there I go.

"I can put up with incompetence," I proclaim. "I can abide arrogance. But I can't stand both traits in the same person."

In my case the ranting often begins when I'm editing a news story that is badly written, but I know that the writer is so in love with his own words that any criticism, constructive or otherwise, would be dismissed as the grumbings of a curmudgeonly copy editor who doesn't know what he's talking about.

Bad writers never recognize the badness of their own writing, nor do they recognize good writing when they see it. John Ciardi — poet, professor, literary critic — wrote about that phenomenon in the 1970s.

Now a study from Cornell University indicates that Ciardi was right and that my pet peeve — arrogance and incompetence in the same person — is not that uncommon.

The study, "Unskilled and Unaware of It: How Difficulties in Recognizing One's Own Incompetence Lead to Inflated Self-Assessments," concludes, in effect, that incompetence and arrogance often go hand-in-hand.

"For example," the researchers write, "consider the ability to write grammatical English. The skills that enable one to construct a grammatical sentence are the same skills necessary to recognize a grammatical sentence, and thus are the same skills necessary to determine if a grammatical mistake has been made."

Expanding the writing example to broader terms, they conclude:

"In short, the same knowledge that underlies the ability to produce correct judgment is also the knowledge that underlies the ability to recognize correct judgment. To lack the former is to be deficient in the latter."

In a corollary to their findings, the researchers concluded that people who do things badly but don't have the ability to recognize that they do things badly are usually much more confident of their abilities than are people who do things well.

"Because people usually choose what they think is the most reasonable and optimal option," they write, "the failure to recognize that one has performed poorly will instead leave one to assume that one has performed well. As a result, the incompetent will tend to grossly overestimate their skills and abilities."

Even the researchers acknowledge that their findings are nothing new, citing an 1871 quotation from Charles Darwin: "Ignorance more frequently begets confidence than does knowledge."

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A star is born

Modeling club promotes self-confidence in kids

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Debbie Aue believes every child is a star.

A child model herself and former 1995 Mrs. Michigan Pageant runner up, Aue is furthering that philosophy through the establishment of the "Sears Model's Club" for children ages 7-18.

Aue runs the four-week program, based at the Sears store in Livonia, for children who want to be a model, make friends and improve their confidence in front of a live audience.

"The skills they learn in the modeling club set the foundation for abilities they'll need and use as adults such as public speaking. I have fond memories of modeling as a young girl at Montgomery Wards. It can do a lot for a child's self-esteem and for their comfort level in front of a crowd," said Aue.

Employed as a music and art teacher at The Montessori Children's Center of Allen Park, Aue said she saw a notice on the Internet calling for people interested in coordinating modeling clubs through Sears. "I thought it would be a good way to supplement my income part-time," said Aue, a mother of three who works with the Southgate Youth Theater, and vocal coaches young people privately.

The first class of Aue's will complete their four-week program with a fashion show at 1:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 at the Sears store in Livonia.

The Taylor School Board trustee and resident says the fashion show before a live audience is just one of the reasons she believes her modeling club exceeds the benefits of other modeling groups because the children are guaranteed to model twice during the four-week program that meets for 90 minutes — four consecutive Saturdays a month.

"In the current class we have a young lady that has been attending a modeling school for seven months and has never modeled in front of an audience. She has spent a lot of money and she truly won't know if modeling is for her until she actually gets the chance to do it," said Aue. "I believe that this is more than a beginners program. It is also great for those children that are enrolled in full-scale modeling schools because it allows them practice time."

The registration fee of \$89 (no tax) includes four Saturday classes that



Trio: (l-r) Abrilia Jones, 9, from Detroit; Colleen Kong, 9, of Redford; and Heidi Haller, 7, from Livonia work in a group.

gather at the Livonia Sears store from 1-2:30 p.m. During the four sessions each child will model in two separate events and will participate hands-on in the "behind the scenes" experiences of being a model such as skin care, runway walking, poise, stance, confidence, team work, mannequin modeling and live fashion show techniques.

"I think it's very important to give the kids a chance to model," said Aue. "I equate it with taking a dance or drama class. Can you imagine spending \$800-900 on the class and never having the chance to dance. Just spending all your time in a classroom talking about dance. Kids aren't going to know whether or not modeling is for them if they don't get the chance to be on stage and work in front of an audience."

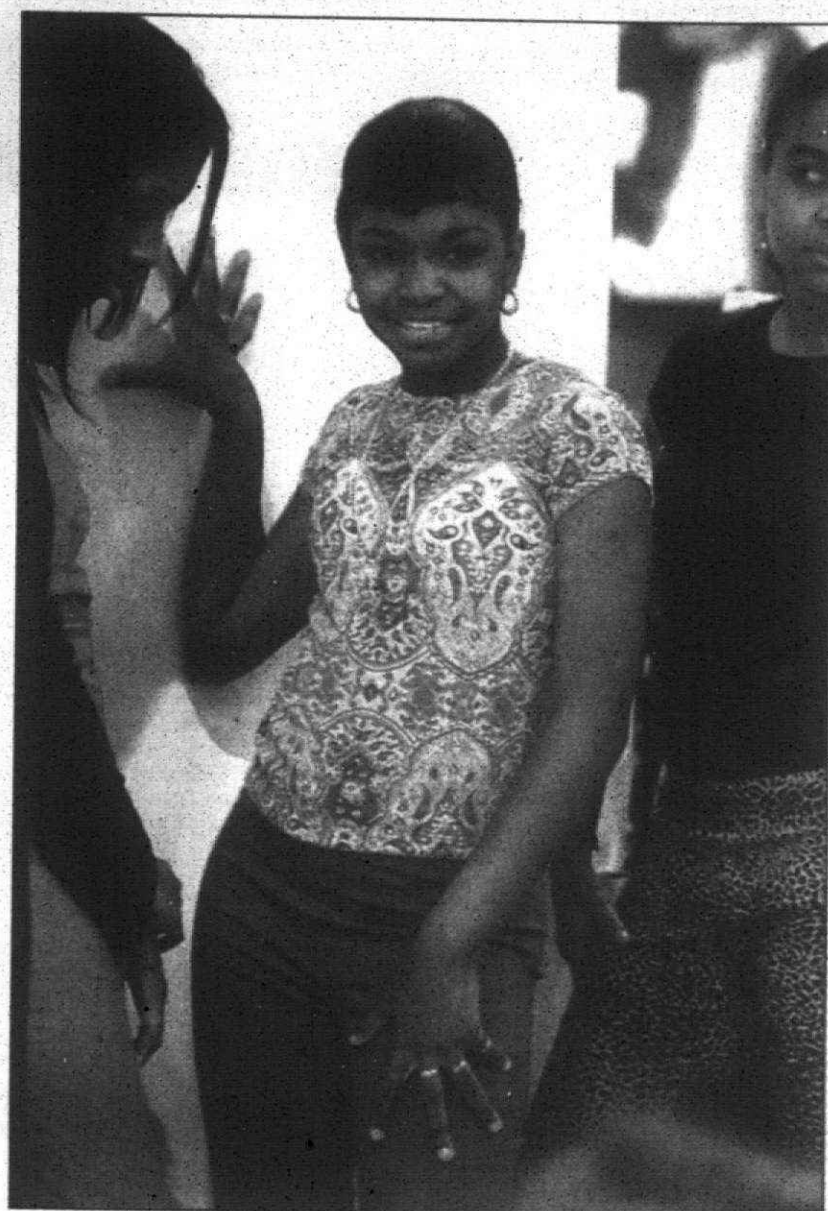
Aue's first class attracted a diverse group of 22 students from the tri-county area including Detroit, Livonia, Redford, Oak Park, Southfield, and Farmington Hills and has been averaging 3-5 inquiries every Saturday about the program since the first class Jan. 8.

Family, friends and Sears shoppers are encouraged to attend the Jan. 29 fashion show inside the Livonia Sears store. The modeling club coordinator said the event isn't about the clothes but about the kids themselves.

The young models wear Sears clothing (they have the option to purchase) and appear on the runway several times throughout the show. Participants receive a 10 percent discount card that is good on any clothing purchase the entire time they are enrolled in the program.

"We read bio's about the models and don't talk about looks, body shapes or even the clothes, but about the children," said Aue. "I try to emphasize to the kids that no one single person is the star; that it's all about team work and everyone is a star. An opportunity like this really builds on their self-esteem."

Registration is held every Saturday at 3 p.m. in the children's department at the Livonia Sears store. All children ages 7-18 are welcome to come to the store at this time and register to model in the next available event at Sears. For information please call (313) 295-3283.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Vogue: Twelve-year-old Celika Pimpleton of Detroit strikes a pose for the camera and shoppers at Sears in Livonia. (Below) Amber Hall, 14, from Farmington Hills looks through clothes in the juniors department for an outfit to model.



Opera theatre serenades Livonia

The Livonia Town Hall played host to the renowned Michigan Opera Theatre during a live performance at the Jan. 19 quarterly lecture series at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.

Michigan Opera Theatre brought the magic of their live performances to guests through their production of the "Best of Broadway — Past and Present."

The fast paced celebration of hit songs old and new included the dynamic, cabaret-styles of Maria Cimorelli, soprano; Betsy Bronson, soprano; Karl Schmidt, tenor; and Mark Vondrak, baritone.

Soprano Betsy Bronson performed songs from the childhood classic, "Mary



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Quartet: Michigan Opera Theatre singers Karl Schmidt (l-r), Betsy Bronson, Mark Vondrak and Maria Cimorelli performed Broadway hits from "Mary Poppins," "Cats," and "My Fair Lady."

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Editor named to Community Life section

Health and business reporter Kimberly Mortson has been promoted to the position of editor of the Community Life section of the Observer Newspapers.

As a member of the Observer Newspapers features group, Mortson will be responsible for the content and layout of the Community Life sections of the Observer Newspapers. She will be working with Stefanie Casola, who writes feature stories for the Community Life and Entertainment sections of the Observer Newspapers.

"Kim is a well organized, enthusiastic, and hardworking community journalist," said Keely Wygonik, assistant managing editor of the Observer features group. "Kim is a good listener and works hard at getting stories our readers will want to read. Her Health section was a must-read on Sundays. She has lots of contacts in the commu-



Mortson

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Charity dance benefits First Step shelter, local families

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The impact the annual First Step Charity Dance has had on children and families is immeasurable.

The tens of thousands of dollars that are raised each year, according to First Step Executive Director Judy Ellis, goes directly back to serve people in a number of capacities from providing free counseling to purchasing goods such as food and clothing.

"The number of people that have come out over the years and supported this effort is really noteworthy," said Ellis. "Last year we sold at least 5,800 tickets to the dance."

Founded 10 years ago by Livonia resident, Realtor and current city council-

man, Brian Duggan, the annual fundraiser has grossed approximately \$100,000 over the last decade and has simultaneously grown in popularity.

"This event is a great way to raise money for an important community program and to have fun at the same time," said Duggan.

Catalyst

In 1990 Duggan said it was Ellis who spoke at a function he was attending and he swept away by the critical need for a shelter of this nature in the community. "It was a real educational experience for me to learn about this population of battered women and children who really count on the services First Step is able to offer," said Duggan.

The 10th Annual First Step Charity

First Step located in Plymouth is a community-based organization working to end domestic violence and sexual assault. They provide non-residential and shelter-based services, training and development such as violence intervention for men who batter, 24-hour on call teams to meet with survivors of domestic violence/sexual assault, safety planning, legal assistance and student internships and field placements.

According to Duggan (who organizes the event with his wife Laura; sister, Cheryl Stolt; and his father, Jim Duggan) the Livonia Rotary is teaming up efforts this year to offer "Vegas Night" entertainment such as blackjack and roulette at no additional cost.

"This event has always been about raising awareness and bringing the

Language of love

Express your feelings with chocolate

On Valentine's Day, millions will select a gift of chocolate to express their love. Chocolate, like flowers, is the language of love. Now better to express your passion for a loved one than with a box of exquisite Belgian chocolates. But could the type of chocolate selected — white, dark or milk — be carrying a secret meaning?

Perhaps there is a "language of chocolate" just as there is for flowers. After all, since Victorian times, flowers have been tangible symbols of emotion: A forget-me-not conveys true love while a carnation symbolizes unrequited love.

To help those selecting a Valentine's Day gift for their dearly beloved, Guylian Chocolate offers gift-givers the following guide as food for thought.

Guylian's Language of Chocolate tells us that:

- White chocolate represents pure love: dedication, patience, steadfastness.
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No matter what the sentiment to be conveyed, Guylian offers a mouth-watering selection of boxed chocolates that will demonstrate your all-encompassing love. There's Guylian's original hazelnut praline Seashells; La Truffina, a collection of creamy truffles enrobed in either white, dark or milk chocolate; Opus, Guylian's musical-themed collection of eight unique varieties of Belgian chocolate; La Perline, sculpted chocolate creations with a whole Turkish hazelnut nestled in a smooth cappuccino center; Solitaire, individually wrapped milk



Rolling In: The St. Robert Bellarmine train and toy show begins at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Train show on track

Trains are a tradition at St. Robert Bellarmine.

For 14 years, the St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club has hosted the Ole Toy and Train Show in the school gym. This year the show serves as a precursor to the Super Bowl. From 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, St. Robert Bellarmine will bring out the first major toy and train show of the 2000s. The money raised at the event goes toward sports activities and programs at St. Robert Bellarmine.

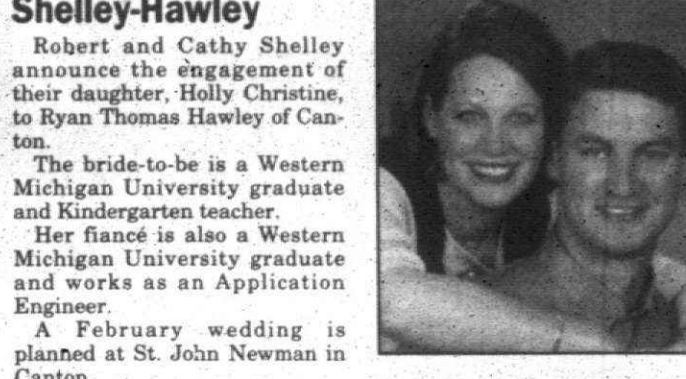
The Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society will show videos of their train trips, along with a display of

Mazur-Benthall

Kenneth and Ramona Mazur of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Marie, to Scott Michael Benthall, the son of George Benthall of Maple Glen, Pa., and Marlene Benthall of Wixom.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a master's degree in speech pathology. She is employed at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn as a licensed speech pathologist.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed a mechanical engineer at Robert Bosch Corporation in Farmington Hills.



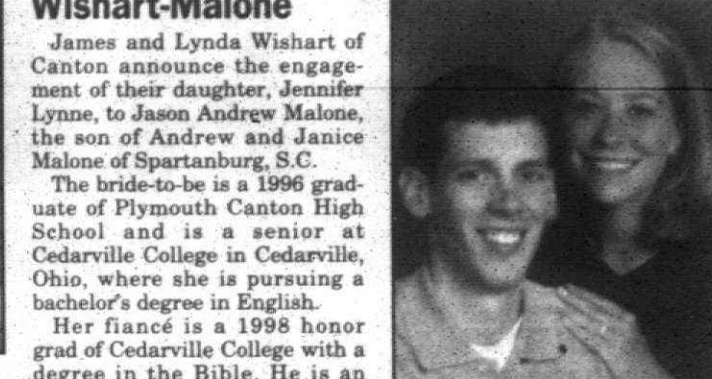
Shelley-Hawley

Robert and Cathy Shelley announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Christine, to Ryan Thomas Hawley of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a Western Michigan University graduate and kindergarten teacher.

Her fiancé is also a Western Michigan University graduate and works as an Application Engineer.

A February wedding is planned at St. John Newman in Canton.



Soronen-Baffy

John and Mary Soronen of Westland announce the marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Thressa, to Robert J. Baffy of Westland.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan and works as a design engineer for Ford Motor Company.

Her husband is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He works as a video game designer for Digital Eclipse.

The couple wed on Aug. 7 at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia. A reception at Laurel Manor followed. The Baffys took



Hefke-Sturm

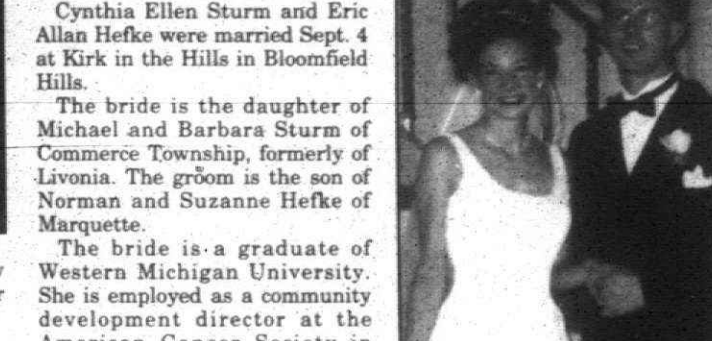
Cynthia Ellen Sturm and Eric Allan Hefke were married Sept. 4 at Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Barbara Sturm of Commerce Township, formerly of Livonia. The groom is the son of Norman and Suzanne Hefke of Marquette.

The bride is a graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed as a community development director at the American Cancer Society in Southfield.

The groom is a graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed as a procurement and inventory specialist for DaimlerChrysler.

The couple received guests at a reception was held at the El Dorado Country Club before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Hawaii. They are making their home in Commerce Township.

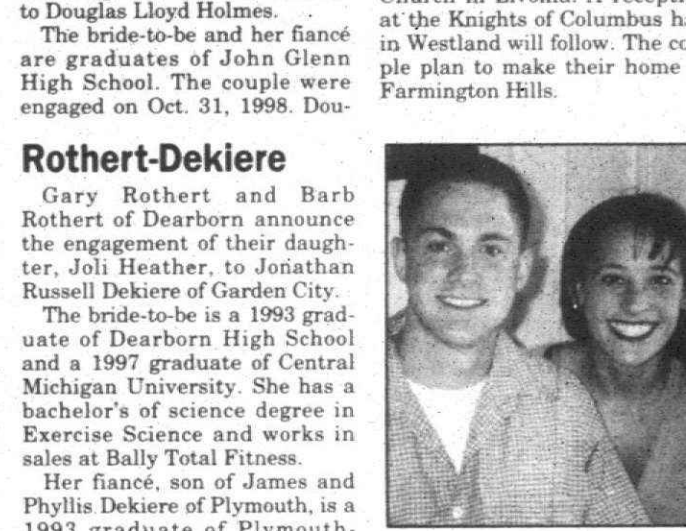


Norton-Holmes

Delores Norton of Westland announces the engagement of her daughter, Heather Delores, to Douglas Lloyd Holmes.

The bride-to-be and her fiancé are graduates of John Glenn High School. The couple were engaged on Oct. 31, 1998. Douglas is the son of Bill and Carol Holmes.

A May wedding is planned at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. A reception at the Knights of Columbus hall in Westland will follow. The couple plan to make their home in Farmington Hills.



Rothert-Dekiere

Gary Rothert and Barb Rothert of Dearborn announce the engagement of their daughter, Joli Heather, to Jonathan Russell Dekiere of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Dearborn High School and a 1997 graduate of Central Michigan University. She has a bachelor's of science degree in Exercise Science and works in sales at Bally Total Fitness.

Her fiancé, son of James and Phyllis Dekiere of Plymouth, is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and a 1997 graduate of Central Michigan University. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and now works as a Dearborn police officer.

A May wedding is planned at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dearborn.



Schmitt-McNeely

Dave and Barb Schmitt of Plymouth announce the marriage of their daughter, Karlye Nicole, to Steven Paul McNeely of Holland.

The bride is a graduate of Hope College and works as a clinical nurse at Intercare.

Her husband, son of Bill and Jan McNeely, graduated from Cornerstone University with a degree in business and marketing. He works for Carline Medical Supply Company.

A November wedding took place at Hope College Dimmet Chapel in Holland with Pastor Mike Faris, Melissa Flynn, Wendy Veis and Erin Daly were the bride's attendants. Barry Dillin, Jaime Casey and Jeff Dresser were groomsmen.

The couple received guests at a reception at the ceremony. They have made their home in Holland.

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This Section amends Chapter 50, Alarm User Ordinance to read as follows:

50.010 Definitions.
This Section contains definitions of terms used in the Ordinance.

50.020 False Alarm Fines.
a. This Section provides that an alarm user shall be required to pay a fine for each false alarm in excess of three (3) false alarms occurring within a calendar year.

b. This Section provides for certain extenuating circumstances including alarms being activated by persons working on the alarm with prior notice to the police or fire department, alarm being activated by severe weather or by disruption or disturbance of telephone or other communications systems.

c. This Section sets forth the fines which shall be charged for false alarms in excess of two (2) occurring within any one calendar year.

50.030 Interference with Telephone Communications System.
This Section prohibits selling or installing a device that mechanically, electronically or otherwise initiates automatic intrastate calling, dialing or connection to any telephone number without consent of the subscriber.

50.040 Audible or Visual Signals.
This Section prohibits installing an alarm system which emits a sound and/or visual signal for a period of longer than fifteen (15) minutes.

50.050 Violation and Penalty.
Any person, corporation, partnership or other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the court. Each day that the violation continues after due notice has been served in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 2. SAVINGS CLAUSE.
This Section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.
This Section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 4. REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.
This Section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.
This Section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.
This Section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-2000-01 considered for first reading at the January 11, 2000, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2000. The Ordinance, in full, is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal at 42300 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone Number (734) 354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Published January 27, 2000

SHURGARD STORAGE CENTER

Notice is hereby given that the following unit(s) will be sold to the highest bidder by open auction on February 25, 2000 at approximately 9:30 am at Shurgard Storage located at 2101 Haggerty Rd., Canton, MI 48187. (313) 981-0300.

Unit #3032 - Steven Hewer - Bookshelf, Baby Furniture, Misc. Toys, Curio Cabinet, Misc. Boxes

Published: January 27 and 30, 2000

Hands On Center
Physical Therapy
UPDATE
Presented by
Hands On Center for Physical Therapy
ALL IN THE WRIST

Carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS) is the well-known occupational injury involving the passageway (carpal tunnel), composed of bone and ligaments, through which a major nerve-system of the forearm passes into the hand. These nerves control the muscles in this area, as well as the nine tendons that allow the fingers to flex. The wear and tear of repeated movements thicken the lubricating membrane of the tendons and press the nerves up against the hard bone. CTS usually affects the dominant hand and begins with pain and tingling or numbness. To avoid this problem, those who work with their hands should keep their wrists straight, lift objects with their entire hand, and ease up when they begin to feel pain.

While CTS is generally associated with individuals who use keyboards, anyone who is performing extensive work with their hands, such as carpenters, electricians, home repair buffs, and gardeners can experience pain, stiffness, and reduced dexterity. Don't shrug off these symptoms as inevitable, they are important signs that injury may have occurred; ask your doctor for a referral to the HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY, located in Plymouth, at 470 Forest Avenue, Suite 20. To learn more, or to schedule an appointment, call 455-8376; evenings available.

If you work at a computer keyboard, keep your fingers lower than your wrists. Do not rest the heels of your hands on the keyboard.

John Conith, PT
Mark Wijnbergen, PT
Bob Schoemaker, PT

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So what does all this mean to the average person? (By the way, the researchers found that most incompetent people tend to rate their abilities "above average.")

Maybe it explains why highly paid (and oh-so-serious) TV newscasters behave more like Paddy Chayefsky parodies of themselves than serious journalists. Why politicians full of confidence and bluster (but little else) get elected to public office. Why the bosses and managers in the "Dilbert" comic strip seem more realistic than cartoonish.

You figure it out. I don't have enough confidence in my analytical ability to try to draw any conclusions.

Jack Gladden, a copy editor for the Observer Newspapers, lives in Canton. You can e-mail him at: jgladden@oe.com or homecomm.net.

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nity and is dedicated to serving readers.

"Readers can expect to see many new additions to the Community Life section of the paper in the coming months," said Mortson. "I look forward to working with the features staff in my new role and am eager to receive feedback from the community whether they have a story to share or a concern to express."

Mortson joined the Observer Newspapers in April of 1997 as a temporary reporter and began covering health and business in October 1997.

A 1988 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland, Mortson worked as a reporter at Michigan Community Newspapers in Wayne after graduating from Central Michigan University in 1996. Her work has been recognized twice by the Michigan Press Association including a first place honor for Best Spot News and Special Sections.

She and her husband, Ken, and daughter, Grace, make their home in Milan.

You can reach Mortson by phone or e-mail at (734) 953-2131 or kmortson@oe.com or homecomm.net.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2000
INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION
CERTIFICATE FOR
TOOLCO, INC.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 08, 2000, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider Toolco, Inc.'s request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate covering new machinery and equipment for their existing facility located at 47709 Galleon Drive, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Township Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42300 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, February 08, 2000, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trust meeting. Telephone number: (734) 354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
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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 7170 N. Haggerty in Canton. Visit a group class for free during the open house week. For more information, call (734) 455-4677 for a listing of classes and times. Now taking registrations for group classes in Kindergarten, 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 12:30 p.m. to 4 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 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 con-

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) 981-5170.

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 charted 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.

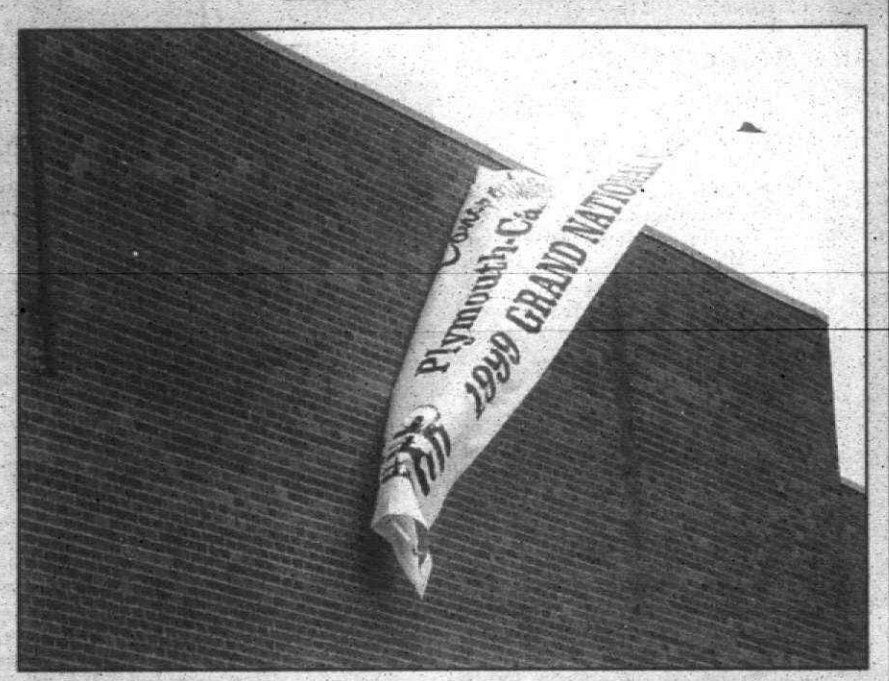
WORKSHOPS

Financial consultant Paul Ledue presents a free "Advanced Living Trust Workshop" 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Northville Public Library, 212 W. Cady, Northville. Call (248) 540-8710.

INFORMATION MEETING

Hands Across the Water,

Hail to the champs



Band salute: A banner hailing the Plymouth Canton Marching Band as National Champions blows in the wind at Phase III of Canton High School.

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 Valentines 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 grandpa, so each girl will have a partner? Girls 3-13 will be available after all Masses at St. Thomas a Becket or by calling Ralph at (248) 344-1956 or Mary at (734) 397-1359. Tickets are \$12 per couple and \$16 for dad and two dates. Space is limited.

CARP TAX-AIDE

The AARP is sponsoring

free federal and Michigan

income tax preparation for elderly persons at the locations listed below. Work is performed by counselors qualified by the IRS. An appointment is required. Assistance is available 9 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m. on Tuesdays at Canton Recreation Center, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton, by appointment at (734) 397-5444; from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m. on Tuesdays at Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady, Northville, by appointment at (248) 349-4140; and from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 233 S. Main St., Plymouth, by appointment at (734) 453-1234.

SERVICE CENTER

The Michigan Works Service Center provides the Employer/Employee Connection for Washtenaw County. Job-seeking assistance is provided daily from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Face-to-face job fairs with instant interviews are held from 9:30 a.m. until noon, Thursday mornings. Free services include distribution of job position information, candidate referrals, resume preparation, interviewing assistance along with Internet access, computer use and free faxing.

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

NEW BEGINNINGS

St. Matthew's United Methodist

Church in Livonia offers a year-round grief support group and this new Thursday speaker series, beginning with "The Grief Process" with the Rev. Chuck Sonquist Feb. 3; Del McPherson and "The Healing Power of Humor," March 2; the Rev. Kurt Stutz of Botsford Hospital with "Healing Grief" April 6; the Rev. Phil Seymour on "Dreams, Visions and Images" May 4; and Warren Gilbert's "Managing Memories" June 1. The series is free and open to the public. Call (734) 422-8038.

HEALING SERVICES

The Rev. Gary Seymour offers healing services for the series titled "Rise and Come Forward" the third Wednesday evening of each month at the Church of the Risen Lord, 821 N. Newburgh Road in Westland. Call (734) 397-7132.

CONCERT

The Tubbs Family will perform 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 at Clarencove United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia.

RELIEF EFFORT

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

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DAY

Church Women United of Subur-

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.

While Jeff

frey and Myra Kay had prayed to move closer to family, he assumed it would mean a transfer to South Carolina, where her family lived. He never expected to live so close to his parents,

VOLUNTEER WORK

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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) 582-2382.

William Beaumont Hospital

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

Head Start needs volunteers

to help in the classroom with large-group activities, to assist during meal times and participate in the learning centers with subjects such as art, computer and library. If you have a morning or afternoon free Monday through Thursday, call (734) 416-6196.

Volunteer drivers are

needed for New Morning School's Swim/Gym program at the Livonia YMCA 8:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays. Volunteers may also help in the pool if desired. Call (734) 420-3331. New Morning School is at 14501 Haggerty, just north of Schoolcraft.

Henry Ford Hospice

seeks volunteers to work with patients, to assist in the office, or to assist with special projects. Volunteers will receive training. Call Sharon Cain at (734) 354-3372.

Individualized Hospice

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

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 Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

COUNTERPOINT

Counterpoint Shelter

Canton's Mainstreet Baptist Church welcomes new pastor

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER
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Jeffrey Noble didn't just move to Canton Township, he was called there.

Noble, along with his wife, Myra Kay, and their three daughters moved to Canton from Georgia last August. The family received a phone call from Deacon Dudley last April asking if Noble was interested in moving northward to become a pastor at Mainstreet Baptist Church, 8500 N. Morton Taylor in Canton.

While Jeffrey and Myra Kay had prayed to move closer to family, he assumed it would mean a transfer to South Carolina, where her family lived. He never expected to live so close to his parents,

who reside in Northville. "The Lord lead us here," said Noble, dressed casually and sitting at his desk. "This is where we were called to be."

While adjusting to the chilly winters of Michigan may take some time, he's no stranger to it. Noble grew up in Ohio. So far, he's happy with the new address. "Canton is wonderful."

His wife couldn't agree more. "We love it here," she said. "It's a breath of fresh air to me. We prayed to be closer to family. Now we're 10 minutes away."

Myra Kay Noble works as assistant branch manager of First Federal in Plymouth. She said watching her husband preach makes her "anxious to see what God has in store for the future. We feel very blessed."

Noble is perhaps most passionate about prayer, and reading the word of God. "You hunger for it," he said, likening prayer to having a passion for music. "I really desire to spend time with it. The more I read, the more I want to know. When you have a relationship with someone, you want to spend time with them."

Noble wasn't always so dedicated to religion. "I was a corporate climber," he said. But no matter what he achieved in the corporate world, it never seemed to be

enough. He sought fulfillment. It took a complete separation, from the house, car and material possessions, to find it. Noble went to a seminary and later became a music minister, leading the church in worship, leading the choir and planning and organizing special events.

"As a pastor I can empathize," he said. "It's been a fun road, really."

He had always possessed a love for

music. He plays both the guitar and drums. At one point in his young life, Noble said he "wanted to become the next Phil Collins." In his quest for musical stardom, Noble found his true calling.

He was on his way to a Christian concert, on a date, when one of the musicians on-stage spoke to the audience and said something he'll never forget.

Sharing the Word: Jeffrey Noble is excited about his new position in Canton.

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Listings for the Religious News

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

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SINGLES WELCOME

Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance to divorced or separated Christians. Call (734) 981-4553 about the divorce recovery workshop. Monthly meetings are held at 8 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Church, Haggerty Road and 5 Mile Road. On Friday, Feb. 4, the church will host a dinner at Northville Downs. Call (734) 421-3011 for information. Saturday, Feb. 5 marks the Singles Dance, 8:30 p.m. St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford. The \$8

charge includes refreshments.

Proper attire required. Every Sunday, the church offers breakfast at 10 a.m. at Redford Inn on the northwest corner of 5 Mile and Beech Daly roads in Redford, followed by mass at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Catholic Church on Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 729-1974.

BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

This is a Bible Study for women who want to live holy lives and are always on the lookout for help to spiritual maturity. "Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People" will be offered from 7-8 p.m. for 10 weeks beginning Wed. Feb. 2 at the Plymouth Church of Nazareth located at 45801 Ann Arbor Road. Each week we will explore down-to-earth answers for problems related to making things right with others, forgiving those who have hurt you, conquering impure thoughts, winning the battle with pride and selfish ambition, learning to be totally honest and transparent. Call the church office at 463-1525.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES

Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in Knox Hall in Ward

Church. Ministries Showcase

7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Sanctuary at church. Hear Phillips, Craig and Dean, a free concert. Offerings accepted; Single Parenting Ministry meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the parlor, room C317 and C319, at the church. A free meal is served before the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Speakers or open discussion in a friendly, supportive and encouraging atmosphere. Free child care provided; Lighthouse Cafe, a coffee-house setting, is offered 7-10 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month in Knox Hall. The cost is \$5; all events provided by Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross will be operating a blood drive 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 at St. Edith's Parish, 15089 Newburgh Road in Livonia. Walk-ins welcome.

GATHERING OF THE EAGLES

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

VEGAS NIGHTS

St. Edith Church will sponsor Las Vegas Nights, 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5 at the church, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Admission is \$1 and maximum payout will be \$500, under license number F23263. Proceeds go to general fund. Call (734) 464-1222.

St. Theodore Parish will host its

Las Vegas Nights 6 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5 at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road in Westland. Admission is \$2. Parking is free. Beer, food and refreshments available. The program is presented by St. Theodore Men's Club & Confraternity of Christian Women

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ing new, beginner tai chi classes, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia, St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bloomfield and Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Observers welcome. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281. Tai chi is a complete and integrated exercise that works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for persons of all ages and conditions of health.

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

WOMEN'S RETREAT
Calvary Baptist Church will

have a women's retreat, "Choosing to Be God's Woman," Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, at the church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Sessions include "Choosing to Be God's Woman," "Choosing to Trust," "Choosing to Be What God Wants Me to Be" and "Sharing Christ in Familiar Places." The retreat will be held 7-9:15 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The \$20 ticket price includes all of the seminar sessions, snack, continental breakfast and a boxed lunch. To register, call (734) 455-0022.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other. Feb. 11-Feb. 13 and March 10-12 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248)

528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit this Web site: www.re.net/detroit/www. Listen for "The Marriage Journey" 8:30-9 a.m. Sundays on WCAR 1090 AM.

HEALING SERVICE
The Church of the Risen Lord presents a healing service at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the church, 821 N. Newburgh Road, south of Ford Road, Westland. The service, led by the Rev. Gary Seymour, is part of the series of healing services, "Rise and Come Forward." For more information, call the church office at (734) 397-7132.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
Garden City Presbyterian Church is offering a contemporary worship service at 9:15 a.m. the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads, Garden City. The contemporary service offers upbeat music and an infor-

mal atmosphere.

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

REMARIED GROUP
The Remarried Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville offers an informal, drop-in support group for those struggling with the issues of a blended family. The group is hosted by the Rev. Paul Clough and meets 7-8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Room C309 of the church, 40000 Six Mile Road at Haggerty Road. There is no cost and registration isn't necessary. For more information, call Stacy Cole at (248) 374-5912.

CONFIDENTIAL HELP

Have a problem? Need to talk? Life Care Ministries of Livonia offers a free, confidential and anonymous Christian telephone listening service 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Call (734) 427-LIFE.

THRIFT SHOP
The Thrift Shop, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, has opened a new location at 494 N. Mill St., one block north of Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call the store at (734) 459-1250 or e-mail the church at fpcc@juno.com.

RITE OF INITIATION
Adults interested in joining the Catholic church are invited to "inquire" at the ongoing Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Theodore of Canterbury Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

The process is open to any interested adult including baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation with First Communion and/or Confirmation. For more information, call Lorraine Short, pastoral minister, at (734) 425-4421.

EARLY CHILDHOOD
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church offers an early childhood program, a day care program for toddlers age 18 months to 3 years. The program is available full or half day Monday through Friday. Children have organized and spontaneous activities - all hands-on and interactive. The program is state-certified and offered at the church, Farmington Road, north of I-275. For more information, call (734) 513-8413.

HISPANIC CHURCH
The Hispanic Pentecostal Church holds worship 2 p.m. Sundays. Call (248) 471-5282.

REUNIONS CALENDAR

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
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JCRich47@aol.com

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A reunion is planned for July 29. (248) 540-2917 or (248) 358-4490

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March 4 at the Somerset Inn in Troy. (248) 366-9493, press #2 or by e-mail at reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

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

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Class of 1960
A reunion is tentatively planned for August. (248) 627-4549, (248) 933-1670 or dmlmiller@flash.net

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Seeking alumni for June 25 reunion at Penna's of Sterling. Call (810) 773-3286 or (248) 585-2083

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A reunion is planned for June. (810) 773-4253, (248) 585-2083 or (810) 773-3286

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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 29 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/~bjjustice/index.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 EAST
Classes of 1974 and 1975 are hosting a 25th reunion Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Crown Plaza Hotel - Metro Airport. Contact Barry Harnos (class of 1974) (734) 416-5583 or Vicky (class of 1975) (734) 421-5665

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

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Julie and Phil Laurette of Canton announce the birth of their daughter **Samantha Katlynn** Oct. 8 at the University of Michigan Birthing Center in Ann Arbor. Samantha joins siblings Kevin, 11; Erica, 10; and Derek, 5. Grandparents are Larry and Dorothy Myers of Clinton, Indiana and James and Florence McCarthy of Plymouth.

Mike and Marcy Hamilton of Redford announce the birth of their daughter **Maddison Marie**, Jan. 4 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Maddison joins brother Trevor, 4. Grandparents are Jim and Judy Kneiding of Livonia and Mike and

Lynn Hamilton of River Rouge. Jim and Stacey McCarthy of Canton announce the birth of their daughter **Corinne Olivia**, January 14 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Grandparents are Larry and Dorothy Myers of Clinton, Indiana and James and Florence McCarthy of Plymouth.

Sarah Richards of Westland announces the birth of her son **Zachary Noah Richards**, Dec. 20, 1999 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Aggie Richards of Westland, Gary Richards of Howell and Aunt Molly Wright of Westland.



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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Regional champs

The Plymouth Kicks '89, an under-11 boys select soccer team, captured first place in the U-11 division at the National Indoor Championship Regional Tournament in Maumee, Ohio last weekend.

The Kicks won all three of their games, beating Vardar Black, Vardar Red and Michigan United of Westland. The tournament featured three teams that finished first in their respective outdoor leagues this past fall.

The regional victory qualifies the Kicks for the National Indoor Championship Tournament, to be hosted by Detroit's Total Soccer March 3-5. This is the fourth consecutive year the Kicks have qualified for the National Tournament.

Kicks team members are Grant Blakey, Paul Carhini, Kevin Costa, Josh Hammond, Gabe Hicks, Andrew Koet, Matt Kulczycki, Ryan Langdon, Alex Lumley, Mike Marek, Blaine Paden, Jeff Selasky, Nick Vella, Brian Walsh, Brett Windecker and Alex Wozniak. Rich Kulczycki and Paul Lumley coach the team.

Baseball skills clinic

The Plymouth Salem Dugout Club, together with the Salem Baseball coaching staff, will conduct a Baseball Skills Clinic for youngsters 7-15 years old.

There will be two sign-up sessions — this Saturday and Feb. 12 — both beginning at 9 a.m. at the Summit in Canton. Cost is \$20.

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

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

Chiefs' rally falls short

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A warning has been served. Officially.

Livonia Churchill, ranked among the state's elite in hockey, couldn't have expected too much from this first-year Plymouth Canton squad Wednesday at Livonia's Edgar Arena. After all, the Chargers handled Canton in their first meeting, beating the Chiefs 6-1 on Dec. 7.

And when they got two goals in the first 6:17 of the opening period, with Canton failing to even get a shot on goal, well — who could blame them for thinking, "This will be easy."

But it wasn't. The Chiefs, who had problems maintaining possession in the first period and even getting the puck out of their end, turned things around in the second and very nearly shocked the Chargers.

As it turned out, they had to settle for a 5-4 loss to Churchill. The defeat dropped Canton to 7-8-2 overall — the "first time all season we've had a losing record," coach Dan Abraham pointed out.

Although the Chiefs made a battle out of it for the last 2 1/2 periods, it wasn't quite good enough for Abraham. "I can take a loss with a full-game effort," he said. "We came out slow tonight."

"It took us awhile to get going. We've been learning all year long that you have to play three periods."

It's especially important against a team as deep as Churchill. The Chargers opened the scoring just 3:04 into the game, with Kevin Gessler — who finished with a goal and two assists — tipping a cross-ice pass from Nate Jakubowski past Canton goalie Ryan Zielinski.

A shot by Mike Andes from the left side gave Churchill a 2-0 lead with 6:17 gone (Adam Krug assisted).

With play stuck in their defensive zone, it was beginning to look like a



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Congratulations in order: Canton's Jeremy Majszak (14) is mobbed by teammates Jack Ware (13), Sean Depp (21) and Mike Carson after scoring one of his three goals against Churchill. Majszak's performance was instrumental in keeping the Chiefs in the battle Wednesday.

long night for the Chiefs. Then, 3:11 after the Chargers' second goal, and with them still dominating the action, Canton managed to knock the puck to the front of the Churchill goal.

Ryan McBroom cleared it behind his net, but the Chiefs' Jeremy Majszak broke free from the scrum in front to gain possession behind and flick the puck off the back of McBroom's pads

into the goal.

If there was a turning point in the game for Canton, Majszak's unassisted goal was it. Indeed, Majszak provided the offensive punch throughout the game for the Chiefs. That was the first of his three goals.

The Chargers remained relentless. They kept attacking. With 2:05 left in the first period, and moments after a

Canton penalty had expired, Jakubowski took a pass from Gessler and blasted a shot past Zielinski to give them a two-goal lead again.

It took the Chiefs just 1:39 of the second period to narrow the gap to one, this one a power-play blast by John Bockstanz (Gessler assisting). But each

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Contenders aim at CC

BY DAN O'MEARA
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If the rankings hold true to form, there will be a lot of repeat winners Saturday in the Ninth Annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament.

It all starts at the top with defending team champion Redford Catholic Central, which has been ranked No. 1 in the area all season.

The Shamrocks are favored to win consecutive titles for the first time and their fourth overall championship.

"I'm sure we're going to be in contention," CC coach Mike Rodriguez said, "but I don't see us walking away with it."

"A lot of people out there are going to help us. Where we might be weak, they'll knock out some of the other boys."

"Everybody has somebody who's good. I just hope we have a few more."

If CC doesn't win it, history indicates either Livonia Steven-

What: Ninth Annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament.

When: Saturday, Jan. 29. Competition starts at 9 a.m. The finals are expected to begin at approximately 6 p.m.

Where: Livonia Churchill High School.

Admission: \$5 and is good for the whole day.

PAST TROPHY WINNERS

1999: 1. Redford Catholic Central, 2. Livonia Stevenson, 3. Garden City.

1998: 1. Plymouth Salem, 2. Redford Catholic Central, 3. Livonia Stevenson.

1997: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 2. Plymouth Salem, 3. Wayne Memorial.

1996: 1. Redford Catholic Central, 2. Livonia Stevenson, 3. Plymouth Salem.

1995: Livonia Stevenson, 2. Redford Catholic Central, 3. Plymouth Salem.

1994: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 2. Redford Catholic Central, 3. Plymouth Salem.

1993: 1. Redford Catholic Central, 2. Westland John Glenn, 3. Livonia Stevenson.

1992: 1. Farmington, 2. Plymouth Canton, 3. Westland John Glenn.

son or Plymouth Salem will. No other team has won the tournament since Farmington captured the inaugural event in 1992, and rarely has any other school finished among the top three.

"If some of our younger guys come through and our seniors do what they're supposed to do, we'll do OK," Salem coach Greg Woodchuk said, adding he's sure the Rocks are not the favorite.

"CC is always a tough tournament team, and they're even-powered throughout their lineup. We always look forward to being somewhere in the top three or four."

The Rocks gave the Shamrocks a scare in a team dual tournament Saturday, but host Catholic Central came from

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Chiefs put away Glenn

In perhaps the most unexpected place, Plymouth Canton's basketball team found something it badly needed.

A victory.

The Chiefs outscored Westland John Glenn in just one of four quarters, but their 20-2 rampage in quarter No. 2 was more than enough to offset the Rockets 43-37 advantage in the other three.

The outcome: a 57-45 win for Canton, evening the Chiefs' record at 2-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and bringing them to 3-7 overall.

Glenn, a team expected to challenge for the WLAA title, continues to struggle with a winless record in four conference games. The Rockets are 2-8 overall.

Glenn led 13-10 after one period, but Canton took control with a 20-2 second-quarter rampage that gave it a 30-15 halftime lead.

BASKETBALL

Jason Waidmann paced the Chiefs with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Kenny Nether added 12 points and 10 boards, and Dan McLean had nine points.

Eric Jones led the Rockets with 19 points; Yaku Moton added 14.

Something the Chiefs have had problems with this season was a major factor in their win. They converted 22-of-29 (76 percent) free throws.

Salem 68, Franklin 46: It was the kind of game Plymouth Salem coach Bob Brodie knows his team will have to play to succeed.

"Nine players scored," Brodie said after Tuesday's win over Livonia Franklin at Salem. "A lot of players contributed."

This group of Rocks is solid,

but starless. No single player will carry them; it will take a combined effort.

Against Franklin, the Rocks led 20-13 after one quarter, but Brodie wasn't entirely happy with the defensive effort.

"In the second quarter we switched up a couple of defenses on them," he said. "They were pretty comfortable against our man-to-man in the first quarter."

The result was a five-point quarter by Franklin and a 35-18 halftime lead for Salem.

"Earlier we were giving up too many points defensively," said Brodie. "Earlier teams were getting up into the 60s on us. Now we're starting to hold teams to less."

The win evened Salem's record at 5-5 overall, 2-2 in the WLAA. Franklin fell to 3-7 overall, 1-3 in the conference.

Nick Tochman led the Rocks

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By Barry Gibson
Director of Ticket Sales
Detroit Tigers

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Whalers beat Greyhounds, close ground



Think again.

Two losses and a tie followed that streak, adding fuel to the suspicion that this team which was supposed to be in a rebuilding year just got hot for a few weeks.

Now: Flash forward to the last weekend, when the Whalers had to travel all the way to Sault Ste. Marie for a game against the division-leading Greyhounds Friday night, then had to bus six hours back to Plymouth for a Saturday night game against the Owen Sound Platers.

The outlook for success wasn't good. The results, however, were.

A goal by Tomas Kurka with 22 seconds left in the third period lifted Plymouth to a come-from-behind 3-2 triumph over the Greyhounds Friday. That seemed to energize the Whalers; on Saturday, they made short work of

the Platers, rolling to a 7-0 victory.

The two wins boosted Plymouth into second place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division with a 25-16-4 record, five points behind Sault Ste. Marie (26-18-4). The "Hounds, however, have played three more games.

Owen Sound slipped to 13-28-4 (34 points), last in the Midwest Division.

At Sault Ste. Marie Friday, the Greyhounds scored twice in the first period to put the Whalers in a hole. John Osborne got a goal at the 8:09 mark and Ryan Jardine made it 2-0 on a power-play marker with 23 seconds left in the period.

However, the Whalers retaliated quickly in the second period. Justin Williams got his 20th of the season with a power-play goal scored 4:02 into the second; Kris Vernarsky and Jared Newman assisted.

Damian Surma then netted his 19th goal of the season 1:55 later to tie it at 2-2, with Shaun Fisher and Newman assisting. The game-winner earned Newman his third assist of the game, with Kurka getting his 21st goal of the year. Labor Ustrual also assisted. The Whalers certainly dominated

play offensively, unleashing 36 shots at Sault Ste. Marie goalie Jason Flick. Rob Zepp got the win in goal for Plymouth; he stopped 15 shots.

If the long trip depleted the Whalers in any way, it didn't show Saturday against Owen Sound. They led 3-0 after two periods, and then in the third — when fatigue should have been a factor working against them — they put four goals on the board.

Steve Morris put together a hat-trick and had an assist, too. Fisher scored two goals as well, with Randy Fitzgerald and Jon Billy scoring single goals. Stephen Weiss totaled three assists, and Kurka had a pair.

Zepp was in goal again, stopping 23 shots to earn the shutout win. Curtis Sanford faced 42 shots in goal for the Platers.

Top Ambassadors

Alex Sawruk of the Compuware Ambassadors scored one of the two goals registered by the Eastern Division all-stars in an overtime shootout last Saturday, leading the Eastern stars to a 5-4 win over their Western Division counterparts at the North

American Hockey League's All-Star game played at Fox Valley Ice Arena in Geneva, Ill.

The East trailed 4-0 in the second period before rallying. The Ambassadors' Steve Swistak scored to make it 4-2 late in the second period, and Sawruk got a goal at 5:27 of the third period to narrow the gap to one goal.

Craig Kowalski started in goal for the Eastern Division, stopping 25 of 28 shots before giving way to Cam Ellsworth of the Soo Kewadin Casino Indians.

In last Friday's NAHL All-Star Skills Competition — won by the Eastern stars, 29-25 — Sawruk won the fastest skater title and Kowalski was first in the rapid fire event.

In their last action prior to the NAHL all-star break, Compuware posted a 5-2 win over Cleveland thanks to a four-goal final period in a game played at Compuware. Sawruk accounted for two of the Ambassador goals.

The win boosted Compuware's Eastern Division-leading record to 24-11-2 (50 points), three more than the Soo Kewadin Indians.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS (Through Jan. 23)

East Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Ottawa 67's	31	11	2	65
Kingston Frontenacs	28	13	4	62
Belleville Bulls	27	15	1	55
Peterborough Petes	21	19	5	47
Oshawa Generals	20	20	3	44
Central Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Barrie Colts	27	13	5	60
Sudbury Wolves	20	20	5	46
North Bay Centennials	18	21	5	42
Toronto St. M. Majors	14	29	2	31
Miss. Ice Dogs	5	37	1	12
West Division	W	L	T	Pts.
SSM Greyhounds	26	18	4	60
Plymouth Whalers	25	16	4	55
Windsor Spitfires	25	18	1	52
Sarnia Sting	21	19	7	49
London Knights	12	25	5	32
Midwest Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Erie Otters	22	23	1	47
Brantford Battalion	18	21	7	46
Guelph Storm	20	20	2	43
Kitchener Rangers	18	22	4	43
Owen Sound Platers	13	28	4	34

Salem posts big numbers

With only seven teams in the lineup, Plymouth Salem's final standing — fourth — didn't seem so great. But the Rocks' point total indicated something better.

Hartland finished first at the Farmington Invitational Saturday, scoring 142.05 points. It was an indication of the kind of scoring achieved by most of the teams in attendance.

Host Farmington was second with 139.6, followed by Northville/Novi with 139.35. Salem was next with a season-best 134.2. Grosse Pointe North took fifth (130.2), Fraser was sixth (119.75) and Dearborn Edsel Ford placed seventh (107.3).

Earlier this month, Salem coach Melissa Hopson said a team score of 132 by season's end was a goal. The Rocks surpassed that when they tied Farmington last week, and bested it again Saturday.

"We keep going up," said Hopson. "Hopefully we'll keep that up. I was very impressed with it."

Bethany Bartlett, a freshman, contin-

GYMNASTICS

ued to impress. Competing in Division I, Bartlett placed second in the vault (9.05), fifth in both the balance beam (9.15) and floor exercise (9.15), and sixth in the uneven parallel bars (8.9).

Her all-around total of 36.25 was fourth best, and it was her season high.

April Aquino posted some solid scores as well in Division II. Aquino was third in floor (9.0) and beam (8.6), seventh in vault (8.3) and ninth in bars (8.3). She tied for second in the all-around in Division II with a 34.2 total.

Other good scores, all in Division II, were posted by Ashley Heard, who was eighth in the beam (8.1) and posted an 8.0 in the vault and a 7.9 in bars; Kelsey Enos, who took fourth in beam (8.55) and scored 8.1 in floor; Kara Dendinos, 7.7 in vault and 7.0 in bars; and AnnMarie Zelinski, 7.0 in bars.

"They looked good out there," said Hop-

son. "I look at that score and know we can clean that up and do even better."

"We're coming together as a team." Salem, 2-0-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, travels to Brighton, one of the state's top-ranked teams, Thursday. On Saturday, Salem joins Plymouth Canton in a five-team invitational that also includes Jackson County Western, Fraser and Troy Athens. Competition begins at 1:30 p.m.

Canton 9th at Holland

Going in without two of its top gymnasts, Plymouth Canton couldn't expect to do much better than it did Saturday at the Holland Invitational — a ninth-place finish with a 126.5 score.

The Chiefs were without top scorer Liz Fitzgerald and Jill Rakovitis, both unable to attend.

The top score posted by Canton came from Amy Driscoll, who won the Division II floor exercise (9.15). Driscoll, still limited to three events by an injury, had a 7.75 in both the balance beam and uneven par-

allel bars.

Kristen Schilk had the Chiefs' top all-around total with a 31.55. She had an 8.15 in floor, 7.95 in vault, 7.9 in bars and 7.55 in beam.

Maggie Bett had a 30.35 all-around, scoring 8.0 in vault, 7.6 in bars, 7.55 in beam and 7.2 in floor.

Other top marks by Chiefs came from Jacquie Benington, 7.925 in vault, and Jessica Krueger, 8.1 in floor.

"Our highlight was Amy's first place (in floor exercise) on a foam floor," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "Not a bad performance generally by the team — but lots of room for improvement."

The Chiefs were supposed to host Westland John Glenn in a WLAA dual meet Monday, but a misunderstanding in the scheduling by the Rockets caused the meet to be cancelled and rescheduled.

Canton hosts Salem, Jackson County Western, Troy Athens and Fraser in a five-team invitational beginning at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.



Top mark: Canton's Amy Driscoll won the floor exercise with a 9.15.

BEST BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING PERFORMANCES

The following is a list of the best Observers boys swimming times and diving scores. Coaches should report updates to Dan O'Meara by fax at (734) 591-7279 or voice mail at (734) 953-2141.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 1:43.11
North Farmington 1:43.46
Plymouth Salem 1:44.76
Redford Catholic Central 1:45.19
Farmington/Harrison 1:50.32

200 FREESTYLE

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:48.36
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 1:53.54
Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 1:53.79
Ben Dzalo (Salem) 1:54.84
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 1:55.26
Brian Martens (Salem) 1:55.29
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 1:55.44
Jim Ross (Salem) 1:55.66
Darryl Price (Farm. Unified) 1:55.96
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 1:56.34

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 2:00.17
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 2:06.69
Eric Lynn (Salem) 2:07.43
Brad Nelson (Canton) 2:08.22
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:09.51
Ben Dzalo (Salem) 2:10.33
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 2:11.00
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:11.38
Mike Kruszewski (Stevenson) 2:12.33
Geoff Lowes (Stevenson) 2:12.84

50 FREESTYLE

Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 23.13
Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 23.23
Mike Johnson (Salem) 23.43
Dan Jones (Salem) 23.69
Dan Zoumbaris (John Glenn) 23.69
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 23.76
Greg Sarkoz (Wayne) 23.78
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 23.81
Brad Buckler (Stevenson) 23.90
Jon Zaid (N. Farmington) 24.06

DIVING

Greg Bratunas (Redford CC) 241.05
Jeff Tallman (Wayne) 233.95
Chris MacFarland (John Glenn) 214.05
Greg Kubitski (Salem) 210.85
Kory Stevens (Redford CC) 186.60
Blake Brunner (Canton) 184.10
Jon Vincent (N. Farmington) 183.05
Joe Rohde (Redford CC) 174.05
Jason Zykowski (Stevenson) 167.00
Jared Goodman (N. Farmington) 155.45

100 BUTTERFLY

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.29
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 55.02
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 55.81
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 56.18
Ben Dzalo (Salem) 57.45
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 57.99
Eric Lynn (Salem) 58.47
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 58.63
Rob Cambridge (Stevenson) 58.90
Brandon Truscott (Stevenson) 59.79

100 FREESTYLE

Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 50.55
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 50.78
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 51.42
Mark Withhoff (Salem) 51.82
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 51.93
Brad Nelson (Canton) 52.04
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 52.30
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 52.79
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 52.89
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 52.91

500 FREESTYLE

Robert Camaridge (Stevenson) 4:55.41
Brian Martens (Salem) 5:00.86
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.80
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 5:10.83
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 5:13.96
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 5:14.36
Darryl Price (Farm. Unified) 5:14.84
Ben Dzalo (Salem) 5:16.48
Eric Lynn (Salem) 5:17.96
Loughan Rycroft (N. Farmington) 5:20.93

200 FREESTYLE RELAY

Plymouth Salem 1:33.18
Redford Catholic Central 1:34.95
Livonia Stevenson 1:35.87
Farmington/Harrison 1:36.50
North Farmington 1:36.94

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL	Friday, Jan. 28
Churchill at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.	
Northville at Franklin, 7 p.m.	
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.	
W.L. Central at John Glenn, 7 p.m.	
Canton at Harrison, 7 p.m.	
Farmington at N. Farm., 7 p.m.	
Romulus at Wayne, 7 p.m.	
Garden City at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.	

Redford Union at Southing, 7 p.m.	Thursday, Jan. 27
Thurston at Melvindale, 7 p.m.	
Clareville at Harper Wds., 7 p.m.	
Borgess at DeLaSalle, 7:30 p.m.	
U-O Jesuit at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.	
St. Agatha at Life & Light, 7:30 p.m.	
Tay. Bapt. at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.	
Huron Valley vs. Warren Bethesda at Marshall M.S., 7:30 p.m.	

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL	Friday, Jan. 28
Redford Union at Southing, 7 p.m.	
Thurston at Melvindale, 7 p.m.	
Clareville at Harper Wds., 7 p.m.	
Borgess at DeLaSalle, 7:30 p.m.	
U-O Jesuit at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.	
St. Agatha at Life & Light, 7:30 p.m.	
Tay. Bapt. at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.	
Huron Valley vs. Warren Bethesda at Marshall M.S., 7:30 p.m.	

PREP HOCKEY	Thursday, Jan. 27
Redford Unified vs. Lincoln Park at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.	
Friday, Jan. 28	
Franklin vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 2:20 p.m.	
Churchill at Trenton, 7:30 p.m.	
Redford CC vs. G.P. North at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.	
Red. Unified at Woodhaven, 7:40 p.m.	
Salem vs. W.L. Central	

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 29
Macomb at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
Madonna at Concordia, 3 p.m.
Concordia at Madonna, 3 p.m.

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ROUNDUP

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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 CCJBAS players. For more 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.

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.

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SC limited the Pioneers to 15 first-half points in building a 28-point lead by the intermission; the second half didn't get any better for Delta, which lost 83-46 Saturday at SC.

The win improved the Ocelots' record to 14-4 overall and kept them perfect in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference at 7-0. Delta slipped to 10-7 overall, 4-3 in the conference.

Disciplinary action kept SC's Robert Brown and Lamar Bigby from starting, but it didn't keep them from contributing — big-

MEN'S HOOPS

time. Brown still scored 13 first-half points (he finished with 20); Bigby had seven in the opening half and 17 for the game.

Mike Williams added 13 points and Quentin Mitchell and Dwight Windom each scored eight.

Delta was limited to using seven players, which didn't help its chances against the fast-paced Ocelot attack. Only four Pioneers scored, led by Sebastian Murray's 19 points and Nate Nard's 16. Charles Underwood scored eight.

The win allows SC to retain its two-game lead in the conference.

Aquinas rips Madonna

Ross Willick had his long-range jumper dropping Saturday as he led Aquinas College to an 89-70 victory over Madonna University at Madonna.

The win improved the Saints' record to 17-6 overall, 5-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Madonna fell to 2-20 overall, 0-6 in the WHAC.

Willick nailed 7-of-11 three-pointers in the game and 10-of-15 floor shots overall in scoring a game-high 29 points. He also had three steals.

Courtney Norman added 17 points and 14 rebounds, and Chuck Schuba had 12 points. Tim Waslik and Kyle Veslin scored eight points apiece, with Waslik adding seven assists and three steals and Veslin dishing out six assists.

The Crusaders were led by Mike Massey's 18 points (including four three-pointers); he also had three assists. Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) added 15 points and six rebounds. Jason Skoczylas had 14 points, 11 boards, four assists and two steals, and Dan Kurtinaitis contributed 12 points, eight boards and three assists.

Bad stretch beats Madonna

One losing streak ended. Another was extended.

And it all boiled down to one bad stretch for Madonna University's women's basketball team, which lost at Aquinas College Saturday 65-61.

The defeat, Madonna's second in a row, put its overall record at 8-10, 2-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. The Saints ended a two-game tailspin, improving to 11-7 overall and 3-3 in the WHAC.

The Lady Crusaders were leading Aquinas' College 55-47 midway through the second half; it was their largest lead of the game.

Unfortunately, the Saints answered with their best offensive stretch of the game, outscoring Madonna 16-2 to reverse the situation and put themselves up 63-57. The Crusaders could never respond.

Michelle Miela paced Madonna

WOMEN'S HOOP

with 19 points, making 5-of-7 three-point tries. Chris Dietrich added 13 points (including three triples), seven rebounds, four assists and three steals; Kristi Fiorenzi collected eight points and five rebounds; and Carissa Gizicki totaled six points, nine boards and four steals.

The Saints were led by Nicole Mielke with 14 points, 10 rebounds, five assists, four steals and four blocked shots. Renee Bolitho finished with 12 points, Julie Murray scored 11 (with nine rebounds, five assists and four steals) and Mary Bond had 10.

Turnovers proved to be a key factor in the game. Madonna had 25, with their starting five combining for 20 of them; Aquinas had 17.

Delta upends SC

Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team kept battling back Saturday against visiting Delta CC, but could never quite catch the Pioneers in falling, 75-67.

The loss left the Lady Ocelots at 5-9 overall, 4-3 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. Delta is 11-5 overall, 6-1 in the conference.

SC trailed 33-31 at the half, then fell behind by 10 with 7:30 remaining. The Ocelots trimmed that deficit to four with 3:25 to play but could draw no closer.

Antone' Watson topped SC with 22 points, six rebounds and five assists; she converted four three-pointers. Janelle Olson added 13 points, Carla Saxton and Angelica Blakely scored 11 apiece and Carly Wright pulled down nine rebounds.

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SHOWS

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The Detroit Archers of West Bloomfield (5795 Drake Road) is hosting a number of leagues: 3-D indoor, Sundays, 6:30 p.m.; Monday bush league, 7:30 p.m. (men only); Tuesday target league, 7:30 p.m.; 3-D bow hunter, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. (indoor); and Friday fun league, 7:30 p.m. Open shoot hours are from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 6 p.m.-10 p.m. Thursday. For more information call (313) 825-2110.

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The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range

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The 17th annual Camper, Travel and RV Show will be held through Jan. 30 at the Pontiac Silverdome. The show features more than 100 exhibitors with the latest in campers, RVs and travel destinations. Show hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30. Admission is \$6.50 adult and \$3 for children. Ages five and under will be admitted free.

SPORTFISHING EXPO
The 12th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo is set for Thursday through Sunday, March 2-5, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. An all-star lineup of seminar speakers is already scheduled. The show also features exhibitors, merchandise booths, casting and fishing activities and more. Show hours are 4-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 2-3; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, March 5. Admission is \$7.75 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 6-12 and children age 5 and under will be admitted free.

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The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

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Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for information.

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BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

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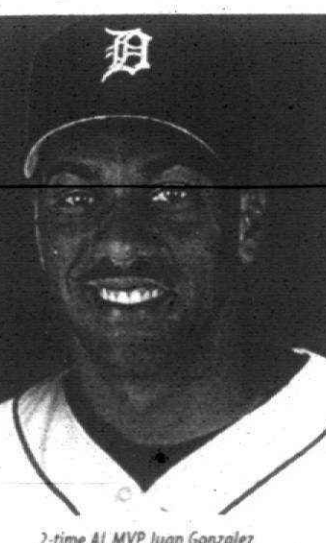
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time Canton scored, Churchill had an answer — and vice-versa. This one was provided by Ryan McDonnell, who got control of a loose puck and shoveled it between Zielinski's pads to make Churchill's lead 4-2 with 12:31 left in the second period.

It took Canton less than two minutes to reply. Majszak's second goal came out of a scramble in front of the net, once again

trimming the deficit to one with 10:48 to go. The final two goals were scored with a man in the penalty box — Churchill's Jason Turri. However, the Chargers got the first as Tom Sherman forced a Canton turnover at the blue line and skated in alone on Zielinski, stuffing the puck past him for a 5-3 lead.

Thirty seconds later, Majszak

completed his hat trick with a power play goal, assisted by Brad Wolf. That would complete the scoring, as McBroom and Brad Arsnov — who replaced Zielinski in the Canton goal midway through the second period — proved to be unbeatable the rest of the way.

"Canton's a very focused team," said Churchill coach Jeff

Hatley, his team now 12-4-1 overall. "We made some turnovers and they were able to capitalize on them. But we're going to have to forget about this game. We drew them in the first round of the (state) tournament, and they'll be tough to beat."

That rematch is one Canton will be looking forward to as well.

Farmington 3, Canton 1: Plymouth Canton kept it close all the way Saturday against Farmington United, but the Chiefs fell a bit short in this WLA game played at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The Flyers took the early lead, getting second-period goals from Kevin Temerowski and Matt Lee. The Chiefs closed the gap to 2-1 when John Bockstanz scored with 4:17 remaining in the second; Brad Wolf and Jeremy Majszak assisted.

But Canton could not get the equalizer against Farmington goalie Logan McLean. Ryan Zielinski was in goal for the Chiefs.

Northville 6, Canton 2: The

Chiefs kept it close for two periods, but Northville pulled away with two third-period goals Friday at Novi Ice Arena.

Canton drew first blood, getting a goal from Sean Depp at the 11:45 mark of the opening period; Mike Carson and Jack Ware assisted.

But the Mustangs retaliated with goals from Jason Wilchowski, Scott Schueler and Tim Hillebrand to go up 3-1 after one period. Canton narrowed the gap to one when Brad Wolf scored from Eric Mayer and Jeremy Majszak four minutes into the second period.

But the Flyers' Rob Ryan got a goal before the period was out and added another four minutes into the final period. Adam Dillesey led the win with a sixth goal for Farmington.

WRESTLING RANKINGS

OBSERVERLAND RANKINGS
TEAM: 1. Redford Catholic Central; 2. Plymouth Central; 3. Plymouth Central; 4. Livonia Stevenson; 5. Garden City.

INDIVIDUAL WEIGHT CLASSES
103 pounds: 1. Kyle Pitt (Canton); 2. Kyle Malo (Churchill); 3. Mike Goethe (Salem); 4. Harry Leipstz (North Farmington); 5. Sean Bennett (Livonia Franklin).

112: 1. Josh Gunterman (Stevenson); 2. Chris O'Hara (Redford CC); 3. Dan Tondreau (Livonia Clarenceville); 4. Chris Smith (Westland John Glenn); 5. Steve Lenhardt (Churchill).

119: 1. Ron Thompson (Salem); 2. Pat Sayn (GC); 3. Jon Simmons (Farmington); 4. David Teets (John Glenn); 5. Paul Goyt (Wayne Memorial).

125: 1. John Mervyn (Franklin); 2. Rob Ash (Salem); 3. Jon Gregg (Wayne Memorial); 4. Vinnie Zoccoli (Garden City); 5. Chris Hoseny (Canton).

130: 1. Jeff Albrecht (John Glenn); 2. Jesse Stevens (Redford Union); 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. Jamie Bair (RU).

140: 1. Josh Henderson (Salem); 2. Jon Pocock (Canton); 3. Josh Fee (Garden City); 4. Jay Abshire (Redford CC); 5. Trevor Clark (N. Farmington).

145: 1. Jeff Usher (Redford Thyrston); 2. Steve Abar (Churchill); 3. Joe Faraoni (Canton); 4. Matt Barker (John Glenn); 5. Chris Cooperider (Stevenson).

152: 1. Mike Carter (Churchill); 2. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson); 3. Eric Wolfgang (John Glenn); 4. Mark Ostach (Farmington); 5. Scott McKee (Canton).

160: 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford CC); 2. Mike Falzon (Stevenson); 3. Eric Toska (Franklin); 4. Eric Kelley (RU); 5. Brian Jones (Churchill).

171: 1. Ryan Rogowski (Redford CC); 2. John MacFarland (Stevenson); 3. Ben Lukas (Farmington); 4. Craig Medos (GC); 5. Jose Aguilar (Clarenceville).

189: 1. Kalen McPherson (Clarenceville); 2. Dave Popeney (Salem); 3. Phil Rothwell (Canton); 4. Eric Puninske (Stevenson); 5. Jon Burkee (Lutheran Westland).

215: 1. Ollie Muscarella (RU); 2. Nick Smith (Wayne); 3. Kyle Domagalski (Farmington); 4. Ozzy Wagner (Canton); 5. Steve Rotenheiser (Clarenceville).

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 Altounian (Churchill), Jim Carlin (RU) and Dave Chioia (GC).

Ice stars are big 'Dogs

BY BRAD EMONS
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Livonia has produced its fair share of college hockey stalwarts.

Among those who played on NCAA championship teams include Ron Vanderlinden (also a Livonia native), said he plans to finish out his eligibility with the Bulldogs.

It may be premature to predict that another NCAA title is on the horizon, but three Livonians have been instrumental this season in putting Ferris State among college hockey's elite.

Junior center Kevin Swider (Churchill High), sophomore goaltender Phil Osaer (Catholic Central) and head coach Bob Daniels (a Churchill grad) form the Livonia connection which has put the bite back into Bulldogs' hockey program.

Ferris is 15-10-1 overall and 8-9-1 in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, but in the last 17 games FSU is 12-4-1, including a pair of upset wins over top 10 teams Boston University (4-3) and Northeastern (4-0) at the Silverado Shootout (played Dec. 27-28 in Duluth, Minn.).

Swider, in his third season, ranks second in scoring for FSU with 10 goals and 11 assists. Osaer, who splits time with Vince Owen in the nets, is 10-4-1 in 16 games and is among the NCAA leaders in save percentage (.925) and goals-against average (1.97).

"In street clothes those two guys are easy going and mild mannered, but fierce competitors on the ice," said Daniels, who has over 100 wins in eight seasons as FSU's head coach. "They're great athletes, but they also very humble guys. Both are good students, too."

Both Swider and Osaer were named to the Silverado Shootout All-Tournament team. Both are Computer Information Systems majors. Both traveled similar paths to Big Rapids. Both played for Compuware, a Tier II team in the North American Hockey League.

Swider also played for Omaha (Neb.) Lancers of the U.S. Hockey League, while Osaer, a seventh-round pick of St. Louis Blues, donned the jersey of the Waterloo (Ia.) Black Hawks of the USHL.

"We were in need of offensive players and we were fortunate to get in on Kevin early," Daniels said. "We knew he had the ability and we haven't been disappointed."

"He had a great freshman year (12 goals and 20 assists) and he dipped down a little last year (12 goals and 10 assists), but in his defense we did not have a great offensive team last year."

At 5-10, 170 pounds, Swider

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uses speed to his advantage.

"He'll beat just about anybody to the puck," Daniels said. "He's not going to muscle you."

Osaer suited up nine times as a freshman (with five starts) going 2-2-1 with a 1.51 GAA. "Phil is solid all the way around," Daniels said. "What sets him apart is his ability to play the puck. A lot of young goaltenders tend to overplay the puck. That aspect of the game is hard to teach, but Phil does a good job of reading the ice and getting the puck out of our end. He has great fundamentals."

Osaer, the nephew of University of Maryland head football coach Ron Vanderlinden (also a Livonia native), said he plans to finish out his eligibility with the Bulldogs.

"NHL goalies are usually taken when they're older," Daniels said. "And right now the St. Louis people have told me they're very happy with his progress. I don't see him leaving our program before he graduates."

Last year the Bulldogs were 14-16-6 overall and placed sixth in the CCHA. This season they have already surpassed their win total of a year ago with another month left to go in the regular season.

"The talent level is better this year and we've increased our depth," Swider said. "We have three or four solid lines that we didn't have in the past. We're a lot better than last year. Last season we had kind of an offensive drought. It's back to the way it should be."

And having a razor-sharp Osaer between the pipes has been a major boost.

"He's been a great addition," Swider said. "Both goalies have to compete and they push each other that much harder. I feel confident with either guy in the net."

Ferris State is coming off a tie and a loss over the weekend to Miami of Ohio. The Bulldogs return home this weekend for the first time since Dec. 4 to play CCHA newcomer Nebraska-Omaha.

Interest in the FSU team is beginning to pick up.

"Right now we have confidence going into any game," Swider said. "We feel we have a good chance to win."

Swider also has confidence in his coach, fellow Churchill grad Daniels.

"I met him originally through camps," the Ferris center said. "He's a pretty easy going guy. As long as you do your job, there's no problem."

"He lets us play a little more within the system than last year. It's not restrictive. He lets our skills show through."

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with 17 points. Ryan Cook added 11 points and seven assists, and Matt McCaffrey scored eight.

The Patriots got 13 points from Joe Ruggiero, 12 from Tim Borrie and 11 from Mike Copeland.

PCA 65, Oakland Christian 43: Plymouth Christian Academy continues to get out of the gate fast. Now it's just a matter of holding on to that lead in the second half — something the Eagles did easily Tuesday against visiting Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

PCA led 22-10 after one quarter and 43-17 at the half, a cushion that made Oakland Christian's 26-22 showing in the second half fruitless.

Dave Carty led the Eagles with 23 points and five steals. Mike Huntsman added 12 points

and 10 rebounds. Josh Means' 22 points was best for the Lancers. Jim Mehlberg had 15.

PCA improved to 5-4 overall, 2-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Oakland Christian slipped to 5-5 overall, 2-2 in the MIAC.

Agape 78, Greater Life 34: Talk about fast starts. Pontiac Greater Life Academy might have been basking in that belief prior to Tuesday's game at Canton Agape Christian. After all, it was 5-0 overall and unbeaten in two Metro Christian Conference games.

Agape changed all that quickly by scoring the game's first 22 points. It took a full three quarters for Greater Life to match that total.

"They were very flat, we were very high," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "We pressed them and they kept throwing the ball away."

Paul Anleitner's shooting didn't hurt matters, to be sure. The junior guard connected on five three-pointers in the first half, scoring 14 points in the opening quarter and 10 more in the second before his coach (and father) sat him down for the second half.

Julian Wettlin added 17 points. Steven Tong scored nine and Mike Johannes had eight. Agape led 26-3 by the time the first quarter ended. It was 48-12 by halftime.

The Wolverines kept their MCC record perfect at 3-0; they are 6-3 overall. Greater Life lost for the first time, dropping to 5-1 overall and 2-1 in the MCC.

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behind to win the meet, 48-36.

"They were way ahead of us until about 152," Rodriguez said. "Then we starting making the turn there and caught up with them. Our heavyweight locked it up. Aaron Parr pinned his opponent to win the match."

Plymouth Canton, ranked No. 3 behind CC and Salem, seems the most likely candidate to break the stranglehold those teams and Stevenson have on the title.

The Chiefs, who beat Salem in a dual, have placed in four of five tournaments to date and continue to get better, according to coach John Demsick.

"I think we have a real chance at winning it all," he said. "A number of competitive teams and star kids will be performing. We certainly have to wrestle well to do it, but we'd like to be first and take home the (championship) trophy."

"It's within our grasp; whether we can pull it off, we'll have to wait and see. We've wrestled enough competition that our guys are ready to go toe-to-toe with anyone."

Six reigning individual champions will be back to either defend their titles or try to win again in a different weight class.

Stevenson has two of them, including senior Josh Gunterman, who was the co-most valuable wrestler in the lower weights after winning at 112. He's 22-0 and ranked No. 1 at that weight again this year.

"He's grown up quite a bit and is wrestling much more aggressively this year," Stevenson coach Joel Smith said. "This is his last year as a Stevenson Spartan; he has a goal in mind, and he's working every day toward it. With every match, he gets better."

The 152 division includes two of the area's best, Stevenson's Imad Kharbush and Livonia Churchill's Mike Carter.

Carter (25-1) is ranked first and Kharbush (26-2), who is questionable due to a bruised ankle, second. Carter won the 145 title last year, and Kharbush was the 135 champion.

"It took (Carter) a while to adjust to the heavier weight, but he's coming along now and doing pretty well," Churchill coach Marty Altounian said, adding Westland John Glenn's Chris Wolfgang will be a factor, too.

The other defending champs are Wayne Memorial's Jon Gregg, Redford Thurston's Jeff Usher and CC's Mitch Hancock, who won at 119, 140 and 152, respectively, and have moved up one weight this year.

Hancock is 27-0 and has wrestled much of the season at 171, but he has switched weights with sophomore Ryan Rogowski, who was No. 1 at 160.

"(Mitch) is focused; he's really on fire," Rodriguez said, adding Hancock is the "man to beat this year," not just in Observerland but the state. Hancock has beaten the wrestler who defeated him in the state finals last year, Rodriguez added.

"(Rogowski) has a good sparring partner. He has Mitch to work with, and that doesn't hurt you any. He's a hard worker in his own right. He's going to give people fits, more so next year. He's just starting to grow."

Six wrestlers who were runners-up last year will be competing again, too. They are (with 1999 weights in parentheses) Farmington's Brian Brinsden (275), CC's Chris O'Hara (103), Canton's Greg Musser (125), Glenn's Jeff Albrecht (130), Stevenson's Mike Falzon (140) and Clarenceville's Kalen McPherson (215).

CC senior Jeff Wheeler is No. 1 at 135, and sophomore Jay Abshire is a contender at 140. Senior Sean Bell (145) is hurt and won't wrestle Saturday.

"(Wheeler) is just starting to shine and believe in himself," Rodriguez said. "He found himself this year with his technique; he has great shots. He's going to be tested by this boy (Steve Dendrinos) from Salem, though."

Canton has eight individuals in the weekly rankings, including senior Kyle Pitt, who is 26-0 and No. 1 at 103. Musser, a sophomore, has a 22-5 record, and senior Jon Pocock (140) is 24-2.

"The only bad day (Pitt) had is when he major decisioned someone," Demsick said. "Other than that, he's just gone through everyone."

"Jon is a very strong wrestler and, although he has some obstacles he'll have to overcome, he could take first."

"Everybody on our team can place. There are some weight classes we're not going to have a real strong showing but, really,

all can place."

Garden City, which finished third last year, is fifth in the area rankings and, with eight wrestlers among the top five at their weights, is a contender to earn another team trophy. The Cougars are 11-1 in duals.

"If we wrestle well, we'll go top five, maybe," Garden City coach Dave Chiola said, adding the Cougars will be without 103-pound Scott Massey, who is away on a school field trip. "I haven't seen (CC), but other people tell me they're pretty solid

and they're going to be tough to beat."

"This is one of my favorite tournaments, because all the coaches know each other well and it's good, friendly competition. I look forward to it every year."

Garden City's Pat Sayn (119), Vinnie Zoccoli (125) and Josh Fee (140) have more than 25 wins apiece, as does Massey. Brandon Templeton (135) and Craig Medos (171) have over 20 each, and Brian Reed (130) might surprise some people,

according to Chiola.

Stevenson's Falzon has a 23-6 record, John MacFarland (171) 22-4 and Bill Bullock (119) 20-11. The Spartans might be minus heavyweight Dan Hine, who also has a bruised ankle.

"To upset CC, we're going to have everything going in the right direction," Smith said. "That's a perfect day."

"This tournament is won and lost in the consolation finals. That brings up a lot of points when you have guys placing

third and fourth."

Salem's team has sufficiently recovered from a recent bout with ring worm to be a factor in the tournament, according to Woochuk.

"From the original onset, we still have some kids out," he said. "We can't even have them in the room. We got two back who haven't been in the room for two weeks."

"I don't know if other schools go to this extreme, but we go to great lengths to keep it out of

the room. We don't have much depth (because of it); we're a little thin in some places."

The Rocks are led by Ron Thompson and Josh Henderson, who are ranked first at 119 and 140, respectively. Thompson is 20-3 and Henderson 18-5. Rob Ash, who is second at 125 behind former Salem wrestler John Mervyn, is 24-1.

"We're tough at the bottom, and we thin out at the top, as far as experience, except for Mike Popeney," Woochuk said.

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Bette Midler stars as flamboyant celebrity author Jacqueline Susann and Nathan Lane as her devoted husband and manager Irving Mansfield in "Isn't She Great" opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



The Ann Arbor Folk Festival, 6 p.m. at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor, features Arlo Guthrie, Shawn Colvin, Great Big Sea, Beth Nielsen Chapman, Hot Club of Cowtown (pictured), Anne Hills, Fred Eaglesmith, David Barrett, Matt Watroba and Robert Jones. Tickets \$30, \$25, call (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666.

SUNDAY



Meet Marian Owczarski, artist-in-residence at the Orchard Lake Schools, 1-3 p.m. at "Poland: A Celebration of Art and Culture" at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road in Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4278 for more information.

Of MICE And MEN

FARMINGTON PLAYERS
REVISIT THE 1930s

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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A longtime fan of John Steinbeck, Suzanne Rogers thinks the Nobel Prize-winning author would be pleased that the Farmington Players are opening their run "Of Mice and Men" with a benefit for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen on Friday, Feb. 4. Directed by Rogers and produced by Mary Ann Tweedie, the riveting drama revisits the depressed era of the 1930s.

"We've done a lot of research, trying to be true to Steinbeck and as authentic as we can to what he was trying to say and also true to the times — these migrant workers and what life must have been like for them," said Rogers, who joined the Farmington Players 20 years ago.

"The Capuchins started the soup kitchen when the stock market crashed and they wanted to do something about hunger in Detroit. The Capuchins will be providing home baked bread from their kitchen that night. It's a Depression party with a simple meal that might be reminiscent of that time. In keeping with the show and neighborliness, we're going to have hearty, comfort foods prepared by some of the members. It's really different for us, a groundswell effort from our own ranks."

Phil Hadley plays Slim in the pro-

duction. He agrees that tying the benefit to the drama is a natural. So is the exhibit of artworks by Nora Mendoza, which continues through the run of the show. The West Bloomfield artist's "Migrant Worker" series captures the dismal living and working conditions in the camps and fields. Known internationally for her socially conscious paintings, Mendoza will be on hand for the opening.

"Of Mice and Men takes place in the depression and deals with less fortunate people and that's what the Capuchin Soup Kitchen does," said Hadley. "It's timeless. The dream has a hope for the future."

Benefit performance

The Capuchin benefit is the second this season. Proceeds from a fund-raiser for the opening of "The

Women" on Nov. 5 went to the breast cancer program at Henry Ford Health System's Josephine Ford Cancer Center. Both events are part of a plan to give back to the community in return for help in building a new theater facility for the Farmington Players.

The dairy barn, which has been the Farmington Players' home for 45 years, comes down after the "Kiss Me Kate" production in May and a gala benefit in June. Groundbreaking for the single level, barrier free facility will be held in July. The

new facility is scheduled to open the 2001-02 season. It will seat 240, compared to 170 now. It will be a place for all members of the community to gather. Hadley, a Players board member and manager of the new barn, said it's a very flexible facility with a recital and performance hall and meeting rooms for

"Of Mice and Men"

WHAT: John Steinbeck's riveting story about two drifters with a special friendship and big dreams.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, Feb. 11-12, 18-19, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 13 and 20.

WHERE: Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads.

TICKETS: \$12; 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 performance is a benefit for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen; tickets are \$50. Call (248) 553-2955 to reserve tickets, or for more information.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER

Award winning drama: Kathleen Warner (left), Curley's wife, taunts John Boufford (front), Lennie, just as Thomas Adams, who plays George, walks onto the set "Of Mice and Men."

other areas of the community to use. An art display area will allow the audience to take in exhibits such as Mendoza's.

"We've had benefits for ourselves before but only this season have started to reach out to the community," said Rogers, who came up with the idea for the first fund-raiser. "We want to lay a financial foundation for the new theater. We've been reaching out to the community a lot. We've been asking for money for the new theater and wanted to give back."

Reversing roles

Michael Carraway wanted to be in one of the last productions before the old barn is razed at the end of the season. A member of the Farmington Players for 20 years, this is his first time on stage. In the past, his day job as a director and producer of corporate films prevented him from acting because of the travel involved. Carraway plays The Boss.

"The dog is on more than I am," joked Carraway of West Bloomfield. "I wanted to be able to say I was on stage. I don't want to make more of my character than it deserves. Since we've begun rehearsals, one of the things that I've always been cognizant of is communicating with the director, putting yourself in his place. It's a lot of trust in yourself and in the people helping you."

This is John Boufford's first show as well. He plays Lennie, the slow drifter who's enamored of George (played by Thomas Adams). Boufford's biggest challenge so far "is to remember all his lines." He said, he's not nervous about the part otherwise.

"I'm a lawyer so nothing scares me," said the 28-year old Boufford. "I'm used to being in front of a room full of jurors. And I like my character. He's the ultimate child at heart. He captures that one part of us that wants to be a child."

This is Thomas Adams' "first big drama" although he's been in theater since grade school. Many of his roles were in musicals.

"It was very overwhelming, especially when I first got the part," said Adams of Farmington. "I relate to my character in certain aspects. He has a big heart. He does have some explosive moments and that's how I'm unlike him."

A fight coach, Eric Gratton from The Hilberry is working with cast members to choreograph the two fight scenes in the production. Until the sessions began Frank Ginis worried someone might be injured.

"I'm a big Steinbeck fan," said Ginis. "My role as Curley is physically difficult, but we've had a coach here showing us warm-up exercises and different punches. The idea is to make the fight look real without hurting each other."

GAMING

Ladies and gentlemen, place your bets

Keeping watch: Cathy Koch (right) of Farmington Hills keeps an eye on Sue Johnson as she runs a Caribbean stud poker game at the MGM Grand Casino.



STORIES BY SAM TRICOMO
STAFF WRITER

Lights flash and smoke from cigars and cigarettes wafts through the air.

A drink order arrives as a group of voices climbs above the already deafening din. Not the place one would expect to witness a birth but from her perch, Cathy Koch of Farmington Hills sees thousands of them every night.

Koch has no formal medical training. For 21 years she taught music at Roosevelt Elementary School in Oak Park. Last year, she traded in the satisfaction she received when helping young fingers manage clarinets and trumpets to preside over a nightshift birthing station where hundreds of winners and losers are born every minute — Detroit's MGM Grand Casino.

Determining whether the newborn belongs to the winner or loser family is not a difficult task for Koch. A partial clue to the player's lineage sits before

Competition is good winning is better

For several months MGM enjoyed a local monopoly on legalized gaming in Detroit but competition, the life blood of a capitalist society, put an end to that.

The former Wonder Bread bakery at Grand River Avenue and the Lodge Freeway represents the city's second temporary casino.

With 188,000 square-feet of gaming space spread over four floors, the Motor City Casino boasts more total parking and gambling space than its older sibling.

One-hundred-thirty-six table games and 2,618 electronic games, including slot machines and video poker, fill the spaces where bakery ovens once produced the soft, white bread made famous in Detroit.

While the MGM Grand opened to rounds of criticism for its sometimes difficult parking configurations, Motor City offers patrons 3,000 free car spaces in a four-story garage.

Motor City also offers convenience to patrons, being situated directly off the Lodge Freeway.

In the event of car trouble, Motor City offers patrons free basic assistance like jump starts.

Motor City is operated by the Mandalay Resort Group, formerly Circus Circus Enterprises.

The group operates 11 gaming properties in Nevada including the Excalibur in Las Vegas.

Hot Ticket Item: It's an exciting day on Sesame Street when Prairie Dawn gathers her friends and stages "When I Grow Up," a Sesame Street Live pageant about growing up playing until Sunday, Jan. 30 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Tickets \$25, \$16, \$14 and \$10 available at the box office and all Ticketmaster locations. Call (313) 983-6611 for showtimes and other information, or online at www.olympiaentertainment.com. To charge tickets, call (248) 433-1515, or online at www.ticketmaster.com

THEATER

'Jake's Women' will make you laugh and cry

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents the Neil Simon comedy, *'Jake's Women'* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29 at the playhouse on Madison near the southwest corner of Monroe and Outer Drive in Dearborn. Tickets \$11, call (313) 561-TKTS.

By SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

The Player's Guild of Dearborn's production of Neil Simon's *'Jake's Women'* is witty and touching. This mature comedy relies more on the strength of its characters and less on one-liners and physical humor.

Under Nancy Wolter's direction, the cast has taken a well-written script and turned it into an intriguing, entertaining evening of theater.

Simon's *Jake*, a playwright, narrates the play. He is at a crisis point in his life — his second marriage is in danger of dissolving, and he can't let go of the memories of his first wife, who died in an auto accident.

Jake has lived his life creating stories through his plays, and now he creates his own play, conjuring his wives, sister, therapist and daughter from both the present and the past, to try to figure out his own life.

Though Jake supposedly is creating the scene in his mind, his characters tease him, challenge him and force him to confront his shortcomings.

Lonnie Valentini of Livonia as Jake heads up the cast as a man full of contradictions. He wears his heart on his sleeve yet holds a part of himself back, hiding behind his cleverly crafted words. Jake is both proud and insecure. Valentini was able to capture these contradictions, and weave them into one believable character.

Kim Donovan of Farmington Hills as Julie, the first wife, has the spirit and energy to deliver a remarkable, touching performance.

Emily Tetryon as Maggie, Jake's second wife, is an interesting contrast to Donovan's Julie. Though Jake was drawn to women of spirit, Maggie represents a more pragmatic, mature relationship, one more rooted in everyday reality in contrast to the heady dreams of Jake's first love. Maggie is Jake's true foil and equalizer — she is his reality check, and her mature love pulls him out of the past and gives him the courage to face his future, and to surrender some of his self-absorption. She makes him realize he must forgive those he loves before he can ever forgive himself and get on with his life. Tetryon kept a good balance between the sad and the humorous aspect of her role, bringing strength and balance to her character's kaleidoscope of emotion.

Jonas showed more self confidence in this role than she's shown in the past, and is coming into her own as a strong character actress.

Sally Hart Goodman made Karen the ideal big sister, capable of dispensing advice and sympathy without becoming preachy or wearing out her welcome. Patti Jones, as Edith, added a touch of saucy humor to the role of Jake's therapist, without letting him take himself too seriously.

Caitlin Donovan of Farmington Hills brought energy and enthusiasm to her role as young Molly, Jake's daughter. Meredith Gordon conveyed finesse and a natural stage presence to her role as the older Molly.

Janine Matlow is marvelously funny as Sheila, Jake's girlfriend of convenience when Maggie takes a hiatus from him.

Nancy Wolter and John Calder's set design is clean and classy, with two levels, and multiple entrances and exits are integrated well into its layout. Mary Calder and Diana Reynolds' costumes are elegant and flattering to the characters.

You'll laugh and cry, and you'll leave with the hope that Jake really can get his girl and his life back on track. You'll share his frustrations and recognize your common kinship, while enjoying the quick paced entertainment.

Preview tickets range from \$12.25 to \$17.25; regular run tickets \$24.50 to \$34.50. Theatre/dinner packages are available at the adjoining Century Club Restaurant. Visit the Gem Theatre online at www.gemtheatre.com

The Gem and Century Theatres are located in the heart of Detroit's burgeoning entertainment district. Built in 1903 by noted architect George D. Mason

and recently restored by Detroit developer Chuck Forbes, the Century Club building now houses a 200-seat theater, fine-dining restaurant and banquet facility. In 1997, the Gem and Century building was moved from its former location and transported to the corner of Madison Avenue and Brush. The 1,850 foot, five-block journey made history, breaking the 1986 Guinness Book world record as the heaviest building ever moved on wheels.

Century Theatre presents musical tribute to Patsy Cline

(PRNewswire) — Get ready to tap your fingers and stomp your feet when *'Always ... Patsy Cline'* opens at Detroit's Century Theatre on Wednesday, Feb. 23.

This musical tribute to the country music great features over 20 of Cline's best known hits, including *'Walkin' After Midnight'*, *'Your Cheatin' Heart'*, *'Crazy'*, *'I Fall To Pieces'* and *'Back In My Arms'*.

Written and directed by Texas playwright Ted Swindley,

'Always ... Patsy Cline' is a retrospective of Patsy Cline's musical career, told through the eyes of comedic housewife Louise Seger (actress Diana Rogers), a long-time adoring fan. Seger's brief encounter with Patsy Cline in 1961 and subsequent correspondence with the country music sensation provide the basis for the show's dialogue.

Joined onstage by a six-piece honky-tonk band, actress Jessica Welch gives a concert performance of Patsy Cline's most

memorable songs while wearing fashions similar to the iconic ensembles adorned by Cline, dubbed the *'Glamour Girl of Country Music'*.

'Always ... Patsy Cline' is based on actual events in the singer's life, and includes the text of a letter she wrote in 1961 to Louise Seger. In 1963, Cline died in a plane crash, ending a flourishing career at age 30.

'Always ... Patsy Cline' is a celebration of Patsy Cline's timeless vocal style and legendary

appeal. The show has been entertaining audiences of all ages and musical tastes, and was one of the top ten shows produced across the country in 1998.

'Always ... Patsy Cline' opens with two weeks of half-price previews beginning Feb. 23. Opened run begins Wednesday, March 8.

Tickets for *'Always ... Patsy Cline'* are available at the Gem and Century box office (313) 963-9800, and all Ticketmaster locations, (248) 645-6666.

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them in the form of colored casino chips. Players who walk away with larger piles of the blue, black and red chips than they started with often belong to the winner family but the measure is not entirely accurate.

For the true paternity test, knowing players and dealers alike look to manners for the final say.

"I've seen big winners be big losers and big losers be big winners just based on the way they choose to conduct themselves," Koch said.

One of her first lessons in casino etiquette came in 1980 when Koch and a friend took a short getaway vacation to the country's mecca of legalized gambling, Las Vegas.

Just 24 at the time, Koch recalls the excitement she felt as she placed herself in the comfortable players chair and took her first look at the deep green felt of the blackjack table. Several of her first hands were relatively simple transactions — dealer gives cards, player loses money.

Blackjack is a singular sport. It pits player against dealer. The sport uses only two pieces of equipment, cards and cash. Both are to be revered by the players.

The game became complicated for Koch when a player near her began to give voice to his impatience with her inexperience.

Koch left most of her money with the blackjack dealers during

that trip but she came away with something more valuable — knowledge.

Waiting in the airport for her return flight to Michigan, Koch purchased a book about blackjack and read it cover to cover. On her next trip she knew the basics of the game. On her next five trips, she began to learn the nuances of it.

Stories telling of the embarrassment and frustration felt by players breaking this rule can be found in various Internet chat rooms where people tell of the highs and lows of the gaming life.

ArtieBear posted a tale of his own brush against casino manners when a dealer at an Atlantic City casino rebuffed him for attempting to take an empty seat at a blackjack table before the deck had been completely dealt through.

In a response posting from the Wizard of Odds, ArtieBear learned the rebuff was a rarity but may have meant the house was concerned that he was attempting to cheat.

"Many casinos have rules against mid entry," Koch said.

"Imagine I'm sitting at a table for a while playing only the minimum bet. My big bankroll partner stands nearby. When the deck turns positive, I signal him to come over and plunge in with a big bet."

MGM's philosophy asks newly-entering players to sit patiently until a hand has been played before attempting to break into a blackjack game.

Seats are open to all, but new or inexperienced players are advised to beware of the farthest seat from the left, known as third base.

New players in this seat often catch the wrath of others when they make improper card choices.

In terms of odds, the Wizard believes an inexperienced player in a seat at a blackjack table has as much chance of helping the overall odds as hurting them.

A player approaching one of Koch's tables looking to exchange a handful of bills for some casino chips while a hand is being dealt will understand soon that money is not to be exchanged until play has stopped.

In some casinos, blackjack hands are dealt face down and players are asked to touch cards with only one hand. MGM uses an all face up system so players are asked not to touch cards at all.

Communicating with a dealer is a nonverbal matter. A knuckle knocked on the table is the signal for another card. An open hand waving over the table indicates a player wishes no more cards.

In the end, new and experienced players alike would do best to remember the No. 1 rule of the game. Don't bet unless you are willing to lose.

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ART IN THE COMMUNITY

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION
"Looking Back/Facing Forward," an exhibition of paintings and drawings by Toni Stevens continues through Monday, Jan. 31 at the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road.

Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

"POLAND: A CELEBRATION OF ART AND CULTURE"
The Plymouth Community Arts Council's Cultural Diversity Series continues with Polish art, dance and food 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth.

Sample Polish food and pastries, prepared by Three Brothers Restaurant and the culinary students at Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton high schools at 1 p.m., and enjoy a performance by the Wawel Dancers at 2 p.m. Meet artist Marion Owczarski whose works will be on display until Wednesday, March 1. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, until 9 p.m. Wednesday, until noon, Thursday-Friday. Call (734) 416-4278 for more information.

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CALL FOR ARTISTS
The Livonia Arts Commission is looking for exhibitors for its 24th annual Juried Art Festival — Art in the Village, Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11 at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia. Deadline for entry is Friday, Feb. 11. For an application, call Livonia Community Resources Department at (734) 466-2540.

Canton Township is also seeking artists for its ninth annual Fine Art and Fine Craft Show at Liberty Fest June 24-25 in Heritage Park.

Deadline for application is April 15. Call (734) 453-3710.

In addition, any art student in middle or high school in the Plymouth Canton Schools can display and sell their wares in a student booth for free.

BOHEMIANS MUSIC COMPETITION
Deadline for the third annual Solo Concerto Competition for orchestral instruments is April 1. Prizes are \$500-\$1500 and Wayne State University will match each prize with a scholarship should winners decide to further their musical education at WSU. High school and college students (between ages 16 and 22) throughout Michigan are eligible. Submit tape to Herbert Couf, President, c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russett Drive, Farmington Hills, 48331 or e-mail for further info to Couf.links@aol.com.

Detroit Film Theatre: A winter festival of new and restored films

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Forget the Sundance and the Toronto Film festivals.

In the metro area, there's only one place to see the best of both cinematic worlds year-round — the Detroit Film Theatre. With the onset of the DFT's winter and spring season comes a collection of new films and newly restored classics emanating with heart, simplicity and raw truth.

This season, the theater hosts a complete retrospective of the works of documentary filmmaker Errol Morris, an unconventional filmmaker whose documentaries have influenced change within the genre and among viewers' perceptions of it.

"People tend to think of the documentary as boring, good for you, as someone preaching to you," said Elliot Wilhelm, curator of the Detroit Film Theatre. But Errol Morris crushes those perceptions.

In the "Gates of Heaven," the filmmaker found inspiration from a newspaper headline he read about a pet cemetery. In researching the issue, Wilhelm explained, Morris discovered a story that goes beyond the limits to explore family dynamics and the quest for the American

Detroit Film Theatre

Where: The Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Theater entrance at John R. and Farnsworth St.
Tickets: \$5.50, full-time students with ID, and DIA members with membership card, \$4.50. Discount coupons available in books of five for \$20. To reserve seats, obtain a complete schedule, or for more information on the Winter and Spring 2000 Detroit Film Theatre Series, call (313) 833-3237.

Event: Oscar Night America, Sunday, March 26 at the Roostertail Club in Detroit to benefit the Cinematic Arts Council, which is dedicated to providing support to the DIA's Department of Film and Video and the Detroit Film Theatre. Call (313) 833-7967 for ticket information.

Dream.

With "The Thin Blue Line," Morris made an even bigger impact — on the life of an innocent man sitting on death row. Sticking to what could be a rather morbid theme in his work, Morris uncovers hope. What began as a look at the life of a psychologist and the inmates he examined on death row became a crusade that ultimately freed an innocent man. Wilhelm pointed out that Morris is known for beginning a documentary without regard to where it might end.

By incorporating re-enactments to illustrate eyewitness accounts of the "truth" in this film, Errol Morris "changed the shape of the American documentary," said Wilhelm. "It became accepted that there are different

ways to present the truth... Documentary is something on the edges of real movie-making, and it shouldn't be."

From ground-breaking documentaries to a new voice for silent films, the DFT brings back Cambridge, Massachusetts's own Alloy Orchestra this April — who will premiere original scores for five films.

"The performance will be alive," said Wilhelm, who first discovered the orchestra at the Telluride Film Festival. More than five years ago, he incorporated the Alloy Orchestra into the DFT schedule for an annual appearance. The Detroit appearance has since become the orchestra's single largest draw.

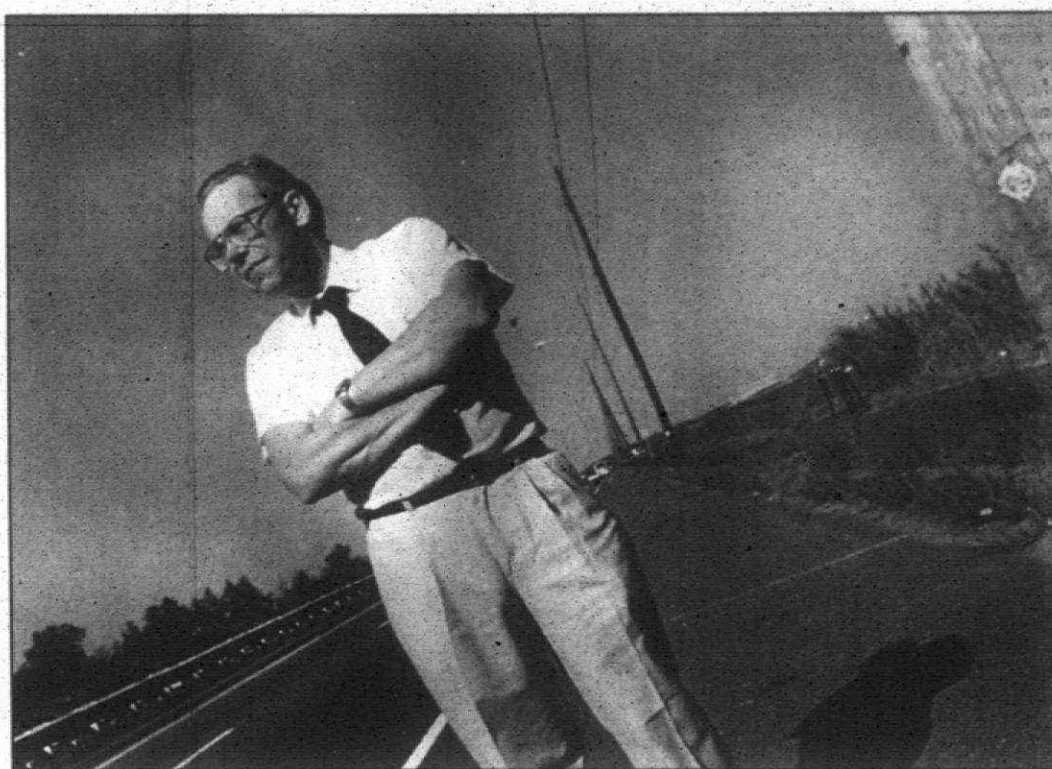
This year, the orchestra will set music to comedies like Charles Chaplin's "Easy Street" and Roland West's 1930 release "The Bat Whispers," the main influence for Batman. The first film with Alloy accompaniment, "South," will be a partially improvisational score. In some ways, these engagements are a throwback to the early days of film.

"Silent films were never really showed silent," said Wilhelm. "They were always accompanied by some sort of score."

Films like D.W. Griffith's "Birth of a Nation" and "Intolerance" were accompanied by scores to be played with the films, but over the years, some scores, or portions of them have been lost. By including the performance of the Alloy Orchestra, Wilhelm said, the music takes the film "out of the realm of being an antique and brings it to life."

The DFT also gives life to films which may not see the light of day elsewhere with its eclectic Monday Night Series that spotlights the best of feisty independent films and beautifully restored classics.

The 38th Annual Ann Arbor Film Festival Tour — a four-hour showing of the festival's best works — will make a stop on Monday, May 1, to flaunt independent works from across the country in a setting Wilhelm refers to as "The Real Sundance." In the Metro Area, the DFT may be the most diverse, educational, engaging and continuous festival of film as visual artwork.



Documentary: Fred A. Leuchter Jr. in Errol Morris' "Mr. Death."

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

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

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

COLLEGE

WSU BONSTELLE: "Before It Hits Home," explores how people and families change and grow when outside situations hit home. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at 3424 Woodward, Detroit. \$8-\$10. (313) 577-2960

WSU HILBERRY: "Our Town" through Saturday, April 15, family night 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 (\$15, \$5 children), also 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 27-28; "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. 27-29, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$15, student/senior/grow rates available Thursday and Sunday performances. (248) 608-9077

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: Present comedian Norm Stulz with master of ceremonies Jesse James Lundy, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, at the theater, Clarkston. \$12. (248) 625-8811

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Perform John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, Feb. 11-12, 18-19, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 13 and 20, at the Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. \$12; 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 performance is a benefit for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, tickets are \$50 and includes a theme dinner after the show. (248) 553-2955

MT. ZION THEATRE: "The Celestial Helix and Other One-Act Plays," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29 and Feb. 4-5 and Feb. 11-12, interpretation for the deaf Feb. 4, at the Mt. Zion Center for the Performing Arts, 4453 Clintonville Road, Waterford. \$8 advance, \$10 at door, \$7 students/seniors/groups of 20 or more. (248) 673-5432

MORRISART THEATRE: "The Lady's Not for Burning," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 3-5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Ann Arbor Civic Theatre. \$15, \$12 students/seniors. (734) 996-2549

PLAYER'S GUILD OF DEARBORN: "Jake's Women," Jan. 28-29, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, at 21730 Madison, South of Outer Drive and East of Monroe, Dearborn. \$11. (313) 561-TKTS

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY: "A Soldier's Play opens 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 (\$10) and continues through Sunday, Feb. 27, 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 Livernots and Crooks, Troy. \$11, \$10 seniors/students. (248) 988-7049

ST. BUNSTAN'S GUILD OF CRYNBROOK: "The Foreigner," Jan. 27-29, at the theater on the campus of Cranbrook Education Community, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-0527

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Open Sesame: It's an exciting day on Sesame Street when Prairie Dawn gathers her friends and stages "When I Grow Up," a Sesame Street Live pageant about growing up playing until Sunday, Jan. 30 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Telly Monster dreams of becoming a baseball player, Cookie Monster hopes to own the world's first drive-in cookie restaurant, and Elmo, want's to be everything. In this musical extravaganza about discovering dreams, children learn that they can become anything if only they put their minds to it. Tickets \$25, \$16, \$14 and \$10 available at the box office and all Ticketmaster locations. Call (313) 983-6611 for show times and other information, or online at www.olympiaentertainment.com. To charge tickets, call (248) 433-1515, or online at www.ticketmaster.com

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) 541-6430

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM: "Oliver," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29 and Feb. 4-5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, south of Maple, Birmingham. \$14, \$12 students under 18 and under. (248) 644-2075

DINNER THEATRE

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 Sundays, 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) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

FOX LAIR DINNER 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

RAMADA HOTEL DINNER THEATRE: "Foot," a comic fable by Neil Simon, opens Thursday, evening Feb. 3 and continues on alternate Thursdays, 7 p.m. dinner, show follows, at the theater, Southfield. \$25. (248) 544-0283

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

ANNIE JR.: Runs 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. \$5. (313) 535-8962

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: "Jack and the Beanstalk," a musical puppet show for children, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 29-30, at the Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. \$5. (248) 625-8811

LITTLE PEOPLE PLAYERS: "The Frog Prince," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Novi Civic Center Stage. \$10, \$8 advance. (248) 347-0440

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SPECIAL EVENTS

CABARET/FEST/KERRYTOWN: Features Julie Wilson, New York cabaret artist, jazz/cabaret singer Shahida Nurullah, French chanteuse Jeanette Lorente with accordionist Peter Seave, Andy Krishner as "Doctor Nathan Feeligood in Person," singers Deanna Relyea and Julia Broxholm, U-M Musical Theatre student preview of William Bolcom's "Casino Paradise," Friday Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Kerrytown Concert House, Workbench Foundation, Kerrytown Bistro and Sweet Lorraine's, Ann Arbor. (734) 769-2999 or www.kerrytown.com/concerthouse

CAMPER, TRAVEL & RV SHOW: 3-9:30 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

COOKING CLASS: With Chef Aldo 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, at Andiamo Osteria, Rochester. \$39.95, includes dinner. (248) 601-9300

DADDY-DAUGHTER DINNER/DANCES: Dance 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 (\$6), dinner 5:30-9 p.m. (\$7), at the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, Feb. 2 (248) 354-9603

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

MOTOR CITY EXTRAVAGANZA: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Knights of Columbus, Livonia. \$2. (484) 426-8059

POLISH CELEBRATION: The Plymouth Community Arts Council's Cultural Diversity Series continues with Polish art, dance and food, opening reception 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30; sampling of Polish food and pastries at 12 and 11 a.m. Sundays, Feb. 6 and 13, at the Northwest Activities Center, Detroit. (313) 862-0966

SESAME STREET LIVE: Auditions for actors who can dance and dancers who can act for national touring stage productions, 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit. (612) 375-9702, ext. 704 or www.sesamestreetlive.com

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), must submit performance tape by April 1. For application, e-mail info@lunk@sol.com

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CLASSICAL

VICTORIO ANTONIO AND BRAD DEROCHE: The classical guitarists perform 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$7 students. (734) 769-2999 or kchc.net

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "Deja Vu I Love You," 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, in the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. \$10. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "No, No, No!" is the annual chamber orchestra concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 7 p.m. pre-concert chat with conductor Nan Washburn, in the Plymouth Canton Little Theatre, 8415 N. Canton Center Road. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students. (734) 451-2112

SOUTHFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Concert featuring classical compositions by African-American composers, and the Brazilian Dinnard Choral, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$12, \$9 students/seniors. (248) 557-2085

NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Concert singer Erik Chalfant, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 at the church in Farmington Hills. Light reception precedes concert at 2:15 p.m. (248) 476-8860

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POPS/SWING

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Erich Kunzel directs the orchestra in music by Richard Rodgers and his two lyricists Lorenzo Hart and Oscar Hammerstein, with the Detroit Concert Choir, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$18-\$47. (313) 576-5111

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: "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

ALTURO SHELTON: The musical impressionist sings "A Motown Tribute," voices include Stevie Wonder, Sammie Davis, Jr., Redd Fox and Nat King Cole, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, at the Ponchartrain Hotel, Washington Blvd. and Jefferson, Detroit. No cover. (313) 965-0200/(248) 354-1194

AUDITIONS

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS: Auditions will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1 by appointment, tenors and basses are especially needed by there are some openings for sopranos and altos, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE: Auditions for West Side Story 6-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11 and 1-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 12-13, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe. For performances May 4-20. (248) 594-9673/(313) 884-0196 or www.gpt.org

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RICH K. AND BRAZIL: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, at Big Fish, Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With Steve Carrier, guitar and Jerry McKenzie, drums 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, with trumpeter Bill Lucas 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at Ron's Fireside Inn., Garden City. \$5 cover. Reservations recommended for the Jazz Room. (734) 762-7756

SHAHIDA NURULLAH: 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

ROBERT PENN: 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 and 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at Edison's, 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, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

PAUL VENTIMIGLIA: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

ED WELLS: The pianist performs 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

WORLD MUSIC

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY TAMBURITZANS: The Eastern European folkloric ensemble performs 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, in Schaublin Auditorium in Lakeview High School, St. Clair Shores. (248) 645-6666/(810) 808-3323/(248) 887-4677

FINARRAS 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)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL: Arlo Guthrie, Shawn Colvin, Great Big Sea, Beth Nielsen Chapman, Hot Club of Cowtown, Anne Hills, Fred Eaglesmith, David Barrett, Matt Watroba and Robert Jones, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$30, \$25. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666

WILL DARTMOUTH: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at Green Wood Coffee House, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8558

RARELY HERO: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Oakland Community College, 739 S. Washington on the north side of Lincoln, Royal Oak. \$15. (248) 544-4903 (bluegrass)

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN: Workshop for poets looking for more members, 24 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) 762-7586

DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE: 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8863

BARROOM DANCING: 9 p.m. Saturdays, at the Dance Scene, 25533 Van Dyke, Centerville. \$6. Also swing and Latin classes. (810) 757-6300

BIG BAND DANCING: 8-11 p.m. every Friday, free dance lesson 7-8 p.m., at the Amber House, 7012 E. Nine Mile, west of Van Dyke, Warren. \$5. (810) 754-3434

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING: 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, at Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158 or eb@umich.edu

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE: Hosts West Side Story Dance Workshops, learn actual choreography to be taught from the dance numbers in the theater companies song production, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 1 and 8, at the theater, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe. (248) 594-9673/(313) 884-0196 or www.gpt.org

HUNGARIAN FOLK DANCE: Language and other lessons. (248) 352-0927/(734) 496-6261

MACOMB BALLEE COMPANY: "Coppelia," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Twp. \$14 advance, \$12 students/seniors advance, \$15 at door. \$13 students/seniors at door. (810) 286-8300

POLISH ALLIANCE DANCERS OF DEARBORN: Dance and language classes for ages 3 to adult have begun Saturday mornings at Prince of Peace Church, on Altar Road. Please see next page

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26, Maxwell Hearn, head curator of Asian art at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, lectures on "Seeking the Self Amid Mountains and Waters: Chinese Human Landscape," 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, in the Museum Apse, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 763-UMMA or www.umich.edu/~umma

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MOVIES

'Girl Interrupted' a sentimental look at '60s upheaval

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The past is often referred to as being something of a "simpler time." But writer Susanna Kayesen, whose story "Girl Interrupted" can be seen in theaters, begs to differ.

In 1967, a time of social and political upheaval, 17-year-old Kayesen (portrayed by Winona Ryder) can't seem to get a handle on the crazy world surrounding her. Like other teenage girls, she's confused, insecure and depressed.

The difference between Susanna and most other teenagers living in that era is her choice of escape — namely a cocktail of

aspirin and vodka which nearly kills her. Her parents, concerned about what the neighbors will think, subject her to what seems to be the only solution.

Welcome to Claymore Hospital, where the insane pop pills and fight their way through treatment, and where Susanna must stay until she finds the person she lost along the way. Based on the memoir "Girl Interrupted," by the Cambridge, Massachusetts writer, the story redefines the term "crazy." Director and screenwriter James Mangold ("Heavy") and director of photography Jack Green breathe life into a very personal story with universal themes: Self-realization and belonging.

Claymore possesses the historic beauty of a college campus, with lush greenery surrounding its solid red brick walls. But inside, the hospital walls are nothing more than confinement to a group of women too young to have lived the lives they claim. Using pastels and muted tones inside the primary setting of the hospital, the film gives an air of a sanitized environment, dulling the senses to the life that exists outside. Barred windows, ironed stairs and nurses constantly checking on patients work together as elements that create a sense of entrapment, a place where no one is ever alone.

Susanna learns quickly of this lack of privacy. She requests a

razor to shave her legs and it's accompanied by the watchful eye of Nurse Valerie (Whoopi Goldberg). Just another reminder of the freedom she has left behind.

At Claymore, Susanna befriends a rag-tag troop of women: Georgina, her roommate who claims to be a pathological liar; Daisy, a prissy "Daddy's girl" with an unusual taste for rotisserie chicken and laxatives; Polly, a badly scarred girl whose never seemed to grow up and Janet, an anorexic. But the most intriguing character to enter the film is surely Lisa, convincingly portrayed by Angelina Jolie.

Lisa enters the hospital, with police escort, as the picture of strength — talking back to the nurses, flirting with an orderly and threatening anyone who gets in her way. She can't be confined.

Susanna begins to draw from that apparent strength — learning how to "tongue" her pills rather than swallow them and finding ways around the watchful eyes of the hospital staff. Her thoughts, fears and frustrations are kept in a journal by her bed.

"Girl Interrupted" whisks viewers into a place where insanity is normal. Susanna, who is diagnosed with Borderline Personality Disorder, must learn to believe in herself again. The inevitable transformation is shown with subtle imagery like a budding tree outside her window. It takes a suicide and a powerful confrontation to lead



Seeking strength: (Left to Right) Winona Ryder is Susanna Kayesen, a confused girl sent to a mental institution where she meets psychopathic Lisa (Angelina Jolie).

her to the world outside.

In one scene, a television newscast blurs out "We live in a time of doubt." That tell-tale moment sets the stage for this slow-moving, yet poignant drama.

The music and costuming transports viewers back to a time when draft-dodgers were heading to Canada, Martin Luther King was assassinated and writing was accepted as a hobby, not a career. Arianne Phillips dresses characters in traditional hippy-style and contrasts them with others like

Daisy who sports restrictive dresses and a perfectly molded flip hairdo. The sounds of Bob Dylan's "It's All Over Now Baby Blue" permeate the film, representing the shedding of the past life and empowerment for the future.

The story itself is based in internal emotions, manifested by the outside world. While the film achieves the same meaning, it may be better suited to a written format. On screen "Girl Interrupted" can seem lost, with a predictable ending, no matter how well-acted the scenes may be.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 28

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Contemporary drama takes a behind-the-scenes look at aspects of people's lives you can't see by looking at them, and the difficulty people have in making emotional connections. Stars Glenn Close, Celia Flockhart, Holly Hunter and Cameron Diaz.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 11

THE BEACH
A young American sets off on an exotic adventure in Thailand, only to discover that the modern-day paradise hides some disturbing secrets. Stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Robert Carlyle.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 25

THE WHOLE NINE YARDS
Nicholas "Oz" Oseransky is a nice dentist living in suburban Montreal. His new neighbor Jimmy "The Tub" Tudecki is a hit man in hiding. Oz and Jimmy find themselves with something in common, someone's trying to kill them. Stars Matthew Peiry, Bruce Willis and Rosanna Arquette.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 18

DIAMONDS
A retired prize fighter embarks on a journey with his son and grandson to

search for 13 long-lost diamonds. Stars Kirk Douglas, Lauren Bacall and Dan Ackroyd.

ROMEO MUST DIE
Kung Fu meets hip hop on the seedy waterfront of Oakland California, when a shaky truce between Asian and African American crime gangs disintegrates. Stars Jet Li and Delroy Lindo.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 25

REINDEER GAMES
A newly-released convict sets out to start a new life when he finds himself against a team of criminals who believe he has information on a job they're planning. Stars Ben Affleck, Gary Sinise and Charlize Theron.

Scheduled to open Friday, March 3

TUMBLERWEEDS
Contemporary drama of a single mother and her 12-year-old daughter who embark on a journey of self-discovery. Stars Janet McTeer and Kimberly Brown.

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Dramatist William Gilbert and composer Arthur Sullivan had a knack for creating operas for the common man.

Yet Gilbert and Sullivan's talent and creative output is anything but common.

From the 1870s to the early 1890s, they collaborated on "Pirates of Penzance," "Gondoliers," "Sorcerer," "Trial by Jury," "H.M.S. Pinafore," "Grand Duke," "The Mikado," and seven other operas.

Many of the popular works infused with wit and contagious melodies inspired composers of 20th-century Broadway musicals.

But when does achieving wide popularity become stagnant and a burden for an artist searching to create original work? Is the conflict even more intense with a collaboration between two artists of dissimilar temperaments, such as Gilbert and Sullivan?

While that's the promising premise for "Topsy-Turvy," a film by Mike Lynch that opens Friday at the Maple Theatre, there is only passing homage paid to resolving the dilemma.

Lynch, who also directed "Secrets and Lies," "Life Is Sweet," "Naked," and "Career Girls," takes a much broader course.

After nearly three hours of wandering between a documentary and mere character studies about Gilbert and Sullivan, the title of the film proves to be prophetic. "Topsy-Turvy" is utterly disordered.

As a story, "Topsy-Turvy" lacks the sense of dramatic urgency and expectation that something of great importance is at stake.

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Forget 'Domestic Problems' when this band's on stage



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

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Some songs evoke feelings, others draw you in and let you glimpse at a person you've never met, a place you've never seen.

Such is the case with me and a man named James Francis. I don't know what he looks like, but I have a good idea. I've never heard his voice, but I know he can sing.

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around you/Sing, Jimmy, sing, that's my dad."

Apparently Jimmy's youngest boy took after his Dad. But the vocalist, songwriter and guitarist is only one in a group of multi-talented musicians who create the eclectic sound that is Domestic Problems. Job Grotsky plays saxophone, flute, clarinet, and percussion; Earl Tolliver Jr. plays bass; Bill Kenny can be seen delighting audiences with his mastery of trumpet, flugelhorn and mandolin and R.J. Ness joined the on-stage party with drums and percussion. Jamie Black rounds out the sound on keyboards.

Best of Midwest

"That 'Midwestern sound,' as Holtgreive likes to call it, reflects something everyone can relate to — family, relationships, friends — in a true and uplifting manner. For a band who snagged its name from a line in a 'Blues Brothers' movie, Domestic Problems is serious about two things — the music and the fans. That's about as Down-to-Earth and Midwestern as it gets.

Those who haven't seen Domestic Problems in all their live performance glory can get a taste of it with the recently released "Domestic Problems-Live" CD.

New CD

"We were going into the studio last summer to lay down some tracks for a studio album," said Holtgreive. "We weren't ready to go to the studio, but at that point we knew we wanted to get something out to our fans."

The band organized a show at the State Theatre in Kalamazoo, chose to forgo an opening band,



and played an explosive 24 songs. Choosing the best 10 and tossing in a few new-to-CD tunes — namely "El Matador," "Where Have You Gone" and "Free" — for flavor, "Domestic Problems-Live" was completed only two months later.

Where credit's due

"A lot of credit goes to Al McAvoy and Jon Frazer, our producer," said Holtgreive of creating a CD that does justice to the performance. "Al put in a lot of time. I think it's really how it translates on the mixing side of

things, that captures a real live feel."

What started out as just "a fun thing to do" for Holtgreive and Bill Kenny while attending Grand Rapids' Aquinas College has become a burgeoning musical career. With the recent addition of new members Ness and Tolliver and a wide variety of instruments to draw from, the band has never stopped experimenting with new musical styles.

Holtgreive said it's a virtual "cornucopia of music that offers something to everybody."

While any of the band's three CDs are a fabulous company in rush hour traffic, it's the energetic live show that makes Domestic Problems a band to behold. So what makes Mr. Holtgreive get out of bed each morning? It's hearing one fan say "you guys just make me smile."

James Francis must be proud.

"Domestic Problems-Live" is available at Harmony House locations in the Metro area. See the band crowd the stage 9:30

p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555, or 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at The Magic Bag, 2220 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. (248) 544-3030. For MP3's and more on the band, check out www.domesticproblems.com.

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CD REVIEWS



Fez

Milquetoast
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This is one band that truly gives local music a good name. The album has an eerie overtone, mixed with an almost merry-go-round charm. Beginning with "Shot of Poison," Fez draws listeners into their carnival world. Dean Olkowski's vocals show an influence of Brit pop and alternative, while matched with the howling sounds of Melinda Clynes on electric organ, Jim Morningstar's solid drumming and Bill Zoyes pumping basslines.

Remember when the B52s sounded fresh? Fez surpasses the whimsical nature the band had with grittier material and otherworldly style.

The album's title track "Milquetoast" shows off a touch of country while it paints vivid pictures with lines like "My old neighborhood was raised on milquetoast." Every housecat has a silver lining, and "TV on the front porch, news at eleven, heaven finds a cure for hell."

"Heads I win" is reminiscent of childhood with references to games like "Red Rover." Third Street Fat with "Punch" is good for a giggle. Fez creates a delightful party for the ears. For a copy of "Milquetoast" e-mail

brewedconcepts@msn.com or write to P.O. Box 7103 Dearborn, Mich. 48121. You won't be disappointed.

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STAY TUNED

It seems Austin Powers and Q95.5 FM have something in common. They've both found their Mojo. The pop music station will add Mojo — a Chicago native — to its morning show team by February. Coming to Detroit from a top-rated morning show in Tucson, Ariz., Mojo's ready to hit the Midwest with his dynamic personality. Welcome to the Motor City, Mr. Mojo.

Listen up. Speaking of radio, 89X and 93.9 The River unveiled the latest in broadcast technology this past week at the 2000 North American International Auto Show. The stations' parent company, Cum Group Ltd., is the first conglomerate to bring digital radio to the U.S. — which translates into a clearer, CD quality sound.

Michigan Radio, public radio stations at the University of Michigan, may not be digital yet, but they're progressing, too. Michigan radio's stations: 91.7 FM in Ann Arbor and Detroit, 104.1 FM in Grand Rapids and 91.1 FM in Flint, is now offering a 24-

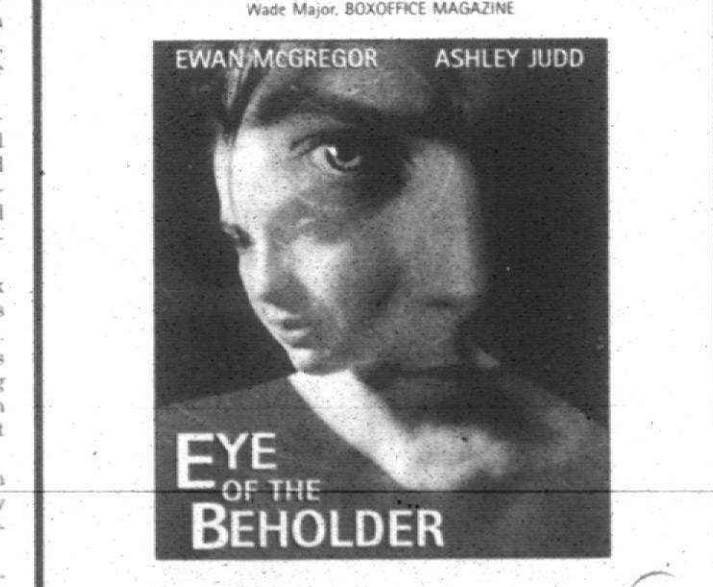
hour streaming on-air signal to its listeners. It's available at www.michiganradio.org. That means fans of NPR's "All Things Considered" and "Morning Edition" can be accessed on the Web, expanding the stations' listener base.

Also at the top of their game, Pine Knob Music Theatre's 1999 season meant record-breaking numbers for attendance, with more than 958,000, and sold-out shows, a total of 29. Fans flocked to the outdoor venue to see performers like the Barenaked Ladies, Alanis Morissette and Tori Amos, and Paul Simon and Bob Dylan last summer.

The Backstreet Boys set a record for the fastest sellout when tickets for three shows at The Palace of Auburn Hills disappeared in just eight minutes. That beat Madonna's "Girly Show" in 1998, which sold out in 10 minutes. Concert-going in Metro Detroit has never been better.

—BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

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DINING

It's white linen and a lakeside view at Belleville Grille

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Just around the bend as you head into downtown Belleville lies one of the city's best kept secrets, the Belleville Grille.

"It's probably the nicest restaurant not only in Belleville, but in the whole Wayne County," said Mike Nuculaj, who bought the restaurant last March and has since done extensive remodeling.

He's entitled to his bragging rights.

The Belleville Grille seems to have everything: An expansive lakeside view (its right on Belleville Lake), an open and airy atmosphere with lots of big windows, a couple of talented chefs, and a brand new kitchen. "I like a perfect kitchen. Anybody can come into our kitchen and see what we're doing," said Nuculaj.

Most of all, the Belleville

Belleville Grille

Where: 146 High Street, Belleville, (734) 699-1777, Fax (734) 699-7849

Menu: Steaks, ribs, chops, seafood and pasta, with a selection of Italian specialties.

Prices: Very moderate, with few exceptions. Appetizers and sandwiches, \$5.50-\$8.95; Entrees, \$7.50-\$21.95. All major credit cards accepted.

Atmosphere: Lakeside dining. Truly a restaurant with a view. Lot's of light to chase away the winter blues.

Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; Noon to 10 p.m. Sunday. Reservations recommended on weekends for parties of six or more.

Extras: Boat docks and seasonal outdoor dining.

Grille has good food, really good food.

The menu features pasta, seafood, steaks and chops, and some wonderful house specialties, like the Coconut Shrimp Dinner Platter. The jumbo shrimp are dipped into a light beer batter, dredged in coconut, fried to a golden brown and served on a bed of shredded lettuce with a dish of sweet and sour dipping sauce. I've had

coconut shrimp before, but these were the best — delicate, succulent, with just enough coconut for sweetness.

Chef Mike Lekocaj specializes in Italian cooking. He earned his credentials working at several Italian restaurants in New York City. His Pasta Del Mar — a lovely mixture of linguine tossed with shrimp, scallops, Roma tomatoes, white wine, olive oil and a bit of parmesan — is the Belleville Grille's best-seller. I couldn't resist and sampled more than one bite. Our photographer finished the whole plate.

If you're craving a good steak, a really big one, try the 24-ounce porterhouse. Chef Mo Isa seasons and grills it to perfection. "You turn it only once," he said. "You move it around for the grill marks but turn it only one time."

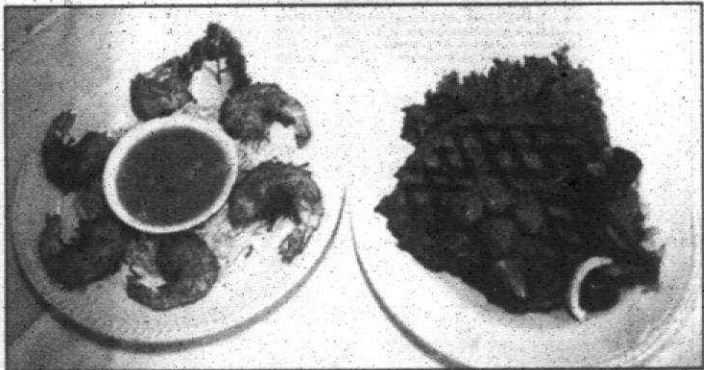
Nuculaj gets a fresh meat and fish order every second day. "We are so picky," he said. "We don't get our meat from the same company as our fish. It keeps the two companies in line. Once in awhile I get a third company just to shake things up."

He wants his customers to feel



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Showing off: Chef Mike Lekocaj (left), David Nuculaj, owner Mike Nuculaj and chef Mo Isa present a few of the house specialties: Pasta Del Mar, a grilled 24-ounce porterhouse and Coconut Shrimp.



Picture perfect: Can't decide between the Coconut Shrimp or the porterhouse? Order them both and bring home the leftovers.

comfortable enough to complain. "I want them to be free to let us know how we are doing. I want to correct problems rather than not have them come back. If I tell a customer this fish is fresh and it isn't, I'll close the doors."

Nuculaj also makes sure the coffee is ground fresh every day. Yes, they grind their own beans! I could taste the difference. It's just little things, like the white linen tablecloths at dinner, but it adds up to a most satisfying dining experience.

experience.

You get the feeling there's a real synergy between Nuculaj, his chefs, and his younger brother, David, who helps oversee operations. They immigrated from Montenegro several years ago and aren't afraid of hard work. Nuculaj, who started his career as a dishwasher — "a really good dishwasher" — owns two other restaurants: Dimitris, also in Belleville, and Mike's Country Oven in Southgate.

The men consider each other family. Nuculaj even describes their determination to please customers in terms of family. "The husband may say 'I don't want to go to the Belleville Grille.' The wife says, 'Yes, it's good.' It has to be good so there are no fights in the family."

You get the feeling if people ate at the Belleville Grille more often, the world would be a pretty peaceful place.

Celebrate Chinese New Year Feb. 7-9 at New Peking

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You won't find the Chinese worried about Y2K for their new year.

With the Chinese New Year set to begin on Saturday, Feb. 5, you won't find any worries among the Chinese about power outages, water shortages, mass mayhem or The Apocalypse.

The closest thing to mayhem you might see is a dragon dancing through the aisles at the New Peking Chinese Restaurant

in Garden City Monday, Feb. 7.

Shen Yu, the owner of New Peking, said that restaurant will celebrate the new year Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 7-9. "Usually it is celebrated with family or friends, similar to the American Christmas time," Yu said.

New Peking will have a dancing dragon the first night of celebration. Entertainment also features fan dancing.

The 12-course dinner features seafood, meat and vegetables. The final course is fish.

The fish symbolizes sufficiency

for people, Yu said. "The fish is always enough, it means you will be healthy and wealthy and have enough," Yu said.

New Peking is at 29105 Ford Road, Garden City. Call (734)

425-2230 for reservations and information about the Chinese New Year feast.

If you're a restaurant owner or manager, and are planning something special for Chinese New

Year or Valentine's Day, we'd like to hear from you. Fax menus and information to Keely Wygonik, Observer Newspapers, (734) 591-7279, or e-mail, kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net.

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