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## Deck builder faces fraud trial

**Builder Roy Mason goes to Wayne County Circuit Court next month for allegedly collecting more than \$12,000 from a Canton woman and failing to build promised decks at two homes. Mason faces similar charges in nearby towns.**

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Builder Roy B. Mason will face a jury trial March 29 at Wayne County Circuit Court on a charge of defrauding a Canton woman out of more than \$10,000.

The charge stems from a complaint by township resident Adonna Wright. She claims that Mason collected \$12,036 from her to build decks for her and her mother's homes last spring then never followed through on work.

Mason, 42, faces one charge of attempting to defraud Wright under

false pretenses over \$100. The offense carries a penalty of up to 10 years in jail, a \$5,000 fine or both.

The case will be heard in front of Circuit Judge Warfield Moore at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

Wright isn't the only one making claims against Mason. Residents in the townships of Canton, Plymouth and Northville have accused him of taking their money without performing contracted work.

According to Assistant Wayne Coun-

ty Prosecutor Raymond Walsh, Mason faces prosecution in a second case as well.

The Canton builder will face six counts of attempting to defraud under false pretenses over \$100, he said. A calendar conference is scheduled for Friday in front of Moore.

Walsh said prosecution on that case will not likely go forward until the first trial is concluded.

The six charges are based on claims that Mason collected anywhere from

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The Canton Observer wants your input for a spring special section on Canton's past, present and future. Canton residents who have lived in the township at least 40 years are asked to write about what the township was like when they moved there. Set a scene. Tell a story. Make us laugh, or cry. But do it in 100 words or less.

All residents are invited to write in 50 words or less what they like or dislike about the township today, or what they see in Canton's future.

The Observer will publish as many of your submissions as possible. Multiple submissions are welcome, but only one submission per person will be published. Please include a phone number where you can be reached if we have questions.

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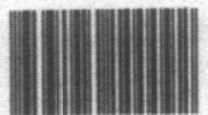
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## Township changes EMS bill waivers

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Money is the last thing that most people think about when an EMS truck is called to help save a friend or family member.

But a bill eventually does arrive. Most times, it's picked up by insurance companies.

Sometimes users of the service must pay, however. According to Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher, those that can't pay the bill may apply directly to his office for a waiver.

The treasurer's office previously processed the waivers. Rorabacher said his department will now handle the claims for efficiency sake.

"I'll be taking direction from the treasurer's office initially," he added. "But eventually I'll make all the decisions myself."

After 30 years of providing transport service, Canton began charging for the first time last year.

Township residents pay \$200 for EMS while non-residents pay \$300. The department made 1,700 runs in 1998.

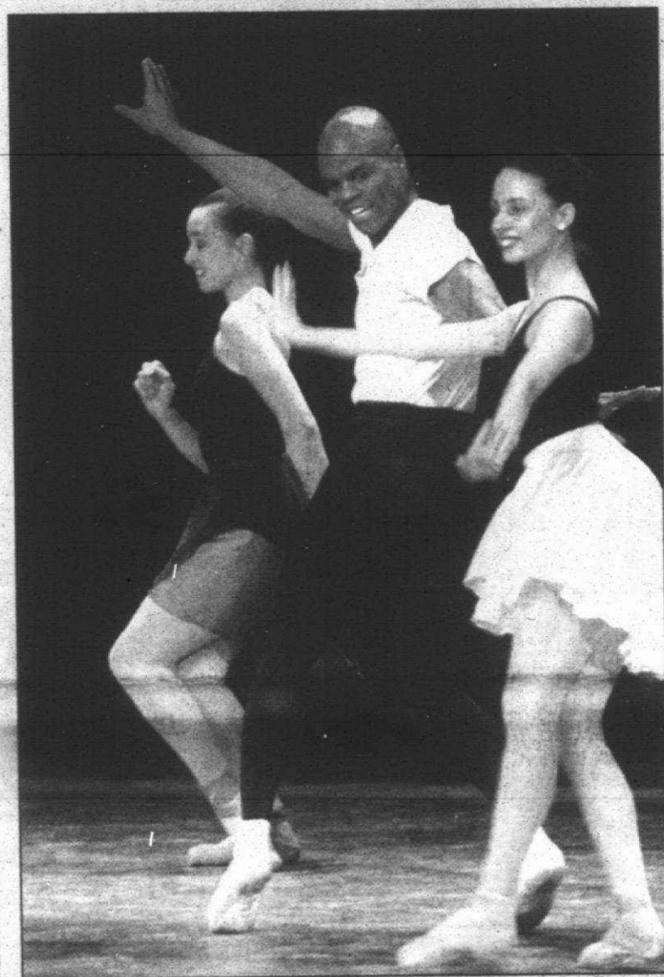
Rorabacher said the fire department winds up collecting on about 60 percent of the actual cost. He estimated \$250,000 of revenue was generated last year with the money going back into the department's general fund.

"It's a way of defraying some of the costs," Rorabacher said.

The chief first proposed the idea of

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### Dancers dazzle at Salem



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

**Exhibition: The Dance Theatre of Harlem staged an exhibition for local high school students Monday. Pictured are Ade McCray from Monrovia, Liberia, (center) with Cristiane Santos of Brazil (left) and Jarina Carvalho, also of Brazil. For more on the program at Plymouth Salem High School, please turn to Page A4 in today's Observer.**

## District boosts lobby effort

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Plymouth-Canton school board trustees didn't get any promises, but feel a breakfast with two state legislators is the first step in their voices being heard in Lansing.

"I walked away thinking it was great to talk about the issues," said trustee Darwin Watts. "If we're not talking, nothing will get done."

Much of the discussion with state Reps. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, and Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, dealt with the inequity of Proposal A as it applies to a cash-starved district like Plymouth-Canton.

"I got a sense they were really listening," said school board member Judy Mardigian of the Monday, Feb. 8, breakfast. "I think Bruce Patterson will make our case in private conversations, helping to bring our needs to the forefront."

Law told the group that changing Proposal A to include more money for financially stressed school districts like Plymouth-Canton would take a majority of the legislature. So, trustees know they have to look at alternatives for school funding.

"We need to look for funding elsewhere," said Watts. "We can't be resigned to thinking it's not there."

"I think we need to look past what we've done traditionally and find other solutions," added Mardigian.

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## Second senior building increases donation need

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Imagine trying to live on \$6,000 a year.

For some Canton seniors citizens, it's reality. That's why Ginnie Hauck does what she can to help.

As the manager of two Canton senior apartment buildings, she provides food

and sometimes medication to residents who can't afford to buy it themselves.

"The seniors are very proud," Hauck said. "They would rather do without than say they haven't eaten."

She became manager of the two buildings, which house 176 seniors, nine years ago. In 1992, Hauck established a "Helping Hand Fund" to provide needed items for her residents.

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She declined to say how many residents need such help. But she said when she does help, it's kept very private in respect to the resident's dignity.

"Trust is very important with this," Hauck said. "They know I'm to keep it quiet."

Canton Place was built in 1989 and is home to 120 seniors. Sheldon Place, which sits adjacent, opened last summer and has 56 residents.

The apartments are operated by National Church Residences, an Ohio-based non-profit organization that began 35 years ago. It has 200 facilities in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

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### Dancing the night away



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

**Family outing: Gwen Bone holds son Sean, 4, while dancing at St. Thomas a' Becket Church Saturday. Additional photos from the annual Mother-Son Valentine Dance are on Page A3 in today's Observer.**

## Traditional gifts still fit the Valentine bill

BY LILLY A. EVANS  
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Silvia Chung, owner of Candy Bouquet in Canton, isn't going to let bouquets wilt on Valentine's Day because the store is closed due to the recent roof collapse at Golden Gate Shopping Center.

Chung will continue selling bouquets from her Canton home and will provide free delivery to Canton area businesses. Customers will also be able to pick up the sweet bouquets at Chung's Canton home.

The candy bouquets run from \$16.99 and up for Hershey Kiss and mixed candy bouquets.

If Hershey's Kisses aren't your idea of a bouquet, area florists will be in full bloom on Valentine's Day.

Samantha Williams, owner of The

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### The Meaning of Roses

- **RED:** Respect, courage, I love you
- **WHITE:** Reverence, humility, silence, innocence, purity, secrecy and you are heavenly
- **RED and WHITE:** Unity
- **YELLOW:** Joy, gladness and freedom
- **RED and YELLOW:** Happiness
- **PINK:** Grace and gentility
- **DARK PINK:** Gratitude
- **PALE PINK:** Admiration or sympathy
- **PALE COLORS:** Sociability and friendship
- **CORAL or ORANGE:** Enthusiasm and desire

# School officials tipped police to sex assaults

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Investigators probing the case of a Plymouth couple charged with sexually abusing their own daughters are also looking at the possibility other children may be victimized.

A search warrant remains sealed, and prosecutors have told police not to release information on the sensitive case. However, the Observer has been able to piece together circumstances surrounding the story.

Sources close to the investigation say that while executing a search warrant at the Main Street home where the 44-year-old man and 40-year-old woman were arrested, they confiscated numerous photographs. The photos reportedly detail the assault of the girls, as well as numerous photos of other unidentified children naked and involved in sexual activity. Police are reportedly attempting to identify the children for questioning in the case.

The parents of the three children, two girls and a boy, were arrested last Thursday after they were alerted by Plymouth-Canton school officials about possible sexual misconduct. Sources say the boy, a high school student, confided in a

staff member, which led to a call to Plymouth police.

"The student went to school staff," is the only comment issued by Pat O'Donnell, the school district's assistant superintendent of instruction.

"The system worked the way it's supposed to work," said Bruce Siegal, an assistant principal.

All three children reportedly revealed to Plymouth police the abuse of the two girls, ages 17 and 19, both of whom are pregnant. The 16-year-old boy was reportedly not physically abused, however, knew of the abuse, which has reportedly been ongoing since at least 1992.

A second search warrant is expected to be executed, requesting DNA blood testing to determine if the father or grandfather may have fathered the children.

The parents are being held without bond in the Wayne County jail pending a Feb. 19 preliminary exam. Both are charged with four felony counts, including two for first-degree criminal sexual conduct for intercourse with the two girls. They're also charged with two counts of child sexually abusive activity, resulting from the photographs that were taken during the sexual activity.

"The photos are repulsive,

graphic and there's no denying what the dad is doing," said one source.

Conviction could bring life in prison for the couple.

Several sources indicated there could be additional charges handed down once the children in the photographs are identified and interviewed. Ages of the children reportedly range from under 10 to the teens. There could be as many as a dozen other children involved.

Authorities are not saying where the children are staying, though they are believed to be with relatives who live in the area. Authorities say the family moved to Plymouth from the Belleville area several years ago. Sources believe relatives may have either known or suspected the sexual abuse, however, there is no indication anyone else will be charged.

The case is disturbing to police investigating the alleged sexual abuse.

"This is offensive and atrocious behavior. It's as bad as I've ever seen," said Detective Sgt. Steve Hundesmark.

Wayne County Prosecutor Ray Walsh refused to publicly comment on the case, but did "encourage parents who remotely suspect their children may have been sexually abused to talk to them."

Neighbors say they talked to the children occasionally, but not much to the parents.

"The father alienated everyone over little things, causing fights," said Gail York. "The kids didn't have enough clothing or food."

"I liked the kids, but not the parents," she added. "If I saw something, I would have called. I knew enough not to let my niece go there."

Next-door neighbor Cynthia Curran said she saw a lot going on at the home.

"I'm not surprised by what happened," she said. "I was surprised it was their own kids. The father propositioned my daughter one time."

Neighbors say police were called to the home on several occasions, including for sexual activity on the porch and vehicles.

Curran, who has four daughters, said she never let her children go near the suspect's home.

"Something like this makes you have to be always on the watch," she said.

Anyone with information concerning the case is asked to call Detective Sgt. Steve Hundesmark at 453-8600.

## Majority of sex abuse cases involve family, expert says

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Judith Barr, the associate director of First Step, believes the real tragedy of sexual assault cases is the public outcry one day, and the lack of uproar the next.

"It's a news story today, but it will be an old one tomorrow," said Barr, who helps run the domestic violence and sexual assault agency in Plymouth Township. "After people get over hearing about a sexual assault case, the cries against child sexual abuse will die down. We have to work hard to prevent sexual abuse, even when it's upsetting and makes us sick to our stomachs."

For Barr, who has spent a good part of her career counseling sexually abused kids, statistics bring reality home.

"The majority of sexual abuse cases, 90 percent, involve a family member or acquaintance," said Barr. "Sixty percent of child sexual abuse cases occur before the age of 6."

Alarming as the statistics

may be, most adults wait to talk about sexual abuse with children until they are older.

"We want to think of our children as young and innocent, but we need to teach them their bodies are their own, and they need to tell someone (about abuse)," added Barr.

Barr wasn't surprised to learn Plymouth parents have been arrested and charged with sexually abusing their children. In fact, in nearly 80 percent of sexual abuse cases, the perpetrator is a parent, relative or friend.

"Most sexual abuse cases involved long-term manipulation and control," said Barr. "Those who commit the crime desensitize children as to how wrong it is by telling them that's what a family does, that they are teaching and helping them."

Barr also said threats and intimidation are used against children to keep them from coming forward.

"There's also the added emotional trauma associated with sexual abuse," she added. "The closer the relationship, the

more emotional harm there is because of the trust.

"Parents are supposed to love, nurture, keep children safe," said Barr. "Not control, hurt or sexually assault."

Barr encourages parents to introduce safety rules to their children at an early age, just like we teach them not to run into the street.

Parents should tell their children they can "Say no," they can "Get away," if someone has touched them in the private area they should "Tell someone," it's "Never the child's fault," and it's "Never too late to tell."

"Children have to know that sexual assault is an act of violence, it's not their fault," said Barr. "They need lots of love. Kids are resilient and they can survive, if they get the right support."

Barr strongly suggests parents talk with their children, and watch a video called "Strong Kids, Safe Kids," which can be rented free at Blockbuster Video.

"Sexual assault is just disgusting," said Barr. "We can't get immune to it."

### Mothers and sons hit the dance floor at St. Thomas a' Becket



Smile: Linda Dexter poses for an instant photo with sons Jimmy, 8, and Kyle, 4, at the annual Mother-Son Dance Saturday at St. Thomas a' Becket Church in Canton. A second dance, for dads and daughters, is scheduled for Friday. Canton Township will hold its annual Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Day Dance Friday night as well at the Summit. Call (248) 344-1956 for information on the church dance and (734) 397-5510 for information on the township dance.



For you: Ryan Smith, 8, hands a carnation to his mother, Linda.



Locomotion: Christina Rotunno (from left) sons Franklin, 6, and Daniel, 4, mother-in-law Joan Rotunno, Gregory Selewski, 5, and Vanessa Guastella, 16, all do "The Locomotion" at St. Thomas a' Becket Church Saturday. At left, Laura Jones and son Thomas, 5, cut a rug at the annual Mother-Son Dance.

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Did You Know?

- The Friends of the Canton Public Library group will hold its annual paperback Romance and Mystery Book Sale on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 13-14?
- Valentine's Day is the second largest card-sending occasion of the year?
- Every year, over one billion Valentine's Day cards are sent?

Hot reads for cold nights

Here are books available from the Canton Public Library that will have you thinking spring:

- "In the Time of Butterflies" by Julia Alvarez
- "Tales from Margaritaville" by Jimmy Buffett
- "Where Is Joe Merchant?" by Jimmy Buffett
- "Atticus" by Ron Hansen
- "Dune" by Frank Herbert

Hot topic of the week

Carnival, Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday! A celebration to mark the last feast before Lent. It's the occasion for baking and selling the delicious pastry known as "paczki," which is described as "a distant cousin of the jelly doughnut." The traditional Polish treat is now enjoyed by other nationalities, too.

Q & A:

Q: How did the holiday Valentine's Day start?

A: Historians believe the Duke of Orleans sent the first valentine to his wife in 1415. By the 17th century, the custom was popular in Europe and followed early colonists to America. Today, Valentine's Day card-giving is a custom embraced by mil-

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charging for EMS in 1993. The issue was dropped until 1997 when the township first began talking about expanding services to include Advanced Life Support techniques.

Funds were needed for training of firefighters in ALS and newer equipment.

"We will be able to provide a higher level of service through ALS," Rorabacher said.

A change in the township's ambulance ordinance in late January of last year cleared the way for EMS charges. Rorabacher said the department tried to educate residents as much as possible before the change.

"We talked to as many groups as possible," he added.

Besides being able to add ALS, Rorabacher said the charges help keep fire taxes low.

As for ALS, the department will be launching its new service

"We will be able to provide a higher level of service through ALS," Mike Rorabacher - Canton fire chief

in April.

"It will allow us to bring emergency room-type care to people in the field," said Rorabacher.

The department will have about 20 firefighters trained in ALS techniques when the program begins. They'll be able to administer drugs, monitor heart rhythm and provide advanced airway care.

"It's much more comprehensive," Rorabacher said of the service. "We hope it will translate into more lives saved."

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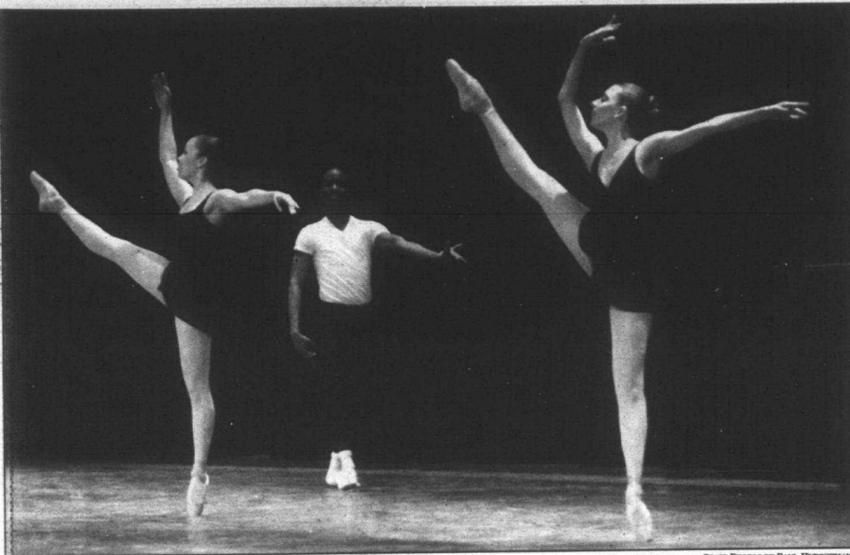
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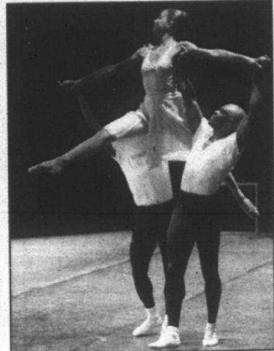
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Graceful: Tiffany Higginbotham (left) and Courtney Wilson of Africa demonstrate some of the more athletic moves ballerinas are required to perform as Jean Aurel Maurice of Paris looks on.



Uplifting: Courtney Wilson of Africa is lifted by dancers Adé McCray (right) and Jean Aurel Maurice.

### Students join troupe on stage at Salem

The Dance Theatre of Harlem offered a demonstration and mini-performance at Plymouth Salem High School Monday. The dancers demonstrated basic ballet and dance techniques and invited some of the high school students on stage to join them in some exercises. The touring resi-

dency program visits schools in cities and suburbs prior to the National Touring Company's visit to an area. The national company will perform at the Music Hall in Detroit Feb. 16 through Feb. 21. The Dance Theatre of Harlem is celebrating its 30th anniversary season.

## Dems balk then join GOP to cut state income tax

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Democrats fought awhile but in the end joined Senate Republicans in approving an across-the-board cut in Michigan's personal income tax rate.

Final tally on Feb. 3 was 36-1, with Democrat Alma Wheeler Smith of Salem the only dissenter. The package will cut the rate from 4.4 to 3.9 percent over five years. Taxpayers will see the effect in 2001 when they file returns for the year 2000.

The bills were similar but not identical to a package passed a day earlier by the House. A conference of three senators and three representatives is expected to iron out differences.

Among sponsors of the Senate package (SB 1-5) were Republicans Loren Bennett of Canton and Bill Bullard of Milford.

Democrats offered their own version of tax cuts, raising personal exemptions, but mustered only 17 votes in favor with 20 against. Two Republicans joined 15 Democrats in the yes vote.

All area senators voted with their parties on the Democratic amendment.

Expecting taxes to be a campaign issue in 2000, senators inserted their speeches into the Senate Journal for posterity.

Alma Smith, D-Salem: "The tax cut package was akin to a very high-speed train with a gleaming cow catcher on the front that was capable of removing herds of opposition. Ten percent of the taxpayers - the top 10 percent - would receive the tenderloin, the prime rib and the prime cut of steak. The rest of us, 90 percent, will get the ground hamburger, the rump roast and the ox tail."

"The tax cut is \$1 billion - vir-

tually 100 percent of the support for community colleges, 100 percent of the support for higher education and corrections. We will make program cuts when this economy turns."

Smith said that since 1991, tuitions have risen 50 percent at Michigan State University, 77.8 percent at the University of Michigan, 80.8 percent at Oakland University and 85 percent at Lake Superior State University.

Bill Schuette, R-Midland: "We're talking about an 11 percent across-the-board tax cut for families. Remember years ago,

Ronald Reagan would talk about a 10 percent tax cut?"

Chris Dingell, D-Trenton: "During consideration of SB 1, I went around amongst my Republican colleagues handing explaining that the bill would provide the worth of a roll of Lifesavers to a working family in terms of tax relief."

Democrats argued that for someone earning \$40,000 a year, the tax savings would be 50 cents a week the first year.

John Cherry, D-Clio: "I don't see it being any great surprise that a number of people on this

(Democratic) side of the aisle voted for SB 1. I'm a bit disappointed that it does so (601 taxes) in the future - we're at perhaps the height of this economic recovery right now. Additionally, I'm a bit disappointed that it's not accompanied by an increase in the personal exemption."

When fully phased in, the cuts would reduce general fund by \$1.1 billion annually. Currently, the general fund stands at \$9 billion. The income tax produces about \$5 billion of that.

### Civil War group moves to Plymouth

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A piece of history is coming to Plymouth. The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table, which had been meeting at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills, will now meet at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Meetings will be 8 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the museum, 155 S. Main at Church in Plymouth. The next will be Feb. 18.

"We are open to the public, and we welcome guests," said Liz Stringer of Farmington Hills, president of the Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table. The group has about 125 members, with attendance at monthly meetings averaging 70-75.

The group doesn't meet in July, August or December, she added.

"It's a natural fit," said Dan LeBlond of Plymouth Township, president of the Plymouth Historical Society. "Lincoln has come to Plymouth and now we have a Lincoln Civil War Round Table group."

He was referring to the museum's acquisition of the Lincoln collection of Welded Petz. Petz, who frequently lectures on the Civil War and other topics, is a founding member of the round table which Stringer, also a Plymouth Historical Society member, heads.

Change of ownership at the Botsford Inn necessitated a new meeting location, she said. The Petz connection "brought the Plymouth museum to mind." Several members suggested the museum.

Meetings include a brief business session, along with a lecture on different aspects of the Civil War. "We've had impersonators come in," she said, citing an upcoming Mary Todd Lincoln portrayal. Lectures vary, so members don't hear the same thing over and over again.

The Midwest Civil War Round Table Conference will be April 23-24 at the Best Western, 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads in Farmington Hills. It is hosted by several round tables in southeastern Michigan.

For information on the conference, or on the Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table, call Liz Stringer at (248) 473-4118.

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"We need to talk with lawmakers on a regular basis," said Portelli. "Neither the legislators nor the school district can operate in a vacuum."

School Superintendent Chuck Little said the session "was positive" and noted that attempting to make changes in Proposal A would be "tough sledding."

Little said another session with local legislators will most likely be held in April. At that time, he hopes freshmen Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and two-time Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, will attend.

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Local businesses, families and friends are invited to contribute \$100 to sponsor a lane or provide gift certificates.

Last year, the group raised more than \$4,000 and provided a summer day camp that taught and reinforced living and social skills that children must learn to lead an independent life.

L.P.V.I. is a federal tax-exempt 501 (C)(3) organization made up entirely of volunteers. The organization serves youngsters in Livonia, South Redford, Redford Union, Plymouth-Canton, Garden City and the Wayne-Westland areas, among others.

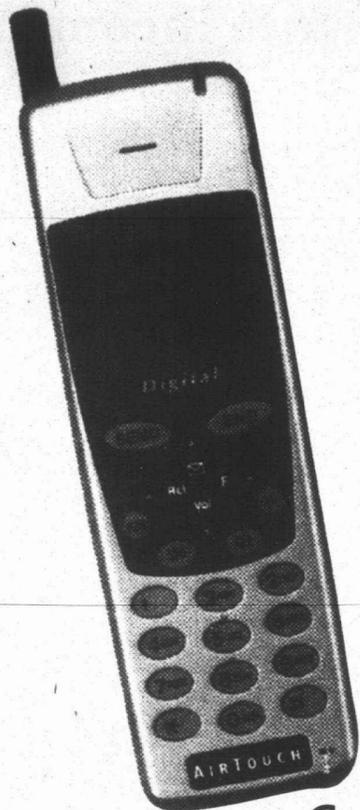
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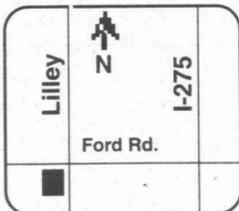
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## Area businesses, residents help 'Wheels' meet goal

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

Local organizers of a wheelchair drive for handicapped people around the world are overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity from area residents and major corporations.

The answer to our prayers came with two very special phone calls," said Dorothy Pitsch, Wheels for the World Detroit area chairwoman.

One call came from Shurgard Storage with an offer to donate storage sites in Livonia; Plymouth; Southfield; Rochester/Utica; Southfield; Troy/Oakland Mall and Walled Lake. The company is giving \$80 worth of coupons for storage to anyone who donates a wheelchair at any of its locations. Also, Classic Storage has donated space in Detroit.

The second special call came from DaimlerChrysler to collect all of the wheelchairs donated through April. The trailers will be parked at an undecided Farmington Hills parking lot where high school students will help tag and load the shipment. A DaimlerChrysler driver will take the load to a Nashville, Tenn., prison where they will be refurbished before being shipped to a Third World country.

Pitsch has received between 35 and 45 calls daily with offers of wheelchairs and storage space for the chairs since articles in the Observer & Eccentric told about her plea for the organization.

No more storage space is needed, she added. "Things have worked out so well that we believe that God has directed this," said Jan Glovak, a Farmington Hills resident and Wheels for the World volunteer.

"I've been to Third World countries and they don't have medical supplies," she said. "A lot of these people have never even seen a wheelchair."

Wheels for the World began in 1992 by Joni Eareckson Tada, a paraplegic who was paralyzed by a diving accident. She launched JAF (Joni and Friends) Wheels for the World, which has placed 6,000 wheelchairs worldwide. Meanwhile, Pitsch's phone

rings, sometimes until 11 p.m., with offers of donations. One call came from a Farmington Hills woman who wanted to donate her mother's wheelchair.

"She said she didn't want to just give it to a charity who would put it in a corner collecting dust," Pitsch said.

"A Farmington Hills physician said the hospital he works for is holding three wheelchairs for him," Pitsch said. "He also said he posted the article in his waiting room so his patients will be aware of the need."

And a Canton man called to donate a wheelchair he found in a ditch near Smith's Creek, Mich. He tried to track down the owner, but it hadn't been reported lost or stolen. After reading about Wheels for the World, the man said, he finally discovered a way to put it to good use.

"Wheels for the World stresses the need for good quality wheelchairs," Pitsch said. "These chairs are going to Third World countries that have no means to maintain them. People who receive a donated chair will be using it for a lifetime."

Donations for shipping costs are also needed. Make checks payable to JAF Ministries Wheels for the World, in care of Dorothy Pitsch, 37283 Fox Glen, Farmington Hills, 48331. Pitsch will send the money to the JAF headquarters in California.

"We're hoping to separate money for southeastern Michigan so that it can go to shipping of these wheelchairs," Glovak said.

Anyone interested in donating wheelchairs, crutches or walkers should call Shurgard Storage in Livonia at (734) 522-7811; in Rochester/Utica at (810) 254-0740; in Southfield at (248) 357-1137; in Troy/Oakland Mall at (248) 585-0742; in Plymouth at (734) 459-2200; and in Walled Lake at (248) 669-4020.

Classic Storage in Detroit can be reached at (313) 842-6449. Those people interested in tax receipts should include their names and addresses taped to the wheelchair. For more information, Pitsch can be reached at (248) 661-3317 and Glovak at (248) 661-0964.

## Road construction

Come hear what's in store for I-275

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Area motorists will be dealing with the headaches of construction cones and traffic detours this spring as work crews begin resurfacing I-275 between M-14 and I-696 in April.

Livonia city officials have examined construction plans for the seven miles of freeway proposed by the Michigan Department of Transportation, and area residents can do the same at a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 with MDOT and Livonia City Council in the Livonia Civic Center auditorium, 33000 Civic Center Drive, near Five Mile and Farmington roads.

The construction will inconvenience the more than 190,000 motorists who drive that section of I-275 each day and residents in nearby communities such as Plymouth, Northville and Farmington Hills, but at least they won't deal with the project over

a two-year period, as was originally planned.

"They are accelerating the timeline from two years to one year," said Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey.

MDOT has hired contractor John Carlo to resurface a seven-mile stretch of freeway, Kirksey said. Bridge decks over the freeway will be repaired on 6, 7 and 8 Mile roads, as will entrance and exit ramps from those roads, Kirksey said.

"Haggerty and Newburgh will be more heavily traveled as they will be alternate routes," Kirksey said. Because contractors will be working an accelerated schedule, work crews will be working at night, which could be a concern to nearby residents depending on the hours.

"I'm sure there will be some potential for aggravation," Kirksey said.

Livonia City Engineer Bob Schron said freeway "intersections" — or entrance and exit ramps — will be closed for 6

Mile, 7 Mile and 8 Mile roads, one intersection area at a time.

Construction season generally lasts from April through November. MDOT officials were working on the final details of the construction this week.

This construction phase comes on the heels of the two-year resurfacing project of I-275 between I-96 and I-75 in Wayne and Monroe counties, completed last year. When the work is finished, I-275 will have been resurfaced for its entire length.

"The meeting will give the people the best possible information of what this project is all about," said Jack Engenbretson, Livonia's city council president. Residents can raise their concerns, and the state can address them during the meeting, Engenbretson said.

"We had similar discussions with residents and businesses during the Seven Mile project," Engenbretson said. "As a result of this, disruption was minimized."

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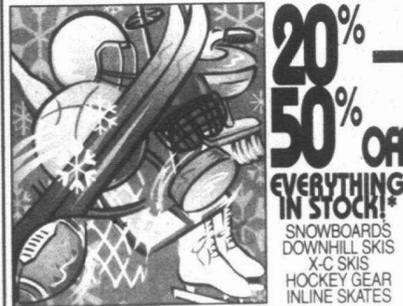
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# New equipment will help county tackle big snow

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In an effort to improve snow removal operations, Wayne County has purchased a \$90,000 Oshkosh SnoGo from Houghton County, which removes heavy snow.

The new machine can move 2,000 tons of snow an hour and blow snow up to 100 feet. Wayne County is the only road agency in southeast Michigan with the equipment.

In addition to the new equipment, county officials are meetings with local officials to discuss ways in which the county can work with local municipalities to improve service.

County representatives met Wednesday with local officials in District No. 2, which includes Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Redford. Garden City, Westland and Canton belong to District No. 3, which will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 17, with Wayne County.

Cameron Priebe, Wayne County's director of public services and assistant county executive, and Robert Mahoney, director of the Wayne County division of roads, are seeking feedback, explaining county priorities and looking for ways to provide more consistent service.

The county wants to promote direct communication between local officials and county district yards. Wayne County will add "call out only" phones in yards to free up other phone lines.

Wayne County road officials admit they could have handled certain aspects of the snow removal in western Wayne County differently in the Jan. 2 snowstorm.

But they also defended their overall job performance in battling a snowstorm that dropped 10 inches on Jan. 2, followed the next day by wind gusts of 40 mph which re-covered plowed and salted roads, then temperatures that fell in the teens



**Goodbye snow:** The Oshkosh SnowGo can move 2,000 tons of snow per hour. County officials say it will be particularly helpful in clearing snow from urban freeways.

and single digits, rendering salt (which crews nearly ran out of) useless.

District supervisors decided to pair trucks to work together, first on the freeways, since those roads have the most traffic. That priority change caused delays in plowing some of the county's primary roads.

"What put us back was the continuing snow," said Priebe.

"We'd get 2 inches of snow, then we would put (road crews) back on the primary roads again. We had temperatures extremely low. We worked 130 truck operators, but I don't have 130 operators to replace them."

Crews are pulled together, then they work together on other roads, as part of snow removal procedures during heavy snowfalls, said Mahoney. That meant trucks were pulled off Michigan

Avenue in Canton for 22 hours. For District No. 3, which included Canton, that meant the snow remained on the roads.

"In District 3, we didn't do as well as we should have," Priebe said. "There were areas we should have gotten to that we didn't."

Usually the county's 725 miles of primary roads, state trunklines and freeways are the first priority. "Where the system crumbled, we pulled them off one route and put them on a different route," Mahoney said.

But Mahoney and Priebe also point to statistics that show that less than 1 percent of the Detroit-area snowfalls over the past 26 years have exceeded 9 inches over the past 26 years, based on an average of 35 snow events a year.

Mahoney said: "We're set up to melt snow. Most of the other counties were in the same shape."

The county nearly ran out of salt in the Phoenix yard in Northville Township, so salt was brought from the New Boston yard.

"Morton Salt even delivered from Canada, which I have never heard of them doing before," Mahoney said.

County commissioners approved a salt contract with Morton Salt in November, but the salt isn't stockpiled for the contract's entire amount. Instead it is delivered on an "as-needed" basis. The salt must be delivered within five days of the order or the firm is penalized 20 cents per ton on the price of salt.

"Of course, I'd rather have the salt," Priebe said of the penalty.

Mahoney and Priebe say the county roads division cannot afford to spend more on snow removal. To clear county roads within 18 hours after a similar snowstorm, they estimated Wayne County would need 115 trucks with plows, front-end loaders and graders and 115 employees to operate them at a cost of nearly \$17.5 million. That cost does not include cost of garages, mechanics salaries or driver overtime.

"The reality is we couldn't afford it and we couldn't realistically use them for the rest of the year," Priebe said.

If the \$6 million winter maintenance budget were increased, it would mean adjustments in the \$100 million road budget. That would mean less money for pothole patching, pavement repairs and traffic signals and other maintenance items in that \$46 million budget, or less than the current \$34 million construction budget, federal aid projects where the money cannot be used for snow removal or maintenance.

"Every (budget) area is a priority," said John Roach, public information manager for the Department of Public Services. "It's a tricky thing to juggle them within a budget."

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# Affordable training helps firms meet quality standards

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND  
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For area automotive manufacturing suppliers, meeting the stringent ISO/QS 9000 requirements imposed by major auto companies has been like swallowing a hefty dose of cough medicine: sometimes difficult, but good for what ails you.

The suppliers hold no grudges against Ford Motor Co., General Motors Corp. or DaimlerChrysler, who began doling out prescriptions for uniform quality control over three years ago; however, they're wary of training experts who often present them with exorbitant bids.

ISO/QS 9000 certification demonstrates a supplier's capability to control the processes that determine the acceptability of the product or service being supplied. The ISO quality standards, which were adopted by the International Organization for Standardization in 1987, consist of 20 elements, including: management responsibility, design control, inspection and testing, internal quality audits, and training.

QS 9000 quality standards represent additional elements unique to Ford, GM and DaimlerChrysler.

In many cases, acquiring ISO/QS 9000 certification is a hostage situation. "You're getting the message from your cus-

tomers that you have to be ISO. These companies can charge you whatever they want because you have to be certified to remain in business," said Claudia Mora, logistics manager for Rassini International Inc., which has administrative offices in Plymouth.

Karen Davis, president of Rich Davis Enterprises, a Dearborn-based transportation company, hauls steel for companies like Steel Technologies in Canton and Hyform Products in Livonia. She took over the helm a year ago after her husband died.

Davis already was practicing several ISO procedures when Ford said her company must be ISO certified by December 1999. She contacted several training companies.

"I was in tears," she said about the quotes. "This money is not something I can say, 'You can have it.' I'm not that big of a company."

## ISO/QS trainer

Todd Shamie, owner of Total Management Services Inc. in Canton and Quality Circle Network & Publication in Livonia, founded TMS in 1989 primarily to provide consultation to companies preparing for ISO 9000 certification. Last year, he developed training software for most any type of organization initiating ISO/QS 9000 and ISO 14000



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**Proud workforce:** John Lyon (left front) and brother Jim (right front) are proud of Lyon Manufacturing's well-trained employees. The Livonia company, family-owned since 1940, worked hard to achieve its QS-9000/ISO-9002.

certification.

Shamie now has 14 administrative staff members. He now provides a central location for ISO 9000 training and invites companies to participate. Based on 30 people to a class, the cost is approximately \$100 a head, instead of \$1,800.

Shamie said he isn't out to slay a marketplace Goliath, just

cut the giant down to size and make him competitive. "They throw the bids on the table and it's just ridiculous. Where do they come up with \$150,000?"

He recently invited several of his clients, including Davis and Mora, to meet and discuss both the benefits of ISO or QS 9000 certification as well as the difficulties of locating cost-effective

training.

Davis, who said her company's ISO certification has put her "ahead of other trucking companies," recently received a performance rating of 92.3 percent from one of her customers. She is aiming higher. "Ninety-eight or 99 percent would be OK."

## Ticket shock

Shamie said Davis had received training bids as high as \$40,000 and \$60,000. Through TMS, he accomplished training for \$9,700.

Rassini International, a Tier One OEM that produces torsion bars and brake parts among other commodities for the auto industry, has four production factories in Mexico and a shipping warehouse in Eagle Pass, Texas.

Claudia Mora, logistics manager, experienced ticket shock when she shopped for an ISO trainer. "I found another company whose prices were twice as much as Todd's." Shamie charged Rassini \$24,000 for "soup-to-nuts" quality control training for two facilities.

Since becoming ISO-certified, the warehouse's performance ratings have increased. Previously, the facility experienced a 10 percent error rate on 80 loads, said Mora.

Lyon Manufacturing, Inc. in Livonia, a Tier One fastening

house, has a long track record with the auto industry. "It's been one quality control program after another," said Jim Lyon, whose grandfather founded the company in 1940. To meet GM and DaimlerChrysler requirements, Lyon instituted his own QS 9000 training in 1994. The process took him 15 months.

Lyon approached Shamie after his company achieved QS 9000 certification and was looking for a way to manage ongoing training.

He said he would have saved money had he initially contacted TMS. "Definitely. Our in-house training costs would have been reduced if we had a resource like TMS to help us with the origination of the program from the beginning."

Shamie is confident his idea of bringing divergent automotive industry suppliers together for common training will meet with success. "I would teach the same internal auditing process to a company that makes fastenings and a company that makes uniforms."

Mora agrees. "If we all come together to share the cost of training, the lower the cost."

Contact Shamie through Quality Circle Network & Publication at (877) 476-7767

# S'craft business center helps areas firms get state training grants

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

Bruce Sweet, director of Schoolcraft College Business Development Center sympathizes with automotive suppliers faced with the financial costs of becoming ISO/QS 9000 compliant. The Big Three wield a lot of power.

"This is not an easy environment for suppliers to make a buck these days," he said.

Schoolcraft's center helps funnel money from the Economic Development Job Training Program, which is administered by the Michigan Jobs Commission, to qualified employers. The dollars are out there - \$30 million was awarded in the 1998-99 grant year, said jobs commission spokeswoman Susan Shafer - but the application process is competitive.

Twenty-six community colleges throughout the state received grant money for the 1998-99 grant year. Of the 21 businesses that applied through the Schoolcraft's center last October, 11 were awarded grants totaling almost \$1.1 million.

Generating new jobs is not the only deciding factor in awarding EDJT grants, said Sweet. The state also allows better operations as an outcome, and ISO/QS 9000 training falls under this category. However, Sweet said the state encourages hiring dislocated workers, the unemployed and the low-income.

State law requires that no EDJT funds be awarded directly to businesses. Business development centers, like Schoolcraft's, earmark and manage funds for grant recipients.

Sweet said the purpose of the Michigan Jobs Commission is to let companies know funds are available. He added that it is difficult for business development centers to get the word out about

EDJT dollars. "People in the manufacturing business are so busy."

Shafer said the jobs commission has area representatives assigned to inform businesses about funding, but funds are limited and dependent on legislative appropriations.

## Job training

The Economic Development Job Training Program, initially under the auspices of the Department of Education, began in 1993 with \$40 million. In 1997-98, appropriations totaled \$31 million. By 1998-99, program funds "dwindled" to \$30 million, said Shafer.

Despite its competitive grant-application process, the program

does benefit companies that potentially incur the most financial hardship in instituting quality control programs like ISO and QS 9000: Small businesses with 500 or less employees.

According to data supplied by Shafer, 72 percent of grants went to small businesses in 1995-96; 64 percent in 1996-97; and 73 percent in 1997-98. No figures are available yet for 1998-99.

The following area companies received EDJT grants through Schoolcraft Business Development Center for 1998-99:

Ace Controls, Inc. of Farmington, \$70,248; Canadian Machinery Movers of Livonia, Mortz Bros. Corp. of Farmington Hills, and Shaw Electric Co. of Livonia,

all three part of a 12-member construction consortium sharing \$239,415; E & E Manufacturing of Plymouth, \$52,227; General Fasteners Company of Livonia/Kalamazoo, \$106,674; Hella North America of Plymouth, \$20,919; Link Engineering Co. of Plymouth, \$69,362; and LucasVarity of Livonia, \$152,226.

In addition to EDJT grants, Shafer said \$30 million in Michigan Technology Education Center grants were awarded to eight of 26 state community colleges, including Henry Ford Community College and Oakland Community College. Schoolcraft College applied but did not receive a grant.

Shafer also said state-level

help for job training may soon be available through the Michigan Virtual University (formerly Michigan Virtual Automotive College.) The university will offer courses over the Internet.

"Hopefully, things like that may drive the cost down," said Shafer.

For additional information about eligibility requirements and award criteria for Economic Development Job Training Program grants contact Schoolcraft College Business Development Center at (734) 462-4438. Contact the Michigan Jobs Commission at (517) 373-9808 or visit its Web site at <http://www.state.mi.us/mjc>.

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### Helping hand from page A1

While donations are always needed for the fund, Hauck said the addition of Sheldon Place has made them even more important.

"We need to boost the fund up now," she added, "because we have more people."

Hauck held fund-raisers the first few years she began helping the seniors. But the carnival-style event proved too costly to put on and too much of a strain.

The manager has raised money in recent years by canvassing Canton's business community. Hauck hasn't always been able to raise as much as she needed, however.

"A few years there was not enough to get things done," she added. "So I paid out of my own pocket."

Hauck saw the need for financial help shortly after becoming manager. She scheduled apartment inspections as a way of discretely learning

if seniors had enough to eat.

"It takes some detective work to find out," Hauck said.

"It has worked out well," she said of the program. "It's my job, I believe, as a good manager to figure out their needs and do what I can."

Those wishing to make a donation to the Sheldon/Canton Place Helping Hand Fund may call Ginnee Hauck at (734) 981-6420. Donations are tax deductible.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Sweets for your sweetheart: Cynthia Smith poses with some of the decorative confections at Kennitz Candy in Plymouth. Most of the chocolates in the store are handmade.

### Valentine from page A1

Flower Pot on Canton Center Road in Canton, said red roses are, of course, her biggest seller and there is a lot to know about them.

"Roses are like buying diamonds. There are several grades containing different stem length, head size, petal count and color," Williams said.

She carries long-stem premium Charlotte roses from Ecuador. They retail for \$49.99 a dozen.

She said you have to be quick when you care for roses and they must be kept in water.

"Fifteen seconds after being cut they will gulp air up through the stem which can cause bent neck syndrome. You can also cut roses under water," she explained.

If you want to impress your valentine with locally grown flowers, Sparr's Flowers & Gifts on Joy Road in Plymouth has been heating and shining grow lights in its greenhouses all winter.

"The majority of our Valentine roses we order from Ecuador but

many of our other flowers are grown right here. The flowers will last longer since they don't have to be flown in, transported to a wholesaler and then delivered to us," explained co-owner Sally Sparr.

Sparr's sells 600-800 dozen roses over Valentine's Day and sells many mixed bouquets and gift items.

"Just selling roses isn't our idea of pleasing our customers," Sparr said.

"We have a large variety to offer our customers, for example, dish gardens, sand terrarium, cacti, house plants, stuffed animals, crystal, balloons and even an arrangement in a Hershey kiss decanter," she suggested.

If you would like to couple the flowers with a heart-shaped box of candy, Kennitz Fine Candies & Gifts on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth has 18 different styles.

Owner Cynthia Smith of Plymouth said most of her chocolates are handmade and her Valentine boxes are above average beautifully decorated with lace, ribbons and silk flowers.

They also carry a wide variety of sugar-free candy and deliver out of state.

If your valentine is a cookie

monster all three area Kroger supermarkets will be carrying colossal cookies, which are 12-inch round cookies with a Valentine's theme. They are \$7.99 and require a 24-hour notice for a personalized message.

If you would like to take a local mini-trip there are three bed and breakfasts in the area, Auburn On Sheldon in Plymouth, 932 Penniman in Plymouth and Willow Brook Inn Bed & Breakfast on Warren in Canton.

Bernadette Van Lenten, innkeeper of Willow Brook Inn, treats her guests with candy, cookies sparkling cider and heart-shaped eggs, muffins or pancakes at a candlelit breakfast. The inn sits in a natural setting with an outdoor hot tub though it is located on a thoroughfare.

Other Valentine ideas are jewelry, perfume, Jacuzzi suites, certificates for a massage, facial or makeover, dining out, movies, limousine transportation or a romantic candle lit dinner at home.

Whatever you decide to do for your valentine, sporting red on Valentine's Day is always a nice touch to assure he or she is in your heart.

### Builder from page A1

\$1,400 to \$5,600 build decks and never followed through, said Plymouth Township Police Detective Dave Hayes.

Plymouth Township residents Tom Jarvis, Ron Merlino and Joe Molloy say they were swindled out of \$5,600, \$5,110 and \$3,600, respectively.

Northville Township residents John Bolwer and Jeffrey Allman say Mason took \$2,400 and \$1,460 from them, respectively, and never completed work.

The sixth count of fraud comes on Canton township resident Bruce Conroy's claim that Mason took \$2,860 of his money.

Telephone calls from the Observer to Mason's attorney, Detroit-based Walter Meyers, weren't returned. Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Danton Wilson, who will handle both cases against Mason, also failed to return telephone calls.

While prosecution of Mason on those claims is moving forward, several other Canton residents say he defrauded them, too.

Eve Glowacz and Ed Stempien filed small claim lawsuits in 35th District Court to get their money returned. Glowacz allegedly paid Mason \$1,800 for a new deck. Stempien paid him \$1,000 for brick work.

The prosecutor declined to include Glowacz or Stempien claims in Wright's case, Canton Police Detective Steve Miller said. It's possible that both, however, could be called as witnesses in the case, said Walsh.

In all, Mason received six citations from Canton's building department for failing to get permits for the work. Building official John Weyer said Mason was assessed \$800 in fines and court fees based on the citations.

### Chiropractor joins clinic

Dr. Robert E. Potter Jr. and the Canton Center Chiropractic Clinic have announced the addition of new associate, Dr. Kenneth S. Stopa Jr.

Stopa is a longtime Canton resident and a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, and he recently received his doctor of chiropractic degree from Palmer

College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa.

The public is cordially invited to meet Stopa at an Open House in his honor from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, in the Canton Center Chiropractic Clinic, 6231 N. Canton Center Road, Suite 109.

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LEONA M. 'LEE' SHEA

Memorial services for Leona M. 'Lee' Shea, 91, of Canton, formerly of LeHigh Acres, Fla., will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Lee Memorial Park, LeHigh Acres. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 31, 1907, in Palmyra, Miss. She died Jan. 31 in Westland. She worked as a bookkeeper with her late husband, John 'Jack' Shea in the family business, Shea's Allsports in Saginaw. In Saginaw, she was a member of the Jefferson Avenue United Methodist Church. The Sheas retired from Saginaw in 1966 and moved to LeHigh Acres, Fla. While in LeHigh Acres, she was a member of Christ United Methodist Church since 1967 and Woman's Society Christian Service (charter member since 1940). She was a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood since 1951; LeHigh Acres 18-Hole Golf Association; and assisted in organizing P.E.O. Chapter in LeHigh Acres since 1968. She graduated from Shelbina (Missouri) High School in 1926 and Chicago Business College in 1927. She married John J. Shea on June 14, 1931, in Detroit. She came back from Michigan in 1993 from Florida

and lived at Abington Manor in Westland. She has been a resident of Nightingale Nursing Home West for the past five years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John J. 'Jack' Shea. Survivors include her daughter, Mary Dareene Winter of Canton; one grandson, John H. (Jennifer) Winter of Garden City; one granddaughter, Katherine (Karl) Simchak of Westland; four great-grandchildren, Mary Winter, Mackenzie Winter, Garrett Simchak, Grant Simchak; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

**ROBERT E. CHAMPE**  
Services for Robert E. Champe, 82, of Livonia were Feb. 6 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Ruth Billington officiating.

He was born Dec. 30, 1916, in Plymouth. He died Feb. 2 in Ann Arbor. He was a manufacturer's representative for Kenmar Corp. He retired in 1980 after more than 35 years of service. He had resided in southeastern Michigan all of his life. He was a member of the Plymouth Elks B.P.O.E. No. 1780. He graduated from Plymouth High School in

1934 and received 15 varsity letters in high school. He received his bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1939. He married Jean Jolliffe on June 15, 1940. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II from 1943 to 1945. He was a P.T. boat commander. He received the Navy Commendate Medal. He loved fishing, bird watching, reading and singing. He was a soloist in the boy's choir and different groups in school. Most of all, he loved his family.

Survivors include his wife, Jean V. of Livonia; three sons, John (Sandi) David of Virginia Beach, Va., David (Rose) Champe of Canton, Chuck (Kim) Champe of New Hudson; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

**SOPHIE A. MIKUTA**

Services for Sophie A. Mikuta, 81, of Plymouth were Feb. 9 in Resurrection Church of Canton Township with the Rev. Richard Peretto officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

She was born April 25, 1917, in Hammond, Ind. She died Feb.

6 in Heartland Health Care Center. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank J.; and one son, Brian P. Survivors include her three daughters, Rose Marie (Donald) Meyers, Barbara (Frank, Elizabeth (Patrick) Kenney; two sons, Arthur (Sharon), Daniel (Gail); 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

**JAMES LEE HAM**

Services for James Lee Ham, 54, of Canton were Feb. 8 in the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel with the Rev. Eric Moore. Burial was in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton.

He was born Jan. 3, 1945, in Flint. He died Feb. 5 in Canton. He was a systems engineer for EDS for 10 years.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Ham-Kucharski; two brothers, Darrell Ham of Wisconsin, Jerry Ham of Virginia; one sister, Fran Evans of Canton; and one grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice of Ann Arbor.

**DOROTHY G. WEST**

Services for Dorothy G. West, 82, of Wayne were Feb. 7 in Cherry Hill United Methodist Church with the Rev. Marjorie H. Munger officiating. Burial

was in Cherry Hill Cemetery, Canton.

She was born March 8, 1916, in Detroit. She died on Feb. 2 in Novi. She was one of the eight founding members of the Canton Historical Society. She was a lifelong member of the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her five sons, Terry (Judy) West of Farmington Hills, Phillip (Norma) S. West of Canton, Daniel K. West of Canton, Russell West of Canton, Michael (Sherry) West of Canton; and three daughters, Nancy (Andrew) L. Smith of Plymouth, Karen Jones of Gaithersburg, Md., and Kathleen of Canton.

Memorials may be made to Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 341 Ridge, Canton, MI 48188.

**JOSEPH GERVASI**

Services for Joseph Gervasi, 75, of Canton were Feb. 8 in the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Livonia, with the Rev. Dennis Theroux officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

He was born Nov. 30, 1927. He died Feb. 3 in Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit. He was employed by the dairy industry.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine; one daughter, Mary

Jo (Mark) Dixon; one son, Andrew Gervasi; and two grandchildren.

**MARGARET D'HAENE**

Services for Margaret D'Haene, 73, of Northville Township were Feb. 6 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Lance Rubringer officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

She was born April 23, 1925, in Tiffin, Ohio. She died Feb. 3 in Northville Township. She was a homemaker and a mother. She was a lifelong resident of this area. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, reading, and collecting watches.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack; one son, Michael; and one daughter, Jacqueline Lea MacGregor. Survivors include her three sons, George of Northville, David (Wendy) of Northville, Dirk (Shelley) of Pennsylvania; one sister, Geneva Birchall of Ohio; two brothers, Foster (Bertha) Kisabeth of Plymouth, Robert (Jimmy) Kisabeth of South Carolina; and 15 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

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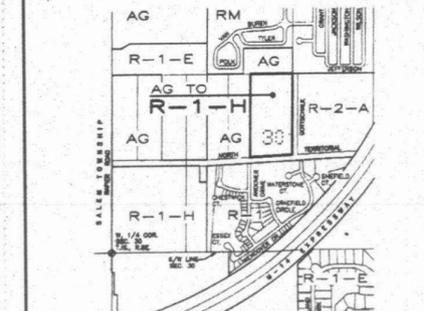
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

TO REZONE FROM: AG AGRICULTURAL TO: R-1-H SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. DATE OF HEARING: February 17, 1999. TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m. PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from AG, 'AGRICULTURAL' District, to R-1-H, 'SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL' District. Containing 30 acres, more or less.

Application #1560



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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comment is 46556 Fort Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 453-4372. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address for Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 63.

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MARCIA SAYLES, Secretary Planning Commission Publication January 21 and February 11, 1999

**Drive-through robbery reported**

A Canton fast-food restaurant was robbed of \$2,000 Saturday morning.

The money was stolen by a man described as being 6 feet tall, weighing 140 pounds, police reports said. The man was wearing a mask, jacket and dark pants.

The incident occurred at about 10:30 a.m. at the Ford Road Taco Bell Restaurant.

The store manager had just received money for deposit at the drive-through window from an employee. When she began to pull away, the man was stand-

**COP CALLS**

ing at the driver's side door. The man, who may have been armed, took the money and ran north into a wooded area. Canton police attempted to track the man with a police dog.

He was tracked to a nearby parking lot. Police think the man may have gotten into a waiting car and taken off.

**Attempted robbery**  
A 35-year-old Detroit woman was nearly the victim of an

**armed robbery Friday at Super Kmart on Ford.**

The woman was in the parking lot of the store when she was approached by a 27-year-old Royal Oak woman. The younger woman said she had a gun and demanded her car keys and purse.

After turning the items over, the victim began to scream. Store employees heard her scream and came to her aid. An employee chased down the Royal Oak woman. Canton police later arrested the woman. There were no injuries reported in the incident.

**B & E**

About \$13,000 in equipment and clothing was stolen from World Gym on Ford.

The incident was reported to

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

The Charter Township of Canton will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m. on February 25, 1999, for the following:

**PURCHASE OF 40,000 FEET OF 1-INCH K COPPER TUBING**

Bid specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

Publication February 11, 1999 TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW**

Notice is hereby given that the Canton Township March Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

Hearings are by appointment, call (734) 397-6831 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for appointments from February 22, 1999 thru February 28, 1999.

**Tuesday March 2, 1999 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ONLY 1:00 P.M.**

**HEARING DATES BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

**Monday March 8, 1999 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday March 9, 1999 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**HEARING DATES ON A FIRST COME BASIS (WALK INS)**

**Saturday March 13, 1999 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

You may call (734) 397-6831 for further information on the hearings, dates, and times.

Publication February 11, 19 and 25, 1999

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF HEARING Whispering Meadows Subdivision Street Lighting Special Assessment District No. 1**

NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, to all property owners in the proposed district described below and to all other interested persons:

- 1. That a petition for the formation of a special assessment district for the installation and maintenance of Street Lighting has been filed with the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, pursuant to Act 264 of the Public Acts of 1917, as amended.
- 2. That hearing on the said petition concerning the necessity of said improvement and the formation of this special assessment district will be held before said Board of Trustees at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, on the 23rd day of February, 1999 at 7:00 P.M.
- 3. That any property owner or other person interested in said proceedings may appear at said hearing, file objections to the entire petition or any part thereof, and be heard on said objections.
- 4. That the proposed special assessment district is located in the Charter Township of Canton and is described as follows: Lot numbers 1 through 36, Whispering Meadows Subdivision, Liber 97, Pages 28,29 & 30 Register of Deeds, Wayne County, Michigan.
- 5. That said petition and the estimated costs and expenses of said assessment are filed in the office of the undersigned at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, and may be examined at any time during the regular business hours of said office, prior to said hearing.
- 6. That any property owner or other interested person who fails to appear and object to said petition or to the formation of the proposed special assessment district at the time and place of said hearing may be deemed to have waived his right to object under Act 264 of the Public Acts of 1917.
- 7. That proposed layout of actual streetlight placement can be viewed in the Office of the Township Clerk between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday AFTER INSTALLATION. MINOR VARIATIONS MAY OCCUR IN THE LAYOUT BECAUSE THE ACTUAL PLOTTING OF LIGHTS HAS NOT BEEN FIELD TESTED BY DETROIT EDISON.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Publication February 11, 1999

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., February 25, 1999 for the following:

**PURCHASE OF SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE FOR SUMMIT ON THE PARK AQUATIC CENTER**

Bid specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

Publication February 11, 1999 TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Baron Drawn Steel Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property on a new facility to be located at 7505 Baron Drive within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

A parcel of land being that part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2, T2S, R8E, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan beginning N 85 Deg 31M 59S E 760 Ft from S 1/4 Corner of Section 2, Th N 43 Deg 24M 54S W 1088 66 Ft, Th N 89 Deg 26M 47S E 234 16 Ft, Th N 01 Deg 18M 24S W 30Ft, Th N 89 Deg 26M 47S E 270 02 Ft, Th N 01 Deg 18M 24S W 23 60 Ft, Th Ely along a curve concave to N RAD 75 Ft ARC 109 46 Ft, Ch N 88 Deg 41M 36S E 100 Ft, Th S 01 Deg 18M 24S E 24 91 Ft, Th N 89 Deg 26M 47S E 543 85 Ft, Th S 00 Deg 33M 13S E 822 24 Ft, Th S 88 Deg 31M 59S W 406 49 Ft. Point of Beginning: 14.87 Acres. Parcel no. 008 99 0002 716.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publication February 11, 1999

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW**

NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board will meet on the following dates and times:

**Tuesday, March 2 9 a.m.-Noon Organizational Meeting 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Hearings by Appointment**

**Monday, March 8 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Hearings by Appointment 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Hearings by Appointment**

**Tuesday, March 9 9 a.m.-Noon Hearings by Appointment 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Hearings by Appointment**

**Saturday, March 20 9 a.m.-11 a.m. First Come - First Served**

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 20, 1999. The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.

Publication February 11, 14 and 18, 1999

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# Schools

## Curriculum needs attention, too

For the past year or two, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district has been focusing on the need to build a third high school to relieve the pressures of a 5,000-student campus at PCEP and a new middle school to replace the lease expiring in 2000 at Lowell Middle School in Westland.

The district has physically prepared itself for the 21st century. Now, we urge the school district to mentally/academically make preparations for the future of its students. The district needs to take a hard look at its curriculum and ensure our students are prepared for the next millennium.

Our view is not anything new, but simply reinvigorated by last week's visit by nationally known educator Willard Daggett. His daylong visit to the school district proved to be thought-provoking and inspiring for educators and parents alike. Even the sometimes-cynical media were impressed by his insight and common sense.

Daggett challenged local educators and the community to provide "more rigorous and relevant skills" in the quest for "school to career" planning.

"We have kids convinced that doing well in school is all they need," Daggett told an audience last Thursday.

"The academic skills needed in the workplace are higher than the academic skills needed for higher education admissions,"

Daggett added. Meanwhile, the standards for college admission are dropping. Unskilled labor is disappearing.

Mandated educational reform has resulted in varying standards required by MEAP and ACT tests. As president of the International Center for Leadership in Education, Daggett conducted a study on the national standards for school curriculum. What he found was astonishing: Out of the 255 national standards, a school district only has time to teach 132 points. Which standards does a school district highlight in its curriculum? Which ones are important? Parents, educators and the business community differ when asked to rate each one.

Weighing in heavily is the simple fact that workplace standards are changing rapidly with constantly advancing technology. We believe ingenuity needs to take over with a "school to career" curriculum, a plan that focuses on today's technological information-based society.

The Plymouth-Canton district is on the right track with its Business-Education Partnership, which brings students into the workplace and in some cases the workplace to the classroom.

A lesson plan needs to be created after healthy debate and support from the community, faculty, administrators and the school board. A curriculum can be developed to meet all needs for the changing real world.

## When compassion spurs action

The urge to do something - anything - to aid or comfort people facing tragedy is powerful, but usually fleeting. Those who actually make the effort deserve recognition, which is usually the last thing on their minds.

The event that spurs action can be a major tragedy like last week's explosion at the Ford Rouge complex. Hours of live television coverage and days worth of front-page exposure of the fatal blast led to a groundswell of support from area communities, including Canton.

Canton residents Diane Gaubatz and Helen Riley were among the dozens of people who showed up last week at Red Cross offices in Livonia to donate blood for burn victims at area hospitals. Both women said they were moved by the incident, though neither has a direct connection to the victims or the automaker.

More often, the tragedy is smaller in scale and one that doesn't command attention on a worldwide stage. The Jan. 29 fire at Canton Crossings apartments is just such an example of people coming together to help their neighbors - literally and figuratively.

Fortunately, no one was killed or injured in

the fire. But residents of six apartment units were temporarily homeless and without their possessions, including special figure skating costumes kept at the home of Dorothy and Eric Johnson.

For the Johnsons, replacing costumes for the Whirlwind Precision Skating team's trip to an out-of-state competition this week became a top priority, almost as important as finding a new place to live.

That's where John Rybski and Kathie MacLean stepped in. Rybski's Monarch Cleaners in Canton donated money for new material so that MacLean and a cadre of volunteers could get busy with needle and thread last week. Rybski also took the smoke-and-water-damaged costumes that were salvageable and put them through an extensive, 11th-hour cleaning and restoration process free of charge.

All of these people - Gaubatz, Riley, Rybski and MacLean - lead busy lives. But they all took the time to help strangers in need and the Canton community is better off today because of their actions. The Observer applauds their efforts and heart.

## Engler plan a boost for MEAP

Suburban school people - which includes parents as well as teachers and principals - should be praising Gov. John Engler's proposed Michigan Merit Award plan, announced Jan. 28 in his State of the State address.

Eleventh-graders who pass their state MEAP proficiency exams would receive \$2,500 apiece for study at their Michigan college of choice. Seventh- and eighth-graders who pass their MEAP exams would get \$500 apiece - a total of \$3,000 to help defray the rising cost of higher education.

Too many kids have been skipping the rigorous exams in reading, writing, math and science. Too many parents have been spoiling their kids by letting them skip the exams. Under Engler's plan, kids still could skip the tests, but it could cost them \$3,000 in college money. Not many parents, however wealthy, will let a kid toss away a sure \$3,000.

The MEAP exams are designed to test thinking and problem-solving skills, not just rote memory. They test the kinds of skills industry needs in a global economy. Indeed, it was industrial human resources people who prodded the state, during Gov. James Blanchard's years, to do this route.

And the merit awards have drawn praise from the Democratic side of the aisle. Democrats liken it to President Clinton's "Hope" scholarships. It's heartwarming to see the two parties close to agreement on the use of monetary carrots to improve test scores. And it's good that Engler recommended using tobacco

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industry settlement money to set up a trust fund whose earnings would support the program.

We raise, however, two caveats about Engler's merit award.

■ Kids attending private, parochial or "home" schools would be eligible to take the MEAP tests and win the awards. That's fine. But would nonpublic schools be willing to publish their test results by submitting them to the state Department of Education? Nonpublic schools have an unfortunate habit of being tight-lipped about their test scores. They should be required to break that bad habit.

■ Engler said the scholarship money could be spent "at a Michigan school of your choice," not at a state university or community college. There's no need for the state to subsidize private universities, colleges or trade schools, directly or indirectly.

Engler's MEAP scholarship plan rewards hard work. His plan deserves careful consideration. It's good for education and good for Michigan.

## Valentine, you're mine



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSDMANN

Mothers and sons: Maureen Sassack and her son, Robby, 3, (second from left) Jeanne Burger and her son, Joey, 3½, wait in line to have a Polaroid picture taken prior to the annual Mother-Son dance at St. Thomas a Becket Church Saturday. Also waiting for a picture are (left) Nathan Clyde, 4, and Ryan Mackin, 8, and his mom (right).

## LETTERS

### DDA chairman responds

This letter is in response to your last two editorials concerning the Canton Township Downtown Development Authority (Canton Observer, Jan. 28 and Feb. 4) and our search for a qualified candidate to coordinate DDA activities. By writing this letter I hope to set the record straight.

First and foremost, there is no attempt at subterfuge. No attempt to hide pertinent fact and most importantly, no sinister plot to deprive your newspaper of information of a vital nature to Canton residents. Our intent is to protect privacy rights of the individuals who apply for the position and to assure them of the confidentiality of their application data. Nothing more, nothing less. After all, would you want your employer to know that you might be seeking employment elsewhere? I don't think so. Contrary to your statement, the intention of Mr. Yack and myself is to introduce the finalist to the DDA board for a final interview and then have the board vote on whether or not to accept our recommendation.

This great country of ours was founded on the principles of a democratic republic. We could not survive as a nation if every decision had to be approved by the voters. Our elected leaders would not be needed if every issue required citizen approval. This is not to say that resident input is not wanted, quite the contrary. We post meeting dates and times to encourage citizen participation. However, the final decision must be made by those we elect to lead us.

As you stated, "the DDA is clearly a public body as outlined by the law." You ask, "why the township wouldn't err on the side of caution in filling the position." Sir, we wish not to err on either side of the issue. The dictionary definition of err "is to make a mistake or blunder." God help us if that's what governing comes down to.

Most of your comments appear to want to incite inflammatory reaction. Quite frankly, I think you are attempting to create the proverbial mountain out of a molehill. I am not one to give advice to strangers, but I would recommend you stop trying to create news and stick to reporting fact.

The position to be filled is not a director's position equal to our four major department heads. The candidate ultimately selected by

the DDA as a coordinator will also have to be approved for hire by the township personnel department after undergoing intensive background screening. I assure you, the public interests are being watched over and protected.

One last question for you. If any branch of government were to be forced to comply with a Freedom of Information request regarding providing personal information on job seekers, where do we draw the line? Groundkeepers? Secretaries? Truck drivers? I hope not because we will then severely limit the number of qualified applicants. The public may have a right to know, but do they really have a need to know all the finite details about every person who applies for a job in Canton?

Please accept this letter as an invitation to our next DDA meeting. To the best of my knowledge, you have never attended one.

Ralph Shufeldt  
chairman, Canton DDA

### Religion is our culture

Your article on "Religion has a role in our culture" is right on target, Phil Power. It's good to have you say this with your voice of authority and your background and please don't give up on the subject. You're absolutely correct. We've just gone over the hill with trying to appease everybody when really we're missing the whole point of our whole culture, which is based, particularly in this country, on the whole Judeo-Christian ethic.

And you're right, children are learning the wrong kinds of things in the wrong kinds of places and at least in the schools we do have a role to play and religion, as you well know, is not excluded from the schools and our teaching. It is part of our culture.

Admiral Lee Landes  
Livonia

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— Philip Power

## POINTS OF VIEW

# Ginnie is Canton / Sheldon Place guardian angel

It's not uncommon for Ginnie Hauck to show up for work at 4 a.m. The 51-year-old isn't a baker, nurse or auto plant worker. She manages two Canton senior citizen apartment buildings.

Calling Hauck a "manager," however, is like saying Picasso painted pictures. It's accurate, but it doesn't tell the whole story.

What Michael Jordan was to the basketball court, Ginnie Hauck is to the lives of 176 township seniors. She is the heart and soul of Sheldon and Canton Place.

"I work whatever is needed to get the job done," said Hauck, a Canton resident.

That means 12 to 14 hours every day - including weekends. She often doesn't even go home.

"I have an apartment at both buildings," said Hauck. "I stay there if I need to."

If you listen to Ginnie, whose real name is Virginia, she'll tell you that everything she has done in her life led her to the job.

Hauck was the administrator for a pair of medical clinics from 1986-89. She moved on to be the youth director

for St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton for three years.

When Canton Place opened in 1989, Hauck became a member of the board of governors. By 1991, the facility was looking for a new manager and Ginnie was looking for a career change.

"They asked me if I'd like to babysit for a few months until they found someone," she said. "Nine years later, I'm still here."

The board interviewed numerous candidates for the position, but found nobody that wanted it more than Hauck. Ginnie thinks she had a little help, namely, God.

"There's no doubt in my mind," she said, adding that she hoped she could make a difference. "I wanted to use my Christian background and administrative training to make a significant impact with people in the autumn of their lives."

Hauck has done that. And then some.

Until last summer, she had 120 seniors to take care of at Canton Place. That's when her workload went up considerably with the addition of Sheldon Place.



SCOTT DANIEL

Both buildings are under the auspice of National Church Residences, an Ohio-based non-profit organization that began 35 years ago. It now operates more than 200 facilities in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

"Our whole mission is to give quality housing and care with compassion," said Hauck.

Seniors must qualify to live in either Sheldon or Canton Place, which are independent living facilities.

They must be at least 62 years old and can't have more than \$20,000 in income (if single). Most seniors at the

buildings live on less than \$6,000 per year, said Hauck.

"The need is great," she said. "I try to make sure they've got safe, affordable quality homes to live in."

Hauck's work goes well beyond making sure a roof stays over the seniors heads, though.

She brings health services into both buildings. This can be a HMO representative to explain benefits, physical therapist visits and nurses to check blood pressures.

Her ultimate goal is for seniors to stay at home all of their lives instead of spending the final few months in a nursing home.

Money doesn't always make it possible. But it's not uncommon for Hauck to buy medications or even food for the seniors out of her own pocket.

"It's being the family to some that don't have any," she said.

Providing entertainment is another key component of what Hauck does.

There are regular nights for bingo and cards. The seniors love sing-alongs, too.

"We're always looking for someone that can play the piano and can lead a

sing-along," Hauck said.

Special dinners for Thanksgiving and Christmas are put together each year. Church services of many denominations are also held weekly.

Activities and services developed over the years. Hauck has gotten better at her job and providing those services by being involved in the community.

"It's called networking," she joked. "If she has her way, Hauck will soon become an even bigger senior's advocate."

She's working with U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, and Gov. John Engler's office to get on senior-related committees. She thinks working at the federal and state levels will help give local seniors a voice in government.

"My father raised me to believe that if you're not part of the solution," Ginnie said, "you're part of the problem."

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# Haunting Holocaust question: Could it happen here?

Could it happen here? That was one of many questions raised during our Contemporary Books discussion late last month in the Plymouth District Library. We'd read Ursula Hegi's "Stones From the River," an account of a dwarf in Germany and her town before, during and immediately after World War II.

We like to think an Adolf Hitler and the Nazis couldn't possibly come to power in our United States. One man at the discussion raised the issue of our government's abominable treatment of Japanese-Americans during World War II. Many were placed in camps on the West Coast, their homes and businesses taken from them.

That's deplorable, but still doesn't seem to compare with the actions of Nazis in systematically killing millions of Jews and others during their era in power. Of course, our government's bombings at Hiroshima and Nagasaki still generate controversy more than 50 years later.

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I'd like to think Americans are more independent, not necessarily better, but less given to group-think. Still, I know many of us enjoy our creature comforts, and I wonder how

we would react if we thought our way of life was threatened.

Our group members also wondered aloud what, if anything, we would have done to help Jews and others if we had lived in the Europe of the Nazi regime. It's tough to know how we'd react, without living through that era. I like to think I would have helped, but confess it would have worried me to place my family in danger.

What can we do to help here and now? The celebrations of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life were encouraging; it was good to see so many, black and white, remember King's message of peace and equality. Surely, we can all strive to treat each other well, to

obey the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Originally, I hadn't wanted to read Ursula Hegi's book. I didn't really care for the idea of reading about Nazis during the Christmas season. I'm glad I did pick up, and finish, the lengthy book. I learned about evil, about how evil men can come to power, and maybe even a little about how to overcome that evil.

All in all, a pretty good trade-off.

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## GOP leads way in job training

There's nothing like a good detailed discussion of workforce training, administered through regional workforce boards, mixed in with a little school to work transition policy to glaze over the eyes of even the most dedicated policy wonk.

That's too bad. The current shortage of qualified workers is already viewed by business folks as Michigan's biggest economic problem. Employers can't find qualified, skilled workers. And when they do, they're likely to be stolen away by another company in short order. As anybody reading the signs in the McDonald's store knows, unskilled hamburger flippers now get upwards of \$9 per hour.

It's going to get worse. Don Grimes, an economist who studies the workings of the Michigan economy at the University of Michigan, says job growth "essentially comes to a halt" in 2010, when the baby boomers start retiring. Problem is that there simply aren't enough members of the "baby bust" generation to replace the boomers. "I think people have to look in terms of long-term labor shortages," says Grimes.

Maybe that's why a passage in Gov. Engler's State of the State speech received such underwhelming attention from the news media. Engler proposes to split the Michigan Jobs Commission in two: the Department of Career Development, a new cabinet-level department devoted to workforce issues and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, a semipublic economic development corporation. Most reporters yawned when the Career Development department came up.

I didn't. I served as the chair of the Michigan Job Training Coordinating Commission while Jim Blanchard was governor, at one point gaining the dubious distinction of being the nation's longest-serving job training commissioner, so I've got some background to understand what Engler has in mind.

According to Doug Rothwell, the able and energetic guy who's been running the Jobs Commission for the last six years and who is the architect of the proposal, the basic idea is to shift the focus from job training and job placement to long-term career development. By developing a set of skills that are marketable and transferable from job to job, a worker can forge an entire career rather than simply taking a job.

Over the past 25 years, thinking about the labor force has changed dramatically. Policymakers used to worry about how to get poor and unskilled people into government-subsidized dead-end jobs. They now talk about lifelong



PHILIP POWER

learning as an essential skill that enables workers to design careers that take them from the time they leave school to retirement.

According to Rothwell, the Jobs Commission had become so big and complicated it risked losing tight focus on its two distinct missions: worker careers and economic development. A new Department of Career Development will be able to focus coherently on that one topic.

The new department will work closely with "one stop" regional workforce boards that are designed to consolidate countless bureaucratic worker training programs and bring local employers to the table. The department will also try to exploit the potential of the Michigan Virtual University by delivering training through the Internet and other high tech devices.

All in all, Rothwell and Engler deserve lots of credit for figuring out a way to reorganize a spreading bureaucracy so as to focus sharply on what needs to be done to help Michigan workers gain careers and Michigan employers to find qualified workers.

Despite sad bureaucratic history, I hope the reorganization works. After all, history will show that during the Engler administration, worker training was originally in the Department of Education, then was moved to the Department of Labor. Then Engler shut down the Labor department and shifted worker training to the Jobs Commission. Now it goes to yet another state department.

But I quibble. For full-blown assignment of discredit, look to Michigan's Democrats, ostensibly the party concerned with working folks, who have largely ignored job training and career development. Once again, Engler and his folks have beaten them to the punch.

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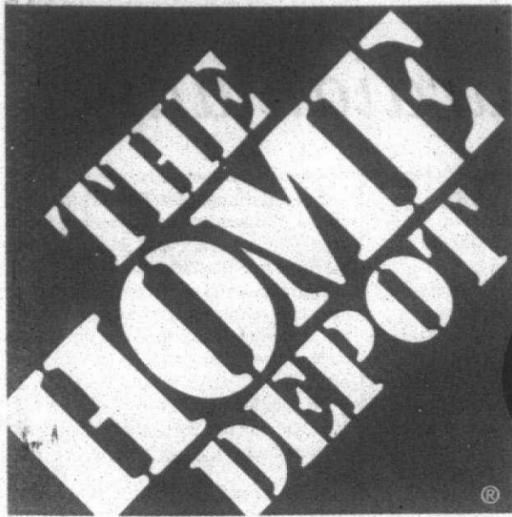
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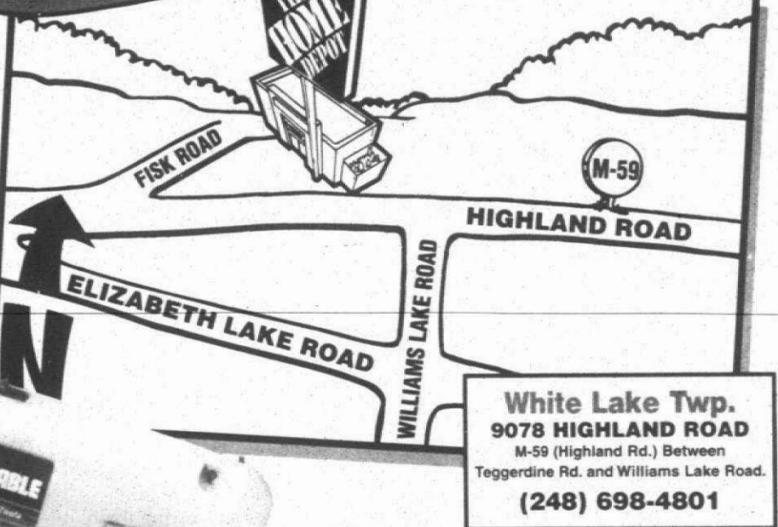
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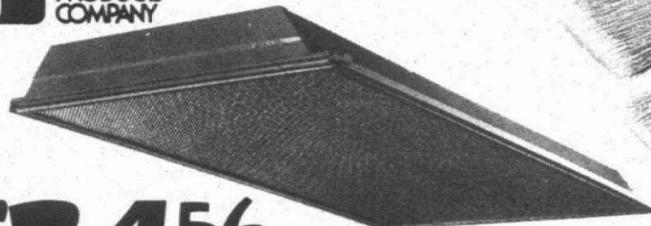
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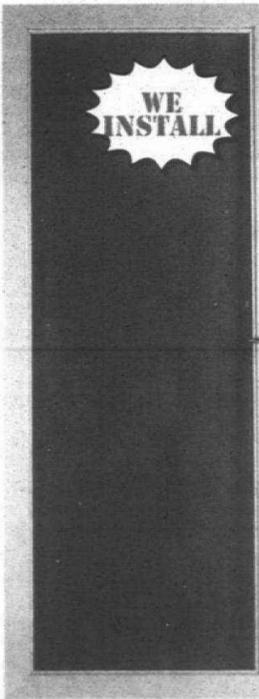


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## COMMON SENSORS



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### Parents do have influence over children

"Mrs. Simmons asked her 14-year-old daughter, Linda, to wash a few dishes. Linda muttered in a nasty tone that she'd do it later. Earlier, she had slipped home after staying out all night without permission.

"Mrs. Simmons was sick of fearing that any time she asked her daughter to do anything, she would be met with defiance and subjected to a barrage of curses and threats.

"Linda had expected everything to be on her terms both at home and at school. At school, she had vandalized property, verbally abused teachers, and recognized no obligation to anyone. When she was accused of wrongdoing, she'd complain about others creating problems."

This true story was taken from Stanton Samenow's book, "Before It's Too Late." Was this child a product of poor parenting or a neurological anomaly?

If you were to read Judith Harris' best seller titled, "The Nurture Assumption: Why Children Turn Out the Way They Do: Parents Matter Less Than You Think and Peers Matter More," you would believe that par-

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## Club gathers sweats for First Step

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
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"Adding salt to the wounds of rape survivors, police confiscate the victims' clothing upon admission to a hospital. Many of the survivors are discharged wearing nothing but a hospital gown."

After hearing that, Mark Ott and the rest of the Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club set out on a mission last year to collect sweat suits for First Step in Plymouth so that rape survivors wouldn't have to wear paper gowns again.

"About a year ago, Judy Ellis (First Step's executive director) came to our club and did a presentation about First Step," said Ott, a Canton resident and vice president of the club. "After that, we tried to look for something as a group that would make an impact and help them out a little bit. When we heard how the sweat suits are used, it struck a nerve with everybody."

After a successful collection last year, the Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club is doing it again throughout February.

The sweat suits will be donated to First Step which will in turn give them to volunteers to keep in their cars.

"The volunteers grab them and take them with them to the hospital," Ott said. "That's why they have to be new. It's not a used clothing drive."

The club is looking for sweat suits for men, women and children in all sizes.

"What will happen is if a woman is taken to the hospital she could have her children with her, or it could be an assault on a young child. That could happen just as easily," Ott said.

Eight locations throughout Plymouth and Canton are collecting the sweat suits:

- The Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton.
- Papa Romano's Pizza, 555 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.
- Dunkin' Donuts/Amoco, 39600 E.



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Helping out: Judy Ellis, First Step's executive director, shows off the first of 100 pairs of sweats members of the Plymouth-Canton area Kiwanis hope to collect for the agency. On hand were Mark Ott (left), the Plymouth-Canton Breakfast Kiwanis Club vice president, Char Briggs, secretary, Charlene Miller and Tina Cardon, both of the Kiwanis Evening Club, and Janet Ott of the breakfast club.

Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township.

■ Help-You-Sell, 7242 Haggerty, Canton.

■ U.S. post office, 860 Penniman, Plymouth.

■ Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 44815 Cherry Hill Road, Can-

ton.

■ Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth.

■ Ka De's Hair Cutting Co., 42013 Ford Road, Canton.

First Step recently moved its corporate offices to 44567 Pine Tree Drive,

Plymouth. For more information about the organization, call (734) 416-1111. Its 24-hour emergency line is (888) 453-5900.

Last year, the Plymouth-Canton

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### It's that time again!



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Yum, yum: Give 3-year-old Taylor Kaye a choice of cookies and she goes right for the peanut butter cookies, one of the eight types of cookies Scouts of the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council are selling through March 28.

## Scouts ready to sell cookies

Have a craving for a Samoa, Thin Mint or Do-Si-Do? How about licking the peanut butter off a Tagalog?

If you've got that craving, the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council has the answer - the 1999 Girl Scout cookie sale.

Girl Scouts throughout Wayne and Oakland counties are taking orders for eight varieties of cookies now through March 28.

And booth sales at area banks, grocery stores and other locations throughout most of Wayne and Oakland counties will take place Feb. 27 through March 28.

Little Brownie Bakers of Louisville, Ky., have come up with the eight selections this year. Favorites like Samoas, Thin Mints, Trefoils, Tagalongs and Do-Si-Dos are back along with new additions - a reduced fat Apple Cinnamon cookie, sugar-free Lemon Drop and chocolate chip.

The cookies cost \$3 per box. They can be ordered from area scouts or on the council's Web site, <http://www.mmgsc.org>.

For help locating a cookie booth in the service area, call the Cookie Hotline at (313) 964-4475, Ext. 297, or (800) 326-0309, Ext. 297.

Convenient packaging is offered for orders placed on the Web site, using Visa or MasterCard. Cookies are available by the case - four boxes per

case, and the price per case is \$16, including shipping and handling.

Available now are the Chocolate Lover's Case (two boxes of Thin Mints, one box of Samoas and one box of Tagalongs), Dieter's DeLite Case (two boxes of Trefoils and two boxes of reduced fat Apple Cinnamon) and the Traditionalist's Case (one box of Thin Mints, one box of Trefoils, one box of Do-Si-Dos and one box of Samoas.)

A Custom Case (choose any four of varieties to make up your case) will be available after March 1.

Proceeds benefit a variety of programs for 41,000 girls in Wayne and Oakland counties.

The cookie sale keeps Girl Scouting affordable for girls and volunteers and subsidizes nearly all local Girl Scout activities.

The sale's proceeds account for about half of a council's operating budget. The money raised helps in maintaining scout camps and other program sites, providing professional training to Girl Scout troop leaders and funding membership extension efforts that enable the council to reach girls from societal groups that are underserved.

The Huron Valley Girl Scout Council has completed the first portion of its cookie sale and will tackle booth sales Feb. 13-March 12.

This year's varieties include Thin Mint, Caramel

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# When it comes to commitment, think like the Tortoise

Are you ready to set aside blame, excuses, rationalizations and fear? Are you ready to welcome a real and sincere connection into your life? Need some solid relationship advice this Valentine's Day?

According to Steven Carter, who, with Julia Sokol, authored a book on the fear of commitment, "Men Who Can't Love," people need to think like a tortoise, not like a hare.

"Valentine's Day will always bring an extra helping of romantic emotions, emotional vulnerability and relationship pressure," said Carter, whose latest book is "Getting to Commitment: Overcoming the 3 Greatest Obstacles to Lasting Connection" (M.Evans & Co.), also with Sokol.

"We can't change that, but we can change how we handle ourselves and our partners when the pressure is on. In matters of the heart, slow but steady wins the race," he said.

Carter has spent more than a decade observing relationship patterns and behaviors during Cupid's holiday and uses the children's fable of "The Tortoise and the Hare" to fashion some solid grown-up advice:

**Not Smart:** The Hare gets lost in a whirlwind of her own Valentine's Day fantasies.

**Smart:** The slower Tortoise keeps at least one foot firmly attached to the floor—even on Valentine's Day.

**Not Smart:** The Hare is anxious to "close the deal" in time for Valentine's Day and may issue unreasonable ultimatums.

**Smart:** The slower Tortoise knows that pushing for more on Valentine's Day pushes most men away.

**Not Smart:** The Hare is quick to blame her partner for Valentine's Day disappointments.

**Smart:** The slower Tortoise takes responsibility for the role she plays in any Valentine's Day drama.

**Not Smart:** The Hare is quick to judge potential Valentines and uses stereotypes and labels.

**Smart:** The slower Tortoise takes the time to experience every man as an individual.

**Not Smart:** The Hare abandons self-protective instincts, chasing a Valentine's Day love.

**Smart:** The slower Tortoise knows that she must take good care of her own heart in order to find a loving partner.

**Not Smart:** The Hare gets upset if she hasn't found the perfect Valentine partner this year.

**Smart:** The slower Tortoise focuses on all of

the love she does have right now and knows that her patience will bring her to a loving partner.

Carter and Sokol have been writing together about relationship issues since 1986. Their first book, "Men Who Can't Love" (M.Evans & Co.), introduced the term "commitmentphobia" into the American vocabulary. "Getting to Commitment" is the long-awaited follow-up to the relationship classic.

Carter and Sokol are considered to be the leading authorities on the topic of commitment fear. Their books are known for their no-nonsense approach to challenging relationship issues and for their in-depth, honest, personal interviews that shape and support the work.

"People want love and commitment in their lives," Carter said. "This is something I hear every day, even from people with tremendous fear. But everyone is frustrated and confused. The desire is there, but they don't know how to move forward."

"Commitment is not a simple thing. It is challenging, it is hard work, and it can be very frightening."

Commitment is supposed to be a little scary, he said. It is a "huge" life passage where so much is being given up and gained at the very same

# Flower power: Blooms have way of perking up spirits

BY SUE MASON  
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When Carolyn Arlen looks at a teapot, she doesn't think of a nice cup of tea. She sees it as a vase, something to display the gentler side of Mother Nature.

"I celebrate all of the seasons," said Arlen. "I always have fresh flowers on my table. They perk up my spirits especially in this weather."

Arlen, owner of Carolyn's Creation: Flowers with a Flair, didn't let fickle January weather dampen her presentation at the first of Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center's three winter luncheons. Instead, she talked about her work and relationship with flowers.

The former Livonia resident has been working with flowers for more than 15 years. Initially, she worked with only silk flowers, but a declining economy 10 years ago led her to accept a request to do a fresh arrangement for a small wedding. Now, almost all of her business is fresh wedding arrangements.

"I relate flowers and nature to the supreme being—God," Arlen said. "Flowers are like the seasons of life. You start with a seed that grows into a plant that goes from a new bloom to full bloom—and then you have potpourri," Arlen describes her home-



Try this: Carolyn Arlen suggested her audience try warm water to revive roses that develop droopy heads. Arlen was the opening act of the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center's winter luncheon series.

Arlen had a few tips for people who love to give and receive roses. When buying fresh roses from a display case, squeeze the flower at its base. If it's firm, the flower is fresh. If it's soft, it doesn't have a long shelf life.

Roses are "heavy water drinkers," and for those that develop bent heads, the cause could be an air bubble in the stem or a rose cut too before it has developed a strong stem.

In the case of an air bubble, Arlen recommends cutting the stem under warm water, then placing the flower in a vase of warm water. It can bring the flower back to life although it doesn't work all of the time, she added.

And while on the subject of roses, Arlen related a bit of Anglo-Saxon folklore.

"If you offer a pregnant woman a lily, the symbol of motherhood, and she chooses the rose, she'll have a girl," she said. "If she chooses the lily, it's a boy."

The luncheon series continues on Friday, Feb. 19, with romance novelist Shelly Thacker as the guest. The author of "Timeless" and "His Forbidden Touch," she'll give luncheon-goers a look into romance writing.

The luncheon is 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the college's Waterman Campus Center, on Haggerty, north of Seven Mile. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$14 in advance only and are available by calling the Women's Resource Center at (734) 462-4443.

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enting skills do not make any difference in how your children turn out.

**No difference**

"She says in her book, 'Virtually nothing parents do or say—no kind words or hugs, slaps or tirades, neither permissiveness nor authoritarianism, neither encouragement nor scorn—make a smidgen of difference to what

their kids since it doesn't matter? Will it tell parents who are tired after a long day that they needn't bother even paying attention to the kids since 'it doesn't matter'?"

Before you dismiss Harris' book as loony, consider your own children. Look at how kids who come from the same egg and sperm pool can be so different.

Have you even met fraternal twins with alike personalities? Next consider the colicky or sickly baby. Sometimes, they influence parenting styles. After all it's easier to be more loving toward a smiling, snuggling baby.

Finally, your children's friends can have influence over your kids. Depending on your child's confidence, peers can cajole or coerce your child to do any number of things. Teaching them to stand up to strong adversity will help them to be firm about your family's value system.

## Sweats from page B1

Kiwanis Breakfast Club collected 75 sweat suits. This year, it is shooting for 100-150 sweat suits. Ellis added that the purchase of the sweat suits is tax-deductible.

"This is the single greatest effort to secure those ongoing needs of the sweat suits," Ellis explained. "People don't realize

"Some groups also put together hygiene kits so that they can clean up and freshen up before they leave the hospital. There isn't funds in the budget to buy things like that. This is something that we really, really appreciate and really, really rely on."

He suggests that, "Unfortunately, many parents engage in such ardent denial that they do not perceive a need to consult

## Cookies from page B1

at the Council's three camps, travel opportunities and Girl Scouting for low-income girls.

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Brian and Tiffany Chapman of Westland announce the birth of **Maranda Rae** Oct. 10 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Carol Driver, Carles and Lois Driver and James Chapman.

Robert and Sherri Heintze of Garden City announce the birth of **Zachary Robert** Oct. 14 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two sisters, Hailey, 5, and Marissa, 1 1/2. Grandparents are Dave and Jill Jacobs of Garden City and Richard and Judy Butler of Milford.

Robert E. and Melissa K. Brown of Lewis Center, Ohio, announce the birth of **Abigail Grace** Sept. 22 at Grant-Riverside Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Grandparents are Barbara and David Brown of Livonia.

Gordon and Jackie Armstrong of Redford announce the birth of **Jerry Jacob** Oct. 14 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins six siblings—Christina, 22, Trisha, 19, Nicole, 18, Donna, 17, Melissa, 16, and Corey, 4. Grandparents

are Gordon and Marion Armstrong of Wyandotte and Susan Schultz of Westland.

Michael and Wendy Sizemore of Canton announce the birth of **Randee Keokee Silvermoon Lee** Nov. 15 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins nine brothers, Wayne, Jake, Brandon, Mikie, Markie, Rickie, River and Creek. Grandparents are John and June McKinnon of Highland and Lee and Cheryl Sizemore of Waterford.

Adam and Suzanne Morse of Livonia announce the birth of **Elizabeth Ann** Oct. 16 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two brothers, Adam Christopher, 4, and Michael Stephen, 2. Grandparents are John and Cheri Morse of McCall, Idaho, and Harold and Peggy Benash of Fullerton, Calif.

Keith Guy Smetekop and Jenna Marie Carmichael of Garden City announce the birth of **Ashly Marie Carmichael** Oct. 29 at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. Grandparents are

Claude and Joanne Patterson of Garden City and Betty Smetekop of Bremerton, Wash.

Greg and Sheryl Catton of Redford announce the birth of **Joseph Ronald** Oct. 16 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Ronald and Bonnie Pietryka of Garden City, Mary and Al Haas of Taylor and Jack and Louise Catton of Traverse City.

Eric and Sandy Trigg of Westland announce the birth of **Chloe Anne** Nov. 16 at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins siblings, Britney, 8, Shelby, 7, L. Eric, 5, Cheyenne, 4, and Travis, 15 months. Grandparents are Larry and Judy Martell of Wayne, Trigger and Gloria Trigg of Brighton and Sandra Trigg of Inkster.

James Stephen and Catherine Allen of Canton announce the birth of **James Stephen Allen III** Oct. 16 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Wesley Michael, 2.

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**"RUMPLESTILTSKIN"**  
The second annual Youth Variety Series presents "Rumplestiltskin" 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, in Summit on the Park. Brad Lowe's Fantasy E-Fix Puppets presents this classic tale followed by a puppet-making workshop by Arts & Scraps. Cookies and punch will be served. Admission is \$3. For more information, call 397-5381.

**MARDI GRAS**  
Celebrate the end of winter and the coming of spring in New Orleans-style at a Gala Mardi Gras celebration 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, in the Waterman Center, Schoolcraft College. Join fellow revelers as they dine on a traditional New Orleans meal, listen to the SCoool Jazz singers' mellow tones and dance to music of Tom Saunders and the Detroit All-Stars. Schoolcraft College's voice ensemble, SCoool Jazz and SCoool Jazz

Prime, will harmonize on jazz standards and the Detroit All-Stars will inspire dancers. Tickets are \$30 a person, and may be ordered contacting the Marketing and Development Office at (734) 462-4417. Visa, MasterCard or Discover cards are accepted. Proceeds support student scholarships.

**"WE LOVE BARBIE"**  
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Kindermusik classes will continue through May 8. No class will be held during Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' midwinter break (Feb. 22-27) or Easter break (March 29-April 3). Monday daytime classes are held in the Canton Gymboree Center, 8016 Sheldon Center Road, between Sheldon and Canton Center, south of Joy and north of Warren. All other classes, including Monday evening classes, are held in the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, just west of Sheldon. For more information on classes or registration, call Lori Nelson at (734) 354-9109.

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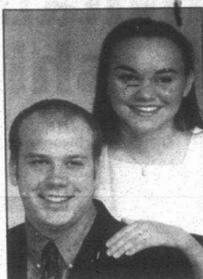
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Her fiance is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He will earn a bachelor's degree in social work from Michigan State University in May.

A March wedding is planned at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.



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# Area ministers participate in pilgrimage to Holy Land

Two area ministers are among 13 Michigan pastors who are making a religious pilgrimage to the Holy Land, sponsored by the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan, a Christian order of York Rite of Freemasonry.

The Rev. Charles Wik of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church in Canton and the Rev. Chuck Sonquist of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia are a part of the group. Both men are sponsored by the Northville Commandery No. 39.

The group left from Detroit Metropolitan Airport on Feb. 2. They will return on Saturday, Feb. 13.

They are following an itinerary specifically design for Christian ministers and visit such biblical sites as the birthplace of Jesus, Mountain of Beatitudes where Jesus gave his Sermon on the Mount, the Garden of Gethsemane and numerous other historical memorials.

"To walk, stand and reflect on the experiences of Jesus and his disciples from a first-person perspective changes everything," said Sonquist.

Sonquist has ministered in Michigan since 1967 when he moved here from Iowa. He served in Royal Oak, Southfield and Troy before becoming pastor of St. Matthew's.

He holds degrees from Cornell University in Iowa, Southern Methodist University and the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit.

He also has done postgraduate and continuing education programs through the University of

Bern, Switzerland, Professional Development Program and Institute of Worshipful Work.

"I foresee this trip to Israel as another amazing opportunity for spiritual growth," said Wik. "And I'm very indebted to the Knights Templar for their generous investment in my future ministry."

Wik grew up in the Detroit area and attended Farmington First United Methodist Church. He did his seminary education at Chandler School of Theology and Emory University in Atlanta.

He graduated from Wayne State University in 1989 with a degree in vocal music education, but his plans to teach high school music were rerouted by two traveling experiences, one with the WSU Men's Glee Club and Chamber Singers trip to Europe and the other with the Methodist Youth Chorale in Great Britain.

"Those tours put me in touch with my Methodist roots and began a period in my life of deep soul searching," he said. "In these struggles, I eventually discerned God's call to ordained ministry."

According to Sir Knight Ronald Bone of the Northville Commandery, "The purpose of the trip is to offer outstanding ministers from various Christian faiths an opportunity for spiritual enrichment and educational experience."

"It's exciting to see the ministers return from the pilgrimage to the Holy Land and share their experiences with their congregations," Bone added.

Sonquist agrees. He is looking forward to the background and living detail the trip will provide for biblical and confirmation classes he will be leading at St. Matthew's and "more firmly rooted illustrations for preaching."

This is the 22nd pilgrimage the Knights Templar has sponsored to the Holy Land.

## RELIGIOUS NEWS

**Lists for the Religious News** should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 951-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

**MONEY MANAGEMENT**  
Are you looking for ways to stretch your dollar? A money management workshop will be offered 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, 18 and 25, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The video-based program, "Master Your Money," will be taught by Jim Coleman. Registration cost is \$10 per workbook. For more information, call Tim Bode at (734) 522-6830.

**WOMEN AWLOW**  
The Westland/Canton Chapter of the Women's Aglow International will have Sally Rousseau as the speaker at its monthly meeting, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 13, in the Community Room of the AutoNation, 39600 Ford Road, Canton. She will share how people can tap into the love of Jesus and trust Him with their whole hearts. For more information, call Penni at (734) 261-5268.

**VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE**  
St. John Neumann's Singles will have their annual Valentine's Day dance at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at St. Edith's Social Hall, Newburgh south of Five Mile, Livonia. The cost will be \$8 and includes pizza, pop and a Top 40 DJ to spin the latest tunes. No blue jeans allowed. For more information, call Patrick at (313) 277-6083, Jim at (734) 454-4269 or the St. John Neumann's hotline at (734) 480-7830.

**SUPERBOOK OLYMPICS**  
Children ages 5-12 are invited to enjoy a morning of fun-filled Bible quizzes, songs, stories, crafts, games and lunch, 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13,

at the church, 44815 Cherry Hill Road, west of Sheldon, Canton. For more information, call the church at (734) 981-5350.

**SIGNIFICANT SUNDAY**  
Unity of Livonia will hold special Significant Sunday services to honor those people who have made a difference in people's lives at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Feb. 14, at the church, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia. Special music, refreshments and sharing will be a part of the program.

**IN CONCERT**  
The Talley Trio, a name synonymous with great gospel music, will present a concert 11 a.m.-Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

International pianist and recording artist Enoch Fernando will be in concert 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. The performance will take the place of the evening service. The concert is free of charge and open to the public. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-6722.

Canton Free Methodist Church will present the contemporary music of Kim Moore 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the church, 44815 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. The concert is free of charge. A nursery will be available. For more information, call the church at (734) 981-5350.

**PANCAKE SUPPER**  
St. Robert Bellarmine Church will have a pancake supper 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the

church, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Road, Redford. For more information, call the church at (313) 937-2744.

**TLC STORYTIME**  
For children and their parents, there will be TLC Storytime Saturday, Feb. 20, at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, south of Joy, Livonia. There will be crafts, Christian stories, snacks and prizes. The books chosen are for children ages 3-10. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-2290.

**BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST**  
Bethany Suburban West will have a dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Haggerty Road south of Plymouth Road, Plymouth Township. The charge will be \$8 and will include refreshments.

It also will offer a divorce recovery class 7-9 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 21-April 18 (except Easter), at St. Kenneth's. The facilitator will be Marie Petrica from Catholic Social Services. The charge is \$40 for the eight sessions. Pre-registration and payment is required. For more information, call Rose at (734) 464-3325 or Nita at (734) 261-9123.

**LENENT RETREAT**  
Madonna University will hold a Lenten retreat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the campus Residence Hall and Chapel, Levan north of Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. The Rev. Frank Grispino will be the facilitator. Activities will include prayer, conferences, small group shar-

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### All-America nominee

Plymouth Salem center Tony Jancevski, a 6-foot-8 senior, has been named as a candidate for the 1999 McDonald's All-American High School Basketball Team.

Jancevski is one of 1,500 prep standouts nominated by McDonald's All-American Team Selection Committee. As such, he has a chance to be one of 20 players nationwide to be named to the McDonald's All-American Team.

The McDonald's All-American game will be March 24 at the Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa. The game will be broadcast live on ESPN, starting at 8 p.m. CST.

Jancevski was presented with a certificate of nomination during halftime of Tuesday's Salem-Walled Lake Western basketball game.

### College standouts

■ Kristin Mayer, a freshman member of St. John Fisher College's women's basketball team and a Plymouth Canton HS graduate, helped Fisher collect its 16th win of the season by a 62-46 count over Cazenovia College Saturday.

Mayer scored 10 points and grabbed five offensive rebounds in the victory, which raised Fisher's record to 16-4.

■ Yvonne Lynn, a sophomore at Oakland University from Plymouth Salem, finished first in the 100-yard backstroke in 59.10 in OU's dual meet against Ohio University last Friday. Lynn was also second in the 200 back (2:09.15), and she combined with Megan Cagney, Grace Bender and Heather Kelly to finish second in the 400 free relay (3:39.65) and with Peggy Strauss, Kelly Williams and Vantatenhove in placing second in the 400 medley relay (4:04.05).

Ohio outscored the Grizzlies, 132-111.

### Soccer players needed

The Canton Soccer Club's under-12 boys travel team is looking for boys interested in playing this spring. Those interested must have a birth date between Aug. 1, 1986 and July 31, 1987; there are no residency requirements.

For more information or to register, call (734) 454-9072.

### Adult softball

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division is running adult softball leagues this spring and summer in men's slow pitch, women's slow pitch, co-ed slow pitch and men's modified. Registration for returning teams begins March 1; new teams can register starting March 15. Play begins April 26.

For more information, call the Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620.

### CCJBSA registration

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will conduct registration from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13, in the Canton High School Cafeteria.

All Plymouth and Canton residents are welcome. Mail applications will also be accepted through Feb. 28.

Boys and girls ages 7-18 (19 if still in high school) can sign up to play baseball and softball. Birth certificates are needed for first-time players.

Fees are \$75 for boys and girls ages 7-8; \$85 for girls 9-18; \$85 for boys 9-10; \$95 for boys 11-18 (19 if still in high school). There is a family limit of \$225 for non-travel players. Those who register after Feb. 28 must pay a \$10 surcharge.

Participants in the girls fast-pitch leagues and boys travel programs must sign up in person. Travel program fees are \$200 for girls 10-12, \$325 for girls 13-18 and \$325 for boys 11-18.

Those seeking information about girls programs should call Ray Barnes at 981-5170; boys programs call Rich Shook at 455-1984.

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

## Hangin' tough

### Salem knocks Western from ranks of unbeaten

BY C.J. RISAK  
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Mike Korduba scored seven points against Walled Lake Western Tuesday — hardly an eye-popping total. His last five, however, couldn't have been more important for Plymouth Salem.

The 6-foot-5 senior forward accounted for five of the Rocks final seven points, including the game-winning free throw with 2.4 seconds left, to help them end Western's 13-game winning streak and stay alive in the Western Lakes Activities Association title hunt with a 47-46 win at Salem.

The Warriors are now 13-1 overall, 7-1 in the WLAA — a half-game behind unbeaten North Farmington (7-0). Salem, which lost twice last week in league play (to Northville and North Farmington), is 12-2 overall and 6-2 in the WLAA.

"It hurts," said Western coach Rex Stanczak of the loss. "But it was never a goal of ours to go undefeated. We wanted to win the league and win our (state) district."

"The thing is, we hung in there and we had a chance at the end."

Both teams had heroes in this battle of WLAA gargantuans. As the low score indicates, defense was pivotal as each side applied different types of full-court pressure.

"We didn't feel we could sit back any longer," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We knew Western would come after us with full-court pressure. We just decided we were going to go toe-to-toe with them for the whole game."

The Rocks, who led 26-21 at the half and 38-33 after three quarters, had to survive a stretch of five-consecutive possessions that ended with

turnovers in the fourth quarter. Consecutive baskets by Neil Forch, following steals, gave Western a 41-40 lead with 3:50 left, but Korduba got a basket inside with 3:33 to go to regain the lead for Salem.

The Rocks pushed their advantage to three on Adam Wilson's jumper from the free-throw line with 1:48 remaining, but Jenero Dawood — who scored 14 points in the second half — hit two free throws with 1:11 left to trim that deficit to one.

Again Korduba stepped up, this time taking Tony Jancevski's high-post pass and banking in a layup to make it 46-43 with :52 left. The Warriors called timeout to set up a play, but their best three-point options were limited: Ben Dewar first, Dawood second.

"Our (defensive) philosophy coming in was to stop everybody," Brodie said matter-of-factly. "But down the stretch, we knew the guy we had to concentrate on was Dewar."

Salem came out in a trapping zone defense, with one defender assigned to Dewar. So the Warriors rotated the ball to Dawood in the corner, and he drilled his three-point attempt to knot it at 46-44 with 28 seconds left.

After crossing midcourt and calling time with 14.9 seconds to play, the Rocks ran some of the clock before Jake Gray penetrated down the lane, forcing Western's defenders to converge. That left Korduba open underneath; Gray's pass reached him, and Forch fouled. After missing the first free throw, Korduba sank the second with 2.4 seconds left.

Western never got off a shot after inbound the ball, thanks to Aaron Rypkowski's pass deflection.

"A lot of credit has to go to Salem," Stanczak said. "They did a lot defensively to take us out of our game. Obviously, we had a hard time finishing inside because of Jancevski. But they mixed up their zone and trap defenses well."

"I just thought the things they did made it hard for us to get into a flow. No way did I think we'd only get 46 points."

Four players did all the scoring for Western, with Dewar and Dawood getting 16 apiece. Jeff Mitchell added 10.

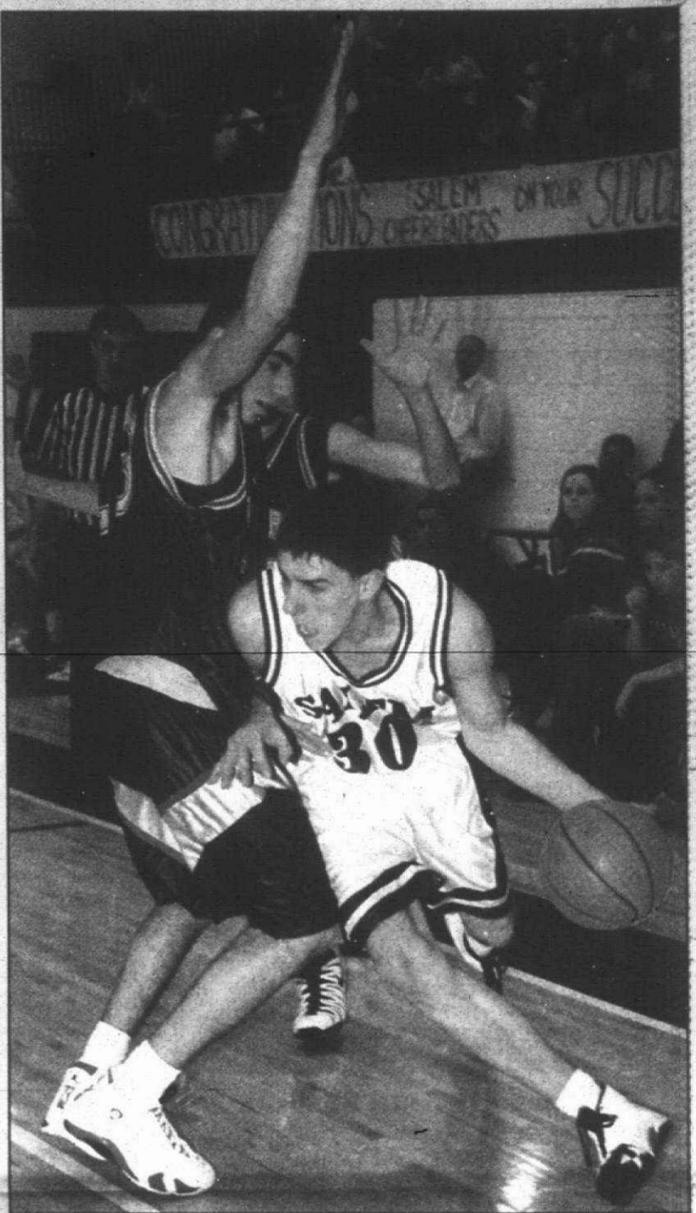
Salem got 13 from Wilson — 11 in the first quarter (including three three-pointers) as the Rocks opened up an 18-12 lead — and 10 from both Jancevski and Rypkowski.

"We needed it," said Brodie of the win. "We needed it bad, coming off those two losses. We learned from them that you've got to step out and play four quarters."

On Tuesday, Salem gave Western a full dollar's worth of trouble.

Canton 59, Stevenson 51: Sluggish starts are one thing, but for Plymouth Canton Tuesday at Livonia Stevenson, it looked to be something far worse.

At least until the fourth quarter.



Driven to score: Salem's Mike Korduba (with ball) drives past Western's Jenero Dawood for one of his fourth-quarter baskets. Korduba's free throw with 2.4 seconds left won the game.

STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARRIGAN



Hot hand: Mike Major scored a career-high 27 points to lead Canton to its seventh-straight victory.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

That's when the Chiefs found their offense, more than doubling their point total of the previous three quarters to finally put away the pesky Spartans. The win, its seventh in a row, kept Canton in the WLAA title hunt at 7-1 (9-5 overall). Stevenson fell to 4-9 overall, 1-7 in the conference.

"We were fortunate to get a win," said Chiefs' coach Dan Young. "It was just a hard-fought game. Stevenson played very well, they made a lot of shots. We were all over them, too."

"We didn't play badly. It was just a hard, hard game to play."

Canton trailed 37-29 after three quarters, but outscored the Spartans 30-14 in the fourth — thanks to Mike Major, who scored 13 of his game-high 22 points in the period (and hit three of his four three-pointers). Joe Cortellini also came alive in the final stanza, getting 11 of his 13 points, while Nathan Rau accounted for six of his 11 points in that last period.

Three Spartans finished with 10 points each: senior guard Martin

Kennedy, junior forward Harland Beverly and junior guard Keshay McChristian.

Stevenson trailed 15-13 after one quarter before tying the score at halftime, 23-23.

"We played a box and one on Cortellini because we figured he'd do most of the scoring — he killed us twice last year," Stevenson coach Tim Newman said. "What killed us was Major started getting (the ball). You eliminate one shooter, you can't cover them all. Then at the end we trapped everyone and Cortellini was getting his."

Agape 69, W.W. Christian 33: Canton Agape Christian took control quickly and kept it throughout Tuesday's game against visiting Western Wayne Christian.

The win improved the Wolverines' record to 6-6 overall, 5-2 in the Metro Christian Conference. Western Wayne is 3-7 overall, 2-4 in the MCC.

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## Rocks slide in Schoolcraft semifinals; PCA a winner

BY BRAD EMONS  
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Five times a bridesmaid at the Schoolcraft College Invitational girls volleyball tournament, East Kentwood finally stepped up to the altar and got the ring Saturday with a 4-15, 15-2, 15-10 victory over Walled Lake Central in the championship final.

Ranked third in Class A, East Kentwood reached the title match with a 15-9, 16-14 victory over defending state champion Temperance Bedford, which had captured the SC title five of the past six years.

The 32-team field featured four of the state's top six ranked teams in Class A. All four advanced to the semifinals at SC.

Shannon Doyle, East Kentwood's only senior, had 11 kills and 12 digs in the final. The outside-hitter, bound for Kent State, was named tournament MVP.

Junior setter Kele Eveland, also named to the All-Tournament squad,

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racked up 38 assist-to-kills. Front row specialist Susan Poll, a 6-foot-1 middle blocker, led with 12 kills against Central.

"This was the first time we've won it," said East Kentwood coach Roxane Steenhuisen, whose team is 46-13 overall. "It was a fun day. We got on the floor and dug a lot of balls."

"Poll had an outstanding day. She's an emotional leader. She competes hard. She's like the energizer bunny."

While coaching at Grand Rapids South Christian, Steenhuisen also suffered through the frustration of losing 25-23 in a rally-scored third game few years back to Plymouth Salem in an SC elimination match.

That's what made winning Schoolcraft so gratifying.

Salem, meanwhile, reached the semifinals, only to lose to Walled Lake Central.

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Net dominance: Jill Dombrowski had 16 kills for Salem at the Schoolcraft Tournament.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

## 3 victories lift Whalers



After two tight periods, the Plymouth Whalers broke loose for five goals in the third period to rout the Sarnia Sting, 7-2 Sunday in an Ontario Hockey League game in Sarnia.

The win pushed Plymouth's record to 40-9-3 for 83 points, tying it with the Ottawa 67s and the Barrie Colts for first place overall in the OHL. Sarnia slipped to 28-16-5.

The win was the Whalers' third in three days. They beat the Kitchener Rangers 2-1 Friday in Kitchener, then edged the Toronto St. Michael's Majors 5-3 Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Peter Cava gave Sarnia the early lead in Sunday's game, scoring a power-play goal at the 5:46 mark of the opening period. The Whalers

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# Late goal lifts CC to Invite championship

Redford Catholic Central hockey coach Gordie St. John called Saturday's game against Alpena "the hardest hitting game we've had all year."

That was reason enough to want to avoid overtime against the host team in the Alpena Boosters Invitational. But the Shamrocks didn't need a physical opponent to make St. John hope they could end the game in regulation.

"I always want to put it away in regulation," St. John said. "In overtime you never know what could happen. Your legs go, the puck's bouncing."

St. John's prayers were answered with 35 seconds left when Todd Bentley scored, assisted by Jim Spiewak and David Moss, to break a 1-1 tie and give the Shamrocks a 2-1 win and the championship.

"They put it out in front to Todd, he saw the open corner and he just buried

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St. John said. "That game was as close to a state tournament type game you can get before the tournament starts. It was their rink, their crowd. They can be tough. They're well coached."

The Shamrocks held a 26-22 shot on goal advantage with seldom-used sophomore Andrew McCoy earning the victory in net.

McCoy also played in the opening game on Friday against Calumet, won by the Shamrocks, 5-3. Alpena advanced to the finals with a 5-2 victory over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

"The real story of the tourney was McCoy," said St. John, answering why he started McCoy over junior Ben

Dunn, the Shamrocks' No. 1 netminder most of the year. "We played him in both games because we just felt like it. He had only played a couple full games all year and he ends up getting every award the tournament has to offer. They gave him the championship medal, first team all-star and number one star of the championship game."

Joining McCoy on the all-tournament team were Bentley and junior defenseman Ryan Yost.

CC opened the scoring against Alpena at 7:24 of the first period with a goal by Moreau, assisted by Rick Buttery and John Bowers.

"Moreau put on a nice little shoulder move, put the puck top shelf," St. John said.

Alpena tied the score 51 seconds into the second period with a tipped shot in front of McCoy.

In the win over Calumet, the Shamrocks led 2-1 after one period and 5-1 through two.

St. John thinks depth played a role against Calumet, traditionally one of the top teams in Class B-C-D.

"They were a little short on the bench, played 13 or 14 skaters," St. John said. "They got a little tired, we got a little intense."

Brandon Kaleniecki and Derek Genrich scored two goals each for the Shamrocks.

Kaleniecki scored only 15 seconds into the game on a scramble in front of the net unassisted.

"He just was quick," St. John said. "He's done that three periods this year."

Calumet tied the score with a goal at 7:35 of the first period, its first of two power play goals.

But the Shamrocks took a 2-1 lead before the first period was over with Genrich's first goal, assisted by Joe Moreau with 1:25 remaining.

Genrich added an unassisted goal only 21 seconds into the second period, moving in from the high slot to beat the Calumet goaltender for a 3-1 lead.

"I had the worst seat in the house," said St. John, blocked out by his players on the bench. "I wasn't sure it went in. I just knew the light went on."

The lead grew to 4-1 when Pat O'Dea scored, unassisted at 4:26 of the second period. Kaleniecki scored his second goal at 5:36 with an assist to Keith Rowe and Brad Holland to make the lead 5-1 before Calumet scored a pair of unanswered goals in the third period.

CC enjoyed a 24-18 shot on goal advantage.

# Raiders wreck SC; Madonna wins in OT

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## MEN'S HOOP

Bigby's back. Unfortunately for Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team, it made no difference.

At least not in Monday's game against visiting Oakland Community College. After winning 16-straight games and their first six encounters in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference, the Ocelots have lost three times in five games. Lamar Bigby, SC's leading scorer at 18 points a game, missed the Schoolcraft's last three games, including a critical loss to Flint Mott. Two games were due to an eligibility issue and the other a violation of team rules.

He was cleared to play against OCC Monday afternoon. But Bigby wasn't enough to derail the hot-shooting Raiders, who came into the game with a losing record but overall and in conference play but still routed SC, 117-97.

They showed no respect for the nationally-ranked Ocelots. OCC started fast and never relented, rolling to a 59-45 lead by halftime and increasing that to 30 points with three minutes left.

First-year Raiders' coach Dymetrius Ware wouldn't take credit for the lopsided win. "I wasn't shooting it," he replied when an onlooker complimented him on

his coaching. "I just watched, like you did."

SC coach Carlos Briggs was forced to watch, too, and it wasn't pretty. "It was ugly," was Briggs' game appraisal. "We were selfish, and (OCC) played like a team."

Most of the damage was inflicted by the Raiders' backcourt. Point guard Montez Briggs lit up the Ocelots for 46 points, converting 13-of-21 shots (62 percent) from the floor including 6-of-9 three-pointers and all 14 of his free throws. Briggs also had eight rebounds, six assists and four steals.

Edward Wallace, a Livonia Franklin High graduate, was also on fire. He poured in 26 points, hitting 7-of-14 from the field (50 percent) and 4-of-7 triples (57 percent), many of those from an extremely long range. Wallace was 8-for-8 from the line.

OCC was 32-of-38 from the stripe (84.2 percent) compared to SC's 23-of-39 (59 percent). The Raiders made 13-of-22 threes (59 percent), including 9-of-12 in the first half (75 percent); SC was 8-of-26 on triples (31 percent).

The loss dropped SC to 18-8 overall, 8-3 in the conference. OCC evened its

record at 11-11 overall, 6-6 in the conference.

"You're supposed to win when you play like that," SC's Briggs said of OCC's performance. "By the same token, we have had a lot of distractions, what with Lamar's situation. But we've talked to them about it. They know other teams are going to come in here and get after Schoolcraft."

There were other indications that the Ocelots were not ready for Monday's game. OCC had a wide edge in rebounding—45-27, including a 14-9 advantage on the offensive boards. And although Bigby did score 17 points, six of those came in the final minute on dunks after the outcome had long been decided.

Other Ocelots expected to provide the bulk of the offense were even less productive: Derek McKeivey scored just four points, Dashawn Williams had 11 and starting point guard David McElown was limited to eight, although he did dish out nine assists.

Quentin Mitchell came off the bench to lead SC with 18 points. Reggie Kirkland and Mario Montgomery added 11 points apiece (Montgomery also had five assists), and Mike Murray netted 10.

OCC also got 11 points from Randy Kelly, 10 points from Brad Burlingame (from Walled Lake Central) and seven points and 11 boards from Aaronde

Kemp. Albert Jones (from Westland High Glenn) contributed eight points, eight rebounds (six of them offensive) and four assists.

If there was a play that sealed SC's fate, it came midway through the second half. Three-pointers by Bigby and Mitchell had trimmed the Raider lead to 79-63; momentum was switching. Then it seemed the Ocelots had forced a turnover when the ball was batted away from OCC's Kelly; but Kelly outbattled three SC players for the loose ball and dished it to Briggs, who nailed a three-pointer.

A Schoolcraft turnover followed, with Wallace drilling a two-footer to increase the Raider lead to 22 with nine minutes left.

Instead of a fast-break basket that would have narrowed the deficit to 14, the Ocelots twice lost possession—and momentum.

Madonna 85, Concordia 77 (2 OT): Mike Maryanski scored eight of his 16 points in the second overtime, and Mike Massey added seven of his 20 to propel Madonna University past Concordia College Saturday in Ann Arbor.

The win was the Fighting Crusaders second in the last three games, elevating their overall record to 7-18, 3-7 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Confer-

ence. Concordia fell to 3-23 overall, 0-10 in the WHAC.

Madonna had to battle back from a 31-20 halftime deficit, but it took a three-pointer by the Cardinals' Wes Hazel at the buzzer to knot the score at 55-55 and force overtime. Concordia then opened up a 62-58 lead with 1:58 left in the first OT on a triple by Kareem Hairston, but the Crusaders overcame that, eventually tying it and forcing a second OT on a basket by Massey with eight seconds left.

Massey and Maryanski took command after that, combining for eight of Madonna's first nine points in the second OT as the Crusaders jumped out to a 75-66 lead. The Cards never got closer than five.

Chad Putnam, a junior forward from Redford Thurston, came off the bench to score 21 points for Madonna on 6-of-7 floor shooting (including 3-for-3 on threes). Massey had four rebounds and four assists to go with his 20 points, and Maryanski totaled 11 rebounds, three assists and three blocked shots. Jason Skoczylas had 17 points and three assists.

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answered with goals from Nikos Tsellos (at 5:58) and Jason Ward (at 9:05), but the Sting's Ivan Novoselisev knotted it at 2-2 before the period ended.

A scoreless third period set the stage for the third-period fireworks. Ward's second goal of the game, and 15th of the season, broke the tie 3-4 into the final stanza. Goals by David Legwand (his 26th), Harold Druken (45th), Tsellos (second of the game, 16th of the season) and Damian Surma (12th) followed. Druken also had two assists in the period; Kevin Holdridge (from Redford Catholic Central) had two assists, too.

Rob Zepp made 17 stops in goal for Plymouth; Curtis Cruickshank had 33 saves for Sarnia.

On Saturday against Toronto, the Whalers overcame a 2-1 deficit going into the third period with a four-goal onslaught. Adam Colagiaco tied it at the 5:44 mark for Plymouth; Ward put the Whalers ahead at 7:56. Ryan Walsh re-tied it for Toronto 29

seconds later before Legwand got the eventual game-winner on a power play at 12:27. Surma added an insurance goal at 18:18.

Ward, Legwand and Colagiaco each added assists in the game, and Paul Mara had two. Eric Gooldy scored Plymouth's first goal, in the second period (his 17th).

Zepp and Robert Holsinger shared goaltending duties for the Whalers, combining for 17 saves. Dwayne Bateman turned away 51 shots for Toronto (16-29-5 for the season).

Surma got the game-winning goal for Plymouth Friday at Kitchener, with Druken and Colagiaco assisting at 6:34 of the third period.

Tsellos gave the Whalers the early lead with a goal just 51 seconds into the game; the Rangers' Nick Robinson tied it at 8:10 of the period.

Holsinger made 21 saves in goal for Plymouth. Reg Bourcier had 53 stops for Kitchener (16-30-5).

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS				
East Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Ottawa 67's	40	8	3	83
Bellefleur Bulls	29	17	6	64
Peterborough Petes	31	19	1	63
Oshawa Generals	25	22	4	54
Kingston Frontenacs	14	34	3	31
Central Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Barrie Colts	39	8	5	83
Sudbury Wolves	19	27	7	45
North Bay Centennials	19	27	6	44
Toronto St. M. Majors	16	29	5	37
Miss. Ice Dogs	2	43	3	7
West Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Plymouth Whalers	40	9	3	83
Sarnia Sting	28	16	6	61
SSM Greyhounds	26	20	5	57
London Knights	24	26	3	51
Windsor Spitfires	15	30	6	36
Midwest Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Quepik Storm	32	17	2	66
Owen Sound Platers	29	21	5	63
Eric Otters	21	25	4	46
Kitchener Rangers	16	30	5	37
Brampton Battalion	6	43	3	15

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"We have an outside shot at winning the league again," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "But we're going to have to help. Other people in the league are going to have to beat each other."

Agape has won three of the last four MCC titles in basketball.

The Wolverines led 25-8 after one quarter and 42-17 at the half against Western Valley. Steven Mecklenburg drained five three-pointers en route to scoring a game-high 27 points; Julian Westlin added 15, and Paul Anleitner and Jeremy Austin scored 10 points apiece. For Paul Anleitner, it was his first game back after suffering a fractured kneecap early in the season.

Jose Gonzalez and Tim Miranda each scored nine points for Western Valley.

Southfield Christian was trying to get the ball to the high post, Taylor said.

PCA needs to win only one of its remaining three games in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference to clinch the championship. The Eagles are 14-1 overall, 7-0 in the MIAC.

Junior guard Jordan Rose had 15 points and eight steals for PCA. Junior forward Dave Carty contributed 11 points.

John Dresser had 12 points for Southfield Christian, which fell to 5-9 overall, 2-5 in the MIAC.

The two teams when they lost a 15-point lead in the final minutes and Notre Dame scored 16 straight points to win.

This time, ND could outscore the Shamrocks only in the fourth quarter and even then it was only three points, 15-12. CC outscored ND in the first quarter (22-14), second quarter (26-12) and third quarter (22-17).

Guards Rob Sparks, Nick Moore and Dan Jess combined for 13 three-point baskets to lead the Shamrocks. Sparks, a junior guard, had a season high 26 points with four triples to lead all scorers.

Moore, a senior guard, had five three-pointers and 21 points to go with 12 assists. Jess, a senior guard, scored 14 with four threes.

Senior forward Justin DeSmet led ND with 11 points. Senior guard Brett Cerotti added 10 points. One of ND's best scorers, senior forward Steve Biggs, was held to six points while guarded by Dave Lusky and Matt Lorida.

Kathy Panganis poured in 30 points to help Madonna University gain its second win in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, 75-68 over Concordia College Saturday at Madonna.

Panganis' stable influence—she scored 14 points in the first half and 16 in the second, converting 12-of-20 floor shots (60 percent), including 3-of-4 three-pointers—was a key factor in the Lady Crusaders' victory.

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## Panganis leads Crusaders to triumph

### WOMEN'S HOOP

and made two steals; and Katie Cushman had seven assists.

Concordia got 21 points, 11 rebounds and five blocked shots from Kristy Billie; 15 points from Beth Arends; 14 points from Sandi Reynaert; and 10 from Stacey Osborne.

Madonna improved to 13-12 overall, 2-8 in the WHAC. Concordia is 11-11 overall, 3-6 in the WHAC.

SC 82, OCC 65: Schoolcraft College scored the first 14 points of the game Monday against visiting Oakland Community College, a gap that was too large to close for the visiting Lady Raiders.

SC improved to 19-3 overall with its 15th-straight win, the

Lady Ocelots are 11-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. OCC fell to 14-7 overall with its third-straight loss; the Raiders are 7-5 in the conference.

Samantha Theisen, who led the Ocelots with 28 points, scored seven of their first 12. OCC never got closer than eight in the game.

Theisen also had eight rebounds and three steals. Belinda Reid added 18 points, 14 rebounds and five assists; Stacy Cavin had 12 points and 11 boards; and Kim Washnock (from Farmington) and Jackie Kocis netted nine points apiece, with Kocis grabbing nine rebounds.

OCC got 28 points from Paula Wesa and 13 from Danielle Ventimiglia.

## FISHING TRIVIA QUESTION

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Here is this week's question:

On St. Patrick's Day, 1996, Dennis Nevins shattered the state record when he landed a brook trout in excess of nine pounds while ice fishing in Clear Lake in the Upper Peninsula. By how much did Nevins' fish break the old record of 6 pounds, 12 ounces?

Send in the correct answer to: Fishing Trivia Contest, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Thursday, Feb. 11  
Luth. East at Luth. W. 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 12  
Huron Valley vs. Fairlane at Marquette M.C., 7 p.m.  
Canton Agape at Temple, 7 p.m.  
Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

Northville at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Harrison, 7 p.m.  
Farmington at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
N. Farm. at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Salen at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.  
Wayne at Willow Run, 7 p.m.  
Garden City at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.  
Crestwood at Thurston, 7 p.m.  
Wyandotte at Redford Union, 7 p.m.  
Borgess at U-D Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Agatha at Inter-City, 7:30 p.m.  
Ply. Christian at Inter-City, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 11  
Red, Unified vs. Northville at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 12  
Franklin vs. Milford, Churchill vs. W.L. Central at Edgar Arena, 4 & 6 p.m.  
(Falcon Classic at E. Kentwood)  
Stevenson vs. E. Kentwood, 6:20 p.m.  
P.H. Northern vs. G.P. South, 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 13  
Falcon Classic, noon & 2 p.m.  
Red, Unified at Allen Park, 8 p.m.  
Redford CC vs. Brother Rice at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.  
Franklin vs. Dearborn, at Adray Arena, 8 p.m.  
Churchill at Clarkson, 8:20 p.m.

Indiana Tech at Madonna, 3 p.m.  
Oakland CC at Henry Ford, 3 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Saturday, Feb. 13  
OCC High, Lakes at Henry Ford, 1 p.m.  
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 3 p.m.  
Delta at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.  
**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
Thursday, Feb. 11  
Huron Valley at Warren Zoe, 6 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Harper Woods, 6:30 p.m.  
Luth. W. at Luth. North, 7 p.m.  
PCA at St. Paul Christian, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 12  
Canton Agape at Temple, 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 13  
Bedford Tournament, 8:30 a.m.  
Pigeon Lake Invitational, TBA.  
USA Volleyball Tourney, TBA.  
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tral for the second time this season, 15-9, 16-14.

"I knew it would be a tight one and we knew it would be a war," Central coach Mike Lindstrom said. "We had the same kind of match in January."

Salem's Angie Sillmon, named to the All-Tourney team along with teammate Amanda Suder, was on target most of the day with a total of 54 kills.

"We had trouble stopping her," Lindstrom said. "But we had a good idea on how to play them."

Senior Leah Douglas was Central's top hitter on the day with 58 kills. She also had 35 blocks.

Setter Becca Saldana, who has made a verbal commitment to Oakland University, came up with 125 assists. The 6-foot senior also recorded 17 aces and 24 blocks.

Amanda Mendenhall, a 5-10 senior, added 48 kills.

Both Saldana and Mendenhall were named All-Tourney.

Amanda Yakin (28 digs), who served 10 points in one game against Salem, and Erin Rishell, who was all over the place, according to Lindstrom, paced the defense.

Sarah Schreiber, Kallie Miller, Amy Emerine, Colleen Saldana and Kallie Miller also provided steady play for the Lady Vikings.

"It was a long day and I think we just ran out of gas," Lindstrom said. "We'd like to play them again."

"Our concentration broke after the first game. We had been serving pretty hard, but after the second game when they took it to us, we never really recovered. It carried over to the third game."

Salem's standouts on the day included Suder, a junior, who finished with 37 kills, 43 digs and 15 aces, and setter Laine

Sterling, who had 121 assists and 43 digs. Andrea Pruetz contributed 29 kills.

"I was also pleased with the contribution from Erica Stein, that was an unexpected plus," Salem coach Tom Teeters said. "She didn't get a lot of touches, but she opens a lot of things up for us. If not for her setting, we wouldn't have caught up after being down 11-2 (against Central) to actually leading 14-13 (in the second game). She did some nice things out there along with Angie."

"And Jill Dombrowski (16 kills) did a nice job of running the slide play."

Following Schoolcraft action, the No. 6 Rocks are 30-6 overall, while No. 5 Central is 28-4.

If there were any tournament surprises, it occurred in Pool F where Livonia Stevenson, one of the upper echelon teams in the Western Lakes, finished behind both Dearborn and Birmingham Marian.

Another mild surprise was Livonia Franklin, which won Pool B with a perfect 3-0 record and then upset last year's runner-up Livonia Ladywood in the Sweet 16, 15-5, 7-15, 15-13.

But unfortunately for the Patriots, they lost to eventual champion East Kentwood in the quarterfinals, 3-15, 3-15.

### Salem stuns Stevenson

With contributions coming from everywhere, Plymouth Salem collected its sixth-straight victory in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 15-8, 10-15, 15-8 win over Livonia Stevenson Monday at Stevenson.

"I was real pleased," said Salem coach Tom Teeters, his Rocks now 31-6 overall and 6-1

in the WLAA. Teeters singled out no one; instead, he named eight different team members as major contributors to the triumph.

Offensive leaders included Amanda Suder and Angie Sillmon, with 13 kills apiece; Andrea Pruetz, with 11 kills and a team-best .409 kill average; and Jill Dombrowski, with seven kills and a .400 kill average. Laine Sterling contributed 40 assists to kills, while Alekha Marquez had the distinction as best server.

"They were trying to single-block (Sillmon) and she was hitting around it real well," said Teeters, who was also happy with the slide-attacks displayed by Pruetz and Dombrowski. "Mo Buchanan did a good job serving, and Erica Stein is starting to contribute more and more, in different ways."

Stein was a defensive stalwart against the Spartans, collecting five blocks and seven digs. Suder had a team-high 14 digs, while Sillmon had 10 digs.

Stevenson fell to 23-9-2 overall, 5-2 in the WLAA with the loss.

### PCA earns a win

Plymouth Christian Academy had to travel the entire road in its volleyball match at Saline Christian Tuesday, but it was worth the trip: a 15-8, 8-15, 15-13 triumph in Michigan Independent Athletic Conference action.

Jenny Sutherland's 11 kills led the Eagles' offense. Melissa Fawthrop added eight kills, and Rachel Sumner had 21 assists to kills. Debbie Gullidge paced the defense with 17 digs; she also had eight service aces.

There will also be an accompanying Health Expo from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 10 and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, April 11 at Domino's Farms.

More than 50 exhibitors will be on hand along with a portable climbing wall.

### RUNNING NEWS

U-M Mitral Mile at 8:30 a.m., the 20-kilometer distance classic and U-M Heart Care Healthy Heart 5K run and walk at 9 a.m.

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### BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

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#### 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

(state cut: 1:42.99)  
North Farmington 1:42.19  
Livonia Stevenson 1:44.30  
Plymouth Salem 1:45.23  
Plymouth Canton 1:45.60  
Redford Catholic Central 1:47.35

#### 200 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 1:49.39)  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:45.36  
Paul Perez (Salem) 2:00.59  
Joe Bubitz (Stevenson) 1:50.61  
James McPartin (John Glenn) 1:50.75  
Don LeClair (Canton) 1:53.11  
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 1:53.30  
Brandon Digia (North Farmington) 1:53.63  
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 1:53.78  
Bill Randall (Churchill) 1:53.94  
Matt Casillas (Salem) 1:54.44

#### 200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

(state cut: 2:03.99)  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 2:00.50  
James McPartin (John Glenn) 2:07.36  
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:07.50  
Paul Perez (Salem) 2:09.59  
Brett Macovec (Redford CC) 2:11.06  
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:11.54  
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 2:11.69  
Aaron Shetton (Salem) 2:12.05  
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 2:12.20

#### 50 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 22.99)  
Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 22.30  
Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.35  
James McPartin (John Glenn) 22.65  
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 22.73  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 22.80  
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 22.81  
Joe Bubitz (Stevenson) 22.88  
Don LeClair (Canton) 23.09  
Mark Wachberg (N. Farmington) 23.18  
Bill Randall (Churchill) 23.55

#### DIVING

Greg Bratunas (Redford CC) 256.30  
Chris McFarland (Stevenson) 246.35  
Joe Lebovic (N. Farmington) 232.85  
Mike Mattis (Redford CC) 230.50  
Justin Goodwin (N. Farmington) 197.45  
Greg Kubitski (Salem) 180.95  
Blake Brunner (Canton) 177.00  
Kory Stevens (Redford CC) 172.10  
John Chase (Salem) 159.70  
Mike Baskin (Stevenson) 157.00

#### 100 BUTTERFLY

(state cut: 55.99)  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 54.00  
James McPartin (John Glenn) 54.55  
Joe Bubitz (Stevenson) 55.45  
Brett Macovec (Redford CC) 55.68  
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 56.59

#### 400 FREESTYLE RELAY

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North Farmington 3:23.17  
Redford Catholic Central 3:24.16  
Livonia Stevenson 3:25.31  
Plymouth Canton 3:29.29  
Plymouth Salem 3:32.75

#### 100 BREASTSTROKE

(state cut: 1:03.19)  
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:02.68  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:03.76  
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:05.23  
Josh Markow (Canton) 1:06.01  
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:06.06  
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:07.30  
Aaron Shetton (Salem) 1:07.90  
Sonny Webber (Wayne) 1:08.52  
Mike McGowan (Stevenson) 1:08.78  
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 1:08.81

#### 500 FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cut: 5:55.99)  
North Farmington 5:55.99  
Redford Catholic Central 5:56.16  
Livonia Stevenson 5:57.31  
Plymouth Canton 5:59.29  
Plymouth Salem 6:02.75

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### SHOWS

#### BOAT SHOW

The 41st annual "All New" Detroit Boat Show runs through Sunday at Cobo Center. Sponsored by Michigan Boating Industries, the show features more than 300 boat dealers and marine businesses, over 1,000 boats of all sizes and styles, the latest in services, accessories, engines and electronics, and one-stop on-site financing. There will also be a boating live theater, a kids boating clinic, contests and giveaways. Show hours are noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday and 3-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Admission is \$8 adult and children 12 and under will be admitted free. Call (800) 932-2628 for more information.

#### DEER AND TURKEY

The annual Michigan Deer and Turkey Spectacular will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Lansing Center. The show features some 300 exhibit booths, trophy deer, bear and elk contests and displays, live animals, wild game cooking school, archery trick shot specialist Byron Ferguson, a free instructional archery range for children, an outdoor skills demonstration center, an outdoor photo contest, over 40 informational seminars and more. Show hours are 4-9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8 for a one-day adult ticket, \$14 for a two-day adult ticket, \$3 for youths ages 6-14, and children under six will be admitted free. Call (800) 324-3337 for more information.

#### CAMPER AND RV

The annual Detroit Camper and RV Show will be held Feb. 13-23 at the Novi Expo Center. The show features all types of 1999 recreational vehicles including folding campers, motor homes, travel trailers, truck campers, fifth wheels. Over 300 models will be on display ranging in price from \$3,000 to over \$200,000. There will also be RV and campground information, family entertainment, family entertainment and more. Show hours are 2-9 p.m. weekdays, noon to 9 p.m. Saturdays, and noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$6.50 for adults and children under 12 will be admitted free. Two-for-one coupons are available at participating RV dealers. Call (517) 349-8881 for more information.

#### BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING

The 16th annual Pontiac Silverdome Boat, Sport & Fishing Show will be held Feb. 17-21 at the Silverdome. The show features fishing seminars, outfitters, 100 merchandise booths, over 400 trailerable boats and much more. Show hours are 9-3 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 17-18; 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19; 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21. Admission is \$6.50 for adults and \$3 for children. Children ages five and under will be admitted free. Discount tickets are available at participating Marathon Stations and Elias Brothers Restaurants.

#### SPORTFISHING EXPO

The 10th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo will be held March 4-7 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The show will feature a special appearance by national walleye angling champion Ted Takasaki on Friday, March 5. Other speakers of national renown scheduled to speak at the show include walleye pro Mike McClelland and Keith Kavajecz, bowhunting expert Chuck Adams, In Fisherman Magazine editors Dave Casanda and Matt Straw, and Michigan's own Tom Huggler.

#### OUTDOORAMA

Outdoorama '99 Sport and Travel Show will be held Feb. 26-March 7 at the Novi Expo Center. (800) 777-6720. The show includes nearly 450 exhibits featuring the latest in fishing, hunting and camping equipment; recreational vehicles; boats; conservation clubs; and travel and outfitting destinations throughout North America. There will also be a reptile and amphibian display, live animals, a trout fishing pond, musical and variety acts, an archery range, hunting and fishing seminars, and much more. Show hours are 4-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26. Mon-

### OUTDOORS CALENDAR

#### SEASON/DATES

**BOBCAT**  
Bobcat season runs through Feb. 16 in Clare, Crawford, Gladwin, Iosco, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Ogemaw, Osceola, Roscommon and Westford counties and in Aconac County west of I-75 and north of M-61. The season runs through March 1 in the Upper Peninsula and in Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle counties in the northern Lower Peninsula.

#### CLASSES

**FLY TYING**  
Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

#### ACTIVITIES

**KENSINGTON HIKE**  
Take a stroll through Kensington Metropark with members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club, during this program, which begins at 11:45 a.m. at the park nature center. Participants can also meet at 11 a.m. behind the Marathon Station at Telegraph and 12 Mile roads. Call (248) 280-4975 for more information.

#### BIKE MAINTENANCE 101

Get your bike ready for spring during this instructional clinic, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

#### CLUBS

**SOLAR**  
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

#### CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome). The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

#### METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

#### MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

#### FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kulej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

#### FISHING BUDDIES

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

#### HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

#### BASS ASSOCIATION

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

#### MEETINGS

**NRC**  
The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 10-11, at the Lansing Center (Wednesday) and the Steven T. Mason Building (Thursday) in Lansing. The Commission will be taking public comment on 1999 deer season regulations. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

#### ARCHERY

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours through Dec. 31 are 10 a.m. to sunset Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays. On Mondays and Tuesdays only the sporting clay course is open, noon to sunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

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**JUNIOR OLYMPICS**  
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

#### JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in Westland. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

#### SHOOTING RANGES

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#### PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is at 7800 Gale Road. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.



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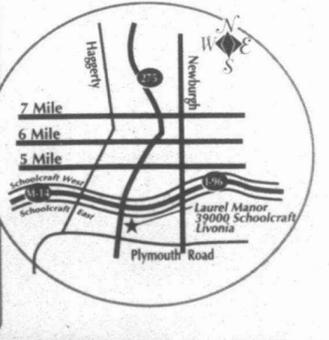


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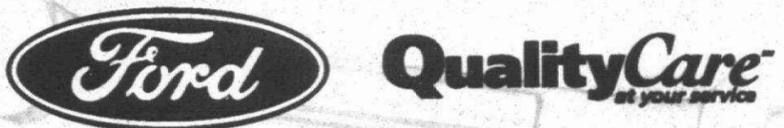
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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



Christopher Lloyd (left), Jeff Daniels (center) and Daryl Hannah star in "My Favorite Martian" opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

### SATURDAY



In honor of Black History Month, the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance at Oakland University presents "Death and the King's Horseman," 8 p.m. in the Varner Studio Theatre on the Rochester campus. Tickets \$10 general, \$8 seniors, \$5 students, call (248) 370-3013 or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

### SUNDAY

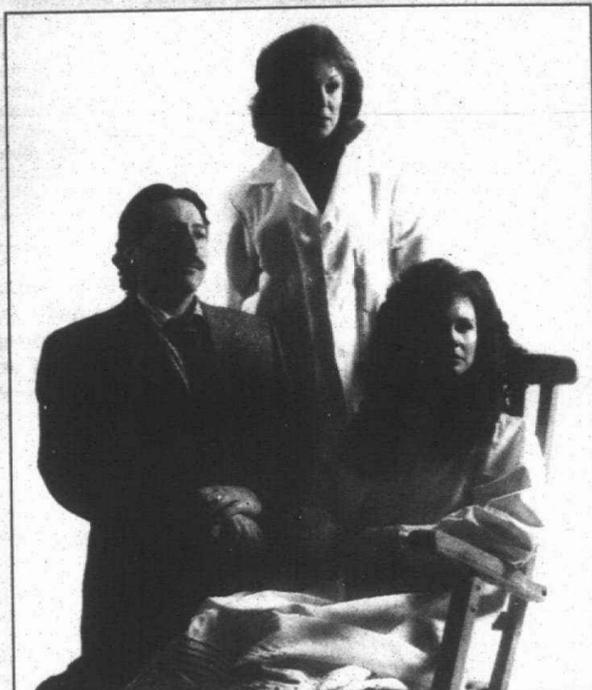


"Classics on the Lake" features the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Bassoon Quartet, 3 p.m. in the shrine-chapel on the campus of St. Mary's College, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. Tickets \$15 and \$25, call (248) 683-1750.

## HOT TICKET



Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn explores America's musical roots weekends during Black History Month. In addition to musical performances, visitors will have a chance to make traditional kofi hats, watch dramatic presentations and African-American family cooking demonstrations. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.



Thriller: David Ellenstein (left to right), Susan Marie Arnold and Denise Michelle Young in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "Scotland Road."

## Meadow Brook JET present intriguing dramas

### On Stage

#### "SCOTLAND ROAD"

**WHEN:** Previews 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 11-12. Opens 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 and continues through Sunday, March 7. Performance times vary, call the theater for information.

**WHERE:** Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University.

**TICKETS:** \$24 to \$35, call (248) 377-3300 or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

#### "NEVER THE SINNER"

**WHEN:** Previews through Sunday, Feb. 14. Opens 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, continues through Sunday, March 7. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday; 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday matinee.

**WHERE:** Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road (corner of Maple and Drake Roads) West Bloomfield.

**TICKETS:** \$13 to \$23, with discounts for seniors and students. Call (248) 788-2900.

**HIGHLIGHT:** Community Forum to discuss some of the issues raised in "Never the Sinner" after 7:30 p.m. Thursday performances on Feb. 18, Feb. 25 and March 4, and after 2 p.m. Sunday performances on Feb. 21, Feb. 28 and March 7.

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
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Interrogation, intrigue, suspense, drama, describe two productions opening this week at Meadow Brook Theatre, and by the Jewish Ensemble Theatre in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre.

Meadow Brook presents the Michigan premiere of "Scotland Road," by Jeffrey Hatcher, through March 7.

Jewish Ensemble Theatre explores capital punishment, the media and judicial system in "Never the Sinner," by John Logan, which continues through March 7.

Both plays are edge-of-the seat dramas where the audience isn't quite sure what will happen next.

David Ellenstein portrays John, the great grandson of John Jacob Astor, the richest man in the world when he perished with the Titanic in 1912.

Ellenstein's wife, Denise Michelle Young, plays a young woman found in the present day clinging to an iceberg in the Atlantic Ocean. She says only one word, "Titanic," and claims to be a survivor. She is wet, cold, and wearing clothes from 1912.

Astor intercepts the woman, who is on her way to a hospital in Boston, and questions her story.

"I am obsessed with every detail about the Titanic and pre-

serving its pristine memory," said Ellenstein about his character. "The woman thinks she's in 1912."

Astor takes the woman to a clinic and interrogates her, with help from Halberech, a female clinician portrayed by Susan Arnold, in an attempt to prove the woman is a fraud.

"It's not a play about the Titanic," said Ellenstein. "It's about loneliness, desperation, reincarnation. What it means to be alive at a certain time, or are we part of a collective unconscious?"

Ellenstein described "Scotland Road" as a taut drama, that has a lot of twists and turns. "It questions more than it answers," he said. "There's some humor, and it's fun trying to figure out what is going on. You're left guessing for a long time."

Young's character is silent during the first part of the play. "She refuses to speak," explained Young. "She's someone who was on the Titanic. It's part science fiction, part Twilight Zone. Much of the play is a mystery."

"Scotland Road" takes place over a number of days. Astor tries to interrogate the woman, but she doesn't respond. "It's interesting how the relationships play out," said Young. "I really liked the part. She's an interesting, strong character. As things unfold it becomes more confus-

Please see JET, E2



PHOTO BY LOIS GREENFIELD

**Sounddance:** This work features Glen Ramsey, Frederic Gafner, Jennifer Weaver and Michael Cole and was originally performed in 1975.

## Cutting edge dance company challenges rules

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Banu Ogan was a biology student at the University of North Carolina when she was called by the lord of the dance, Merce Cunningham.

"I had been in ballet dance and I was missing it, so I took a modern dance class. My teacher worshipped Merce and showed this videotape. ...I just fell in love with his ideas. The technique I thought was quite amazing."

Ogan gave up biology for dance and after graduation she went to New York where she eventually joined the Merce Cunningham Dance Company.

The company, now in a weeklong residence at the University of Michigan, will give performances Friday and Saturday at Ann Arbor's Power Center.

Cunningham, 79, is a legendary figure in modern dance, credited with changing the rules of dance as a dancer, beginning with Martha Graham in the early '40s, and as a choreographer who merged modern dance with new music and design.

"He broke away from traditional dance," Ogan said. "Dance had been narrative and he made it just pure movement. He separated music from dance and decor and then all the elements come together on opening night."

For Cunningham, dance was no longer tied to a literary concept or even to the rhythms and melodies of a com-

Please see DANCE, E2

**WHAT:** Merce Cunningham Dance Company  
**WHEN:** 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12; 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13.

**FRIDAY PROGRAM:** Rondo, Pond Way, Scenario  
**SATURDAY PROGRAM:** MinEvent, Ground Level Overlay, Sounddance

**WHERE:** Power Center, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor

**TICKETS:** \$16-\$34. Call (734) 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### Benefit certain to make 'news'

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
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Depending on the audience's response at this Sunday's Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra concert, one local news anchor may never again be considered as "just a broadcast journalist."

Preceding the concert of "light and warm" classical music, honorary host Devin Scillian will serenade patrons with "Too Long in the Rain," a country style song written by the WDIV-TV news anchor.

News anchor turned crooner? Well, it might sound a bit surprising, but it's hardly a novel performance for Scillian, who has compiled a couple of commercial cassettes of his own

Please see BENEFIT, E3

**WHAT:** "Think Spring," the Annual Valentine Day Benefit Dinner & Concert for the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra

**WHEN:** Sunday, Feb. 14 - dinner at 5 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Temple Beth El, 14 Mile & Telegraph Roads, Bloomfield Hills

**TICKETS:** Concert - \$20/adult & \$15/students; dinner - \$50/person; (248) 645-2276



Guest artist: Violist Hart Hollman performs with the Wayne State Singers in Sunday's benefit concert.

### Families enjoy 'Sound of Music'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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The set was half-finished behind Brooke Andres, and the rest of the actors playing the Von Trapp children during a rehearsal for "The Sound of Music," but that didn't seem to matter. They sang "These are a Few of My Favorite Things" as if it were opening night.

Like the Von Trapps, the Plymouth Theatre Guild prides itself on being a family affair. Brooke, who plays Liesl, is just one member of the Andres family involved with the production. Mom

Please see SOUND, E3

#### "The Sound of Music"

**WHAT:** The Plymouth Theatre Guild presents the Rodgers & Hammerstein production about the Von Trapp Family Singers.

**WHEN:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 19-20, Feb. 26-27, March 5-6, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28.

**WHERE:** Water Tower Theatre, 41001 West Seven Mile, (between Haggerty and Northville Roads) on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital.

**TICKETS:** \$12 at the door, \$11 in advance, \$8 for students age 18 and under when purchased at the door. For more information, call (248) 349-7110.



Confidence: Cast members rehearse a scene from the Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of "The Sound of Music."

# JET from page E1

ing. Once she speaks, she's says a mouthful, and you don't know what's going to happen."

Describing the play, Young says it's about being lonely, and people who aren't happy and are searching for something.

Both actors, Ellenstein and Young found each other when Ellenstein directed her in a show.

Together for nine years, married for 4-1/2, they make their home in Los Angeles. Both have performed at Meadow Brook Theatre before.

"We like it here," said Young.

"We've made a lot of friends," adds Ellenstein.

Geoffrey Sherman, artistic director of Meadow Brook Theatre is directing this production. "We met in Portland, Ore., and have done three shows together," said Ellenstein. "It's always great to work with him."

A courtroom is the scene of the drama played out in JET's production of "Never the Sinner."

It's a story about the first "Crime of the Century" — two teens who kill a 14-year-old boy for the thrill of it. Clarence Dar-

row, 74, defends 18-year-old Nathan Leopold, Jr., and his friend Richard Loeb, 19, in this play which takes place in Chicago during the summer of 1924.

Both boys are good looking, from affluent families and well educated. When she first read the play last spring, Evelyn Orbach, artistic director of JET, put it in her reject pile.

"It is such a negative thing," she said. "To see two young, affluent men who have everything going for them. But then I started to see all these things in the news about violent, seemingly meaningless deaths

involving young people — someone shooting up a school, kids killing their parents, and then I began thinking about it."

Besides being a great drama, Orbach thought "Never the Sinner" raised some important issues that should be discussed in the community.

"After striking the last blow," Loeb explodes into giggles. Keep calm old Buddy," he tells his friend Leopold. "It's just like swatting a fly."

The boys killed 14-year-old Bobby Franks believing they committed the perfect crime.

"They were toying with philosophy and believed they were supermen," said Orbach.

The case also represents a landmark decision about capital punishment, and looks at how the media sways public opinion.

"What's terrible is they're (Leopold and Loeb) appealing and that's appalling," said Orbach. "Girls sent them love letters."

JET is hosting community forums that will focus on some of the issues raised in "Never the Sinner," at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre after Thursday evening

performances and Sunday matinees.

Discussions will be facilitated by psychologists, media, legal, and social services professionals. "We're trying to get people who are really concerned about these issues," said Orbach. Clementine Barfield of So Sad, Save our Sons and Daughters, will be the featured speaker on Thursday, Feb. 25. She will be bringing along three or four teens.

This group was formed to help families deal with the loss of a child through violence.

# Dance from page E1

poser. The composer wrote the music, the designer designed the sets and the choreographer mapped out dance movements

without consulting each other. On opening night there was a clash or a convergence of ideas.

Over the years Cunningham

has worked with composers such as John Cage, David Tudor and Brian Eno and contemporary artists such as Robert Rauschen-

## As a dancer, Merce Cunningham often seemed to defy gravity, space and time, and he tries to pass along some of that pure motion to his company of young dancers.

berg, Frank Stella, Jasper Johns and Roy Lichtenstein. He's also experimented in film and video.

"His approach is more intellectual than emotional," Ogan said.

That intellectual approach has kept Cunningham on the cutting edge of dance and using technology to advance his choreography. With the help of scientist and choreographer Theola Schiphorst, Cunningham has been using a computer, LifeForms, to help design his dances since the late 1980s.

"He uses it for ideas," Ogan said. "I think of it as this little guy... He'll see what he can do and try to give it to us to see if we can do that. Of course on the computer there's no gravity. The little guy can go up and make five moves in the air. We come up with what we're able to do."

As a dancer, Cunningham often seemed to defy gravity, space and time and he tries to pass along some of that pure motion to his company of young dancers. Ogan said the choreographer builds his dances an element at a time beginning with the feet, then the torso and finally the arms. She said sometimes it seems stiff and formatted. But between the necessary time cues, Cunningham builds in moments for free movement.

"Because of the computer thing, it's really difficult to make your feet dance or even to make your feet move at all. Phrases are difficult to learn. After eight or nine arm positions, you say if he gives me any more arm I'll lose it," Ogan said.

She said it is also difficult to ignore the music sometimes. She said that usually on opening night, when dancers hear the music for the first time, they are so nervous about their movements that it isn't a problem. But as time goes on they have to fight "dancing to the music."

She said when they performed in Minnesota, they wanted to pay homage to the hometown composer, the artist formerly known as Prince, and use his music.

"It's very hard not to dance to Prince's music," she said.

Ogan will dance in several of the works this weekend. She

said "Rondo" is divided into two sections. In the first section company members never know what they're going to dance. Everyone learns all the solo and multiple parts.

"The order changes every night on who does which dance. You don't know what you're doing until that night. The B section is mayhem. The feel of the piece changes completely," she said.

At 29, Ogan is finding that dance can be wearying but rewarding.

A performance last June at the Paris Opera on a stage with a five degree rake was exhausting but "the highlight of my career."

Just as the music, sets and choreography come together, so, too, do the dancers who give themselves to Cunningham's vision of pure movement.

# St. Dunstan's puts heart into musical revue

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook presents "Heart and Music: Broadway's Best in Song" — a musical revue fundraiser to benefit lighting equipment improvements for the Cranbrook outdoor Greek Theatre. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13 at the theater 400 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$15 per person (show only), \$30 per person, reception and show, call (248) 644-0527 or (248) 584-0698.

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild's cabaret "Heart & Music, Broadway's Best in Song." So delightful are these group of seven dancing singers, this musical revue should be called St. Dunstan's Best in Song.

Jamie Richards directs this distinctive affair (and stars in it) with flair. Numbers are woven together through the common Valentine theme accented by John Mattiello's carefully planned choreography and the stylish costume changes from Steven Petix and Body Works, Inc. A blackened stage highlights artistic and colorful slides featuring the names of each Broadway musical as the singers

feature the show's hits. No commentary is needed to disrupt the smooth flow of the mood swings.

The selections are mostly from the contemporary musicals including — "A Chorus Line," "Big," "Godspell," and "Rent" — with a little Bob Fosse (to show off Mattiello's fine choreography) and some Stephen Sondheim in between.

Marlene Loucks on the keyboard, Carl Stewart on drums, and Eleanor Strubel on bass meshed all of these love songs into a medley.

Given the energetic style of this group of singers, they sparkled in the music from "Rent," and in the grouped Fosse

numbers. "All That Jazz," "Me and My Baby," and "Razzle Dazzle." Without the heavy amplification, the music from "Rent" was melodic and appreciable.

Always, when so many songs are presented in an evening, the musical range is demanding. Each singer in this cast had an impressive personal style featured to advantage by the carefully chosen memorable repertoire. No one who sees the show will forget Joe Johnson's version of "Love Changes Everything" from Andrew Lloyd Webber. Johnson is in his range in this ballad tune and puts his heart into the music to make it a highlight. He also scored strong-

ly for his rendition of "Bring Him Home" from "Les Miserables," even taking the finale in lovely falsetto.

Peggy Lee has personality in her voice. Her jazzy rhythm and timing was perfect for the show stopping "24 Hours of Lovin'," and her vocal agility was wonderful for the embellishments in "Day by Day." Particularly versatile in her acting and singing was Kendall Doman changing herself from the brainless Audrey in "Somewhere That's Green" ("Little Shop of Horrors") to a sophisticated love duet with Scott MacDonald in "Unworthy Of Your Love."

Two moving performances came from Kim Brown who sang heart throbbing "I dreamed a dream" ("Les Miserables") and "Don't Cry for Me Argentina" (Evita). Teaming up beautifully was Jeff Drewno and Krystyn Irvine in a natural "Last Night of the World" ("Miss Saigon"). Drewno also teamed up well with Jamie Richards in a clearly articulated "All for the Best" ("Godspell"). Nicki Stacey also articulated well in her narrative numbers like "Stop Time."

With a show like this, with all of its musical and artistic appeal, there really was no good time to end the evening of show stoppers.

MacDonald not only accompanied Joe's solo "One Song Glory" ("Rent") on the guitar but had the vocal depth to sing a powerful "Stars" from Les Miserables.

Mary Jane Doerr of Troy is a freelance writer who specializes in theater.

# Benefit from page E1

While a melancholic country song is quite a melodic distance from the traditional classical concert offerings, the BBSO hopes Scillian's name recognition will help to attract patrons to the dinner reception and silent auction prior to the benefit concert at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills.

"Most people who come to our concerts support the other arts as well," said Carla Lamphere, BBSO executive director.

The key, according to Lam-

phere, is to broaden audiences for the BBSO by bringing in new musicians and musical styles.

Part of the appeal for Sunday's concert, said Lamphere, is the collaboration between violinist Hart Hollman, the principle chair with the BBSO, and music students from Wayne State.

"We're trying to cultivate music appreciation throughout the community," said Lamphere.

To demonstrate their commitment, the BBSO is sponsoring a Young Artist Competition, to be held April 26-27. The competi-

tion will begin 4 p.m. each day at Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills.

BBSO is in the fourth of a six-concert season that stretches to mid May. For the past six years, the 200-member orchestra has been named best community orchestra at the Motor City Music Awards.

Typically, about 60 musicians perform at each concert. All members have professional experience. Many members also play for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and in Michigan Opera Theatre productions.

The annual benefit is the largest fund-raiser of the year for the BBSO.

The program includes Vaughan Williams' "Flos Campi" (The Flowers of the Field), Mendelssohn's "Incidental Music to 'A Midsummer Night's Dream,'" excerpts from the ballet "Gayne" by Khachatryan, and Rimsky-Korsakov's "Russian Easter Overture."

The concert is underwritten by Bloomfield Plaza, Pontiac & GMC, Kent and Yvonne Shafer, and Raymonde and Lynn Wert II.

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# Sound from page E1

Lisa is directing, dad Don designed the sets, and brothers Nicholas and Austin are altar boys.

The Plymouth Theatre Guild recently reduced its membership fee to \$1 a year to attract more members. The Guild's production of "The Sound of Music" is the only production of the families who responded to the call.

"The Sound of Music" brings back fond memories for Lisa and Don who played parts in the dramatic musical two weeks after returning from their honeymoon. High school sweethearts, the two first met in Drama Club in 1975 at Churchill High School in Livonia. They attended the revised version of "The Sound of Music" on Broadway last October.

"We try to keep it fresh," said Andrea, a 15-year veteran of directing. "I'm putting some of the changes from the Broadway version into it. We're trying to make it a lot more like the movie starring Julie Andrews. If they come to see it they'll be the first to see the revised version if they can't afford to see it on Broadway."

Don and Lisa have worked on dozens of theater productions over the years. Whenever Lisa directs a production, Don designs and builds the sets.

"This is a challenge because there's no fly space to drop sets to change scenes and there are no wings, so I had to figure out a way with a track system to move sets in and out," said Don. "Instead of black outs, we'll change the scenes while the production is running. It's going to be a great show. It's a great group of people."

Continuing the family tradition, Brooke began early to polish her dance steps at Miss Bunny's and Miss Harriet's dance schools in Livonia. After graduating from the Creative and Performing Arts program at Churchill High School where she is studying theater, Brooke hopes to attend Yale before trying to make it on Broadway. Next to meeting the actress who plays Maria in the revised Broadway production of "The Sound of Music," the biggest thrill of Brooke's life was auditioning for the Broadway play "Parade" last May.

"It was the most incredible experience," said Brooke. "It was at the Ford Theater where they were rehearsing 'Ragtime' and we got to watch and meet some of the cast."

Since age three when she was in the chorus of "Wizard of Oz," Brooke has wanted to be an actress. After plenty of hard work, Brooke's dreams have been coming true. The 15-year old was in the children's choir of "Music Man" at the Fisher Theater. She also sang in the chorus of "La Boheme" for the Michigan Opera Theatre's grand opening of its refurbished Detroit Opera House.

The Donovans met Don and

Lisa 17 years ago while acting in the Players Guild of Dearborn's "Gypsy." Now, Kim and Joe and their four children are rehearsing for one production or another all year long.

"This is our third time doing 'The Sound of Music,'" said Kim of Farmington Hills. "I love it because it's a love story and children have such a wonderful part in it. We find theater to be a nice fun family hobby and a lot of shows kids can be in the chorus."

Singing the high notes can be a little tricky for Paul Luoma, Jr. because his voice is changing but acting the part of Kurt Von Trapp is a piece of cake. The 13-year old said being relaxed and having fun eliminates any tension he might feel on the set his father Paul, Sr. helped build.

"It's been a great experience to meet new people and make new friends," said Luoma, Sr. of Farmington Hills. So far, Kristen Curle is the only member of her family in the Plymouth Theatre Guild. As producer, Curle makes sure that lighting, property and sound crews are all on cue. "The camaraderie is special," said Curle. "Twelve weeks before a show opens you start with 30 strangers. By closing night, you tell each other favorite stories. I'm always amazed at how people become a family."

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**FISHER THEATRE**  
"Rob Becker's Defending the Caveman," through Sunday, Feb. 21, at the theater, in the Fisher Building, Detroit. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays. \$34.50, \$38.50 and \$44.50. (248) 645-6666/(313) 872-1000

### COLLEGE

**U-M THEATRE**  
Timberlake Wertenbaker's "Our Country's Good," a compelling drama that explores the human bond between captives, captors and the redemptive power of art. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 11-13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Lydia Mendelsohn Theatre, central campus of University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$24, \$31 students with I.D. Contains adult language and situations. (734) 764-0450

**OAKLAND UNIVERSITY**  
"Death and the Horseman" by Wole Soyinka. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13; matinees, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, presented by the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance in the Varner Studio Theatre on campus, Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. (248) 370-3013/(248) 645-6666

### COMMUNITY THEATRE

**FARMINGTON PLAYERS**  
"The Fantasticks" by Tom Jones and Harvey Smith. 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Feb. 19-21, Feb. 19-20 and Feb. 26-27; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14 in the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$14. (248) 553-2955

**PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD**  
"The Sound of Music," 8 p.m. Fridays-Sundays, Feb. 19-21, Feb. 26-27, and Friday-Saturday, March 5, 6, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28. Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, Northville. \$11 in advance at the Penmanen Deli, 620 Penmanen St., Plymouth, Gardenview S. 202 W. Main St., Northville, and Evolia Music, 7120 Haggerty Road, North Canton; \$12 at the door. Discounts for groups of 15 or more. (248) 349-7110

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**STAGECAPTERS**  
Musical comedy "Promises, Promises," by Neil Simon, based on the movie "The Apartment." Billy Wilder and L.L. Diamond, music by Bert Bacharach and lyrics by Hal David. Through Feb. 14, at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$12-\$14. (248) 541-6430

**WAYNE STATE IV ADULT COMMUNITY THEATRE**  
"The Curious Savage," a comedy by John Patrick. 7:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Feb. 12-13 and 19-20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the State Wayne Stage IV Theatre, on Michigan Avenue, Wayne. \$20, \$5 seniors/students. (734) 721-7400

### YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

**DETROIT PUPPET THEATRE**  
PuppetArt presents "The Firebird" from an old Russian folk tale, noon and 2 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 13 and 20, at the theater, 26 E. Grand River, between Woodward Avenue and Farmer, Detroit. \$6.50, \$5 children, \$20 families of two adults/ two children. Also workshops following 2 p.m. Saturday performances. (313) 961-7777/(248) 557-8599

**TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS**  
Presents Timberbox Tales, a collection of humorous folk tales with voluntary audience participation, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, in the Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. \$4. (734) 466-2410

### YOUTH THEATRE

(Ishani) Family Dancers perform authentic African dance, music and song, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the State Wayne Stage IV Theatre, on Michigan Avenue, Wayne. \$20, \$5 seniors/students. (734) 721-7400

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**"ART CHAT"**  
By the artist and curator of the exhibit "Extraordinary Stitches: The Art of Fiber and Thread," on the use of textiles in the work of modern Jewish artists. 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb.



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**R.G. DEMPSTER & FRIENDS**  
Original jazz and classical music. 7-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at the Coffee Beanery, Birmingham. (248) 646-6022

**"DIVAS EXOTICA"**  
Capitol Records' search for America's ultimate drag queen, hosted by Drag Queen Amanda Collins. 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 272-8999; And the final round at 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, Metro's 928 W. McNichols. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 863-3934

**"KARMA" NIGHTCLUB OPENING**  
7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at the club, 22901 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7, 21 and older. Afterward, the club will have open from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays-Saturdays. Full menu of fajitas, salads, shrimp, veggie sandwiches. (810) 783-9777

**"PAINT THE WORD"**  
An art benefit where artists will be painting poetry read by Noel Cummings, an auction follows to raise money for the nonprofit Swann Gallery Educational Corporation which provides programs such as free children's art classes. 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at the Swann Gallery, 1250 Library St., across from the old Hudson's building, Detroit. Free. (313) 965-4826

**THE RAINBOW CONNECTION**  
An evening of romance, fine food and music by Alexander Zonic. 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Skivine Club, 2000 Town Center, Suite 280, Southfield. \$85 per person, with proceeds to benefit The Rainbow Connection, a nonprofit granting wishes for children with life-threatening illnesses. (810) 783-9777

**SUZANNE SOMERS**  
Guest speaker for the annual CHOICE fundraising event on behalf of the Women's Allied Jewish Campaign, March 3 at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. A minimum \$180 contribution to the 1999 Women's Campaign required, along with the \$25 admission fee. Luncheon will be served. Reservation deadline is Feb. 15. call (248) 642-4260, Ext. 181

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**HOTEL SAVARINE SOCIETY ORCHESTRA**  
Dance to the music of the orchestra 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, 88. (248) 424-9022

**KERRYTOWN CONCERT HOUSE**  
Two shows for Valentine's Day Sunday, Feb. 14, a songfest with David Owens and his barbershop quartet of 4 p.m., and love songs and poetry with Joanna Hastings and Friends at 8 p.m., at the concert house, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$7, \$5 students for each show. (734) 769-2999 or kch@net.net

**"A NIGHT OF HEART AND SOUL"**  
A Valentine's Day celebration with Regina Belle, Peabo Bryson and Najee. 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$35, \$27.50. (248) 433-1513/(248) 645-6666

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**BARBIE & FRIENDS DOLL SHOW**  
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**KIDS CONCERT**  
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**PEPE ROMERO**  
Guitarist performs with the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$22, \$30, \$34, \$36. All ages. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.oms.org

**PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
Featuring guest conductor Anthony Elliott and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 10 and Canton Center roads. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students. (734) 451-2112

**LORI SIMS**  
The pianist performs a solo recital, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Henry Ford Estate-Fair Lane on the campus of the University of Michigan-Deearborn. \$3, \$2 seniors. (313) 593-5555

**MAXIM VENERGOV**  
Violinist performs with pianist Igor Uryash. 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. \$45, \$35, \$26 and \$14. All ages. (734) 764-2538

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8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Borders Books and Music, 11225, Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 852-0558

**JOHN SCOFIELD QUARTET**  
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**STRAIGHT AHEAD**  
The all woman band performs with World Voice/Plantation Studio Poets as part of the Detroit Women's Coffeehouse series. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Red Door Bookstore, 427 E. Grand St., Detroit. \$5. (313) 425-2207

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8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13. Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$16, \$24, \$28 and \$32. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.unm.org

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7:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. \$7, \$6 WSD members. (313) 229-9432

**COMEDY**  
**ANDREW "DICE" CLAY**  
7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$35 and \$27.50. All ages. (313) 961-5451

**THE DORADO COUNTRY CLUB**  
Chris Zito, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13, Norm Street, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 19-20, at the club, 2869 N. Pontiac Trail, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB**  
Mike Green, Joey Belasco and Bam Bam, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 11-13 (8:12); Vic Dibetto, John McDonnell and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 18-20 (8:12); at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays. 8 p.m.

**WORLD MUSIC**  
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**RAY MANZAREK AND MICHAEL MCCLURE**  
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MOVIES

Romantic comedy 'Simply Irresistible'

If movies were culinary treats, you would not find 'Simply Irresistible' in any meat-and-potatoes category. It is no loaf of bread. It is no juce of wine. It is not even a box of chocolates. Instead, it is a big, airy mouthful of cotton candy, sort of pretty to look at and distracting enough while it lasts, but ultimately not delivering much more than air and sweetness.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Grid of movie listings for various theaters including National Amusements, Showcase Cinemas, and others. Lists titles like 'Simply Irresistible', 'The Prince of Egypt', and 'The Thin Red Line' with showtimes and prices.

chitchat before going their own, very separate ways. But what neither of them knows is that their meeting has been arranged purposefully by somebody calling himself O'Reilly, who's posing as a crab vendor at the market. Also that O'Reilly don't know is that this O'Reilly guy (Christopher Durang) is a big, angelic cupid, and one of the crusade leaders he sells to Amanda is his crafty aide.

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Love story: Sarah Michelle Gellar as Amanda and Sean Patrick Flanery as Tom in 'Simply Irresistible'.

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BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER christina@theobserver.com

The instrumental surf/rock band The Volcanos is all about setting a mood. The opening track of "Finish Line Fever," The Volcanos' second album for Bellingham, Wash.-based Estrus Records, is a tension-building, hot rod number appropriately called "Finish Line Fever."

addressing social issues. His personal struggles with indigence and bigotry transformed his work as an artist, revealed in the DIA's "Half Past Autumn: The Art of Gordon Parks."

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

From The New York Times Bestseller

Advertisement for the movie 'The Best and Most Original Movie of the Year' featuring Jeff Daniels and Christopher Lloyd. Includes showtimes and theater listings.

SCREEN SCENE

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Now that swing and ska have had their 15 minutes of fame, Flanagan hopes that instrumental surf music will be next. He added that someday the clean, melodic riffs of surf will be considered a true form of American music.

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Advertisement for the movie 'Outta This World!' featuring Jeff Daniels and Christopher Lloyd. Includes showtimes and theater listings.

Advertisement for the movie 'Blast from the Past' featuring Christopher Walken, Sissy Spacek, and Dave Foley. Includes showtimes and theater listings.

Advertisement for the movie 'Payback' featuring Mel Gibson. Includes showtimes and theater listings.

DINING

# La Difference finds roots in classic French cooking

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD  
SPECIAL WRITERS

You don't need to know a word of French to catch the basic meaning of La Difference. In English, it's difference. Yet, in French, this difference carries a sense of divergence — to go or move in a different direction. Newly opened La Difference in West Bloomfield, does just that.

With respect to cuisine, it's rooted in classic French cooking, displayed with American flare in a warm, comfortable white tablecloth atmosphere with upscale service. For the sake of simplicity, let's call it southern French, Provençal style.

Decor fits there too. Walls are Provençal yellow with bright artwork and there's a mural with a Mediterranean feel. Eighty-six diners are seated comfortably at tables or well-appointed, cozy booths.

With a closer look for other eye stimulation, you notice a copper sink with proper utensils for ritual hand washing. A more careful inspection of the menu reveals only vegetable, pasta and fish dishes. This is the divergent element. The menu at La Difference, while French in design, adheres to all kosher dietary conditions.

La Difference had a soft opening at the end of December and has been discovered principally by word of mouth. It is the unique creation of Southfield resident Paul Kohn, who for 20 years, has owned and operated Quality Kosher Catering, based in congregation Shaarey Zedek,

**La Difference**  
**Where:** 7295 Orchard Lake Road (just north of Northwest-ern Highway), West Bloomfield (248) 932-8935.  
**Hours:** Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. beginning in early March. Phone to be advised of date. Dinner Sunday-Thurs- day 4-10 p.m. Closed Friday. Saturday opening is one hour after sunset until mid-March.  
**Menu:** Southern French emphasis with California fresh influences adhering to all kosher dietary requirements.  
**Cost:** Entrees including choice of soup or salad \$10-28.  
**Reservations:** Advised.  
**Credit cards:** all majors accepted.

Southfield. "Over the past two decades, I became friends with my clients," Kohn said. "They wanted to have kosher dining in other than a catered environment. People with dietary restrictions, whether that be vegetarian or kosher, should not have to compromise. La Difference is an introduction to kosher cooking without all the traditions that back it up."

But you don't have to be Jewish to enjoy La Difference. It's a creative dining experience in more than one way. For example, there's always a unique, crunchy plate garnish, such as deep-fried yucca root chips and crisped Michigan beet chips.

Why crunchy elements?

Because owner Paul Kohn likes crunch! In addition to divergence (that concept again) they "add form and definition to other foods on the plate," Kohn pointed out.

Fish is delivered three times each week exclusively from M.F. Foley Company in Boston. Kohn believes Foley's seafood is higher in the important Omega-3 than that provided by any local purveyor.

A liquor license has been applied for and when granted, Kohn promises the best selection of mevushal kosher wines available.

Turning ingredients into succulent and savory portions is executive chef John Schmidt, former sous chef for Quality Kosher Catering. He collaborated with Chef Michael Miller of Quality Kosher Catering and was inspired by Schoolcraft Culinary department's Chef Dan Hugelier in focusing menu selections.

Among notable appetizers is housemade North Atlantic Smoked Salmon that's fruit wood, cold-smoked and presented on a crisp potato latke with caviar and sour cream, garnished with fried capers. House Chowder, a rich fume of selected fish, potatoes and vegetables and Traditional Mushroom Barley Soup are the regularly-featured. Soup du jour is usually a cream soup such as Roasted Butternut Squash with ginger and red pepper coulis.

Developing as the most-requested entree is Lake Superior Whitefish in various presenta-



Gracious host: Paul Kohn introduces diners to kosher fare, rooted in classic French cooking, displayed with American flare, at La Difference.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

tions. "It's our ultimate comfort food," Kohn noted. A close second is Macadamia Crusted Chilean Sea Bass, toasted macadamia nuts crusting a fresh fillet served on smashed potatoes with fresh vegetables.

Leave room for desserts prepared by Pastry Chef Karen Pearson. A listing on the menu does not tell the whole story. Components offer not only fabulous taste, but extraordinary eye appeal — a perfect ending to an embracing experience.

La Difference has a children's menu, \$6, with four kid appealing items. If you'd like to bring your kids along, but would rather dine without them, My Place is a baby sitting service, located next door at \$4.75 per hour. La Difference offers a \$2 coupon to defray the cost.

Backing up fine service and running the front of the house as general manager is John Wood, a veteran of the area restaurant scene, having worked 20 years in the Machus organization.

La Difference and divergence may denote moving in a different direction, but this movement has the intelligent focus of people-centered, inspired dining in a gracious, welcoming atmosphere.

WHAT'S COOKING

**Forte** — 201 S. Old Woodward Ave. Birmingham will feature a four-course menu prepared by Executive Chef Tim Voss including a choice of appetizer, salad, entree and dessert accompanied by a half bottle of Veuve Cliquot Champagne, a glass of Chardonnay or Bordeaux and a glass of dessert wine. The price per couple is \$160, exclusive of tax and tip. Forte's regular menu will be available as well. Call (248) 594-7300 for reservations.

**Pike Street** — 18 W. Pike St., Pontiac Celebrate Friday or Saturday. Valentine's Day menu specials, music by pianist Greg Nichols. Call (248) 334-7878.

**Tribute** — Executive Chef Takashi Yagahashi and Pastry Chef Tanya Fallon will display their culinary brilliance at this 4-star restaurant with dishes that will make any Valentine's Day celebrant open their heart with love. Early reservations are recommended by calling (248) 848-9393. Tribute is at 31425

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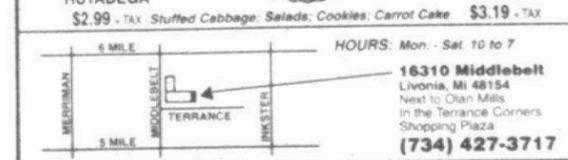
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