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Sincerely,

Susan Rosiek
Susan Rosiek,
Publisher

IN THE PAPER
TODAY

ENTERTAINMENT

Musical family event: Bob Harris of Livonia, a long-time Rolling Stones Fan, tells his story Saturday at Livonia Mall. /E1

On Stage: Gillian Eaton of Plymouth helps broaden awareness of violence against women in a play at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills on Monday. /E1

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Wife will face trial in slaying



Kinnari Sutariya was bound over for trial on and open murder charge Monday by 35th District Judge John MacDonald. She is charged with the Jan. 22 stabbing death of her husband, Ramesh.

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A Canton woman charged with brutally stabbing her husband to death last month will stand trial.

Kinnari Sutariya, 20, was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court by 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald Monday. The action came as part of a preliminary examination at the Plymouth court.

She is accused of cutting and stab-

bing her newlywed spouse, Ramesh Sutariya, 28, nearly two dozen times in the early morning hours of Jan. 22. The incident occurred at the couple's apartment in the Carriage Cove complex at Lilley and Warren roads.

"This court is of the opinion that open murder was committed and that probable cause does exist to bind this defendant over," said MacDonald.

Open murder carries a maximum sentence of life in prison without parole.

Sutariya will be arraigned Feb. 18 at the circuit court. She is currently being held without bond at the county jail.

The couple had been married Dec. 24 in India and returned to the United States Jan. 10. It was an arranged marriage.

Defense attorney Andrea Lyon was overruled twice by MacDonald in attempting to lower Sutariya's charge to second degree murder and obtain bail.

The assistant University of Michigan law professor argued that premeditation hadn't been shown in the evidence presented. Lyon also said only circumstantial evidence had been given.

"All the facts lead to second degree,"

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FILE PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

In court: Kinnari Sutariya at an earlier hearing. The defendant was bound over for trial Monday.

Accurate count pays off

U.S. CENSUS

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"How America knows what America needs" is the U.S. Census Bureau's slogan for this year's count.

Applied locally it might read, "How Canton knows what Canton will receive for its general fund." In other words, every resident counted means dollars for the township.

"The higher our number is," Finance Director Tony Minghine said, "the more money comes back to Canton."

Census 2000 kicks into high gear in about a month.

Short and long forms will be mailed to all homes in the United States on March 15. The vast majority, about 83 percent, will receive the short form, said Canton Clerk Terry Bennett.

"It should take about 5 to 10 minutes to complete," she added. "The long form will be sent randomly. It takes about 20 minutes and asks for much more comprehensive information."

The forms' mail-in deadline will be April 1. Bennett noted that all information contained on the forms will be strictly confidential.

"The forms are shredded once data is tabulated," she added.

About 78 percent of township resi-

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Decision is setback for Walgreen's

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If Walgreen's is going to come to Canton, it might not be at the corner of Joy and Sheldon roads.

The national drug store chain was told thanks but no thanks by township planning commissioners Monday. They voted unanimously to deny modification of a 1975 consent judgment which would've allowed for the development.

"I think we're very well saturated with drug stores at this time," Commissioner Cathy Johnson said.

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Busy season: Valerie Jones, manager at Keller & Stein Florists, poses with a dozen roses in the showroom at the nursery on Michigan in Canton. Below, a dozen roses front the shop's display case.

Coming up roses Love blooms on Valentine's Day

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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A rose might just be a rose, but on Valentine's Day, a rose - or a dozen of them - can speak volumes about how one person feels about another.

Canton florists are busy preparing for just those customers, who feel the red rose, commonly known as a symbol of love, is worth a thousand utterances of "I love you."

Locally, prices for a dozen roses are averaging just under \$60 in the vase, slightly less when boxed, excluding costs for extras like baby's breath and ferns. For wire services such as TeleFlora and FTD, the prices will run as high as about \$90.

Some florists are also keeping extended hours on Sunday, Feb. 13.

Valerie Jones, retail manager of Keller & Stein Florist and Greenhouse, 42158 Michigan, said she expects to sell at least 500 dozen or 6,000 by Valentine's Day. About two-thirds of those will be red, the rest will be other colors, such as white, pink and yellow.

"We've been taking orders for several weeks," Jones said, adding that procrastinators might have some



slim pickings.

To say Valentine's Day is a big deal for florists is kind of like saying the December holidays are a big deal for retailers.

"It's our second-largest holiday," Jones said. "The first is Mother's Day - you can't forget your mother, but you can always get your sweetheart something else."

Roses have stood the test of time

and have not shown signs of waning in popularity, despite competition from chocolate manufacturers, jewelers, hotels, restaurants and for more unconventional couples, tattoo parlors.

"Roses are a universal symbol of love," Jones said. "They've been recognized as such for hundreds and hundreds of years. They're the color of the heart."

For those who'd rather not end up throwing away their gestures of affection later, there are azaleas and bulb flowers like daffodils and tulips as well as potted plants to choose from.

"(They're perfect) for those that don't like spending money on flowers that die," Jones said.

Samantha Williams, owner of the Flower Pot, 6575 N. Canton Center, is throwing something a little offbeat into some of her bouquets - \$20 certificates for tattoo parlors. The bouquet's cost, including the certificate, is \$29.95.

"I'm picking up the entire cost," Williams said, adding that she has extensive tattooing on her back. "I just wanted to do something different."

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Honor students suspended for alcohol use on trip

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The Plymouth-Canton school district has permanently suspended two high school students, and given nine students five-day suspensions, for the distribution and drinking of alcohol during a recent National Honor Society field trip to Chicago.

The drinking violations occurred during an enrichment field trip by 44 NHS

students the weekend of Jan. 21.

The two students who were given permanent suspensions for buying and distributing the alcohol, Niraj Patel and Nick Stonerook, will not be allowed to attend classes or any other activities at their respective schools. However, they will be allowed to attend classes in another district to achieve the necessary credits to get a diploma from Plymouth-Canton Schools.

If either violates any of the conditions of permanent suspensions, their high school records will be changed to reflect an expulsion.

And, according to one source, the boys will have to give five presentations to other students by June 1 about the impact of their actions leading to the suspension.

The other nine students had five-day suspensions that included four out-of-school days plus one day in school with

substance abuse counseling.

Patel's father, Vinod Patel, said his senior son was wrong in purchasing the alcohol, but called the permanent suspension "an expulsion without calling it an expulsion."

Vinod Patel said he'd like to make sure future trips don't end up with the same results.

"I believe the supervision was lax,"

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Audio system helps hearing-impaired

WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS

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Hearing the teacher will soon become easier for some Wayne-Westland students.

The Board of Education approved buying 225 classroom amplification systems for \$287,818.75 at a Monday meeting. Systems will be used in preschool through third-grade classes and special education rooms.

"It certainly can impact the quality of instruction," said Sam Barresi, assistant superintendent for instruction. Some children lack sufficient ear development to hear well, he said, and others have health conditions which impact hearing.

The systems have a significant impact on helping student achievement, Barresi said.

John Mills, executive director for special education, said installation is planned for March. The price includes staff training on the Audio Enhancement system. Teachers will wear one of several microphone styles, making it easier for young children to hear. There is also a student microphone.

Superintendent Greg Barcy noted that grant money, rather than general fund dollars, will pay for the equipment. "We pursue every possible grant we can," School board members also discussed possible sale of land at Stevenson Middle School.

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dents responded to the 1990 census. Enumerators are responsible for following up with those that don't complete the form. Census takers will begin going door-to-door April 27 and continue for six weeks.

According to Federal Census Bureau Representative Cynthia Byrns, many workers are still needed to fill enumerator and other positions.

"We are at about 30 percent of where we want to be," she said. The bureau's Livonia regional office covers Wayne County west of Dearborn and Oakland County west of Pontiac, manager Tom Duggan said. About 700 people are needed to complete work, he added.

Considering the economy's overall strength, it's a tall order. Pay has been bumped up to attract enumerators and crew leaders. Census takers will earn \$13.75 an hour while crew leaders will get \$15.25, Byrns said.

Training, which begins April 1, is paid and workers are reimbursed 32.5 cents for mileage. Working hours will be primarily evenings and weekends.

"We ask that people work at least 20 hours a week," Byrns said.

Potential workers must be 18-years-old and pass a short multi-

ple choice test, she added. Clerical, reading and math skills are among items on the test.

"It's not difficult," Byrns said. "You only need to get 10 right out of 28 to pass. Most people score very well."

Tests are taken locally.

"We need all the people we can get," Byrns said.

The idea behind hiring so

Testing sites

Here's a listing of U.S. Census Bureau testing sites. Potential enumerators and crew leaders are asked to bring two forms of identification to the test (driving license and Social Security card or passport).

■ Canton - Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road. Tuesdays 7 p.m. and Thursdays 10 a.m.

■ Van Buren/Bellefonte - Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road. Thursdays 1 p.m.

■ Farmington Hills - City Hall, 31555 11 Mile Road. Monday and Thursday 2 p.m.

■ Livonia - Local census office, 38701 Seven Mile Road. Monday - Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m.

■ Livonia Public Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. Wednesday 7 p.m.

■ St. Edith Church, 15069 Newburg. Saturdays 11 a.m.

■ Bentley School, Room W118, 15100 Hubbard. Wednesdays 7 p.m.

■ Plymouth Township - Township Hall, 42350 E. Ann Arbor Road. Mondays 6 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.

■ Redford - Redford Township Library, 15150 Norborne Street. Mondays 2 p.m. and Fridays 2 p.m.

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she told the judge. "What you have here are bookends of a case with no books."

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Dan Less countered, saying premeditation doesn't need to be shown in an exam. He further argued that Sutariya shouldn't be granted bail.

"I think we have a tremendous flight risk," Less said, noting that Sutariya is a native of India. "There's nothing to keep her here in the U.S. She's a flight risk beyond all flight risks."

Less presented five witnesses during the nearly three-hour exam.

Nayna Kaylathia, a cousin of Ramesh's, went grocery shopping with Kinnari Sutariya the

day before the murder. While at Super Kmart in Canton, they picked up several routine items and a set of three knives, she testified.

The knives were to be used for cutting pineapple, Kaylathia added.

"She said she had a small knife, but not one that was big enough," Kaylathia said.

Canton police Detective Lou Stevens testified that four knives - including the ones purchased at Super Kmart - were used in Ramesh Sutariya's murder.

One was found on the apartment's tile foyer. Stevens said the knife was bent at about a 90 degree angle.

A second knife was found in

the living room next to a metal chair with rope tied to it. The knife, Stevens said, was broken with the blade adjacent to the chair and the handle a few feet away.

A third bloody knife was found in the kitchen sink and a fourth showered, Stevens testified.

Wayne County Assistant Medical Examiner Leigh Hlavaty told the court that Sutariya was cut and stabbed a total of 22 times.

Several blows were delivered to the 28-year-old's head, back, chest and abdomen. Sutariya's lung had been punctured as well as his bowel.

"These wounds were not immediately fatal," Hlavaty testified. "Death occurred because of accumulated blood loss."

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Back in business

Canton Coney Island reopens 13 months after roof collapse

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Leave it to Fred Hussein to turn a negative into a positive.

On Jan. 12 last year, the roof above his Canton Coney Island Restaurant collapsed. His two-year-old business was completely destroyed. It took nearly a year and \$400,000 to rebuild.

"The last four months is when my business had really started to establish itself," said Hussein, who owns the Coney along with brother, Gary. "Now we're starting from scratch again."

"The good thing is that I fixed it up a lot nicer. The bad thing is that I don't have any neighbors."

A dozen shops at Golden Gate Shopping Center, which is located on Lilley Road just south of Joy, were forced to shut down after a section of the roof collapsed. Damages were estimated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Since then, only two other businesses have returned besides the restaurant. Others, such as Bob's of Canton grocery and CJ's Hair Stop, have moved to nearby communities.

Hussein, however, is committed to Canton and Golden Gate. He's hoping the center will attract new tenants soon.

"We need to get those spaces filled," he commented.

Rebuilding his restaurant was a slow process. Hussein, who said he missed being trapped inside the restaurant by seconds when the roof collapsed, didn't know where to start at first.

"The first three weeks I

couldn't sleep," he added. "I kept thinking about it. But I knew I had to go back and re-establish it."

Because of insurance and other problems, roof repairs went very slowly at Golden

Gate. It was late August, in fact, before Hussein could begin work on the interior of his restaurant.

The native of Israel had his own insurance problems, too. Hussein said it was six months before he received any money and November before his insurance company paid in full.

"They paid 50 to 55 percent of the rebuilding cost," he said.

The Garden City resident and his family paid the rest. By the looks of the restaurant, Hussein didn't spare any money.

A once linoleum floor was replaced with tile, for example. The Coney's seating area was expanded to include 25 booths. The kitchen area was enlarged

to better handle breakfast and lunch rushes.

Virtually everything in Canton Coney Island is new.

"I didn't take anything from the old restaurant," Hussein said. "It was all damaged."

He paid attention to detail as well.

A double-door was installed as the Coney's entrance. Customers, Hussein said, use to complain of a cold draft in winter time with just a single door.

An element of Canton's history has also been added. An area artist turned the restaurant's walls into murals celebrating the township's past.

An introduction informs patrons that Canton became a township in 1834. Then there's drawings of important historical figures such as Milton and Eliza Carleton, Russ Palmer and Denver Cockrum.

A few contemporaries adorn the walls, too. Joyce and Ray Schultz and Duane Bordine are featured.

"I wanted to make people feel good about themselves," said Hussein. "Duane was very happy. I think he was impressed."

The walls weren't the only thing he spruced up.

More of an emphasis is being placed on dinner entrees. Greek dishes such as moussaka, pastitsio and kabobs have been added for less than \$7. A vegetable stir-fry, liver and onions and jumbo shrimp are other new dinner items.

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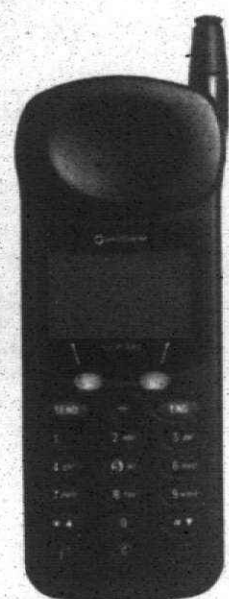
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Metro Airport set a new record for passengers in 1999

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Metro Airport, led by another increase in international traffic, apparently has again broken its all-time passenger record.

According to preliminary statistics released Thursday, more than 34 million passengers arrived or departed the airport in 1999 – an increase of 7.9 percent over the previous year.

International traffic led the way with an increase of 15.3 percent over 1998, solidly rebounding from that year's atypical 7.8 percent decline, airport officials said.

Additionally, December's record 2.76 million passengers meant Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport has topped its all-time passenger records in 72 of the past 77 months. It also has set annual marks the last eight consecutive years.

The records also mean Metro is likely to move up a couple of notches on the list of North America's 10 busiest airports.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara credited the strong economy and improvements in capacity at the airport – including six new gates on

Concourse A – for the growth.

However, he said, while more domestic service "is important for our local business and pleasure travelers, the international growth is the most encouraging."

Increases posted by British Airways, Lufthansa and Northwest Airlines to Europe and the Far East have a far greater impact on the local economy," McNamara said.

Each time an international 747-400 passenger jet lands, it generates \$1 million in economic benefit to the community, according to a 1991 study by U.S. Airports for Better International Service cited by Barbara Hogan, Metro's deputy director for external relations.

"That's from travelers staying in the area at hotels, renting cars, going to restaurants," Hogan explained.

Officials said 1999 saw almost 3.4 million international passengers, compared to 2.9 million in '98. That year's decline, which Northwest Airlines spokesman John Austin generally attributed to the pilot strike Aug. 29-Sept. 15, was the first since 1991.

"For 15 days, nothing was moving," Austin said. "And there were not a lot of reserva-

tions being made then either."

December's overall passenger total increased 3 percent over December '98, when 31.5 million customers passed through Metro's gates.

Metro landings and takeoff operations increased 3.8 percent over 1998 for a total of 559,547, an average of 1,533 per day.

Officials anticipate that, when all final 1999 numbers from airports worldwide are tallied, Metro will move up in the rankings.

They note that a report published in December by the Geneva, Switzerland-based Airports Council International showed Detroit Metro had risen from 10th to eighth among North American airports based on passenger counts through August 1999.

Other airlines posting increased passenger traffic for 1999 at Metro include Continental and Continental Express, Northwest Airlines, Spirit, America West, Comair and Sun Country.

"These numbers dramatically illustrate our need to aggressively continue the airport's expansion projects," said Metro Director David Katz.

"A new 74-gate midfield termi-

nal, a new south access road, a sixth jet runway and many other smaller projects currently under way will assure that Wayne County and the airlines keep pace with passenger demand, now and in the future," he said.

Metro officials noted that the 34 million passengers is more than 3 1/2 times Michigan's population.

They also noted that Metro's daily passenger count alone is

"the rough equivalent of the populations of Garden City, Grosse Pointe, Highland Park, Romulus and Riverview combined."

Here are the December 1999 and year-end statistics:

■ Total passengers Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1999: 34,038,381, up 7.9 percent from 31,544,426 in 1998;
■ Total international passengers for same periods: 3,391,375,

up 15.3 percent from 2,940,762;
■ Total passengers (revenue and non-revenue) handled in Dec. '99: 2,764,561, up 2.9 percent from 2,687,315 in December '98;

■ Operations Jan.-Dec. '99: 559,547 takeoffs/landings, up 3.8 percent from 539,053 in 1998;

■ Operations for Dec. '99: 46,436, down 0.2 percent from 46,518 in December '98.

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Rouge group to discuss flood plains, reorganization at Feb. 16 meeting

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Flood plain information and a reorganization proposal are on tap for the first Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council meeting of 2000.

Also on the agenda at the 1:30 p.m. Feb. 16 meeting in the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road in Westland, will be issuance of the Rouge Report Card, which gives the status of the condition of the Rouge watershed.

The flood plain information was sought in response to the Dec. 15 tabling by RRAC of a motion urging the state to make flood plain permit restrictions in the Rouge watershed, while the proposed reorganization seeks to make RRAC meetings more efficient and get more members involved, according to Bill Craig, RRAC's new vice chairman.

Representatives of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Land and Water Management Division will report on the condition of the Rouge watershed flood plain.

"We're just trying to get the facts about what is now happening to the flood plain," what is expected to happen due to increasing impervious surface development, what is happening to habitat and wildlife and what efforts are being taken to protect the flood plain," said Craig, who also is a leader of the Holiday Nature Preserve Association in Westland.

Craig explained that "impervious surface development" refers to buildings and parking lots, both of which create runoff from their hard surfaces.

More such construction, he

said, means there will be "more floods, higher floods and longer (lasting) floods."

The habitat committee, which proposed the restrictions, is concerned about high water flows, he said, because with them, "we lose land, drown or displace animals" in the area and kill off the fish.

However, he said, the restrictions also raised questions such as how big a problem flood plain filling is in the Rouge; what if homeowners living in the flood plain want to make improvements; whether streambank stabilization falls under the guidelines of "no alterations to the flood plain;" and just what are the regulatory issues and who oversees flood plain management.

Craig said RRAC, which aims to protect, restore and enhance the Rouge, is revising its Remedial Action Plan for 2001 because "we want to make it a better plan."

But "the hardest thing to do is preserve the land," Craig noted, because some construction is "necessary." However, "We want to see restrictions" in place.

Kurt Heise of Dearborn Heights, newly elected RRAC chairman, will propose a six-committee structure for the council – both to spur participation by RRAC members and also to accelerate input and deliver a "realistic RAP revision on time," Craig said. The revision deadline is December 2001.

Proposed committees are habitat and wildlife, pollution control, financing, public education, watershed management and public policy, Heise said.

Under the proposal, he said, each RRAC member would need

to volunteer by April to serve on at least one committee.

Heise succeeds Rich Badics, who served three years as RRAC chairman.

The RRAC meeting is open to the public.

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Librarians take heat for tardy state tax forms

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A conspiracy, a mistake, or just some cost-cutting?

The Michigan Department of Treasury's tardiness in distributing 1999 state individual tax forms to libraries in metro Detroit and elsewhere — along with fewer copies being shipped — is raising all sorts of questions from irate library patrons and librarians.

As of noon Tuesday, forms still had not been received by the majority of Observer-area libraries — almost three weeks late, according to librarians.

However, Bridget Medina, a spokeswoman for the treasurer's office in Lansing, said Tuesday that forms should be in "most libraries by the end of the week."

The delays have caused rumors of a Treasury Department conspiracy.

"I heard unofficially that the state deliberately delayed" sending out the forms "hoping people would use e-file," the electronic-mail tax-filing system, said Bev Papai, head librarian of the Farmington Community Library.

Barbara Lewis, Livonia's head librarian, said she heard a Y2K glitch had delayed the printing and shipping. "Adjusting" was the word they were using," she said.

Carol Harrison, head librarian

How to obtain tax forms

The Michigan Department of Treasury, in the wake of delays in getting preprinted 1999 individual income tax forms to public libraries and post offices around the state, reminded taxpayers this week there are other ways to get and file forms.

The department still mails preprinted forms to previous year's filers, but it is changing how it does business, both to be current and to cut costs, a spokeswoman said Tuesday.

For example, those who used a professional taxpayer service last year will only get a postcard this year, according to Bridget Medina of the treasury department.

The card, which says no forms are being mailed to the taxpayer, will in some cases save the department almost \$127,600 over mailing the forms, she said.

If you still need forms, call 1-

800-FORM-2-ME (367-9263) and request they be mailed, she said.

Forms also can be requested through Fax on Demand (517-241-8730). Completed forms may be filed by fax, too, Medina said.

New this year: If you filed paper EZ-forms in 1999, you'll be sent an encoded number this year by which you can file on the telephone, she said. About a half-million of the state's 5.5 million taxpayers will be affected.

If you have access to a computer, you can both get forms and file them electronically, Medina said. To download state tax forms from the Internet, log onto www.treasury.state.mi.us.

Computerization offers faster refunds (about seven days), 24-hour accessibility, security and an on-line error-correction system, she said.

at Livonia's Alfred Noble branch, said there were difficulties last year, too, in getting tax forms.

"It's been a huge problem," acknowledged Jean Tabor, head librarian at Canton Township, which finally received a shipment Monday afternoon after

fielding some 40 inquiries from angry patrons that morning.

"It makes us look bad and we have no control," Tabor said. The treasury department is "always late," she said.

The only other Observer-area facilities to get shipments Mon-

day were the Farmingtons and the JFK Jr. branch in Dearborn Heights.

A spokesman for Michigan state Rep. Bob Brown (D-Dea- born Heights) said Tuesday Brown's office would deliver a case to the Redford District Library that evening.

Libraries elsewhere which have gotten reduced shipments already have run out, said Debbie Gallagher, the Michigan Electronic Library government information specialist and the tax forms distribution program liaison between librarians and the Treasury Department.

No communication

On Tuesday, Gallagher announced the creation of a task force to look into what she called "the lack of communication" with the Treasury Department.

The Ann Arbor-based librarian said Treasury Department representatives never contacted her or other librarians about the delays until Jan. 27, almost 12 days after the forms normally are shipped.

Gallagher said Floyd Schmitzer, administrator of the department's individual taxes division, then kept giving her later and later delivery dates, with shipments never materializing.

At one point, Schmitzer called to say "there had been another

glitch," and that he "was putting everybody on OT (overtime) to get the forms out" by Monday, Feb. 7, Gallagher said.

Each time, she passed the information on to other librarians, who in turn told their patrons.

On Feb. 7, Gallagher said, "without asking us, without conferring with us," Schmitzer told her that fewer forms were being shipped. He said it was "because so many people are taking advantage of e-file and tele-filing," she said.

Gallagher said she has asked the office of state Sen. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia), chairman of the senate's government operations committee, for a senator to serve on the task force. "I'm going to call the governor's office if I don't get anywhere with McCotter," she said.

McCotter said Tuesday he thought the task force "would be helpful."

The freshman senator also noted "not everybody has a personal computer," which weakens treasury's argument for e-mailing tax returns.

Although the Treasury Department "gets swamped with requests" for forms by such agencies as the U.S. Postal Service, he said it's still "not fair for librarians (to be put in the position) to get yelled at" by angry patrons.

McCotter said he believes treasury, in its haste to ship, erred in not paying enough attention to librarians.

But, he said, treasury staffers "didn't sit around thinking of ways to get people to do e-filing. 'I'd never want to confuse a mistake for a conspiracy,' he said.

Medina of the treasury office said the same thing: "We just don't have that much time on our hands to think up conspiracies."

As for e-filing, treasury department figures show that, from 1993, the first year it was available in Michigan, to last year, it grew from a mere 117 filings to 623,000.

Medina said 1999's e-filings saved the department \$300,000 in "processing costs." The money was "redirected into more automation processes," including more telephone lines for receiving both automated and operator-assisted calls, she said.

As for shipment cuts, Medina said distribution-site databases were updated to correct for previous overages or shortages in the shipments.

U.S. Postal Service branches in the Observer communities had received state tax forms as of Tuesday, according to spokeswoman Elizabeth Nita of the Detroit office.

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Break a leg: Plymouth, Canton women continue tradition of bringing children's theater to the stage

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The fairy tale of the ill-treated stepdaughter who, with the help of her fairy godmother, finds her prince will come to life on the stage at Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium Thursday-Saturday, March 2-4.

The Plymouth-Canton branch of the American Association of University Women is continuing a longstanding tradition of performing children's theater with five performances of "Cinderella."

Showtime will be 7:30 p.m. March 2-3 and 10 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. March 4 at the high school, 6500 Middlebelt Road, north of Ford Road.

Tickets cost \$4 each and go on sale at all Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Tuesday-

Thursday, Feb. 15-17, and the Garden City Public Schools Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 22-24.

Remaining tickets will be available through Wednesday, March 1, at the Little Professor Book Shop on the Park, 380 S. Main St., Plymouth.

"This is the 40th consecutive year, we've put on a play for the local communities," said Melissa Uhl, who appears in the title role of Cinderella. "When they started doing this 40 years ago, there was no 'Ice Capades' or 'Sesame Street Live.'"

Many of the cast and crew are Plymouth-Canton and Garden City teachers and administrators, with area business women rounding out the group. They range in age from 28 to 88 and have spent an average of five hours a week for three months to stage "Cinderella," Uhl said.

"Some of these are local teachers who've been doing this for quite awhile, including my first grade teacher, Sharon Belobraidich who is playing my stepmother," said Uhl. "My mom's been doing it for almost 30 years and when I graduated from college, I got involved."

Uhl is an engineer at the Ford Motor Co. Her prince is played by Livonia teacher Becky Copenhaver, while retired teacher Sylvia Rozian is her fairy godmother. Uhl's mother, Mary Uhl, the Plymouth-Canton projects director, plays the prime minister.

Playing the wicked stepsisters are retired Garden City principal Judi Richards as Ugleta, Plymouth-Canton speech pathologist Mickey Edell-Cotner as Grusue and Plymouth-Canton teacher Elaine Bain as Frump.

Also appearing in the play are Tricia Carney Sherman as the duke, Garden City principal Pat Dunbeck as the broom, Kay Paupore, Shirley Zaetta and Diana Wilcox as the three mice, Carol Wallman as Samantha, Helene Lusa as mother and Kay Koch as father and Sue Attee,



On stage: Sharon Belobraidich, Judi Richards, Elaine Bain, and Mickey Edell-Cotner rehearse a scene from "Cinderella" at O'Leary Auditorium. The American Association of University Women will be presenting their original production March 2-4.

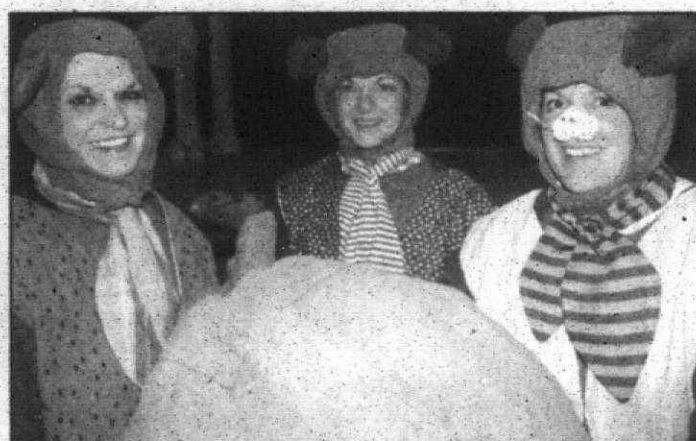
Karen Huddas and Paupore, Zaetta and Wilcox as the lords and ladies.

The play is directed by Mary Tiell, with Ellyn Christiansen as choreographer. Wilcox is in charge of costumes, with set design handled by Paupore, Wendy Harless and Carney Sherman.

"These plays offer a rare and unique opportunity for children of all ages to experience live drama and meet the cast at very reasonable costs," said Uhl. Where else can you see live entertainment for only \$4 per ticket?



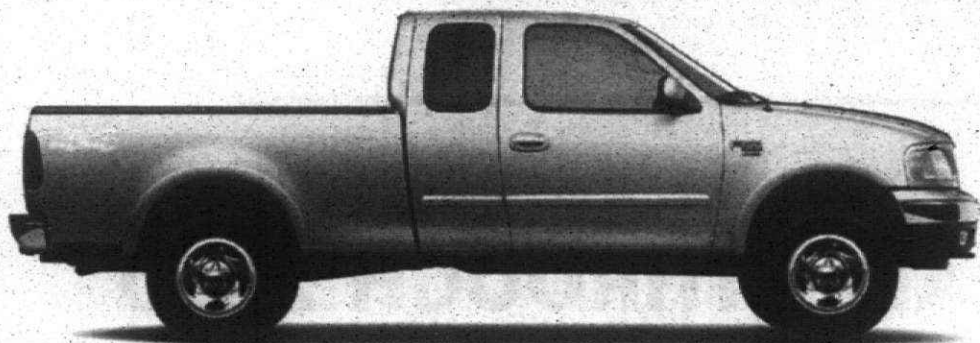
Good brooming: Pat Dunbeck portrays the pivotal role of Cinderella's talking broom in the upcoming production of "Cinderella," March 2-4.



Hunting cheese: Kay Paupore, Shirley Zaetta, and Diana Wilcox portray the Three Little Mice in the AAUW's upcoming production of "Cinderella."

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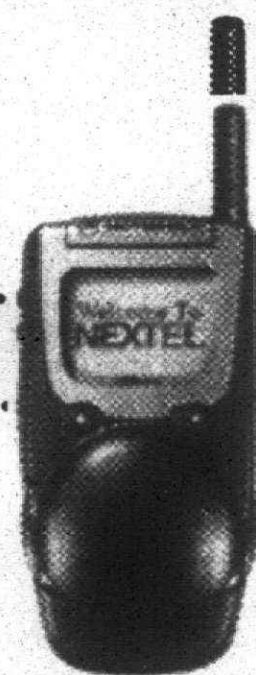
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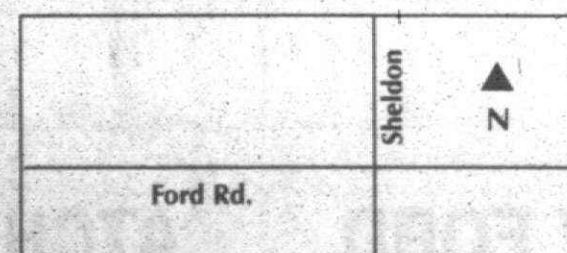
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Duggan, Ward line up supporters

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With six months to go until the Aug. 8 primary, both Michael E. Duggan and George E. Ward, who are vying to succeed retiring Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair, are claiming endorsements from groups and individuals involved in law enforcement.

Such endorsements are seen as "key to any prosecutor's race," according to Duggan's campaign headquarters.

Duggan, deputy Wayne County executive since 1987, has been endorsed by the Government Bar Association, which represents Wayne County assistant prosecutors, as well as several other county labor unions.

Ward, Wayne County chief assistant prosecutor for more than 10 years, has the support of individuals such as Kenneth Frazier, deputy chief prosecutor of the Wayne Out-County office; Westland Police Chief Emery



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Price, Huron Township Chief James Caygill, Detroit attorney and former mayoral candidate Sharon McPhail; former Detroit city councilman Jack Kelley and Dr. L. J. Dragovic, Oakland County's medical examiner.

He also has been endorsed by, among others, Robert Sage, former chief of the Wayne County prosecutor's out-county office; J. Thomas Lenga, immediate past president of the Michigan State Bar Association; University of Detroit law professor Patrick

Keenan; Wayne State University law professors Ralph Slovenko and Maurice Kelman and Cheboygan prosecutor Joseph P. Kwiatkowski.

Other law enforcement groups supporting Duggan, a Livonia resident, are the Wayne County Sheriff's SEIU Local 502; Wayne County Association of Police Chiefs; Southeastern Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police; and Downriver Mutual Aid, which represents Downriver police chiefs.

Duggan also has been endorsed by the Detroit Metro Firefighters IAFF Local 741 plus such non-law groups as the Greater Detroit Building and Construction Trades Council, Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters, public employees' AFSCME Locals 1171 and 3317, United Food and Commercial Workers Local 876 and the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees unions.

Ward, a Plymouth resident,

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has the support of the Seafarers' International Union of the AFL-CIO and its international vice president, Byron Kelley, plus that of Dick Cordtz, president emeritus of the Service Employees' International Union.

Other labor supporters for Ward include Nick Cova, former business agent of the Riggers' Union, and Bobby Holmes, former Teamsters international vice president.

Ward also claims the support of Detroit businessman Frank D. Stella; Allen Park Mayor Levon King and that of Willie D. Hall, former treasurer of the Detroit charter revision commission.

Duggan, who, like Ward, is an attorney, served as a special prosecutor for O'Hair in 1984, then was O'Hair's assistant corporation counsel in 1985-86.

House bill would OK random locker searches

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School officials would have the authority to conduct random searches of lockers under a bill approved last week by the House of Representatives and now awaiting approval by the Senate.

House Bill 5233, sponsored by Rep. Lauren Hager (R-Port Huron), puts into law what is already practiced in many school districts. While clarifying the legal authority to conduct such searches, the bill also requires school districts that have lockers in their buildings to draft a policy regarding searches and distribute it to students and their parents.

The American Civil Liberties Union objects to the bill, arguing that all searches should be based on a reasonable suspicion that some crime has been

committed. "Lockers are school property, not private property," Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) said, explaining that there cannot be an expectation of privacy in a school locker.

Prior to passage, lawmakers amended the bill to provide privacy protections for students for materials found in lockers during a search which neither break the law nor violate school policy.

Representatives voted 90-13 in favor of the bill. Representatives in the Observer circulation area approving the bill were Reps. Eileen DeHart (D-Westland), Gerald Law (R-Plymouth), Bruce Patterson (R-Canton), Andrew Raczowski (R-Farmington Hills), Laura Toy (R-Livonia), and Bob Brown (D-Deerborn Heights).

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Name game Tradition is worth preserving

Tradition is a fine thing. The Plymouth Ice Spectacular, Canton's LibertyFest, petulant bickering on the Plymouth City Commission — these are traditions we can get behind. Among the other traditions we like is the idea that our schools should contain a hint of both communities, hence the addition of the word "Plymouth" to both Salem and Canton High Schools.

As you should know by now if you've been paying attention, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education is preparing to name the third high school, scheduled to open in 2002. The board is soliciting suggestions from the community, and so far seven or eight are being considered.

(If you're worried you're too late to get your idea in, don't. The board is taking names through March 1. It wants to have a name-in-place before groundbreaking this summer.)

The school board has stuck to tradition in naming its schools. If you're someone who has made a significant contribution to the community, you could perhaps have an elementary school named after you. Middle school names, at least until Pioneer and Discovery came along, came from directions.

High schools were named after the communities they encompass, hence Salem and Canton.

Logic dictates, then, that the new high school at the very least include the name Plymouth. But therein lies the rub: some people have recommended dropping the word "Plymouth" from the names of the existing schools. We agree it seems extraneous; how often do you hear kids from either high school say, "I go to Plymouth Canton," or "I'm attending

It's all right to drop 'Plymouth' from the two existing high schools to simplify things, but the new building, scheduled for completion in 2002, must reflect the Plymouth community in some sense.

Plymouth Salem? Nearly never. It's either Canton or Salem.

School board president Susan Davis said eliminating Plymouth from the current names "isn't a bad suggestion." We agree with her, with one caveat: the new school must reflect the Plymouth community in some sense.

Think there won't be a firestorm of criticism and angst over the removal of Plymouth from everywhere but the name of the school district? Ask the folks at the Plymouth Canton Junior Baseball Association, who backed off just such a plan after just such a firestorm.

The suggestions received so far include some pretty good ones, although eight is hardly a significant pool of choices. Surely more will arrive as the deadline nears, and the board should give them all due consideration.

But if the board wants to KISS the idea (Keep It Simple, Stupid), one name already stands out, a single word that would accomplish the goal of maintaining tradition and keeping Plymouth alive in our schools, especially if the board decides to eliminate the word from the existing high schools.

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Tough call: Censor or protect

The Internet has become a blessing and a curse to our public libraries. It has opened the wide world of information to library patrons on every subject under the sun. It has allowed them to contact others with similar interests in every corner of the world. It has helped expose scoundrels and bring down tyrannies.

On the other hand it has allowed hate mongers, pornographers and shady commercial enterprises to send their messages out for all to see, and it has opened a new way for sexual predators to seek out and ensnare their prey.

This is a tough issue, especially when it involves children. We want them to benefit from the special power that information gives, but we also want to protect them from the dangers of demeaning material and the physical danger of the sexually unbalanced.

Several groups have demanded that libraries use filtering software to keep out all sexual material, while others also demand that certain kinds of political or religious subjects be filtered. Many are also demanding that librarians or library aides stand guard and watch what patrons, especially young ones, are viewing.

The American Library Association opposes filters because the current filtering programs do not work. The software keys on particular subjects or key words. They often allow some inappropriate material through while filtering out perfectly good material. The ALA objects that the filters provide a "one-size-fits-all" solution that treats young children, older children and adults in the same way.

As Jean Tabor of the Canton Public Library points out it gives parents a false sense of security while infringing on the rights of other library patrons.

The Canton Library has a Cyber Kids room designed for children 7-12. Minors and their parents sign an agreement that they won't go to an inappropriate site. In Garden City, patrons must be in the ninth grade to use a computer unsupervised. Younger children must be with a parent or guardian.

The ALA also emphasizes communication between parents and children before they get to the library and while they're there.

The group suggests:

- talking to your children about the Internet
- asking your children to share their favorite Web sites
- talking to them about what they see on the Web
- teaching them how to behave when using the Internet
- providing guidelines on what you deem appropriate for them, and

It is not the role of a library to pick and choose which ideas should be 'filtered' out on the Internet just because some sites deal with those ideas in an inappropriate manner.

teaching children safety rules for dealing with strangers on-line just as you teach them how to deal with strangers in person.

Parental involvement is also a key message at the Livonia Public Library. The library does use filters on computers in the children and young adult areas with the caveat that "parents/guardians should be aware that the filtering software has inherent limitations which prohibit total and complete blocking of sites which may contain obscene, sexually explicit and/or other possibly objectionable materials. Parents/guardians, not Library staff members, are responsible for providing appropriate guidance to their children/wards relative to the use of both filtered and non-filtered Internet access."

We believe there is a middle ground. As libraries cannot select the material on the Web as they do with books, we believe all libraries should have available unfiltered computers for use by adults (including young adults who are often seeking legitimate information about the very subjects blacked out by some filters). These computers should have screens which allow a patron to view the computer monitor privately and keep others from being offended.

We believe that parental involvement is the most important tool against inappropriate use of the computer by children.

But using filters in the children's section of the library will help keep out some inappropriate material, as will some staff monitoring.

An area librarian who supports filtering told us the use of computers is a "privilege," not a right. She's wrong. Access to information through libraries has long been a taxpayer-supported government service and use of that service is a "right" paid for by tax dollars. A small group of "moral arbiters" should not decide what subjects are worth being informed about.

A good library makes available a wide range of material so that patrons can make their own choices about controversial ideas. It is not the role of a library to pick and choose which ideas should be "filtered" out on the Internet just because some sites deal with those ideas in an inappropriate manner.

Geof Brooks



LETTERS

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Chamber president responds

On behalf of the current Canton Chamber of Commerce board, I would like to thank Tedd Schneider for allowing a response to a recent editorial which appeared in the Canton Observer regarding the Canton chamber (Feb. 3, page A14).

The Observer, as a member of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, has an understandable interest in the direction and focus of this current chamber board. I wish to assure not only the Observer, but also all our members and prospective members that this current board is united in its desire to make this the strongest, most effective chamber of commerce this area has known.

This chamber has been and continues to be a member-driven organization dedicated to stimulating positive business growth, while acting as an advocate for the business community. It is our intention, to the best of our ability, to support this mission not only in our decisions but also in supporting the person who will be our new director.

The unity that exists in the current board will undoubtedly be an asset as we appoint the next director. We have every confidence in our ability to appoint someone who will maintain the same high standards we have set for ourselves this year. In a united effort we have set a formal goal to increase the membership of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, for we believe that as a member-driven organization, our greatest strength comes in the diversification which develops in having a larger membership.

We realize that making the chamber visible to the business community through such events as our auction, golf outing and having guest speakers at our luncheons is only a small part of stimulating new growth within the chamber. It is a sense of communal strength and the knowledge that every member is valued that will encourage new businesses to become members.

To those within the business community we offer an invitation to consider becoming a chamber member. See what we are all about. Help us to help you through our understanding of the needs that exist within this business community.

As we encourage new membership, however,

let us not dismiss the fact that the Canton Chamber of Commerce has a loyal membership. With membership loss of 5-7 percent we are well below the national average of 14-percent loss. The loyalty of our members is a reflection on the value membership entails. So, let us not dwell upon the negative but instead focus on the positive. I personally am optimistic about the possibilities that lie before us as a board and as a chamber. And, I am certain that I speak for this board when I say that we are united in our desire to make this a chamber that fosters positive business growth, along with a commitment to increased membership while acknowledging the value of its members.

David G. Griffin
president, Canton Chamber of Commerce

Editorial irresponsible

This letter is in regard to your Feb. 3 editorial: "Helmets a must for sledding." I believe that it is irresponsible for The Observer to recommend that parents put bicycle helmets on children for sledding. Bicycle helmets are activity-specific safety devices. With the last bicycle helmet that I purchased there was a disclaimer that said that the helmet was only designed for use while cycling and that an injury could occur during any other kind of use.

It seems to me that if you were to encourage any helmet use, it should be one that is designed for sledding and not bicycle riding. I think that an even better step toward safety would be to encourage parents to closely monitor their children while sledding. Parents should find hills that are free from trees and water (creeks and lakes). It would also be smart to not sled down hills that are too steep to help reduce speed. They should also try to find times to go when the hills are not so crowded.

These very simple steps alone, followed by some common sense would go a long way to preventing accidents while sledding.

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Failure a painful, but necessary part of growing up

A Livonia schools official said it was crummy. Another breathed fire through the phone. Seems we used the F-word in a headline.

Administrators were none too pleased with the term "fail" to describe fifth-graders' performance on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program social studies exam.

More than half the kids didn't reach the state mark in civics. In other words, they didn't pass.

If people don't pass, they fail — unless they're a Detroit Lions quarterback. They just get sacked.

Yet the use of the word "fail" ranted these educators to no end. You'd think we uttered the other F-word — you know, the one to get you grounded — and thrown out of the house — during a Billy Graham sermon.

The test is not developmentally

appropriate, one official argued. Kids were also taking the exam for the first time.

By using such a term, we caused the district incalculable damage, it was further said.

Geez, it's good thing we didn't use "flunked" or "bombed."

One school official's suggestion? Try something a little more palatable to the self-esteem next time.

How about something like, "Didn't meet the state objective in the subject?" the person offered.

Sure, try fitting that within the confines of a two-column headline.

More so, softening the blow in a newspaper headline does everyone a disservice — from the reader and homeowner paying taxes for schools to the kid administering the No. 2 lead pencil on the exam sheet.



LARRY O'CONNOR

The truth is Livonia was not alone in its poor performance on the revamped MEAP social studies exam. Other districts were well below sea level, too.

Livonia students typically perform above state average on the controversial standardized test. If anything, abysmal results were more an indictment of the test.

The accompanying story partly

explained that as well as educators' concern about the exam.

"Fail" accurately summed up the situation. With failure often comes the question of why.

And once we know the why, we can typically fix the problem.

Yet these administrators seized on the word "fail" and all its supposed irreparable connotations.

These school officials were merely protecting the flock. That's understandable, if not commendable.

But aren't we doing our children more harm to describe how they're doing in vague generalities?

Stand-up comedian and wordsmith George Carlin does a bit about how much we have watered-down our language. He cites the evolving term used to describe the condition soldiers are afflicted with having seen too

much combat.

In World War I, doctors termed it shell-shock; in World War II, the sickness became battle fatigue. Now, we now call it post-traumatic stress syndrome.

Carlin argues the latter multi-syllabic term perhaps resulted in Vietnam veterans not receiving the care needed in a timely manner.

Kids can fail and often do, whether it's not making their bed, losing a soccer game or performing poorly on a test. Such failure will undoubtedly be less painful than that they'll experienced as adults.

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Bush no longer the clear-cut front-runner in Michigan

John McCain is pretty much running state to state at this point, says his Michigan campaign coordinator Sen. John Schwarz (R-Battle Creek).

No doubt about it, his presidential candidacy against the favored George W. Bush got a significant shot in the arm by his 18-point victory in the New Hampshire primary. And the reaction here was immediate. In the days after the vote, volunteers were calling McCain's state headquarters in Grand Rapids to sign up at the rate of one every minute, Schwarz said.

"I've spent more time with the media in the last 30 hours than I have in the last 30 years," Schwarz said. "There's been so much ... he (McCain) couldn't buy that kind of publicity."

This month is the critical time for McCain. Bush already has enormous support nationwide. With legendary networking skills, Bush has already built "grassroots" organizations throughout the nation, his backers

say. He certainly has a hefty campaign war chest.

Bush also has the Republican loyalists working for him. From Gov. John Engler on down through the legislative ranks, a majority of the players in Michigan GOP politics signed on to support George "Dubya" long ago.

The key to keeping the McCain candidacy alive then, Schwarz said, is for his supporters to take his new-found resources — volunteers and contributions — and deploy them swiftly and intelligently between now and Feb. 22.

With only a few primaries left before Super Tuesday, McCain has to keep the momentum going — in South Carolina Feb. 19 and in Arizona and



MIKE MALOTT

Michigan on Feb. 22.

Would a loss in Michigan kill the McCain campaign?

"Certainly a loss in both South Carolina and Michigan would pretty much put a caper on it," Schwarz said. "He's running state to state and he would be out of money heading into Super Tuesday."

Arizona is McCain's home state. South Carolina is small by comparison. That makes Michigan strategically significant to the point that we'll see a presidential primary campaign here in the next couple of weeks.

Unlike anything we've seen before. The state Legislature's decision to move up the primary election date to Feb. 22 was believed to have its political ramifications. GOP leaders said it was done to increase the state's profile in the primary, but critics believe it was more intended to give Bush "aid and comfort" heading into March 7.

And it may well backfire on them, Schwarz contends.

Probably 21 or 22 percent of Michigan voters are devout independents and ticket splitters. A majority of them will vote for McCain," Schwarz predicted.

There's yet another factor that may make the outcome of Michigan's primary even more difficult to get a handle on — Democratic crossover. We're likely to see a lot of that this year.

In some previous presidential primaries in Michigan, voters have been asked to name a party preference. That's gone now. And in most other primaries, typically, the voter is confronted with a choice — vote on the Republican ballot or the Democratic ballot. Mixing tickets cancels out the vote.

That's not the case this year. In fact, with the Democrats voting in caucuses on March 11, their primary balloting doesn't even take place the same day. According to the Secretary of State's office, there is no cross-checking taking place to assure that

voters don't cast ballots in both contests. The parties may be "officially discouraging" it, but from what I can tell there is little real reason why voters should avoid voting twice.

Dems want their votes to count, to have an impact, as much as anyone. And their own party admits things will pretty well be decided between Al Gore and Bill Bradley by the time its caucuses roll around.

It's been thought McCain's position as the moderate Republican was a political liability. That's not likely to be true in Michigan. Crossing Dems, it seems to me, are more likely to look to him than to Bush, or Steve Forbes, or Alan Keyes.

Michigan was once thought to be Bush country. It may turn out to be perilous territory for him.

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Ford has better idea with employee computer program

We are plod in the middle of the greatest surge of technological change since the Industrial Revolution in the 18th century. Information technology and its various applications such as the Internet will produce an enormous range of innovations that will bring fundamental changes to our entire society.

We saw a great example in Michigan last week. It was the decision by Ford Motor Co. to provide home computers, software and Internet access to all 350,000 employees for a cost of \$5 per month.

What a sensible and far-reaching step! At one stroke, Ford not only brought its entire work force up to date with tomorrow but also gave each worker an incentive to engage in the technology that will change profoundly everything in our society, including automobiles.

To achieve by traditional means such engagement and potential productivity gain would have taken years of complicated head-butting negotiations with the UAW. Now Ford is ahead of the pack, with DaimlerChrysler and General Motors scrambling to catch up. Many other employers are sure to follow. Already, Delta Airlines has announced a similar plan.

Moreover, the sheer numbers of people who will enter into IT through employer-subsidized plans will propagate the technology throughout all reaches of society in a way never believed possible. And for a big state like Michigan, where class divisions have often stalled profound social change, the impact will be unimaginably great.

A couple of years ago, I served on the Information Technology Commission, a think group put together by the Kellogg Foundation. A group of Michigan leaders from business, labor, education and government all struggled to make sense of the coming IT revolution and worked to figure out how Michigan could gain competitive advantage from it.

One of the big worries that surfaced was the uneven distribution of computers and Internet access through the society. In relatively wealthy counties like Oakland, as many as 50 percent of all households have home computers and modems. But in poor and working class areas, the penetration of IT drops to near nothing.

Speaker after speaker argued that not to equalize the distribution of computers throughout our society would inevitably lead to the kinds of conflict that followed the Industrial



PHIL POWER

Revolution. But the commission was unsuccessful in figuring out ways to do it, partly because the cost was high and partly because nobody believed a government body would be efficient enough to do it.

Now the distribution of IT throughout society is going to come about through the simple device of employer self-interest in a competitive global economy.

What was particularly striking about the Ford move is how it resonates with the Ford family history.

Remember, it was Ford chairman William Clay Ford Jr.'s great-grandfather, Henry Ford, who carried the consequences of the Industrial Revolution to Michigan in the early days of this century when he perfected the assembly line in manufacturing.

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Now, nearly a century later, the Fords have produced an equally revolutionary and far-reaching idea based on similar insights about productivity.

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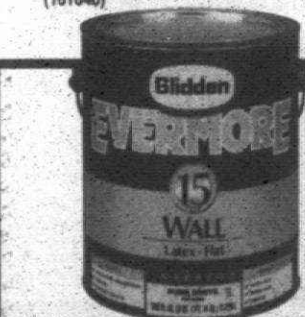
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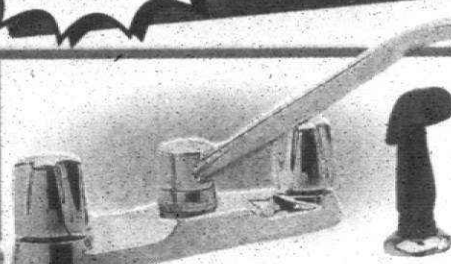
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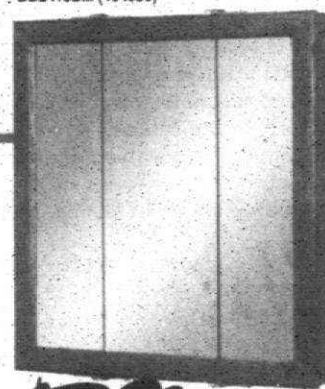
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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



MARGO DEWEY

Keep romance alive Feb. 14

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, I can't help but remind all the men out there to remember your special love!

Yes, it may be one of those holidays that is very commercialized. Yes, a dozen roses is skyrocketing anywhere from \$49 a dozen to \$100. But, just think about all the hugs, the kisses and the romance that will spark as a result of you showering your girlfriend or wife with a token of your affection.

I target men because it seems women are always reminding the guys of special occasions. There are a few men, however, that never forget the holidays. Applause goes out to you!

It's really easy to make someone happy. Find out if she collects something like crystal or dolls or books?

Does she have her eye on a certain piece of jewelry? Would she enjoy more of her favorite perfume?

I have to say one of my favorite gifts from my husband on Valentine's Day didn't cost a thing, but it meant the world to me.

My husband, Earl, works a lot of hours. And, yes, he sometimes forgets a holiday or two but he always makes up for it.

On one Valentine's Day I remember he told me he didn't have enough time to buy anything. I thought he was joking. How could he forget this special romantic day? He wasn't joking. All day long I felt miserable. I had spent nearly a month shopping for a special Craftsman tool that he didn't have and would enjoy using every day. I felt like he didn't care enough to take that amount of time to look for something for me.

Then, when he came home from work, we decided to have dinner at home. He sat down first as I started to dish out spaghetti. As I walked over to the table to sit down, there on my placemat was a card. I, of course, was still upset. I just opened the card and said "thanks" without even reading it.

He looked at me and said, "Read it." I didn't notice, but he had written a love note. He told me how much he loved me, how thankful he was to have someone so understanding in his life. He said he couldn't live without me, and that I was the love of his life forever.

That was the best gift he could have given me. His true feelings. Roses only last a week or so. Perfume fades within a matter of minutes. But, a love note means you give a piece of yourself to the one you love forever. So, if you're still thinking about what to give your loved one on Valentine's Day, try a few words from your heart. True feelings are very powerful.

That's just a thought.

Margo Dewey is the CEO of In-Focus Productions Inc., a video production and marketing/public relations business in Livonia. If you have any questions or comments, write her at the Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail her at mahalo@vwnet.net



Romance IN Rome

Livonia couple weds at the Vatican

STORY BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON

Sara Reed clearly remembers the message her then fiancé now husband, Casey, left for her in May of 1999, on her voice mail system at work.

"He said, 'Wouldn't it be neat to get married at the Vatican?'" Sara recalled.

Although the couple already made plans to wed at St. Theodore's Catholic Church in Westland, and reserved the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth for May 20, 2000 - the idea of getting married at the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica was enchanting.

This wasn't the first time Casey Reed had thought about saying 'I do' in Italy. His mom, Bernice Reed,

'When we came out of the church all these people started yelling "Auguri, auguri," which means best wishes in Italian. That was really neat.'

Sara Reed

Casey. "It was out of the question if my dad couldn't go."

Sadly, Reed's father died in April 1999. The following month the idea of getting married at the Vatican surfaced again.

This time Reed called the Paulist Fathers who coordinate Rome weddings as part of their duties at Santa Susanna - the parish for U.S. Catholics living in Rome. He spoke to Father Greg Apparcel, who explained the application process and what was required of the American couple.

A blessed event: Sara Reeder bows to greet Pope John Paul II alongside her fiancé Casey Reed. The Pope blessed the pair at his weekly Papal Audience just a week before they were wed at St. Peter's Basilica.

For the next three months Casey and Sara prepared both documents and letters to be sent, first, to the Archdiocese of Detroit, which would verify its contents, approve their decision to marry in Rome and return it to the Reeds so they could forward it onto Italy.

"They are a wonderful couple - so full of life. I thought it would be really special if they got married at the Vatican," said Bernice Reed.

One month after they sent in their application, Casey said he received a phone call from Father Greg in Italy saying their application was accepted and they should be in Italy for a Dec. 9 wedding.

The happy couple

Introduced by a mutual friend, Casey and Sara met in 1994. Sara, an occupational therapist with Rainbow Rehabilitation in Ypsilanti, is a 1985 graduate of St. Mary Academy in Carleton. Casey, a 1987 graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia, is an on-site manager at VSI Olsten. The pair graduated from Eastern Michigan University together in 1996.

and were engaged in February 1998.

"To be honest, the idea of getting married in Italy wasn't something we talked about before Casey's mom saw the article," said Sara. "But after he told me about it, I couldn't think of anything more special."

What would eventually make the trip even more unique was that a dozen of the couple's family members were able to travel to Italy for their wedding.

"We never expected that most of our family would be there with us," said Sara. It was Sue Reed, Casey's sister-in-law, that pulled together all the travel plans and even learned enough Italian to get the group by while abroad.

Arriving in Rome on Nov. 29,



Newlyweds: Sara and Casey Reed are pictured just minutes after they exchanged vows at the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The pair is standing in St. Peter's Square.

Sara and Casey first saw Father Greg at Santa Susanna, who gave the couple, along with Casey's mother and brother, Ron Reed, and Sara's parents, Jerry and Mary Reeder, tickets to the papal audience, a Catholic service delivered in five languages by Pope John Paul every Wednesday morning for approximately 10,000 worshippers.

"It was like a rock concert when the Pope came out on stage," said Bernice Reed. "He's an amazing man and I expect him to be made a saint one day."

Reed's excitement about seeing the Holy Father was exceeded when she saw her son and future daughter-in-law receive a blessing from Pope John Paul.

According to Casey, couples about to be married in the Vatican commonly attend the Papal Audience, dressed in their wedding dresses and suits or tuxedos, and receive a one-on-one blessing from the Pope.

"I can't even remember what he said to me," said Casey. "Isn't that awful. I was so nervous I just don't know what he said."

Over the next week, Casey and Sara, along with their family, traveled around Italy taking in the historic sites of Rome, Naples and Venice and seeing such wonders as the Coliseum and the ruins at Pompeii. By the following Thursday, all of Sara and Casey's family arrived in Italy for the ceremony.

The morning of the wedding, Thursday, Dec. 9, 1999, a light drizzle fell on the Vatican City. "We were told in Italy that it's good luck if it rains on the bride," said Sara.

Married at 10:30 a.m. in the Choir Chapel of St. Peter's Basilica, the couple partook in a full Catholic Mass before Father Greg and 12 of their family and friends.

"When we came out of the church all these people started yelling 'Auguri, auguri,'" said Sara, which means best wishes in Italian. "That was really neat."

The newlyweds and their guests (Jerry and Mary Reeder, Chuck and Rhonda Horn, Mark and Sue Reed, Nick Reed, Erik Reed, Bernice Reed, Deanna and Ron Reed and Mike Powers) enjoyed an early afternoon celebratory meal at a local restaurant in Rome following the ceremony.

Historic setting

St. Peter's Square and colonnade, the work of Bernini, form a superb

entryway to what Catholics refer to as the greatest church of Christendom. It's dominated by the massive Dome of Michelangelo. The construction of this basilica, plagued by numerous obstacles and problems, was carried out by several including Michelangelo.

The basilica rises over the foundations of a paleochristian church, which, according to tradition, was built at the request of the Emperor Constantine over the tomb of the martyred apostle Peter. It was completed in 349.

In 1492, Niccolò V entrusted B. Rossellino to rebuild the church on the verge of collapse. The new construction began in 1506 under Julius II. Michelangelo took in charge in 1546, "leaving the mark of his genius."

He planned a church in the form of a Greek cross crowned by a grandiose dome. At his death (1564) the works, left in a well advanced stage, were continued by Pirro Ligorio, Vignola, Giacomo della Porta and Domenico Fontana. At the request of Paul V Carlo Mader-

no they transformed the Greek cross into a Latin cross and added the present facade (1614).

"All the sites were amazing," said Sara, "particularly St. Peter's Basilica. It's something Casey and I, and our families will always treasure."

Returning to the states as Mr. and Mrs. Casey Reed, the pair sent out a special announcement in their December 1999 Christmas cards letting the rest of their family and friends know of their nuptials and plans to renew their vows, as planned on May 20, 2000.

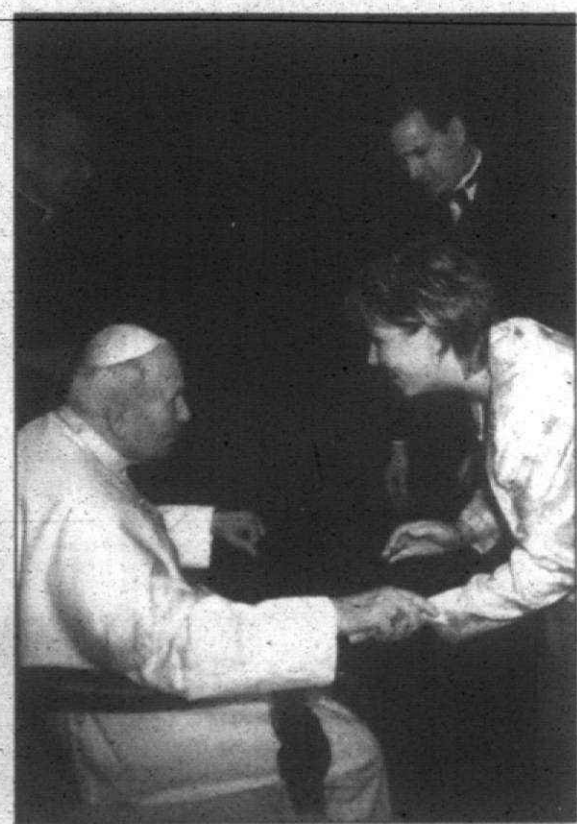
Casey said they'll exchange vows again at St. Theodore's in Westland then receive approximately 250 guests at the Mayflower Meeting House where they'll display pictures and video from their once-in-a-lifetime wedding.

The couple plans on inviting any guests in attendance, who would also like to renew their vows, to do so at the May ceremony.

"Never having seriously thought about getting married in Italy, the whole trip was like a dream," recalls Casey. "Sara and I couldn't have asked for a more special day... a day made even more special by our families presence."



At dusk: St. Peter's Square.



'... getting married in Italy, the whole trip was like a dream, Sara and I couldn't have asked for a more special day... a day made even more special by our families presence.'

Casey Reed

Hopelessly Romantic

Readers share what romance means to them

My husband and I dated for seven years before we decided to tie the knot. It wasn't that we didn't know if we wanted to be together. Time just passed so quickly.

When we did decide to plan our wedding, we both knew we wanted it to be not only special, but unusual. We wrote down on a piece of paper what each really loved. We found we both loved the ocean, and we both enjoyed a warm climate. So, we decided to pack our bags and get married in Maui, Hawaii.

On the day of our wedding, June 5, everything was just perfect. The weather was 85 degrees. We had arranged for our vows to be said before a priest, inside a floating chapel, on the ocean, near a beach. It was just my husband to be, the priest, me and God — all surrounded by paradise.

Nothing could have been more perfect. When the ceremony was over, my husband and I took a quiet walk around our hotel which had an unbelievable garden. As we walked he promised me that for the rest of our lives together we would return to Maui, the place we were married, to renew our love for each other.

We have been married for 7 years this year, and we have returned to Maui every year. Big weddings are truly wonderful with family and friends. But, a wedding with just you and the one you love can be much more memorable.

Gabrielle Chun, Livonia

My heart still melts at the sound of his voice, when I read the notes he's left for me or when I watch him playing with our son.

Dana L. Getz

Plymouth resident and wife of Stan Getz

through my mind — we need to invite the cashier from Kmart to our wedding. I felt crazy for thinking it on a second date! As if he was reading my mind, he asked what I was thinking about. Feeling foolish, I said that I was just thinking how much fun I was having. He nodded in agreement, smiled and said, "We'll have to make sure that Eva (the cashier) makes the guest list for our wedding."

It was at that moment that I knew he was the man I would marry. I knew he was who my heart had searched for.

We've been married now for almost 2 years and we have a wonderful son, Anthony. He still brings me roses, usually coming into my workplace, leaving them on my desk when I am out. My heart still melts at the sound of his voice, when I read the notes he's left for me or when I watch him playing with our son.

The best thing is being able to

laugh with my husband, who is also my best friend. Now that's romance! I count myself lucky every day.

Happy Valentine's Day, Stan. I love you. Dana L. Getz - Plymouth

My husband doesn't woo me with flowers of 14 karat jewels. It's the little things he does that really mean a lot.

My husband works a lot so the time we do have together is special to us because we just don't include ourselves — we make sure our son is a part of it. Whether it's a walk in the park or a picnic on a sunny afternoon. To me romance doesn't have to have a price tag it's the priceless things that mean the most.

Kim Pionton speak about her husband John Pionton

When I met my boyfriend at a Pontiac bar, the last thing I ever imagined was that I'd still

be so taken with him nine months later. He was bartending at the newest club in town and I was out for a night of dancing with friends.

Now, just being in his company makes me smile.

He may not think of himself as a romantic, but each time he spontaneously picks me flowers, each time he shows up or calls me unexpectedly, my heart skips a beat. I never know when he's going to randomly bring me some hard-to-find novel by my favorite writer, or draw a picture of him in the snow outside my front door.

I see that spontaneity in almost everything he does.

By our second date I knew that, no matter what happened next, we would become and always remain close friends. We spent a wonderfully exhausting day doing all of our favorite things — from a visit to the Detroit Institute of Arts, to dinner at a Thai restaurant in Windsor, then back for drinks at the Deck in Detroit, and tickets to a concert at the State Theatre. We ended the evening with a long conversation at Dick O Dow's pub in Birmingham. Talk about a whirlwind romance.

I'm still trying to catch my

breath. Thank you, Brian, for everything. Happy Valentine's Day. Stephanie Angelyn Casola is a Troy resident and Observer & Eccentric writer who works in Livonia.

A hopeless romantic is what my husband is. When we were first married he surprised me one night when I came out of work. He was supposed to be picking me up from work but instead, when I came out of work, the only vehicle in front of the building was a taxi cab. The man got out of the cab and asked me if I was Sandy. My husband had instructed him to pick me up and take me to a surprise destination.

He drove me to a hotel and handed me an envelope. Inside the envelope were directions to the room and the hotel key. When I reached the room, turned the key and stepped inside, there inside a huge Jacuzzi tub was my husband with a bottle of champagne and candles all lit around the tub. Still to this day he is surprising me with small tokens of his affection. I am very lucky to have married such a kind and gentle man!

Sandy Felt, Plymouth

Daughters of Revolution celebrate 'good citizens'

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Sarah Ann Cochran Plymouth-Northville Chapter will host their annual DAR Youth Tea at 10 a.m. Feb. 21 to celebrate the "good citizen award winners and American History award winners."

All DAR members are welcome at St. John's Episcopal Church, Sheldon Road in Plymouth. Karen Woodside, supervisor of Northville Township will be the guest speaker. She will address "Our Local Government."

1999 winners are as follows: The American History Essay contest winner is Sarah Zimmerman, a sixth grader who attends St. Paul's Lutheran School in Northville.

The Sarah Ann Cochran

Chapter 1999-2000 Good Citizen winner is Adam James Jones of Northville High School. He has been very active in American politics and worked as a page for Congress. He's also contributed volunteer efforts to the campaigns of Michigan Governor John Engler, U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham, Congressman Joe Knollenberg, Chris Bachelder, Bob Dole and Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter.

Honorable mention nominees who exhibited outstanding citizenship this past year included: Sara Lewandowski - Canton; Jeanette Fershtman - Stevenson; Megan Bohr - Salem; Eric Zacharias - Garden City; Courtney Wilmering - Ladywood; Danielle Zuchet - Churchill.

Feast on this for Valentine's Day, 2000

Marriage is the ultimate expression of Valentine's Day. And so, to Old Country Buffet, Country Buffet and Home-Town Buffet, 50 years of such loving deserves the ultimate celebration — a feast. A free feast, at that.

Come on it all you Valentines who've been married 50 years or more and enjoy a free lunch or dinner on us Monday, Feb. 14. All you've got to do is show us your marriage license. The free meal, by the way, isn't the only thing to look forward to. You can also pose with your loved one for a free photograph, which can be picked up later.

"Valentine's Day is all about the heart," said Kerry Kramp, president of Buffets, Inc., the parent company. "And there's nothing more heart-warming than being around people who've shared so much for so long."

The food is plenty heart-warming too. After all, this isn't your normal buffet. Here, you can create your own meal from a wide selection of made-from-scratch, home-style foods. And the food is kept fresh by constant monitoring and replenishing.

Entrees include old-time favorites like baked and fried

chicken and fish, and on-the-spot carved meats are available at dinner — ham, roast beef, or turkey. The salad bar has already-prepared salads as well as the make-it-yourself kind. There's a separate beverage station, and expansive case of baked goods and desserts.

That's amore

Papa Romano's will be offering, for the 13th consecutive year, special heart-shaped pizzas for Valentine's Day. The unique tradition began in the late 1980s when Ron Hancock, founder of Papa Romano's Inc., started giving away the heart-shaped pizzas on Valentine's Day as a token of appreciation to his regular customers.

Papa Romano's offers the heart-shaped pizzas for \$5.99 with one topping. They are available Feb. 7-15.

and 5854 N. Sheldon Road in Canton Township.

Local restaurants participating include 6539 N. Wayne Road in Westland (595-5207);

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals until 5:00 p.m., February 24, 2000, at the Resource Development Division, third floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan for the following:

FY 2000-2004 CDBG CONSOLIDATED PLAN (Research, writing, text, printing and binding)

Specifications are available from the Resource Development Division at the address above. Questions may be directed to Resource Development Division, (734) 397-5400. This project is funded by CDBG, Department of HUD. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

Published February 10, 2000 TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids or proposals until 10:00 a.m., March 2, 2000 at which time they will publicly be opened by the Township Clerk for the following:

2000 SPRING TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Bids for the above are to be submitted to the office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, 48186 on or before the above due date and time. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed, opaque envelope and clearly marked "Tree Planting Bids."

All trees are to be a minimum of 1 1/2" or 2" in caliper for deciduous trees and 5" or 6" height for evergreen trees and meet the requirements for height and branching as set forth in the American Standard for Nursery Stock published by the American Association of Nurserymen, 1990. Each tree shall be planted in accordance to the specifications included and guaranteed for one year from the date of planting. A follow-up inspection after 4 months is required to determine if the individual trees have survived. The total number of trees, species, and planting locations may be obtained by contacting the person noted below. It is expected that 21 - 1 1/2" caliper and 105 - 2 1/2" caliper deciduous trees and 15 - 5' height and 3 - 6' height evergreen trees will be planted at various locations throughout the Township by the end of May, 2000 through this program.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Bidder must specify and provide legal documentation of status of company, such as corporate papers, partnership papers, etc.
2. The signed contract is not assignable or transferable to any other company without township approval.
3. A cash bond, letter of credit or retainer equal to 15% of the total contract is required.

The CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to in whole or in part, award bids by item, and accept only the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

ANY INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS BID ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO:

Angela Wolosiewicz, Planning Services Division
1150 S. Canton Center
Canton, MI 48186

ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:
Terry Bennett, Township Clerk
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PROJECT GRADUATION

Crafters are wanted for a craft fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. Tables are \$25 each. Admission will be \$2. Proceeds will benefit Project Graduation 2000. To register or for more information, call Bobbie

Price at (734) 522-3848 or Michelle Porcaro at (734) 525-1444.

CHURCHILL PTSA CRAFT SHOW
Churchill High School PTSA is currently accepting applications for their 12th Annual Spring Craft Show which will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday,

March 11. We are located at 8900 Newburg Road, just north of Joy Road. \$1 admission. If you would like an application or information, please contact us at (734) 523-0022.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE CRAFTS
Crafters are being sought for the Spring Craft Show at Schoolcraft

College Saturday, March 11. 150 crafters attract crowds of more than 2,000. The show is juried and a limited number of exhibitors are accepted in each category. All types of crafts are featured including pottery, jewelry, textiles, photography and more. For information and fees call (734) 462-4417.

35th JUDICIAL DISTRICT BUILDING AUTHORITY ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the 35th District Court Building Authority, 660 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2000, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following:

TECHNICAL FURNITURE
NEW 35TH DISTRICT COURT

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the name, address and telephone number of the company/person submitting the bid, and the name of the bid, bid opening date and time. There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting held at the project site on February 24, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. Questions should be directed to Kerry K. Erdman, Court Administrator at (734) 459-4575 or at the above Court address. Specifications are available at the 35th District Court.

KERRY K. ERDMAN
Court Administrator

Published February 10, 2000

CITY OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION ON FEBRUARY 22, 2000

Notice is hereby given that a Presidential Primary will be held in the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, February 22, 2000, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, in order that the Democratic and Republican voters in Michigan can nominate from among the candidates of their respective parties, the person they wish to have nominated for Michigan for the Office of the President of the United States.

Applications for absentee ballots for the City of Plymouth registered voters may be requested from the Clerk's Office, 201 South Main Street, Plymouth, Telephone Number is 433-1234, extension 234 or 225. Absentee ballots will be delivered to qualified absentee voters in person at the respective Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 19, 2000. On Monday, February 21st, 2000, absentee voters may receive their ballots and must vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

All polling places in the City of Plymouth are accessible to the elderly and the handicapped.

Polling places are as follows: (Please note that the City precinct locations may not coincide with your school district precinct locations.)

City of Plymouth
Precincts 1, 2 & 4
Precinct 3

Cultural Center 525 Farmer
Central Middle School 650 W. Church St.
LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AEE
Clerk, City of Plymouth
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

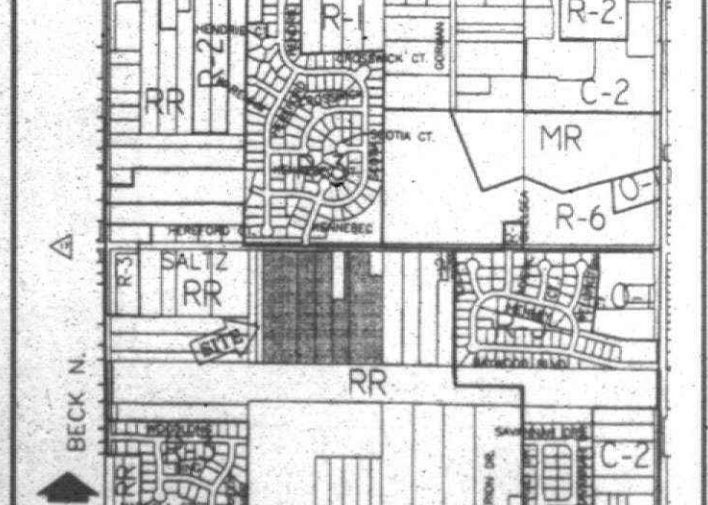
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 6, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

SELECTIVE REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 063 99 0015 000, 063 99 0014 000, 063 99 0015 000, 063 99 0017 000, AND 063 99 0018 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the south side of Selts Road between Beck and Canton Center Roads.

KERRY K. ERDMAN
Court Administrator

Published February 10 & 17, 2000



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, February 24, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Fabello-Podwoiski

Mr. and Mrs. Andres Fabello of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Simonette to Todd Anthony Podwoiski, son of Ann Zaron and Norbert Podwoiski of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of V. Mapa High School in Manila, Philippines and earned a bachelor of science degree in hotel and restaurant management from St. Paul College in Quezon City, Philippines. She is currently employed as rooms controller at the Livonia Marriott.

The groom is a graduate of Harrison High School and is currently pursuing a bachelor of science degree in hotel and restaurant management. He is employed as a kitchen supervisor at the Livonia Marriott.

A June wedding is planned at St. Colette's in Livonia.

Kolla-Gean

Richard and Colleen Kolla of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter Colleen Patricia, to Steven Lee Gean of Sterling Heights.

The bride-to-be is a Redford Union graduate and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She works as a recreational therapist for St. John Riverview Hospital.

Her fiancé, son of George and Kathleen Gean of Vassar, is a graduate of Crowley Ridge College in Paragold, Ark. He works as an activity director for ABBY Living Center in Warren.

A March wedding is planned



at the Utica Church of Christ in Sterling Heights

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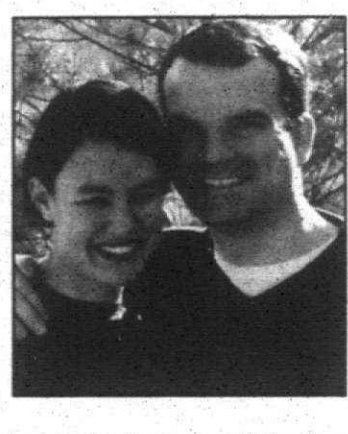
at the Utica Church of Christ in Sterling Heights

Pulis-Carney

Stephen and Danielle Pulis of Katy, Texas announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Jennifer, to Brendan Patrick Carney.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Katy Taylor High School and received bachelor's degree in International Relations at the University of Pennsylvania and her master's degree in Finance from Wharton School in Philadelphia, Penn. She is a management consultant for Deloitte Consulting in New York City.

Her fiancé, son of John and Hope Carney, is a Livonia Stevenson High School graduate. He obtained his bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Michigan and his



master's degree at Wharton School in Philadelphia, Penn. He works for Medsite.com in New York City. A May wedding is planned in New York City.

ENGAGEMENTS AND WEDDINGS

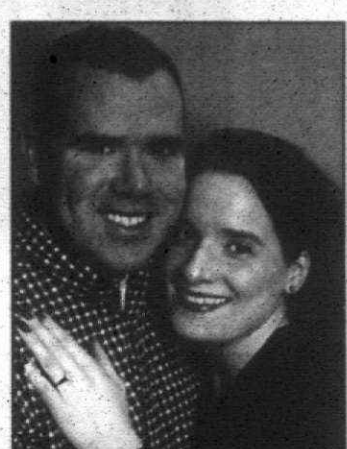
Bres-Riley

John and Pat Bres of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Mary, to James Anthony Riley, son of George and Linda Riley of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Divine Child High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by St. John's Health System.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Hartland High School and from Eastern Michigan University. He is employed at the Michigan Hand Rehabilitation Center in Warren.

A November wedding is



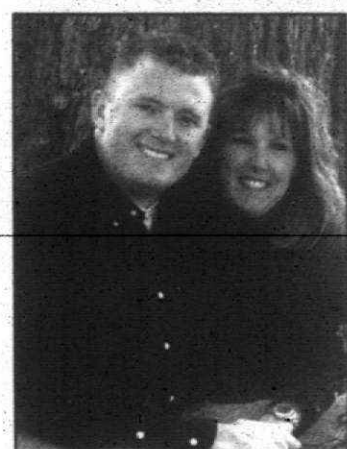
planned at St. Cyprian's Church in Riverview.

Kaufman-Green

James and Gail Kaufman of Royal Oak announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracey M., to Charles L. Green.

The bride-to-be is a performance and development consultant for GMAC Mortgage Corporation in Troy.

Her fiancé, son of Paula Green of West Bloomfield and Leonard Green of Baytown, Texas, is a project management consultant for Great Lakes Technologies Group in Southfield. An April 2000 wedding is planned.

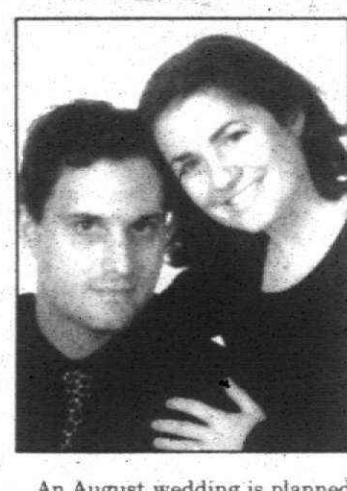


Marulis-Sego

Steve and Sandy Marulis of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Loren Marie, to Christopher James Sego.

The bride-to-be received her bachelor's degree in child development and training in 1995 and a master's degree in curriculum and teaching in 1999 from Michigan State University. She worked as a research assistant at MSU in the Teacher Education department and has begun working on her doctorate in teacher education.

Her fiancé, son of Dave and Rose Sego of Clawson, attended Albion College, majoring in Music and Computer Science. He works as an independent computer consultant and does studio work in music.



An August wedding is planned at The Summit on the Park in Canton.

Helmick-Brossy

Kenneth and Barbara Helmick of Livonia announce the engagement of Sarah Anne to Shaun Richard Brossy.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Churchill High School, and a student at Eastern Michigan University in elementary education. She works at Buddy's Pizza in Livonia.

Her fiancé, son of Dean and Sandra Brossy of Livonia, is a 1996 graduate of Churchill High School and is enrolled at Eastern Michigan University. He too works at Buddy's Pizza in Livonia.



A summer wedding is planned in 2003 at St. Genevieve's Church.

James-Douglas

Daniel James of Swarthmore, Penn. and Beth Free James of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Elizabeth, to Dane Michael Douglas of Waterford.

The bride-to-be is a 1986 Stevenson High School graduate and a 1990 graduate of Central Michigan University. She received her master's degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1994 and works as a consultant for DataWatch, Inc.

Her fiancé, son of Don and Donna Douglas of Waterford, is a 1989 Waterford-Mott High School graduate and a 1995 graduate of Central Michigan University. He is pursuing a master's degree and working as an Operations Supervisor for



General Motors Service Parts Operations in Memphis, Tenn.

Wood-Penny

Colleen Myers of Haines City, Fla. announces the engagement of her daughter, Denise Wood, to Merle Penny of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Madonna University and works as a registered nurse at Garden City Hospital.

Her fiancé, son of Geraldine Penny of Novi, is a 1989 graduate of Opelika State Technological College, and has recently retired.

An April wedding is planned at Laurel Wedding Chapel in Livonia.



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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

WEEKEND

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

Celebrate Valentine's Day by attending the Canton Knights of Columbus ninth annual Daddy-Daughter Valentines Dance. The dance will take place 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at the St. Thomas Becket Family Life Center, 555 Lilley, Canton. This night will feature dance music, a flower corsage, refreshments and a gift so dad and his date will remember the evening. If dad has more than one date, how about inviting an older brother, uncle or grandpa, so each girl will have a partner? Girls 3-13 may celebrate this memorable evening. Tickets will be available after all Masses at St. Thomas Becket or by calling Ralph at (248) 344-1956 or Mary at (734) 897-1359. Tickets are \$12 per couple and \$16 for dad and two dates. Space is limited.

SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

There will be girls fast-pitch softball registration, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Diamonds Restaurant at Canton Softball Center. Girls 16 and under are eligible. The 14-game season begins June 1. For more information, call (734) 737-9968.

DOLL SHOW

The "We Love Barbie" Fashion Doll Show returns 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Cost is \$5, \$2 for kids 4-12. The show features vintage and collectible Barbies and their accessories as well as custom designed Barbies created by a doll artist. There will be "Valentine Barbie" doll door prizes given hourly. For show or vendor information, call (734) 455-2110.

AROUND TOWN

VALENTINE CRAFTS

The Canton Public Library will host a session on "Make and Take Valentine Crafts" 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10. The event is designed for teens (13-17 years old) and features instruction on making a rose, unique cards and other gifts. Registration is required. Call the library, (734) 397-0999.

CHORUS CALL

"Voices In Time," a locally-based singing group, will begin rehearsals for the spring-summer season in late February. There are a limited number of openings in all voice parts. For more information, call (248) 449-8540.

RACQUETBALL LEAGUE

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

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools PLUS Preschool Program has a few openings in its Head Start and MDE School Readiness programs. To be eligible for a Head Start placement, your child must have been 3 or 4 by Dec. 1 1999 and meet certain qualifying factors: Limited income, foster child, or child with a disability. For more information or to register call (734) 416-6105. To be eligible for the School Readiness Program your child must have been 4 by Dec. 1 1999 and meet certain income guidelines. Call 416-6194 for more

OPEN HOUSES

Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-Op is hosting an open house 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 5. Applications will be accepted for full enrollment. Plymouth Children's Nursery is located on Sheldon Road, north of Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 455-6250.

St. Michael's Christian School is holding open enrollment for preschoolers 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, and for kindergarten-fifth graders 4-6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18. St. Michael's Christian School is located at 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton. For more information, or to schedule a tour, call (734) 459-9720.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Arbor Hospice is seeking volunteer bakers/food preparers, greeters, fund-raisers and office workers.

Arbor Hospice is also looking for volunteers interested in helping terminally ill patients and their families with activities such as meal preparation, errands, reading and eating. A volunteer orientation will take place at Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor. For more information, call the Arbor Hospice volunteer hotline at (734) 662-3742, ext. 555. To register for orientation, call the volunteer training hotline at (734) 662-3742, ext. 566.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Plymouth Community United Way will be held at 8 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at Johnson Controls, 49200 Halyard, Plymouth. The purpose of this meeting is to elect four board members, four officers, hear reports from the president, secretary and treasurer, and conduct such other business as may come before the board. The public is invited to attend. Breakfast will be available.

ASTRONOMY GROUP

The Astronomy Discussion Group, which is not an astronomy club, is a new group at the Plymouth District Library. This first meeting features a lecture, "New Discoveries in Astronomy," with handouts and a slide presentation by group facilitator, Mike Best. The first meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21. Astronomy enthusiasts ages 5 to 105 are invited. Children ages 5 and older are welcome with adult supervision. The Astronomy Discussion Group will meet for one hour on the third Monday of each month. Registration is required for the first program only. At the Reader's Advisory Desk in Plymouth Library, Call (734) 453-0750, press 4 for registration or for more information. Call Mr. Best at (734) 459-2378.

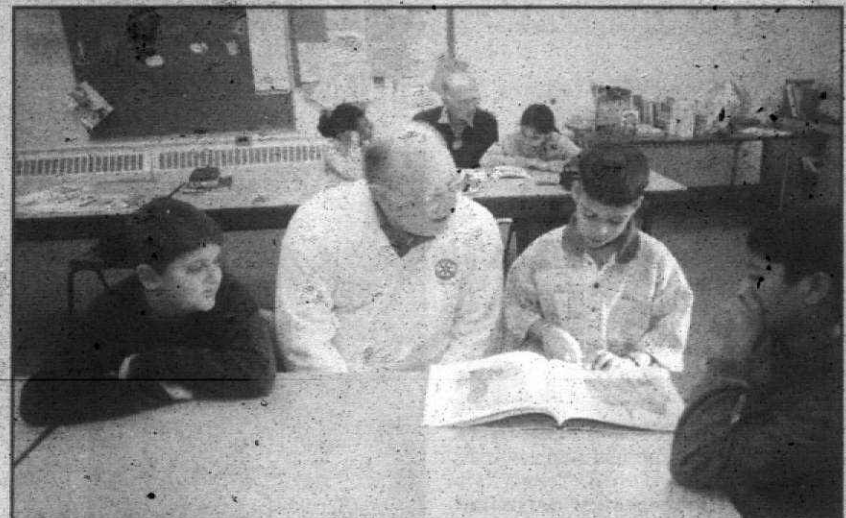
LECTURE

There will be a Transcendental Meditation free introductory lecture 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. For more information, call (734) 454-0222.

LUNCHEON

The VFW No. 6695 Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a "Senior Citizens Luncheon," at noon Thursday, Feb. 24, at the VFW No. 6695 Hall, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. There will be no charge, but donations will be accepted. For more

Rotary goes in for reading



Getting involved: Larry Schafer of the Canton Rotary (second from left) reads to (from left) Yousef Haddad, 10, Satwinder Singh, 11, and Sujeesh Kurup, 11, all sixth-graders, during the children's English as a Second Language class at Central Middle School in December. The Rotary donated books, tapes and tape players for the students.

information or for reservations

call Millie Drake at (734) 453-3586 or Ann Smith at (734) 453-1529.

WEEKEND

A weekend for men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a marriage is offered. Designed for those who are ready to let go of the past and wish to create a new beginning and a peaceful future. Facilitated by those who have "been there." A beginning experience weekend will be held Feb. 25-27 at St. John Center in Plymouth. Endorsed by the Family Life Office, you must pre-register by Feb. 20 for a weekend of self-discovery and healing. All faiths are welcome. For more information, call Pat at (810) 558-2967 or call Mary Ann at (734) 692-8246.

SUPPORT GROUP

Vermuelen Funeral Homes is pleased to offer free monthly Grief Aftercare Support Group meetings for those who have recently experienced the death of a family member or close friend. Usually held on the fourth Sunday evening of the month, each meeting is led by Mr. Wes Baldwin of Pointe Care Counseling, an experienced grief counselor and former associate pastor who gives opportunities for those in attendance to express feelings of loss and grief in a comfortable and accepting atmosphere. The next meeting is set for 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Plymouth location on W. Ann Arbor Road between Sheldon and Beck. For more information, call (734) 459-2250.

ART LECTURE

The Detroit Institute of Arts, in partnership with the Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Community Education Program of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, presents "Art Lecture Series

and Brown Bag Lunch."

from noon until 12:50 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29. The theme is "Van Gogh: Face to Face," an introduction to the DIA's latest exhibition. Cost is \$3 per person. Bring your own lunch and friends to what promises to be an informative and entertaining lecture series. For more information, call Betsy Calhoun at (734) 416-4ART.

AARP TAX HELP

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

SERVICE CENTER

The Michigan Works Service Center provides the Employer/Employee Connection for Washtenaw County. Job-seeking assistance is provided daily 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Face-to-face job interviews are held 9:30 a.m.-noon Thursday mornings. Free services include distribution of job position information, candidate referrals, resume preparation, interviewing assistance along with Internet access, computer use and free faxing. For more information, call (734) 451-2517.

CENSUS 2000

The U.S. Census Bureau

is hiring enumerators for the 2000 census.

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

MOPS MEETING

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

M.O.M. MEETING

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

M.L.T.I.

Moms In Touch International is for mothers to meet weekly, for one hour, to pray for their children and schools. We are hoping to form groups for each school in Plymouth-Canton. If you are interested or have any questions, call Karen at (734) 397-2771 or Elaine at (734) 459-3896.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8499.

DINNER/AUCTION

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

The Caribbean," begins 6 p.m. Saturday, March 11,

in the Mayflower Meeting House, Plymouth. Auction items include trips, dinners, clothing, furniture and art. Dance music will be provided by the Couriers. Entrées include beef tenderloin, stuffed chicken and range roughly. Tickets are \$55. Call (734) 416-4278.

KIWANIS CLUB

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

NURSERY OPENINGS

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

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CLUBS

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

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Volunteer Work

Volunteers needed: Plymouth-Canton Head Start, located in Central Middle School, is looking for volunteers to help in the classroom with large-group activities, to assist children during recess, participate in the Learning Centers and assist during meal times. If you have a morning or afternoon free

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

Hospices of Henry Ford Health System needs volunteers in Canton and Plymouth. Volunteers can help by visiting patients, either at their home or a nursing home, to offer emotional support, companionship and comfort. Call (313) 582-2382.

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SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES

Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in Knox Hall in Ward Church. Ministries Showcase 7:30 p.m. Single Parenting Ministry meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the parlor, room C317 and C319, at the church. A free meal is served before the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Speakers or open discussion in a friendly, supportive and encouraging atmosphere. Free child care provided. Light-house Cafe, a coffee-house setting, is offered 7-10 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month in Knox Hall. The cost is \$5; all events provided by Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

SKI THE SOO TRIP

Attention all single skiers. Join the Farmington Singles Professionals group for an extended four-day weekend getaway Feb. 18 through the 21st to ski in Sault Ste. Marie, Canada. Cross country skiers will enjoy Stokely's while downhill skiers will love the runs at Searchmont. Package includes four days and three nights at the Water Tower Inn (two people per room); use of the Club Cabana recreational area including outdoor sauna, heated pool and indoor/outdoor hot tubs. The cost is \$124 for members and \$234 for non-members. All levels of skiers welcome. RSVP by calling (248) 851-9909 or www.fsp.org.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

Parents Without Partners, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the single-parent family. A Singles Dance is scheduled

meetings are held the third Saturday of every month at 8 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Church, Haggerty Road (south of 5 Mile Road).

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

WEDNESDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES

Wednesday Suburban Singles Dance Parties Inc. meet every Wednesday at The Warren Chateau Banquet Center (10 Mile Road one block east of Mound) in Warren from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Open to the public - ages 21 and up. Proper attire is recommended (no jeans). The Single Mingle Dance costs \$5; \$4 before 8:30 p.m. For information call the hotline at (313) 842-0443.

SUNDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES

Sunday Suburban Singles Dance Parties Inc. meet every Sunday at The Warren Chateau Banquet Center (10 Mile Road one block east of Mound) in Warren from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Event is open to the public for ages 21 and up. Proper attire is recommended (no jeans). Cost is \$5; \$4 before 8:30 p.m. For information call (313) 842-0443.

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The annual UMYF spaghetti dinner will be held from 5-7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Wayne (3 Towne Square) in the fellowship hall. Adults, \$6.50; Seniors, \$5; and kids (5-12) \$3.50. Four years and younger eat free. All you can eat spaghetti and bread. Beverage, salad and dessert included. Come and enjoy food and fellowship.

LEADERSHIP & SPIRITUALITY

Dr. Steward L. Tubbs will be speaking on "Leadership and Spirituality: Taking Jesus with you Daily," at 9:45 a.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia on Sunday, March 6. Tubbs is the Darrell H. Cooper Chair of Leadership and former Dean of the College of Business at Eastern Michigan University. St. Paul's is located at 27475

DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH

A seminar for quality parenting will be held from 7-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 and Saturday, Feb. 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Family Impact ministries, 3761 Commerce Ct. (one mile east of I-275). Pre-registration deadline is Feb. 15. Cost is \$25 per person/\$35 per couple. Child care available.

NEW BEGINNINGS

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia offers a year-round grief support group and this new Thursday speaker series, beginning with Del McPherson and "The Healing Power of Humor," March 2; the Rev. Kurt Stutz of Botsford Hospital with "Healing Grief" April

SPREAD THE WORD

My children are my pride and joy. I know that's a cliché, every parent says that. But it's not until just now that I realize how significant that becomes to every parent who ever cast reputation to the wind and said as much. They truly are the source of joy for us in this dark and putrid world. They're given to us as a smidgen of the blessings that await us in Heaven as the "children of God." Children teach us about the things of God. If we listen, they'll teach us about His character.

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This was the extent of my prayer. "Father, I'm at my wits end. I don't know what to do. But I'll do anything to take this pain away from her. Even if it means that I have to take it three-fold on myself, I'd do it if you'd make it possible."

What would make a father want to take pain on himself for his own children? What could possibly cause us to forsake the self-preservation instinct (in however small a fashion) and be willing to accept pain that wasn't ours for the benefit of another? I believe it comes instilled in us from the character of God.

The Bible tells us that God loved us enough to take the pain of our sin upon himself (1 John 3:16). Our Heavenly Father became one of us, and took the pain himself, so that we might be healed spiritually. The only exception was that in his case the pain was so much greater and the benefit to us eternal.

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3:1)

Les Hardin has served as the Minister of Christian Education at Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia since August 1997. He grew up in Kentucky and resides with his wife and three children in Livonia. He can be reached via e-mail at memorialchurchofchrist@juno.com.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Five Mile Road, one block west of Inkster. Call (734) 422-1470.

HANDLING STRESS
A seminar titled "Handling Stress the Meditation Way," is being presented from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road). Rev. Gene Sorenson will present a host of ideas and techniques to help you identify and manage stress in your life. For information call (734) 421-1760.

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

RELIEF EFFORT
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BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN
This is a Bible Study for women who want to live holy lives and are always on the lookout for help to spiritual maturity. "Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People" will be offered from 7-8 p.m. for 10 weeks (started Feb. 2) at the Plymouth Church of Nazarene located at 45801 Ann Arbor Road. Each week we will explore down-to-earth answers for problems related to making things right with others, forgiving those who have hurt you, conquering impure thoughts, winning the battle with pride and selfish ambition, learning to be totally honest and transparent. Call the church office at 453-1525.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY
Thursday Bible studies at Timothy Lutheran Church are available from 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The morning study is led by members of the congregation and the evening study is led by Pastor Powell. Timothy Lutheran Church is located at 8820 Wayne Road in Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www.timothyivonia.com

TAI CHI CLASSES
The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit organization, is forming new, beginner Tai Chi classes, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia, St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bloomfield

more. Series concludes March 30.

WOMEN'S RETREAT
Newburg United Methodist Church will host a women's retreat titled "Faith in action: our legacy and our future," March 17-19 at Lake Huron Retreat Center in Lakeport, Michigan. It will be an event for study, conversation, growth, inspiration, sharing good meals with friends and walks along the lake. All rooms are doubles with private baths. Our meeting room will be a short outdoor walk from the sleeping rooms. Bring comfortable clothes, snack, your bible, notebook and board or card/games. Cost \$65. For information please call Heather Perkins at (734) 422-0149 no later than Sunday, Feb. 27.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY
Marriage and family will be taught by Father George Shalhoub, pastor of St. Mary Orthodox Church in Livonia. The purpose of these series of classes is to take an in-depth look at the necessary characteristics that play vital roles in marriage and family life. They are available to both these couples either considering marriage or presently married. Single or divorced individuals are also encouraged to attend this 10-week class that meets from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18100 Merriman Road in Livonia. Call (734) 422-0010 to register. Topics include: The Institutional Family; The Process of Developing Healthy Relationships; What is Love? Marriage: Why it is a Sacrament; and

For children and their parents TLC Storytime at Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia (8820 Wayne Road) from 3-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19. Come join us for crafts, Christian stories and snacks. Kids are invited to bring parents. The books are chosen for ages 3-10 but kids of all ages are welcome. Call (734) 427-2290 for information.

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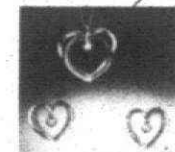
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Salem grad switches

Central Michigan University head women's soccer coach Mark Salisbury announced the signing of eight new recruits, including a pair of notable transfers: Missy Simons, a Plymouth Salem graduate, and Allison Campbell, the Livonia Stevenson standout who transfers in from the University of Tennessee.

Simons played two years at Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C. She started at sweeper last season. While at Salem, she was an all-state selection and a two-time All-Western Lakes Activities Association pick; she was also member of the state cup champion Michigan Hawks.

Simons' versatility was one of her better-known qualities. As a senior at Salem, she agreed to move from sweeper to forward, where she scored 21 goals and assist on nine others.

Campbell was voted Michigan's Miss Soccer in 1998. She played two seasons for the Lady Volunteers where she set season records for goals, assists and points.

Campbell led the Lady Vols in scoring last season with 11 goals and four assists, earned All-Southeastern Conference second-team honors twice and was a two-time All-NCAA Central Region pick.

Campbell was also a two-time All-State selection and three-time All-Western Lakes Activities Association pick who helped Stevenson to the 1997 and '98 state championships. She was also a member of the Michigan Hawks Soccer Club which captured state cup titles from 1993-97.

Other CMU recruits: Jill Adams (St. Louis, Mo.), Katie Conway (St. Charles, Ill.), Jacqui Lorenzo (Hudson, Ohio), Katie Rawlings (North Olmstead, Ohio), Jamie Tekotte (Fairview, Pa.) and Cari VanDyck (Medina, Ohio).

Back on top

Whalers' 1-0 win puts them in 1st in West Division

It was a game for the goalies. Their turn to shine. On Tuesday at Compuware Arena, the Plymouth Whalers' Rob Zepp shone a bit brighter.

Zepp turned away 19 shots on goal — including a penalty shot — in leading the Whalers to their third-straight win, this one by a 1-0 count over the Sarnia Sting in an Ontario Hockey League game Tuesday.

The victory boosted the Plymouth into a tie for first in the OHL's West Division with the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds. The Whalers are 29-17-4; the Greyhounds are 27-20-4. Both teams have 63 points, but the Whalers have played one fewer game.

Sarnia, which is also challenging for the top spot in the West, fell to 27-20-7, with 61 points. The Sting are third in the division.

The game's only goal was scored in the opening period by Eric Gooldy. It came off a feed from Shaun Fisher with 9:04 elapsed.

With 4:26 to play in the first, Plymouth's Andre Robichaud was called for a trip and a penalty shot was awarded. Zepp, however, made the save on the Sting's Dusty Jamieson.

It was a sign of things to come — for both teams — as the defenses took over. Sarnia goalie Greg Hewitt was nearly Zepp's equal; he had 24 saves.

The Whalers were just a bit better, against one of the hottest teams in the OHL. Going into the game, the Sting had been 7-2-1 in their past 10 matches.

Whalers win a pair

It was a battle of survival. And the Plymouth Whalers won it.

Playing in front of a crowd of 3,613 in Sault Ste. Marie, home of the West Division-leading Greyhounds, the Whalers faced long odds in a hostile



Rare shot: The Whalers' Eric Gooldy (white jersey) slips the puck past Sarnia goalie Greg Hewitt midway through the first period. The goal was the first — and, as it turned out, the only — goal of the game as both goalies and the defenses took command Tuesday.

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Please see WHALERS, C3

Rocks ride 2nd-quarter surge; Chiefs rip Vikes

A little bit of pressure put the heat on Northville.

Trailing 16-12 after one quarter, Plymouth Salem coach Bob Brodie ordered up a little more up-tempo defense Tuesday night and the Rocks rode it to a 25-10 second quarter.

The breakout produced enough momentum to let Salem ride the lead through to a 65-55 victory over visiting Northville in a Western Lakes Activities Association basketball game.

"We upped the defensive intensity and that created a lot of turnovers for us," Brodie said. "And that created a lot of opportunities for us to score."

"In that quarter, eight of our players scored."

Ryan Cook, Gabe Coble and Ryan Haydon scored two points apiece, as did the McCaffrey twins, Matt and James. Jeff

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Haar scored four points and Andy Kocoloski eight.

Kocoloski had three more points in the game for a total of 11 while Matt McCaffrey ended with 13, plus 13 rebounds. Scott Discher came off the bench to score 10.

The Rocks added one point to their 37-26 halftime lead and held a 48-36 advantage entering the fourth quarter.

Junior forward Aaron Redden led the Mustangs with 21 points and sophomore guard Travis Bliss scored 10.

The victory left Salem (8-6 overall) with a 5-3 WLAA mark. Northville (6-7 overall) dropped to 3-5 in the conference.

Canton 61, W.L. Central 46: Slowly, steadily.

That's how Plymouth Canton earned its second-straight win Tuesday — the first time the Chiefs have done that this season. They outscored host Walled Lake Central in every quarter to improve their overall record to 6-8 and their WLAA mark to 5-3.

"We played hard, we played good defense, and we rebounded a little bit better," said Canton coach Dan Young. "It was a nice win on the road for us."

The one-two scoring punch of Jason Waidmann and Kenny Nether did it for the Chiefs — each scored 21 points. The Vikings were led by Steve Horn with 19 points and Scott Keller with 10.

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Kentwood repeats

Observer teams ousted in semis

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Livonia Franklin and Livonia Ladywood made strong runs Saturday in the 27th annual Schoolcraft College Volleyball Invitational.

But top-ranked East Kentwood and No. 3 Temperance Bedford squared off for the tournament title, which attracted 32 high school teams.

East Kentwood, led by tournament MVP Kelly Eveland, a Georgia Tech signee, repeated as champion with a 15-12, 11-15, 15-9 victory over the Kicking Mules.

East Kentwood, now 48-6, also placed two others on the All-Tourney squad including Susan Poll, who has signed with Miami of Ohio, and Crystal Weaver, a Marquette University basketball

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signee.

Bedford, 45-10 overall and perennial SC Invitational contender, knocked out Franklin in the semifinals, 15-10, 15-8, while East Kentwood eliminated Ladywood, 15-10, 15-7, in the other semifinal.

"This tough competition will prepare us for the rest of the season," said Franklin coach Mary Helen Diegel, whose team is 35-5-1 overall. "We got consistent play throughout the day and we accomplished most of our goals for the tournament."

Bedford All-Tourney picks Valerie Lyczkowski and Nicole Salisbury were too much for Franklin, combining for 24 kills.

Senior Tera Morrill led

Franklin with 10 kills, while Andrea Kmet and setter Lyndsay Sopko added five and four, respectively.

"Franklin is a good team," Bedford coach Jodi Manore said. "Their left-hander (Morrill) is a nice player and their setter (Sopko) moves the ball around."

Franklin finished 5-1 on the day with Morrill leading with a total of 48 kills.

Other standouts included Kmet (28 kills), Rachel Bramlett (17 ace serves), Kerstin Marshall (13 block-assists and seven solo blocks), Alexis Bowman (63 digs) and Sopko (108 assists).

Eight-time defending Catholic League champion Ladywood (24-15-2) proved to be the surprise of the day.

The Blazers and Franklin got

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Big-time scoring

Rocks, Chiefs can't catch state's best teams

The performances of Plymouth Salem's and Plymouth Canton's gymnastics teams at Saturday's Canton Invitational were very good. But the Invitational also illustrated how strong the state's top teams are.

Salem came close to matching its season-high in scoring while Canton surpassed its best score. Yet Salem tied for eighth and Canton placed 10th in the 17-team invitational.

Salem scored 136.20, tying with Freeland; Canton scored 134.95.

East Kentwood placed first, scoring 148.30. Brighton was a distant second at 144.75, followed by Holland (144.40), Hartland (143.15), Rochester Adams (142.85), Northville/Novi (141.70) and Rochester (139.35). After Salem, Freeland and Canton came Farmington (134.80), Traverse City (134.70), Jackson County Western (134.45), Westland John Glenn (133.50), Troy Athens (132.05), Vassar (129.70) and Fraser (123.00).

"We had a few mistakes, but overall we had a really good day," said Salem coach Melissa Hopson. "We lost a point in falls on (balance) beam, otherwise we would have had a 137."

The Rocks top overall performance was turned in by freshman Bethany Bartlett, who scored 36.05 in the Division I all-around to tie for 10th. Bartlett scored in the nines in three of four events, tying for seventh in the vault (9.1) and scoring 9.25 in floor exercise,

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9.0 in uneven parallel bars and 8.7 in beam.

April Aquino also turned in a solid performance in the Division II all-around for Salem. Aquino finished eighth with a 35.2, tying for ninth in floor (9.15) and tying for 10th in beam (8.65). She also scored an 8.8 in bars and an 8.6 in vault, both season bests.

Four other Salem gymnasts posted personal bests: Kara Dendinos, an 8.7 in floor; Kelsey Ensor, an 8.6 in floor; Valeri Quigley, a 7.65 in floor; and Cammi Carnes, a 7.7 in vault. Ashley Heard suffered an injury on beam (she scored 8.2) but still competed on bars, scoring 8.35.

Salem's 35.7 total in floor was a team best for this season. "I'm very happy," said Hopson. "We're pulling through. I'm really glad we're staying consistent."

Plymouth Canton did not have anyone finish in the top 10 in the Division II all-around, but the Chiefs did have some solid scores from Amy Driscoll, who was second in floor (9.4), and Liz Fitzgerald, who tied for ninth in floor (9.15) and tied for 10th in vault (8.8).

Salem was supposed to have met Northville/Novi in a dual meet Monday, but officials failed to show up and the meet was cancelled. When it will be rescheduled is uncertain.

Canton's and Salem's next scheduled competition is Monday, when they face each other at 7 p.m. at Canton's Phase III gym.

Farmington tops Canton

Plymouth Canton's scoring was off Monday against Farmington United at the Farmington Training Center, but Farmington's wasn't.

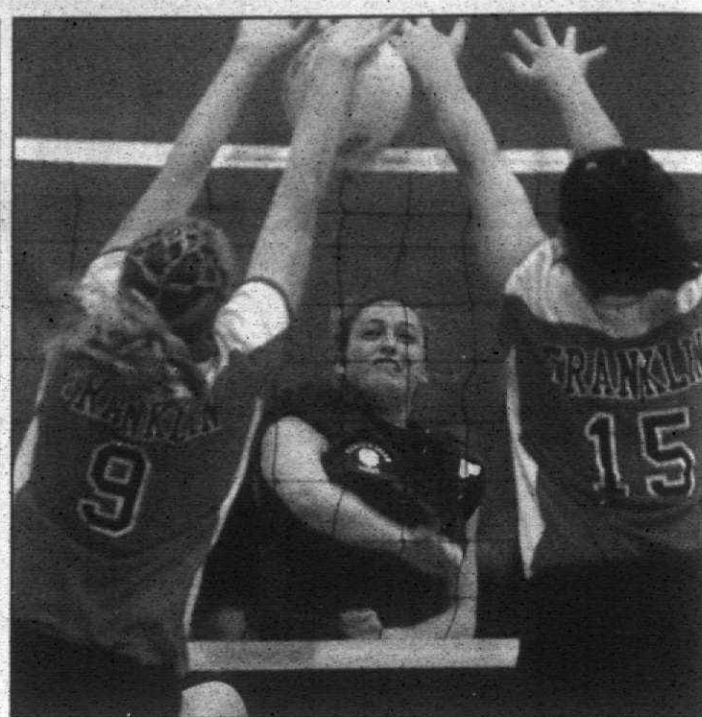
Behind the strong one-two punch of Chelsea Keesling and Clara Seymour, the United team outscored Canton 137.8-130.55. Liz Fitzgerald and Amy Driscoll led the Chiefs. Fitzgerald was third in the all-around with a 34.75 and Driscoll placed fourth with a 33.75.

Fitzgerald's best placing came in the vault; she was second with an 8.7. She also scored a 9.1 in both the uneven parallel bars and the floor exercise, finishing third in both, and had a 7.85 to finish fifth in the balance beam.

Driscoll won the floor (9.35) and took fourth in bars (8.95). Jackie Bennington was Canton's only other top-five finisher: She was fifth in the floor exercise (8.2).

Keesling won the vault (8.9) and bars (9.25) for Farmington, and was first in the all-around (36.2). Seymour won the beam (9.15) and took second in the all-around (35.55).

Farmington is 6-2 overall, 4-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.



Down the middle: Salem's Michelle Ginther (center) tries to slam one between Franklin's Kerstin Marshall (9) and Tera Morrill during Saturday's Invitational.

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out of the tough Pool F, which also included Plymouth Salem. Franklin beat Ladywood (17-16, 15-6), Salem (15-10, 4-15, 17-16) and Redford Thurston (15-6, 15-3) to finish first.

Ladywood also advanced by defeating Salem (12-15, 15-6, 15-13 and Thurston (15-5, 15-9).

"We played really well when leading and we also had a couple of big comebacks," Ladywood coach Larry Wyatt said. "It was our best performance of the year and my best day as a coach at Ladywood."

But after beating Walled Lake Central and Madison Heights Bishop Foley the elimination round, the Blazers simply ran out of fuel against powerful East Kentwood.

"I think our kids were gassed by the Kentwood match," Wyatt said. "We just didn't have the size and power to sustain it any longer."

Ladywood All-Tourney pick Jessica Tison finished with 34 kills, seven aces and seven blocks on the day.

Erin Barteaux was Blazers' top attacker with 67 kills to go along with 13 aces. Patty Horal added 44 kills, while setter Melissa Buckshaw had a total of 170 assists.

Against East Kentwood, Cameron Kompoltowicz came off the bench to record six kills and three blocks.

"Ladywood makes you work for every point," third-year coach East Kentwood coach Roxane Steenhuisen said. "They're fundamentally sound, they play

hard and they served well. They wouldn't go away. They were very scrappy. They keep it in play and they're fun to play."

See tournament results.

Salem stops Stevenson

Following a somewhat disappointing showing at the Schoolcraft Invitational, Plymouth Salem rebounded to defeat Livonia Stevenson 15-4, 10-15, 15-3 Monday at Salem to stay unbeaten in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Rocks improved to 7-0 in the WLAA, 28-8-1 overall. Stevenson is 25-10-2 overall, 4-3 in the WLAA.

Andrea Suder was once again solid all-around, collecting 11 kills, 10 digs, three service aces and a block. Other standouts included Denise Phillips with eight kills without an error, a .348 kill percentage, and one ace; Jill Dombrowski, with five kills; Sarah Jensen with five kills; and Mary Lou Liebau with four kills (.364).

At Schoolcraft last Saturday, Salem — in one of the tournament's toughest pools — failed to qualify for the final 16. The Rocks beat Redford Thurston 15-5, 15-10, but lost to Livonia Ladywood 12-15, 15-6, 15-13 and Livonia Franklin 15-10, 4-15, 18-16.

That put them in the consolation round, played at Northville HS. Salem recovered and did not lose another game, beating Novi 15-5, 15-6; Flint Powers 15-4, 15-2; Farmington Hills Mercy 15-7, 15-13; and Midland 15-3, 15-1.

SCHOOLCRAFT INVITATIONAL RESULTS

27th annual SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE	
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AB-Tournament Team: Kelle Eveland (MVP), Susan Pelt, Crystal Weaver, East Kentwood; Valerie Lyczkowski, and Nicole Salisbury, Bedford; Jessica Tison, Ladywood; Katie Leshinsky and Lauren Ban, Dearborn; Tiffany Varg Hemm, Bishop Foley.	
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS	
Volleyball Invitational, Feb. 8 at Schoolcraft CC/Northville H.S.	
Championship final: East Kentwood defeated Dearborn, 15-12, 11-15, 15-9.	
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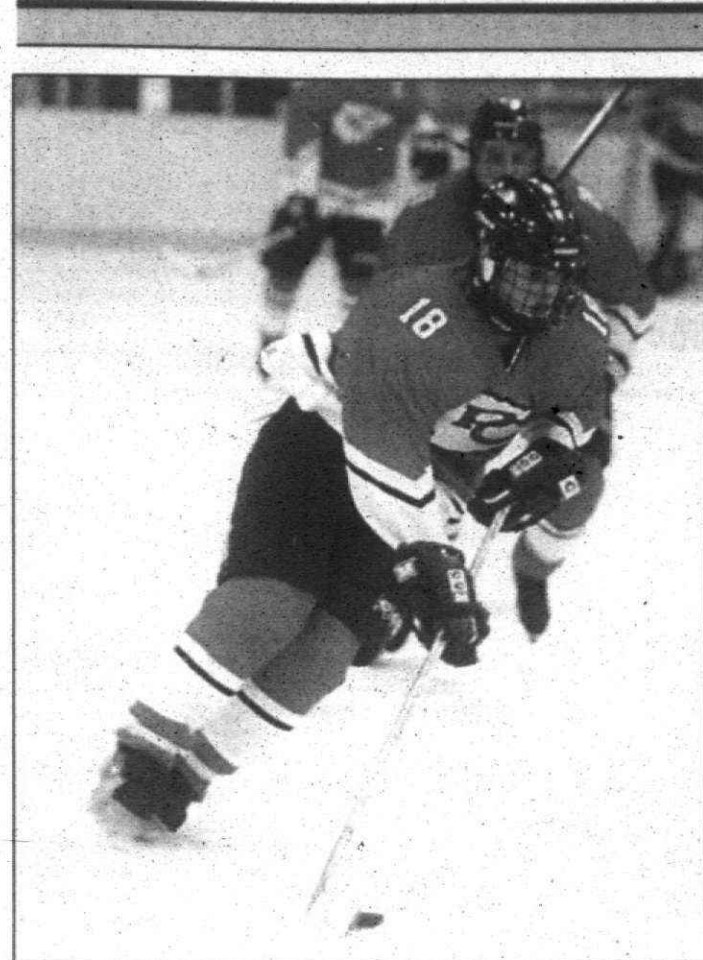
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Double win

Canton holds off Salem, beats Western

Plymouth Salem's defense stiffened, but its offense wasn't quite good enough to beat a tough Plymouth Canton defense Saturday as the Chiefs' hockey team defeated the Rocks for the second time this season, this time by a 3-2 score.

The Western Lakes Activities Association game, played at the Plymouth Cultural Center, pushed Canton's record to 9-8-1 overall, 6-7-1 in the WLAA. Salem slipped to 1-12 in the conference, 2-16 overall.

Canton built a three-goal lead before the second period was four minutes old. Jeremy Majszak got the Chiefs' first goal with 5:44 left in the first period, then assisted on the second, scored by Sean Depp with 48.6 seconds remaining in the period. Mike Carson assisted on Majszak's goal.

John Bockstanz increased Canton's lead to 3-0 with a goal 3:14 into the second period. Nick Norville and Brad Wolf assisted.

The Rocks started their comeback three minutes later when Dan Kilpatrick scored 31 seconds into a two-man Salem advantage, assisted by Mark Nagel and Mike Thackaberry.

Salem made it a one-goal game with a second power-play goal, this one by Dan Valentine with 9:11 left in the third period. Dave Bida and Nagel assisted.

But the Rocks could not tie the equalizer. The

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game was a penalty-filled contest, with 20 infractions called — 11 against Salem, nine against Canton.

Salem 8, South Lyon 3: It was a struggle for two periods, but in the third Plymouth Salem took complete command, scoring five times in beating South Lyon Friday at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

A second-period goal by Matt Lindberg (assisted by Drew Styles and Jason Knurek) had given the Rocks a 3-2 lead going into the third period. But the Lions re-tied it with 10:07 left in the last period.

From that point on, it was all Salem. Goals by James Pawlica, Mark Nagel, Andrew Peters, Styles and Joe Connolly allowed the Rocks to pull away.

Steve Nagel and Mark Nagel got first-period goals for Salem. Those with multiple assists in the game were Dan Valentine, Steve Nagel, Dave Bida and Eric Culpas.

Other assists went to Mark Nagel, Valentine, Connolly, Dan Kilpatrick, Pawlica, Ashkey Patel and goalie James Dogonski.

Canton 6, W.L. Western 4: Three third-

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HOCKEY STANDINGS				
(Through Feb. 6)				
Western Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Livonia Churchill	12	1	1	25
Livonia Franklin	7	5	2	16
Northville	7	6	0	14
Plymouth Canton	6	6	1	13
W.L. Western	3	8	1	7
Central Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Livonia Stevenson	10	2	2	22
Farmington	10	5	0	20
W.L. Central	1	10	1	3
Plymouth Salem	1	12	0	2

period goals, two by Sean Depp, propelled Plymouth Canton past Walled Lake Western Friday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Jeremy Majszak added a goal and an assist in the third period as Canton overcame a 4-3 Warrior lead. Depp finished with a hat-trick, while Brad Wolf got a goal and three assists and John Bockstanz had a goal and two assists.

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"I feel they might have canceled one or two games, but not the rest of the season. It's an unfair penalty to Stevenson not to let them play in the (East Kentwood) tourney."

Nebus said he has not discussed with his son whether Stevenson players are willing to come back for the state tournament.

Watson has allowed the teams to continue practicing and left the door open for the two schools to resume play in the regionals.

The boys are crushed by the news they received," Nebus said. "They had a private meeting themselves afterwards and they were going to practice to talk about it with their coach (Mike Harris). It really has to be their decision to go forward or not."

Gary Turri, the father of Churchill senior forward Jason

Turri, said punishing the entire team was unfair because not all players participated in the brawl.

"When you take a penalty, you go into the penalty box. You don't sit the whole team in there," Turri said.

Jason Turri was not involved in the fight, his father said.

With the regular season over early, state tournament play should be scrapped as well, Turri added.

"It definitely hurts the chances of going very far," he said. "I think everybody's kind of upset

over this."

Churchill coach Jeff Hatley met with school administrators Monday and his team on Wednesday for practice.

"The tone is that they're remorseful for what they did," said the eighth-year coach. "They've been cited for good sportsmanship and good play in the last two years at the MHSAA level."

"They don't want to be remembered for the handshake incident. They don't want that to be their legacy. They want to make amends and show the communi-

ty they can be good citizens."

Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said regular season suspension was "a very difficult decision, something we did not take lightly."

"I think the kids and most of the parents have responded admirably," Hage added. "They're trying to put this thing behind them and put themselves in the best possible light so they have an opportunity to compete in the state tournament."

Staff writer Matt Jachman contributed to this story.

Canton earns runner-up trophy

Four wins in five meets at the Dexter Team Dual Tournament Saturday would satisfy most wrestling teams, but it may not be enough for Plymouth Canton any longer.

The Chiefs have higher expectations. Their performance was a solid one, to be sure. Canton came up with wins over Davison, 60-18; Willow Run, 66-18; Dexter, 49-25; and Ann Arbor Huron, 66-12. The Chiefs only loss was to Ida, by a 41-33.

The 4-1 run left them with a 19-5 overall dual-meet record. There was some sobering news, however. Team co-captain

WRESTLING

Joe Faraone suffered severe ligament damage to his index finger that required surgery; he will be lost for the season.

COLLEGE SPORTS

Madonna tops Tech, 74-65

For most of the season, the balance of power has favored the opponents of Madonna University's men's basketball team. Last Saturday against Indiana Institute of Technology, it was the Fighting Crusaders who had the edge in power.

Four Crusaders reached double figures in scoring, compared to just two for Indiana Tech, to lead them to a 74-65 triumph in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game played at Madonna.

The victory raised Madonna's record to 4-23 overall, 2-8 in the WHAC. The Warriors fell to 10-14 overall, 2-8 in the WHAC.

Madonna succeeded without one of its best potent offensive weapons: sophomore guard Mike Massey, who was suspended for three games after getting two technical fouls in a non-league game against Rochester College.

The Crusaders took command in the first half, breaking a 6-6 tie with an 11-0 run that Tech never overcame — although the Warriors came close. Five three-pointers in the first half helped Madonna take control with a 34-24 first-half lead.

Three more triples, two by Jason Garrison, helped the Crusaders extend their lead to 25 at 51-26 4:29 into the second half. Dan Kurtinaitis was instrumental in the quick second-half start, scoring five points and picking up four assists.

Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) led

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Madonna with 20 points, including four threes. Kurtinaitis finished with 19 points, eight assists and two steals, and both Jason Skoczylas and Aaron Cox scored 13 points. Skoczylas also had 11 rebounds, six assists and five blocked shots, while Cox had seven boards and two steals.

The Warriors were led by Damian Jackson with 20 points and Dan Davis with 15.

Madonna made a red-hot 26-of-44 of its floor shots (59.1 percent) compared to Tech's 22-of-63 (34.9 percent). The Crusaders also had a 36-29 rebounding edge and hit 10-of-19 triple tries (52.6 percent).

Schoolcraft sinks Alpena

The Schoolcraft College express just keeps rolling.

SC's men's basketball team took a 10-point lead by halftime of its game Saturday at Alpena CC and never let up in pounding the Lumberjacks, 82-52.

The win was the Ocelots 12th in a row, the fifth longest winning streak in the NJCAA Division I. SC also ranks seventh in scoring in the NJCAA, averaging 96.5 points a game, and is eighth in scoring defense at 67.4 — the only Division I team ranked in the top 10 in both.

The Ocelots remain unranked, however, despite their 18-4 overall record (11-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference); they were honorable mention top 20.

The loss dropped Alpena to 12-11 overall, 6-6 in the conference.

SC built a 36-26 lead by halftime. Nick Evola and Lamar Bigby led the Ocelots in scoring with 18 points apiece; Robert Brown scored 12 and Quentin Mitchell had 11.

Gary Greenwood led Alpena with 12. SC has three players among the top seven scoring leaders in the conference: Brown, who ranks second (18.4 points a game); Mitchell, who's fourth (17.4); and Bigby, who's seventh (16.1).

Brown is also the conference leader in rebounding (12.2) and field goal percentage (64.6 percent). Brian Williams tops the conference in assists (6.7). Nick Evola is tied for first in blocked shots (2.0) and Mitchell is first in three-point shooting (44.4 percent).

Not surprisingly, the Ocelots are first or second in every team offensive and defensive category except steals per game (they're fourth).

They last major test on their regular-season schedule is Saturday, when they travel to Flint Mott CC for a 3 p.m. game. Mott is 18-4 overall, 10-2 in the conference — which ranks second.

Basketball

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Coaches, call

The Observer sports staff asks for the cooperation of all area boys varsity basketball coaches in compiling a list of statistical leaders.

North Farmington coaches Tom Negoshian and Pete Mantyla will take information from area coaches and compile the weekly list, which will appear each Thursday in the Observer editions.

The list will include the leading scorers, free-throw shooters and three-point shooters.

Coaches are asked to call Negoshian's work voice-mail number at their convenience Saturday or Sunday at (248) 426-2829 or email Mantyla at peter.mantyla@farmington.k12.mi.us.

The information needed includes games played, total points, scoring average, free throws made and attempts (minimum 25), free-throw percentage, three-point field goals made and attempted (minimum 25) and three-point percentage.

10 after one quarter, pulled away in the second with a 29-14 scoring romp sparked by Wetlin, who had 15 points and five steals in the period.

"We started (the game) off cold, then got a few steals," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "That generated a spark and some momentum."

The Wolverines' Paul Anleitner also had a tremendous game with 27 points, seven steals and six assists.

Greater Life got 33 points, including six three-pointers, from Brandon Chapdelaine and 13 points from Daniel Yarnell.

Agape 77, Greater Life 65: Julian Wettlin put together a triple-double to carry Canton Agape Christian past host Pontiac Greater Life Tuesday.

The win kept Agape perfect in the Metro Christian Conference at 5-0; the Wolverines are 9-3 overall. Greater Life is 7-4 overall, 3-2 in the MCC.

Wettlin, a senior guard, poured in 30 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and made 11 steals for Agape. The Wolves, trailing 11-

Poor 2nd half proves costly to Crusaders

Madonna University made a game of it, for a half anyway.

The Lady Crusaders led host Indiana Institute of Technology 33-32 at the half of their women's basketball game Saturday. But poor shooting and turnovers ruined Madonna in the second half as the Lady Warriors pulled away to a 72-60 triumph.

The win raised Indiana Tech's

WOMEN'S HOOP

record to 7-17 overall, 2-8 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Madonna, a team that has struggled on the road, fell to 10-12 overall and 4-6 in the WHAC.

The Crusaders led 33-32 at the half, making 11 of their 23 floor

shots (47.8 percent) compared to Tech's 14-of-35 (40 percent). The second half was a reversal: Madonna made just 10-of-35 shots after the intermission (28.6 percent) compared to the Warriors' 14-of-26 (53.8 percent).

That, combined with 26 turnovers (compared to 18 for Tech), doomed the Crusaders.

Michelle Miela turned in a solid game, making 7-of-11 floor

shots (including 3-of-6 three-pointers) to score 19 points. She also had three assists. Hayley Myers added eight points and nine rebounds.

Roslyn Turner's 21 points and 11 rebounds put Tech, Nichole Meyers and Kelly Hays added 13 points apiece, and Jan Johnson scored 12 and dished out seven assists.

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RABBIT
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

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FLY TYING
Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tiers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING
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SHOWS

CAMPER & RV SHOW
The 34th annual Detroit Camper & RV Show will be held Feb. 16-20 at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive (south of I-96 at Novi Road). The show features all types of new recreational vehicles and accessories. Call (517) 349-8881 for more information.

DETROIT BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING SHOW
The 42nd annual Detroit Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be held Feb. 12-20 at Cobo Center. The show features the 2000 premiere showing of new model boats, motors, trailers, accessories and more. Some 1,000 boats will be available for viewing including fishing boats, ski boats, pontons, cruisers, canoes and kayaks.

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

SPRING BOATING EXPO
The 8th Annual Spring Boating Expo is scheduled for March 16-19 at the Novi Expo Center. The show features some 200 exhibitors with new boats and watercrafts, motors, trailers, docks, accessories and more.

OUTDOORAMA
Outdoorama 2000 Michigan Sport and Travel Show will be held Feb. 26-March 5 at the Novi Expo Center. The show features over 200,000 square feet of floor space devoted to more than 400 exhibits featuring the latest in hunting, fishing and camping equipment, recreational vehicles, boats, conservation clubs travel and outfitting destinations and more. Call (517) 346-6493 for more information.

ARCHERY

DETROIT ARCHERS OF WEST BLOOMFIELD
The Detroit Archers of West Bloomfield (5795 Drake Road) is hosting a number of leagues: 3-D indoor, Sundays, 6:30 p.m.; Monday bush league, 7:30 p.m.; men only; Tuesday target league, 7:30 p.m.; 3-D bow hunter.

SWIM RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 95 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 90
Feb. 8 at John Glenn
200 medley relay: John Glenn (Garrett Stone, Dan Zombaris, Dan Fowler, Corey Marschall), 1:53.2, 200 freestyle: Nathan Ford (LC), 2:03.9, 200 IM: Stone (JG), 2:16.9, 50 freestyle: Zombaris (JG), 24.1, diving: Chris McFarland (JG), 246.15, 100 butterfly: Baron (LC), 1:04.5, 100 freestyle: Jeff Anderson (JG), 57.1, 500 freestyle: Stone (JG), 5:27.8, 200 freestyle relay: John Glenn (Jeff Ballard, Anderson, Marschall, Zombaris), 1:42.3, 100 backstroke: Kyle Grant (LC), 1:06.8, 100 breaststroke: Zombaris (JG), 1:08.8, 400 freestyle relay: Churchill (Rob Shereda, Risner, Ford, Glenn), 3:49.3, John Glenn's dual meet record: 3:6.

BOYS SKI RESULTS
Feb. 3 at Mount Brighton
TEAM STANDINGS (Slalom): 1. Redford Catholic Center, 26.2, Okemos, 49.3, Brighton, 56.
CC finishers: 1. Matt Gable, 30.22, 5; Scott Ziesler, 30.34; 6. Gursky, 31.08; 13. Sullivan, 31.46; 19. Ryan Boldreanu, 32.22; 28. Eric McCabe, 32.79.

Murray, 38.76.
TEAM STANDINGS (Giant slalom): 1. Redford CC, 23.2, Okemos, 34.3, Birmingham Groves, 66.
CC finishers: 1. Gable, 29.55; 3. Scott Ziesler, 30.34; 6. Gursky, 31.08; 13. Sullivan, 31.46; 19. Ryan Boldreanu, 32.22; 28. Eric McCabe, 32.79.

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

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HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

LIVONIA RANGE
The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

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.

HIGHLAND CC SKI
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a 2-3 hour cross country ski trip at the Highland Recreation Area on Sunday, Feb. 13. Call (313) 863-8392 for more information.

HERITAGE PARK HIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a 2-3 hour hike at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills on Sunday, Feb. 20. Call Don Dahlin at (248) 644-2746 for more information.

POINTE PEELE ICE HIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a 2-3 hour hike at Pointe Pelee in Ontario on Feb. 27. Call (313) 581-7579 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6

p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenfield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

1999 PERMITS
The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-477-PARKS for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call

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PERMITS
The 2000 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices. Cost is \$20 through April 30 and \$25 thereafter. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858-1684.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Advanced registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990 to register and for more information.

SYMPOSIUMS

BLACK BEAR SYMPOSIUM
Michigan Bear Hunters Association, in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, will sponsor a Black Bear Symposium beginning at 10 a.m. Friday, March 10, at the Northfield Hilton in Troy. Several distinguished researchers will be on hand discussing issues including: Bears Around the World; Bear Population Dynamics; Cultural Carrying Capacity Concepts; Land Use Trends and Bear Habitat, and much more. Admission is free and the symposium is open to the public. For

more information call Tim Reis at (517) 373-1263.

QUIET WATER SYMPOSIUM
A quiet water symposium will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at the Michigan State University Agriculture Pavilion (just south of Mt. Hope Road on Farm Lane) in East Lansing. This annual event brings together people who share a love of outdoor, non-motorized recreation. The symposium features speakers, a slide presentation, workshops, demonstrations, a paddlers film festival, information about water quality and access, and much more. Admission is \$5 for adults and children under the age of 12 will be admitted free. For more information contact Wayne Barry at (517) 339-3112 or send e-mail to catalina@tir.com.

BANQUETS/FUND RAISERS

WILD GAME DINNER
Michigan Sportsman Heritage Conservancy Unlimited will hold a wild game dinner beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Taylor Moose Lodge, 9981 S. Telegraph Road, Taylor. Turtle soup, rabbit, venison, beaver, buffalo, kangaroo and elk will be included on the menu along with some other surprises. Proceeds from the dinner will be used on hunting and fishing projects, youth education and projects for disabled persons. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Call (248) 851-1266 or (313) 277-8291 for more information.

SAFARI CLUB SE BOWHUNTERS
The Southeast Michigan Bowhunters Chapter of Safari Club International will hold its 9th annual Banquet and Fund raiser on Saturday, March 18, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, in Livonia. For tickets and more information call Jim Shafer at (734) 741-9527, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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CC gains a title

Redford Catholic Central's powerful hockey team is in its stretch drive to the playoffs.

CC, which played at Trenton on Wednesday, went to Alpena for a tournament during the weekend and swept both games.

The Shamrocks defeated Marquette, 4-1, in the opener Friday night and blanked Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 4-0, on Saturday.

CC took a 17-1 record into its rematch with Trenton.

"Forward Brandon Kaleniecki was just fantastic," coach Gordie St. John said of his team's performance in Alpena. "And (forward) Mike Ratigan was one of the stars up there."

Against Cranbrook, Kaleniecki scored twice and assisted on

CC HOCKEY

CC's other two goals while Ratigan had a goal plus two assists.

Defenseman Ryan Yost assisted on three of the four goals.

Defenseman Andrew Eggert scored CC's other goal while Brett John had an assist.

"I should say this," St. John said, "Ryan Yost was the best defenseman in the tournament. Forget the scoring, he just was all over the place. He was excellent."

Ben Dunne was in goal for both contests and earned the spot on the all-tournament team.

Against Alpena, Kaleniecki opened the scoring at 11:47 of the first period, assisted by Yost and Dave Moss. The lead went to 2-0 at 14:04 when Jared Ross scored, assisted by Jim Spiewak and Jeff Davis.

Marquette — "A tough team," St. John said, — narrowed the margin to 2-1 70 seconds into the middle period but it went back out to a two-goal margin at 9:48 when Tim Rybinski scored, assisted by John Perkovich and Davis.

Ross notched his second goal at 13:42 of the final period, Moss and Sean Genrich drawing the assists.

"A lot of our guys played well," St. John said, "but particularly Ross, Rybinski, Spiewak and Moss."

2nd-half rally tips Shamrocks

Redford Catholic Central saw a halftime lead slip away Tuesday night as Warren DeLaSalle scored a 60-50 victory over the visiting Shamrocks.

The victory clinched first place in the Detroit Catholic League Central Division for DeLaSalle, 7-2. Catholic Central is 5-4.

The Pilots held a 15-12 lead after the first quarter but the Shamrocks outscored them by eight in the second to grab a 28-23 halftime lead.

DeLaSalle ripped up Catholic Central by an 18-8 margin with a barrage of three-point baskets in the third quarter and tacked on five more points in the fourth to win by 10.

The Pilots made four triples in the third, including one that was meant to be a lob pass for a high feed. But when you're hot...

Ryan Gryderman paced the Pilots (10-5) with 20 and Paul Anderson scored 12.

Junior forward Steve Larkin

BASKETBALL

led Catholic Central (7-8) with 11 points. Matt Loidas was next with 10.

Farmington 57, Churchill 44: The Falcons made 16 of 28 free throws in the final quarter Tuesday to beat visiting Livonia Churchill in a WLAAC encounter.

Farmington is now 11-3 overall and 6-2 in the WLAAC. The loss drops Churchill to 8-6 and 5-3.

Justin Milus, a 6-foot-5 senior center, led the victorious Falcons with 13 points, 12 coming in the opening half as Farmington led 28-18.

Curtis Tillman contributed 12, including seven of eight free throws in the fourth period. Matt Mikel and Garlin Gilchrist chipped in with nine and seven, respectively.

Randall Boboige led Churchill and all scorers with 16 points. Avery Jessup added 10.

W.L. Western 54, Stevenson 40: A little full-court pressure went a long way for the Warriors.

Walled Lake Western opened up with wall-to-wall pressure and smoked host Livonia Stevenson for a 22-8 lead.

The Spartans (3-11) outscored the Warriors (11-3) by an 8-4 margin in the second quarter but Western began the third period with full court pressure and cranked out an 18-10 quarter.

Stevenson slipped to 1-7 in the WLAAC. The Warriors and North Farmington are tied for the lead with 7-1 records.

Guard Jenero Dawood led the Warriors with 19 points and forward Chris Howder scored 10.

Harland Beverly paced the Spartans with 12 points and Pete Pinto added nine.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Baseball tryouts

The Plymouth-Canton Cobras, a travel baseball team for 13-year-olds, has openings on its 2000 roster. Players must be 13 years of age by July 31, 2000.

For tryout information, call Ron Rzeppa during the evening at (734) 981-1254.

Soccer registration

The Canton Soccer Club will have an open registration from 6:30-9 p.m. Feb. 24 in the Lower Level II of Canton Township Hall, located at 1150 S. Canton Center.

The registration is open to kids from under-five to under-18 age divisions. Those new to the club must bring birth certificates. Cost is \$45 for those in the under-five to under-8 divisions and \$70 for all others, payable at time of registration.

For more information, call the Canton Soccer Club hotline at (734) 455-9946. Obtain a registration card on the club's website: www.cantonsoccerclub.com.

Fast-pitch softball

For girls interested in playing fast-pitch softball in the Western Wayne County League this summer: Registration is from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at Diamonds Restaurant in the Canton Softball Center, located on Michigan.

The 14-game season begins June 1.

Girls 12-and-under, 14-and-under and 16-and-under are welcome to register; tryouts will be this spring, when weather permits.

For further information, call Dave at (734) 737-9968.

Golf outing

It may not look like golfing weather at present, but by June 26 that's bound to change.

And that's the date of the sixth annual St. Louis Center Celebrity Golf Outing, which will begin at 1 p.m. at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.

Cost is \$350 per golfer or \$2500 for a hole sponsorship, which includes 18 holes of golf for four people; lunch, dinner and prizes.

Proceeds help maintain the services provided to boys and men with developmental disabilities who reside at the St. Louis Center, a non-profit organization located in Chelsea, just west of Ann Arbor.

For more information, call the St. Louis Center at (734) 475-8430.

Rams seek players

The Michigan Lake Area Rams are conducting tryouts to fill three roster spots for a new 14-year-old summer travel baseball team.

The team will participate in the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation Sandy Koufax Division.

Players should have travel baseball experience. Home games will be played in the Farmington Hills area.

Brian Kalczynski will manage the team and will be assisted by coaches Todd Miller and Eric Pierce. All have recent college baseball experience.

For more information call Dick Miller at (248) 476-1089.

The Michigan Lake Area Rams are conducting interviews

and tryouts for their 17- and 18-year-old travel federation baseball team through Feb. 18. Call (248) 737-9138 or (313) 291-5031 to arrange a tryout.

More tryouts

Tryouts for the 14- and 12-and-under Little Caesars travel teams will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Upper Deck in Northville.

The teams will travel out-of-state for a few tournaments.

For more information on the 14-and-under team, call (734) 595-2975; and on the 12-and-under team, call (313) 562-4667.

Hockey clinic

Suburban Hockey Schools will conduct its one-day Mid-Winter Clinic for ages 6 and up on Monday, Feb. 14, at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

The clinic will cover stick handling and puck control from 10 to 11:50 a.m., a shoot-to-score session from noon to 1:50 p.m. and a defense clinic 2 to 3:50 p.m.

The cost of the clinic is \$40 per player per session. Class size is limited to 32 players. Players will be grouped by skill and experience level. Full hockey equipment is required.

Call Suburban Hockey Schools at (248) 478-1600 for more information.

St. Edith football

Football registration and open house for the St. Edith Eagles football program will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the school's gym.

All boys entering grades 3-8 this fall are invited to attend with their parents to meet the coaches and sign up for the 2000 season.

A freshman team, which will play a separate game schedule for boys in grades 3-4, has been added. St. Edith also offers varsity and junior varsity teams.

For more information, call Brad Dickey at (734) 542-0621 or Paul Hess at (248) 442-0238.

Hitting clinic

Madonna University women's softball will host a hitting clinic from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the school's activities center.

Sessions including hitting from live pitching and a pitching machine. Players will also work on bat speed, slap hitting and drag bunting, as well as utilizing tees, soft toss and whiffle ball.

The cost is \$35 per session.

Checks should be made payable to: Madonna University Softball, attention Al White, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

For more information, call (734) 432-5783.

Bulls need manager

The Michigan Bulls, a 15- and 16-year-old sandlot championship baseball team with a 46-9 record last year, needs a manager for the upcoming season.

For more information, call Barry Zeitlin at (810) 754-5785.

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.

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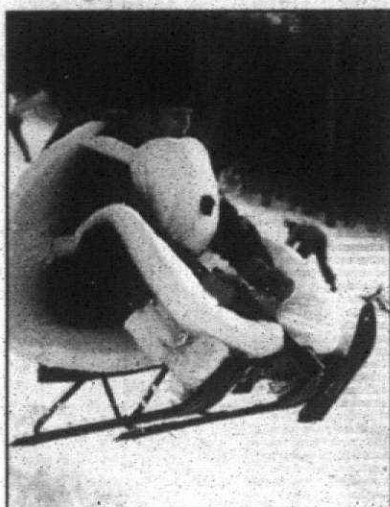
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Chevy Chase stars in "Snow Day," a family comedy opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



Robert Jones, host of WDET's "Blues from the Lowlands," brings a sampling of blues guitar and vocals to Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.

SUNDAY



The Livonia Symphony Orchestra presents a chamber concert featuring romantic music for Valentine's Day, 3 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road. Tickets \$10, call (734) 464-2741 or (248) 645-6666. Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra is also presenting a concert 3 p.m. at Hilbert Junior High School, 26400 Puritan, east of Inkster Road.

HOT TICKET



Hot Ticket Item: "Stars on Ice," featuring Olympic champions Scott Hamilton, Tara Lipinski, Kristi Yamaguchi, Ilia Kulik, Ekaterina Gordeeva and others stops at The Palace of Auburn Hills 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. Tickets \$60, \$48, and \$35 reserved available at the box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call (248) 645-6666 or online www.ticketmaster.com

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE PRESENTS

'ALL MY SONS'



PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZANO

Process of discovery: Director Henry Woronicz (left) consults with Robin Lewis and Ray Chapman during rehearsals of "All My Sons."

ARTHUR MILLER'S

CLASSIC

A CALL TO MORAL RESPONSIBILITY

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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A week before the opening, and the cast of "All My Sons" was going through rehearsals with workman-like efficiency, much like the dogged style of Arthur Miller's first-acclaimed play set in World War II-era America.

While Miller's later work, "Death of a Salesman," offered an opus about the disintegrating soul of America, "All My Sons" is a winding sonata that pulls at the heartstrings that tie together the dysfunctional union of families.

The play is currently in preview performances at Meadow Brook Theatre with opening night on Saturday and a three-week run ahead.

In the ground-level rehearsal space next to the Meadow Brook stage, the actors with the guidance of Director Henry Woronicz sorted through lines as they looked for the

WHAT: "All My Sons," a three-act play by Arthur Miller.

WHEN: Through Sunday, March 5. Previews - 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 10-11; Opens - 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. Performance times vary, this week, 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16; 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 17-18; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19.

WHERE: Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills.

TICKETS: \$19.50-\$35. Call (248) 377-3300, or (248) 370-3316.

appropriate emotional tenor of the multi-layered play.

Basically, the story involves a father whose son, a pilot, was apparently killed in action. The father, Joe Keller (Dennis Robertson), operates an airplane-parts

factory, and was responsible for approving defective material, resulting in the crash of 21 planes.

But Keller isn't taking responsibility. He denies any involvement, standing by as a foreman at the plant is convicted of the crime.

Meanwhile, guilt-ridden and tortured, the father ponders what remains steadfast in his life — his surviving son. He observes: "When you get older, you want to feel like you're accomplishing something... Well, I've accomplished my son."

The dramatic question, of course, is what is exacted when people fail to live up to their moral responsibility?

Timeless tale

Miller has created plenty of passages about generational differences, and offers a psychological portrait dissecting why people do not take responsibility for their

Please see **CLASSIC**, E2

Chronicles of the V-word

'Vagina Monologues' at OCC broadens awareness of violence against women

BY ALICE RHEIN
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Yolanda Fleischer has known about Eve Ensler's Obie award-winning play, "The Vagina Monologues," since it premiered Off-Broadway in 1996.

The West Bloomfield resident and associate professor of theater at University of Detroit-Mercy has also known that the controversy surrounding its title caused many newspapers to censor it, calling it the "V. Monologues" or simply "Monologues."

The play, based on interviews with more than 200 women, is part of a nationwide campaign to stop violence against women. It'll be performed Monday at the Oakland Community College Farmington Hills campus.

The impetus for Fleischer to direct the play came while she was eating breakfast one morning.

"When I can watch Bob Dole talking about erectile dysfunction on a morning talk show, that put it in perspective," she said.

"This play gives women the permission to talk and say, and to say diffuses the danger."

The danger is real. Every two minutes, a woman is raped somewhere in America. More than 500,000 women are raped in the United States each year according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

But for Fleischer, it goes beyond statistics. "In my 20 years of teaching, there has never been a year that I haven't had a student tell me about an experience with rape," she said.

When she heard about V-Day, Fleischer knew it was time to act. V-Day is a campaign to end sexual violence which began in New York in 1998 with a production of the series of composite interviews featuring such notable stars as Glenn Close, Winona Ryder and Calista Flockhart.

Fleischer sought assistance from Arlene Frank, program coordinator of the Womencenter at OCC. Together, the two pushed to bring the V-Day initiative to their campuses. More than 300 colleges nationwide have pledged to do the same this Valentine's Day.

Locally, the program will benefit three organizations fighting violence against women: HAVEN in Pontiac, and the Detroit-based Women Alive and Alternatives for Girls.

Frank said that even when she approached her campus about the performance, she felt it necessary to offer reassurance this was not some sort of clandestine, naughty production.

"It is very powerful," she said. "It's a chance for women to talk about things we don't often get to hear."

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FAMILY EVENT

Rolling Stones fan will premiere his tribute to band

BY STEPHANIE ANGELIN CASOLA
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When it comes to Rolling Stones fans, no one is more dedicated than Bob Harris.

The 69-year-old Livonia resident takes pride in his long history working in the music business, and it was that career which led him to a chance meeting with the legendary rock band while on their first U.S. tour in 1964.

At the time, Harris was reporting for *Teen News*, a weekly newspaper. He was granted an interview with the rising stars who were performing at Cobo Hall in Detroit.

With his photographer by his side, he asked permission to take a picture with the band. That photograph has become one of his most prized possessions. For a man who's managed, promoted and worked with major talents like Wayne Newton, Bob Hope, Sonny and Cher, Bobby Vinton and The Temptations — just to name a few — he's never forgotten the details of that day almost 40 years ago.

He was even able to meet the Stones again and have the picture autographed on



Meet the Stones: Livonia's Bob Harris (right) met the Rolling Stones in 1964 on their first stop in Detroit. Keeping this photo as a memento, he met the band again last year and had it autographed. Harris has been called the oldest Rolling Stones fan.

their last stop in Detroit.

With the help of the Dearborn-based band Benny and the Jets, Harris' memories have been set to music. "Bob Harris: Oldest Rolling Stones Fan" is his story. Harris' voice can be heard talking throughout the

song, playing off Benny's lyrics. That song can be heard live at Livonia Mall as a highlight of the "Rockin' Family Valentines" extravaganza 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. The mall is showing Harris' extensive collection of candid photographs with celebrities, including the famed Stones photo.

When Bobbi Gelman, promotions coordinator at Livonia Mall, heard Harris' story, she decided to show his souvenirs and couple the event with other family activities. Gelman said she's sure the crowd — especially parents — will enjoy the music and memorabilia. "I think it's great, very nostalgic," she added.

Benny and the Jets — including Bob's son Tony Harris on harmonica — will perform the song more than once, as well as play other original tunes.

Tony accompanied his father to meet the Stones when they were in town last year and posed a great suggestion. Bob Harris recalled:

"He went with me to meet the Rolling Stones and on the way there, he suggested

Please see **FAN**, E2

WHAT: Rockin' Family Valentines

WHEN: 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12

WHERE: Livonia Mall, 29514 Seven Mile Road, Livonia

HIGHLIGHTS: Meet Bob Harris the oldest Rolling Stones fan, and see his collection of music memorabilia; hear Benny and the Jets perform 4-8 p.m.; kids can make "love bugs" with Arts and Scraps 3-5 p.m.; Dream Weavers will take free digital photographs with proof of \$50 purchase from Livonia Mall stores and shoppers can win cash prizes at the mall's mystery stores. Call (248) 476-1160 for more information.

V-Word

And it also brings to light how few women there have been in women's rights when violence is still allowed to occur with such alarming frequency, noted Frank.

"Does it really matter that we can elect women to offices when we can't prevent this from happening?" Frank asked. "Do we really have power?"

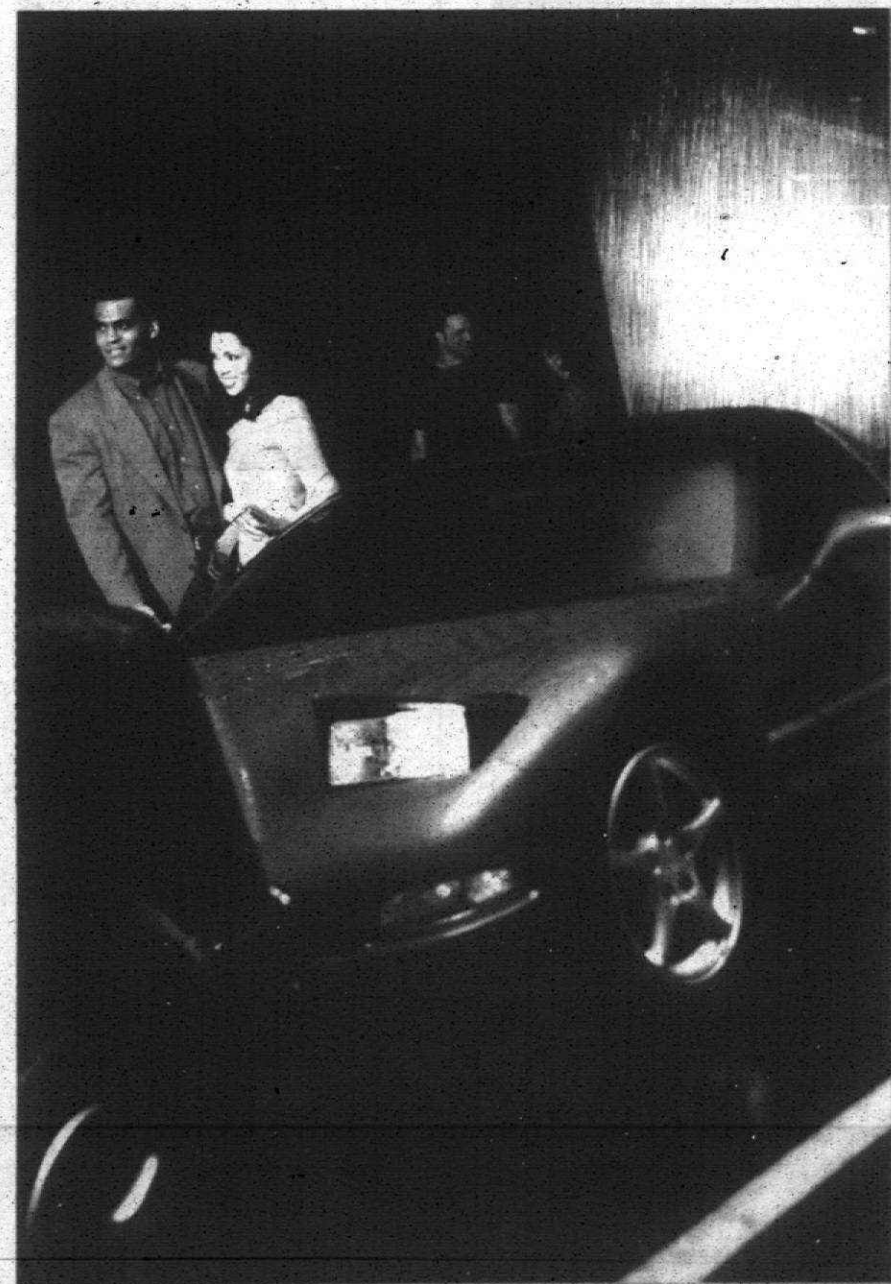
Enslar wrote her play (which Random House published in 1998) based on interviews with women on topics ranging from amusing euphemisms to appalling atrocities. The play alternates between wildly funny and sadly compelling — sometimes within the same interview.

"My Vagina Was My Village," recounts a Bosnian refugee's chilling tale of the horrors she endured at the hands of soldiers. Fleischer plans to use two separate voices to intensify this piece.

Fan

to me that — since they are the number one group and we've got the number one hockey team, let's stop by and get some Red Wings hats for them. We took them to the hotel and I said (to Mick Jagger), 'I want to present this to you from one champ to another. He put the hat on and was jumping up and down. I loved doing that. It was Tony's idea.'

Since then, Harris has garnered attention from Detroit newspapers and by ABC's "Good Morning America," and a nation-



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lose a step as she grew. Lipinski laughs at the suggestion.

"At the Olympics I weighed 98 pounds," she said. "Now I weigh 95 and I'm two inches taller."

That she has lived in the two states that have produced the last three Stanley Cup champions is a bit ironic. The Dallas Stars won last year's National Hockey League championship following two straight titles by the Detroit Red Wings.

She has one allegiance, she said, and not because the interview was taking place in Detroit.

"The Red Wings, for sure," she said.

Though she tries to lead a typical high school existence, demands on her time make it impossible. The Stars on Ice Tour, for example, will prevent her from attending her senior prom.

"I've made so many great friends (on the tour)," she said. "We have fun on the road all the time."

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the Stars On Ice visit.

"I just take it one step at a time," said Lipinski, 17, about her acting career. She made her TV debut on CBS' "Touched by an Angel," and has a future commitment with Nickelodeon. "I like both (skating and acting). They're similar in some ways. Acting is new and kind of exciting because I haven't tried it before."

Lipinski lives in Sugar Land, Texas where she is a senior in high school, but considers Detroit, and Bloomfield Hills in particular, her "second home."

She trained as an amateur for several years at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills. Lipinski said her gold medal is kept in a "safe spot at home."

Photographs of her wearing it are rare.

"I don't wear it around my neck much," she said, laughing. "You wake up every morning wanting to win gold and one day you do. You feel lucky and grateful for all the hard work it took getting there. If you really want it bad enough your dreams can come true."

Like others who experienced success as a teenager it was inevitable for some to say she'd

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COMMUNITY THEATER

Exceptionally good characters in 'Of Mice and Men'

Farmington Players present John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12 and 18-19, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 and 20, at the Farmington Players Barn, Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. Tickets \$12, call (248) 553-2955.

By ROBERT WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

John Steinbeck's classic morality tale, "Of Mice and Men" is set in the Salinas River valley of California in the 1930's. America is in the depths of the Great Depression.

Today's prosperity is almost surreal compared to those desperate times. Under the thoughtful direction of Sue Rogers, the Farmington Players precede the play with black and white slides of the poorest of the poor farmers

to create a mood of despair. About all these folks have are dreams of better times. And so it is with George and Lennie, two migrants moving on to another job, whom we meet on a river bank.

Lennie, played superbly by John Boufford, is huge man-child. Possessed of strength beyond his understanding, he can outwork any three men. He loves to pet soft things like a mouse, a rabbit, a puppy. He is so strong, he can and does on occasion, innocently kill them with too much love. Boufford wisely avoids playing Lennie as a stereotypical village idiot. He creates a character of dimension and sympathy. Thomas Adams plays his son, Curley, with appropriate nastiness.

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and pauses would add impact to his important scenes. Trouble is on the horizon as we meet fellow workers on the ranch. Jim Sniderman, Phil Hadley, Dave Gilkes, Jim Jernigan and Gene Connolly play a variety of ranch hands. Sniderman, as Candy, who has lost a hand in an accident and Connolly, a black man who lives by himself in the stable, create exceptionally good characters. Mike Carraway, the boss, looks terrific, but needs to be more forceful to put the fear of God in his new workers. Frank Ginn plays his son, Curley, with appropriate nastiness.

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Lennie, he strokes her hair, she screams, and in trying to quiet her, Lennie inadvertently strangles her. A posse takes off after Lennie. The play ends tragically where it began, on a river bank. George realizes he and Lennie will never have that little place of their own. Lennie never meant no harm.

With a flawed love, George, ends the mutual misery the only way he knows how. The real harm, perhaps, was the way George covered up for Lennie, because society wasn't structured to take care of the Lennies of the world.

One hopes we're doing a better job of it today.

Bob Weibel is a Westland resident who writes community theater reviews for the Observer Newspapers.



Depression Era: Farmington Players Jim Sniderman (left), Gene Connolly, John Boufford, Kathleen Warner, and Thomas Adams (background) rehearse John Steinbeck's riveting story.

Museums collaborate to tell story of African-American dance

BACKSTAGE PASS

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With America being pelted by a torrent of trivia TV game shows, permit me to ride the wave by asking a couple of quick questions in the visual and performing arts category.

1) Which of the following dance crazes received their creative spirit from African American dance?

a) The Slow Drag
b) The Charleston
c) The Twist
d) All of the above

2) Which of the following Detroit area cultural institutions is presenting the exhibit "When the Spirit Moves: African American Dance in History and Art"?

a) The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History
b) The Detroit Historical Museum
c) All of the above

The answers to both questions are all of the above (d and c).

In a unique collaboration, the Detroit Historical Museum and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History are jointly presenting this sweeping exhibit through mid-April from two distinctly different approaches.

The history exhibit at the

can the experience the artistic component of the "When the Spirit Moves" exhibit. The works of more than three dozen African American artists are exhibited, including Benny Andrews, John Biggers and Elizabeth Catlett, with each piece reflecting the history of African dance.

In the words of exhibit curator Dr. Samella Lewis, "The art responds to cultural impulses and historical realities. African American dance gave meaning and beauty to its people. The strength and appeal of this dance tradition was so great that it also shaped and impacted White dance and culture."

"Spirit Moves"
Doh-see-doh down the road a piece to the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History on East Warren and you

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THEATER

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

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: "All My Sons," opens Wednesday, Feb. 9, continues to Sunday, March 5, at the theatre, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

EMU THEATRE: "Dames at Sea," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12 and Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Spoonberg Theatre on campus, Ypsilanti. \$8 Thursdays, \$13 Fridays-Saturdays, \$11 Sunday. (734) 487-1221

HFCC: "Bachelors," 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Feb. 16-18, and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center Adray Auditorium on campus, Dearborn. \$15. (313) 526-3278 or e-mail to U4Theatre@msn.com

U4 THEATRE COMPANY: "The Dumb Waiter and More," Feb. 11-27, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, in the OnStage Theatre on the University of Detroit campus. \$10. \$2 discount for seniors/students with ID. (313) 993-1130

WSU HILBERT: "Breaking the Code" opens Thursday, Feb. 11, at the theatre, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATRE

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Perform John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12 and 18-19, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 and 20, at the Farmington Players Barn, Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. \$12. (248) 553-2955

MT. ZION THEATRE: "The Celestial Hymn and Other One-Act Plays," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Feb. 11-12, at the Mt. Zion Center for the Performing Arts, Waterford. \$8 advance, \$10 at door, \$7 students/seniors/groups of 20 or more. (248) 673-5432

PLOWHARES THEATRE COMPANY: "A Soldier's Play" continues through Sunday, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 6 p.m. Sundays, at Detroit's Holistic Development Center. \$15-\$18. (313) 872-0779

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: "Oliver," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, 25-26 and March 3-4, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11-12, at the Water Tower Theatre, Northville. \$12-\$8 students. (248) 349-7110

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: "A Chorus Line," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19 and 25-26 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 and 27, at Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: Agatha Christie's "Unexpected Guest," continues 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12; Feb. 18-19; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, 1/2 block east of Lahser. Tickets \$40; discounts for seniors and students. (313) 537-7716 or (313) 532-4010.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

HEIKEN PUPPETS: Present Father Millennium's Zero Show noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, on the stage in the food court at Wonderland Mall, Plymouth Road and Middlebelt, Livonia. Free. (734) 522-4100

MOSAIC YOUTH THEATRE: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, at Planet Ant Theatre, Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 365-4948

PUPPETART: "Kolobok," the Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man," 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 19 and 26, at the Detroit Puppet Theatre. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

STORYTELLING, MUSIC AND MOVEMENT: Betty Appleton will enchant the younger set with story-telling, music and movement as they participate in a lively South African folk tale. Children will also have the opportunity to play and explore African instruments. 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, Borders Books & Music on Woodward, downtown Birmingham.



Starry, Starry Ice: Target Stars on Ice presents professional skaters (front row, left to right) Jenni Meno, Kristi Yamaguchi, Renee Roca, Scott Hamilton, Tara Lipinski, Iliia Kulik, Ekaterina Gordeeva, (back row, left to right) Todd Sand, Steven Cousins, Lu Chen, Gorsha Sur, Elena Beckhe, Denis Petrov and Kurt Browning, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$35-\$60 on sale at The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call (248) 645-6666 or buy online at www.ticketmaster.com. Group tickets available by calling (248) 371-2055.

SPECIAL EVENTS

BARBIE DOLL SHOW: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. \$5, \$2 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

EROTIC MUSIC AND POETRY FESTIVAL: The 13th annual festival includes performances by N2 Submission, Radium, and more. Poetry readings by Cindi St. Germain, Jimmy Doom, P.D. Harris, Marc Maurus, and more, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, The Holbrook Cafe. Tickets are \$8 advance, 18 and over welcome. (313) 438-1771 or <http://members.tripod.com/~eroticpoetry>

FOUR FRESHMEN/ROCHESTER SYMPHONY: Greater Orion Performing Arts Council presents The Four Freshmen with the Rochester Symphony, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, Lake Orion Performing Arts Center, Tickets \$14. (248) 693-5436

VEGAS & VETTE EXTRAVAGANZA: 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Burton Manor, Livonia. \$160 per couple, includes buffet dinner, (810) 227-5086

FAMILY EVENTS

THE PHOENIX ENSEMBLE: Join the Gemini brothers for a magical, musical concert for children and the whole family 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, includes an instrument petting zoo in the lobby beginning at 2 p.m., at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$15. \$10 students/children. (734) 763-8587/(248) 645-6666

GREYHOUND CONCERT: Flutist Natasha Harhold, Donna Kallie, a Madonna University music professor, Benjamin Hayes (French horn), and Evola Music teachers Cathy Feldman (flute) and her father, Irving will perform a concert of classical music to benefit TLC Greyhound Adoption 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, in Kresge Hall at Madonna University, 36800 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia. \$5, \$3 students. (734) 765-2248 or e-mail greyhound@earthlink.net

MICHIGAN JEWISH AIDS COALITION: And Affirmations Lesbian/Gay Community Center present an evening at the Hilbert Theatre, "Breaking the Code," 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at the theater, Detroit. \$25, \$18 students/seniors. (248) 594-6522

VEZULEAN DISASTER RELIEF FUND: Peter Soave will perform as a soloist with the Emerald Sinfonietta Orchestra under the direction of Felix Resnick, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Venezuelan Disaster Relief Fund. (313) 438-0780. An afterglow follows the concert at the Ambleside Gallery.

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER DANCE: Featuring the Farmington Community Band. Friday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m. buffet dinner followed by dancing until midnight, at Glen Oaks Country Club, Farmington Hills. \$40. (734) 261-2202/(248) 489-3412

CLASSICAL

BRUNCH WITH BACH: Guitarist Javier Calderon performs works by Federico Moreno-Torres, Isaac Albéniz and Manuel Ponce 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$22. \$11 children under age 12. \$5 stairwell seating. (313) 833-4005

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Features the Suite from Strauss's opera "Der Rosenkavalier" and German pianist Christian Zacharias, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$14-\$50. (313) 576-5111

DEJIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "L'Opéra de la Vierge," 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, in the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. \$10. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741

ANNE-SOPHIE MUTTER: The violinist performs a recital, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, in Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$55. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229

MURRAY PERAHIA: Performs an all-Bach program 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$55. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "All That Jazz" features drummer Pete Siers, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Plymouth. \$12. \$10 seniors/college students, free for students through grade 12. (734) 451-2112

REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY: 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Hilbert Junior High School, Redford. Free.

POPS/SWING

MUSICAL REUNION: Tom Saunders' Surfside Six and Eric Mannering's Imperial Jazz Band, 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Monaghan K of C Hall, Livonia. \$10 advance, \$12 at door. (248) 476-2674/(248) 476-8383

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: "Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday through February, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

JAZZ & SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE: 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, and 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Northwest Activities Center, Detroit. (313) 862-0966

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA: REDFORD: Is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical comedy theatre. Call (313) 831-0554 for information

VOICES IN TIME: Has a limited number of openings in all voice parts, rehearsals for spring/summer season begin in late February. (248) 449-6540

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: "Guys and Dolls," 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 21-22 at the Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, 1/2

block east of Lahser. Be prepared to sing a song of your choice. Call Ralph Rosati, (248) 669-0436 for information.

DESTINATION EARTH LLC: An independent production company is seeking extras for the science fiction film "Nobody Knows." Filming will take place in Detroit and surrounding cities in late February and early March. The film is about a man from the year 2039 who appears in Texas on the day of the Kennedy assassination, Nov. 22, 1963. He is able to prevent the murder of the president and as a result, history changes in surprisingly different ways. For more information, call Nicole Sylvester (248) 980-8504

CHORAL

CANTATA ACADEMY: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$14. (734) 763-TKTS

JUNIOR BROWN: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$22.50. (734) 763-TKTS

LIMITERS: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (734) 763-TKTS

MOXY FRUVOUS: The alternative folk artists from Canada perform 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$24. \$12. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666

RFD BOYS: Friday, Feb. 18, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-TKTS

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS: Poetry reading features the works of John Keats, Anni Doolittle, Khary Kimani Turner and Malik, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, with sign-language interpretation, at the museum, Detroit. Free with museum admission. (313) 833-7900

POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN: Workshop for poets looking for more members, 2-4 p.m. third Tuesday of month, in the Jenkins rooms on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library. (734) 762-7586

THE WRITER'S VOICE: The Colloquium Poetry Series continues with Ken Waldman, Beverly Mathe, Ali Hellus & The Plastic Haiku Band, and Conversations & Liberty R.O. Daniels, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the Scarab Club, Detroit.

DANCE

BIG BAND DANCING: 8-11 p.m. every Friday, free dance lesson 7-8 p.m., at the Amber House, Warren. \$5. (810) 754-3434

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING: 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

LORD OF THE DANCE: Tuesday-Sunday, Feb. 8-13, at the Fox Theatre. \$10-\$60. (248) 433-1515/(248) 645-6666

POLKA BOOSTER CLUB: Dance with music by the Vintones, 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Pvt. John Lyskova Post, Dearborn Heights. \$9. (313) 937-1316/(313) 561-8389

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY DANCE: "Approaching Extremes," the 71st annual Spring Dance Concert features works by the Detroit Dance Collective, Alan Danielson & Dancers and Erica Wilson-Perkins, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, at Music Hall for the Performing Arts, Detroit. \$15. \$8 students. (313) 577-4273

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. \$7. (810) 573-4993

COMEDY

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Danny Gray with Bill Bushart & Dee Profit, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Mary Ellen Hooper Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 10-13. Jackson Perdu Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 17-20, Victoria Jackson Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

SECOND CITY: "Paradigm Lost" 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows; and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday, are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. \$10. Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday; \$17.50 Friday. \$19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222, (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

LIVE MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

LORI AMEY: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Espresso Royale, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-2770. 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Borders Books and Music, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-7652; 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Coffee Beanery, Royal Oak. (248) 543-6653; 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, Borders Books and Music, Novi. (248) 347-0780

MARC ANTHONY: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Ticket price to be announced.

FLORA APPLE: 7:30 p.m. showtime, Friday, March 10, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Ticket price to be announced. (248) 645-6666

APOLLO FOUR FORTY: 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$8.50 advance/\$10 day of show. (248) 645-6666

ASTRAL PROJECT: 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$15 advance, (734) 662-8310

LESLEE FREDERICK: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (folk)

THE FROGS: With The Witches, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$9 advance, 18 and over. (313) 833-9700

GHOSTFACE KILLAH: With Inspecta Deck and Cappadonna, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$20 advance, all ages. (249) 645-6666

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INNERCORE: 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Shelter, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 961-MELT

CASH MONEY MILLIONAIRES: Featuring Juvenile, The Hot Boys, Lil Wayne, B.G. and The Big Tymers, Ruff Ryders with Eve, DMX, Lox ad Drag-On, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, The Palace, Auburn Hills. (248) 645-6666

COLD BLUE STEEL: Featuring Rick Warner, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Lake Point Yacht Club, Livonia. Free. (734) 591-1868

PAULA COLE: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Clutch Cargo's, Pontiac. All ages. \$15. (248) 645-6666

CRUD: Featuring members of Sponge and Hoarse, Friday, Feb. 11, Lili's 21, Hamtramck.

LISA CUNNINGHAM: 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. Free Thursday, \$5 Friday and Saturday performances. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856

KARL DENSONS TINY UNIVERSE: With Funktelligence, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030

DETROIT BLUES PIANO SUMMIT III: Featuring Al Hill, Joe Hunter and Bob Seeley, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Scarab Club, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-1250

DETROIT ROAD RAGE: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, Village Bar and Grill, Wayne. (734) 729-2360 (modern rock)

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS: With Hello Dave and Carl Black Fiasco, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030

DREAM THEATER: With Dixie Dregs, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$26.75 advance. (248) 645-6666

E TOWN CONCRETE: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, Shelter, Detroit. \$7 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666

NO FAT WRECK CHORDS TOUR: With No Use For A Name, Mad Caddies, Frenzal Bomb and Consumed, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$10 advance, \$12 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT

FEMI KUTI: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$13 advance/\$15 day of show. (248) 645-6666

FIGHTING GRANTY: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. \$7. (248) 335-3540

THE FLOW: Smokestack and Blissfield, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

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IMPACT 7: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 17, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. Free on Thursday and Saturday, 21 and over. (248) 305-5856

THE JAZZ BUTCHER: Featuring Pat Fish, Max Elder, Kevin Haskins and Owne Jones, 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over. \$12. (248) 645-6666 or (313) 833-9700

JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Sundays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368

THE JAZZ MANDOLIN BAND: Featuring Jamie Masefield and Jon Fishman, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, 7th House, Pontiac. \$15. (248) 645-6666

JETTISON RED: With Trouser Blue, 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 313 JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. (313) 962-7067 (indie rock)

THE JUDDS: With Jo Dee Messina, 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 18-19, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale for \$65. \$32.50 and \$25. Group discount available for March 19. Call (248) 645-6666 or (248) 371-2055 for group tickets.

JUST THE SAX: Featuring Paul Taylor, Gerald Albright, Marion Meadows and Kim Waters, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$36.50. (248) 645-6666

K-CI AND JOJO: With Ginuwine, Donell Jones and Ideal, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$35 and \$27.50. (248) 645-6666

KINA: 7 p.m. Friday, March 10, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. Free. www.961melt.com

KINSEY REAPER: 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Sisko's, Taylor. (313) 278-5340 (blues/funk)

KORN: With Staind, 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$29.50, reserved or general admission. (248) 645-6666

ROBBIE KRIEGER: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$11. (248) 544-3030

DONNA KRALL: 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$25. (248) 645-6666

KRIST: With Morgan, D'Amite, MC and Yvay Gubay of Soul Coughing, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Motor, Hamtramck. \$10. 21 and older. (313) 369-0080

KUNG FU DIESEL: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

SHEILA LANDIS TRIO: 8 p.m. Friday,

MOVIES

Don't expect 'Scream 3' to measure up to the original

In *Scream*, director Wes Craven was credited with reinventing the horror genre. In *Scream 3*, he seems intent on reinventing *Scream*.

He doesn't. All the familiar elements are in *Scream 3*. That cast of survivors from the first two *Scream* outings returns, it has excellent production values and the usual quota of shock scenes, although the gore factor is disturbingly low.

This time around the much put-upon Sidney Prescott is again targeted by a maniac with the pale melting mask and black cloak. Now, however, she lives in secluded northern California where she works for a crisis hotline.

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Imagine her surprise when the killer calls her. That sends her packing to Hollywood where the production of *Stab 3: Return to Woodsboro*, the mythical reflection of *Scream 3*, is being filmed. She links up with Dewey Riley, the Barney Fife-ish cop in the two previous *Screams*, who now is serving as a technical adviser on *Stab 3*.

Dewey had called Sydney when cast members began turning up with multiple puncture wounds. Sidney and Dewey join forces with a hard-boiled homicide detective to track down the killer.

Craven lets us know in the first few minutes that this is not going to be an easy ride. Cotton Weaver, Sidney's savior in the last film and now the host of his own TV talk show called *100% Cotton*, is quickly dispatched along with his girlfriend. It's Craven's way of saying expect the unexpected. He keeps hammering that this is the third part of a trilogy and in the final chapter, anyone can get killed — even the star.

So who is the killer? Could it possibly be Sidney herself, driven over the edge by the ghost of her mysterious dead mother who keeps reappearing? Or is it someone out of central casting? Just keep in mind, as is pointed out in the film, trilogies end where they begin.

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Indeed, there is a tinge of fear to this whole film. *Scream* shone with its clever dialogue and the incisive manner in which Craven set traps for the audience by second guessing what we were thinking, filleting the plot right in front of us and twisting knives to make them fresh. He left us reeling.

Here he leaves us yawning. There are far too many jumpstarts shocks of someone popping out of the background. People spend an awful lot of time fleeing down dark hallways with the killer steps behind. And as for that big knife, every time the killer raises it it makes a screeching sound that would set Wayne and Garth drooling.

Scream 3 does have its moments. Hollywood horror legend Forrest J. Ackerman has a cameo as does Carrie Fisher, looking a long ways from her Princess Leia days. And the cast is uniformly excellent with Neve Campbell as Sidney, Courtney Cox Arquette as the bitchy TV reporter and especially Parker Posey, who is supposed to be playing the Arquette character in *Stab 3*, if you can follow all that. Posey and Arquette make a terrific team.



No need to 'Scream' again: Left to right, Parker Posey, Courtney Cox Arquette and David Arquette star in Wes Craven's third stab at scaring movie audiences in the *Dimension Films* release.

Only veteran actor Lance Henriksen, who excels in these types of films, is short-changed with far too small a role.

There are occasional sparks in the dialogue like when the bimbo actress whines that the shower scene she has to do has been a cliché since it was first used in *Vertigo*. Try *Psycho*. Only once does the film attain any sense of eeriness, which occurs when Sidney walks onto the still and darkened set recreating her house in Woodsboro, where the "actual" murders occurred. But too much of the film is contrived and tired. The lack of a killer is truly ludicrous. And just how many times can you stomp somebody the head and not hurt him/her?

The most insightful line about this film was actually delivered in *Scream 2* when a character noted that sequels are never as good as the original. While *Scream 3* is a definite step up from *Scream 2*, it's time to retire the franchise.

But that may not be, as Craven literally has left the door open for *Scream 4*.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 11

THE BEACH
A young American sets off on an exotic adventure in Thailand, only to discover that the modern-day paradise hides some disturbing secrets. Stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Robert Carlyle.

THE WHOLE NINE YARDS
Nicholas "Oz" Oseransky is a nice dentist living in suburban Montreal. His new neighbor Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeksi is a hit man in hiding. Oz and Jimmy find themselves with something in common, someone's trying to kill them. Stars Matthew Perry, Bruce Willis and Rosanna Arquette.

SNOW DAY
Cherry Chase, Chris Elliott, Pam Grier and Iggy Pop star in this family comedy about possibilities, friendship and young love. A lovelock teenager declares his affection for the girl of his dreams, a downcast employee defies his tyrannical employer, a 10-year-old tackles the scariest villain of her life and plastic action dolls suddenly come to life. Or do they? Anything can happen on a snowy day.

THE TIGER MOVIE
When no one wants to play with him, Tigger goes on a quest to find his family so he can be with other tiggers, only to discover that Winnie and the gang are his true family.

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'Isn't She Great' — Bette and cast have some good moments

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

There will be comparisons between "Isn't She Great" and "Man on the Moon." Both are biopics. And that's where the comparison should end. Jim Carrey's homage to comic enigma Andy Kaufman was a performance-and-a-half. The only enigma about the story of shock-schlock author Jacqueline Susann is why Bette Midler and Universal felt that anyone would be interested.

Not that the woman who perpetrated the publication of "Valley of the Dolls," "The Love Machine" and "Once in a Lifetime" didn't lead a life worth telling. She was, in her time, the best-selling novelist of all time. She changed the way books are marketed and contributed as much to mid-60s pop culture as go-go boots. All this while battling breast cancer, denying the severity of her autistic son's condition and keeping both a secret from the public.

Today's moviegoers, however, don't care any more about Jackie Susann than they do about, well, go-go boots.

All I know about are aging stars, hopeful hookers and people popping pills and nobody writes books about that," says Midler as Susann. The light goes



Author's story: Bette Midler and Nathan Lane star in "Isn't She Great."

on over manager-husband Irving Manfield's (Nathan Lane) head, and the rest is history. The failed actress steamrolled her way into her prized spotlight by putting personality above ability.

No ability? Plainly that wasn't so. She may not have been able to put an English sentence together on paper, but she certainly knew what to say. "It's like overhearing gossip in the ladies room," is one reader's review of "Dolls." "It's like 'Gone With the Wind,' only filthier" gushes Irving.

But "Isn't She Great" is pretty much Bette being Bette, and we must take it on their word that she and Jackie walked and deliv-

ered rim shot punchlines the same way. The screenplay by Paul Rudnick ("In & Out") gets into a standard rhythm early on and never strays from the sitcom pattern. Susann talks to God by way of a tree in Central Park, bullying him like everyone else ("C'mon, get on the phone and make me famous!").

Nathan Lane does his one puppy-dog expression throughout, but David Hyde Pierce ("Frazier") scores as the prudish Connecticut Yankee book editor who grows to care for Jackie if not for her material. Stockard Channing has good moments as the boozy best friend, the Vera to Midler's Mame. Her best moment is a silent one, walking into the hospital room and seeing Jackie on her deathbed. John Cleese is wasted as the book publisher.

If you lived through the 60s, however, you'll enjoy a terrific impression of Truman Capote by Sam Street, a faithful recreation of those wild op-art clothes and colors, right down to the typewriters in the publishing house, and note that singer Steve Lawrence is played by Steve and Eydie's son David.

But basically it's a "who cares" bio that will earn a brief blip on the big screen and a one-way ticket to videoville.

'Pure' class finds its way to Detroit at last



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Sarah Checkley sifts through a pile of leopard pants, halter tops and knee-high boots, trying to pick out the perfect outfit to wear to the trendiest new bar in the metro area. You see, you can't wear just anything to Pure Bar-Room.

By 10:30 p.m. the 22-year-old Rochester resident saunters through the glass doors of Detroit's hottest nightclub, not quite knowing what to expect. Like shelter from the freezing night air, she's enveloped by the sensations of bluish laser light blending with dimly lit chandeliers, the fluid motion of bodies on and off the dance floor, and the sounds of world-class house and trance beats trickling from above.

"It's very New York," she says. "It's a mix of everything, not like any other bar I've ever been to."

That description may be inspired by the crowd — most in their 20s and 30s — who appear

to have emerged from the pages of a top fashion magazine. Or maybe she's struck by the dancers, showered in sparkles and hovering above the crowd like eye candy. "Anything goes," says Checkley. A swanky silver accessory she designed dangles from her forehead. "You can get as crazy as you want to."

Pounding beats echo as she walks amid the crowd of those ready to see and be seen. You'd expect a cold shoulder at this club with its exclusive atmosphere, but it's as welcoming as it is elegant. That's how entertainment director Jaclyn Saros intended it to be.

For her, Pure isn't just another club, it's an integral element in the redemption of a city that could be so much more. By renovating and transforming an old building on Woodward Avenue, Pure Bar Room grasps onto the untapped energy in Detroit nightlife. "It's pioneering a new era," says Saros with pride. "We're really become a part of something that's going to benefit us all."

To break new ground, Pure offers what's lacking in the city's

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nightlife. On any given weekend club-goers can see dancers flaunting the latest in haute couture, a man towering above them on stilts, even delicate ice sculptures. Despite this extravagance, Pure is quite understated.

Mind the velvet ropes

While open to the public, guests lucky enough to enter the bar know the meaning of "discriminating tastes." "We wanted to set a precedent, a mood or a feeling," explains Saros. To achieve it, the club requires guests to dress appropriately. Some may think it pretentious when a Detroit Red Wing player is denied admission because of his outfit. At Pure, that's the difference between setting a standard and being like every other bar in the state.

Make no mistake — Pure Bar Room embraces its clientele. And so far, club-goers are embracing

Pure. Cleber Lessa of Farmington Hills says the draw of the club is simple: "It's friends, the energy, the music, the people around you."

That sentiment shines through among "the chosen ones." Omar Hindo, a Farmington Hills resident, speaks without hesitation: "As of now, it's the best club in the metro area. I enjoy the DJ's the best. They fly them in from out of town." Hindo has been to Pure several times, but he's no stranger to the long line outside. He doesn't mind the selective policy: "They obviously want to be different."

Fantasy land

"We want to exceed expectations and surpass boundaries," adds Saros. Pure-Bar Room is dedicated to change, to staying on the cutting edge of art forms like fashion, music and nightlife. Resident DJ Thomas Barnett,

clothing designer Diana Jelinek, director of talent Khalil Ramadan and Saros are only four reasons for Pure's early success and the mystique surrounding it. "Nightlife is all about creating a little bit of fantasy," Saros says.

Aarti Bapna, a West Bloomfield resident, indulged in that fantasy world during her first experience at Pure: "I think it's exactly what Detroit needs to liven up the town. It's a great mix of techno and upstairs, the VIP bar is awesome. The decor is very classy."

Bapna expresses what many of the young professionals in the Metro area have thought — we've had enough of chic restaurants, macho sports bars and "quaint" little dives. Pure Bar Room isn't just a new nightclub, it's a destination.

Beautiful people, your time has finally come.

Pure Bar Room is at 1500 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Call (313) 471-PURE for details.

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Live in the Sun

Lemon James
Foxy Records
On her latest release, Lemon James sets the record straight — she's not only a foxy lady, she's got a voice that just draws you in. On "Live in the Sun," the follow-up to her 1995 debut "I Am a Voodoo Child," the Garden City resident croons seven original tunes and one Jimi Hendrix cover with smooth, sultry vocals. Accompanied by moody, emotionally charged guitar techniques, the album appeals to the senses like taking a walk through a forest in a rainstorm. Perhaps the instrument performs as an extension of the artist because she plays hand-crafted Foxy guitars, of her own design.

Opening with "Come On Over Here (Groove On)," James tempts listeners into her romantic realm. Her breathy voice declares that passion in "This Is What I Am" when she sings: "My soul's in the music! I am the whispers of the clouds! Come listen to my sounds! My love is all around! My heart's in my hand! Come listen to the Lemon James band! Dig it if you can! This is what I am."

Every note on the "Live in the Sun" reflects that definite sense of self and burst of creativity. James isn't afraid to bare her soul in her music. To complete her vision, James includes the talents of fellow musicians Bobby, Bunny, Mae, Skeeto and White Boy.

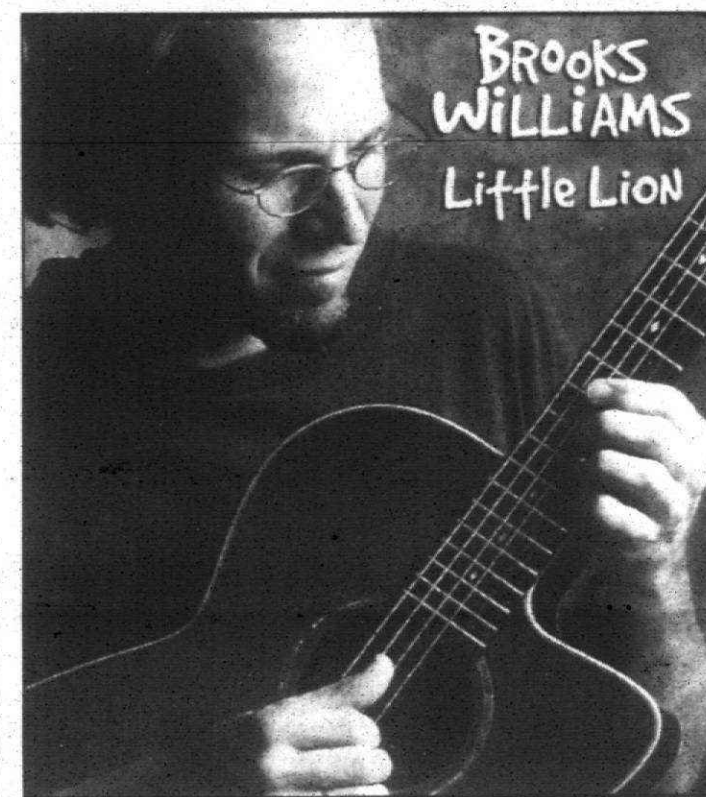
Where to find it: Metro area record stores or online at www.lemonjames.com

Best to listen to when: in need of a soothing voice and inspiring style.

Little Lion

Brooks Williams
Signature Sounds
The true beauty of music lies somewhere within the notes, the chord progressions and the minds of its inventors. That beauty can be discovered in new and different ways by all who give the time to listen. On "Little Lion," Brooks Williams speaks not with lyrics, but through the sounds of his guitar. This completely instrumental album encourages the imagination to wander alongside the musicians.

Each song can take on a meaning specific to its listener. And that meaning can change. "Only for a Moment" shares a delicate sentiment, expressing through the six strings of an acoustic the fleeting nature of those points in



See Williams Live: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. Tickets are \$10, with discount for members. Call (734) 464-6302.



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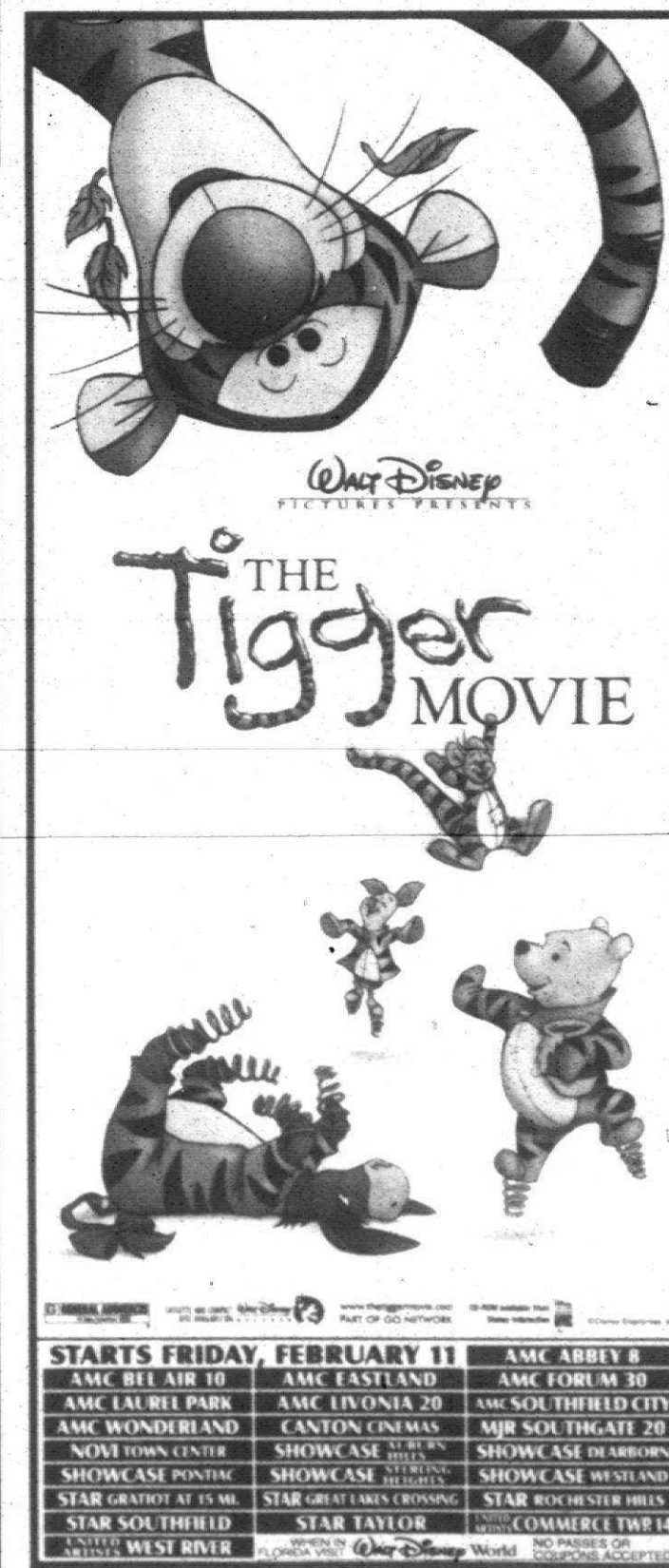
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Best to listen to when: your mind tends to wander.



DINING

'Take-out guy' gets lunch for co-workers

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One of the things I'm known for at the Observer Newspaper office in Livonia is getting lunch. It's not exactly a claim to fame, but I'll take it.

It started simply enough a few years ago when I was going to a fast food restaurant to get something for myself and a couple of people asked me to fetch something for them, too.

Pretty soon I was collecting menus from nearby restaurants and taking orders throughout the newsroom.

My co-workers have come to depend on me to the extent that they sometimes ask me at 9 a.m. where I'm going that day. One particular co-worker often tries to steer me to certain places she prefers and objects strenuously if I go someplace she hates.

Anyway, it has come to my attention that the things I've learned about getting takeout lunches for two to 10 people five days a week can benefit others. Far be it for me to withhold useful information.

The restaurants and takeout spots I go to are mostly located within a couple miles of the Observer office at Levan and Schoolcraft.

Some of them are once a week stops. Others are once in a while



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Lunch is here: That's me carrying in lunch for my co-workers at the Observer Newspapers office in Livonia.

stops. Among the former are Mr. Muster's, Little Armando's, China Inn and David's New York Deli.

Mr. Muster's soup is a big favorite in the office. The last time I went there, six people ordered the cream of mushroom. I had 16 orders all together (\$58) and had to enlist a helper to carry it back to the office.

I usually start taking orders at 11:30 a.m., walking around with a menu to show people and a notepad to write on. They pay me on the spot and usually give enough of a "tip" to subsidize my own lunch.

Next I phone the orders in and drive over to pick up the food.

My tendency is to trust the eateries to provide everything

according to my specifications, but I'm constantly reminded this isn't a good long-term policy.

Mr. Muster's once forgot two whole rollup sandwiches. Little Armando's has twice filled an order for two beef enchiladas with one beef and one chicken enchilada. Senate Coney Island gave me five Greek salads without dressing.

Only Steve Shaunessey of Mr. Muster's has offered to deliver the food he forgot to provide initially. That's why we chose to feature his restaurant in our first column.

It's nice to break bread with a group of co-workers and probably helps build a spirit of camaraderie on the staff.

I can guarantee that few of us would eat lunch together otherwise.

I enjoy getting lunch for everyone but am constantly reminded that I'm unusual that way. No one ever offers to do the job in my stead, which is fine but illustrates how onerous they consider the job to be.

Ralph Echtnaw welcomes your comments and/or questions about take-out lunches and dinners. Call him at (734) 953-2054. Write him at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. E-mail him at rechtinaw@oe.homecomm.net.

Mr. Muster's

Where: 37665 Five Mile Road, southwest corner of Five Mile Road and Newburgh, Livonia; (734) 464-3939, fax: (734) 464-7363

Open: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday.

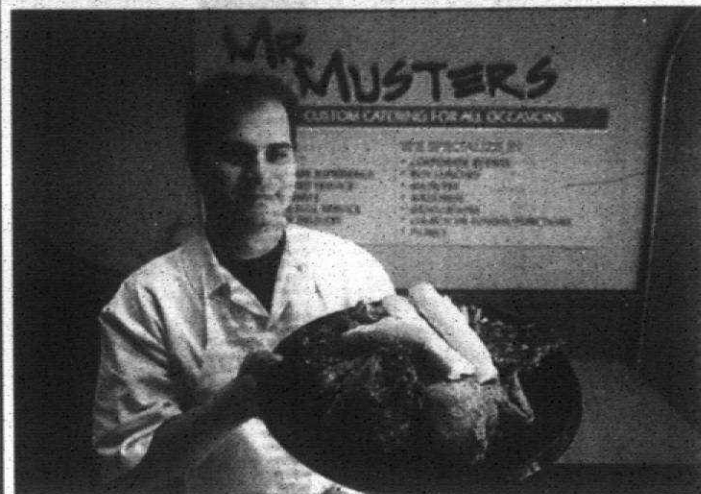
Menu: Roll-up sandwiches, some hot sandwiches such as burgers and grilled chicken breast, broasted chicken, ribs, and salads.

What you won't find on the menu: Homemade soup. Ask what the soup of the day is. It changes daily.

Average lunch price: \$5

Credit cards accepted: American Express, Discover, Visa, MasterCard

Catering: Sandwich trays, lunches, picnics, and barbecues. Lunch for office menu available.



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At your service: Steve Shaunessey of Mr. Muster's presents a tray of broasted chicken, barbecue baby back ribs, potato wedges and garlic sticks.

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER DESTINATIONS

We've spared no expense (yours) to find the most romantic, fine-dining spots in town to wine and woo your favorite Valentine. If the atmosphere doesn't seduce you, the food will. All you have to do is make reservations quicker than a heartbeat. List compiled by staff writer Renée Skoglund

■ **Cafe Bon Homme** - 844 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 453-6260. Cost: Four-course prefixed dinner, \$45 per person. Dinner hour: Begins 5 p.m. (last reservation 9 p.m.) Owner Greg Goodman promises to "pull out all the stops" for Valentine couples dining in his comfortably

elegant little restaurant, which he describes as a "chic, upscale, Left Bank bistro."

■ **Cafe Cortina**, 30715, W. 10 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 474-3033. Cost: About \$100, excluding wine. Dinner hour: Begins 5 p.m. Good cooking is like love, simple yet divine, said Adrian Tonon, who co-owns the restaurant with his mother, Rina.

Since 1976, lovers have wine and dined at Cafe Cortina, especially in the fireplace room. "It's very cozy, warm and welcoming. There's something in the air that's so romantic," says Tonon.

■ **Emily's** - 505 N. Center, Northville, (248) 349-0505. Cost: Appetizers, \$7-\$18; dinners, \$19-\$35. Dinner hour: Begins 5:30 p.m. Small and intimate, Emily's is in a Victorian-style house. There's room for just 50 diners, some of whom will be lucky enough to sit by the fireplace.

■ **La Bistecca Italian Grille** - 39405 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 254-0400. Cost: About \$100 for two, excluding wine. Dinner hour: Begins 5 p.m. "The atmosphere is really conducive to a special evening because of the food and our

extreme attention to detail and service," said owner Jerry Costanza. La Bistecca specializes in Piedmontese beef, considered by many chefs to be the most tender.

■ **Marco's** - 32748 Grand River, downtown Farmington, (248) 477-7777. Cost: Entrées \$15-\$27. Dinner hour: Begins 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Marco's is small, just 20 tables for up to 80 lucky diners. "It's a very romantic place - candlelight, white linen tablecloths and fresh flowers all over the place. It's very intimate, dimly lit, with

soft music in the background," says owner and chef Marco Conte.

■ **MacKinnon's** - 126 E. Main, Northville, (248) 348-1991. Cost: \$100 for two. Dinner hour: 5-10 p.m.

For 20 years, the restaurant's brick walls, lace curtains and Tiffany lamps have charmed countless diners.

■ **Fonte D'Amore** - 32020 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 422-0770. Dinner hour: 4-10 p.m. Cost: \$12-\$25, regular menu.

Could lovers go wrong at a place whose name means "foun-

tain of love"? Impossible, said owner Luciano Delsignore. The setting is dark and soft-colored with cozy booths and a fireplace.

■ **Old Country Buffet** - is offering a free lunch or dinner to couples who have been 50 years or more on Monday, Feb. 14. Bring your marriage license to redeem your free meal. You can also pose with your loved one for a free photo, which can be picked up later.

Visit Old Country Buffet in Canton Township at 5854 N. Sheldon Road, (734) 207-8737 or in Westland at 6539 N. Wayne Road, (734) 595-8201.

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Bring the beads and your receipt to the Mardi Gras cart near Center Court to redeem them. When you have one strand of beads, you'll be eligible to enter to win the trip to New Orleans. Two strands of different colored beads: you'll be eligible to enter to win the New Orleans trip and receive a coupon for a free jerked shrimp appetizer at the Real Seafood Grill with the purchase of an entree. Three strands of beads (one of each color): you'll be eligible to enter to win the New Orleans trip and you'll receive a Laurel Park Place gift certificate worth the value of your lowest weekly receipt!

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