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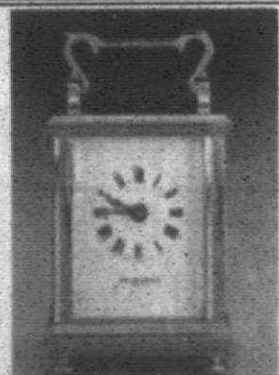
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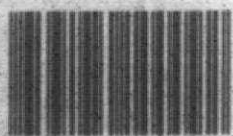
The Canton Observer has been recognized for its journalistic efforts with a pair of awards in the 1999 Suburban Newspapers of America Editorial Contest.

The Observer won awards in editorial writing and for its local coverage of the 1998 state elections. The awards were among 21 won by Observer & Eccentric newspapers in the contest, sponsored annually by the SNA, a 2,000-member non-profit, professional trade association.

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No jail time for driver

TODDLER DEATH

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A 65-year-old Livonia woman received two years probation Tuesday in connection with a fatal automobile accident in Canton last year.

Carol Lee Derrick was also ordered to pay restitution, spend three months on a tether and perform 200 hours of community service, among other penalties, in the Nov. 21 death of Van Buren Township 16-month-old Michael Rose II.

Judge's decision questioned, A13

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Carole F. Youngblood said the maximum sentence — nine months in jail — wasn't warranted because of Derrick's lack of criminal history and previously clean driving record.

"She killed him and got away with it," mother Jennifer Rose screamed after Youngblood's decision. "It's not fair."

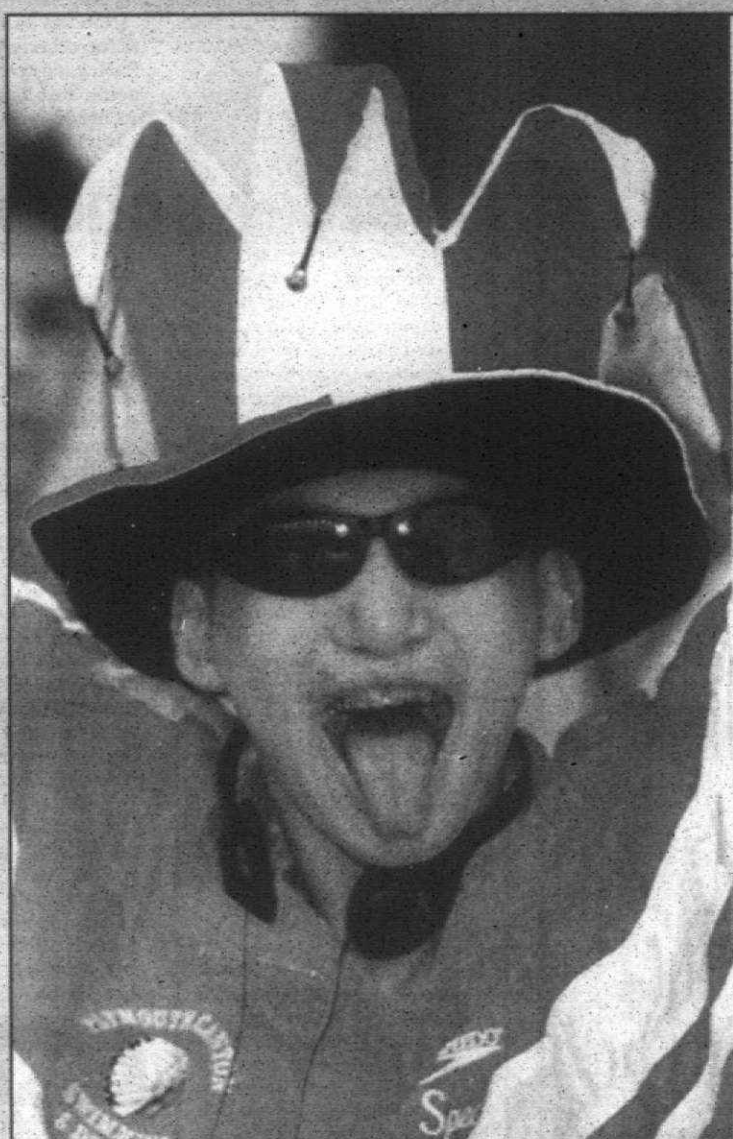
Vicky Moss, the toddler's grandmother, agreed.

"I feel the judge had made her decision before we even walked into the courtroom," she said. "My grandson didn't get the justice he deserved."

On Nov. 18, Moss was driving a Ford Escort station wagon south on Haggerty Road when she was broadsided by Derrick at the intersection of Michigan Avenue, according to Canton police reports and witness statements.

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'Jesterling' for a Chiefs victory



Cheering section: Plymouth Canton swimmer Dennis Speck of Canton, 15, clowns around with his fellow swimmers while waiting for his events at the Western Lakes Athletic Association League Swim Meet preliminary competition last Thursday at Plymouth Salem High School. For more on the league meet, won by Salem, please turn to Sports, Section C.

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Charter school nixed again

■ For the third time, the Canton Planning Commission has turned down a special land use approval recommendation for a National Heritage Academies charter school.

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Sometimes abiding by the adage "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again" pays off.

That wasn't the case Monday when a charter school company's bid to build in Canton was turned down a third time by the planning commission. Previous denial recommendations were passed down in March 1999 and Jan. 10. The first site was at Hanford and Beck.

The vote was 5-0 for a recommendation to deny special land use approval, with commissioners Bob Wade and Karl Zarbo absent. The proposed Canton Charter Academy site is located on the northwest corner of Ridge and Warren.

The next tentative step is the township board, which could vote on the request March 14.

Votes of the planning commission are advisory only, and the township board has the official say on all requests.

Concerns about the 10-acre lot size

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Waiting game

Canton resident fights back, hopes for transplant

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Dina Brophy is fighting an uphill battle to stay alive.

For more than a year, the Canton resident has been waiting for a heart-lung transplant. Until the call comes saying a donor has been found, her days are spent hooked to an oxygen machine and taking a multitude of medications.

"My whole life is in transition right now," said Brophy, 40. "But I guess there's never any guarantees for anybody. I'd just like to get well again and get back to a normal life."

The native New Yorker has suffered from "primary pulmonary hypertension" since birth.

The diagnosis refers to high blood pressure within the lung arteries without underlying heart or lung diseases, according to MedicineNet.com, a health information Web site. The condition is most commonly found in young females.

Brophy led an active, "normal" life despite the problem until 1992.

That's when she began noticing a loss of energy and becoming short of breath. Concerned, she went to a doctor.

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Two's company: Dina Brophy decided that if she had to stay hooked up to an oxygen tube constantly, then her stuffed lion would do the same. She fashioned a similar tube for the furry friend and he provides her with constant companionship.

Heart defect led to death of Salem student

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A heart defect known as myocarditis is being listed as the cause of death for Plymouth Salem junior Mark Bolger, who collapsed and died during halftime of a high school basketball game Jan. 28.

"At one time, Mark probably had a viral infection that affected his heart muscle," said Cheryl Loewe, a Wayne County medical examiner who performed the autopsy on Bolger. "The body healed and replaced the muscle with scar tissue."

"He probably had an abnormal heart rhythm," she said. "The scar tissue"

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Yack looks to future in speech

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Continued growth, increased use of technology and additional recreational opportunities were among the topics covered Wednesday by Canton Supervisor Tom Yack in his annual State of the Township address.

About 200 community and business leaders attended the event, hosted by Canton's Chamber of Commerce at Summit on the Park. The township, he explained, continues to bask in a strong economy.

"Canton has done very well," said Yack, who'll be seeking his fourth term in the November general election. "Everyone knows things are great. Some of that can be traced to a strong regional and national economy, but I think it also traces back to the fact that Canton is seen as a desirable place to be."

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Relaxed presentation: Canton Supervisor Tom Yack started out at the podium but wound up wandering through the room during Wednesday's annual State of the Township Address.

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Vandals strike local mailboxes

The mailboxes of a pair of Devonshire Street residents were damaged late Saturday evening, according to Canton police reports.

Both incidents occurred between 10:10 and 10:20 p.m. A witness told police that a dark blue minivan drove down the street smashing mailboxes.

Reports didn't indicate if a weapon was used.

Both residents lived in the 8000 block of Devonshire. Damages were estimated at \$40 total.

B&E

An unspecified amount of cash was stolen from a Canton

restaurant in the early morning hours of Saturday.

Police reports said a manager at Burger King on Ford Road arrived to open the restaurant Saturday morning and found its office in disarray. Reports said a safe had been opened and cash registers emptied.

Reports said there was no sign of forced entry into the building. Police currently have no suspects but believe the incident occurred between 2:30 and 4:55 a.m. Saturday.

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being too small, increased traffic, building the school on a state-designated Natural Beauty Road and building on a wetland were again among the main concerns aired by residents and the commission.

In response, Grand Rapids-based National Heritage Academies' new plans removed access from Ridge Road, set the project farther back and added a second story.

Commissioners said the changes weren't enough and reiterated objections to the proposed vinyl siding and split-

block building materials. "I think in my mind you met the requirements" for special land use approval, said commissioner Sue Dodson. After voting with the majority, she said, "I still think the site is too tight."

Commission chairman Vic Gustafson said the problems were with the site, not the school.

"I personally look at a charter school as a welcome development at any site in Canton - providing the site is right for the plan," Gustafson said.

"I don't feel enough changes have been made," commissioner Cathy Johnson said. "I can't think of any neighborhood in Canton that (the building materials) would complement."

Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin described the building facade materials as "incongruent" with the building code. She also said the potential traffic would strain overly burdened roads and that the school's lottery-style enrollment would not directly benefit Canton.



by Steve Mansfield

TOUCHING UPON TULIPS

A vase full of tulips provides a dramatic focal point for any room, in terms of both colorful petals and graceful foliage. While their fragrance may be barely noticeable outdoors, their scent may be surprisingly pronounced in a warm room. And, tulips make such a strong statement on their own that they require little fussing from us. Simply place a monochromatic collection of tulips of your favorite color in a clear vase and enjoy the beautiful blend of long stems and gorgeous color. Tulips can open over a three- or four-day period and remain fresh up to an additional seven days. Tulip blossoms also bend toward light sources and may expand in size up to 50 percent.

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SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR PET
Veterinary Notes
by Elizabeth Routsom, D.V.M.
RABIES
The vast majority of U.S. rabies cases occur in wildlife species, particularly skunks, raccoons, foxes, and bats - only 14% occur in domestic pets and livestock. The virus is transmitted via an infected animal's saliva, usually through a bite wound or contact with an open wound or mucous membranes. In humans, the majority of shots given to prevent rabies stem from exposure to rabid cats. This is due to poor vaccination compliance, increasing numbers of stray cats and the tendency for rabid cats to exhibit the disease's furious, biting form. Suspect rabies whenever a pet exhibits behavioral changes with unexplained, abnormal nervous system signs. Because rabies is incurable and most always fatal, stringent control and vaccination measures are imperative.
To find out if your pet's vaccinations are up-to-date, please contact PARKWAY VETERINARY CLINIC. We provide comprehensive veterinary care, including dermatology, dental, surgical, inoculations, and check-ups for pets. Our knowledgeable staff can advise you about routine care for your pet to keep it happy and healthy. Visit either of our two locations at 61395 Wilcox Rd. in Plymouth, tel. 734-453-3277, or 5730 Lilley Rd. in Canton, tel. 734-981-4400, open six days a week for your convenience.
P.S. A vaccinated cat that bites a human being is often placed in quarantine for at least 10 days for observation of rabies signs.

COP CALLS

Hot equipment

About \$300 worth of stereo equipment was stolen from a 23-year-old Canton man's car recently.

A stereo and equalizer were taken from his 1992 Plymouth Duster between Feb. 15 and Saturday, according to police reports. The thief gained entry into the vehicle through a rear window, reports said.

A 24-year-old neighbor told the Canton man he had pur-

chased the equipment from a teenager for \$25. Reports said the Canton man identified the equipment as his.

The neighbor described the teen as being 17- to 18-years-old, 5-foot 10-inches tall and about 300 pounds, reports said.

Stolen car

A 31-year-old Canton man's van was stolen from his home Saturday.

The 1989 Chevy was parked on the north side of his apartment building between 8:30 and 9 p.m., reports said. Police have no suspects.



Jeff Poole

"We comply with each and every requirement of special land use standards," Stoepker said after listening to comments in the public hearing, which lasted nearly three hours. "Our (charter school) sites are typically this size."

Emotions ran high on both sides of the issue. Opponents waved bright green fliers reading, "I simply don't want a National Heritage Academy school on this site" after each opponent spoke. Those fliers were later signed and handed to Connie Roessler, planning commission secretary. She said 140 were given to her by the end of the meeting.

Gustafson asked that the audience refrain from applauding.

"There is no applause meter here," Gustafson said.

Chuck Supnick, president of the Northwest Canton Homeowners Association, said the revised plans failed to alleviate his and other homeowners' concerns about Ridge Road's natu-

ral beauty road status, which prevents it and its roadides from being adversely impacted by development.

"To us this is a clear and present danger," Supnick said.

Napier Road resident Sandy Gillig said, "I really support this school and the people here fighting so hard to get this school. But I don't think this site's going to be one that's welcoming for them." She cited the wetlands along Fellows Creek and the hilly elevation as two reasons it was not appropriate.

On the other side, 160 supporters signed petitions in favor of the plan. They also offered emotional pleas about the desire for education choice in Canton.

"I find the statement that this location is wrong totally offensive," said Stuart Drive resident Kimberly Gouvens. "This is a prime location to teach students," she added, referring to using the wetlands setting to teach about ecology.

Resident Rose Lang, who spearheaded the petition drive, said a charter school would give parents an alternative to expensive private schools.

"Please look at the facts and not the emotions," Lang said. "Having a charter school there will not affect the natural beauty road status."

"Did National Heritage Academies meet the requirements set forth by the township? The answer is yes," Lang added.

Jeff Poole, vice president of NHA, said the recently approved NHA school in Romulus is proof that building in western Wayne County isn't impossible.

"I think clearly we met the requirements of special land use," he said. "Really, we're very disappointed with this decision tonight."

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Group studies summer events

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Dancing in the streets just may be what teens are looking to do this summer. At least the Plymouth Youth Forum hopes so.

In a meeting scheduled for later this month, the group hopes to develop plans for a number of teen dances to be held at the end of the school year.

The Youth Forum is composed of teens and adults who want to develop alternative activities for youth, to avoid problems between teens and adults. The group came into existence after last summer's so-called sidewalk ticket cases in downtown Plymouth, in which four teens were ticketed for sitting on and blocking sidewalks.

"Dances at schools usually have really big turnouts," said Katie Welch, 13, of Plymouth Township and a Youth Forum member. "They're easy activities to put on. And, there are lots of places we could have them... indoors in a gym or outdoors, like in Kellogg Park or a parking lot."

Welch said the thought was to have dances every Friday, alternating between the middle school and high school age groups.

"It's not a good idea to mix the age groups," said Welch. "We'd like to begin the dances as soon as school lets out in June."

Welch said the Youth Forum would like to put on additional activities, and eventually have a building of its own for area youths to call home.

"I feel it's up to the three communities (Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township) to reassess their stand of safe, fun and inexpensive activities for teens 12 to 18 years old," said Sally Welch, Katie's mother. "They should have a place to continue the same activities they have in school, like physical

YOUTH FORUM

activities, dances and quiet areas to study and interact with other teens."

A large percentage of results from a survey taken at the middle and high schools indicates that teens want a place with music, food and activities during the summer and school vacations.

"We would like to see some kind of youth center in Plymouth or Canton," said Mary Novrocki of Plymouth, another member of the Youth Forum. "We want something where teens will feel welcome, not be bored and stay out of trouble."

Downtown Plymouth attracts students to Kellogg Park and cruises up and down Main Street, and there appears to be a generation gap creating problems.

Novrocki is hoping to get some support from area government officials. She's been to Plymouth city commission meetings and believes "city officials haven't been too supportive."

Mayor Dave McDonald said he's more than willing to look at any proposals put forth by the Youth Forum. However, he doesn't foresee the city taking the lead in finding activities for teens.

"I think there are enough parents looking for things for kids to do," said McDonald. "I have two teenagers and I'm interested in youth issues. But I think there are enough people out there working on initiatives that the city could probably dovetail in. I'm not interested in reinventing the wheel."

The Plymouth Youth Forum will be discussing teen dances at its next meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 7 p.m. at the Salem High School Cafeteria. Anyone with questions or ideas can e-mail Sally Welch at Sally70775@aol.com.

Waiting from page A1

for answers. What she learned changed her life. The hypertension, she discovered, had weakened her heart and lungs to the point of making a transplant necessary.

"I was very surprised," said Brophy. "Because I wasn't symptomatic."

Since having a surgery to repair a hole in her heart at age 5, she had always had more get-up-and-go than anyone in her family.

"I was always flying around," said Brophy. "I was very energetic."

Her health has declined steadily since being diagnosed in 1992.

Dina had to quit her job as a waitress a year later. Her level of activity has continued to drop since.

"My personality has really changed," Brophy added. "I used to be very outgoing and social. Now I'm tired most of the time and don't want to go out."

Moving along

She and her mother, Margaret Long, moved to Canton last April.

Brophy lived near Rochester, N.Y., and Long in Arizona until then. But Dina's insurance company required that she be within two hours of the medical facility that would perform the transplant.

She'll have the procedure done at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Long said the move has been tough on both of them.

"We've left the familiar," she commented.

Dina said she relies on her mom.

"She has really taken the brunt of everything," Brophy said. "She has fought for me a lot."

Daily life isn't easy for her. First there's the medications. One dilates her vessels to help her body utilize oxygen. Diuretics help her get rid of excess fluid, but also make her constantly thirsty.

"I don't like a lot of water," she said. "Club Soda with lemon is



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

my treat." Brophy is on liquid oxygen 24 hours a day. Several large tanks sit in her living room.

She supposed to eat a low-sodium diet as well. But Dina doesn't always do as well as she'd like.

"I haven't been a very good patient," she said. "Food and drink are my love."

Requirements

It's no accident that Brophy has been waiting for her transplant for more than a year.

Finding a proper donor is difficult. Blood and tissue types must match and size of the donor must be close.

National transplant numbers speak to the difficulty of making a match.

Just 22 heart-lung transplants were done last year. From 1989 to 1998, an average of 56.5 transplants were done yearly, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS).

Brophy has mixed feelings about a potential donor.

"I don't know if I'll feel guilty," she said. "The person isn't dying for me."

Still, she thinks it will be odd having someone else's heart beating in her chest.

"I think it will be a weird feeling knowing somebody else's organs will be inside of me," said Brophy. "Eventually, I think I'll want to know my donor's family."

Helping hand

Even with a successful transplant, the battle will not be over for Brophy.

Survival rates, according to UNOS, are about 50 percent after three years and 43.4 percent after five years.

She'll likely need several months of rehabilitation. Brophy will also need medication to stop her body from rejecting her transplanted organs - for the rest of her life.

The cost of those medications is high, as much as \$1,500 a month, said Brophy.

The Children's Organ Transplant Association is helping raise funds for her care before and after surgery. The campaign's goal is \$100,000.

Local events are planned to help meet the goal. Max & Erma's Restaurant, for example, will hold a raffle on April 9. Area merchants are donating various items for the raffle.

"People have been very generous," said Long. "Restaurants

Family: Dina and her mother, Margaret Long, explain the difficulties of waiting.

have been great." Anyone wishing to make a donation to help Brophy can mail checks to: COTA for Dina, COTA, 2501 COTA Drive, Bloomington, Indiana, 47403.



Collecting: The two women have fashioned collection jars for donations from paper drink cups and a flyer explaining Dina's plight.

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■ A banana is really an herb?
■ The Michigan Home and Garden Show is March 2-5 at the Pontiac Silverdome?

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■ Switzerland consumes the most soft drinks in the world?

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Q & A

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The source for this information is "The Top Ten of Everything 1998"

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Federal guidebook lists dozens of available college scholarships

College costs for a full-time student could be as little as \$10,000-\$30,000; high-cost colleges can run from \$40,000-\$100,000, according to the U.S. Commission for Scholarships Assistance. Many parents and students think scholarships are only for the students with excellent grades, low-income families or the athletically able.

A small sample of the numerous scholarships available to students includes Handicapped Student Scholarships, Members of Church Scholarships, Scholarships for "C" Students, Veteran Children's Scholarships, Scholarships for Minorities and much, much more.

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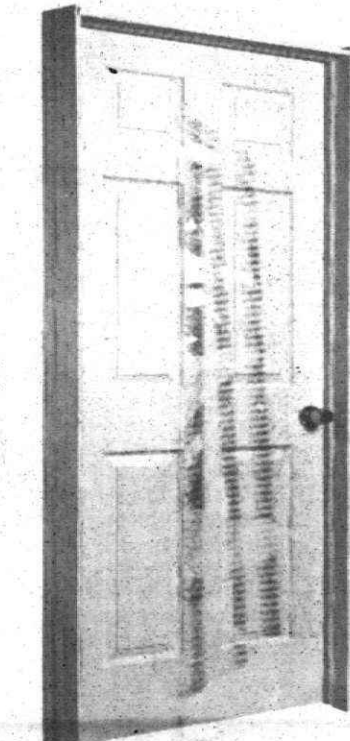
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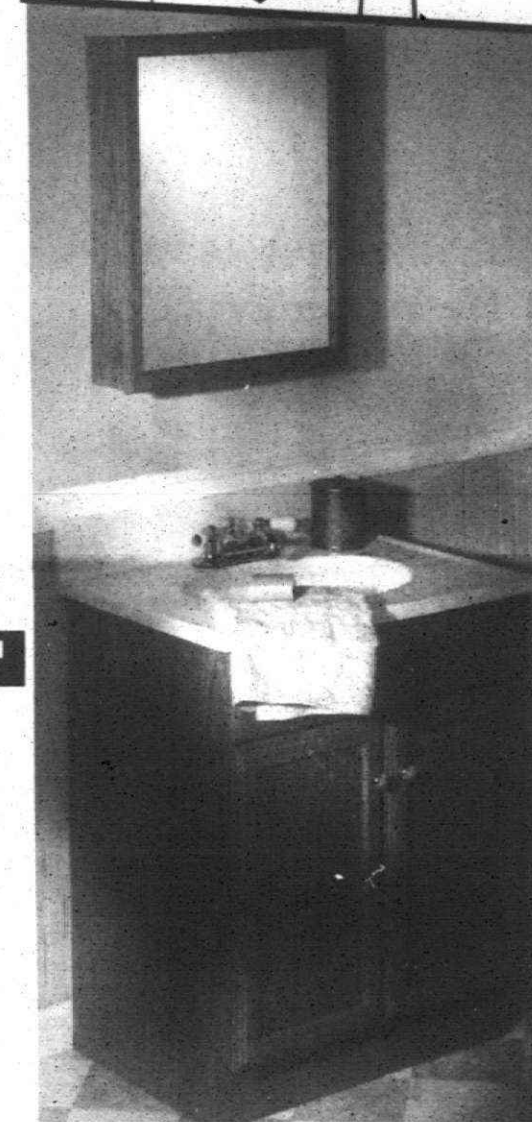
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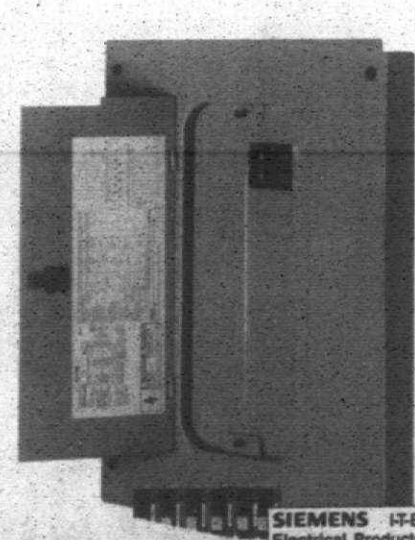
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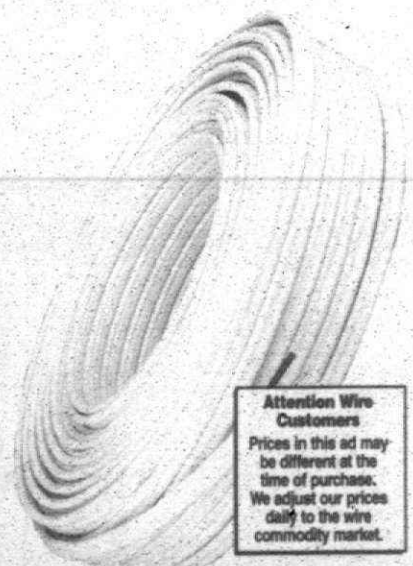


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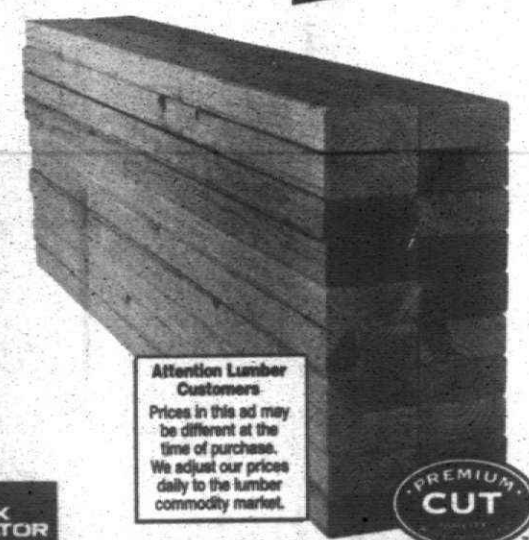


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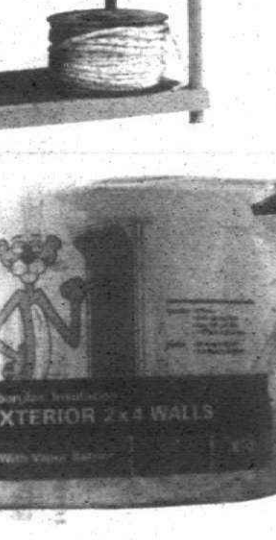


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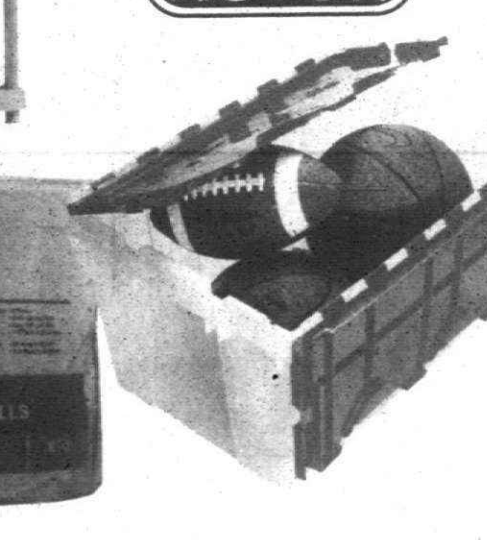


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Speech from page A1

Yack titled his speech, his 12th as supervisor, "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." He informally highlighted about a half-dozen areas.

In terms of transportation, numerous projects are under way that should help relieve congestion on Canton's road network, said Yack. Morton Taylor, for example, is being connected from Warren Road south to Ford.

"It will provide great relief for Lilley and Sheldon," Yack said.

In years to come, Canton Center will be widened north of Ford. Lotz will be improved north and south of Ford as well as Michigan Avenue west of Belleville Road.

Technology is making an impact on Canton's Public Safety Department, Yack said.

He noted the installation of new computers in police patrol cars. Fire fighting will also become more advanced, said Yack.

"I expect a lot of innovations over the next five to 10 years," he added. "We're looking to improve how fires are fought."

New housing continues to sprout up in Canton. More apartments, condominiums and premium single family homes are on the way, said Yack.

"We have Heron Ridge and Pheasant Ridge in the northern section that will be in the



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Greetings:
The Rev. Eric Moore (from left), Barb and Tom Yack and chamber president David Griffin get together before the luncheon.

\$400,000 to \$600,000 range," he said. "I think it gives us another opportunity to keep people in our community as they accumulate wealth."

Cherry Hill Village, a massive planned development district on the township's far west side, will bring acclaim from far and wide, Yack added.

"It's the most exciting project I've seen," the supervisor said. "It will cover about 400 acres. But its influence will spread over a much larger area than that."

Industrial and commercial development are also strong in Canton, according to Yack.

He noted the influx of several automotive supply firms. Yack also thinks technology firms will come to town as research park-style developments arise.

He listed Michigan Avenue

and Lotz roads as centers for future industrial and commercial projects.

"Michigan Avenue will become more on fire in years to come," said Yack.

As for recreation, he believes the township will have facilities that are second to none.

The Summit, Yack said, will soon double in size in terms of exercise area. He also hinted that a major national fitness company could be on its way.

An indoor soccer dome will become part of Canton Softball Center on Michigan. The township hasn't given up on the idea of an ice arena at the site, either.

"It's because we won't build it ourselves that it's taking so long," Yack said. "But it's not dead yet. We haven't thrown dirt on the idea."

He listed Michigan Avenue



Wrecked car: The Ford Escort station wagon struck broadside by Carol Lee Derrick on Nov. 18. Below, passenger Michael Rose II, who died three days later.

Sentencing from page A1

The Livonia woman was heading east at the time of the accident at approximately 9:40 p.m. Michael Rose II suffered massive internal injuries and died three days later at the University of Michigan's Mott Children's Hospital. Moss and daughter DeAnne were also hurt in the crash.

Derrick pled no contest to a charge of negligent homicide Feb. 7. The offense, a misdemeanor, is punishable by up to two years in prison and/or a \$2,000 fine.

In making a sentencing recommendation, the state department of corrections rated various aspects of the incident and Derrick's past. Each "offense variable" received a point value.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Kelly Gleason and Derrick's attorney Robert Boyd argued briefly about those point values in front of Youngblood.

The final total suggested a minimum of no jail time and maximum sentence of nine months incarceration for Derrick. It was up to Youngblood to determine the appropriate punishment based on those parameters.

A story about the synchronized figure skating championships, which started Wednesday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township, shouldn't have said



Catherine O'Connell, an attorney for the Rose family, didn't agree with the decision.

"The judge was bound by the guidelines," she added. "The problem is with the law."

Boyd said Rose's death was unfortunate and tragic. But, he added, the sentence was appropriate.

"They want to make my client out to be a serial killer," Boyd said. "She's not. This was an accident."

Family members pled with Youngblood to put Derrick in jail.

Jennifer Rose, 22, told the

judge to imagine the pain her son felt before dying. She said her son's loss has been devastating.

"The things I've experienced have almost killed me," the mother said. "He was my world."

Jennifer said she thinks every day about what she's missing with Michael.

"I'll never see my son get on a school bus for the first time," she told Youngblood.

Father Mike Rose, 24, asked for justice.

"A sentence should fit the crime," he said. "This was a human life. We shouldn't bring it down to the level of a petty crime."

Moss said she is haunted by the accident.

"I relive the accident often and never know what will cause me to remember it," she said. "I feel Mrs. Derrick should spend time in jail because she took my grandson's life."

Derrick spoke before the sentence was handed down, too. "I'm not a hard-hearted person," she said. "I do feel very badly about this. I am truly sorry."

CLARIFICATION

the Plymouth club was the only one that had teams earn their way into three divisions. All teams present at the competition were required to place in the top

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OBITUARIES

MADISON ELIZABETH DONNELLY
Services for Madison Elizabeth Donnelly of Plymouth were held Feb. 26 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born Feb. 18 in Ann Arbor and died Feb. 23 in Ann Arbor.

Survivors include her parents, Thomas and Jennifer Donnelly of Plymouth; grandparents, Michael and Carmel Donnelly of Wayne and Jerry and Kathy Conroy of Plymouth; great-grandparents, Gerald and Eva Conroy of Syracuse, N.Y., and Cecile Donnelly of Tamarac, Fla.; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Memorials may be made to the Pediatric I.C.U. Cardiothoracic, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Box 0288, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

AMAR K. SOOCH
Services for Amar K. Sooch, 95, of Canton Township were held Feb. 29 at the Neely-Turkowski Funeral Home, Canton Chapel, with Bhai Ji Dharam Singh officiating.

He was born Sept. 18, 1904, in India and died Feb. 26 in Canton Township. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her five children, Vir Singh (Jobby), Shangara Singh (Pritam), Karnail Singh (Balwant), Gurdeep Kaur (Bakshish) Singh and Jagir Singh; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

CHARLES JOSEPH GALEA
Services for Charles Joseph Galea, 71, of Plymouth were held Feb. 26 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Doc Ortman officiating.

He was born Dec. 16, 1928, in Detroit and died Feb. 23 in Plymouth Township. He was a salesman for Detroit Ball Bearing (now Invetech), and retired after 22 years of service. He came to the Plymouth community in 1988 from Livonia. He served in the Air Force and played bridge at the Cultural Center in Plymouth. He played pinocle with the seniors in Plymouth Township and enjoyed fishing and boating and going up North to his cottage. He also enjoyed bowling and spending time with his children, his grandchildren and his dog.

Survivors include his wife, Maureen of Plymouth Township; mother, Joanna Faccio of Livonia; five children, Timothy (Nancy) Galea of Ypsilanti, Ann Moore of Plymouth, Patricia (Gry) Glass of Willis, Mich., Catherine (Barry) White of

Pineckney and Carolyn (Michael) Chico of Livonia; one sister, Marilyn Paulen of Milford; and eight grandchildren.

ELEANOR FLORENCE THURSTON
Services for Eleanor Florence Thurston, 81, of Plymouth were held Feb. 25 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born April 25, 1918, in New Brunswick, N.J., and died Feb. 22 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1974 from Detroit and was a loving mother and an avid reader. She enjoyed cooking and sewing.

Survivors include her three sons, Norman (Shelli) Thurston of Milford, Sheridan Thurston of Plymouth and Douglas Thurston; and one brother, Samuel (Lillian) Adams of Fountain Hills, Ariz.

NORMA ROBB
Services for Norma Robb, 77, of Canton were held Jan. 18 in the Uth Funeral Home, Canton, with Rev. Robert Schultz officiating.

She was born March 25, 1922, and died Jan. 15 in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center. She was a switchboard operator.

Survivors include her husband, Richard. Survivors include her three daughters, Janice (Richard) Haycox, Joyce (Larry) North and Linda (Vincent) Rakstis; two sisters, Evelyn Flaxbart and Dorothy Vagler; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

JOAN MARIE BEJMA
Services for Joan Marie Bejma, 77, of Canton took place Feb. 26 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph S. Mallia officiating.

She was born June 2, 1922, in Detroit and died Feb. 23 in Superior Township. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Bernard Bejma of Canton; two sons, Bernard (Doris) Bejma Jr. of Plymouth and Thomas Bejma of Milford; one sister, Martha (Arthur) Chodzinski of Woodhaven; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, 23999 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075.

MABELLE JUNE SARAH
Services for Mabelle June Sarah, 79, of Chelsea (formerly of Plymouth) were held March 1 at the North Lake United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Wayne Hawley officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

She was born Nov. 15, 1920, in Battle Creek and died Feb. 26 at Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor. She lived in the Chelsea area for the

past 12 years, coming from Plymouth. She was an active member of North Lake United Methodist Church and volunteered at the Chelsea Retirement Community as well as for the Chelsea Senior Citizens. Playing the piano and the violin were her favorite pastimes. She was known for her cooking and received a food and safety certification license.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh Sarah; her parents; one son, Hugh H. Sarah; one brother, Max H. Tounsignant; and one grandson, Brian W. Stout. Survivors include her two daughters, Elizabeth (Gerald) Graves of Chelsea and Jennifer (Joseph) O'Donnell of Falmouth, Maine; one sister, Betty Wroblewski of Garden City; five grandchildren, Debbie (Bill) Ostrander, Lisa (Walter) Langlois, Doug (Denise) Graves, David Stout and his fiancée, Connie Cooley, and Hugh Wilson; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to North Lake United Methodist Church or the University of Michigan's Cancer Center.

LOIS MAY MCGEEHEN
Services for Lois May McGeehen, 78, of Walled Lake (formerly of Plymouth) took place Feb. 28 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Neil Ellison officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born May 22, 1921, in Monroe, Mo., and died Feb. 24 in Westland. She was a secretary at Burroughs Corp. in Plymouth. She was also a secretary for Northwestern Life Insurance and for various other companies. She came to the Plymouth community in 1948 from Royal Oak. She lived in Pennsylvania from 1965 to 1971, then Sao Paulo, Brazil, from 1971 to 1979. From 1979 to 1984 she lived in Southfield then moved back to Plymouth in 1984. She loved to travel, shop, play bridge, watch TV and be with her family and friends.

Survivors include her daughter, Karen L. Wiley of Walled Lake; one brother, Robert (Myrna) Stone of Fla.; one sister, Jean (Bill) Lukehart of California; two grandchildren, Shelly Goehmann (fiance Jack Fougere) of Livonia and Scott (Barbara) Wiley of Waterford; two great-grandchildren, Ashley Goehmann and Andrew Goehmann; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Disease Association, Detroit Area Chapter, 17220 West Twelve Mile Road, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076.

Bolger from page A1

affected his heart's ability to beat properly.

Bolger appeared healthy as he played several minutes in the first half of the game, but collapsed in the locker room during halftime.

Coaches attempted CPR, and he was taken to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia where he was pronounced dead.

Loewe said that since Bolger appeared healthy while playing basketball and soccer, as well as running cross country, there would be no reason to test him for myocarditis during routine physical exams.

"He seemed very healthy, and there would be no need to check for myocarditis if he wasn't symptomatic," added Loewe. "Only an echo cardiogram, an ultrasound of the heart, would detect it. That's not routinely done in a physical exam unless warranted."

Loewe said people with myocarditis can live from

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—Cheryl Loewe, medical examiner

months to years without ever knowing they have the heart condition.

"We had no idea, absolutely none," said Jeff Bolger, Mark's father. "We met with Mark's pediatrician and there's nothing in his medical past that would have led us to check for a heart condition."

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Awards from page A1

tion serving the suburban newspaper industry.

The Canton Observer was named first-place winner in its class for coverage leading up to and including the 1998 election for Michigan's governor, the state House and Senate. Submitted articles included candidate profiles, stories on issues, editorials, op-ed pieces and letters from readers.

The Canton Observer also received a second-place award for its editorial writing throughout the year.

The Observer group, which publishes primarily in western Wayne County, finished with 15 of the company's 21 awards. Among its wins were first-place awards for its Arts & Leisure section and its in-depth reporting on the case load at the district court level. The special series, "A Report on District Court," ran last July.

Observer staff writer Ken Abramczyk won a second-place award for best environmental

competition with our peers in the suburban newspaper business," Managing Editor Hugh Gallagher said. "It affirms we are doing a good job in serving our readers with the kind of community news they need."

"The judges have recognized our editors, writers, photographers and artists for outstanding work in features, hard news, photography and editorial leadership. We'll use these awards as an inspiration to do even better work in the year ahead," he said.

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Plymouth man sets Schoolcraft record

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Stanley Kovacheff of Plymouth isn't kidding when he says he's "curious about everything."

Since 1992, the retired General Motors engineer has taken 99 courses through Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education program — the most of any student in the program's history.

"I just like to get information and learn about things," says Kovacheff, who starts each day by reading two newspapers and working crossword puzzles: "I like to keep learning."

Kathy Uhlich, a Schoolcraft spokeswoman, says though a few students have taken 90 or so courses, Kovacheff is "by far the leader."

His courses are "all over the curriculum," she adds: From tap dancing, guitar and piano to Spanish and Russian and from Tai Chi and typing to calligraphy and computerizing.

He's also studied investing, water aerobics, cartooning and both creative and journal writing.

Sherry Zylka, assistant dean of the college's continuing education department, calls Kovacheff's accomplishment "exciting."

"His course selection is so well-

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rounded and diverse," she says. "He's the epitome of the lifelong learner."

The 74-year-old also is a prime example of the not-very-"retiring" retiree.

The student, father and stepfather to five sons also swims and walks regularly, does folk dancing, sings in choirs and also performs in musical theater.

What's more, he's flown a glider, gone parasailing, climbed a mountain and explored a gold mine and, since last summer, has worked as a program coordinator of the Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

In the part-time position, Kovacheff helps both longtime residents and newcomers, ages 55 and up, find personal services and helpers and also senior-friendly merchants.

While he enjoys being productive and says working with seniors is "very rewarding," the job also lets him utilize some of his Schoolcraft learning: He's publisher and editor of the PCCA's monthly newsletter.

He puts in about 40 hours a month on his home computer for each six-page, legal-sized issue, in part trying to get his readers

"off their duffs" to become more "socially active" — not surprising, given his own lifestyle.

Born in Niagara Falls, N.Y., Kovacheff and identical twin Leonard, now a retired GM product engineer, came to Detroit at age 6, brought here by their Bulgarian-born parents.

Both parents had been teachers in Europe and Stan says he was "a studious youngster because I wanted to be a good student."

His "A" average got him into Cass Tech. After earning his engineering degree at the University of Detroit, he worked for GM by day and earned a master's in industrial engineering from Wayne State University at night.

Stan and first wife, Anne, who died of cancer at age 45 in 1975, were married 22 years and had four sons. In 1988, the year after he married Christine and became stepfather to her son, Kovacheff retired from GM as a senior project engineer.

It was he and Christine who tried the gliding, the parasailing and other things like watching whales at sea. "We're not dare-devils," he says. "We just like to try something different."

But it was Christine's full-time job as a senior manager at Media

One cable television that eventually got him to Schoolcraft.

"I wanted to be mentally active," he says, and there were things he'd never had time to do, like learning the guitar.

Schoolcraft is just three miles away, he says, "so it was really handy," says Kovacheff. "And, of course, they offer a discount for seniors, which in some cases is as much as 50 percent."

"So I figured, 'What the heck, they've got all these courses that are attractive to me, I might as well start taking them.'"

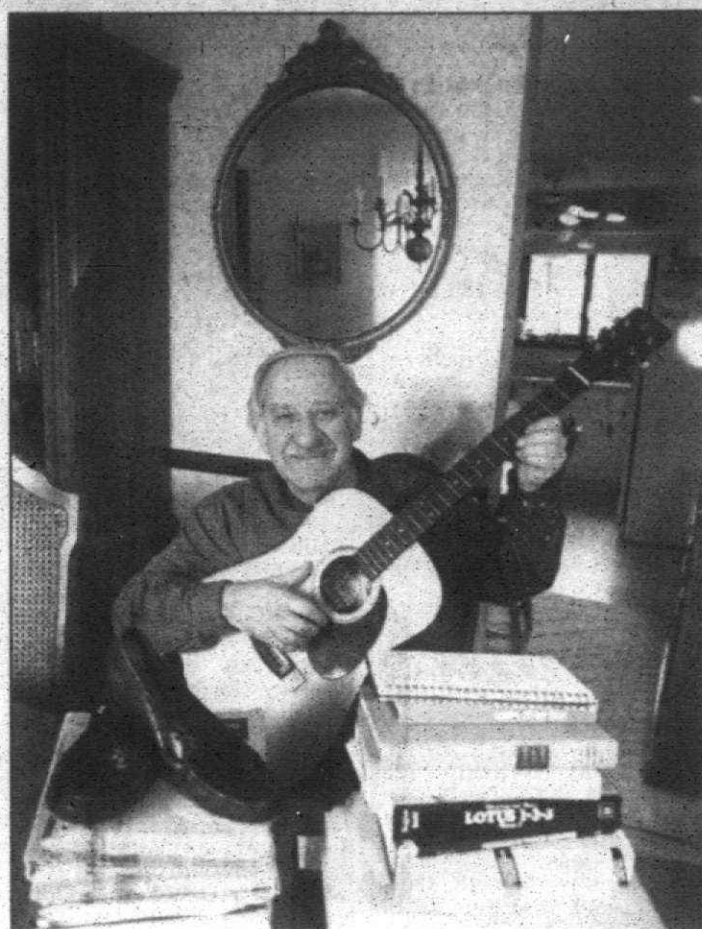
Christine's job even provided material for his cartooning.

Required to develop a comic for class, Stan created "Mort and Martha," a strip about a retired man with an employed wife.

"But I only drew five panels" before "another interest came along and the cartooning got sidetracked," he says.

Kovacheff soon will start his 100th class — tap dancing, which he's taken almost every semester. "You tap for an hour and a half, you know it's a workout," says the 5-foot-9, 190-pounder.

And Schoolcraft will honor its top continuing education student by putting No. 100 "on the house": Kovacheff will tap tuition-free.



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Spelling success

Wayne-Westland fifth-grader crosses equator for bee victory

BY JULIE BROWN
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The word "equatorial" will likely stay with Brett Tavana all his life.

Brett, a fifth-grader at Vandenberg Elementary School, won the Wayne-Westland district spelling bee Thursday with that word. Runners-up were Bridget Chalupka of St. Mary Catholic and Jennifer (Siming) Zhao of Stevenson Middle School.

The district includes the southeastern portion of Canton Township.

"This is a wonderful occasion," Celestine Sanders, principal at host Adams Middle School in Westland, said in her welcoming. "You're already a winner and we're so proud of you."

Sanders recalled participating in her junior high school spelling bee. She didn't win, but the memories are sweet. "Just to make it there was really an honor."

The annual event in Wayne-Westland is named for educator Earle Chorbagan, who spent 32 years with the Wayne-Westland district, including many as Adams assistant principal. "Everybody pointed their finger at me," the now-retired Chorbagan said Thursday in explaining how he came to oversee the spelling bee.

Students from each school, both elementary and middle, competed Thursday morning before a proud audience of family members, educators and others. The words given would

stump many an adult without a dictionary or computer spell check program.

Before the break, students went out on such words as "satirical," "obstetrician," "delirious," "inclusion," "interfering," "coral" and "requisite."



After the break, six participants remained. Tough words that took students out included "exemplary," "axiom," "arrogance," "competency" and "forsooth." When Brett won, applause and cheers broke out.

"I give him all the credit," mother Diane Tavana-Lloyd said through tears. Brett's advice to the audience: "Study every day at least one hour."

In an interview, Brett said his mom would ask him words and help with those he missed. She and husband, David Lloyd, were bursting with pride Thursday. They also have a daughter, Trisha Lloyd, 7, a Vandenberg second-grader.

Diane Tavana-Lloyd noted she and her son didn't do the advanced word list, just the beginning and intermediate. An aunt helped, too. "He worked for it, though," Brett's dad said.

Brett's mom said he does well in school and has an excellent

memory. "He's an A student. He reads a lot and he's always liked reading." They agreed it's good for parents to be involved in a child's education.

Brett's career choice is undecided, although he likes animals and zoology's a possibility.

Thursday, he had more immediate concerns, like how his Vandenberg classmates would react to his good news.

"He's going to go ballistic," Brett said of one classmate, agreeing the students would be proud.

Other participants who first won school spelling bees include: Natalie Boettcher, Edison; Kenny Newsted, Elliott; Adrienne Camunag, P.D. Graham; Erin

Moreno, Hamilton; Jasmine Pasley, Hicks; Emily Robertson, Hoover; Alan Hardnock, Jefferson-Barns; Olivia LaFortune, Kettering; David Holliday, Lincoln; Chelsea Weaver, Madison; Jonathan King, Patchin; Bobbi Turner, Roosevelt; Jordan Garland, Schweitzer; Kristina Plummer, Taft-Galloway; Brandy Isaacson, Walker-Winter; Jacqueline Cooney, Wildwood; Abby Pitt, St. John's Lutheran; Leah Potvin, Adams Middle; Drew Walls, Franklin Middle; Diane Hawkins, Marshall Middle.

The next level of competition for Brett could eventually lead to Scripps-Howard National Spelling Bee competition in Washington, D.C. The Detroit News final spelling bee for the year will be April 7 at Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

That winner will go to Washington.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Proud moment: Breaking out in tears of joy, Diane Tavana-Lloyd (center) watches son Brett Tavana, a fifth-grader at Vandenberg Elementary, win the annual Wayne-Westland schools spelling bee. With her are husband David Lloyd (left) and Brett's former third/fourth-grade teacher, Merrell Harkema (right). In the photo at left is new champion, Brett, alongside runner-up Bridget Chalupka.



Pressure: Leah Potvin of Adams Middle School stands to spell her word, as 23 students from the Wayne-Westland schools participate in the spelling bee. The judges (left) were Janet Redford, Marty LaPorte and Larry Galbraith.

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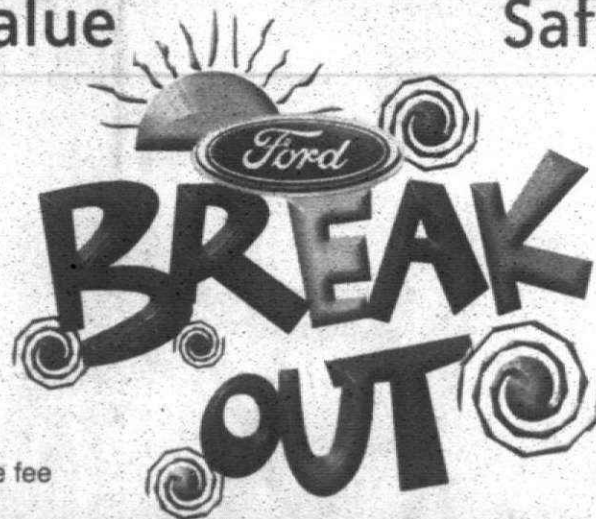
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Community Crier will be sold as part of court-ordered plan

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The Community Crier newspaper has filed its Chapter 11 reorganization plan in federal bankruptcy court which, in part, calls for the sale of the newspaper owned by W. Edward Wendover.

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"The plan of reorganization provides for the sale of all assets to Willett Communications," said Willard Hawley, the Crier's Bingham Farms attorney. "I believe a new company, Willow Media, will be formed by Dave Willett."

Hawley said a final court

Retiring publisher W. Edward Wendover will also continue his Crier column, 'With Malice Toward None.'

hearing on the reorganization plan will be held April 3, after creditors vote on the plan. A majority of creditors need to approve the plan in order for it to be approved by the court, according to Hawley.

Hawley said he couldn't discuss how much was offered for the Crier and its assets. However, he did disclose that the newspaper owes \$687,000 in unsecured debt; secured debt

of \$50,000 to National City Bank; plus secured and priority debt for federal and state taxes of \$107,000.

Willett told the Observer "I can't discuss the situation until next week."

Wendover was not available for comment. However, in its Feb. 23 issue, the newspaper noted the "retirement of its publisher, W. Edward Wendover."

The Crier also reported Wendover will serve as a consultant to Willett Communications, Eagle Graphics and the Crier. The newspaper said Wendover will also continue his Crier column, "With Malice Toward None."

Area man hospitalized after bacterium attack

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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A 50-year-old Plymouth man is recovering at a Windsor hospital after being attacked by a flesh-eating disease that not only literally ate away his arm, it nearly took his life.

Doctors believe Milton Antone contracted the deadly disease from his mother, 68-year-old Janet Antone, whose left leg had to be amputated up to the thigh because of the deadly disease.

"I couldn't take another step, couldn't eat... I knew something was wrong," said Antone from his hospital bed at Windsor Regional Hospital. "I wanted to go back to St. Mary Hospital (in Livonia), but I think I made a fairly good decision. It saved my life."

"It's hard to know if this is a superbug that is resistant to antibiotics because it's a very aggressive and invasive bacterial infection," said Adams.

"He was in shock when he walked into the emergency room, complaining of flu-like symptoms and pain in his left arm," said Dr. Howard Adams, Antone's acting physician when he arrived at Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital in Windsor Feb. 13. He had a high fever, was semi-delirious, a white blood count that was sky high and low blood pressure. Within 12 hours he had to be put on a respirator and had 10 transfusions of blood.

Adams said it took five operations to stop the spread of the disease, necrotizing fasciitis, a Group A streptococcus bacterium from his left arm.

"The doctors told me I will be here a couple more weeks," said Antone. "They have to do more skin grafts and some muscle replacement."

Antone, who lives on Ann Arbor Trail, worked odd jobs in building maintenance. He said he'll be back to visit friends. However, as a Native American with dual citizenship, he may decide to remain in Windsor.

His mother is in good condition and undergoing rehabilitation at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Adams said at first Antone's arm showed a red coloration and was warm. After 12 hours it

began to show blisters and became more of a purple color. He said it will take several surgeries to repair his arm, and he expects Antone to make a full recovery.

"He's out of trouble," said Adams. "He has a huge wound from his left arm to his shoulder that will need plastic surgery reconstruction."

FLESH-EATING DISEASE

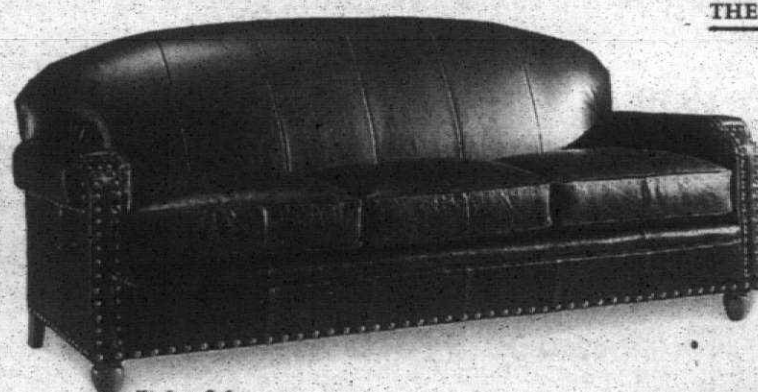
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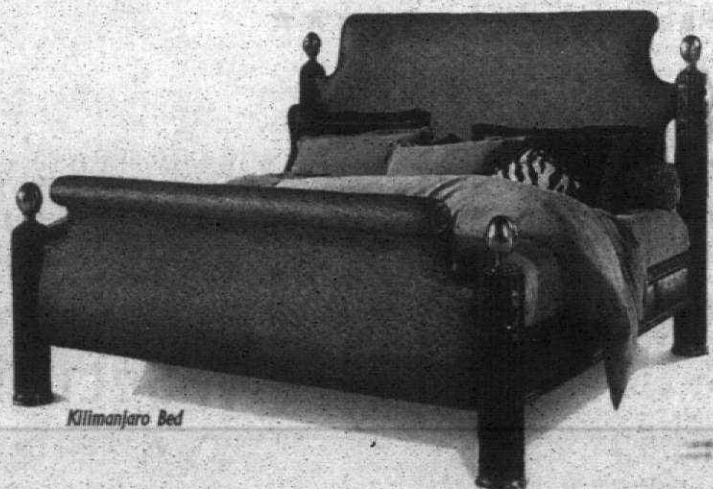


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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS March 9, 2000

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, March 9, 2000 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

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(Approval of February minutes)

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Schoolcraft helps residents handle information deluge

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The virtual flood of information created by the computer age has given rise to a simple truth:

When it comes to continuing your education and personal growth, you can't do it all yourself.

And that, says a Schoolcraft College official, is where the school's Continuing Education program comes in.

"In the last 10 years, people have come to recognize (that) with all the information out there, they can't sometimes learn it all on their own and they need to be updated."

Sherry Zylka, Assistant Dean, Schoolcraft Continuing Education

just another option for them in getting the needed information. "It's a way for people to learn something new and apply it now," says Zylka.

In fact, she says, continuing education is "a good example of Schoolcraft's new motto: 'An education that works.'"

Schoolcraft seems to be doing something right: From just over 12,000 students at the beginning of the 1990s, its enrollment reached 16,000 by 1998.

And, according to an informal survey by Continuing Education

Dean Ron Griffith, that makes Schoolcraft's program the largest among Michigan community colleges.

In 1996 and '99, more formal surveys asking why students chose the Livonia main campus on Haggerty Road north of Six Mile or the Radcliff campus in Garden City for such classes both returned the same results, says Zylka: No. 1 - location; No. 2 - cost.

"We're very good at what we do in continuing education," she says, with not a little pride.

Zylka, who began her association with Schoolcraft 20 years ago as a student manning the switchboard, notes Continuing Ed isn't just "underwater basket-weaving" anymore - far from it.

"Formerly, it was just arts and crafts," she says, "but now a lot more professions" and services, from teaching, law enforcement, firefighting and real estate to pesticide application and food service - "are requiring continuing education as a means to maintaining certification."

In fact, Schoolcraft works with a Grand Rapids company to offer pesticide classes there, Zylka says.

Continuing Ed also complements regular college, she says. In Schoolcraft's nursing program, for example, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class is required to get into the program, she says, and it's also required to keep one's license.

But Schoolcraft also offers leisure-time classes "for people that just want to have fun," she says.

Offerings range from the traditional, such as fine arts, crafts, music and dance classes and foreign languages, to sports offerings such as golf, fencing, ice skating and skin-diving, and such modern, New Age-type subjects as Tai Chi and Developing Your Intuition.

There also are classes on Michigan boating basics and motorcycle safety and even Schoolcraft's unique equine arts and sciences program, which teaches proper horse-care. There's even a summertime "Kids on Campus" program.

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Good news Competition adds to coverage

We believe competition is a healthy thing, so we were heartened to hear Dave Willett is coming to the rescue of The Community Crier.

Assuming the details get worked out, Willett will head an as-yet-to-be-named company that will purchase all of the operations and assets of the Crier. Willett, many of you may recall, is the former owner of Associated Newspapers, which counted among its mastheads the Canton Eagle. Associated Newspapers is known now as Michigan Community Newspapers.

Our "hurrah!" at the survival of the Crier may come as a surprise to most readers, since the knee-jerk reaction would be, "Ah, one enemy down." But we don't feel that way. The loss of any newspaper is a blow to the industry, whether it's a big-time daily or a small-town weekly like the Crier.

Having two newspapers in town is a good thing for everyone, most notably the readers. With just one paper serving the community, there's just one voice heard by readers, one opinion on most subjects.

However, competition between papers like the Observer and the Crier requires the staffs of both papers to maintain their "edge." Reporters work harder to get stories because they know the competition will have them most of the time.

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Two papers, two opinions. Had the Crier ceased to exist, readers would only have gotten one argument. Debate is much easier when there are multiple points to argue.

We're equally happy to know "With Malice Toward None," the column written weekly by Crier publisher William E. Wendover, will continue. Mr. Wendover worked once upon a time for the company that produces this newspaper; we're proud to have contributed so greatly to the community.

The case for open primaries

In nine days, on March 11, Michigan Democrats will finally have a say on their party's presidential nominee. Well, some Democrats, anyway.

Those who have a few hours to spare on a Saturday can head for a closed caucus site in western Wayne County. That is assuming they can find one. Caucus sites are often union halls or Elks lodges, not the local elementary school, city hall or fire station where polls are usually located. (City and township clerks have a list.)

Once there, after signing a piece of paper declaring their party affiliation, caucus participants will choose sides — just like in junior high school. One side of the room will be for Al Gore, the other Bill Bradley. But this still doesn't constitute a "vote." Only after hearing impassioned pleas (or, more likely, tedious speeches) by local Democrats supporting their group's candidate, will participants be asked to cast a ballot. The vote at some sites will be on an anonymous paper ballot. At others, it will be a show of hands.

But then going through all this trouble is certainly worth it to help choose our next president, don't you think? Except that by the time the state's Democrats weigh in with their choice, the nominee will likely be a foregone conclusion.

Nearly a dozen large states, including delegate-heavyweights Ohio, New York and California, will hold presidential primaries on March 7, four days before the Michigan caucuses. If Vice President Gore translates his commanding lead in most polls into wins in those states, the Michigan result — whatever it is — will amount to a blip on the nominating radar.

Democracy at its finest? Hardly. More like presidential politics at its lowest. Both Gore and Bradley withdrew their names from last week's Michigan primary ballot, helping to create the quirky "open" election that the state's Republican establishment wanted but

now tries to disavow because their guy, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, didn't win. The Republicans are steamed because some Democrats and many independents voted for Arizona Sen. John McCain. The turnout helped McCain capture 52 of the state's 58 delegates to the Republican convention.

In the wake of that embarrassment, some party officials and state legislators began calling last week for a closed Republican primary. We think that would be a serious mistake.

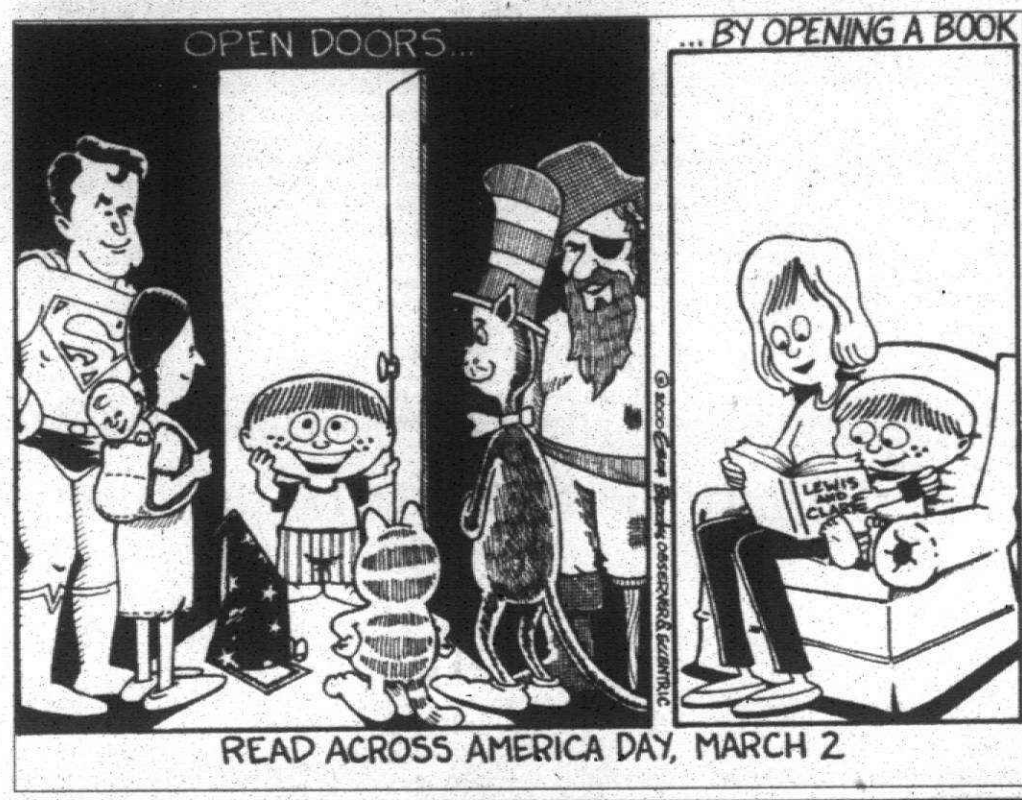
Gov. John Engler and his minions can moan all they want about "borrowed" voters who won't be on the Republican side come November. But they have short memories. What about the "borrowed" Republicans who previously voted for Democratic presidential candidates Jesse Jackson and George Wallace, or even Geoffrey Fieger in the Democratic gubernatorial primary just two years ago? And the last time we checked, "independent" voters were just that — free to cast a ballot for whomever they choose, regardless of party affiliation.

Bully for the voters, we say. More than 1.3 million, about 28 percent, turned out; more than for any Michigan presidential primary since 1960. That figure will probably be double or even triple the turnout for the March 11 caucuses.

Pundits have been crying for years about disillusionment with partisan politics eroding the public's confidence in government. Is party affiliation really more important than getting a genuine, meaningful chance to participate in the process?

The Observer believes both Michigan Democrats and Republicans should hold open presidential primaries, preferably on the same day and at a point in the election year when the votes of state residents can make the most difference. To do otherwise would further complicate an already Byzantine presidential nominating process.

Geoff Brooks



LETTERS

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Missed opportunity

Iwas again disheartened when reading the parents' responses when their honor student was suspended for distributing alcohol on a school-sponsored trip (Observer, Feb. 10, 2000). The fact that "they weren't told of the consequences" is almost laughable. One would think that you don't have to be a rocket scientist to know that purchasing and drinking alcohol (which is illegal given the ages of the students involved, in case that fact was overlooked) on a school trip would not be acceptable.

Being that one of the students had to be taken to the hospital for treatment would seem to indicate that some of the students exceeded their "limits." Instead of trying to sidestep the real issue, the parents should have used this as an opportunity to teach about consequences for actions.

Maybe these parents who are in such an uproar should instead be thanking God that their son/daughter didn't come home in a body bag.

Kathleen Hattie
Canton

Deal with OPEC, Big Oil

Iam writing today to express my deep concerns on a matter of foreign policy and how it is affecting our overall economy. I am concerned because it appears as though Congress is failing to pay proper attention to the matter. At issue is oil and OPEC and the big oil companies are plundering the bank accounts of the citizens of this great country.

I will grant you that the price of oil one year ago was at ridiculously low levels, which, if we have done our homework, we see was caused by OPEC's dumping of surplus capacity on to the world markets. This created a glut of oil and, in turn, low prices.

Further analysis reveals a breakdown or lack of unity among OPEC members. Their greed caused their own problem. Now OPEC has unified and again their greed has come back to prominence. One year ago oil was selling on the market at \$10-\$12 per barrel. Today it is approaching \$30. Pump prices for a gallon of gasoline have been as high as \$1.50 for unleaded regular, far more than we were paying in the early '80s or during the Gulf

War. OPEC has created an artificial shortage by withholding oil from the market.

My charge to members of Congress is to please schedule hearings on this matter as soon as possible. Please hold the feet of the oil companies to the fire until they explain to the American public satisfactorily, and correct this horrendous problem which they have created through their unabashed greed.

While we're at it, isn't it about time for the United States to start flexing its economic muscles and make life a little more difficult for the OPEC countries? Shouldn't we remind Saudi Arabia and Kuwait of the number of American lives lost and the billions of dollars spent in defense of those countries? If our military had not been employed Kuwait would now be the southernmost province of Iraq.

I am deeply troubled to make this next statement, but I and many people I know feel Congress has failed to act for fear of losing "soft money" from "Big Oil." Also, that OPEC could possibly retaliate by increasing costs of oil production further. On the surface it appears as though Congress has failed to respond to this terrible act of avarice.

Please let your congressman and senators know your thinking on this situation as soon as possible.

Ralph H. Shufeldt
Canton

Why opposition?

In March, the Michigan ban on partial-birth abortions, the Child Protection Act, is slated to take effect. Unfortunately, other positive legislation similar to the Child Protection Act has been held up in the courts by groups like the American Civil Liberties Union, Planned Parenthood and abortion providers.

While common sense legislation is passed in Lansing, pro-abortion activists are scheming ways to keep it from helping women.

The Infant Protection Act protects infants. When a child is partially born it should be illegal to harm that child. This legislation forbids doctors from any procedure that might harm a fetus if it emerges, even partially, with any signs of life. Why would anyone be against this legislation?

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POINTS OF VIEW

Justice served?

Sentence leaves writer, grieving survivors puzzled

Justice was not served in the death of Michael Rose II. In handing Carol Lee Derrick probation Tuesday, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Carole F. Youngblood said, in essence, life is cheap. She minimized the Van Buren Township toddler's life in a way it didn't deserve.

The 16-month-old died Nov. 21 of last year. The car he was riding in was broadsided by Derrick as it headed south on Haggerty through the intersection of Michigan Avenue.

The accident occurred Nov. 18. Michael died three days later. There was little doubt as to Derrick's culpability from the moment of the accident.

"I was driving eastbound on Michigan Avenue at Haggerty Road beside (Derrick)," Canton resident Deborah Schuett, 29, wrote in a statement to township police. "The light for Haggerty was turning yellow. The van

sped up and went through the red light and struck the Escort."

She wrote that Derrick's vehicle was traveling between 50-55 mph when it hit the car driven by Rose's grandmother.

Five other witness statements didn't mention Derrick's speed. But each stated that she ran the red light.

Derrick, a 65-year-old Livonia resident, subsequently pled no contest to negligent homicide on Feb. 7. It was up to Youngblood Tuesday to pass sentence.

She gave Derrick two years probation, stripped her license for two years, imposed community service and levied various fines.

In a very real sense, the judge could've put closure on the incident. Instead she chose to pass the buck and follow a state Department of Corrections recommendation.

Rose's parents, Mike and Jennifer,



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pled with Youngblood before her ruling.

"Please remember Carol Lee Derrick determined my son's fate on that night," the mother said.

It wasn't a simple traffic offense, Jennifer argued.

"She didn't just run a red light," she said. "She took my son from me."

"Mrs. Derrick chose to run the red light," added Mike Rose. "My son didn't have the choice to (keep) living."

Derrick had her say as well. She said she was truly sorry for the accident. She told Youngblood and the Roses that she, too, had suffered losses in her life with the passing of her husband and a child.

Although she sat stoically throughout court proceedings with her arms folded, Derrick fought to push back tears as she spoke to the judge.

It's difficult to know what her words and emotions were heartfelt or merely for Youngblood's consumption.

Aside from the emotional statements of both sides, it was the judge's job to apply the law. And she did just that.

Youngblood's sentence fell within the guidelines suggested by the Department of Corrections.

Youngblood followed the law. But

what of justice?

Some would say that Derrick deserved compassion. What purpose would it serve to put a 65-year-old woman with a previously spotless record in jail?

It wouldn't bring back little Michael, after all. It wouldn't make Mike and Jennifer Rose miss their son any less.

But I believe there are bottom lines.

The bottom line is that Carol Lee Derrick took the life of Michael Rose II. Her carelessness, her all-out rush to get home cost a young boy his life.

In my book that's enough to put her behind bars.

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Bell never envisioned his invention being this complicated

It used to be so simple. Making a phone call, I mean. Pick up the handset, punch in a few numbers and off you go. Like most people, I've even managed to memorize the important telephone numbers in my life: home, work, wife's office, daughter's school, parents' house, favorite pizza take-out.

The actual thinking part came only once the party at the other end answered. Or, in the case of an answering machine, once the recording beeped and you were forced to compose a concise, on-the-spot message without stuttering off into oblivion. (Pitiful pleading — "C'mon, pick up... I know you're there" — is always another option.)

This, I believe, is what Alexander Graham Bell intended. Remember, Bell was the man who in March of 1876 picked up the mouthpiece of his newly patented invention and shouted "Watson, come here. I need you." No local exchange; no area code; no 10-10-something-something-something before dialing long distance.

Even after the telephone became wildly popular and finally a necessity in every home, there were real live operators to help you find the person you wanted to connect with. When we started dialing the numbers on our own, they were elegantly simple, six digits that began with a two-letter exchange corresponding to the keypad. I still remember growing up in the Lincoln exchange. If I wanted to call downtown Detroit, I usually dialed a number that began with Woodward.

That's all changed, of course. The proliferation of pagers, faxes, cell phones and second lines for computer modems has already meant the split of our once memorable 313 area code. Today I have to remember whether



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the person I'm trying to reach lives, works or is visiting in the 313, 734, 248 or 810 area code. But at least those regions have actual geographic boundaries — excluding Livonia, which got stuck with two codes in the last round of changes. When I'm dialing 734 I know I'm going to be talking to someone south of Eight Mile and west of Inkster Road. On the other hand, if my finger punches up 810 I'm headed for the northernmost portion of Oakland County, which in my mind

is about halfway to the Mackinac Bridge.

Now comes the unwelcome news that Ameritech will be adding "overlay" area codes in western Wayne County. These new codes — 278 in most communities, 679 in Redford Township — will be assigned to new numbers beginning July 1. Existing numbers will keep their current area codes and both sets of codes will work for the new numbers for a trial period of several months, according to Ameritech officials.

But let's not get bogged down in the technical details. What this really means is that even calling my new neighbor across the street will tax my memory. Not to mention paging a colleague or faxing a piece of vital information. People asking for my cell phone number already get a blank stare and a pause — until I search my desk for the tiny slip of paper where it's written down. This is an informa-

tion overload nightmare in-the-making.

I guess I'll just have to break down and buy one of those silly electronic organizers. Of course, then I'll be contributing even more dead weight to the technical revolution that's foisted all this numbers nonsense on us in the first place.

There's always directory assistance. Although if you've gone that route lately, you probably realize what a misnomer that is.

Maybe I'll just stop calling, faxing and e-mailing people altogether. I could write nice notes on thick-stock stationery with a substantial ink pen. Then again, I read where the price of postage is going up next year.

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McCain win shakes up state GOP

The only person I know who expected Sen. John McCain's big win in last Tuesday's Michigan Republican primary election was State Sen. John J.H. (Joe) Schwarz, McCain's Michigan campaign chairman.

"I really didn't know what would happen until we got to Traverse City on Monday," Schwarz told me. "But when I saw the way McCain was connecting big time with all those people, somehow I knew what was going to happen."

McCain took on Texas Gov. George W. Bush and virtually the entire Michigan Republican hierarchy, headed by Gov. John Engler, and beat them badly. Bush won only six of 58 Michigan delegates to the GOP national convention, despite early loose talk by Engler that Michigan was a "firewall" against further Bush slippage after losing the New Hampshire primary.

Most subsequent media coverage focused on the obvious — and obviously wrong — story: Whether the election showed John Engler was suddenly a political has-been. The Detroit News, for example, headlined: "Party splintering. Engler's lameduck status may hurt in fall."

The only people I know who think that are a few reporters and headline writers for the big city newspapers. John Engler remains the most politically skilled governor in recent Michigan history.

With three more years to go in his last term, anybody who thinks Engler has lost it better think again.

Where Engler & Co. bungled, however, was last year when they figured the threat to Bush would come from Steve Forbes and the right wing of the Republican Party. Carefully managing Bush's image as a "compassionate conservative" who could appeal to the political middle, they set the rules so as to open the Michigan Republican primary election to moderate Democrats and Independents. Back then, nobody imagined the real challenge to Bush would come from McCain and would involve countless thousands of energized Independents and conservative Democrats.

That miscalculation raises the main issue: How willing are Engler and the Michigan Republican Party to court defeat in November in pursuit of party orthodoxy and a pre-anointed presidential candidate?

On the one hand, you have Senator McCain who has demonstrated extraordinary appeal to Independents and Democrats. On the other hand, you have Gov. Bush who has moved to the right to capture the Republican base, but at the risk of terminally alienating votes in the center. And you have the entire GOP hierarchy swear-



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ing up and down that Bush is their guy and that he'll do fine in November.

I don't understand it. Sen. Schwarz agrees. "A majority of the voters do not feel represented by either traditional party, Republicans or Democrats. Last Tuesday, you had a record number of first time voters, of young people 18-25 years old and around 65 percent of Independents announcing they'll stick with McCain in the fall."

"But you have Bush moving to the right, bringing out all those aggressive spokespeople and isolating himself from the mainstream of American politics. And the Republican Party hierarchy continues to support Bush, cutting him and the Party off from a majority of the electorate."

"They just don't get it," Schwarz concludes. I think he's right. The threat to the Michigan Republican Party has always been the ideological split between hard-right social conservatives and much more moderate and pragmatic main street Republicans. It has been only John Engler's extraordinary political skills and toughness — coupled with general and persistent incompetence by the Democrats — that have held the GOP together over the years.

It took the unexpected emergence of McCain as a wildly attractive personality with a compelling reformist message to expose to full public view the fissure that has lain quiescent at the core of the Republican Party.

John Engler did not cause the fissure. He succeeded in managing it for years. The question now is can he control it?

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Voucher amendment looks like a go for November

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A proposal to set up a voucher system for students in an estimated 30 "failing" public school districts is apparently headed for the November ballot.

Kids First! Yes, the organization sponsoring the drive for the constitutional amendment, submitted petitions to the state Thursday, Feb. 24. Jeff Timmer, senior adviser to Kids First, said the group gathered well over the necessary number to make the ballot. Although signatures have not yet been certified by the state Elections Commission, Timmer said he has "no doubt" they will have enough to get on the ballot.

"We had to gather 302,000 signatures in six months. We got 302,000 signatures in just three months," he said. "We turned in 463,000" with more than a month to spare.

The most controversial aspect of the proposal is that it would create "Opportunity Scholarships," vouchers, in failing school districts that could be cashed in for tuition at private, even religious, schools.

A troubled school district, qualifying the vouchers, is defined in the proposed constitutional amendment as one that has a "four year graduation rate of less than two thirds," as reported by the state Department of Education. That means that the schools are graduating less than 66 percent of those students who enter the eighth grade. The amendment keys on graduation rates in 1998-99 and districts that improve in later years would not be able to drop out of the voucher program, Timmer said.

Thirty school districts across the state have rates under 66 percent. In southeast Michigan, those districts include Detroit, Inkster, Wayne Westland and Pontiac schools, Timmer said.

The proposed amendment would also allow any other district in the state, based on a vote of local residents, to set up a voucher system within their district.

For those districts that have the voucher program, it will be worth half of the state's per pupil expenditure in that district, which could then be carried

County sells picnic permits

Spring may be just around the corner, but the Wayne County Division of Parks begins selling picnic permits for the more than 30 parks facilities on Monday, March 6.

Patrons must come to the parks office at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland for permits. A photo identification card - either driver's license or Michigan I.D. card - and payment are required.

Fees for picnic areas are \$25, picnic shelters \$100. Baseball diamonds, which carry a \$25 reservation, are free when booked along with a picnic area or shelter.

Each park facility has a grill and recreational areas for children.

Park picnic-area capacities range from 25 to 50 people while shelters accommodate up to 100. Areas may be reserved with a permit from the county parks office in Westland.

For additional information, either call Wayne County Parks at (734) 261-1990 or visit its Web site, www.waynecounty-parks.com.

Stargazers gather Friday

Mike Best will present a "Spring Skies and Space Update" astronomy lecture and indoor slide presentation from 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 3, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

Advance registration deadline for the program for ages 8 and above is Thursday, March 2. The fee is \$3 per person.

The Interpretive Center is on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

to a private school to cover tuition costs.

The proposal also requires teacher competency testing, which would apply to all public school districts as well as those private schools that accept the vouchers.

The proposal would also guarantee funding to schools, on a per pupil basis, at a level that would never drop from the 2000-2001 state allocation.

The proposal has drawn the fire of the Michigan Education Association, as well as many local school boards, which argue

the proposed amendment could harm districts by drawing money away from public schools to private schools. In the failing districts, according to the MEA, the problem would be worse. They argue that drawing money away by students leaving for private schools would make it all the more difficult for the already distressed districts to provide a good education to the students who are left behind.

Timmer argues the cost to public schools has been over estimated. He says the proposal will cost less than a third of a per-

cent of the state's overall expenditure on schools. The cost would likely be \$60 million the first year, and Timmer says the state education fund has a surplus well over that amount.

Gov. John Engler has predicted the amendment will be rejected by voters at the polls, saying initial support for the concept is too low.

"This has not been Engler's best week for predictions," Timmer responded.

Steve Mitchell, Mitchell Research & Communications, Inc., has also said polling indi-

cates initial support is too low for the amendment to pass. A proposal has to start with more than 60 percent initial support, because typically such proposals lose support as election day nears.

Timmer argues polls put initial support at 58 percent. "And any pollster who says there is a difference in polling between 58 and 60 percent isn't being honest," he said.

Next will come the launch of a campaign, aimed at convincing voters to support the measure. Timmer said plans include tele-

vision ads, direct mailing, phone banks, forums and debates. But voters won't likely see any hard campaigning until much closer to the election. Ads have not yet been prepared, Timmer said.

"We have said all along that \$5 million will be needed to run a successful statewide campaign," he said.

Members of Kids First however will be available participate in forums and debates immediately. To contact the group for information or to arrange for a debate participant, contact the group at 1-888-330-KIDS.

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Parental involvement key to success

Sandy, a mother of two teens, admits that she's not the brightest person in the world, but she really did one thing right.

Raised in Kentucky, her parents didn't push any of their seven children to get an education, subsequently none went any further than high school. Sandy's husband, a sheet metal fabricator, never aspired to be anything more than a factory worker, always satisfied with operating the punch press.

In spite of their upbringing, Sandy and Tom made an important decision about their children's education. While in the dentist's office one afternoon, Sandy read an article about which children do well in school. The thing that hit home for her was how parents who may not have a strong educational base themselves can have children who have a voracious appetite for learning.

The game plan seemed simple enough: get involved at your children's school and your children will do well in school. The article went on to say parental involvement improves children's test scores. So Sandy set out to test this principle. Though she worked part-time, she took time each week to volunteer at the school. Sometimes she wouldn't even see her kindergartner because she'd be working in the library. She was astounded with the results. Her kids learned how to read in a snap and loved going to school.

It wasn't long before Tom asked if he could volunteer at the school. The principal was thrilled. "Rarely," he commented, "do we have dads who get involved in volunteering at school. It's a gift when we do." Tom was able to work the afternoon shift so that he was free to work in the computer room during the morning.

Both Sandy and Tom were pleased with the results — the kids continued to love school and kept coming home with good report cards.

By middle school, they discussed giving up their volunteering. As they told the principal how they had regularly volunteered at the elementary level, he shared with them the middle school parent drop-away syndrome.

"What is that about?" asked Sandy. Well, it seems that parents think that their kids don't need for them to be as involved with school as they were in elementary, and it's the time when parents back away from their kids' schooling.

The principal went on to say that his dream was for as many parents to be as involved at the middle school level as at the elementary. He suggested that maybe they could help make that happen by jump-starting his weak PTA. So Sandy and Tom manned a table during open house night. Their banner above read: Help your child be successful in middle school ... join the PTA. By the end of that year they'd gained over 100 members.

By their first child's freshman year of high school, they agreed it was time to stop volunteering. Their child's grades plummeted. They thought that it was a fluke because of the difficult transition from one school to another, but in the back of their minds they wondered if it could have been about the volunteering.

"I wanted to think I didn't need to participate at school anymore, but the thought kept nagging at me ... if I drop away, the kids take school less seriously," Maggie admitted.

So they reconnected at the high school level by joining the band boosters.

By January, their son's grades were back on track. And what was their reward for all this diligence? Their son received four acceptances to three big-10 schools by senior year. As phenomenal as this story may sound, this is not unusual for students whose parents are involved in school. You get involved, and your children will do well in school. You don't get involved and it's a game of roulette. Why play roulette? You can't always win.

Charitable work Mother, daughter volunteer in Costa Rica



BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Lindsay Dolin's parents say they couldn't refuse their daughter's request to travel to Costa Rica in January after she told them it was her "dream to go."

Dolin's attraction to a country located just north of the equator wasn't for the warm climate or tropical countryside but for the much needed work being done by an assembly of area Methodist churches whose members have been traveling overseas to do missionary work for years.

Dolin and her mother, Mary, made the trek with members of their church, Garden City United Methodist, and five other Methodist congregations including Nardin Park of Farmington Hills, First United Methodist of Birmingham, Byron, Swartz Creek and Springville United Methodist. Team leaders Bob and Joan Suda, formerly of Livonia, guided approximately 15 members to the mountainous Indian village of Tonjibe (pronounced Ton-hee-bay) in Costa Rica from Jan. 17 through 31.

"We had at least three meetings before we went to Costa Rica to orientate us with the work we'd be doing, learn the do's and don'ts relating to clothing, know what the weather would be like and what to pack," said Mary Dolin. "We were told it would be 90 degrees, hot and sunny but it ended up raining nearly everyday and we all had to buy boots because it got so muddy."

The trip to Central America wasn't the first for a Dolin family member — Kevin Dolin, Mary's husband, did missionary work there 14 years ago.

"I grew up hearing about his trip," said Lindsay, "and of the work my dad did there."

Aside from following in her father's footsteps and working alongside her mother, Lindsay was the first teenager allowed to make the extensive trip with the adult volunteers as part of the "Volunteers in Mission" project.

Mary said she thinks it was a combination of factors that enabled Lindsay

to be the first student to participate, including the four years of Spanish she's taken as a second language in middle and high school. Garden City United Methodist also paid the \$1,000 fee by sponsoring Lindsay's trip to Costa Rica.

With one bag each packed — "it was actually a crate," said Mary — the pair left from Detroit with the members of their team and had a brief layover in Houston before landing in San Jose, Costa Rica, approximately 7 1/2 hours later. Team members stayed overnight in Alajuela before making their way northwest to the rural village of Tonjibe, at least a five-hour drive from San Jose due to the rocky and isolated country roads common to the region.

"The country is beautiful ... like paradise," said Mary.

The 15-member team set up lodgings in Tonjibe's Iglesia Evangelica Metodista Church. Pews were moved aside and the Americans set up air mattress beds with mosquito net canopies and called it home for the next two weeks. A Costa Rican family who has been working with the Methodist missionary groups for years joined team members and took care of many of the domestic responsibilities, namely meal preparation and laundry.

"A woman named Ophelia cooked all our meals," said Lindsay. "The food was great. We ate the best fruit I've ever had like plantains, coconut, mango, watermelon, papaya and lots of gallopinto ... rice and beans mixed together."

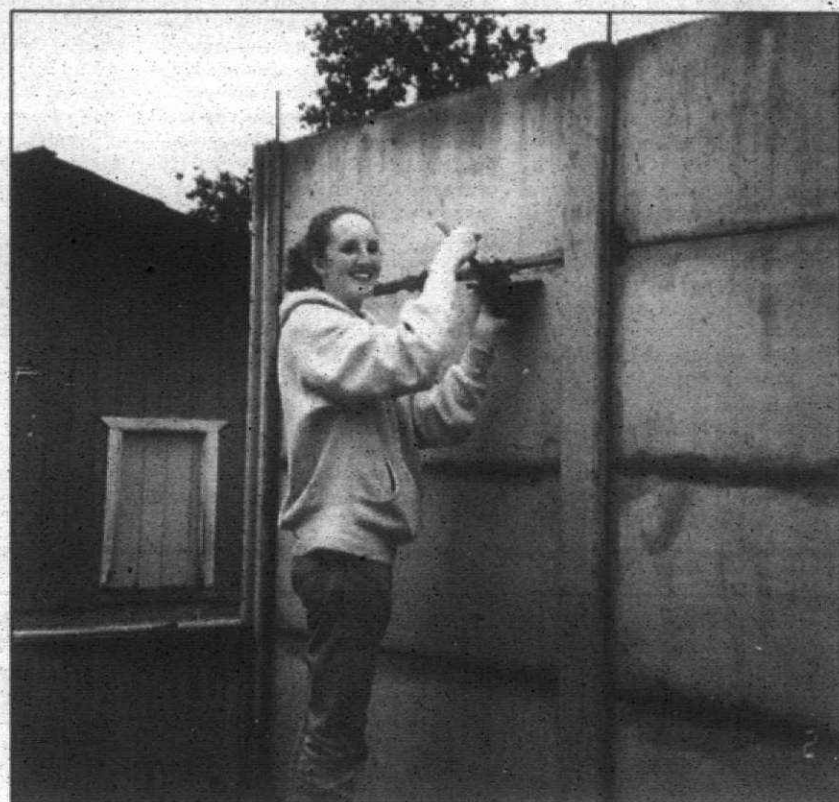
Rise and shine

A typical day for the group required them to rise between 5 and 6 a.m. gather for morning devotions, eat breakfast and then work until lunch around 11:45 a.m.

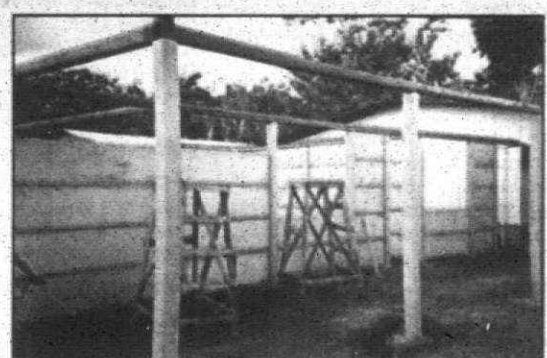
The "Volunteers in Mission" team, and a team of missionaries who picked up where they left off, were working to erect a multi-purpose building adjacent to a school in Tonjibe. The concrete structure, approximately 400 square feet, will include a kitchen, pantry and work area. The building, whose walls were made of heavy concrete slabs, was being used because termite infestation is such a problem in the area.



Moving forward: A Costa Rican construction worker observes Livonia resident Mary Dolin as she shovels dirt on the worksite.



New experience: Lindsay Dolin, a Livonia Stevenson High School junior, removes the excess mortar from the wall of a soon-to-be multi-purpose building in the village of Tonjibe, Costa Rica. Right, better view of the progress made.



"The original school in the village is falling down because of termites," said Mary. "You can see from our pictures that they have just eaten right through the wood. They have plans to tear it down soon."

No skill level was required to be eligible for the mission so Lindsay took it upon herself to become an expert in "tuck pointing," or filling the space between slabs of concrete with mortar then scraping off the excess material.

"I loved it. I'm ready to go do it again," said Lindsay.

After lunch and a short rest period the team was back at the site working with Ophelia's son, the contractor on the job and a local minister who has to supplement his income by doing construction work in order to feed his family.

"The Malekus live very basic lives," said Mary. "They have none of the luxuries or even some of the amenities we as Americans have come to enjoy or take for granted."

Surroundings

Costa Rica borders both the Caribbean Sea and the North Pacific Ocean, lying between Nicaragua and Panama. The climate is tropical and the terrain is made up of coastal plains separated by rugged mountains such as those surrounding Tonjibe. While the poverty rate has been reduced over the last 15 years, there are still vast regions of rural countryside where people, like the Malekus, get by with very little.

Lindsay said approximately 37 Maleku families make up the population of Tonjibe but that some Costa Rican families live adjacent to the village.

In addition to the manual labor the volunteers perform for the village, they bring a significant amount of products to donate to the villagers and the Iglesia Evangelica Metodista Church such

as uniforms for school children, 46 pairs of shoes, hygiene products and toiletries, Spanish books, first aid products, clothing and crafts.

"They made plans for us to purchase wares and crafts many of the women from Tonjibe make," said Mary. "We do everything we can to help the locals." Some of the handcrafted items the Dolins brought back to the states with them were jicara (pronounced hick-oor-uh), tree gourds that are used domestically as well as for decoration and commercial purposes. The gourds are harvested while they are still green and later carved with things like broken saw blades, said Lindsay, who was invited into the home of a Maleku and encouraged to try carving.

"I tried but it was really hard," said Lindsay. Different techniques are used to produce intricate pieces of art that include elements like jaguars, turtles, birds and leaves as well as the names of the elements in Spanish and Maleku.

Back to work

The team worked everyday until at least 5 p.m. and returned to the church to get in line for the showers before dinner at 6 p.m. The remainder of the evening was left for volunteers to do things on their own time but Mary said much of the time was spent with the families of Tonjibe.

"We showed Disney movies in the evenings and had at least 100 people come out every time, plus Lindsay and others did things with the kids like vacation Bible school, played games, crafts and sang songs," said Mary.

"I had lot of little friends," added Lindsay. "The kids liked to come down and watch everything we did. They were very curious and very friendly."

The trip wasn't all work either — the team was able to make trips into a nearby Costa Rican city for shopping and ice cream. They also hiked up the infamous Arenal volcano just south of Tonjibe, and spent the night at a Central American bed and breakfast where they relaxed and swam in a hot spring pool.

"We had a great time and accomplished a lot as a team," said Mary. "The people of Tonjibe lead hard lives and I think what groups in the past and present have been able to do has been both rewarding for us and immeasurable for the Indian village."

Zonta Club prepares for charitable fashion gala



The Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi area will sponsor its 6th Annual gala: "First Step Stepping Out in Style" benefit from 6-9 p.m. Sunday, March 26, hosted by Parisian, located in Laurel Park Place, Livonia.

Zonta Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for First Step — the non-profit agency and shel-

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tacular fashion show, while sampling gourmet foods from over 20 local restaurants, cash prizes, gift certificates for lunch and dinners at fine restaurants, free hotel stays, entertainment, special demonstrations, private

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All proceeds will be used to support and enhance the services and programs offered by First Step, Western Wayne County's Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

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HISTORICALLY SPEAKING



VIRGINIA PARKER

Simon Sykes, was a wonderful find. It gives a look at life in Britain's and Ireland's grand country houses through a collection of photographs found in attics, trunks and dust-covered albums.

Part of what makes the photos, taken from the 1850s through the 1930s, so remarkable is that the 19th century photos were taken by amateur photographers. After all, photos were a costly item for the aver-

age Victorian, but these wealthy photo buffs had the luxury of snapping lots of pictures just for fun.

As we look at the prints, some conclusions jump right off the page. For example, there on a vast expanse of manicured lawn is an elderly man, who has decided to take up the newest rage: bicycling. To accommodate his whim, he enlisted servants—men who were themselves well along in age—to run alongside.

Another side of servant life emerges in the snapshot of a pressing room, which reveals that a separate plant was necessary to keep up with laundry demands. The two-story room was equipped with a large stove to heat irons, each of which, as it cooled, had to be replaced with a newly heated one.

Laundry was draped high overhead on wooden racks that could be raised and lowered—a great space-saving device.

Both men and women enjoyed

sports, albeit in a more genteel fashion than we pursue them today. Tennis, anyone? For that, men wore dress shirts and ties, and women did not shed their corsets.

Boating along a lazy river was popular. The same attire prevailed, and women sat politely, shaded by their parasols. There were, of course, times when women weren't content to ride along passively. We find pictures of women, still corseted, rowing their own rowboats and kayaks.

We think of the Victorians as a serious lot because they didn't smile in portraits. Many of these photos, which show folks clowning for the camera, dispel that notion. A young man stands on his hands; elsewhere, a fellow is apparently skinny-dipping. One young woman in an ankle-length skirt takes a spirited leap over a railing, another climbs the rigging of a sailing yacht, and yet another dives—belly flops, really—into the river.

Three other dignified women, Lady Alice Egerton, Lady Elizabeth de Ros, and Lady Katherine Egerton, do not let their titles stand in the way of fun. They take turns on a seesaw, having to sit sideways to accommodate their hoop skirts.

Thinking things out

Some of the amateur photography was downright creative. One whimsical picture, "Ghosts at Hyde," used a double negative to allow two transparent specters to menace a gentleman in a top hat.

The wealthy also loved picnics, and they did it in style with fine china and linen. Of course, the pictures don't show the servants' long hours behind the scenes. They had to prepare the meal, transport it to the picnic site, carry and set up the tables, lay out the china and silver and linen, serve the meal, gather up the dirty dishes and linen, pack up the leftover food, cart it all

back to the mansion, and scour everything there!

Even for the landed gentry, not all was fun, as the photos record. Children died of diseases that today we control. One young boy, dressed in short pants, is laid out in his casket. Taking such a picture was customary among Victorians.

Even the clothing posed a deadly threat, as the text relates about two of the young women pictured, Lucy and Charlotte Bridgeton. They died in 1858 when a spark from the fireplace landed on Lucy's crinoline—not an uncommon risk for ladies in tightly fastened, voluminous clothing. When Lucy's billowy skirt burst into flames, Charlotte rushed to her sister's aid, and her own clothes caught on fire. Family history notes that they were ever after referred to—rather insensitively, it would seem—as "The Burnt Aunt."

And, in time of war, large homes were often turned into hospitals. The book contains pictures of World War I soldiers recovering in makeshift wards and exercising on the lawns of the country estates. Luckily, the photographers made sure to capture their own images. We discover that both men and women were enthusiastic of the pastime, which included developing their own plates. Sadly, one of the talented photographers was the same Lucy Bridgeton whose life was cut short so tragically.

Because these amateurs pursued their hobby so avidly, we have a preserved photographic history that delights and enlightens us today. And if I hadn't taken that moment to pause and glance down as I breezed by in my daily rush, I would have missed it.

Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation. She lives in Canton Township.

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ALL SAINTS
Class of 1950
Is planning a "Millennium Reunion" for November 2000. Unable to locate Margaret Kluk and Mary Frances Perdue. Any information please call Veronica (248) 437-9735

BERKLEY
Class of 1950
Is looking for alumni.

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

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

CRESTWOOD
Class of 1970
Is planning a reunion. (313) 277-1316 or (248) 426-6888

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George-Rensi

Ron and Marilyn George of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Susan, to Michael Richard Rensi of Trenton.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1999 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Nursing. She works at University Hospital in Ann Arbor as a registered nurse.

Her fiancé, son of Richard and Janet Rensi of Trenton, is a 1993 graduate of Trenton High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Engineering. He works at Johnson Controls in Plymouth as an engineer.

A June wedding is planned at Mayflower Meeting House in

Starr-Coseo

Cynthia Roberts announces the engagement of her daughter, Christine Marie Starr to Scott Michael Coseo of Brighton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cleary College and works for Whiteline Express.

Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Coseo and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Winkler of Canton, is a graduate of Cleary College and works for Lear Corporation.

A wedding date has not yet been set.

Deschaine-O'Connor

Thomas and Nancy Deschaine of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Rose, to Kevin Patrick O'Connor of Kalamazoo.

The bride-to-be is a Western Michigan University graduate and works as a registered nurse at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo.

Her fiancé, son of John and Susan O'Connor of Grand Rapids, is a Western Michigan University graduate who is currently pursuing his degree in biomedical science.

A May 27, 2000 wedding is planned at St. Richard's in Westland.

Autemberge-Rich

Erwin and Judy Autemberge of Macomb announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Beth, to Brian Patrick Rich of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a Grosjean Pointe resident, is a 1990 graduate of Lutheran East High School, a 1994 graduate of Valparaiso College, where she studied elementary education. She works at St. Peter's Lutheran School in East Point.

Her fiancé, son of Robert and Mary Rich, is a 1990 graduate of St. Agatha High School in Redford and a 1996 graduate of Schoolcraft College. She works as an O.R. nurse at Pontiac

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

WEEKEND

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD
The Plymouth Theatre Guild presents "Oliver" by Lionel Bart at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and a 6 p.m. Sunday Matinee, March 3-4, at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 4401 W. Seven Mile (west of I-275, between Haggerty and Northville roads). Tickets are \$12 for adults, students (18 and younger) are \$8. Group rates are \$10 per person for groups of 15-29 people; \$9 per person for groups of 30 or more. Tickets may be purchased at Gardenview of Northville, the Penniman Deli in Plymouth and at Evola Music Center in Canton. For more information, call (248) 349-7110.

FAMILY PROGRAM
First Sundays at Two is a family oriented program designed for kids to learn and have fun at the same time. At 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at the Plymouth Historical Society retired Plymouth teacher Alice Brown will share the history and science of kites and kite flying. Also included in the afternoon will be a special kite exhibit by "Kites and Things" located on Main Street in Plymouth. Special discount coupons from the store will be given to each child who attends the program. Kite kits for coloring and making your own kite will be available for \$3 each. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students and \$7 per family. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

OPEN HOUSES
Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op will host an open house 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 5. Applications will be accepted for fall enrollment. Plymouth Children's Nursery is on Sheldon north of Ford. For more information, call (734) 455-8250.

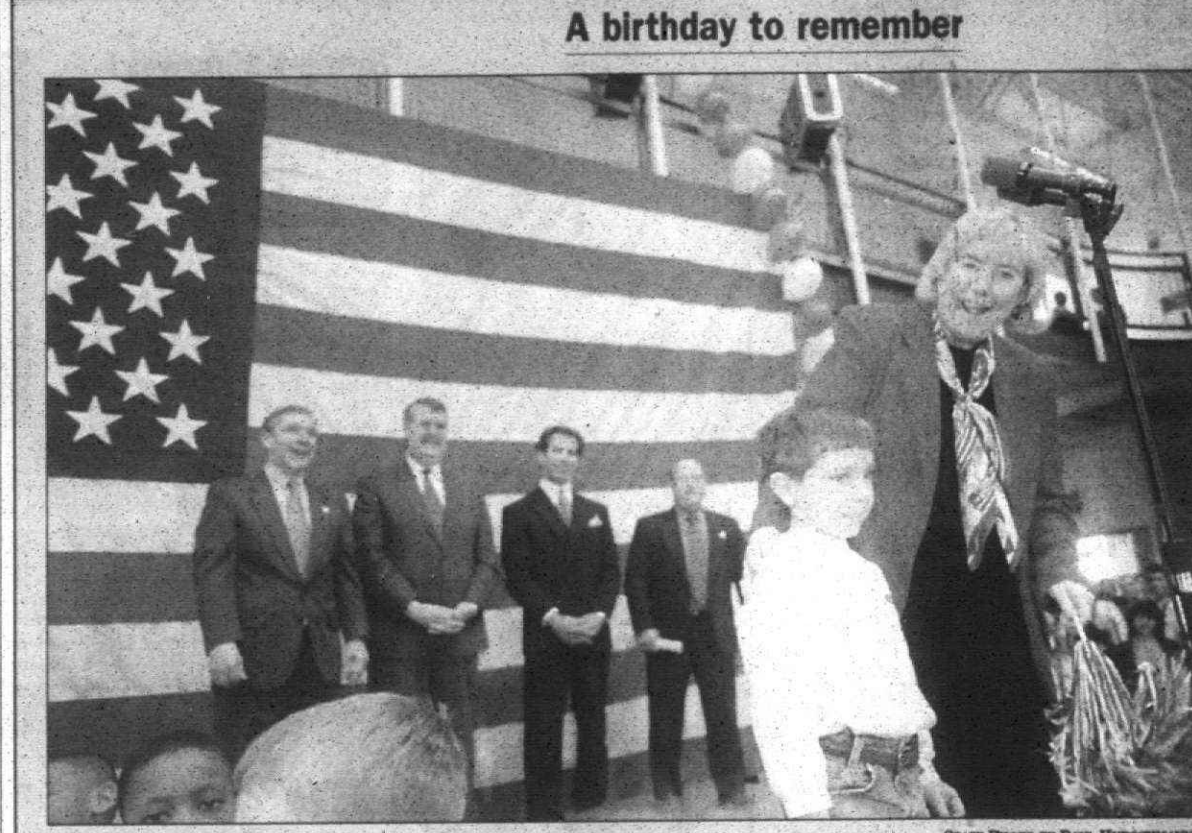
PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION
Little Lamb Christian Preschool is having a preschool registration at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 11, at 45000 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. The school has a weekly theme, monthly field trips, nursery rhymes, Bible stories, crafts, snacks, Spanish, sign language, etc. For more information, call (734) 414-7792.

AROUND TOWN

BNH
The Business Network International Club will hold their regular meeting from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Friday, March 3, for the Canton Chapter at The Summit, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton Center Road and Palmer, Canton. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

BOOK SALE
The League of Women Voters serving Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne, Westland and Livonia is working to make this year's April Book Sale another successful fund-raising event. New batches of used books always are needed. The public is encouraged to donate used books by calling Esther Friedrichs at (734) 427-0222 or (734) 421-4420 by leaving a message with League of Women Voters. Hardcover and paperback books in different categories of nonfiction and fiction for all ages are accepted as well as recent magazines.

DINNER/AUCTION
The Plymouth Community Arts Council's annual dinner/auction, "Escape To



A birthday to remember

Sing-a-long: Mitchell Belisle of Canton got a surprise birthday serenade last week when Michigan Secretary of State Dan Claitor brought him up on stage prior to Texas Gov. George W. Bush's campaign appearance at the Summit. The crowd gathered for the event, sang to Mitchell, along with Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus (standing, left) state Sen. Loren Bennett (R-Canton), Canton Chamber of Commerce President David Griffin and township Supervisor Tom Yack.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMAN

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) 416-4275.

BEANIE BABIES
Try the "Beanie Baby, Pokemon Collectible Toy Show" held from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Cost is \$5 for adults and kids under 10 free. The show features collectible toys like Beanie Babies, Pokemon, Barbie, GI-Joe, Star Wars, Star Trek, Hot Wheels, NASCAR racing and sports collectibles. For more information or vendor information, call (734) 455-2110.

TAI CHI CLASSES
Continuing classes in tai chi are offered under the sponsorship of the Taoist Tai Chi Society in Livonia and other locations. For more information, call the society at (248) 332-1281.

ADOPTION
Oakland Family Services is looking for foster and adoptive families in this area. Foster parents provide a temporary family. Adoptive parents provide a permanent family for children who do not have families of their own. Oakland Family Services is in Pontiac. There are many school-age children who are in need of families. If you have an interest in helping to provide for children in our community, call Vicki Landsman Peterson at (248) 858-7215, ext. 236.

BASIC DRAWING CLASS
Beginning class will cover the uses of pencil, lithograph crayon, graphite, charcoal, pen and ink in still life, landscape and figure drawing. From 5:30-7 p.m., 10 weeks beginning March 2. Cost is \$150, plus small materials fee. At Charlotte Moore-Viculin Studio of Art, 887 N. Mill, Plymouth. For more information or to register, call (734) 459-1112.

VEGAS NIGHT
St. Linus Men's Club is having a Vegas night from 8 p.m. until midnight on Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, at St. Linus Activity Center, west of Telegraph and north of Ford at the corner of Hass and Guiley roads in Dearborn Heights. Proceeds benefit the youth sports program. Admission

is free. State law limits winnings to \$500. For more information, call the parish office at (313) 274-4500.

STORY TIMES
Story Time with Miss Karen will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at Little Book Shoppe on the Park, 380 S. Main, downtown Plymouth, and at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, downtown Plymouth. Parents and children may experience free interactive 20-minute programs of story telling, music and movement. Favorite children's books, simple instruments and imaginative songs and chants highlight the story times. Registrations are suggested but not mandatory. For more information or registration, call (734) 454-0178 for Plymouth Coffee Bean or (734) 455-5220 for Little Book Shoppe on the Park.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY
The Canton Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at Cherry Hill School. Please note new day and location. Cherry Hill School is located at the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill. Guest speaker will be Lucy Keas, founder of the Michigan Ghost Hunter's Society. She will speak about the paranormal. Anyone may attend. Refreshments will be served.

GED TESTING
GED Testing will be offered through the Plymouth-Canton Adult Education Department. Evening testing will take place 5-10 p.m. Monday, March 6, and Wednesday, March 8. The test will also be offered during the day from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, and Thursday, March 9. This is a two-day test. The test will be held at Starkweather Education Center, 500 N. Holbrook, Plymouth.

CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
Registration fee is \$75. Please register in advance. For more information or to register, call (734) 416-4901.

MEETING
Hands Across The Water, a licensed adoption agency, is holding a free information meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9. Come and learn about the options available to you in international adoption. Hands Across The Water is located at 2300 Washtenaw, Ste. 103B, Ann Arbor. For more information or to register, call (734) 913-0631.

SESSION
The Princeton Review will sponsor a free strategy session seminar at 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at The Summit on the Park, 1150 S. Canton Center. This is a 90-minute seminar discussing SAT and ACT techniques, as well as helpful information regarding the college admission process. Each student must bring pencils and a calculator for the free test. Parents are welcome to attend. Students must call The Princeton Review at (800) REVIEW or (734) 663-2163 to register for the strategy session.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
Arthur's Place and the Arthritis Foundation will present a free educational program, "Emotional Coping with Fibromyalgia," from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at Arthur's Place, Dr. Laurel A. Sills, a clinical psychologist in private practice in Franklin, will discuss how to minimize the pain and wear-and-tear on your body, reframe your thinking, be less reactive, and offer support and set limits with others to better cope with these conditions. Seating is limited. For more information or to register, call (734) 254-0500.

LEGAL FAIR
Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services presents a free community legal fair. The fair, paid for with a Canton Township Block Grant, features attorneys and individual consultations on legal issues such as: elder abuse, guardianship rights, family law, estate/life planning, consumer and public benefits/tax assistance from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at the Canton Human Services Building, 44237 Michigan Ave. For more information or to register, call (313) 937-8291.

AARP TAX HELP
AARP will sponsor free federal and Michigan

tax preparation for elderly people 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. 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. Tuesdays at Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady, Northville, by appointment at (248) 349-4140; and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4:30 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 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Face-to-face job fairs with instant interviews are held 9:30 a.m.-noon Thursdays. Free services include distribution of job position information, candidate referrals, resume preparation, interviewing assistance along with Internet access, computer use and free faxing. For more information, call (734) 451-2517.

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

MOPS MEETING
The Plymouth Baptist Church holds Mothers Of Preschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mothers with their children, kindergarten-age and younger, may attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Childcare is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

M.O.M. MEETING
Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents guest speakers and discussions 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.

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KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB
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SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS
Community Hospice and Home Care Services hosts ongoing grief support services for adults experiencing a loss through death. The meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. at the Plymouth office of CHHCS (127 S. Main Street). For information call (734) 522-4244.

COUNTERPOINT
Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 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 Fazor, (734) 464-7810.

CLUBS
MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES
The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Call Barb at (734) 207-5224. The play group meets every other Tuesday.

HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP
The Human Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Paulette at (734) 416-9288 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

COUNTY CONNECTION
County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, a women's chorus singing four-part harmony barbershop style, is always looking for new members. Rehearsals take place 7 p.m. every Tuesday in Ypsilanti. Call (734) 480-8843 for additional information.

STAMP CLUB
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Women's History Month holds much significance in history



ROBERT JEFFERY

WISE WORDS
During Women's History Month we can celebrate the progress women have made in the past century and look at what the record indicates for our future hopes.

What is the impetus behind women's progress?

Where is it taking us? Should men be threatened by it?

Over the centuries women have been kept "in their place" by various theories that limited women's potential and were justified on the basis of some "law of nature."

Women journalists, for example, were often disparaged: even noted author Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote "I wish (all women) were forbidden to write

on pain of having their faces deeply scarified by an oyster shell."

The 19th century saw the beginning of a rebellion against such "laws" of limitation. It wasn't until 1841 that the first women were graduated from college in the U.S., the first woman doctor was only licensed in 1849; it was 1863 before the first woman was ordained by a denomination. These advances didn't occur because women were somehow genetically evolving, but because the abilities they already had were being revealed.

For instance, did you know that Eli Whitney had considerable help in the development of the cotton gin from a woman, Catherine Green, and that the McCormick Reaper did not work until a West Virginia woman invented the mounting for shears which made it a success? Clearly women have always had the capacity for invention, for rational and insightful thinking and so forth.

A prayerful reading of the Bible has led some spiritually minded thinkers to conceive of God, divine Spirit, as both Father and Mother. (See Genesis 1:27) And the Bible plainly tells us that man was made in His/Her own image and likeness. So the real core of our identity is spiritual, not molecular. Progress is inevitable when people glimpse their spiritual identity. The Bible is a record of centuries of human progress stemming from a growing understanding of the nature of God and His/Her impact in human lives.

Important role
Women's active role in God's scheme of things is part of that record. The revolution in women's rights started when women - and men - began to better perceive themselves as subject only to God's laws.

One important 19th century reformer saw that rebelling against "laws" of limitation was not just for the benefit of women, but for all mankind. She recognized the importance of the spiritual account of creation in the first chapter of Genesis, which provides a basis for liberating everyone. She saw the practical effect in human affairs that comes from acknowledging God as our true source, and then letting God's qualities be expressed in our daily lives without regard to the general consensus concerning gender roles. This frees women to express their natural intelligence, orderliness and courage, and frees men to express their inherent tenderness, poise and humility without fear of being less manly.

The reformer who pursued this line of emancipation is Mary Baker Eddy, and the book setting forth her ideas and their extraordinary results is "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures."

Human history can be fascinating and can teach us much. But the best way to progress is to know more of God's true nature, laws, and our relation to Him/Her. Science and Health makes the observation, "The true theory of the universe, including man, is not in material history but in spiritual development. Inspired thought relinquishes a material, sensual, and mortal theory of the universe, and adopts the spiritual and immortal."

Looking deeply into our God-like, spiritual nature will bring continued progress, with true honor and strength, usefulness and productivity, happiness and freedom, to all mankind. This is certainly worth celebrating not just for a month but forever!

Robert W. Jeffery graduated from M.I.T. and spent over 20 years in engineering. He resigned from his position as director of engineering for a major corporation to enter the full time ministry of Christian Science, a public Christian Science practitioner. In this capacity Bob has been available to help others through prayer to meet all types of human needs. For 14 years he traveled on five continents lecturing on the subject of spiritual healing and problem solving. He now directs the Christian Science Committee on Publication office for Michigan. He can be reached at micompub@aol.com

Ann Arbor area Mary Kay sales directors will present a fashion extravaganza to benefit women's cancer research Saturday, March 4, at the Sheraton in

Ann Arbor. Join area women for an elegant breakfast and fashion show. Half the proceeds raised from the event will go directly to

the Cancer Research Fund of the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation - A Cure for Women's Cancers.

Highlights of the day include

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Room at the Sheraton Inn, 3200 Boardwalk in Ann Arbor, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Tickets are \$20.

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CRAFTS CALENDAR

If you would like to announce an upcoming craft show, bazaar, or arts boutique - items can be sent to: Crafts Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150 or e-mail kmorton@oe.com

CHURCHILL PTSA CRAFT SHOW
Churchill High School PTSA is currently accepting applications for their 12th Annual Spring Craft Show which will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 11. We are located at 8900 Newburg Road, just north of Joy Road. \$1 admission. If you would like an application or information, please contact us at (734) 523-0022.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE CRAFTS
Crafters are being sought for the Spring Craft Show at Schoolcraft College Saturday, March 11. 150 crafters attract crowds of more than 2,000. The show is juried and a limited number of exhibitors are accepted in each category. All types of crafts are featured including pottery, jewelry, textiles, photography and more. For information and fees call (734) 462-4417.

SCHOOLCRAFT CRAFT SHOW
Premier area craft show set for March 11 at Schoolcraft College. Perhaps you need stained glass stepping stones for your garden, copper lawn ornaments, nautical furniture or a birdfeeder for the backyard. You can find all of these and more among the 150

crafters who will be on hand in the Physical Education Building between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Profits from the show help fund student scholarships. The wide variety of items range from upholstered foot stools, to stuffed and dressed bunny toys to wacky women pins. Perhaps an original etching, a Faberge egg made from ostrich egg shells or a cedar rocking chair will fill that empty spot in your house perfectly, or you need hand embroidered clothing for the new baby in the family. For the more whimsical at heart, consider a wooden cat scratcher, a light spinner, a spun glass angel or a soft cloth doll. Refreshments will be available, there will be hourly raffles for prizes and the parking is free.

Admission is \$1.50 for adults and children 12 years and older, and 50 cents for children five to 12 years old. Children under five are admitted free. Call (734) 462-4417.

ST. JOHN'S ARTS/RAFT SALE
St. John's Episcopal Church in Westland is hosting an arts and crafts sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 25 at the church (555 S. Wayne Road). Vendors are needed. To reserve a table call (734) 729-1605. Hot dogs, chips, pop, etc. will be sold.

DEARBORN EXTRAVAGANZA
Dearborn High School (19501 Outer Drive) hosts an Arts & Crafts Extravaganza - Spring

2000 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 25. Applications and/or information call (313) 561-0402. This event is sponsored by the Band Aid Booster Club and proceeds will support the DHS marching band, flag corps, orchestra and jazz band. Admission is \$1 for person 12 and older. Ample free parking is available and food will be sold.

GARDEN GALA CRAFT SHOW
Gardeners are needed who specialize in yard and garden related crafts for the first "Garden Gala," May 20, at Memorial Elementary School in Garden City. If you are interested in participating call Rhonda, (734) 762-0183.

CHELSEA SUMMER FEST
Applications are currently being sought for arts and crafts vendors at the Chelsea Summer Fest, July 28 and 29. Booth hours are Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you are interested in obtaining a booth, contact Penny (734) 433-0354 or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 580, Chelsea, MI 48118.

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3444.

Amazing

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Victoria and Scott Maki of Canton announce the birth of their son Jacob Scott born Aug. 5, 1999 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Dennis and Carol Pagnano of Wayne; Gary and Mary Jo Maki of Westland; and Monty and Susan Lewis of Westland. Great-grandparents are Bernice Maki.

James H. Fielhaber III and Jennifer Lynn Stafiej of Westland announce the birth of Kody James Stafiej Jan. 3 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Kody joins sister Kalei Elizabeth Stafiej, 2. Grandparents are James Fielhaber of Ypsilanti, Patricia Fielhaber of Trenton, Mike Stafiej of Garden City and Kathleen Stafiej of Westland.

Tim and Danita Ouellette of Westland announce the birth of Theresa Marie Jan. 21 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins brother Timmy Jr., 8. Grandparents are Mary and Paul Ouellette of Westland and Diana and Gary Ritchie of Garden City.

Gary E. Hoover Jr. and Erica M. Saren of Taylor announce the birth of Ashley Helan Ann Hoover Jan. 22 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins sister MacKayla Paige, 18 months. Grandparents are Colleen Brazil of Taylor, Gary Hoover of Willis and Bill Saren and Nora Hoover of Melvindale.

Bret and Tammy Konol of Plymouth announce the birth of April Madelynn Mae Jan. 22 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins sister Natalie, 12. Grandparents are Doris Konol of Livonia and Judy and Gale Stites of Traverse City.

Hesham Moustafa and Lori Williams of Dearborn announce the birth of Alex James Moustafa Jan. 22 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are James and Diane Ralls and Mohamed and Almaza Moustafa of Dearborn.

Joe and Kim Schema of Garden City announce the birth of their son, Jordan Michael Jan. 22 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins sister Samantha, 7. Grandparents are Gregory Wright of Canton, John and Pat Schema of Sterling Heights and Kevin and Beverly Melas of Tampa, Fla.

William George Stapleton and Lori Kay Talis of Garden City announce the birth of their son, Jeffrey Adam Jan. 24 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins siblings Billy, 20, Jenny, 16, Jennifer, 16, Sarah, 13, George, 8, Melissa, 8 and Lindsay, 7. Grandparents are Ann Stapleton of Garden City and Bill and Joan Oliver of Westland.

Dwight Barton and Lisa Vincent of Royal Oak announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Brianna Barton Jan. 27 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are John and Kathy Vincent.

Dave Adkins and Renee Truax of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, Hailee Ann Adkins Jan. 27 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins sisters Nicolette Vertin, 8 and Corynn Toms, 3. Grandparents are Nancy Adkins of Westland and Verna Paine of Southfield.

Brendan and Sarah Holmes of Inkster announce the birth of their son, Zachary J. born Jan. 31 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins brothers Anthony, 4 and Nathan, 2. Grandparents are Steve and Laura Penny and Ralph and Pat Holmes, all of Farmington Hills.

Charlie Fee and Lisa Harris of Wayne announce the birth of their daughter, Jordyn Lorraine Fee Feb. 2 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Danny and Lorraine Harris of Garden City and Chuck Fee Sr. of Wayne.

RAILROADIANA
Buy and swap toys and trains from noon to 4 p.m. March 5 at SS. Simon and Jude Church located at 32500 Palmer Road in Westland. To register for tables, phone Norm at (734) 595-8327 between 5 and 11 p.m. Preregistered tables are \$12; tables at the door if available are \$20. Admission is \$2 per person or \$4 per family.

ST. PAT'S DANCE/AUCTION
Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. will host their 8th annual St. Patrick's

Dinner Dance & Auction Saturday, March 18 at St. Mary's Cultural Center on Merriman Road in Livonia to benefit the work of CHHCs. To make a donation or for ticket information call (734) 522-4244.

MOM 2 MOM SALE
A mom to mom sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 18 at Sacred Heart Church Activities Center (29125 W. Six Mile Road) on Six Mile just east of Middlebelt. Children's clothes (newborn and up); maternity toys, and baby furni-

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ST. AGATHA VEGAS NIGHTS
St. Agatha will hold Vegas Nights from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday March 31 and Saturday, April 1 at 19750 Beech Daly Road in Redford. Free admission. Black Jack, craps, roulette, big wheel, and 50/50 raffle. Food and bar. For more information call (313) 531-0371.

MOM 2 MOM SALE
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Top gymnast

Meghan Barida, from Canton, placed first in two of four events and earned the all-around championship at the Buckeye Classic Feb. 18-20 in Columbus, Ohio.

Barida, a 10-year-old competing in Level 7, won the uneven parallel bars (9.40) and the floor exercise (9.25); she placed second in balance beam (9.05) and totaled 36.35 in the all-around, the top total. In vault, Barida scored an 8.65.

The Buckeye classic is one of the largest invitational meets held in the country with over 2,200 participants. Barida competes for Splitz Gymnastics, located in Canton.

Basketball champs

West Middle School's girls basketball team defeated Central Middle School 13-10 to capture the Division B championship. West's B team finished the season with a perfect 8-0 record.

Team members are Jane DeWitt, Lauren Boothroyd, Mandy East, Nicole Hardy, Andrea Johnson, Allison Kropp, Anna Quinn, Kelli Schilk, Alice Maples and Samantha Ryder. The team is coached by Bob Blohm.

Booster club meeting

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will have its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Room 165 of Plymouth Canton HS.

All parents of Canton football players — including parents of freshmen-to-be football players — are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, call Dan Murphy at (734) 416-8117.

Late Rock rally can't stop North

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Phil Watha has never been shy about shooting the three-point shot, and the same can be said of teammate Brian Shulman following his performance Wednesday.

The senior guards made eight of their team's 10 triples to lead North Farmington to the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament championship in boys basketball with a 67-61 victory over Plymouth Salem.

Watha and Shulman combined for 43 points in the Livonia Churchill gym and more than offset a 30-point effort by Salem senior center Matt McCaffrey, who made 11 of 15 floor shots and eight of 11 free throws.

Their perimeter scoring was especially timely since the Rocks double teamed North center Emir Medunjanin and the Raiders (15-5) were minus injured post player Adrian Bridges.

Shulman made five triples and Watha three; however, Watha finished with 26 points to lead North while Shulman ended up with 17.

"It's hard to defend the three and defend Emir inside, too," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "We knew Watha could shoot the ball, but Shulman hurt us."

"It just kinda happened," North coach Tom Negoshian said. "They took Emir away, and Shulman and Watha know they have the green light any time their feet are set."

"If they're going to collapse on Emir and without Adrian, basically, we were four out and one in offensively; so it wasn't that big a surprise."

Shulman and Watha made early threes for the Raiders, who then went into a first-half shooting slump while the Rocks went on an 11-0 run for a 13-6 lead.

Salem held the momentum and the lead for much of the first half. North was 4-of-17 shooting in the first quarter, missing seven threes.

"We were way too quick on offense," Negoshian said. "It was the same thing on defense. Everyone wanted to steal the first pass."

"Part of it was we hit our first two threes, and we thought everything was going to go in. We talked about how good we're supposed to be defensively, and then we stepped it up."

The Raiders scored the last eight points of the half (five by Watha) to take a 27-21 as the Rocks went 1-of-8 from the floor in the second quarter.

"We were in control early and then we started shooting real quick for some reason," Brodie said. "It was like we wanted to go for the jugular and we couldn't knock them down."

"Then they were coming down and scoring. It's a long night if you're not making (North) play some defense at the other end."

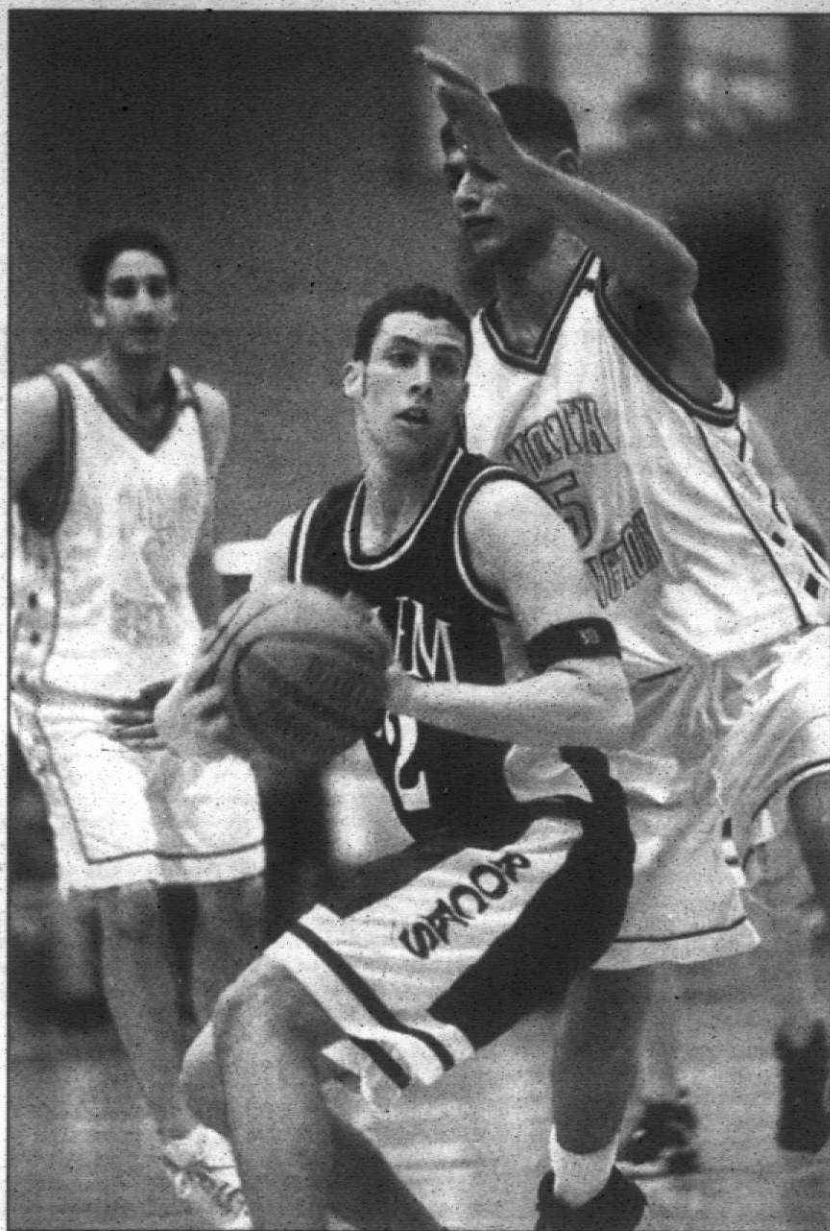
Shulman had 11 points on three triples and two free throws in the third quarter. Mike Patterson had the second of his two threes and Watha sank his third as North outscored Salem 23-16 and took charge of the game, leading 50-37 at the end.

"I think we swung the ball a little better in the second half, and we didn't rush our shots as much," Watha said. "We try to get the ball in the post to Emir, but when they collapse on him that gives us open shots."

Medunjanin worked his way open to score nine of his 14 points in the fourth quarter, boosting the North lead to 57-40 in the first half of the period.

But just when the Raiders appeared on the verge of a blowout win, the Rocks (11-9) came charging back.

Salem's Ryan Cook, who made four threes, scored all 14 of his points in the



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

All bottled up: Salem's Jeff Haar (with ball) looks for someone to pass to with North's Phil Watha (right) and Brian Shulman closing in during Wednesday's WLAA championship game.

second half, and McCaffrey had 11 in the fourth quarter. Raiders 21-10 over the final half of the fourth quarter, closed to 61-56 with

The Rocks, who outscored the
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8 and counting Rocks gain another WLAA title

BY C.J. RISAK
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It comes as no surprise that Plymouth Salem emerged on top at last Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association Swimming and Diving Championships, which the Rocks hosted. And it's even less of a surprise that they did it while winning just one event.

"I told you it's going to be a close meet," said Salem coach Chuck Olson, whose Rocks won their eighth-straight championship. "Yes, we were supposed to win, and that's what we did."

SWIMMING

"As I recall, it doesn't have anything on any of these banners that says the score."

In other words, the victory was a bit of a nail-biter. Salem totaled 518.5 points; second-place Livonia Stevenson had 490, and third-place North Farmington netted 426 (see statistical summary).

"It wouldn't have taken much for me to be trying to explain to you what went wrong," Olson said.

What went right for Salem? Out of 36 entries, 33 of them scored points.

That was the difference for the Rocks.

"It was fun," Olson added, "but nerve-racking as well."

North and Stevenson were the top-runners in this meet; the Raiders got wins in five events, while the Spartans had four first-place finishes.

North's Brandon Digia and Stevenson's Joe Bublit each won two individual events. Digia's came in the 200-yard

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Canton can't keep pace with revved-up Churchill

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

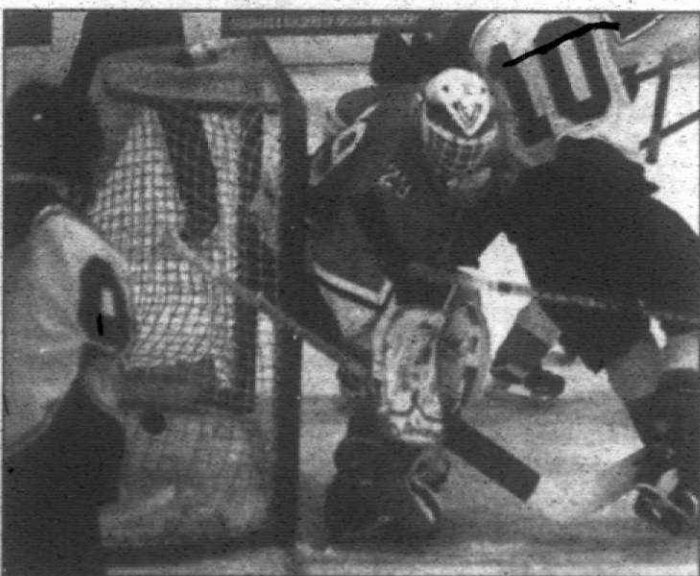
Unscheduled three-week layoffs can do one of two things to athletic teams: bless them with rest, or curse them with rust.

Consider the Livonia Churchill hockey team blessed.

The Chargers, who had been idle since their controversy-marred game against Livonia Stevenson Feb. 4, opened the state tournament Tuesday night with a convincing 6-0 victory over Plymouth Canton. The win earned Churchill (15-9-2) a spot in tonight's regional semi-final game against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

The only rust on the Dearborn Ice Skating Center surface Tuesday could be found on the Zamboni that smoothed the ice between periods. The Chargers played like the well-oiled machine that had engineered a 14-5-2 record before their season was brought to a screeching halt following the post-game brawl with Stevenson on Feb. 4.

Canton's inaugural season ended with an 11-10-2 mark.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMAN

The stopper: Canton goalie Brad Arsznov deflects this Churchill shot wide, something he was called upon to do often in Tuesday state regional game.

"During the time we were off, the kids practiced hard every day and they did everything they

were told to do, including five hours of community service."

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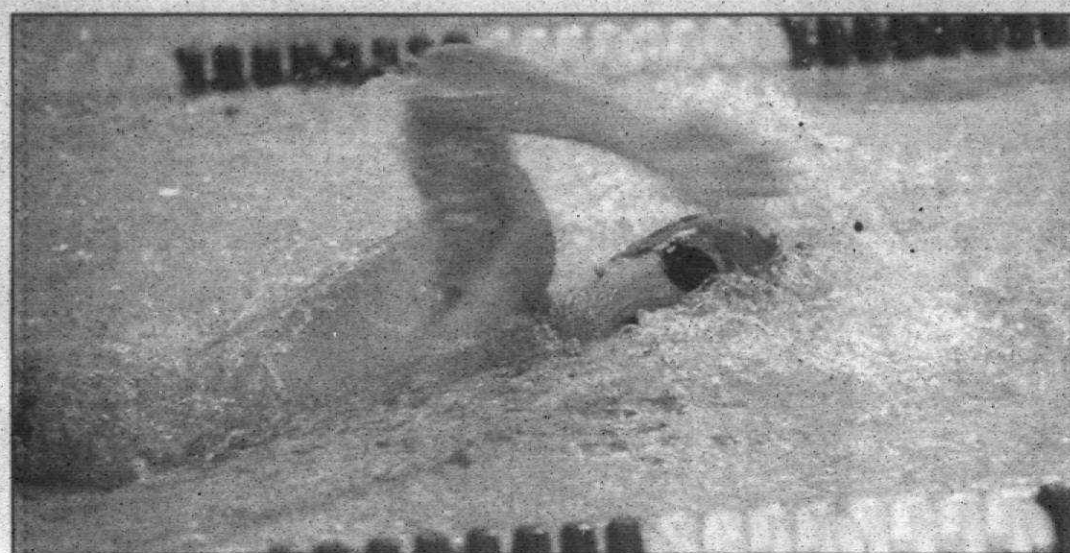
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Scoring swims: Plymouth Canton's Brad Nilson (left) and Plymouth Salem's Jason Rebarchik (right) both had scoring swims at the WLAA championship meet. Nilson finishing sixth in the 100-yard freestyle and Rebarchik placing 12th in the 100-yard breaststroke.

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WLAA SWIMMING AND DIVING RESULTS

WLAA BOYS SWIM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday at Plymouth Salem HS

Final team standings: 1. Plymouth Salem, 518.5 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 490; 3. North Farmington, 426; 4. Northville, 341.5; 5. Plymouth Canton, 319; 6. Farmington Harrison/Farmington, 247; 7. Walled Lake, 203; 8. Westland John Glenn, 175; 9. Livonia Churchill, 94; 10. Livonia Franklin, 83.

Event results

200-yard medley relay

Championship: 1. North Farmington (Jim Gabriel, Adam Farber, Chris Clayton, Jon Zald), 1:58.88 (state cut); 2. Livonia Stevenson (Joe Bublitz, Mike Nemer, Brandon Truscott, Brad Buckler), 1:59.03 (state cut); 3. Plymouth Canton (Eric Lynn, Jason Rebarchik, Ben Dzialo, Mike Johnson), 1:41.02 (state cut); 4. Plymouth Canton, 1:44.35; 5. Northville, 1:46.64; 6. Walled Lake, 1:46.71.

Consolation: 7. Livonia Churchill, 1:50.42; 8. Farmington Harrison/Farmington, 1:50.90; 9. Livonia Franklin, 2:08.96; Westland John Glenn, disqualified.

200-yard freestyle

Championship: 1. Brandon Digia (NF), 1:46.87 (state cut); 2. Devin Hopper (HF), 1:48.83 (state cut); 3. David Whitbeck (N), 1:49.43; 4. Justin Ketterer (LS), 1:50.82; 5. Matt Winiarski (PC), 1:51.13; 6. James Ross (PS), 1:51.96.

Consolation: 7. Dan Price (HF), 1:53.04; 8. Brian Mertens (PS), 1:53.81; 9. John Moore (N), 1:53.86; 10. Sernet Alver (NF), 1:54.73; 11. Pat Rodemeyer (LS), 1:55.24; 12. Mark Withoff (PS), 1:55.93.

Bonus consolation: 13. Steve Rice (PC), 1:56.25; 14. Sean Wolf (WL), 1:57.27; 15. Loughran Rychert (NF), 1:57.29; 16. Mohamed Béchrouche (NF), 2:02.23; 17. Jeff Dario (LS), 2:09.47; 18. Brandon Truscott (LS), 2:03.84.

200-yard individual medley

Championship: 1. Joe Bublitz (LS), 1:59.79 (state cut); 2. Eric Lynn (PS), 2:01.87 (state cut); 3. Scott Whitbeck (N), 2:02.48 (state cut); 4. Mike Nemer (LS), 2:03.87 (state cut); 5. Kevin Van Tien (LS), 2:06.75; 6. Brad Nilson (PC), 2:07.45.

Consolation: 7. Aaron Shelton (PS), 2:08.84.

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freestyle (1:46.87) and the 100 free (48.19); Bublitz won the 200 individual medley (1:59.79) and the 100 backstroke (54.53). The Raiders also got a first from Adam Farber in the 100 breaststroke (1:01.18) and won two relays: Jim Gabriel, Farber, Chris Clayton and Jon Zald in the 200 medley (1:38.88) and Sernet Alver, Clayton, Digia and Zald in the 200 free (1:30.06).

Stevenson's other wins came from Brad Buckler in the 50 free (22.42) and from Bublitz, Buckler, Justin Ketterer and Rob Cambridge in the 400 free relay (3:19.72).

Salem's only winner was freshman Ben Dzialo, who was first in the 100 butterfly (55.13). He was also second in the 500 free (4:59.21), something not uncommon for the Rocks: They had four other second-place finishes in the meet, and three thirds.

Other wins went to Walled Lake's Chris Gawronski, who defended his title in diving (483.95 points) by a wide margin (89.5 points), and to Northville's Scott Whitbeck in the 500 free (4:52.07).

"I was talking with Chuck (Olson) after the prelims, and there were only about two or three of his swimmers who he didn't score," said North coach Pat Duthie. "That's what it takes. It takes a number of kids scoring, and I think Stevenson and Salem were better balanced than we were."

"We had some events where we were obviously strong, but they scored pretty solid throughout the meet."

The Raiders and the Rocks were involved in the two closest races of the meet. In the 100 fly, Dzialo narrowly beat North's Farber, 55.13 to 55.16.

In the 200 free relay, North's foursome edged Salem's by two one-hundredths of a second, 1:30.06 to 1:30.08.

"When it's that close, you can't even tell who was without looking up at the scoreboard," said Duthie. "That (200 free relay) and the race Farber was in in the butterfly, it's just a matter of who's going to touch the wall first."

"That's always the case but when it's that close you wish you hadn't cut your fingernails the night before."

No doubt Olson shared Duthie's views. Eric Lynn placed second twice, in the 200 IM (2:01.87) and in the 100 back (55.33) — both times to Stevenson's Bublitz. And Mike Johnson was second in the 50 free (22.71) and third in the 100 free (50.00).

"Winning our conference meet means an awful lot to the guys on this team," said Olson. "We swam hard — and that's what we were looking for."

Whalers extend win streak to 12



Sixty minutes of playing time on the ice, but it only took 20 seconds of that to make the difference for the Plymouth Whalers.

Who, by the way, remain the hottest thing on skates — at least in the Ontario Hockey League.

The Whalers collected their 12th straight victory Sunday by scoring twice in 20 seconds of the third period, beating the host Windsor Spitfires 3-2.

Combined with Saturday's 6-1 trouncing of the Spits at Compuware Arena, the Whalers improved their West Division-leading record to 38-17-4; their 81 points is second in the OHL only to Ottawa's 88.

Plymouth has now won 12 straight; indeed, the Whalers went through the entire month of February without a loss. Since mid-January, they have won 15 of 16 games, with only a 2-1 loss at Ottawa Jan. 29 to mar their record.

On Sunday, a power-play goal by

Windsor's Jeff Martin gave the Spits a 2-1 lead with 10:30 left in the second period.

The Whalers overcame that at 4:26 of the third, when Tomas Kurka notched his 31st goal of the season to tie it at 2-2. Justin Williams assisted.

Twenty seconds later, Andre Robichaud made his second goal of the season a game-winner; it was unassisted. Windsor could not get the equalizer after that against a tough Whaler defense, anchored by Rob Zepp in goal. Zepp stopped 26 of 28 shots.

Ryan Aschaber was in goal for Windsor, saving 20 of 23 shots.

The Spitfires opened the scoring, getting a goal from Ryan Courtney 10:39 into the opening period. The Whalers knotted it at 14:19 of the first when Shaun Fisher scored on the power play, assisted by Kurka.

On Saturday at Compuware, Eric Goody scored two goals and assisted on two others to lead the Whalers to victory. Goody has nine goals and 35 points for the season.

Stephen Morris also scored twice for

the Whalers, with Williams and Kurka also getting goals. Damian Surma added three assists, and Kris Vernarsky and Libor Ustruul each contributed two assists apiece.

Zepp made 23 saves in earning the win. Mike Leighton had 22 saves in the Windsor net.

Ambassadors win shootout

Goals by Dan Knapp and D.J. Vogt in the extra session boosted the Compuware Ambassadors to a 3-2 win over the Cleveland Barons last Wednesday (Feb. 23) at Compuware Arena.

It was the ninth win in 10 games for Compuware, which leads the Eastern Division in the North American Hockey League. On Feb. 25, the Ambassadors lost to the Soo Kewadin Casino Indians 2-1 in overtime.

On Feb. 26, the Ambassadors avenged their loss to the Indians with a 3-0 win. Mark Cannon scored two goals and Craig Kowalski stopped 30 shots for Compuware in earning his fourth shutout of the season.

The Ambassadors game against the

Grand Rapids Rockets, scheduled for Sunday, has been relocated to Compuware Arena. Game time is 2 p.m.

The Rockets membership in the NAHL is currently for sale. Larry Clark, owner of The Summit in Lansing, has had two other Rockets games re-scheduled to be played there in an attempt to gauge interest in the team.

Goalie of the Month

Ambassadors' goalie Craig Kowalski was named NAHL Goalie of the Month after stopping 92 of 96 shots (.958 save percentage) in regulation play in three games, posting a 2-1 record. His 3-0 blanking of the Soo Kewadin Casino Indians last Saturday was his fourth shutout of the season.

For the season, Kowalski — who will attend Northern Michigan University in the fall — has posted a 26-10 record with a 2.41 goals-against average and a .922 save percentage in a league-high 40 appearances. It was the second time he was the NAHL's Goalie of the Month.

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Barrie Colts	36	17	5	78
Sudbury Wolves	31	23	5	68
North Bay Centennials	22	30	6	52
Toronto St. M. Majors	15	42	3	35
Miss. Ice Dogs	7	50	1	17
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Plymouth Whalers	38	17	4	81
SSM Greyhounds	31	24	6	73
Samia Sting	31	23	7	69
Windsor Spitfires	30	27	2	63
London Knights	18	32	7	48
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Falling short Rocks fall to Franklin; Vikes win

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It supposed to be Livonia Franklin's day in the sun, but Walled Lake Central stole the limelight by capturing the Western Lakes Activities Association girls volleyball championship at Northville.

The Vikings, who entered Saturday's tournament as the No. 2 seed behind top-seeded Franklin, dropped the opening game of their semifinal match with Livonia Stevenson, but rallied for a 10-15, 15-11, 15-8 victory.

Central then met Franklin in the championship match and emerged with a 15-13, 15-4 triumph.

"We played very well on Saturday, these kids just don't give up," Central coach Mike Lindstrom said. "We dropped the first game to Stevenson in the semifinals and I think they realized that this was it and they came back and played well the rest of the way."

"It was a warm day and it was warm in the gym, but I think our depth and balance helped us in the long run."

Franklin (42-7-2) was trying to avenge its only WLAA loss of the season on Feb. 21 to Central, but the Patriots had to play an extra match after tying Stevenson in pool play.

In the quarterfinals, the Patriots whipped Plymouth Salem, the only team to beat Central in the WLAA this season, 15-4, 15-8. Franklin then downed Livonia Churchill in the semifinals, 15-7, 15-4.

But Franklin could not sustain its momentum against the Vikings.

"It was a combination of physical and mental fatigue," Franklin coach Mary Helen Diegel said. "Temperatures were high and we started to lose focus."

It was a little frustrating because of rain out of energy at the end. It was disappointing to end on that note, but I thought our players played well throughout the day. It was just one

WLAA GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS	
Feb. 26 at Northville	
Championship final: Walled Lake Central defeated Livonia Franklin, 15-13, 15-4.	
Semifinals: W.L. Central def. Livonia Stevenson, 10-15, 15-11, 15-8; Franklin def. Livonia Churchill, 15-7, 15-4.	
Elimination rounds: Franklin def. Plymouth Salem, 15-4, 15-8; Central def. Northville, 15-4, 15-13.	
POOL PLAY RESULTS	
Pool A: 1. (tie) Stevenson and Franklin, 5-1 each; 3. Westland John Glenn, 2-4; 4. North Farmington, 0-6.	
Pool B: 1. (tie) Churchill and W.L. Central, 5-1 each; 3. Plymouth Canton, 2-4; 4. Walled Lake Western, 0-6.	
Pool C: 1. Salem, 6-0; 2. Northville, 4-2; 3. Livonia Stevenson and Farmington Hills Harrison, 1-5 each.	

match too long."

Central posted a 5-1 record in pool play, splitting only with Livonia Churchill (9-15, 18-16).

The Vikings also stopped Northville in the quarterfinals by scores of 15-13, 15-4.

Central had a number of players made noteworthy contributions led by senior setter Colleen Saldana, who served 34-of-36 and recorded 113 assists and 30 digs.

Senior outside hitter Christina Tudor went 105-of-122 attacking with 59 kills and 24 blocks, while junior middle blocker Heather Lippert collected 41 kills and 34 blocks. Senior outside hitter Kelly Henzie served 65-of-66 with five aces and added 57 digs and 46 kills.

Senior Andrea Kmet was Franklin's top attacker with 45 kills. She also had nine aces serves. Senior Tera Morrill added 30 kills, 14 aces and 30 digs, while junior Kerstin Marshall was 38-for-38 on attacks with 20 kills. Senior setter Lyndsay Sopko had 104 assist-to-kills and 31 digs, while senior Alexis Bowman contributed 29 digs.

Stevenson (30-13-2 overall) made a strong case going into Friday's Class A district at Franklin.

The Spartans split with the Patriots, 8-15, 15-9, in pool play.

"We definitely made progress and played more like the way we're capable of playing," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "This time we didn't back down and didn't give up against Franklin."

Stevenson was on the verge of eliminating Central in the semifinals, but couldn't hold a slim second-game lead.

"We beat ourselves," Graham said. "The second game we made mental mistakes, and some hitting and serving errors."

Senior Kate LeBlanc led Stevenson with 36 kills, 10 solo blocks and 12 aces on the day.

Other Spartans contributors included junior setter Kelley Hutchins, who was 43-for-43 serving with 67 assists; Carly Wadsworth, 19 kills, seven aces and 29 digs; Cassie Ehndt, 11 kills; Katie Drews, seven kills and three solo blocks; Julie Pfeifer, 28 digs; Christine Matheson, 22 digs; and Megan Urbats, 17 digs.

Churchill (25-13-3), another semifinalist, was led by sophomore Shira Gillies (22 kills). Amy Cadovich (19 kills), Shannon Munn (18 kills) and Meagan Sheehan (13 kills).

Munn and Sheehan combined to serve 13 points against Central in a pool play match.

Setters Colleen Guadiola and Kristin Leszczynski also stood out for the Chargers, according to coach Mike Hughes.

Salem, undefeated in Pool C after carving up Farmington Hills Harrison (15-7, 15-1), Farmington (15-4, 15-3) and Northville (15-11, 15-1), fell flat against Franklin for the third time this season.

The Rocks, now 39-11-1 overall, were led by Amanda Suder's team-high 37 kills and 30 digs.

Other Rock standouts on the day included Denise Phillips (27 kills), Mary Lou Liebau (13 kills), Kelly Jaskot (team-high 36 digs), Michelle Gintner (32 digs) and setter Jill Dombrowski (81 assists).

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Bear-ly possible

Mott holds off Ocelots to claim state crown

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One big play, one ordinary basket, one critical possession — that's all that separated Schoolcraft and Flint Mott CC in Saturday night's Michigan Community College Athletic Association championship game.

This time it was Mott that got to cut down the nets, squeaking out a heart-stopping 88-87 homecourt victory over the defending state champion Ocelots.

Mott, which won the season series against SC two games to one and raised its overall season record to 25-4, moves on to the NJCAA-Division II region tournament at Owens Tech in Toledo, Ohio.

SC, 24-6, got saddled Tuesday night with the NJCAA's 10th-ranked team in Division I, 26-4 Vincennes (Ind.). See related story.

"This is going to be tough to deal with when you're one point away from your goal," said SC third-year coach Carlos Briggs, who guided the Ocelots to their first-ever outright MCCA-Eastern Conference championship this season, breaking Mott's five-year stranglehold. "But we always play hard and we were mentally strong in a tough environment. We just didn't close the game."

SC fell behind by 14 early in the first half as Mott made 12 straight shots after missing

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its initial attempt of the game.

The host Bears, playing before a near-capacity and highly partisan crowd, shot 72 percent in the opening half (18 of 25), but found themselves tied at 49-49.

"Mott came out strong and shot a great percentage," Briggs said. "We took their best shot early and weathered the storm."

"Our kids showed poise and patience when we took the lead."

Even with starting point-guard Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial) banished to the bench with his fifth personal foul with 11:15 to go in the second half, Schoolcraft overhauled the Bears and took a nine-point lead, 80-71, on a twisting 35-foot three-pointer by swingman Lamar Bibby with 7:26 remaining.

The Ocelots led 83-75 with 5:17 to go on another three-pointer by the 6-foot-5 Bibby, who led all scorers with 24 points.

But SC went cold down the stretch, making just two more shots and turning the ball over on three critical possessions.

Schoolcraft led still 87-84 on Mike Williams' hoop with 1:44 to play, but Mott stormed back to go ahead by one, 88-87, when Gary Solomon converted a three-point

play with just under a minute left.

Despite four straight missed free throws by Mott guard Richard Bryant in the final 37 seconds, SC could not convert the go-ahead basket as Bibby's drive to the glass fell off and Reggie Kirkland's short baseline jumper with four seconds to go grazed off the front of the rim.

"We just turned it over it over too much," said Briggs, whose team had 15 turnovers. "They also got some transition layups off their defense and that hurt us."

Robert Brown, the 6-4 leaper from Oak Park, added 23 points for Schoolcraft. Dwight Windom and Mike Williams each came off the bench to score 11, while center Nick Evola had nine.

Ronnie Jenkins led Mott with 20, while

Alonzo Evans, a freshman guard from Louisville, Ky., scored 13, while pint-sized back-up point-guard Tony Beauchamp, who stands 5-8, added 12, including three triples. Nate Brown contributed 11.

"We were on the verge of being out of it," said Mott coach Steve Schmidt, who bagged his third state playoff title since 1995. "It was gut-check time and we just had to hang in there because there's only so much you can do versus a Brown or Bibby."

"But we didn't crack and our guys persevered. It was a classic state final game."

SC puts up a fight but falls to Blazers

MEN'S REGIONAL

while SC was seven of 11.

Vincennes was 31 of 59 (52 percent), 10 of 24 behind the arc. Schoolcraft made 34 of 81 shots from the floor (41 percent), but only eight of 30 in triples.

Reggie Kirkland contributed 11 points and five assists, while Mike Williams had eight points. Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial) grabbed seven rebounds.

Schoolcraft outrebounded Vincennes, 41-37. Five Blazers scored in double figures led by Purdue transfer Cameron Stephens. The 6-8, 220-pound Port Wayne, Ind. native had 19 points and 14 rebounds.

Three others had 18 points apiece — 6-7, 220-pound Aaron McGhee, 6-5 guard Alan Goff and 5-8 point guard Andre Horton. Jon Knoche added 13.

McGhee played 31 games last year for the University of Cincinnati and is now headed for Oklahoma University.

"They're legitimate, they're a really good team," Briggs said of Vincennes. "People told us we were probably one of the best three teams they have played this season."

"I'm proud of our guys and the season. But now it's time to focus on school and books. I'd also like to thank the administration and faculty for their support all year."

The Ocelots stayed close throughout the second half, but Vincennes got some breathing room late. The Blazers hit 27 of 34 free throws on the night,

What a finish!
Canton buries Western, 63-48

It was just a matter of who wanted this game more. It was Plymouth Canton.

With Kenny Nether and Jason Waidmann each scoring 22 points, the Chiefs opened up an 11-point lead by halftime and never allowed Walled Lake Western a chance to recover in rolling to a 63-48 victory in the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament consolation final Wednesday at Livonia Churchill.

Canton will take a 10-10 record into the state district tournament. Western, which tied North Farmington for the WLA regular-season championship, is 15-5.

"I was proud of our guys," said Canton coach Dan Young. "We played like we know we can. We played very well."

Nether also had 10 rebounds in the game and converted 10-of-17 shots from the field, while Waidmann hit 10-of-11 floor shots. Dan McLean contributed 10 points, five rebounds and five assists.

BASKETBALL

Jenaro Dawood's 18 points paced the Warriors. No one else reached double figures in scoring for Western.

Canton led 14-8 after one quarter and 30-19 at the half. The Chiefs extended their advantage to 50-33 entering the final Wednesday at Livonia Churchill.

PCA 63, Flat Rock 60: Derric Isensee did it all game long for Plymouth Christian Academy Tuesday against visiting Flat Rock. So it should come as no surprise that the game-winning points belonged to him, too.

PCA trailed 57-51 midway through the fourth period, but the Eagles didn't give up. A three-pointer by Dave Carthy with under a minute left knotted it at 60-57.

The Rams couldn't convert, giving the ball back to PCA — and Isensee, who took a pass from A.J. Sherrill, worked his

way inside, scored and was fouled. Isensee hit the free throw and the Eagles had a 63-60 lead with 9.4 seconds remaining.

Flat Rock's first inbound attempt following Isensee's three-point play failed; its second resulted in a turnover.

Isensee finished with 28 points — eight in the fourth quarter — seven rebounds and seven assists. A 6-foot-3 senior forward, Isensee has surpassed the 1,000-point plateau for his career.

Carthy had 15 points and Sherrill netted 10. Each had five in the fourth.

David Nyholm led the Rams with 22 points. Mike Nutter added 10.

PCA led 16-15 after one quarter, but trailed 29-28 at the half and 47-43 after three quarters.

The win was the Eagles' 13th in a row, setting a new school record. They are 15-4 overall. Flat Rock, a team that starts one senior and four juniors, slipped to 14-5.

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said Churchill coach Jeff Hatley. "We made some mental mistakes in the second period tonight, but otherwise I thought we played well."

"I was very impressed by Canton, which has put together a good program in just one year. They're going to be a tough team to beat in the coming years."

Despite the loss, Canton coach Dan Abraham was upbeat as he reflected on the Chiefs' first season on the ice.

"I am very happy with how the first season went," Abraham said. "We met a number of goals this year, the most important being that we stayed united and we set the standard for Canton hockey by building a consistent work ethic."

Churchill made the Chiefs work hard for everything Tuesday night. Anchored by defenseman Nate Jakubowski and Sean

Szostak, the Chargers didn't allow a shot on goal until the mid-way point in the second period.

Even though they were outshot, 23-4, after two periods, the Chiefs trailed just 2-0 thanks to the brilliant play of goalie Brad Arsznov, who repeatedly turned back point-blank shots.

The Chargers opened the scoring at the 8:46 mark of the opening period when Szostak rifled a slapshot from the blue-line.

Arsznov made a kick save, but the puck deflected right to Adam Krug, who flicked it past the sprawling goalie to make it 1-0. Rory Cesarz was credited with an assist on the goal.

Churchill doubled its lead with just 50 seconds left in the second period when Sean Smith stole the puck from a Canton defenseman at center ice, outskated another defenseman and wristed

the puck past a helpless Arsznov.

"Brad was outstanding," Abraham said. "There is no question he kept us in the game tonight."

Aaron Jakubowski tied the game for the Chargers in the third period, scoring twice in a six-minute span to up Churchill's lead to 4-0.

Cesarz and Adam Jakubowski finished off the scoring for the Chargers with third-period goals.

Churchill goalie Dan Williams was flawless in handling the handful of shots he faced. Churchill outshot Canton, 34-8.

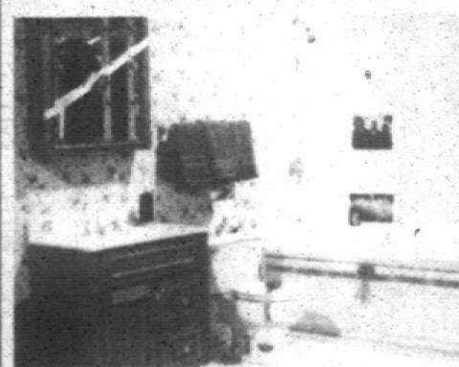
Now the Chargers have a rematch with an Ann Arbor Pioneer team that rallied to beat them 4-3 Jan. 14 at Edgar Arena. Churchill had a 2-0 lead in that game after two periods, but surrendered four third-period markers.



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under a minute remaining. Salem was within four, 65-61, after a Ryan Nimmergruth three with four seconds left. Watha added two free throws to finish the scoring.

"Brodie said he told his players 'We've been here before; let's see if we can't suck it up and get back in this game.' (The Raiders) were playing not to lose, and we were playing with nothing to lose."

"We played that way all season, with a lot of heart and emotion, even before Mark (Bolger) passed away. We've never played

to win or lose, just to put forth the best effort we can."

"They're a good team," said Negoshian of the Rocks. "They have big kids and good guards. We happen to hit a few threes and then here they come."

Nimmergruth tossed in seven points. Patterson and Salem's Andy Kocloski, who had two threes, added six points each.

North shot 39 percent (24-of-61) from the floor and Salem 34 percent (19-of-56). The Raiders attempted 23 threes; the Rocks made seven of 31. North was 9-of-14 at the line and Salem 16-

of-19. Patterson and Blair Weiss, who played well off the bench for the Raiders, filled crucial support roles, according to Negoshian.

"(Weiss) gave us a lot of energy," he said. "(Weiss) hung in there (during the season); he didn't have a lot of minutes, but when push came to shove he stepped up. He touched the ball a lot, kept some rebounds alive and was a real key. (Patterson) playing the minutes he did with Adrian out was another key."

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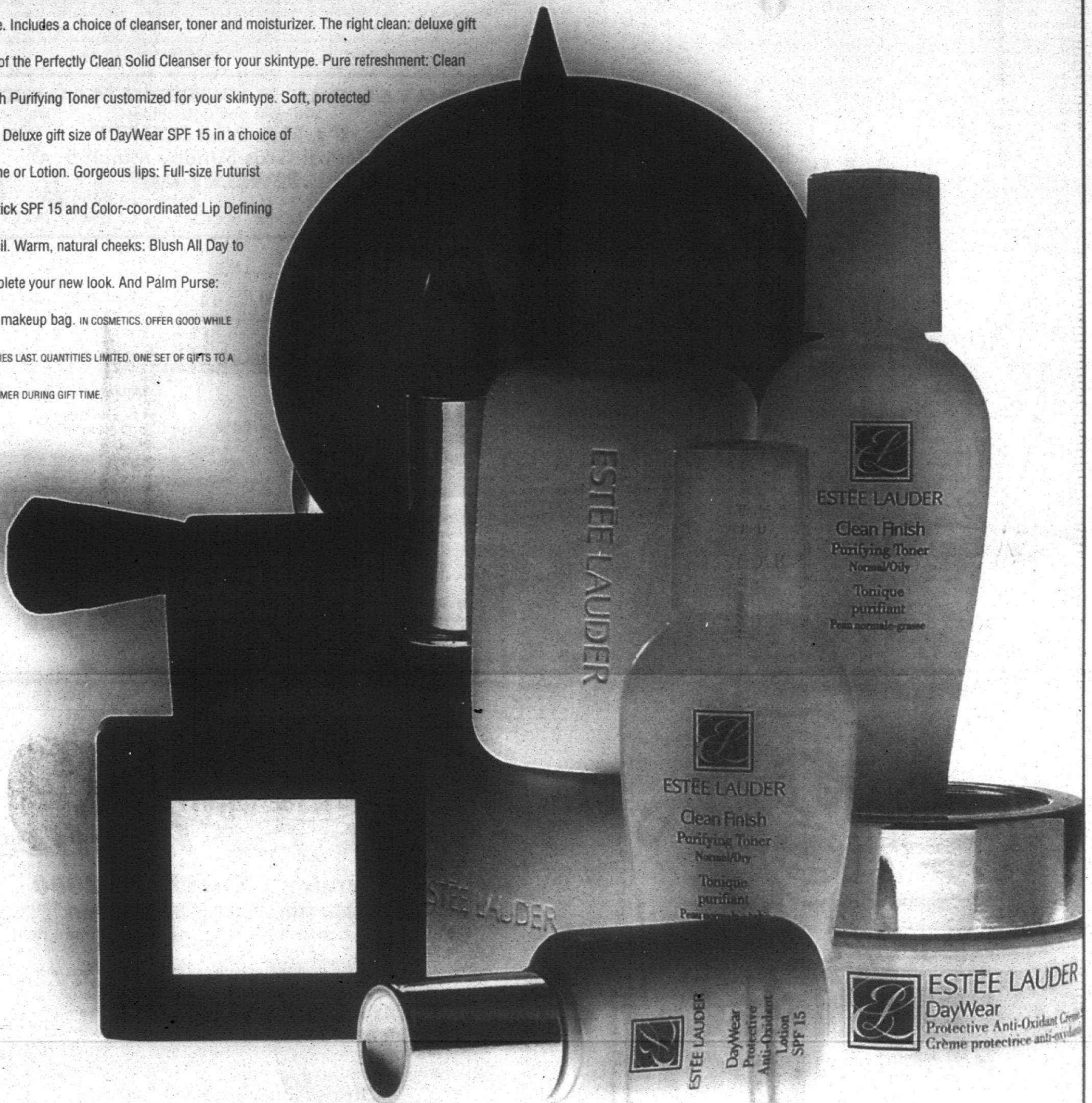
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THE Chieftains

DRAW FROM TRADITION

Irish roots: The Chieftains play the traditional music of their homeland.

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If Paddy Moloney were in Ireland, he'd go to Mass on St. Patrick's Day and then watch a small parade wend its way through town — a sprig of shamrock tucked into his lapel.

Since he can't go home on March 17, Moloney and the Chieftains (Matt Molloy, Seane Keane, Derek Bell, Kevin Conneff, and Martin Fay) will think of their country's green hills while playing traditional Irish music in a concert for the University Musical Society series Wednesday, March 8, in Ann Arbor. The Chieftains are on the road promoting their new album, "Water From the Well." They'll celebrate St. Patrick's Day as they have for the past 20 years at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Never in his wildest imagination did Moloney think the band's appeal would cause them to tour eight months a year. Long before anyone had heard of U2 and Thin Lizzy, the Chieftains were well on their way to becoming the most beloved Irish band in the last four decades. Their 36 albums — for which they've won six Grammys — have sold millions of copies.

"When we first started playing together 38 years ago, who would have ever dreamed that our traditional Irish music would be played throughout the world?" said Moloney in a phone interview from Boston. "Coming back to Ann Arbor is going to be a joy. We have a

great following there, and we'd like to invite your wonderful traditional musicians to come two hours before the show so they might come down and join us for the finale."

"Riverdance" fiddler Mairin Fahy and award-winning step dancers Danny Golden and Dierdre Gould, along with students from the O'Hare School of Dance in Westland, will join the Chieftains on stage. Tim O'Hare, an Irish step dancer and owner of the dance school, toured with the Chieftains two summers ago. O'Hare won the All-Ireland World Championships in 1975 and 1976.

Great opportunity

"Before Irish dancing and music was really popular, the Chieftains were the premier Irish group," said O'Hare. "It's a great opportunity for the students to dance with them."

"Water from the Well" is a departure from the last few Chieftains' recordings — "Tears of Stone" and "The Long Black Veil" — on which they collaborated with performers ranging from Mick Jagger to Sting and Joni Mitchell. The Chieftains have a history of working with performers in the studio and on the concert stage. Michael Flatley danced with the band seven years before earning acclaim as "Lord of the Dance."

Although they've never strayed far from their roots, the Chieftains' "Water From the Well," released on Feb. 22 on RCA Victor, revisits the traditional folk

songs of their birth land with stories about a red-haired lass and wild goats that roam the hills of County Kerry. A musical tour of Ireland that goes back as far as the 17th century, the album was recorded half in the studio and half in counties and towns throughout Ireland. The lead cut, "Lots of Drops of Brandy," is Moloney's favorite because "it's a very old Irish tune" that he rearranged "to show how great the music."

"We're going back to the well and what we started 38 years ago," said Moloney, who produced the recording. "It was difficult to put together the array of some of these great tunes. You could go down the road 30 miles and hear a different tune."

Documenting the journey

A film crew from Dreamchasers followed the Chieftains around the countryside including Matt Molloy's pub in County Mayo. Molloy is flutist for the group. The documentary on the making of "Water From the Well" will be shown on A&E this spring.

"We had 25 in a room at the back of the pub, sort of a big band sound of traditional music," said Moloney. "The documentary was to show the likes of the sound by meeting up with the Charlie Parkers and Miles Davises of traditional Irish music."

Moloney fell in love with the music as a child when his mother bought him a tin

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CONCERT

Musicians share passion for British brass bands

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Craig Strain fell in love with brass instruments the first time he picked up a cornet in seventh grade while attending school in Garden City.

Throughout his 27-year career teaching music in high schools, Strain looked forward to the day he could direct a brass band. His dream came true four years ago when he took the reins of the Motor City Brass Band.

"In a brass band, there's a sonority you can gain that you can't get with other instruments," said Strain, a Farmington Hills resident who teaches music at Macomb Community College. "It's like a choir. With each brass instrument there's a little different color, but it retains the sameness. As the Motor City Brass Band, we want to be the best possible band that we can be. There's a mood in the band, a passion for excellence, and a camaraderie between members that co-exists."

Last year, the 33-member group placed second at the North American Brass Band Association

competition. Based at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, the band presents a series of four concerts a year. Its members — attorneys, sales people, retired band directors and musicians — share a passion for playing in the British brass band tradition. They live throughout the Detroit area including Livonia, Westland and Redford.

What: The Motor City Brass Band
Next concert: An Irish Spectacular 3 p.m. March 19 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts.
Tickets: \$10 adults, \$8 students/seniors, and \$25 for families. Call (248) 424-9022.
The concert reunites the band with the Madrigal Chorale of Southfield. The ensembles performed a concert together in early December at St. Mary's Church in Grosse Pointe.
How to get involved: The group is seeking volunteers to help with non-performing activities. Contact MCBB, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, or call (248) 424-9022 or <http://www.mcbb.org>

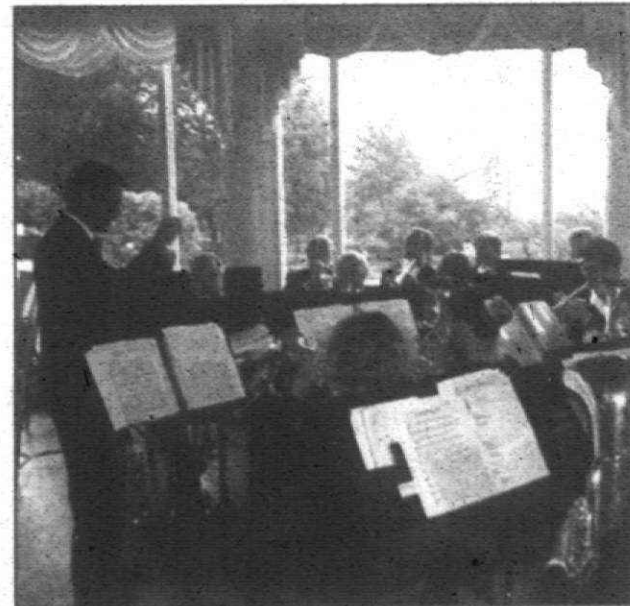
Revolutionary roots

Michael Schott, a Farmington Hills resident, loves British brass band music. Rooted in the Industrial Revolution, British brass bands were originally formed by workers who lived in villages, which lacked the entertainment of a big city.

Schott started studying euphonium while attending Clarenceville Public Schools in Livonia. He played in the Michigan State University band while attending college, and he played with the Farmington Community Band for 17

years before joining the Motor City Brass Band. "We think it's unique, this British brass band concept," said Schott. "Brass bands were popular

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British brass: Keith Kohring leads the Motor City Brass Band as they play music in the British brass band tradition, which originated during the Industrial Revolution.

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COMEDY

Get 'lost' in brilliant new Second City revue

In honor of The Second City-Chicago's 40th Anniversary, Detroit's Second City presents critically lauded "Paradigm Lost" in an open run, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. All shows on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday are followed by a free improvisation set. Tickets are \$10 Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, \$17.50 Friday and \$19.50 Saturday. Call (313) 965-9500.

By STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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The subconscious mind can be a frighteningly funny place to explore. Or so it would seem, judging by the latest main stage revue at The Second City in Detroit.

"Paradigm Lost" is a two-hour romp into the mind of a man — portrayed swiftly by Marc Evan Jackson — who, after a quick and lively introductory number, falls into a coma. What follows is a virtually seamless collection of comedic sketches, one melting into another, centered around the ideas and feelings bubbling

Each skit dissolves neatly into the next, giving the cast a wide array of opportunities to toy with the audience's imagination.

up inside his head.

The first of these sketches begins with a typical water cooler discussion where employees of a copier equipment company anxiously discuss a possible corporate takeover. They soon learn the firm is about to "go Country and Western." That's right, neckties and power suits are soon to be replaced by belt buckles, big hats and a heavy Southern twang. This prompts one nervous employee to declare "I'm not so sure if my favorite Daniels are Charlie and Jack!"

Each skit dissolves neatly into the next, giving the cast a wide array of opportunities to toy with

the audience's imagination. Meet Antoine McKay who uses subtlety to his advantage when talking about fatherhood — even though he hopes to share his drinking and gambling habits with the youngster. Say hello to his son Jaime, played by Detroit native Keegan-Michael Key, who makes a most convincing part-gargoyle kindergartner. Emitting squeaks and squeals, he terrorizes his teacher and classmates.

Kindergarten is where anyone could end up if he or she dares speak out of turn in fourth grade homeroom at Spiro Agnew Grammar School. You see Mr. Syhockey — known otherwise as funny man Marc Warzecha — is a no-nonsense homeroom teacher with a noticeable limp. Warzecha draws the audience into the show, beginning of course with role call, and answering whatever questions his "class" will dare raise their hands to ask. Be sure to ask why he has a prosthetic leg.

Maribeth Monroe shows abun-

dant energy and diversity when she acts the part of the ultra-subordinate wife to a Middle-East leader, and later a nun who can't keep her mouth shut.

The revue also transports its audience into a YMCA, where a old man and friendly employee discuss their dreams, then allows a look into a man's apartment — a stripper who insists she's a dancer and demands respect.

Nyima Anise Woods shifts from that role into a very convincing, very professional National Public Radio reporter and a hysterical wife who agrees to give blood to her husband, shrieking in anticipation of the pain.

"Paradigm Lost" knows no boundaries. In this is the fast-paced world of sketch comedy, nothing is sacred. The minimalist set design and in-your-face lighting, provided by Allison Abraham and Shatha Faraj leaves the focus on the plot-line development and complements the cast's ability to respond to one another. Musical director and newcomer John Edwardowski brings the show to life by setting the musical tone in any circumstance. While the performances, directed by Joe James,



Goin' Country: Lose yourself in laughter at Second City's latest revue, "Paradigm Lost." Here cast members (left to right) Marc Warzecha, Marc Evan Jackson, Keegan-Michael Key, Antoine McKay, Nyima Anise Woods and Maribeth Monroe act out a country-style business takeover.

any argument, a parent who loudly embarrasses her teenage daughter in public. It's a carnival mirror for daily life. And it's just strange enough to be plausible.

STAY TUNED...

It's the end of an era, sort of. The Twistin' Tarantulas played the last of their regular Sunday gig at Royal Oak's Fifth Avenue Billiards this week. But don't bid them good-bye just yet. The Tarantulas are heading out on a cross-country tour and will surely head up some premier nights at the venue.

Grab a paczki and pop in "Mardi Gras Essentials," a who's who in New Orleans music. Check out "Little Liza Jane" by The Dirty Dozen Brass Band, "Hey Mardi Gras" by Chuck Carbo and "Jock-A-Mo" by Sugar Boy. The time has come for a little indulgence.

Speaking of indulgence, the word is Romeo's own Kid Rock will host this year's Detroit Music Awards and scheduled performers include fellow hip-hop sensations Eminem and Paradime. We'll keep you updated.

—By STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

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whistle at age 6. He spent hours teaching himself to play just so he could "join in" on jam sessions, which were the major form of entertainment in the countryside. He still uses the tin whistle to write music. Moloney's soundtrack for a film with Angelica Houston, titled "Agnes Browne," comes out in March.

"My grandmother's house in the midlands of Ireland, to me it was a kingdom," Moloney said. "It was a small farm house. The locals would come in and sit around and tell tall stories, and then the melodeon would come

off the dresser and my grandfather would play the flute and there would be tapping of the feet on the floorboards."

A few years would pass before Moloney picked up the uilleann pipes that embody the sounds of his heritage.

"It's elbow pipes or uilleann in Irish," said Moloney. "Unlike the bag pipes, they're an indoor instrument with a much more mellow tone. They were invented by Irish in the 17th century and played sitting down."

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at the turn-of-the-century. We use very traditional instrumentation, but the concept is a little more modern."

History
Founded in 1996, the Motor City Brass Band rehearsed at the Salvation Army Church in Plymouth for two years before moving to the Southfield Centre for the Arts. The band's repertoire spans a wide range of musical styles from Rutter's "Gloria" to selections from "Riverdance."

"It's actually the diversity that attracts the members," said Pete McAteer of Orchard Lake, who is the band's chairman. "We play

series and for events as varied as Southfield's Christmas Tree lighting ceremony, but members would still like to find other venues to spread the sound of British brass bands.

"Brass band music is not as well known as we'd like it to be; that's one of the missions for the new year," said McAteer, who was the principal trumpet in his high school band in New Hampshire. McAteer also played with the Oakland University Concert Band before joining the Motor City Brass Band. "Over the next year, we hope to develop an audience base and eventually want to put out a CD."

Strain built a recording studio (Hidden City Records) in his home and has produced a variety of music ranging from heavy metal to classical.

"We also hope to institute an outreach program to the schools over the next two years," said McAteer.

classical and light classical — from pop, jazz and blues to serious classical. What makes us unusual is that we're all volunteers. One of the enabling threads is that everyone attends rehearsals and helps out with whatever needs to be done for the love of it."

This year the band hopes to share its music with a wider audience. The Motor City Brass Band also performs throughout the metro area at summer parks

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Theatre Guild's 'Godspell' entertaining, insightful

Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford presents "Godspell" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4; and March 10-11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. Tickets \$12, discount for groups of 10 or more, call (313) 531-0554.

By ROBERT WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford's "Godspell" is an entertaining and insightful rendering of the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Thirty years ago, "Godspell" (and "Jesus Christ Superstar") blazed a new trail in musical theater — the rock opera. The goal of John-Michael Tebelak (music and words by Stephen Schwartz) was to present religious themes to a younger generation in terms they could understand. Its timeless message cre-

ated a much wider audience, accounting for its continued popularity over the years.

Though some have taken great liberties with interpretation, director, Jennifer Rembiza has fashioned essentially a straightforward production for the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford.

The ensemble cast of 15 give rousing and energetic performances. Though one wishes their style was more spontaneous, with a less-rehearsed quality, as the disciples learn of Jesus' joyous message of faith, hope and love.

The musical unfolds as a series of parables: the sower, the good Samaritan, the prodigal son, and so on — in the form of pantomime, song and dance.

Kevin Hentkowski's warm and humane persona serves him well in the role of Jesus. He could use

a little more edge at times, however, to create a more charismatic character.

Caleb Gilbert is very good in multiple roles; principally, John the Baptist and Judas.

Other players include Dennis Day, Jim Digs, Karen Kelly, Teri Giordano (also vocal director), Linda Gozdzick, Bryon Harvey (also assistant director), Melissa Leininger, Annette Ripper, Matt Ripper, Sue Schuler, Jennifer Schuler, Jane Teachout and Dennis Michael Whaling.

Keri Wayne does a nice job with the choreography, especially considering the size of the cast and limited space. Musical director Julie Yurconis, with Andrew Fanco, Matt Vorhees and Ted Miller, support the cast not only with solid rock, but with jazz, vaudeville, swing and revival tunes.



The show's most famous number is "Day by Day," performed radiantly by Sue Schuler. Linda

Gozdzick had fun with her bo in "Turn Back, O Man." Kevin and Caleb do a catchy soft-shoe rou-

time in "All for the Best" — which by the way includes a strobe.

Musical: "Godspell" cast members take a break from rehearsal at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford.

Cast showcases their comedic flair in 'The Skin of Our Teeth'

The Bonstelle, Wayne State University's undergraduate theatre company, presents the Thornton Wilder classic, "The Skin of Our Teeth" until Sunday, March 5. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5. The Bonstelle Theatre is at 3424 Woodward Ave., call (313) 577-2960.

By SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

"The Skin of Our Teeth" is a clever comic romp, with easy laughter, and insight if you want to look for it. The talented Bonstelle company pulls off this performance with skill and ease — certainly not by the skin of their teeth.

ny cleverly made references to Ferndale, Detroit, and other Michigan locales. Written in 1942, "The Skin of Our Teeth" is an allegorical fable that takes the average suburban family through time, with frequent references to the Bible and other historic events. The play takes place in three acts, which are roughly divided by disaster: Ice age, flood, and war.

The large cast takes full advantage of the wackiness in "The Skin of Our Teeth" to showcase their creative and comedic flair. Many of the crowd scenes are presented with controlled chaos and excess energy. They represent Moses, the muses and more.

The show is narrated by the seductive housekeeper Sabina, played with enthusiasm by

Angela Hogue. Although all the characters step out of their roles at times, Sabina steps out of character and establishes a rapport with the audience, telling them her problems, and amusing them with her on-stage arguments with the long-suffering stage manager, played with indignant rage by Blair Franklin.

Mr. Antrobus, played by Randy Barrett Topper of Farmington Hills, was a cross between an absent minded professor and Fred McMurray's portrayal of the clumsy father in "My Three Sons." Bumbling but sturdily protective of his family, he kept busy inventing the wheel, fending off Sabina's advances, and surviving war and a host of historical annoyances.

Mrs. Antrobus, played by

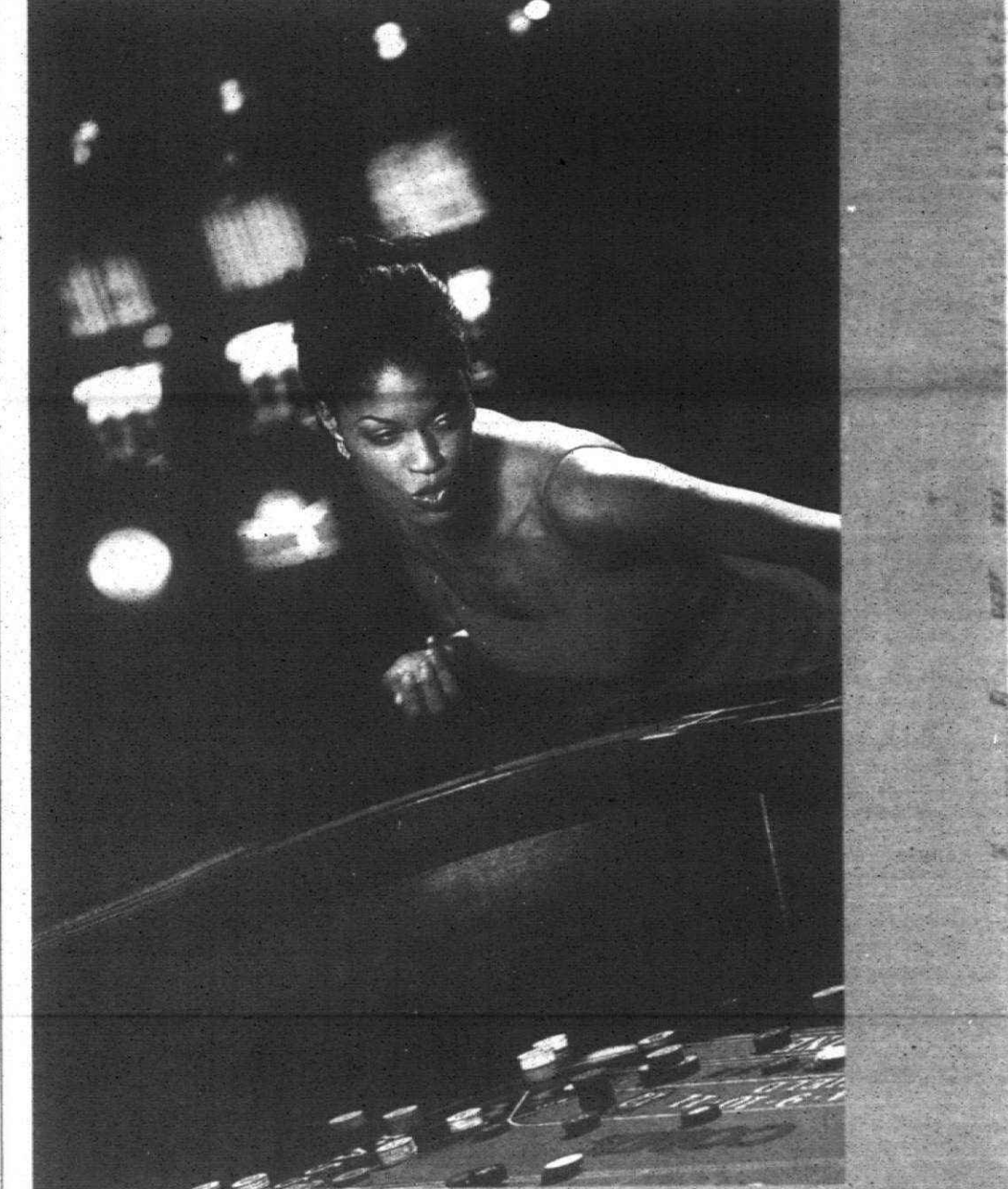
Kristi Sorkin, is the long-suffering but tenacious Eva. Sorkin brought a spunkiness to the role that made us cheer her on when she went head-to-head with the lascivious Sabina, bartered for fire, or kept infidels and other strangers at bay.

The costumes brought to mind the post-war period of the 1950s, when people defined their role by the trappings of suburbia, and a fur was a victory of the hunt in more than one way.

The set was like a colorful surrealist painting, which enhanced the wacky and creative tone of the play. The chimney rose and fell according to the demands of the plot, the window dropped to odd angles, and a convenient trap door mid-stage led to a bomb shelter. The fireplace was capable of appearing lit, an

important detail, since our ancestors depended so greatly on a warm hearth for survival — and much wailing occurs when it was allowed to go out.

"The Skin of Our Teeth" is a clever comic romp, with easy laughter, and insight if you want to look for it. The talented Bonstelle company pulls off this performance with skill and ease — certainly not by the skin of their teeth.



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DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE: "Valley Song," through Sunday, March 19, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

FISHER THEATRE: "Fosse," the Tony Award-winning musical spotlights the work of legendary choreographer/director Bob Fosse through Sunday, March 19, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$37.50-\$65.50 for Friday-Saturday, \$35-\$62.50 for Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday evenings. (248) 645-6666

FOX THEATRE: "Smokey Joe's Cafe" starring Gladys Knight opens Tuesday, Feb. 29 and continues through Sunday, March 5, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$20-\$45. (248) 433-1515

GEM THEATRE: "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through June 25, 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, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24-\$50. (313) 963-9800

JET: Arthur Miller's "Broken Glass" previews Wednesday-Sunday, March 8-12, show dates March 15-19, March 22-26, March 29-April 2 and April 5-9, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25, (248) 788-2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: "All My Sons" continues to Sunday, March 5, at the Meadow Brook Theatre, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

MUSIC HALL: "The Irish...And How They Got That Way," Tuesday-Sunday, March 7-12, at Music Hall, Detroit. (313) 963-2366

PERFORMANCE NETWORK: "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" through Sunday, March 5, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 408 W. Washington, Ann Arbor. \$18 Friday-Saturday, \$15 Thursday and Sunday; \$3 discount for seniors for all performances. (734) 663-0681

COLLEGE

WSU BONSTELE: "The Skin of Our Teeth" Friday-Sunday, March 3-5, at the theater, Detroit. (313) 577-2960

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COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS: "Moon Over Buffalo" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, 10-11 and 17-18 and Thursday, March 16, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5 and 12, at the theater, Rochester Hills. \$13. (248) 608-9077

HARTLAND PLAYERS: "Steel Magnolias" March 10-11 and 18-19, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Hartland Music Hall. \$8, \$7 students/seniors. (810) 632-5849

NOVI THEATRES: "Fiddler on the Roof" 7:30 p.m. Friday and Sunday, March 10 and 12 and Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, 3 p.m. Saturday, March 11, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Novi Civic Center Stage. \$12. (248) 247-0400

PLANET ANT: "Comedy of Errors," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 4, March 10-11 and March 17-18, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 9 and 16, and 7 p.m. Sundays, March 5, 12 and 19, at the theater, Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 365-4948

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN: "Nightwatch" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, 10-11 and 17-18, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the theater, Dearborn. \$11. (313) 561-7175

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: "Oliver," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, at the Water Tower Theatre, Northville. \$12, \$8 students. (248) 349-7110



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Auditions: Be a Disney On Ice figure skater. Auditions are 3-5 p.m. Friday, March 3, at Joe Louis Arena, 800 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. Male and female candidates who are high school graduates or 18 years or older will be judged on skating ability and availability to travel. Personality, appearance and an ability to learn intricate routines are important. Bring a resume, photo, name, address, phone number, age and height information and current Figure Skating Association test levels. Wear appropriate figure skating attire. For more information call Lisa Scuffle (941) 349-4848.

STAGECRAFTERS: "Forever Plaid," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4 and 10-11, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. \$9. (248) 541-6430

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA REDFORD: "Gospel!" continues through Saturday, March 11, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, Redford. \$12. (313) 531-0554

RIDGEVILLE PLAYERS: "Oklahoma!" opens 8 p.m. Friday, March 10 at the theater in Troy. Show dates are March 10-11, 17-19, 24-26, 30-31 and April 1, 2 p.m. Sunday shows 8 p.m. Sundays, 3 p.m. (248) 988-7049

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE: "Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$25 Thursdays and 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 DINER THEATRE: Presents "Murder at the Howard Johnson's," a hilarious comedy runs Saturday nights only, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner (show follows); at Fox Hills Golf Club, Plymouth. \$29.95. (734) 453-7272

RAMADA HOTEL DINER THEATRE: "Fools," a comic farce by Neil Simon, opened 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

PUPPETART: "Purim Shpiel," a rod puppet musical based on the Book of Esther 2 p.m. Saturdays, March 4, 11, 18 and 25, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

THE RISING STARS: "Little Luncheonette of Terror," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, March 8-9, Andover High School, \$3 at the door. (248) 433-0885

SARA SMITH PRODUCTIONS YOUTH THEATRE: "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 11, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at The Community House, Birmingham. \$7 (general seating), \$9 at door, \$30 reserved. (248) 644-5832. Proceeds benefit Sara Smith Productions Youth Theatre at The Community House.

YOUTH THEATRE: "Amelia Bedlia Goes Camping" and other stories 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 4 and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at Music Hall, Detroit. \$8 advance, \$9 at door. (313) 963-2366.

SPECIAL EVENTS

DETROIT SPORTFISHING & TRAVEL EXPO: 4:30-8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 2-3, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, until 6 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at the Palace, Auburn Hills. \$7.75, \$3.50 ages 6-12.

MARCH MADNESS DINNER DANCE: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4 followed by dancing to the swing music of The Warren Commission, and dance contests, winning dancers will go on to the national competition of the American Lindy Hop Championships. \$35. (313) 869-8385

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION: "Put a Little Jazz in Your Life," 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4, dance the night away to the sounds of Tom Saunders and the Detroit All-Stars Band and enjoy delicious New Orleans cuisine, vocal choir SCool Jazz will also perform, in the Waterman Center on the Schoolcraft College campus, Livonia. \$30 if purchased before Friday, \$35 afterwards. (734) 462-4471/(734) 462-4435

AUDRIA McDONALD: The three-time Tony award winner performs American standards and original songs with a jazz trio, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$24-\$32. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 or www.ums.org

OUTDOORAMA: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 4, until 6 p.m. Sunday, March 5, and 3-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 2-3, at the Novi Expo Center. \$6.50, \$3 ages 12 and under. (800) 777-6720

RECORD COLLECTORS SHOW: 45's, disco CDs, music memorabilia and more at this, the longest-running record collector's show in Michigan, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 5, Roseville VW Hall, 25671 Gratiot, Roseville. \$3 cover. Free parking. Snack bar. (810) 759-5133

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REDAI PLAYERS: Auditions for "Forever Plaid," requires 4 strong male vocalists, 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday, March 5 and 7, at the theater. For performances May 12-27. (248) 540-6950

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM: Auditions for "Forever Plaid," requires 4 strong male vocalists, 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday, March 5 and 7, at the theater. For performances May 12-27. (248) 540-6950

BATTLE OF THE BANDS: The Michigan Jazz Festival committee presents a Battle of the Bands that showcases the different jazz styles of Larry Nozaro, Matt Michaels with Johnny Trudell, and Tom Saunders' Detroit All Stars. 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Clarenceville High School auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia. \$15. (248) 474-2720/(734) 459-2454. Proceeds go to the Michigan Jazz Festival (Sunday, July 16, at Schoolcraft College), and the Clarenceville Schools Alumni & Friends Association.

RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR: Present "Hearts & Voices for the Homeless" concert to benefit Doorstep Homeless Shelter, March 11 and Friday, March 24, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores. \$10 recommended donation. (313) 341-3466/(810) 447-4221

CLASSICAL

ARTHUR CAMPBELL: The clarinetist performs 8 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

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LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "Musical Pictures" concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy, Livonia. \$15, \$10 students/children. (248) 645-6666/(734) 464-2741

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AUDITIONS

HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE: Auditions for 9 positions for spring shows (May 8-June 15) and 30 positions for summer shows June 17-Aug. 20, 2-7 p.m. Sunday, March 12 and 4-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 13, at the Anderson Center Theater inside Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. (313) 982-8044

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN: Auditions for "My Fair Lady" will be 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 6-7 at the Players Guild, near Outer Drive and Monroe. Production dates are May 5-7, 12-14, 19-21 and 26-27. Call (734) 525-7293.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: Auditions for "Squabbles," a comedy by Marshall Karp, 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 13-14, at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile between Haggerty and Northville roads.

Performances take place May 5-6, 12-14 and 19-20. For more information, call director Kirk Haas at (248) 570-2708 (pager) enter your number plus 555) or the Guild at (248) 349-7110

RYAN'S 18TH ANNUAL COLLOQUIUM SERIES: Continues with Barry Wallenstein, jazz musician Faruz Z. Bey, Bob Hicok, and Terry Wooten, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at the Scarab Club, Detroit. Free. (313) 267-5310, ext. 338 or www.ymca-artsdetroit.org

DANCE

ANN ARBOR DAWN DANCE WEEKEND: Friday-Sunday, March 3-5, at Scarlett Middle School. (734) 623-0624

BALLET D'AFRIQUE NOIRE: "The Mandinka Epic" 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 9-10, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$34. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 or www.ums.org

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING: 7:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

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MOVIES

'The Whole Nine Yards' a fun-filled adventure

BY TED ANTHONY
AP NATIONAL WRITER

Bruce Willis? Often annoying. Matthew Perry? Often extremely annoying. Bruce Willis and Matthew Perry together in the same film? Surprise: VERY entertaining.

"The Whole Nine Yards" is filled with oh-so-trendy actors. It's based on a highly unlikely premise. It descends into slapstick now and then. But something clicks, and performers, plot and script come together to form a lively, even charming caper flick.

Nick "Oz" Oseransky (Perry) is a hardied dentist who lives in a

suburban subdivision outside Montreal, and he's not exactly having a great year. His chain-smoking Quebecois wife (Rosanna Arquette) and mother-in-law sit at the breakfast table mocking him. He owes thousands of dollars that were embezzled by his late father-in-law.

And now, the last thing he needs is happening: A contract killer has moved in next door. Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski (Willis), a Chicago gangland figure, has settled in suburban Montreal after serving a five-year prison term. He's killed 17 men, but he's a nice guy. That, of course, doesn't assuage Oz, who's terrified. "It's not how many people I've killed," Jimmy tells him.

"It's how I get along with those who are still alive."

From there, the plot spills forth like a beer poured too quickly. Suddenly Oz, his wife and even his perpetually perky dental assistant Jill (Amanda Peet, who's the best thing about this movie) are involved in an underworld caper that involves Gianni Gogolack (Kevin Pollak), the Balkan mob boss of Chicago. What's more, Oz gets involved with Jimmy's estranged, femme-fatale wife Cynthia (Natascha Henstridge) and another dangerous killer, Frankie Figs (the imitable Michael Clarke Duncan).

A movie like this is a risky venture. With any action-comedy,

especially one about mobsters and regular schubs who get into situations not of their own making, the ground is well-trodden and the question hangs: Why do what's already been done? (Not that moviemakers are ever stopped by that.)

But this turns on characters and script, and both work. Though the dialogue is corny at the outset, and there's next to no chemistry between Perry and Henstridge, virtually everything else works. They're likeable characters, and—despite the amoral profession of many of them—most (with the exception of Arquette's character) are admirable in a strange way.

formance in "The Sixth Sense." His trademark smirk is still employed and still irritating, but he's augmented it with other expressions and reins it in enough to allow a unique personality to emerge. He's a far better actor than he was five, even two years ago.

Perry, who's got the young-adult-male-inadequacy schtick down (he's been doing it for 5 1/2 years on "Friends"), shows here that he can expand his one note to carry a full-length feature. His nervous ticks, elastic body movements and martini-dry irony combine here to create a likeable, if reluctant, hero.

Perry's body comedy is at its best here; though it may sound like heresy, much of his physical comedy is drawn straight from Buster Keaton. The way he employs it, it's keyed as much to the "relief" part of comic relief as it is to the comedy itself. Even as you laugh, you feel for him.

Duncan, fresh from a career performance in "The Green Mile," lights up the screen. Physically, he's utterly terrifying. But he can shepherd his face from crunched-up and menacing to grinning and warm in less than a second; it and he are a joy to watch, especially when he and other professional killers engage in a running gag about admiring each other's work.

Henstridge is fun as a neo-noir gang moll with a heart of gold, and Pollak, one of today's finest character actors, is ideal as the meek kingpin. He's clearly having a great time with a whole palette of lip curls, arched eyebrows and linguistic mishaps.

Peet, though, steals the show as Oz's assistant, who has, suffice it to say, other ambitions. Only Arquette doesn't seem to be having much fun.

Full of fun moments and little scenes within scenes, "The Whole Nine Yards" probably won't win any awards. But it's more than the sum of its parts: It's engrossing and rollicking in the best caper-flick tradition.



Willis has clearly learned something from his superior performer in "The Sixth Sense."

Comedy: Matthew Perry (left to right), Bruce Willis and Amanda Peet star in "The Whole Nine Yards."

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DINING

Popular Livonia deli satisfies lunch bunch appetites

TAKE-OUT GUY



RALPH ECHTINAW

David's New York Deli has been a fixture on the south-west corner of Five Mile and Farmington roads since 1982 and one of my regular take-out stops for more than a year.

The place is owned and operated by Livonia resident Dan Ayyash, who named it after his father David because he put up the seed money.

Pre-deli Dan had had no experience in the restaurant business and, in fact, had been pouring concrete for a living. His first idea was to put up an office building but eventually decided on a deli. The odds of success must have been long considering Dan's lack of relevant experience but he got some professional guidance and learned well.

Having a great location didn't hurt. Dave's Deli is a popular lunch destination for many of the office workers in central Livonia. There is a small dining area — and a parking lot not much bigger — but much of the

David's New York Deli

Where: 15215 Farmington Road, south of Five Mile Road in Livonia. Phone (734) 425-8170. Fax (734) 425-0072.

Open: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday.

Menu: Twenty-six sandwiches ranging in price from \$2.50 to \$4.40. Salads, fries, pickles, deserts, soup, chili.

Average lunch price: \$5

Catering: Meat and cheese assortment trays, sandwich trays, party subs. Owner will make whatever you want.

Credit cards accepted: Visa, MasterCard, American Express.

business is take-out.

Observer typesetter Cindy Wald always orders the egg salad sandwich when I go to Dave's. "It's the best egg salad in the world," she said. "I always order two; one for today and one for tomorrow."

A receptionist raves about the spinach pie (\$1.25). "There's a lot of spinach and cheese in it," she said. "It's not just all crust. And the crust that is there is a real flaky, light crust."

Reporter Richard Pearl considers the turkey breast deluxe a good value for less than \$6.

Personally, I like the grilled cheese and the chili.

But love for Dave's deli isn't universal. Reporter LeAnne Rogers sometimes orders from Dave's if that's where I'm going

but said it's "nothing special" and she would "never go there on purpose."

I've generally had good luck with Dave's as far as getting my orders right. But one time they charged me for a liver sausage sandwich that was never put in the bag. I had to settle for a "free" one the next time I ordered.

In fairness to Dave's, though, every take-out place makes mistakes. It's just part of the package if you're going to get take-out food for your office crew.

Ralph Echtenaw welcomes your comments and/or questions about take-out lunches. Call him at (734) 953-2054. Write him at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. E-mail him at rechteinaw@oe.hometcomm.net.



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Lunch destination: Dan Ayyash, the owner of David's New York Deli, satisfies the appetites of office workers and other people who want lunch in a hurry.

Schoolcraft College, local restaurants celebrate Mardi Gras

Celebrate the end of winter and the coming of spring in true New Orleans style at a gala Mardi Gras celebration Saturday, March 4 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Join fellow revelers as they dine on a traditional New Orleans meal, listen to the SCool JAZZ singers' mellow tones and dance to music of Tom Saunders and the Detroit All-Stars.

The dinner menu includes andouille sausage with chicken gumbo, salad and sweet potatoes, Bourbon Street pork over jambalaya, corn with peppers, cornbread and southern pecan pie. The celebration begins at 7 p.m. in the Waterman Campus Center. Schoolcraft College's vocal ensemble, SCool JAZZ, will harmonize on jazz standards and the Detroit All-Stars will inspire dancers to fill up the floor.

Tickets \$35 a person, call (734) 462-4417. VISA, MasterCard or Discover cards are accepted. Proceeds support student scholarships.

Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Road just west of I-275.

Here are some other Mardi Gras celebrations:

■ **Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe Restaurants** are planning Fat Tuesday celebrations on March 7. Marcus Belgrave headlines at Fishbone's Greektown's 10th annual party 8 p.m. to midnight. Join the 10th annual Mardi Gras "Fat Tuesday" Masquerade Party at 8 p.m. Expect the most elegant and creative costumes in town. Prizes for best costume range from \$500 to \$1,500 and will be deter-

mined by celebrity judges. Cover is \$20 and includes a New Orleans Mardi Gras buffet. Cash bar available. Call (313) 965-4600 for more information. **Fishbone's Southfield** hosts John Davis and Smooth Vibrations 7-11 p.m., (248) 351-2925; **Fishbone's St. Clair Shores** hosts an all star Dixieland Band 7-11 p.m. (810) 498-3000. Call the restaurant of your choice for details.

■ **Mac & Ray's** harborfront restaurant in Harrison Township hosts the fifth annual Michigan Food and Wine Extravaganza 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, March 7. Proceeds benefit the Michigan Culinary Team and scholarship fund for local culinary arts students. Tickets \$85 per person (general admission), \$125 per person (gold patron), available at the door, or call (810) 463-9660, Ext.

429. Gold patrons receive evening-long admission to the VIP room, which includes special appetizers, an open bar and table seating.

Guests will enjoy tastings from more than 20 local metro Detroit restaurants, specially paired wines and live entertainment. Participating local restaurants include Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills, and East Mario's in Livonia. Mac & Ray's is at 30675 North River Road, three miles east of I-94 on Lake St. Clair's Anchor Bay.

■ **Jack's Waterfront Restaurant** hosts its sixth annual Mardi Gras bash beginning at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7. Dixie Belle & the Dixie Jazz Cats will provide live music. The restaurant is at 24124 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Call (810) 445-8080 for information.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send dinner specials, menu changes, restaurant renovations, and other items to Keely Wygonik, Assistant Managing Editor Features Group, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.hometcomm.net. We're putting together a list of St. Patrick's Day celebrations at local restaurants. If you're planning something special on Friday, March 17, let us know.

■ **Too Chez Restaurant** — You can save 25 percent off every

bottle on the wine list, over 300 labels, at Too Chez Restaurant, 27155 Sheraton Dr. in Novi, Monday-Thursday, through May 2000. Discount offered with meals only, wines by the glass are excluded. Call (248) 348-5555 for reservations and information.

■ **D'Amato's** — with restaurants in downtown Ann Arbor (734) 623-7400, and Royal Oak (248) 584-7400, has designed an online newsletter as part of its Web site. To check it out, visit www.damatos.com

■ **La Bistecca Italian Grille** — offers live jazz featuring Larry Nozaro and Friends, starting at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of every month. The restaurant, which specializes in Piedmontese Beef, is at 39405 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 254-0400 for reservations/information.

■ **The Pasta Stop** — for dinner to go visit The Pasta Stop, 23631 Farmington Road (at the corner of Grand River), (248)

477-7600. The menu offers subs and sandwiches, homemade Italian food including lasagna, ravioli, and stuffed shells, your choice of many different pastas; and sauces. Pasta Party Pans and salads also available. Meatless entrees and kid's meals, and catering available.

Dine-in or carry-out, restaurant hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2-8 p.m. Sunday.

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