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Ex-guard faces trial for rape

SCHOOLS

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A former Plymouth-Canton high school security guard has decided to face charges and stand trial in the alleged rape of a 15-year-old Canton High School student.

Terry Lee Barnhart, 31 of Ypsilanti, waived his preliminary exam Monday morning in 35th District Court. The case will now be moved from the courtroom of Judge Ron Lowe to Wayne County Circuit Court.

"Terry will take the opportunity to talk with police," said Dale Smith, the Adrian attorney representing Barnhart. "He has yet to talk with them."

According to the police report, the student and a friend went to Barnhart's home on Geddes Road in Canton about 25 times prior to the alleged incident. The girl told police that Barnhart "touched (her) ... and kissed (her) on every visit."

On the night of the reported rape, the student told police Barnhart was giving her a back massage when he allegedly forced himself on her.

"My client denies the allegations," said Smith. "He doesn't deny the girls were at his home, but he has a young son and they were baby-sitting. There was no physical contact."

Smith said there have been other girls at Barnhart's home who have cared for the boy, whom Smith said is 5 or 6 years old.

According to the police report, Barnhart told the girls to say they were baby-sitting if any questions arose as to why they were at his home.

"There appears to be a lack of evidence in this case," added Smith. "It appears to be a 'he said, she said' matter. The jury will have to decide who is

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Dads and daughters celebrate Valentine's Day



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Let's twist again: Jennifer Mathison, 12, and her dad Billy get down in the "Twist" contest during Friday's ninth annual Daddy-Daughter Dance sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. At right, Jessica Kramer, 7, (from left), Samantha Kramer, 4, and Zoe Lauer, 4, wait with their fathers for their pictures to be taken. For more photos from the event at St. Thomas a' Beckett Church, please turn to Page A3 in today's Observer.



Chamber ups ante in chief search

The next director of the Canton Chamber of Commerce could sign on for a \$40,000 salary, an increase of about 17 percent over previous director Ryan Ambrozaitis.

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When the Canton Chamber of Commerce names its new executive director, it will be the third person to hold the top seat in less than four years.

That trend could be coming to an end, however. President David Griffin said the chamber will do what's financially necessary to attract - and keep - its new director.

"We're looking for the best candidate," he said. "We want the best person for the position and we want to make sure that person will be comfortable (with their salary). We're looking for some stability."

Ryan Ambrozaitis resigned late last month. He served as executive director for just 18 months.

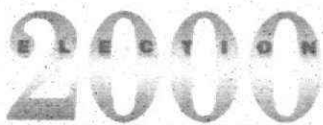
After Ambrozaitis' departure, the chamber formed a search committee and began work to find his replacement. Extensive advertising has been done in newspapers, business and national chamber trade publications. The chamber expects to receive more than 100 resumes, said Griffin.

The committee will screen applicants down to the top two or three. An Ann Arbor consulting firm will then help the chamber pick a new leader, said Griffin.

"They've been used extensively by the township," he said of the firm. "We

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Bush campaign rolls into Canton Township



THE CANTON VOTE

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Education, family and a solid track record were themes pushed by potential First Lady Laura Bush Monday in Canton.

Speaking at a Rotary and Chamber of Commerce luncheon, the wife of GOP front-runner George W. Bush said her husband should be the next U.S. president.

"George is a man of firm convictions and beliefs," she told a large gathering at Roman Forum restaurant. "As governor, my husband determines a goal and follows through with it."

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Stumping: Michigan first lady Michelle Engler (left) laughs Monday as Texas first lady Laura Bush receives a corsage from Canton Rotarian Mary Beardsley at the Roman Forum restaurant. Bush was visiting the area stumping for her husband, Texas governor and Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush.

Grant will promote school-library partnership

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Checking homework assignments online will be one of many activities Tonda Elementary students will be able to do thanks to a grant recently awarded to the Canton Public Library.

Canton Public Library received \$104,843 in federal grants through the Library Services and Technology Act. Funding will be used toward a schools/library program called "Partnership Uniting Libraries & Schools Electronically," or PULSE. The program will create a virtual library-school partnership.

Canton's Tonda Elementary School, Wayne-Westland's Walker-Winter Elementary School and Van Buren's Tyler

Elementary School will participate in the program.

The school/library partnership will enable school students to access library resources, such as educational materials and books on-line, said George Belvitch, Tonda principal.

"They'll be able to use (the technology) as a homework link," he said, adding that homework assignments could be checked either from home or from the library.

The partnership is nothing new to Tonda.

"Since Tonda opened as a school, we've tried to maintain as close of a relationship as possible with the Canton (Public) Library," he said.

Making sure students get library cards and learn how to use libraries

are important priorities, he added.

The grant money will fund six new laptop computers, a large monitor to be used as a "floating station" where teachers can set up personalized Web sites for their classrooms. Teachers will also be able to post their homework assignments on-line.

"It just makes another good, positive connection in a community trying to get kids to be good, effective learners," Belvitch said. "I think it's pretty neat - the staff is excited about it."

Canton Public Library Director Jean Tabor said special conference software called "Book Talk" will enable school students to post book reviews on the Web and talk back and forth about books they read. They'll also be able to request that the library stock particu-

lar books.

"It's a good way to promote using technology and make positive use of the Internet," Tabor said.

The library's youth site is one way the library is attempting to lure students to the library's resources.

"Our goal is to have so much good, well-organized information (on the Web site) that students will use the site," Tabor said.

If this pilot program is successful, Tabor said she hopes it will serve as a model for other school districts and libraries.

Another Wayne County library receiving grants was the River Rouge Branch of the Wayne County Library, which received \$23,975.

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Police question Detroit officer in local assault

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A Detroit police officer could be facing domestic violence charges in connection with a recent township incident. The narcotics officer, who is not being identified pending charges and arraignment, attacked his wife Jan. 30, according to Canton police reports. The case is currently under investigation," said Township Police Sgt. Charles Raycraft. The incident occurred at about 10:30 p.m., reports said. He came to the door of his 32-year-old wife's home in the 8000 block of Honeycomb ask-

ing to use the bathroom, reports said. After a brief argument, the man allegedly pushed her up against a wall and finally to the floor. Reports said he then pulled out a handgun and laid it next to the woman's head. She finally did Feb. 4. The woman suspected that her husband slashed her car tire on that date, reports said. According to Raycraft, domestic violence is a misdemeanor offense. The gun's role in the incident could bump it up to a more serious felony assault charge, however. The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office would make that determination, said Raycraft.

Woman reports mailbox theft and check fraud

A 42-year-old Canton woman was the recent victim of fraud. According to township police reports, checks were stolen from the Geddes Road resident's mailbox in mid-January. Since then, several checks have been written at area businesses totaling hundreds of dollars, reports said. Canton Police are investigating the case. **Retail fraud** A 21-year-old Romulus woman was arrested Sunday after trying to steal a piece of electronic equipment from Super Kmart on Ford Road. Loss prevention officers saw the woman place a DVD player in the bottom of her shopping cart, reports said. She then went

through a check-out line, but failed to pay for the player. The woman was stopped by store officers before she could leave, reports said. Canton Police later arrested the 21-year-old. **COP CALLS** Prosecutor's office. It was unclear at press time if officers followed up on the warrant by arresting the man. **Larceny** A \$300 car computer component was stolen from a Plymouth woman's vehicle in Canton Saturday, reports said. The 1989 Jeep Comanche was parked at a Lot Road home at about 7 a.m. when a fuel injector was stolen. The woman suspects a former boyfriend, according to reports. Township Police are investigating. **Domestic violence** A 39-year-old Canton woman was the victim of domestic violence Saturday, according to police reports. The woman's ex-husband stopped by her home to pick up their children for a visit. Reports said the man asked her about using the kids as tax exemptions. She said he wouldn't be able to do that. Reports said the man became "very angry" and raised his arm as if to hit the woman. No blows were exchanged, however. The man then left without his children, reports said. Canton Police sent a warrant request to the Wayne County

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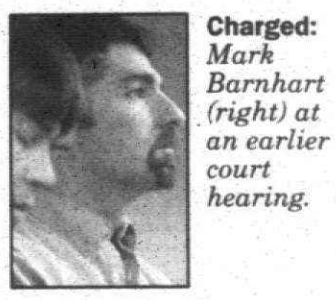
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telling the truth." Smith didn't rule out the possibility of a plea bargain with prosecutors. "No plea bargains have been offered. But, anytime you're looking at a criminal case you look at the pleas being offered," he said. Barnhart is currently free on \$15,000 cash bond. Canton police Detective Steve Miller said his department would pursue charges against Barnhart, even if force wasn't used, because the alleged incident involved an underage girl. Barnhart was 29 at the time, the teen was 15. Miller said no other students appear to be involved at this time. If convicted, Barnhart could be sentenced to up to 15 years in prison. Plymouth-Canton school officials say they became aware of the allegations Jan. 10, when the girl came forward, conducted a thorough investigation and terminated Barnhart on Jan. 21.



Charged: Mark Barnhart (right) at an earlier court hearing.

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"Both of these libraries have worked extremely hard creating exciting technology programs for students," said State Sen. Loren Bennett. "These programs not only help students learn to read, but they open up a whole new world to kids through books and other wonderful library resources."

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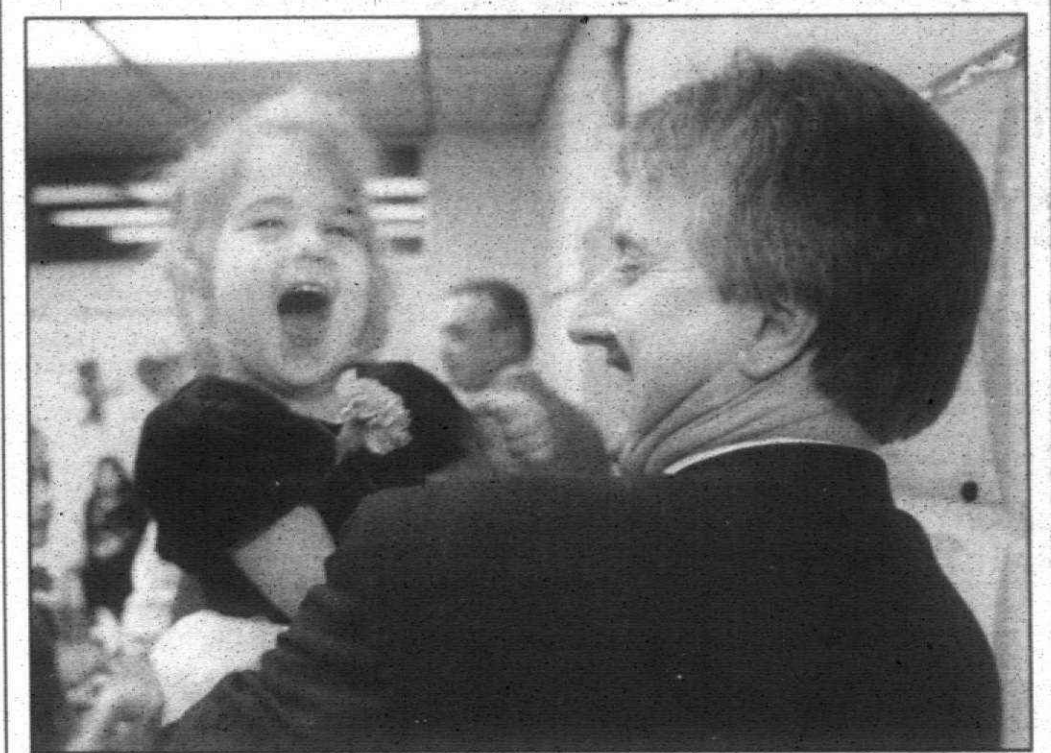
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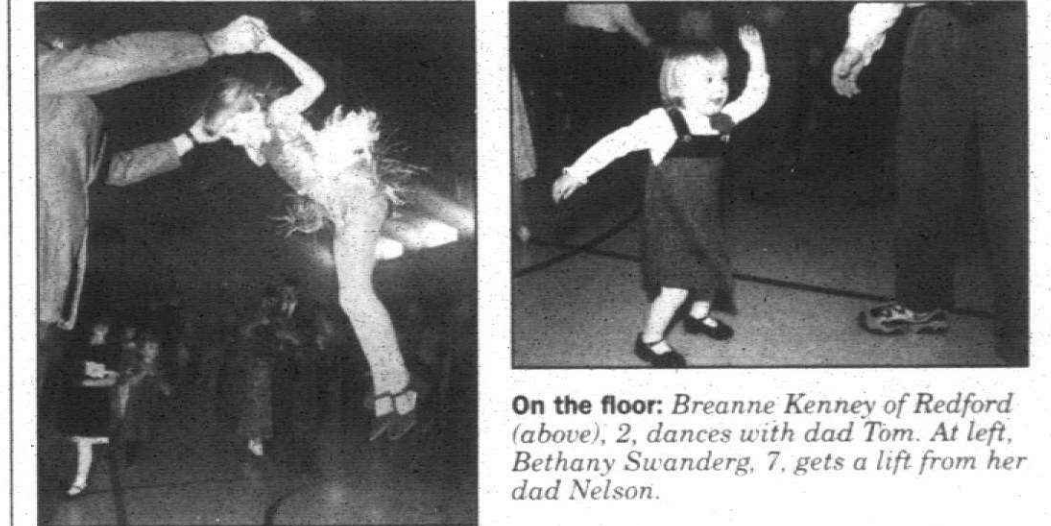
Primary speech: Laura Bush speaks to Rotary Club members Monday.

"He has clear goals for our country." Michigan could be a key state in determining whether Bush or Arizona Sen. John McCain captures the Republican nomination. After early primary victories, the Texas governor has faltered recently in states such as New Hampshire. According to political observers, Bush needs victories in South Carolina Saturday and Michigan Tuesday to regain momentum. Laura Bush's Michigan jaunt was designed to help do that. Besides Canton, she also appeared in Westland and Traverse City. She went on to Alpena, Battle Creek and Stevensville Tuesday before heading back home to Texas. Michigan first lady Michelle Engler and Secretary of State Candice Miller joined Bush for her township visit. "He really is the only candidate, Democratic or Republican, who has executive experience," said Miller. "His experience will help move a positive agenda for change forward." Bush spoke for about 15 minutes Monday. She said there's never a dull moment with the 53-year-old Texan. But, then, it has been that way most of his life, Laura Bush explained. "When George was a Cub Scout his mother was a den leader," she joked. "She told me that's when her hair turned

Dance is tribute to late co-founder



Funny valentine: Hannah Giaier, 2 1/2, lets out a laugh while dad Tom holds her in the picture line during Friday's Daddy-Daughter Dance at St. Thomas a Beckett Church in Canton. Ralph Difazio, one of the co-founders of the event, dedicated the evening to the memory of his partner and co-founder Marv Schultz, 51, who died recently after a battle with cancer. About 340 people bought tickets to this year's event.



On the floor: Breanne Kenney of Redford (above), 2, dances with dad Tom. At left, Bethany Swanderg, 7, gets a lift from her dad Nelson.

Booking time with students on the Bush campaign trail

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Tuesday morning, educator Michael Holuta was still basking in the glow of a visit by Laura Welch Bush. Holuta, principal of Jefferson-Barns Elementary, was pleased with the visit Monday of the Texas governor's wife. "It was a real privilege to host Mrs. Bush. It was a great experience for our children," Holuta said. "They took home with them the importance of reading."

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—Michael Holuta,
Jefferson Barns Elementary principal

and safety, "and was an exciting story for the students," the principal said. The school has a Literacy Corps whose senior citizen members work with students on reading. Bush visited the program, and was able to observe seniors reading to students. Many of the stories Monday related to Valentine's Day. Holuta noted that Monday's effort spanned three generations on the importance of reading. At Jefferson-Barns, Bush focused on reading, with less political talk than at other stops. Press questions she answered did focus on politics, Holuta said. Michelle Engler, wife of Michigan Gov. John Engler, was also at Jefferson-Barns Monday. Children interacted with Bush Monday, giggling during funny parts of the story and asking and answering questions, Holuta said. A similar view came from Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent for general administration for Wayne-Westland. Sherman noted that Bush's background in education was evident as she interacted with students. "It was exciting for the school," Sherman said. "She was very comfortable with the kids. It was just a nice experience for the schoolchildren. The local district is emphasizing literacy, including for young children, and Bush's visit worked well with that, Sherman said. "It was nice that she highlighted that aspect of education."

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Hot topic of the week
■ February is National Cherry Month! Peter Dougherty, a Presbyterian missionary, is credited with planting the first cherry orchard and in getting the cherry industry started as a commercial enterprise in the Midwest. Dougherty planted a cherry orchard in 1852 on the Old Mission Peninsula near Traverse city. His cherry trees flourished and the area proved to be ideal because Grand Traverse Bay and nearby Lake Michigan help to temper Arctic winds in winter and cool the orchards in summer. Today, there are about 36,000 acres of cherry trees in Michigan and about 40 percent of the cherry orchards are in the Grand Traverse region. Michigan leads the nation in the production of tart cherries, harvesting about three-fourths of the U.S. crop.
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Police department targets new gun range

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Canton's police department is in the process of upgrading training facilities.

An outdoor gun range is being planned for Lilley Road north of Van Born. Public Safety Director John Santomauro said the department has simply outgrown its current facility.

"It's very disruptive to residents in the area," he said of the range, which is located adjacent to the Department of Public Works building on Sheldon Road. "The new site is zoned solidly industrial and it's near a landfill. Our impact on the surrounding neighborhood should be insignificant."

Officers have been practicing at the Sheldon Road range since 1988.

Construction on the new site will likely begin this summer, said Santomauro. It should take about a year to complete, he added.

Cost was a primary consideration in choosing an outdoor instead of indoor range. The department will spend about \$400,000 to build the outdoor range.

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feel it will be money well spent." Griffin wants the entire process wrapped up by spring.

"We would like to have our new director in place by April 1," he commented.

The chamber plans to pay \$38,000 to \$40,000 for the job. Griffin said the chamber may be willing to go a bit above that range.

"If it's needed," he added, "We know the job market is tight."

According to a Michigan Chamber of Commerce executive 1999 compensation survey, Canton's chamber may have no choice but to show its top applicant the money.

The survey polled 14 southeast Michigan chambers about salary and fringe benefits. Chambers with similar revenues were compared.

On average, directors in positions similar to Canton made \$45,069 last year, the survey said. A high of \$65,000 was reported while a low of \$30,500 was noted.

Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber President Carleigh Flaharty said the industry standard for director's pay represents 9 to 15 percent of a chamber's overall revenue.

Canton's chamber had revenues of just over \$200,000 last year, officials said. That number should rise as the chamber increases its membership and fund-raising activities.

"We're at 490 right now," Griffin said in terms of membership.

"We'd be looking at \$1 million to \$1.5 million for an indoor facility," Santomauro said.

An outdoor range will also offer more flexibility, he added.

Officers will be able to practice pistol, shotgun and long rifle shooting. A classroom will be included on the site as well.

"Officers will be able to take what they've learned in the classroom and apply it immediately on the practice range," Santomauro said.

Special operations teams will use the range for training, too. A rappelling tower will be among other amenities at the site, Santomauro said.

While facilities are being upgraded, so too will education in the department.

Santomauro and Capt. Alex Wilson will attend a Michigan State University seminar later this month focusing on community policing.

The department went to a community policing style four years ago. The township is divided into four sections with specific officers assigned to each section.

"It allows us to be more accountable and in tune with community needs," said Santomauro. "The whole focus is to be proactive instead of reactive."

While the director feels community policing has been effective, the MSU seminar will give him the tools to measure and quantify its successes and failures.

"We really want to see what the state-of-the-art is at the national level," Santomauro said in regards to evaluation.

The meeting will also be a good time just to swap notes with other police chiefs, he said.

"It allows departments to sit down in an academic environment and brainstorm about what we do in community policing," said Santomauro. "It's an exchange of ideas."

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"We'd like to be at 550 to 600. I don't see any reason it can't be hit within a year."

Ambrozaitis replaced Flaharty as Canton's director. She said she made \$34,000 a year during her tenure.

The Seattle native received a sizable raise after moving to Farmington.

"It was an opportunity to work at a larger chamber with a bigger staff," Flaharty added.

She described Canton's as a "mid-sized" chamber.

Livonia Chamber President Rod Crider said directors hop from smaller to larger institutions frequently. Bigger chambers mean bigger salaries, he explained.

In Crider's 20 years in the field, for example, he has had stops in Saginaw, Mt. Clemens and Bristol, Tenn.

"It's fairly common but not the rule," he said of such moves. "In order for one to progress in their career, you have to move to a larger chamber."

Nevertheless, Flaharty thinks Canton should be able to get an excellent director.

"It's a very stable chamber that has successful fund-raisers," she commented. "But they may have to elevate their salary and benefits package to be competitive."

Novi Chamber Director Lisa Willard agreed. But she thinks it will take more than money to get the right person.

"I think they have to have a clear idea of what they want," said Willard.

Directors, she noted, must wear many hats. Promoting member businesses, helping improve the community and overall economic development are among them.

"It's a very demanding job and can be very long hours," said Willard, adding that nights and weekends are "not unusual. Usually people in chamber positions thrive on it, though."

Griffin said Canton's chamber is looking for all of the qualities Willard mentioned. But it also wants someone who knows how to put the chamber's best foot forward.

"The executive director has to be able to perform many functions," Griffin said, "and be able to act as an ambassador for the chamber."

Auctions set

The state's department of management and budget (DMB) has announced the 2000 state surplus auction schedule. Items for sale are as wide - ranging as automobiles and lawnmowers to file cabinets and desks.

Auction starting times are at 10 a.m. with an inspection period the day before the sale and the morning of the sale. The first auctions are as follows:

- Feb. 26 - miscellaneous items;
- March 28 - miscellaneous items;
- April 1 - auto;
- April 22 - miscellaneous items;
- May 13 - truck and equipment;
- May 23 - miscellaneous items.

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Gift of life

Kidney donation deepens bond between brothers

■ 'They faced a real risk to their own health to provide life to another person. That's the most important gift of all.'

—Diane Schulz, wife of recipient Ed Schulz

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"It's the most beautiful gift I've ever received."

That was the reaction of Ed Schulz, 53, of Plymouth Township only days after receiving a kidney transplant on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at the University of Michigan Hospitals.

What made it even more special for Schulz is that his brother, Lynn, 65, of Livonia was the donor.

"It's a perfect fit. It feels pretty good," chuckled Schulz.

But, then in a more serious tone, Schulz said of his brother, "Sometimes you don't realize how close you are because of distance, but mentally we are."

Both brothers were recuperating at the Ann Arbor hospital only hours after surgery.

"It was already working before they put it in. And when I got back to the room after surgery, I could tell the difference," said Ed Schulz. "I felt invigorated. I still felt a bit tired, but it was a different kind of tiredness."

But not too tired to take a walk down the hallway the next day, tied to monitors and IV's, to visit Lynn.

It was a full day for the Schulz family, a total of 12 hours from the beginning of Lynn's surgery to remove a kidney to the end of the recuperating period for Ed.

"I feel a bit closer to the Schulz family, a total of 12 hours from the beginning of Lynn's surgery to remove a kidney to the end of the recuperating period for Ed."

"I'm looking forward to the freedom of not having to be subservient to a machine," said Ed. "It will be nice to be able to travel, or whatever you want, without planning months in advance."

While Ed expects to be back to work in about six weeks, he's not out of the woods yet.

"Your body never completely accepts an organ, so we'll continue to monitor him," said Maureen Fox, transplant coordinator at U-M. "However, the chances are better because he received the kidney from a living donor, who is also a blood relation. Because of the genetic match, we hope it will prolong the kidney for a long time."

Ed said the realization his life would take a turn for the better came the day before the operation, his last day at dialysis.

"When you start hugging people, knowing you wouldn't be back ...," said Ed. "I had a bond with patients and their siblings, and the caregivers. Over 10 months you develop lots of relationships. They become like family."

"It's a bittersweet moment because you know some others won't have the same opportunity," he said. "You have some happiness, but you also feel some guilt because you're walking away from people you've gotten to know who don't have the same opportunity."

Ed sat back in his hospital bed and reflected.

"You always feel like this could never happen to you," he said. "And then you realize that without close family you might not even exist. It makes you understand that life is precious."

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Detroit Edison, in cooperation with the state Department of Natural Resources, has established a tree planting grant program for southeastern Michigan.

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Say it with **Flowers**

by Steve Mansfield

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When choosing flowers for children in wedding parties, consider a necklace of dainty blossoms that leaves a girl's hands free for scattering rose petals. Blooms may also be worn as hair wreaths, headbands, or bracelets. As for ring bearers, they may tuck pocket posies into their jacket pockets. The most charming of wedding nosegays have pastel colors, small blossoms, and beautiful ribbon streamers. Other choices include a floral ball or pomander to loop around a child's arm and fanciful flower-hoops or garlands of greenery and flowers. Garlands may also be finished with pretty bows that form carrying handles. These may be used to hang garlands at the altar as decorations during the wedding ceremony.

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HINT: Mindful of the fact that flowers speak the language of romance through hidden meanings, brides-to-be should ask the florist to formulate a subtle message to the groom in her bouquet.

House bills aimed at reforming unresponsive HMOs

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While Andrea Kideckel of Berkley waged what would be a five-year losing battle with inflammatory breast cancer, her husband, Alan, skirmished with their managed health care insurance company over payment for the treatments.

Insurance companies say the source of such disagreements with customers is often traceable to expenses the policy is not intended to cover.

"You get what you pay for," Eugene Farnum, executive director of the Michigan Association of Health Plans, said. "It's like auto insurance. You can choose to take just PLPD. If you don't take collision and you get in an accident, then you are not owed that."

But that was not the case, according to Alan Kideckel.

"Everything was covered, eventually," he said. "But not without a lot of fighting, not without a lot of pain, not without agony. When you are fighting for your life, you should not have to fight with the insurance company, too. Many people don't know how to fight the insurance company. Many won't have the energy to fight when they're already seriously ill."

Among the run-ins, Kideckel said his insurance company attempted to provide only partial reimbursement for expensive MRI images taken in the same session with others it deemed covered, and disputed the dosage

'There has to be accountability. If they are making decisions that affect the quality of care, they are in essence practicing medicine. They should be subject to the same liability.'

Rep. Marc Shulman
R-West Bloomfield



Rep. Marc Shulman

of drugs given to his wife at the hospital.

After his wife died in October 1998, the hospital attempted to put him on a payment plan for \$1,000 worth of expenses that should have been covered by insurance.

He was so angry that he formed Fighting for Victory Inc., a patient advocacy organization now pushing for reform of managed health care regulations at the state level.

And he'll soon get a response from lawmakers. House Republicans are putting the final touches on a new package of bills, which they plan to unveil shortly, aimed at reforming Michigan's managed health care networks.

Rep. Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield) has been working on a bill he says will "put the medical decisions back in the hands of the doctors instead of the medical directors at the HMOs."

His bill is aimed at improving

that have a detrimental effect on the patient.

"There has to be accountability," he said. "If they are making decisions that affect the quality of care, they are in essence practicing medicine. They should be subject to the same liability." Shulman's bill would place caps on awards against insurance companies comparable to the caps placed on medical malpractice awards.

But Shulman said he believes the appeals process is the most important aspect, since it will allow a patient to receive a quick judgment on decisions issued by the insurance company. After-the-fact lawsuits, he said, won't do the patient any good.

Still, he discounted concerns raised by health insurance companies—that liability could raise costs and therefore premiums. Similar reforms in Texas have not produced many additional lawsuits, he said. And studies have shown the overall effect on premiums of such reforms would be no more than 2 percent.

Lorri Rishar, aide to House Speaker Chuck Ferricone (R-Kalamazoo Township), said Shulman's proposals will be incorporated into a multi-bill package addressing managed care reform that is expected to be unveiled in the next week or so. Other than Shulman, which lawmakers will sponsor portions of the package is not yet clear, she said. But the goals will be to streamline and improve the appeals process under the existing Patients Bill of Rights, have a consistent appeals process for all health plans, provide for an external review under one state

agency, and conduct a public awareness campaign.

The appeals process now under the Department of Community Health will be transferred to the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Services.

The package will also serve as the vehicle for managed care reforms called for by Gov. John Engler in his State of the State address. At the time, Engler called for strengthening the Patient Bill of Rights through a single external appeals process.

He also urged adoption of financial reforms regarding managed care companies to assure their solvency over the next 20 years. He proposed improving the powers of the state insurance commissioner to identify troubled HMOs and take corrective actions early. Finally, Engler proposed a state sponsored "Health Plan Report Card," which would be issued to the public to assist consumers in selecting the best health plans.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield has taken a position favoring the governor's solvency recommendations, according to Helen Stojik, director of media relations, but it is reserving comment on the remainder of the package until the actually wording is unveiled.

Farnum, of the Association of Health Plans, said his members favor passage of the package. Members in his organization are already subject to an external review of health care decisions, although he admits not all insurance companies in Michigan can

already be sued under the law, so he sees little impact from the legislation. He agrees there does need to be accountability. He said he sees the largest impact on PPOs, which are not at present subject to the appeals process, and insurance programs at the federal level.

Shulman noted that insurance companies can indeed be sued at present, but they can only be sued for the cost of the medical procedure denied. His bill would allow for suits seeking damages as a result of denied treatment.

State Democrats have suggested similar proposals, but there is still likely to be some partisan wrangling over the issue. Rep. Laura Baird (D-Okemos), who sponsored House Bill 4127 to allow for lawsuits against managed care companies without caps, accuses Shulman of stealing her bill outright.

But Shulman is critical of Baird's plan. He argues that liability does little after the fact. Without an improved appeals process, liability would do little for the patient, he said.

Baird said that although she does not favor the caps Shulman has proposed, some liability for insurance companies would be better than none. Still, she doesn't expect Republicans will seek a compromise.

"They don't need my vote. I have nothing they need," she said.

Rep. David Woodward (D-Madison Heights) has also proposed a shorter appeals process for disputing care decisions by HMOs. His proposal would be to shorten the current, 90-day review process to 15 days.

"I haven't been able to get it drafted," he said. "The Republicans are keeping them (the Legislative Service Bureau) busy. It's not suppose to be like that, but it is in Lansing these days."

Plan ahead, airport will be busy

With dozens of area school districts taking mid-winter breaks during the next several weeks, Detroit Metro Airport is advising both business and recreational travelers to call ahead for parking conditions and give themselves plenty of extra time. The tri-county break period, which began Feb. 14 and runs through early March, makes Metro more crowded because the level of business travel stays the same, according to Wayne County Airports Director David Katz.

"During the past several years, we've noticed more travelers taking advantage of the school breaks in February and this year will be no exception," he said. "We'll see another surge in traffic volume during spring break in April," Katz added. "So we're advising our customers to call the 24-hour parking hotline (1-800-642-1978) and give themselves plenty of extra time."

The hotline, staffed by APCOA employees with the latest information on parking conditions at Metro, will direct travelers to off-airport lots when all on-airport lots get full.

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Trade mission to India opens doors for investment

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"Hyderabad is the Silicon Valley of India," said State Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield.

A city with a population of 4.7 million, it ranks as the fifth largest in that country and serves as the capital of the region of Andhra Pradesh. Located in Central India, Andhra Pradesh is a little smaller than Michigan but is home to an estimated 90 million residents, 10 times as many as Michigan, Peters noted.

It is also the center of India's information technology industry. That fact spurred a delegation of Michigan lawmakers to travel around the world on an exploratory trade mission. Peters, along with Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, Paul DeWeese, R-Williamston, and Clarke Hansen, D-Detroit, visited the region last month. They took with them representatives of the Detroit Chamber of Commerce, as well as officials from Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Oakland University and Wayne State University.

Dog fees waived for volunteers

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Volunteers who take on the task of raising leader dogs for the disabled will no longer have to take on the burden of license fees as well.

State lawmakers voted last week to exempt those who raise and train service dogs from paying local dog license fees. They'll still have to have the dogs licensed, legislative aide Andy Schor explained, but local township and city clerks will waive those fees in the future under Senate Bill 456, sponsored by Sen. Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield).

The waiver applies to dog owners who raise puppies which will later be turned over for training at institutions like Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester. The fees may be only \$5 per dog, Schor said, but the costs can run into the hundreds of dollars for those who raise numerous dogs.

"We have almost 400 raisers in seven states," William Hansen, president of Leader Dogs for the Blind, said. "The majority is in Michigan. Our 'high time' raiser, a Lapeer resident, is now on her 4th puppy. When raisers accept the obligation of raising a Leader Dog puppy, they also accept a number of financial responsibilities."

"These families give a tremendous amount of their time to raising and hosting these dogs and also contribute many of the expenses incurred for the dogs' care. The exemption from licensing would be one way for all of us to support the efforts of these dedicated individuals," Michael Sapp, chief operating officers of Paws With a Cause, said.

State representatives approved the bill 108-0 Feb. 8. Senators had earlier approved the bill 37-0. All local lawmakers supported the bill. The proposal now awaits the governor's signature.

Madonna sets Open House

Madonna University in Livonia is holding an Open House for prospective students 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 25, in the Take 5 Lounge on campus.

Those attending will tour the campus, meet with faculty, staff and students, and learn about the more than 50 career-oriented programs offered during the day, evenings and weekends. Information on financial aid and scholarships will be available, and transfer students are encouraged to bring their transcripts. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

For information, call Madonna University's Admissions Office at (734) 432-5339 or e-mail: muinfo@smtp.mu.edu. Madonna University is at I-96 and Levan Road.

The purpose was to spur trade between the two countries, Peters and Raczkowski explained. And although actual deals may be in the future, both said the trip achieved impressive results.

For one, William Bassitt, vice president of development for the Detroit Chamber, signed a memorandum of understanding with his counterpart in Hyderabad that will lay the groundwork for a sister city relationship between the two cities. That will facilitate an exchange of information and visitors.

Officials from India are

already scheduled to come to the Detroit area in the next few months.

Additionally, university officials were able to lay the groundwork for distance learning and student exchange programs, Raczkowski said. Members of the delegation also include high-ranking Indian government officials, including the Chief Minister of the region and members of Parliament in Delhi.

He even heard interest from an Indian firm, which already has a small office located in Troy and which would like to expand here, to consider the old Com-

puware building in Farmington Hills, once that company completes its move to downtown Detroit.

Southeast Michigan has one of the largest concentrations of Indian immigrants in the country, Peters and Raczkowski said. Their interest in the trip was spurred by constituents in their district who expressed interest in expanding trade with India.

Victor Naidu, president and CEO of the Michigan-based Ramsoft Systems company, helped organize the trip and traveled to India with the lawmakers.

Such international trade missions are not uncommon. Michigan has an office in Hong Kong aimed at increasing business between the state and Asia.

State lawmakers took a similar trip last year to Israel. But the legislators paid for the cost of their own travel, they said. No state money was used for the trip, they said that one of the highlights of the trip was that, following a speech he gave to government officials in Delhi, he was approached by a representative of another region, who asked that next time the lawmakers

visit his area of India. Raczkowski said he learned of a technique the Indian government is using to spur new businesses.

The government established incubators, or industrial buildings where businesses can begin operations with significant tax breaks for up to two years, before they are required to move out on their own.

As many as two thirds of new small businesses in the U.S. fail, he noted. But the Indian government's use of incubators is having success at creating stable new small businesses.

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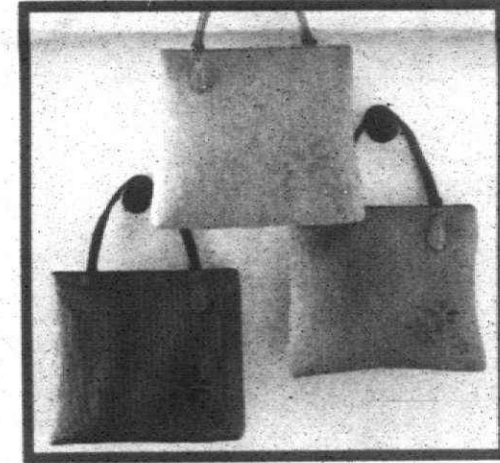
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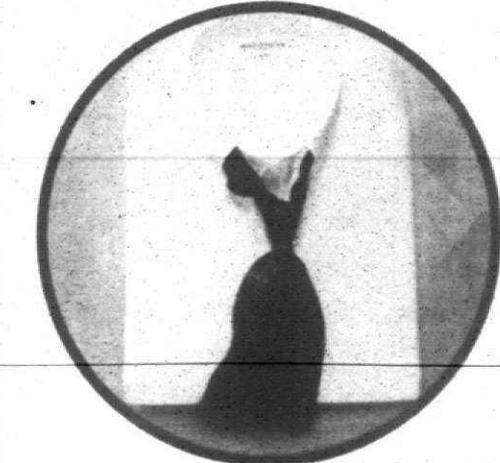
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Library bill intended to keep obscene material from children

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There are dangerous places in the world where parents should not let their children venture alone. Should the public library be one of them?

Howell resident Stephanie Williams says it has gone that far because of the unfiltered, unmonitored Internet terminals available for use in some libraries.

"The (American Civil Liberties Union) says it is up to parents to monitor their children," she said. "But if your child wants to go to the library to research a high school term paper, should you have to sit right there to watch the entire time?"

Williams testified before the Michigan Senate Judiciary Committee in support of Senate Bill 936, which would mandate that libraries adopt policies aimed at keeping under age patrons from viewing "obscene or sexually explicit matter that is harmful to minors."

She told committee members that the bill addresses materials which, if supplied directly to minors by a private company like a convenience store or video rental shop, would leave that firm subject to prosecution.

The verbiage "harmful to minors" is a key to the legislation, according to Sylvia Warner, aide to Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Howell, the sponsor of the legislation.

Material considered "harmful to minors" is material that is already illegal to possess, such as child pornography, Warner said.

The bill has moved out of committee and is expected to have a final reading and vote in the Senate today. The bill will then go to the House for consideration.

The state Legislature addressed the issue of Internet access at libraries last year, giving approval to a plan by Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, allowing

libraries to segregate Internet terminals for adults from those intended for use by youngsters, and allowing the terminals used by minors to be filtered to prevent access to pornography sites.

That bill was intended to answer First Amendment concerns about filtering which have turned into lawsuits for some libraries. Cassis believed constitutional concerns would be avoided if some terminals were filtered while others were left open for full Internet access by adults.

Rogers' bill takes the issue a step further, essentially mandating separate children's terminals. His bill would require that libraries provide access in a way that prevents a minor from viewing obscene materials. The bill would also relieve libraries of liability if they take reasonable steps to prevent youngsters from viewing pornography.

Filters not perfect

"The bill is greatly improved over earlier versions," Marianne Hartzell, of the Michigan Library Association, said. "It is much more doable than earlier drafts. But we are not quite to a position of supporting it yet."

A change made in the bill that make it more palatable to the Library Association, Hartzell explained, is that it allows local library boards to determine the best methods for keeping pornography out of the hands of youngsters, through the policies they will adopt. Relieving libraries of liability, as long as they make reasonable attempts to block obscene material, was also a significant change, she said.

"Filters alone, if that is all you do, aren't perfect," she said. "They are much improved these days but they can't keep out 100 percent. If that is all you do, you give parents a false sense of security."

Each library is different, she said, with a different set up. Filters may be useful in some libraries, but monitoring and segregation of adult computers

from children's computers may be the best method in other libraries.

Some small libraries may have only a terminal or two. Then, some other means of allowing adults full access and blocking obscene material for children may be needed, she said.

Warner said the problem of pornography on the Internet is extensive. Estimates place the number of sexually explicit sites on the World Wide Web at 900,000, she said. It has been brought to the senator's attention that youngsters in his district were trading computer diskettes of porn sites they had downloaded at the library, she said.

The Michigan chapter of the ACLU is indeed opposing the legislation, arguing that filtering software is not effective. Such filtering programs often operate based on keywords, blocking access when the software detects obscene language. That means some pornography gets through anyway, while the program blocks access to some legitimate sites.

Warner said the filtering software has been much improved in recent years. She pointed out a new system that has been introduced on the market, called SmartGuardian Internet Access Control System. Library patrons, or their parents, can select from one of five levels of filtering to be done on Internet sites. The patron is issued a card, which is inserted into the computer automatically adjusting the settings to the appropriate level of filtering.

Simply filtering all terminals is not valid solution, Hartzell said.

"Everybody wants to protect the children," she said. "That is everyone's goal. Libraries have always been a safe place for children and families ... but if you use the same computer a child does and its access is limited to the level of safety appropriate for someone under 17, that infringes on your right to full access."

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Style with a smile: That's what Metro Airport plans for its new Midfield Terminal, in rendering above. At right, Metro CSA Linda Franz of Livonia helps passenger Charlie Sasso of Scottsdale, Ariz.

Linda Franz of Livonia is an example of the "new face" of Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

It's the kind of face that an airport director - and a lot of airline passengers - would love, particularly if the former is Metro boss David Katz and the latter is a Kansas family struck by a double tragedy far from home.

It's the humane, compassionate, friendly and helpful - but sometimes wisely unobtrusive - face which Katz has been emphasizing in large part through his Customer Service Agent program, begun about six months after he took over the airport two years ago.

"We're trying to put the customer No. 1," said Katz. "We need to humanize" the constantly growing airport, to make it "safe, friendly, clean and courteous."

"It has to be more than bricks and mortar," he said. "It has to be 'Please' and 'Thank you.' We want it to be friendly, customer-driven, with customer services and amenities for all."

That's what Gerry Barker and her family of Fairway, Kan., found on Jan. 8, while en route to her mother's funeral in northern Michigan.

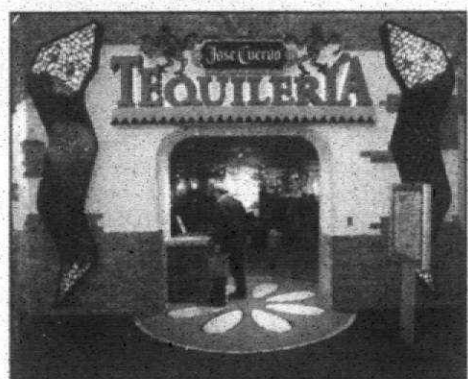


Barker, her husband, their daughter and the daughter's spouse had just arrived at Detroit Metro from Kansas City when Gerry called Burlington, Vt., to check on the birth of their first grandchild - only to tragically learn the boy had died minutes after being born.

"The horror and confusion of those moments were indescribable," Gerry said in her Feb. 6 letter. The family knew they'd have to cancel the drive up north "and try to get to Vermont to be with our son and his wife."

But they quickly discovered that storms from Michigan east had canceled many flights. They needed a travel agent "but couldn't find anyone in the airport that could help us."

That was when the Barkers Please see **FRIENDLIER, A14**



Metro Margaritaville: The new Jose Cuervo Tequileria restaurant and bar at the airport offers a taste of things to come.

Airport promises upscale Michigan Mall

Airport shopping that rivals metropolitan Detroit's most upscale shopping malls - and with competitive "street pricing," too?

Officials of Wayne County's Detroit Metro Airport are making those promises regarding the new Midfield Terminal and its 125,000-square-foot retail/restaurant mall.

They suggested the mall, with its "wide array of unique and upscale retail shopping outlets and restaurants" offering "a distinct Detroit flavor," could even "become a destination itself in 2001" for metro Detroiters.

How well potential mall tenants bring out that "flavor" - specified as the "America's Engine" theme - is a

measure being used to screen applicants.

"We want (passengers and visitors) to know they're in Detroit, to know they're in Wayne County and to know they're in a world-class facility," said an enthused Colleen Pobur, Metro's director of concessions and quality assurance, during a media conference earlier this month about the mall.

"I want to walk through it tomorrow," said an equally excited Michael Conway, the airport's director of external relations.

"You're not alone, brother," Pobur shot back.

Please see **MALL, A14**

Tenant criteria

Choosing tenants for the new Midfield Terminal Airport Mall is to be as top-drawer as the plans for the 125,000-square-foot area.

Metro Airport, beset by allegations it has failed to seek competitive bids on contracts, has sought to assure everyone, including potential tenants, about the selection process for the new mall by naming an

Please see **TENANT, A14**

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OBITUARIES

DONALD R. PETERSON Services for Donald R. Peterson, 67, of Plymouth were held Feb. 15 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Jack Quinlan officiating. He was born Feb. 20, 1932, in La Crosse, Wis., and died Feb. 11 in Livonia. He was a self-employed manufacturer representative. He represented Clairrol, Com-Air, Mr. Coffee, and Water Boss Co. Mr. Peterson was a salesman for the Sunbeam Corp. and King-Seely Thermos Corp. He came to the Plymouth community in 1978 from Westland and was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church. He was also a member of G.I.F.T. (Growing In Faith Together) Bible Study Group. Mr. Peterson was formerly the high school director of religious education at St. Bernadine's in Westland. He was a life-long member of the Plymouth Historical Society and a life member of the Yankee Air Force. He was a member of the Naval Reserves

and the Naval Air Reserves. He was former president of the Michigan Housewares Association and was the founder of the Western Michigan Marketers Association. Survivors include his wife, Barbara of Plymouth; one son, Carl (Szuegter) Peterson of Toledo, Ohio; one daughter, Karen (Lou) Christensen of Canton Township; two brothers, retired Major General Carl D. Peterson of Panama City, Fla., and David Peterson of Beverly Hills, Calif.; one sister, Mary Guzzardo of Irwin, Calif.; and three grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Historical Society or Angela Hospice. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

mouth. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. He was born Jan. 30, 1921, in Detroit and died Feb. 12 in Farmington Hills. He was an office manager for General Motors Corp. He came to the Livonia community in 1959. He moved to Jonesville after living in Livonia for five years. He attended the Presbyterian Church. He served in the armed services during World War II. He was preceded in death by his wife, Josephine; one brother, Douglas; and three sisters, Agnes, Rose and Lillian. Survivors include his son, Gordon W. (Margaret) Knight of Canton; a sister, Ann (Richard) Trapp of Florida; one grandson, Michael Robert Knight of Canton; and one granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann Knight of Canton. Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice.

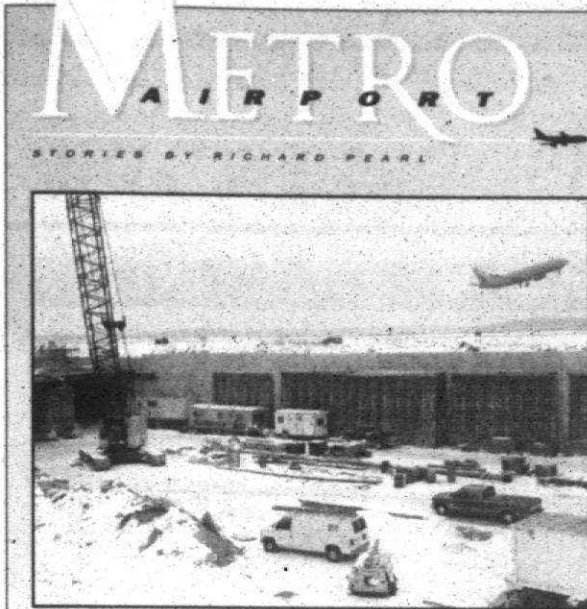
HARRY STONE CALHOUN Services for Harry Stone Calhoun, 85, of Plymouth were held Feb. 14 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Tonya Arnesen officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. He was born April 27, 1914, in Hornbeak, Tenn., and died Feb. 11 in Superior Township. He retired from Burroughs Corp. in 1977. He was a boat builder. One of the boats he built is in the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. The name of his boat company was Calhoun Boat Shop based in Union City, Tenn. Mr. Calhoun also owned a clock repair shop on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. He came to the Plymouth community in 1942 from Union City, Tenn. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. He was a fisherman, gardener and a sports enthusiast. Survivors include his wife, Myrtle P. Calhoun of Plymouth; two sons, Kenneth L. (Linda) Calhoun of Adrian, Mich., and Thomas (Uta) Calhoun of Clarksville, Tenn.; two grand-

ughters, Elizabeth (Paul) Woodard Catholic Church. He loved baseball. He was a semi-professional and also loved horse racing. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth. Survivors include his two sons, William Martin (Jeanette) Commarford of Sterling Heights and Michael (Missy) Commarford of Kentucky; two daughters, Joan E. (Lou) Gerick of Plymouth and Mary Commarford of North Branch, Mich.; and eight grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Capuchins. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. ELIZABETH JANE DECAUSAIN Services for Elizabeth Jane Decausain, 52, of Plymouth were held Feb. 16 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Milford. She was born Oct. 15, 1947, in Detroit. She died Feb. 8 in Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1986 from Detroit. She enjoyed doing crafts, sewing, interior decorating, shopping, antiques, and gatherings with family. She was preceded in death by her husband, James; and father, John H. Survivors include her son, Matthew of Hamtramck; one daughter, Amanda of Plymouth; mother, Jane Dixon of Detroit; and sister, Ethel Dixon of Detroit. Memorials may be made to the Fair Lake Bible Camp, 12500 Prang Street, Jones, MI 49061.

ordinance amendments as follows: Motion carried unanimously. Article 2, is amended as follows: Article 2.00 - General Provisions Section 2.24 - Setbacks from Wetland Areas and Watercourses Subsection "C" is added to establish a requirement for a stormwater protection buffer with a minimum width of 50 feet, measured from the centerline, along any creek, drain, or watercourse. Article 2.05 - Underground Utilities Section 2.25 is added to establish a requirement for all public and private utilities to be placed underground within dedicated easements or rights-of-way and constructed in accordance with Michigan Public Service Commission standards. Section 2.26 - Screening of Roof-Mounted Mechanical Units Section 2.26 is added to require all roof-mounted mechanical equipment to be screened from adjoining properties and the road right-of-way, and the screening must be designed as an integral part of the architecture or compatible with the building design and materials. Article 6, is amended as follows: Article 6.00 - Site Development Standards Applicable to Specific Uses Section 6.03D - Site Development Standards for Residential Uses Cluster Development Criteria Subsection 2a, b, is amended to modify the minimum site size for applicable zoning districts: RE, RR - 40 acres; R-1, R-2, and R-3 - 20 acres. Subsection 3c, d, e is amended to remove the requirement for a buffer from adjacent developments and re-name subsections 3d, e. Subsection 4, Lot Coverage and Building Separation - Lot Area and Setbacks, is amended to add lot coverage and setback requirements for the R-3 District: to add maximum lot area for the RR, RE, R-1, and R-2 Districts, to amend the minimum lot area and minimum lot width for R-1 and R-2; and to amend the notes excepting R-3 from the front yard setback offset requirement and the side-entry garage requirement, and adding in R-3, the condition that the garage portion of the structure shall be recessed from the front portion of the house, and requiring a minimum building separation of 20 feet in R-3, and including the maximum lot sizes to be exceeded in unusual circumstances in RR, RE, R-1, R-2, and R-3 Districts. Article 17, Section 17.02, is amended as follows: Article 17.02 - C-3, Regional Commercial District Section 17.02B - Permitted Uses and Structures Special Land Uses Subsection 12 is amended to remove mini-warehouses as a Special Land Use Article 22, Section 22.02, is amended as follows: Article 22.00 - LI-2, Light Industrial District Section 22.02B - Permitted Uses and Structures Special Land Uses Subsection 10 is amended to remove mini-warehouses as a Special Land Use Article 23, Section 23.02, is amended as follows: Article 23.00 - GI, General Industrial District Section 23.02 - Permitted Uses and Structures Principal Uses and Structures Subsection 14 is added to include Mini-warehouses, subject to the to the provisions in Section 6.02, subsection M. NOTE: This Amendment to the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance (99-1) becomes effective upon publication of this Summary within the Minutes of the February 8, 2000 Board Meeting in the Canton Observer on February 17, 2000. A complete copy of this Amendment is available for public inspection in the Canton Township Planning Services Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 during regular business hours. Motion by Kirchgatter, to award the engineering design and construction follow up services to Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc. for \$69,562.75 plus a 10% contingency for a total of \$76,520.00. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Sheffery, to waive the formal bidding and authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$7,400.00 for the purchase and installation of a water main line stop by Free Flow Tapping & Inserting Company, Inc. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Sheffery, to approve the purchase of 67 Dell brand computers on the State Contract for a cost not to exceed \$39,000. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the re-class of the communications Specialist positions from a SA to a GA, and further that each affected person is given an increase in pay equal to 5% per grade. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdziak, the purchase of a Bullard Thermal Imager Camera, including case, batteries, wireless remote package and temp probe from Westshore Fire Int. Allendale, MI for a cost not to exceed \$18,500. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to purchase of three 2000 Ford Expeditions from Signature Ford, Perry, MI for a total cost of \$85,155.00 through the Macomb County Cooperative Purchasing Program. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the purchase of a 2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo for Public Safety Administration from Suetkamp Jeep/Eagle, Redford, MI using the State of Michigan bid, not to exceed \$27,290. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to approve a resolution for the project agreement with DNR for Summit Expansion Grant. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Kirchgatter, to award bid for purchase of one (1) Toro Greens Aerator #90120 in the amount of \$9,400, which includes a trade-in allowance of \$322 from Spartan Distributors, Inc. the low qualified bidder, for Fellows Creek Golf Club. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Kirchgatter, to amend the Golf Course Fund budget to re-appropriate unspent 1999 funds for this purchase, as follows: Motion carried unanimously. Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #211-000-699-0000 \$10,000.00 Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Equipment #211-697-977-0000 \$10,000.00 OTHER Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to authorize payment of bills after review for February 22, 2000. Motion carried unanimously. ADJOURN Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin, to adjourn at 9:53 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on Jan 25, 2000. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on Feb. 8, 2000.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Published February 15, 2000



Work in progress: A jet lifts off near a below-grade portion of access road at the new Midfield Terminal. Planes will taxi across the bridge at left.

Improved conditions for airport mechanics

Even the mechanics can't wait for the new Midfield Terminal at Metro Airport to open. That won't be until December 2001, the 74-gate Northwest Airlines concourse, now under construction just south of existing passenger facilities, will mean better working conditions for mechanics besides providing better service for passengers, they say. For one thing, says Dan Kafkas of Westland, a plant maintenance mechanic for Northwest since 1991, "Each gate will have portable heating and air conditioning equipment" instead of the mobile units now being moved from gate to gate. Not only will the permanent power units help save wear and tear on the jets' on-board generators used to heat or cool parked aircraft, but "They'll be quieter, too - less noise for passengers and us," he says. But the increase in total gates will mean "better connections for Northwest passengers," Kafkas notes. Now, he says, if there's a problem with a jet bridge to a plane, the gate must be shut down, sending passengers to already busy gates. "Like trying to put 10 apples in a bag that holds five," says Kafkas.

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Family restrooms, including baby-changing facilities for those with young children, plus more accessible unisex restrooms for the handicapped. Laptop Lane Inc., with its offices for rent and fast T-1 Internet access, plus the new Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce conference facility. Six new Concourse A gates (Southwest and Spirit airlines). Widened, modernized security checkpoints for faster screening and less congestion. The prototype Jose Cervo Mexican restaurant - the first of its kind in the nation - plus other new Metro dining spots. Outside, improvements include 700 new on-site parking spaces, credit-card-express parking exits and tripled curf-front access to Northwest flights at the Davey. Expanded curf-front check-in at the Smith is next. And the new Midfield Terminal? With its graceful, eye-catching architecture, its 125,000-square-foot shopping/dining mall,



Concrete and steel: The new Midfield Terminal rises near Metro's control tower (far right) as road-building continues.

its mile-wide A and B concourses with domestic and international gates served by an underground tram, its 11,500-space parking deck, southern access road and possible hotel, it's expected to top off Metro's turnaround.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS FEBRUARY 8, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 8, 2000 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sheffery, Yack. Members Absent: None. Staff Present: Director Machalik, Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro Chief Rorabacher.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Supervisor Yack moved item 3, Consider Commendation to Sidewalk Committee, Acceptance of Missing Sidewalk Section List, and Identification of Funds for the Next Budget to item 1, Item 1, Public Notification of Proposed Canton Post Office Parking Lot Expansion to item 3. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdziak, to adopt the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Canton of January 25, 2000. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Kirchgatter, to move Consent item 3, Consider Referring Canton Charter Academy Special Land Use Back to the Planning Commission onto the General calendar as item 2. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name and Amount. Includes items like General Fund, Fire Fund, Police Fund, etc.

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open on the approval of the Lease Services Master Plan. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to close the public hearing and adopt a resolution on the approval of the Lease Services Master Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Kirchgatter, to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the Ingress/Egress Easement granting St. Joseph Mercy Medical Center access to Veterans Drive. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Kirchgatter, to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the Release of Easement for the ProCool water main easement recorded as Liber 26446, Page 803-805. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the Fund Balance to re-appropriate 1999 funds for the purchase of capital equipment scheduled in 1999: Motion carried unanimously. Increase Revenues: Fund Balance Appropriation #206-000-699-0000 \$10,425.00 Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Equipment #206-336-977-0000 \$10,425.00 This budget amendment increases the FY 2000 Fire Fund budget from \$5,828,598 to \$5,839,378. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Kirchgatter, to reappoint Ralph Shufeldt, Catherine Foegle, Melissa McLaughlin, Hazen Hiller, and Greg Greene to the Canton Downtown Development Authority, for a term of four years to expire January 28, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Kirchgatter, to increase purchase order #17359 to pay John's Sanitation and additional \$1,786 for 1999 rentals of Porta Johna. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Kirchgatter, approve a budget amendment in the General Fund to transfer \$3,000 from the Communications Services Division capital outlay account #101-240-977-0000 to the MIS Department capital outlay account #101-255-977-0000. This budget amendment decreases the Communications Division budget from \$218,837 to \$215,837, and increases the MIS department budget from \$771,748 to \$774,748. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to increase additional funding for the FY 2000 Governmental Services, Inc. contract expenses: Motion carried unanimously. Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$7,000.00 Increase Appropriations: Professional and Consulting Services #101-200-803-0000 \$7,000.00 This budget amendment increases the General Government Department budget from \$732,973 to \$739,973, and the General Fund budget from \$17,634,920 to \$17,641,920. GENERAL CALENDAR Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin, to accept the prioritized "Listing of Missing Sidewalk Sections". Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin, to direct that funds be budgeted in the 2001 budget to design and construct missing sidewalk sections. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Kirchgatter, to commend the Sidewalk Committee for their hard work and efforts toward generating and prioritizing the "Listing of Missing Sidewalk Sections". Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to refer Canton Charter Academy's request for special land use approval back to the Planning Commission at the earliest opportunity. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdziak, that the comments of the U.S. Postal Service be recorded into the minutes of the February 8, 2000 Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin, to consider preliminary site plan and offer a resolution for Cherry Hill Village Site Conditions, Phase 1 (part of the Cherry Hill Village PDD). Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the proposed zoning

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID The Charter Township of Canton will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk, first floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, until Thursday, March 9, 2000, 10:00 A.M. for the following project: NEW VOICE SYSTEMS FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP All bidders are required to attend a bid meeting at the Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan on Tuesday, February 24, 2000 at 10:00 A.M. for a project walk through. Questions about the project and requests for complete bid packets may be directed to Cinnabar Telecommunications, 4431 Southmoor Lane, West Bloomfield, Michigan 48323-3134, (248)-737-9437. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address, telephone number, and date and time of bid opening. The bidder must provide three copies of the bid. Late bids will not be accepted. Canton Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Canton Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. March 2, 2000, at the Office of the Clerk, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan for the following: Housing Rehabilitation: One single-family detached home A bond is required for any individual bid of \$25,000 or more. Questions may be directed to Resource Development Division, (734) 397-5392. This program is funded by CDBG, Department of HUD. Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF ELECTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Presidential Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2000 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the following polling locations: Precinct No. Name of Baptist Church Address 1 & 23 First Baptist Church 44500 Cherry Hill Rd. 2 Human Services Center 44237 Michigan Avenue 3, 10, 21 St. John Neumann Church 44800 Warren Road 4 & 13 Miller Elementary School 43721 Hanford Road 5 & 18 Field Elementary School 1000 S. Haggerty Road 6 Royal Holiday Clubhouse 39500 Warren Road 7 Plymouth Salem High School 46181 Joy Road 8 Resurrection Catholic Church 48756 Warren Road 9 Erikson Elementary School 1275 N. Haggerty Road 10 Tonda Elementary School 46501 Warren Road 11 & 14 Hulsing Elementary School 8055 Fleet Street 15 Walker Elementary School 39932 Michigan Avenue 16 & 17 Bentley Elementary School 1100 S. Sheldon 20 & 26 Canton Administration Bldg 1150 S. Canton Center 22 Hoben Elementary School 44680 Salts Road 24 & 25 Plymouth Canton High School 8415 N. Canton Center 27 Summit on the Park 46000 Summit Parkway 28 Agape Christian School 45081 Geddes 29 Erikson School 1275 N. Haggerty 30 Mettetal Airport 8560 Lilley Road The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 19, 2000 for absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot. On Monday, February 21, 2000 qualified absentee voters shall receive their ballots and must complete them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots ONLY will be issued on Election Day February 22, 2000. All absentee ballots returned in person must be returned to the Clerk's office by 4:00 P.M. on February 21, 2000. Handicapped Voters with an inaccessible polling place (that being Precinct 6, Royal Holiday Clubhouse, 39500 W. Warren Rd.) are eligible to vote without notice at the Clerk's Office until the close of voting at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. If you are unsure of your voting location, please refer to your voter registration card or contact the Clerk's office at 397-5435. TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Don't overlook smoke detector

Smoke detectors are like seatbelts. Everybody acknowledges they save lives and prevent serious injury, yet some people can't be bothered with them.

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That's what relatives and friends of William Ramone Hope must be thinking. Hope, 66, died recently from smoke inhalation in a fire at his home in the Royal Holiday Estates mobile home park.

Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher says most residential fires double in size every few minutes, leaving only a minute or two at best to act.

Depending on their home's size, residents should install two to four smoke detectors. Rorabacher recommends placing them near bedrooms and common areas, such as the living or dining room.

A detector shouldn't be placed by the kitchen, he added.

At \$12-\$15 for a good quality smoke detector, we're talking the price of dinner and a movie in exchange for protecting you and your loved ones.

MEAP approach is good start

It's certainly a step in the right direction. Last month, a group of third through fifth-grade Wayne-Westland teachers gathered at P.D. Graham Elementary.

The Wayne-Westland district includes southeast Canton Township.

This was the third such workshop in Wayne-Westland, and the teachers who showed up volunteered their time.

Marla Murphy, a consultant and former Wayne-Westland teacher.

We agree with Swift's assessment. This newspaper regularly reports MEAP scores, and many of those scores have been disappointing.

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Control issue won't disappear

When legislators drafted HB 4777 in June 1999, they opened a Pandora's box filled with home rule issues that by all appearances will continue to plague both state legislators and local officials.

But word has it that the controversial House Bill 4777 has been sentenced to death in the Committee on Employment Relations, Training and Safety.

Its death, however, will not bring an end to the battle between the state and municipalities.

Yet another bill - affectionately known as the "son of House Bill 4777" - is waiting in the wings and will deal with specific state rule versus home rule issues, including minimum and living wages and the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

The Michigan Municipal League, which represents local municipalities, has offered its own response to the state Legislature. It seeks - with the backing of Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer - a petition drive to place the home rule issue on the November ballot.

Leaders of the petition effort, dubbed Let Local Votes Count, say they believe local government has the right to make its own laws and ordinances rather than apply statewide legislation enacted without regard for local needs or resources.

A Pandora's box, indeed, has been opened. Let Local Votes Count is nothing more than an angry reaction to the state's initiatives. What it calls for is vague and far too open to interpretation and dispute. It will solve nothing.

ing and its requirement that the state Legislature have a two-thirds majority will only serve to put a stranglehold on legislation that could be beneficial to communities.

The MML's petition attempt is a broad brush response that will create ineffective government and may, should voters get it on the ballot and approve it in November, create serious roadblocks for important legislation.

As interpreted, HB 4777 irked plenty of local officials who saw the legislation as a vehicle to draw and quarter home rule. Yet legislators continued to defend the bill as a means of ensuring state's rights, not of detracting from local government's ability to govern its own municipalities.

State legislators, indeed, took a beating from local officials over the bill. And rightly so. The issues that prompted HB 4777, such as a smoking ban passed by elected officials in Marquette and living wage proposals in Detroit and Ypsilanti, were specific issues and concerns that should have been addressed as such. Instead they formed the bottom of what could have been a legislative endless pit targeting local government.

We are, however, cautiously optimistic that the offspring of HB 4777 may help reduce the rubble, simply because it may - and we hope judiciously - address what sparked HB 4777. True representative and well-thought-out government must be more than a reaction to individual issues. Both the state Legislature and local municipalities would do well to recognize the need to work together for constituents and the future of the state.

One-upmanship has no place in governance.



LETTERS

Opinions are to be shared: We welcome your ideas, that's why we offer this space for your opinions. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity we ask that you provide a contact telephone number and if mailing or faxing a letter, please sign it.

Unnecessary chase

On Jan. 20 about 9 p.m. we were driving eastbound on Ann Arbor Road from Sheldon Road when it all began. We saw police cars coming westbound on Ann Arbor Road with flashers and sirens going.

My wife continued eastbound in the right-hand lane when we heard all the sirens again and saw them approaching at high speed heading east on Ann Arbor Road.

As they passed us our minivan actually swayed from the draft. At this point we were near the CSX underpass. There were at least six to eight police vehicles and one fire ambulance at the scene.

After reading the Sunday Plymouth Observer I couldn't believe that such an elaborate police chase occurred for such a minor reason. I'm sure the officer where the incident occurred had this young man's license plate number.

Do we not know that intolerance breeds intolerance? Are we not aware that all students deserve, have the right, to express themselves? Teachers, you are bound to protect all students.

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

This prejudice is here because we allow it, tolerate it (and if Mr. Walcott had stayed on) endorsed it. To ignore that kind of behavior is to endorse it.

Stand up for the rights of children, all children, it is your job, no, your duty to encourage diversity. You don't have to teach anything but tolerance.

Handicapped parking

Recently read that Rep. Laura Toy (R-Livonia) has introduced a bill (HB 4995) making the blocking of wheelchair ramps a civil infraction similar to that for illegally using handicapped parking spaces.

Those "few minutes" can be very long, especially for the person in a wheelchair during winter weather who has to find another way around or out. And disabled drivers are forced to park far away and wait around for a space to open up.

Yes, there are no doubt people who cheat on the use of handicapped parking tags. But the majority who have them need them.

Please, think beyond yourself the next time you consider blocking a ramp or taking up a handicapped space "just for a few minutes."

Today's leaders meet tomorrow's on nostalgic tour

I went back to high school Friday morning. And like Marty McFly, Michael J. Fox's character in the "Back to the Future" movies, it was just one culture shock after another.

The occasion was Education and Learning Day for two area groups, Leadership Canton and Leadership Plymouth. It was the first time the two organizations held a joint program.

First, some selected highlights from our tour of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, led by Salem High School junior Ryan Haydon. When I graduated from Oak Park High School in 1977, long hairstyles meant you couldn't tell the guys from the girls.

Today, you get ticketed by police if you're caught lighting up inside the building.

The class of 2000 has so many cliques that kids often move easily between jock, techie and the arts crowd. Haydon, for example, is on the basketball team and a member of the National Honor Society.

Apparently spend so much time working on their makeup and wardrobe, it would be heretical to dilute it by associating with others.

The other good news is that academic opportunities have changed for the better and the kids, I think, are smarter for it. Oh, I know the back-to-basics crowd will quibble with this.

In our tour group were a couple of Salem grads. Brenda Dani, class of '88 and attending Leadership Plymouth as an employee of Schoolcraft College, quietly remembered her days on the P-CEP campus.

At the other end of the spectrum was Plymouth Township resident Jim Schultz, class of '80. Schultz, who works in the family business, Sealant Equipment & Engineering in the



Tedd Schneider

township, was out to prove that, yes, you can go home again. Irrepressible in his joy as he bounced from Salem to Canton and from hallway to hallway.

"This is where the jocks used to hang out," Schultz told us as we tramped through the second-floor commons at Salem.

Canton chambers of commerce, respectively. The 26 members in this year's Canton class and 14 in the Plymouth group meet one day each month to study an aspect of the community.

Education and Learning Day seemed a natural for the first joint effort. The subject is certainly one that involves the entire Plymouth-Canton community and as the day moved on there was an easy-going interaction between members of the two groups.

Then our Leadership participants lunched with representatives from area private schools.

The leadership groups are sponsored yearly by the Plymouth and

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Take responsibility

I wanted to throw up when I read Thursday's front-page article on honor students ("Honor students suspended for alcohol use," Feb. 10).

A parent was blaming everyone and everything but his son for a drinking teenager's actions. "I believe the supervision was lax, there was no curfew, and the kids weren't specifically told of the consequences..."

Set some standards for proper behavior and then expect your child to assume responsibility for his actions.

This absence of conscience and sense of responsibility is destroying our culture. This is a rampant, destructive problem.

Linda Martin Plymouth

Airport no blessing

What a wonderful article on Mettetal Airport! (Observer, Jan. 30) Wonderful for whom? While there are some who are happy with the outcome of the purchase of Mettetal Airport by the State of Michigan, I'm sure the residents of northeastern

Canton are anything but pleased. I have lived near Hanford and Lilley for 25 years and had no objection to the state purchasing Mettetal Airport; as it was here before I was and I had no problem with the planes.

After the last six years, however, I wish it (the airport) had gone away. The amount of air traffic coming over my house is becoming intolerable.

Fly-In pancake breakfasts may be

fun for those flying in and out, but is not for those of us who have to listen to planes landing or taking off over our houses every one-two minutes, hour after hour, after hour, after hour.

Now, there are plans for adding additional hangars; which, of course, means more takeoffs and landings. How much more?

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Mary Jane Schoeneman Canton

McCain spices up primary

Politics is not a cerebral exercise. Its language is emotion. Its closest relative is theater. Its rare but electric defining moment is when a candidate connects with voter gut.

Over the years, I've seen a lot of elections in Michigan and only a few electric moments. One was in October 1960, when I was part of the enraptured crowd on the University of Michigan campus that heard Sen. John F. Kennedy talk about a visionary idea that eventually would become the Peace Corps.

And now Sen. John McCain might be doing the same thing in the Michigan Republican primary next Tuesday. Polls published over the weekend suggested McCain was running overall nearly 10 points ahead of Texas Gov. George W. Bush, an astonishing surge considering that McCain was 34 points down in Michigan two weeks ago before his upset win in the New Hampshire primary.

What is striking about McCain's appeal is that it spreads across the political spectrum. Running against the entire Michigan GOP establishment, McCain trails Bush among Republicans, 44 percent to 33 percent with 23 percent undecided, and he obliterates Bush by more than two-to-one among independents.

And independents are famously active and influential in Michigan politics. Robert Teeter, the Ann Arbor resident who is one of the country's most respected Republican pollsters, was quoted over the weekend in The Detroit News. "If you had asked me any time up to two months ago, I would have said almost none of those people (independents) would vote."

My older son, Scott, a 28-year-old medical student at the University of Michigan, put it this way: "I don't see what it is in Bush's personality or record that qualifies him to be President, other than that he is his father's son."

And McCain is certainly an attractive personality, a certified war hero with the guts to challenge his own party's orthodox support for the tobacco industry and equally orthodox opposition to campaign finance reform.



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Moreover, the Arizona Senator has found a medium perfectly attuned to his message in the "Straight Talk Express," the campaign bus on which he holds what sounds like nonstop, face-to-face conversations with reporters.

It's exactly this sense of a genuine person, comfortable in their own skin and therefore able to be straight with the voters that accounts for McCain's extraordinary emotional appeal.

Hijacked by big corporations and unions that exploit the loopholes in campaign finance laws hijacked by special interests - from the trial lawyers to lobbyists to the anti-abortion people and ideologues who impose single-issue litmus tests on everything.

Who knows how well John McCain will do next Tuesday. But his candidacy seems perfectly crafted for our times.

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COMMUNITY VOICE QUESTION: How do you feel about dropping "Plymouth" from the name of your school when the third high school is built? Christina Stevens, Canton resident, Salem student. "I don't see why they have to do that. Why mess with tradition?" Billy Gaszi, Canton resident, Canton student. "Keep the name, 'Plymouth' it sounds good." Jim Horton, Canton resident, Canton student. "Plymouth" is part of the tradition. It's part of the pride of the school. Jespersen, Plymouth resident, Salem student.

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METRO AIRPORT

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independent panel and a corporate attorney to oversee the process.

"While we want to share the excitement about what's coming," said David Katz, Wayne County director of airports, "we also want to make certain the media and general public understand the stringent criteria and integrity-based selection process that will be used to select the winners."

The four panel members are Vernice Anthony, senior vice president of community health at St. John Health System; William C. Brooks, board chairman of United American Health Care Corp.; Douglas A. Fraser, former United Auto Workers international president; and retired Air Force Major Gen. Lucius Theus, former Tuskegee Airman and the first African American combat officer to be promoted to general.

The attorney is Leon S. Cohan, retired Detroit Edison general counsel and nationally known ethicist who served 10 years as chairman of the Michigan State Board of Ethics.

Cohan is reviewing and monitoring a selection committee's screening of the 66 proposals while the panel is evaluating and assuring the integrity of the process.

"This is an innovative retail program that will make Metro's airport mall the envy of the nation," said Colleen Pobur, the airport's director of concessions. "We want to make clear that this selection process has been open, fair and competitive."

"It's a very above-board process," she said. "There are no secrets to this."

In March, her committee is to present its recommendations to the Wayne County board of commissioners for final approval.

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To indicate the quality-level envisioned, Pobur stated that, of roughly 800 solicitations mailed to prospective merchants and restaurateurs, only 66 proposals were received (some joint applications were received).

"Why so few?" she asked rhetorically. "Because we set the bar high," she answered, adding that the proposals were "incredibly strong."

The quality of presentations being reviewed by her evaluation committee are "amazing, wonderful beyond our wildest dreams," she said.

In the evaluation process, the heaviest weight - 30 percent - is being given to the county's anticipated financial return: The airport, as mall landlord, expects first-year revenue to be "over \$100 million," Pobur said.

"It's around \$30 million now," with the airport getting 13 to 16 percent, according to David Katz, airport director.

Conway noted the airport's income is mainly from airline landing fees, plus concessions, rent and parking - it gets no general-fund tax dollars. Metro is a "hub" airport because the other dollars allow it to keep landing fees "reasonable," he said.

The Pobur committee's recommendations go in March to the Wayne County Commission for its approval.

The 2-million-square-foot Midfield Terminal, under construction just south of the L.C. Smith Terminal, is to open by December 2001.

Its mall will connect Midfield's multi-level passenger entrance, ticketing and luggage area to the mile-

wide, 74-gate boarding area. The mall will have 41 specialty retail stores and 39 restaurants, all Detroit-themed.

The largest retail outlet will be a "world class" 6,200-square-foot duty-free store, Pobur said, but there also will be upscale stores carrying high-fashion designs, gifts and golf items.

Emphasis local

The mall will emphasize local food specialties and gift shops featuring locally made items and apparel.

Michigan wines and microbrews plus museum and gift shops showcasing local artisans will be featured, along with restaurants representing the area's multi-cultural population.

Also planned are an American-style diner with carry-out, an aromatherapy shop and a fresh-flower shop.

To assure competitiveness with other metro-area outlets, officials require that businesses awarded concessions "agree to implement 'street pricing' based on proprietors' surveys of local-area charges for similar services and products."

"The airport price must be comparable to prices offered at off-airport locations," officials emphasized.

Furthermore, "to maintain and encourage good customer service," the airport will use "secret shoppers" and a quality-rating system to monitor offerings.

"Exceptional customer service" will be rewarded, with "penalties for consistently" falling below standards, officials added.

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encountered Linda Franz at the airport's new information kiosk, near the Marriott Hotel lobby.

"Despite the fact that (Franz) did not know what had just happened to us" and also couldn't access the flight information they needed, "she must have intuitively sensed our pain and confusion," Barker wrote.

"As we stood in the middle of the terminal and made several telephone calls, she continued to check on us over the next hour and a half, asking us if she could help or get us something to drink," Barker related.

As Franz became aware of their plight, "she acted as an advocate for us as we were trying to book flights."

"Linda was exceedingly sensitive and kind," said Barker. "She was not at all intrusive. She acted professionally and yet we felt she was helping us by sharing in our pain when we felt so alone and helpless."

"I know that the Detroit airport has received a lot of negative press in the recent past, but I hope this letter will acknowledge how the positive and caring attitude of your service agents can make a significant difference in the lives of others," Barker concluded.

Franz, wife and mother of four who just likes "to be around people," said her 20-hour-a-week job as one of about two dozen folks of all ages wearing the green Metro CSA vest "is great fun if you like people-ation" - being around people and talking with them.

If someone has problems, she said, "you go all-out to try to help them."

2-way radios

All CSAs have two-way radios, "so we're in constant contact with each other," she said. "You can get an answer instead of telling a person 'I don't know.'"

Since she began the job about a year ago, she said, she and her fellow CSAs have helped stranded travelers find hotel rooms - or try to make them comfortable if nothing's available.

"We did a lot of pillows and blankets" when the January 1999 blizzard hit, she recalled.

Franz also remembered how, together with the Airport Operations Department, CSAs helped a diabetic man stranded by a snow-storm. He'd packed his needles away, but airport personnel helped him get new ones by first finding a 24-hour drugstore and then driving through the storm to it.

Metro officials said it's CSAs and other employees like Franz - as well as Metro's huge \$2-billion expansion program that is doing millions in facility upgrades plus building the new \$1.2-billion Midfield Terminal - that are giving the airport a friendlier look.

As Katz put it recently, "We don't want to be in the cellar anymore."

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SHIRLEY WELCH

Marriage is a balance of give, take moments

As the Observer Newspapers conducts its yearly solicitation for stories of happy and lasting marriages I would like to offer an account of what made my 34-year marriage successful and special.

The narrative begins with an incident three months before my husband's death. As we were riding along Schoolcraft I looked at him and remarked that I was so proud of what he had achieved in life and how I wanted to thank him for letting me be part of what he had accomplished and how much I felt we had grown in so many ways throughout our time together. His answer was that nothing he had done or succeeded in could have taken place without me at his side.

That small, spontaneous exchange was a thrilling moment to long be remembered, and one I had no idea would be impossible to have affirmed to him in only a few months, as he died of a heart attack soon afterwards.

The ideal foundation of a strong and happy marriage consists of love, trust and sharing. It is a 100 percent idea of giving of yourself in every way. It is a complete commitment of thinking of your spouse first. It is this firm and complete surrender of yourself to each other that makes you both winners in this special relationship.

When you try to understand the other person's situation in a problem, whether right or wrong, and when you communicate with each other openly and honestly, you both win, and many conflicts are avoided because the honesty and trust prevails, and thus any problem can be addressed and dealt with successfully.

For example, when a bank error I made resulted in bounced checks cascading through the mail, my husband's reaction was to quickly look for the error and remark that with the hectic job of running a household of four children it was a wonder this didn't happen more often.

After a disastrous pregnancy and extreme postpartum blues that resulted in wicked mood swings, his reaction was to ask a pharmacist if there was anything that might help restore me to a sensible and reasonable attitude.

Acknowledging a problem and trying to solve it together makes for tranquility in a relationship.

Sharing each other's likes and dislikes sometimes finds you liking something new. Only to please me did we use tickets to a concert at the old Ford Auditorium. The result was that my husband, who only went because I wanted to, enjoyed the production immensely, even more than me, I think.

Each new encounter was an adventure. Even when we were contemplating a new restaurant in a distant city, anticipating bad service due to crowds and high prices, the thought was, "Let's do it, and then we'll have something to talk about."

Life was a daily job to be endured or enjoyed. That is what a good marriage is or should be.

A serious commitment that considers the other person first results in a boomerang effect that by each doing for the other, the needs and wants of the other (or both really) are met. By doing something the other desires, your avenue of enjoyment and experience is expanded, and your social endowment is broadened. You grow together.

Striving to live each day to the fullest with and through each other only furthers the betterment of your marriage and society in general. As you give and love each other that mushrooms to all around you — your children, your neighbors and your co-workers. Nothing is lost by considering the other first because you yourself become a recipient if it truly is a loving and caring marriage.

It's like bouncing a ball against a wall. What goes out comes right back to you.

Shirley A. Welch is a Livonia resident and occasional columnist. Patrick Welch was a Ford Motor Co. lawyer who died in 1989.

Young Life going strong



Unified: From left to right are five of seven Young Life adult volunteers as they put on a skit for the group: Vaughn Lamer, Lisa Winebrenner, Erin Meyer, Mark and Kristen VanAndel.

Mark Van Andel is content just as long as he's reaching one teen at a time.

As area director of Young Life, he's touching the lives of individuals who are heading toward adulthood and giving answers to their questions and concerns. With Plymouth/Canton Young Life still less than one year old, he's living and working around high school students who are just being introduced to the club and its benefits.

Now that the club is 60 members strong in Plymouth and Canton, he's happy with the progress and ready to see the group grow in the coming year.

A 'Lifer'

"I was involved in Young Life as a high school student," said Van Andel. "From there I was a volunteer leader in college."

By the time he was working as a full-time staff member in Grand Rapids, his wife decided to attend graduate school at the University of Michigan. When the couple moved to Plymouth six months ago, Van Andel accepted the position of area director.

While his job is based in Farmington Hills, his duties include coordinating volunteer activities for Young Life in the Wayne County area and reaching out to the youth in the area — a perfect match for someone who always wanted to work with kids.

"I really enjoy being with high school kids," said Van Andel. "They have a lot of energy. They have not become jaded or skeptical; they're still hopeful about life."

It's that glimmer of hope in the eyes of youth that motivates him in his work.

"I think the best way for kids to be able to make it through life is to have a relationship with God."

To create and foster that link, he goes where the kids are, whether that means basketball games at the high school, coffee shops or places where they work.

"My job is to reach out and bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the kids," he added. "The challenge of doing it here in Plymouth/Canton, where it's new, is trying to convince people we're not a cult."

Young Life is a nationwide, non-denominational organization that reaches out to youth by spreading the message of Jesus Christ. Van Andel's wife, Kristen, works alongside other adult volunteer leaders in the area including Vaughn Lamer, Lisa Winebrenner, Erin Meyer and Briana Horlings.

Kathy McGlone, co-chair of the Ply-

mouth/Canton Committee, said Mark and Kristen have "really made a big difference. They are really gifted in building relationships with teenagers."

McGlone, like other parents involved in Young Life, works behind the scenes.

"We raise money so Young Life can go on," she said.

She is one of a group of individuals who has been working since 1996 to start the Young Life ministry in the Plymouth/Canton area.

Ryan Cosens, a junior at Plymouth Salem High School, is another reason that the ministry exists today. About three years ago he joined Young Life and had to go to the Novi and Northville communities to participate. Now he's part of a group of teenagers in Plymouth and Canton who are an active part of Young Life.

"It's a lot of fun," he said. "You get to hang out with your friends. You can be yourself."

Young Life isn't the same as a church-related youth group. Van Andel, and those who work with him, meet the students where they are and provide support and understanding when they need it. The message at Young Life is "we accept you for who you are." Some of the common concerns Van Andel hears involve feelings of alienation, separation and a lack of

close relationships with others.

Growing up

"It's harder than ever before to be a high school student," said Van Andel. "The age of adolescence is getting younger and younger. Life decisions can have a lasting impact, and kids are forced to make decisions earlier and earlier. Across the board, it's harder and harder being a kid."

To make life a little easier, Young Life offers Club, a night once a week when teens meet in an informal atmosphere, such as a student's home, to play games, socialize and share a message. Another weekly event — called a campaigner — is similar to a small group Bible study where members discuss issues that concern youth and what the Bible has to say about them. Young Life members are free to participate when they want to; there is no pressure to join in.

In basic terms, McGlone said Young Life "offers a place for kids to hang out, have fun with their friends and learn about Jesus and the role he can play in their life."

Young Life also offers a number of social events and outings, such as video scavenger hunts and trips to summer camp that include activities like parasailing, tubing and horseback riding. In June 2000 Young Life will take 30 students on a trip to North Carolina.

Cosens has gone to Young Life's week-long camp three summers in a row. He's traveled to Minnesota and Virginia for summer camp and participated in activities like rock climbing and mountain biking. It's not exactly a traditional camp experience.

He said he would encourage other



Laugh it up: Craig McKey, a junior at Plymouth Salem High School, is clearly amused by the skits.



Strumming: Playing "Lean on Me" on guitar (right) is Jon McGlone, a junior at Plymouth Salem. Mark Van Andel and Lisa Winebrenner join in on vocals and accompanying guitar.

Club reaches teen audience through friendship, support

STORY BY
STEPHANIE CASOLA

PHOTOS BY
SHARON LEMIEUX



Bonding: Young Life members make a human chain during a game where the point is not to find a winner but rather to get everyone laughing.

kids to get involved. "Give it a chance," added Cosens. "Once you get used to your surroundings, you'll have a blast."

That's the kind of positive attitude that would make Mark Van Andel smile. He said his goal is to provide a place for young people "where God is honored and they have healthy relationships with one another." While the focus is on high school students, 14 to 18 years old, he anticipates that Young Life will eventually expand to include middle school groups.

Spreading the word

McGlone said she hopes to "spread the word and get more kids involved" in the future. "I look forward to Young Life being a diverse group, a mix of all cultures, all races, all kinds of kids."

Van Andel said as it continues to grow, Young Life is seeking additional adult volunteers. They are looking for individuals "who have a heart for high school kids and who love God."

If you would like to become an adult volunteer leader or need additional information about Young Life, please call (248) 477-5001 or e-mail PlycanYL@aol.com

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian celebrates 28 years of theater

▲ Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church presents "The Pajama Game" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday Feb. 25-26, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the church's Fellowship Hall, 9601 Hubbard in Livonia. Tickets \$6 adults, \$3 for students through grade 12. Call (734) 422-0494 to reserve tickets or for more information.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER
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When Martha Kuykendall agreed to direct a production of "The Sound of Music" 28 years ago for

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia, she didn't think it would become an annual event. Gearing up for this year's musical, "The Pajama Game," she looks back with fondness.

"The first year we did it, the choir director said to me 'Why don't we do a Broadway musical?'" It turned out to be so much fun, the tradition has sustained almost three decades. The preparations begin each January with auditions that are open to the entire congregation — regardless of acting or singing experience. By the end of February, the show is ready to open before a crowd of 200 at the church's Fellowship Hall.

Kuykendall said she tends to choose productions with a larger cast, and a large choir, so as many people who want to participate can find their niche and be part of the experience.

"Right now, we're at the panic stage," she said, laughing. "I feel like the mother of a large bunch of children."

This is the second time Kuykendall has directed "The Pajama Game." She first premiered Rosedale Gardens rendition of the George Abbott play in 1983. The story itself is based on the Richard Bis-

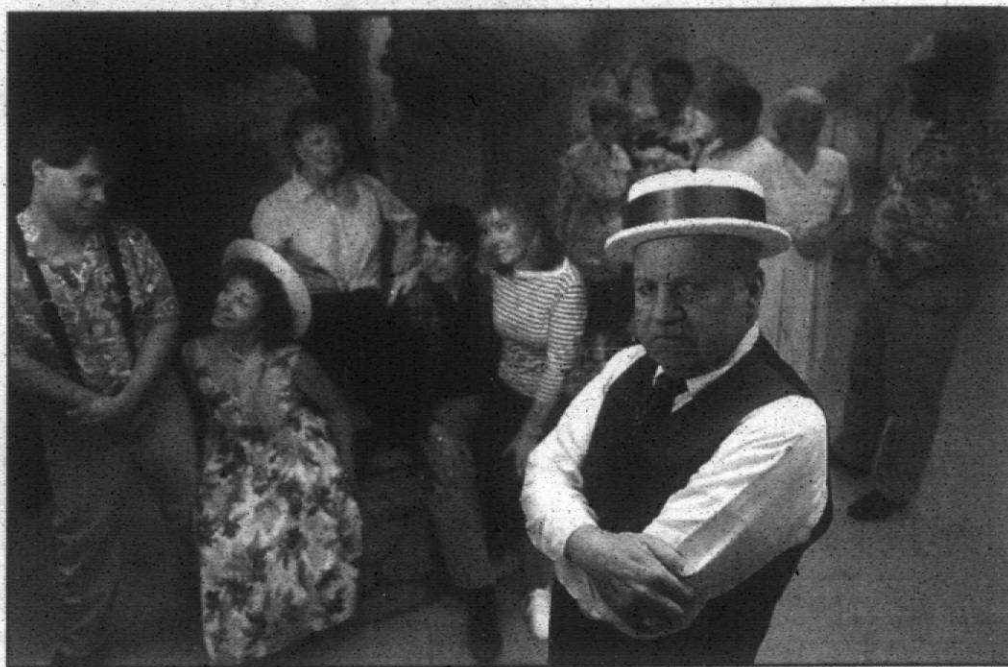
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NEW VOICES

Patricia and William Holcomb III of Livonia announce the birth of their son William Lyman Holcomb IV, May 10, 1999 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. William joins sister Amy, 6. Grandparents are Betty Wesley of Detroit and Marion and William Holcomb II of Marion, Mich. Kevin and Jill Quinlan of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, Claire Irene, Jan. 15 at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Jack and Kay Quinlan of Marysville, Mich. and Bob and Sandy Grochowicz of Essexville, Mich. Great-grandparents are Jack and Ronnie Quinlan of Marysville, Mich. and Casmer and Irene Kryszak of Essexville, Mich. Bryon and Shelly Morell of Westland announce the birth of their daughter Madison Marie Feb. 3. Grandparents are Bill and Carol Mancini of Livonia and Jim and Dorothy Morell of Novi. Scott and Dena Williams of Garden City announce the birth of their son, Mathieu Steven, Jan. 23 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Paul and Marion Wint of Garden City and Ed and Lynne Williams of White Lake. Steve and Debbie Vesely of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Kaitlyn Alexis, Jan. 23 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are David and Anne Ellis of Plymouth Township announce the birth of Max Edison January 18 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He joins sister Faith Elizabeth, 20 months. Grandparents are James and Jeanne Teraki of Livonia, Rich Ellis of Calif. and Sonja Ellis of Calif. Great-grandparents are Albert and Yvette Shepard of Redford and Arlie and Sarah Ellis of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Patricia Beaumont of Livonia and Betty and Bob Rutledge of Livonia. Raymond and Heather Noragon of Westland announce the birth of their son, Alexander Thomas Feb. 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. Grandparents are Tom and Jackie Van Straten of Lansing, Barbara Van Straten of Managua, Nicaragua, and Don and Karen Noragon of Waterloo, Ind. Eric Rose and Sandra Abela of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Isabella February 7 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. She joins sister Raquel Rose. Grandparents are Janet Armstrong of Belleville and John and Jan Abela of Owosso. Gary and Laurie Rollins of Farmington Hills announce the birth of Mason Douglas February 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. He joins sister Chelsea Rollins and brother Robert Rugg. Grandparents are Joe and Betty Rollins of Grosse Pointe Woods and the late Pam Henderson and Bob Darr. Billy and Evonne Denton of Canton announce the birth of their son, Anthony Lee February 5 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. Grandparents are Bill and Ida Denton of Canton and Jake and Stacy Thomas of Westland. David and Anne Ellis of Plymouth Township announce the birth of Max Edison January 18 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He joins sister Faith Elizabeth, 20 months. Grandparents are James and Jeanne Teraki of Livonia, Rich Ellis of Calif. and Sonja Ellis of Calif. Great-grandparents are Albert and Yvette Shepard of Redford and Arlie and Sarah Ellis of Grosse Pointe Woods.



Cast of characters: Congregation members from Rosedale Garden Presbyterian Church pose behind actor and church member John Hirtzel. This is the 28th year the Livonia church and its membership have put on a performance for the community. 'The Pajama Game,' which will be performed Feb. 25, 26 and 27, is the winner of six Tony Awards including Best Musical for its high spirited pace, vitality and brilliance.

colorist and owner of Painter's Place — an art studio in downtown Northville — Dunphy finds it challenging to create the modules needed for musicals at her church. She said the outside scenes are most difficult to create, but she works on the productions year after year because of the people she meets. "Different people come to paint every time," said Dunphy. "It's fun that way. And I guess I like make-believe." Now in the finishing stages, Dunphy is researching how to make a Coca Cola machine look like it did in the 1950s. She tries to look at musicals in a new light. Especially those which have been performed at the church in years passed. "You have to erase the ideas you had from the previous time," she explained. Most of all, Dunphy considers the productions to be a good opportunity for members of the congregation to get involved, and to meet new friends in a different type of setting. That seems to be a formula for success and the reason that this keeps this cultural tradition going year after year.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

ALL AMERICAN SHOW Westland Shopping Center is offering shoppers an outstanding variety of arts & crafts, all "made in America." The event runs from Feb. 17 through Sunday, Feb. 20 during regular mall hours. Professional artisans from many states will be demonstrating and selling their work which will include such things

as paintings, stained glass, wood crafts, jewelry, decorative painting, needle crafts, floral designs, toys, country crafts, ceramics and more. The show is presented by Raab Enterprises, Inc. of North Royalton, Ohio. 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 Sorcaro 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. ST. JOHN'S ARTS/ CRAFT SALE St. John's Episcopal Church in Westland is hosting an arts and crafts sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 25 at the church (555 S. Wayne Road). Vendors are needed. To reserve a table call (734) 729-1605. Hot dogs, chips, pop, etc. will be sold.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be accepted at the Office of the clerk until 10:00 a.m., March 2, 2000 for the following: NEW MAMMOTH ROOFTOP UNIT FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING Bid specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR PET by Elizabeth Routson, D.V.M. YOUR OLDER CAT Cats are considered to be geriatric when they reach seven years of age. A cat's metabolism will slow over the years and exercise will decrease, two factors that can lead to obesity and associated health problems. In addition, the cat's heart becomes less efficient with age and various systems may begin to deteriorate. Offer a diet to match your aging cat's needs. A vet can help with the diet. Groom and brush the pet daily to manage skin and coat changes, and give the cat some extra attention. As the animal's senses begin to fade, it can become easily frightened and require more owner contact. Be sure to keep the cat current on vaccinations and visits to the veterinarian. A cat's diet and exercise habits change as it ages just as does a human's. At PARKWAY VETERINARY CLINIC, our experience and dedication has earned the clinic a well-deserved reputation for compassion and expertise. Visit either of our two locations at 41395 Wilcox Rd. in Plymouth, tel. 734-452-2577, or 5750 Lilley Rd. in Canton, tel. 734-900-4400. If you get stray, please feel free to call us — many people bring us lost animals. Both locations open six days a week. P.S. It is estimated that more than 30 percent of all pets owned can be considered geriatric.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the clerk until 10:00 a.m., March 2, 2000 for the following: FENCE RENOVATION AT THE CANTON SOFTBALL CENTER Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Physical Therapy UPDATE Presented by Hands On Center for Physical Therapy RETURN TO ACTION The average athlete need not be concerned that knee-replacement surgery will automatically result in being sidelined. There is no reason why there cannot be a satisfactory return to golf, doubles tennis, swimming, dancing, or even skiing after rehabilitation. High-impact sports are to be avoided because a prosthesis simply cannot withstand the same amount of force as the body's original joint. It is important that athletic patients commit to a lifetime of physical fitness after knee-replacement surgery. For a total recovery, meaning a return to a "functional" and pain-free life, the typical patient will need physical rehabilitation for about six months. It is important to adopt realistic expectations for rehabilitation from knee-replacement surgery so that expectations do not hamper recovery. after surgery. Generally, this entails at least 45 minutes to an hour of work three times per week. Even minor knee or joint surgery is best followed by a course of physical therapy to ensure proper and full recovery. If you are a candidate for surgery, ask your physician or surgeon for a referral to the HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY, located in Plymouth, at 470 Forest Avenue, Suite 20. Our wide range of treatments include: myofascial release, triggerpoint release, cranio-sacral therapy, ultrasound, electrical muscle stimulation (EMS), and massage. We also offer occupational therapy and vocational counseling. To learn more, please call 452-8376.

Von Glahn

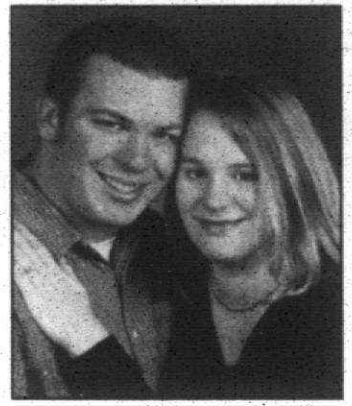
William and Florence Von Glahn are celebrating their 60th anniversary this year. The couple, who have resided in Plymouth for 40 years, were married Jan. 27, 1940 in Richmond Hill, Queens County, New York. They have three children: Jeff, Tom and Nancy, and four grandchildren. William Von Glahn is retired from his career at Unisys, but is involved with the Optimists Club, AARP Tax Program and is treasurer of the Plymouth Council of Aging. Florence Von Glahn is a member of the Plymouth Women's Club and Plymouth Study Group. The couple enjoys playing golf, bowling and bridge. To celebrate their anniversary, the family will gather at Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor and the Von Glahns will take a trip to Montego Bay in Jamaica.



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Zurawski-Minor

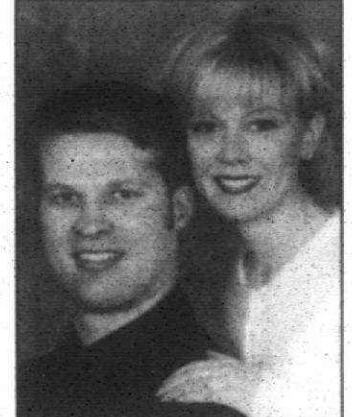
Donald and Paula Zurawski of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Marie, to Timothy Joseph Minor of Royal Oak. The bride-to-be is a 1994 Ladywood High School graduate. She received her bachelor's degree from Northern Michigan University and now teaches math at Athens High School in Troy. Her fiancé, son of Dennis and Kathryn Minor of Livonia, is a 1993 Churchill High School graduate. He earned his bachelor's degree in Environmental Engineering from Michigan Technological University and is now working in his field.



An April wedding and reception are planned at Weller's Carriage House in Saline.

Berthal-Mitchell

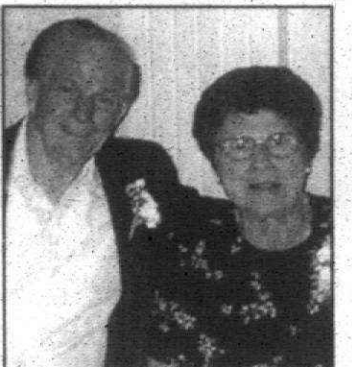
Orrin and Kathleen Tibbits of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Christen Berthal, to Stephen Arthur Mitchell. The bride-to-be is an Eastern Michigan University graduate and works for Ameritech. Her fiancé, son of Stephen and Barbara Mitchell of Plymouth, is a Western Michigan University graduate who works for UUNET. A June wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel. A reception will follow at Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth.



The bride-to-be is an Eastern Michigan University graduate and works for Ameritech. Her fiancé, son of Stephen and Barbara Mitchell of Plymouth, is a Western Michigan University graduate who works for UUNET.

Ciatti

Americo (Mac) Ciatti and Mary Jane (Jean) Graziano wed on November 19, 1949, at St. Lukes Catholic Church in Detroit. To celebrate their 50th anniversary, the Livonia couple's three children — Linda, Larry and Dan — and 10 grandchildren organized a dinner party for family and friends. They also gave their parents a 15-day trip to Hawaii as a gift. Americo Ciatti is a retired millwright from Ford Motor Company in Dearborn. His wife is retired from her secretarial position at Ford Motor Company, where she worked for 25 years. The Ciattis enjoy spending summer weekends at their cottage on Tipico Lake in Fenton and taking winter trips to their condominium in Naples, Fla.



Americo Ciatti keeps busy taking care of rental properties. Their daughter, Linda Kelley, said: "Family is very important to the Ciattis. Their children and grandchildren are always around enjoying the cottage or having big family dinners together."

Brower-Bryan

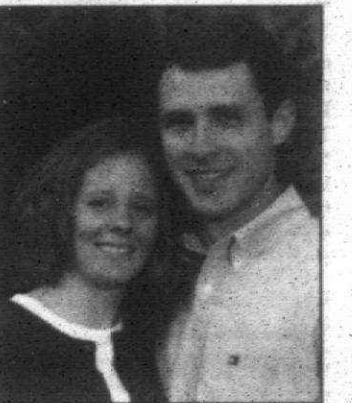
Ron and Mary Bryan of Livonia proudly announce the engagement of their son, Ronald W. Bryan Jr. to Patricia K. Brower of Redford Township. The bride-to-be, daughter of Gerald and Dorothy Brower of Redford Township, is a 1989 graduate of Redford Union High School and attends Northern Michigan University. She is employed at Allstate Insurance Company in Traverse City. Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and is employed as a transmission technician for Grand Traverse Transmission. A June wedding is planned at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church in Redford and the reception will be held at St.



Aidan's Monsignor Alex J. Brunett Hall in Livonia. The couple reside in Traverse City.

Tatterton-Ellis

John and Marilyn Tatterton of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter Caryn Louise, to Robert John Ellis. The bride-to-be is a Plymouth-Salem High School and Michigan State University graduate. She works for IBM in Research Triangle Park, N.C. in supply chain management. Her fiancé, son of Janet M. Friske of Wyandotte and James C. Ellis of Royal Oak, is a Theodore Roosevelt High School graduate and Michigan State University graduate. He works for Geraghty and Miller as a staff scientist. A June wedding is planned at



Michigan State University Chapel in East Lansing, Mich.

Davis-Rudzki

Don and Eileen Davis of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynette, to Michael Rudzki of Livonia. The bride-to-be is a graduate of DeVry Institute of Technology in Ohio, where she obtained a bachelor's degree in computer information systems. Her fiancé, son of Frank and Catherine Rudzki of Detroit, is a graduate of Henry Ford Community College, where he earned an associates of science degree in robotics and electronics. He's currently pursuing his bachelor's degree for electronics technology at Lawrence Technological Institute. A fall wedding is planned at St. Christopher's Church.



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Nairne-Scott

Skip and Deborah Nairne of Redford announce the marriage of their daughter, Megan Brianna, to Kevin Lee Scott of Athens, Ala. The bride is a graduate of the Michigan School for the Deaf and studied at the Rochester Institute of Technology at the National Technological Institute for the Deaf. Her husband, son of Karen Moore, attended the University of Georgia. The wedding was held Aug. 6, 1999 at Grace Lutheran Church in Redford before Pastor Timothy Halboth. The bride's attendants were her sister, Laura Nairne and her cousin, Sarah Henderson. The groomsmen included the bride's brother,



Scott Radke, her cousin, Justin Henderson and friend James Stolt. The couple received guests at the Karas House and took a wedding trip to Osceola, Mich. They will make their home in Redford.

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You can now download an engagement or wedding form from our Web site at http://observer-eccentric.com. Just visit our homepage and click on the "Features" link. From there you'll see the Engagement/Wedding form link. Click on it, print it out, fill in the necessary information and mail it to Kimberly Mortson, Community Life Editor, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail the information to kmortson@oe.homecomm.net. You should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like your photograph returned.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BUILDING/FIRE BOARD OF APPEALS FEBRUARY 24, 2000 Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Building/Fire Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Canton on Thursday, February 24, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the second floor engineering conference room of the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. The following agenda will be discussed: ROLL CALL: Piacocco, Pennington, Phillips, Trombley ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA 1. Consider request of Jeffrey L. Scott, Dick Scott, for a variance to the Fire Prevention Code, Section F-500-8, Fire Hydrant Requirements. TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Historic District Study Committee and the Historic District Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 1, 2000, at the Canton Township Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, at 7:00 p.m. to review Township plans under its Historic District Ordinance 117A to establish the Township property at 6205 Ridge Road as an Historic District. At the hearing, persons shall be given the opportunity to provide written or oral views to the Historic District Study Committee, the Historic District Commission, and the Township regarding the plans to establish the property as an Historic District. Questions regarding the Public Hearing can be directed to the Canton Township Resource Development Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188-1699, 734-397-5389. Charter Township of Canton TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

WEEKEND

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 fall 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 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.

SUPPORT GROUP

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Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional Info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary.

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Summit forum: Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholtz (center) was the recent guest speaker for Gamma Gamma Plymouth-Canton and Alpha Livonia chapters of the national teacher professional organizations. Granholtz, pictured with Margaret Britz (left) and Judy Stone (center) spoke to area teachers about internet usage and safety by students in an open forum at Summit on the Park in Canton. Topics discussed included filtering software and First Amendment rights.

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Ethnic acceptance necessary for the culturally diverse nation

The following column is new to the Community Life section. We have asked several local religious leaders representing various denominations to contribute a monthly column on the topic of their choice. We hope that you look forward to this new addition and will contact the Community Life staff or the writers if you have comments or feedback. Rabbi Sherwin T. Wine, of Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills, is the third of four columnists we are currently featuring.

The population of America is changing. At the beginning of the 20th century the people of the United States were overwhelmingly white, Protestant and of northern European origin. A large Catholic minority was emerging in the

cities. A large African minority was suffering in the South. But the self-image of America did not include those minorities.

At the end of the 20th century, the population of America is radically different from this old self-image. White Anglo-Saxon Protestants are a minority. Catholics, Jews, Buddhists and Muslims are now part of the American mainstream. Blacks and Chicanos constitute almost one-third of the American people. Asians, whether Indian, Chinese, Japanese or Vietnamese, have become a familiar element of all urban centers. Demographers predict that, within 50 years, almost one-half of the population in our country will be non-white.

Similar changes are taking place all over the world. A globalist economy,

with the new technologies of transportation and communication, is producing a highly mobile work force. Educated professionals are moving to places of high income. Uneducated workers are moving to countries where jobs are available. In all European countries large minorities of non-native people are emerging. In Germany there are the Turks - in France, the Algerians - in England, the Indians and Pakistanis - in Italy, the Albanians and Tunisians and in Spain the Moroccans.

The response to this massive change has been the rise of a new fanatic racism. Anti-immigration movements are growing strong in North America and many European countries. Violence and ugly confrontations are increasing.

At the heart of all great religions is

the message that human identity is primary and that human unity is both desirable and necessary. The enormous changes of the last century make this message urgent. National boundaries are ceasing to define ethnically uniform states. In the twenty-first century all major countries will turn into multi-cultural states. As long as capitalism, the new technology and the global economy persist, the change is inevitable.

In the 21st century we need to re-define what it means to be an American, a European and even an Asian or African. Every modern state will become a mini-United Nations. To live in such a state requires new skills for citizenship. Only an inclusive openness will keep America vital and strong.

■ Sherwin T. Wine is a graduate of both the University of Michigan (A.B.,

A.M.) and the Hebrew Union College. In 1963 he founded the Birmingham Temple in suburban Detroit, the first congregation of Humanistic Judaism. In 1969 he established the Society for Humanistic Judaism to serve as the national outreach of this humanistic movement. In 1986 he helped to create the International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews, a worldwide association of eleven national groups. He was also the founder of the Humanist Institute, the International Association of Humanist Educators, Counselors and Leaders, and the chair of the Leadership Conference of Secular and Humanistic Jews. He remains the Chair of the International federation and the Co-Chair of the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism.

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Tuesday, Feb. 29 at Ward Church, Six Mile Road (west of Haggerty Road in Northville).

Meetings for a monthly support group will be held at Ward Presbyterian Church the first Tuesday of every month, beginning March 7.


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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Player of the week

Doug Herriman, a senior at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, was named player of the week in the Northeast Atlantic Conference.

A 5-foot-11 guard from Canton (Plymouth Salem HS), Herriman was instrumental in the Wolves stretching their winning streak to five games, longest in school history. They won three in a row last week, with Herriman averaging 15 points, 10 assists, six steals and three rebounds.

Last Saturday, UM-D beat Rochester College 74-64 to improve to 10-18 overall; Herriman had 18 points, 10 assists and six steals in the victory.

For the season, he is averaging 13.9 points a game and leads the team in both assists with 6.8 and steals with 2.2 per game.

All-Americans

Robert Pensari, a Canton resident who teaches at Livonia's Frost Middle School and serves as an assistant football coach at Livonia Churchill HS, was named to the American Football Association's All-American team.

Pensari played linebacker and center for the Wayne County Twisters semi-pro team. He was one of three Twisters honored.

Others were offensive lineman Damien Howard of Ypsilanti and linebacker Aaron Brothers of Dearborn Heights. Howard is pursuing his Masters Degree; Brothers is a graphic designer at Lear Corp.

Brothers and Howard were also named to the all-league and North Division all-star team, together with defensive lineman Deon Perry and punter/kicker Chuck Petipas.

Pensari, running back Damon Frenedo, wide receiver Reggie Brandon, offensive lineman Chuck Sikora, safety Ron Andrews and lineman Rodney Swanigan were Division all-stars.

Sonnanstine shines

Amy Sonnanstine, a junior at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, set a new school record while finishing second in the pole vault at the Midwest Elite Indoor Track Meet, held at Ohio Northern University.

Sonnanstine, a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton HS, cleared 9-feet with her record effort.

Top efforts

As Madonna University's women's basketball team battles for a berth in the upcoming Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs, several of its players are making a mark in the WHAC statistical standings.

Carissa Gizicki, a sophomore guard from Riverview Gabriel Richard HS, leads the conference in assists (4.5 per game) and steals (3.75).

Chris Dietrich, a senior guard from Monroe Jefferson HS, ranks fifth in the league in scoring (15.1 points) and fourth in steals (2.54).

And Kristi Fiorenzi, a junior forward from Plymouth Canton HS, is eighth in the WHAC in rebounding (7.21).

Madonna was 11-13 overall, 5-7 in the WHAC going into Wednesday's game against Aquinas College. The Crusaders close out their regular season Saturday by hosting Cornerstone University. Aquinas and Cornerstone were tied for first in the WHAC entering the regular season's final week.

In the men's rankings, Madonna's Chad Putnam (Redford Thurston) and Jason Skoczylas (Dearborn St. Alphonsus) are tied for 10th in the WHAC in rebounding (5.79 per game).

Retirees hockey

A new retirees hockey league (over 50 years old) is looking for players. The league plays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Artic Pond in Plymouth until April 5.

Cost is \$12 per game, with free coffee and donuts after all games. To register or for more information, call John Wilson at (248) 471-0658, or e-mail him at john@rspi.net.

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.



A goal: Salem's Steve Nagel (white jersey) knocks the puck into the Walled Lake Western net to give the Rocks an early lead Tuesday. It didn't last, however; the Warriors battled back from a two-goal deficit to pick up the win.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSBACHMAN

Lead gets away from Salem

BY C.J. RISAK
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It was another one that simply got away. Plymouth Salem's hockey team was cruising Tuesday on their home ice. The Rocks had just gotten their second goal of the game from Mark Nagel; five minutes remained in the second period of their Western Lakes Activities Association match against Walled Lake Western and they had a two-goal lead.

But Salem is young. It's still learning how to win. Lapses have beleaguered the Rocks all season. Another one did against the Warriors.

Led by Eric Wojciechowski, Western scored twice in the final 4:10 of the second to knot it at 3-all. Wojciechowski then scored twice in the third, the second an empty-net goal, and Western had a 5-3 victory.

"The puck wasn't quite bouncing our way," said Salem coach Fred Feiler after his team had fallen to

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3-18 overall. "We had a lot of opportunities. It just didn't happen."

"We had a good game plan put together, but we got into a bit of penalty trouble."

The penalty problems began in the second period. Two minors taken 27 seconds apart gave the Warriors a two-man advantage and led to their first goal, scored 11 seconds into the second penalty by Jordan Doggett.

That knotted it at 1-all. Salem's Mark Nagel had scored 1:36 into the second period, with brother Steve assisting.

The Rocks rebounded after Doggett scored, getting goals in the second period from Steve and Mark Nagel 1:05 apart. Both were unassisted; Mark's was

scored with 5:57 to go.

But another Salem penalty with 5:16 left in the second gave the Warriors the power play once again, and they cashed it in again, with Wojciechowski scoring with 4:10 left in the period to make it 3-2.

The tying goal came off the stick of Western's Paul Price with 2:28 left in the second. Wojciechowski and Kevin Dillon assisted.

Wojciechowski's goal 41 seconds into the final period put Western ahead and put the pressure on the Rocks. However, they couldn't get the equalizer; with seven seconds left, Wojciechowski — who finished with three goals and an assist — completed his hat-trick with goalie James Dogowski out of the net for an extra attacker.

Steve and Mark Nagel accounted for all of Salem's points, Steve getting a goal and an assist and Mark scoring two goals. Price and Doggett each had a goal and two assists for Western.

Whalers streaking



Offense, offense.

Three games, 24 goals. With scoring like that, losses will be few and far between.

The Plymouth Whalers haven't succeeded on scoring alone. Their defense has been outstanding. But on a weekend that saw them play three games in three days, it was scoring that carried them.

The Whalers posted a win over the host Kitchener Rangers by a 7-3 count Friday, then defeated the Mississauga Ice Dogs 10-2 Saturday and the Midwest Division-leading

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Rocks fall on final basket

There's still time. This season, which has had more downs than most prep basketball teams will ever face — and not just on the court — can be salvaged for Plymouth Salem.

All the Rocks need to do is win a close one.

Tuesday night that opportunity escaped them. Again.

Salem was tied with Walled Lake Western, co-leader in the Western Lakes Activities Association (with North Farmington), at 48-all with just 30 seconds remaining. Salem had possession, but a bad pass changed that. It was intercepted, putting the home-team Warriors in front.

They took full advantage. Brandon Routhier scored from in close with three seconds left, and the Rocks were doomed, suffering a 50-48 loss.

The defeat left them with an 8-8 overall record, 5-5 in the WLA. Western is 9-1 in the WLA.

BASKETBALL

"Our story all year long," said Salem coach Bob Brodie of the close defeat. "We're one of the better 8-8 teams around. We just can't get that close one."

Seven of the Rocks' eight losses have been by five points or fewer.

After a fast start, the game slowed down. It was tied at 20-all after one period; the Warriors led 32-29 at the half.

After Routhier's basket, Salem had a chance. There was still 2.4 seconds remaining. But the first inbounds pass was knocked back out; 1.4 seconds was left. The second inbounds attempt reached Matt McCaffrey, Salem's leading scorer; he managed to get off a shot through traffic and contact, but it rolled out of the basket.

McCaffrey finished with 19 points and 12 rebounds to lead all scorers. Ryan Cook collected nine points and four assists. Johnny Eagle's 10 points topped Western.

Free throws favored the Rocks, who converted 15-of-19 at the line (79 percent) compared to Western's 6-of-13 (46 percent).

"It was close all the way," said Brodie. "The lead changed hands a number of times. It looked like the team that ended with the basketball in its hands last was going to win it."

The Rocks have been in a similar position a lot this season. They just haven't capitalized on it.

Canton 56, Stevenson 40: Improving as you go along is always welcome to a coach. But no doubt Plymouth Canton coach Dan Young wouldn't mind a

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Ups and downs

Canton gets best score, but Salem falters

BY C.J. RISAK
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For Plymouth Canton, it was a good time to put together a season's best performance.

Plymouth Salem, however, fell far short of that.

Canton posted its top score of the season in Tuesday's dual meet — 138.55, far better than the Rocks' total of 128.35.

"Everybody was on, from the B kids to the A kids," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "It was a team thing. Everybody did well."

Salem had two distinct problems. First, one of its top gymnasts, April Aquinto, suffered an apparent knee injury on her dismount from the uneven parallel bars; she did not compete in the balance beam or floor exercise.

The Rocks second problem came in the beam. Falls plagued them; Canton gymnasts claimed five of the top six spots.

Liz Fitzgerald led the Chiefs, finishing first in the bars (9.35) and posting the best all-around total, a personal best 36.10. Fitzgerald was second in the floor exercise (9.2) and vault (8.8), and tied for second in the

beam (8.75).

Salem's Bethany Bartlett put together a solid all-around effort, winning the vault (9.0) and floor (9.35) and tying for second in the bars (9.1). She was fifth in the beam (8.2).

The other individual win came from Canton's Maggie Bett, who captured the beam (9.25). Bett also tied for fifth in the vault (8.2), took sixth in the floor (8.25) and placed fifth in the all-around (33.60).

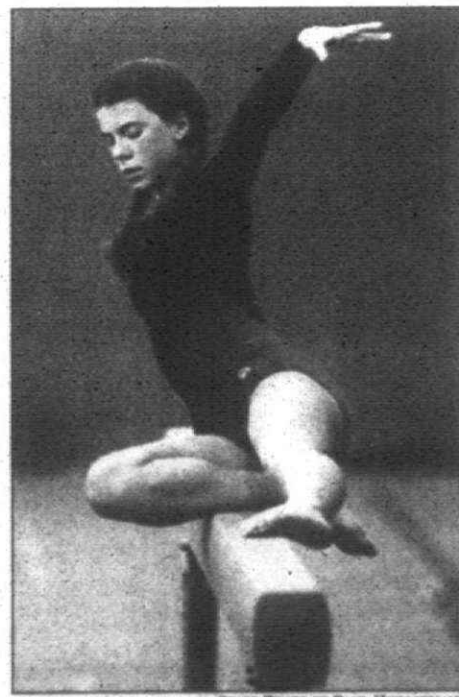
Amy Driscoll was another standout for the Chiefs, posting marks of 9.1 in bars (tied for second), 8.85 in floor (third), 8.65 in vault and 35.00 in the all-around (third).

Indeed, there weren't many scores that would qualify as mediocre for Canton. Only three marks in the entire meet weren't better than 8.0.

Kristen Schilk tied for second in the beam (8.75), placed fourth in the floor (8.5) and was fifth in the bars (8.3); she placed fourth in the all-around (33.75).

The Chiefs' Jackie Bennington had an 8.15 in the beam, good for sixth, and a 32.25 in the all-around, also sixth-best. Jill Rakovitis added

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Best score: Canton's Maggie Bett finished first against Salem on the balance beam, scoring 9.25.

SKATING

Gems land at nationals

BY C.J. RISAK
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Aesthetic competition. Combine team play with the beauty of dance, then put it all on ice and what you have is the U.S. National Synchronized Team Championships, which will be coming to Plymouth's Compuware Arena March 1-4.

It won't be just beauty and precision from abroad that will serve as an attraction. Three local teams — the Gems on Ice, who compete as part of the Plymouth Figure Skating Club — will be chasing titles as well.

But before the U.S. National competition, the Arena will be host to the Tri-State Championships this Saturday and Sunday. The Gems will compete in the youth, preliminary, juvenile, teen, intermediate and novice divisions with approximately 1,600 other skaters from five mid-

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Salem 4th, Canton 5th at WLAA tourney

All things considered, it wasn't too bad. The way things had gone for Plymouth Canton's wrestlers this season, hopes certainly should have been running high going into Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament at Walled Lake Western.

But two key members of the team, co-captains Kyle Pitt and Joe Faraone, were forced to miss the tournament with injuries. Pitt, a 103-pounder with a 34-1 record, should return for the

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fourth, one spot ahead of Canton — and not too far out of third place, scoring 177 points. The Chiefs were fifth with 142, one place higher than they placed last season.

Northville gained its third consecutive title, scoring 204.5 points. Host Western placed second with 193 and Livonia Stevenson was third with 186.5 (see statistical summary).

"We work so hard in practice and our practice space is so limited that many of those who come out (for the team) didn't stay with us," said Canton coach John Demick. "So we are not very deep and can't replace everyone."

Those who have stayed out are really tough kids. They are all quite special, but we are still hurt when we lose people we

depend on in our lineup."

Both teams had some fine performances, but just one that was a weight-class winner: Salem's Ron Thompson beat Farmington's Jon Simmons 9-3 in the 119 class.

There was one other noteworthy pairing. At 125, John Mervyn, a one-time Rock now wrestling for Livonia Franklin, beat former teammate Rob Ash 11-3 in the title match.

The difference between Salem and Canton was apparent. Certainly losing wrestlers like Faraone and Pitt was costly, but the Rocks lost Mervyn when he transferred to Franklin.

Each team reached the finals three times. Salem got one first, Canton had three seconds.

The Rocks had five wrestlers in matches for third and fourth

to Canton's four, but more importantly, Salem finished third in four of those five while the Chiefs had all fourths.

Steve Dendrinus was the Rocks' third finals qualifier; he was pinned by Jacob Pattenade of Western in 3:59 at 135.

"We thought we put in a good, but not a great day," said Demick. "We did have some great moments."

Canton's John Pocock lost a tight match to Northville's Chad Neumann, 3-1, in the 140 final; Phil Rothwell was beaten 13-5 by Northville's Joe Rumbley in the 189 final; and Derek McWatt was pinned by Western's Tony Henry in :52 of the heavyweight final.

The Chiefs did travel a rough road to the final. Pocock, the third seed, edged Salem's Josh

Henderson, seeded second, 4-3 in the semifinals, and third seed McWatt pinned second seed Brian Brinsden of Farmington in the heavyweight final. Brinsden had pinned McWatt twice this season.

Salem got thirds from Mike Goethel 103, who pinned Westland John Glenn's Nick Naber in 2:30; Lucas Stump at 130, who edged Canton's Greg Musser 7-4; Henderson at 140, with a technical fall in 4:55 against Walled Lake Central's John O'Brien; and Mike Popeney at 189, who defeated Stevenson's Eric Puniske, 6-3.

The state team district tournament was yesterday at Salem. The individual state district tournament is Saturday at Walled Lake Western HS.

WLAA WRESTLING RESULTS

- WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSN. WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS**
Feb. 12 at Walled Lake Western
Team standings: 1. Northville, 204 1/2; 2. Walled Lake Western, 193; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 186 1/2; 4. Plymouth Salem, 177; 5. Plymouth Canton, 142; 6. Farmington, 135; 7. Livonia Churchill, 112; 8. Livonia Franklin, 100; 9. Walled Lake Central, 94; 10. Westland John Glenn, 86; 11. North Farmington, 35; 12. Farmington Harrison, 8.
- Heavyweight:** 1. Tony Henry (Western) pinned Derek McWatt (Canton), 0:52; 3. Brian Brinsden (Farmington) pin. Tony Martine (Franklin), 3:36; 5. Brian Tran (Northville) dec. Ricardo Smith (Salem), 6:07; 7. Mark Costella (Stevenson) pin. Joe Helmick (Churchill), 3:11.
- 103 pounds:** Kyle Malo (Churchill) dec. Jason Fischer (Stevenson), 6:2; 3. Mike Goethel (Salem) pin. Nick Naber (Glenn), 2:30; 5. Mike Cartera (Northville) pin. Dan Drenkowski (Western), 5:44; 7. Rob Schnettler (Canton) pin. Dan Cavasser (N. Farmington), 4:06.
- 119:** 1. Josh Gunterman (Stevenson) dec. Ryan Beech (Western), 6:4 in overtime; 3. Ravi Saran (Northville) dec. Harry Leipsitz (N. Farmington), 5:1; 5. Craig Aubry (Central) pin. Brian Clement (Churchill), 1:31; 7. Nick Moniodis (Salem) dec. Keffentse Mandisa (Glenn), 11:1.
- 140:** 1. Chad Neumann (Northville) dec. John Pocock (Canton), 3:3; 3. Josh Henderson (Salem) by technical fall over John O'Brien (Central), 4:55; 5. Trevor Clarke (N. Farmington) pin. Matt Radley (Stevenson), 1:57; 7. Ernie Guerra (Glenn) dec. Tom Mahon (Farmington), 4:1.
- 189:** 1. Dan Scappaticci (Northville) dec. Chris Cooper (Stevenson), 10:4; 3. Geoff Zilan (Western) pin. Steve Abur (Churchill), 3:42; 5. James Claranhan (Farmington) dec. Adam Schafer (Salem), 12:4; 7. Jamie Fraser (Central) pin. Brad Gregory (Glenn), 4:17.
- 189 1/2:** 1. Mike Carter (Churchill) dec. Mike Falzon (Stevenson), 9:1; 3. Derick Smith (Western) dec. Scott McKee (Canton), 8:1; 5. Mark Ostach (Farmington) dec. John Woltgang (Glenn), 4:3; 7. Justin Nazoroff (Western) dec. Jason Shafer (Harrison), 7:5.
- 135:** Jacob Pattenade (Western) pin. Steve Dendrinus (Salem), 3:59; 3. Ian Huff (Central) dec. Lev Merigan (Churchill), 7:0; 5. Mike Siegrist (Canton) dec. Griffin Schager (Stevenson), 14:2; 7. Brian Ashby (Northville) won by forfeit over Alan Wadell (Glenn).
- 140:** 1. John MacFarland (Stevenson) dec. Ben Lukas (Farmington), 6:1; 3. John Rekowski (Northville) dec. Pat Clark (Western), 10:2; 5. Alex Murray (Churchill) pin. Jack Sears (Glenn), 1:55; 7. Matt Navarro (Franklin) pin. Derek Miller (Canton), 0:40.
- 189 1/2:** 1. Joe Rumbley (Northville) dec. Phil Rothwell (Canton), 13:5; 3. Mike Popeney (Salem) dec. Eric Puniske (Stevenson), 6:3; 5. Joe Hartley (Central) dec. Don Holland (Western), 7:0.
- 215:** 1. Kyle Domagala (Farmington) dec. Greg Hartley (Central), 4:31; 3. Val Palushat (Northville) dec. Zack Jensen (Salem), 5:4; 5. Neil Retherford (Western) pin. Tim McCarthy (Stevenson), 0:23; 7. Tom Vandembosche (Churchill) dec. Andrew Pruitt (Franklin), 3:1.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- BOYS BASKETBALL**
Friday, Feb. 18
Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Farmington, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
- Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Salem, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Belleville, 7 p.m.
Southgate at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Annapolis, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Bethesda, 7:30 p.m.
- POA at Baptist Park, 7:30 p.m.
Agape at Taylor Light & Life, 7:30 p.m.
(CHSL C-D Division Playoffs)
St. Agatha at M.C. Moorey, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 20
(CHSL Central-AA Playoffs)
- at U-D Macey's Cullhan Hall
Borgess vs. O.L. St. Mary's, noon.
Redford CC vs. DePorres, 1:45 p.m.
DeLaSalle vs. Divine Child, 3:30 p.m.
Brother Rice vs. N.D. Prep, 5 p.m.

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Observer & Eccentric

Canton's comebacks earn 2 wins; Rocks roll

Maybe it's just a matter of wearing down the opposition. Or maybe Plymouth Canton's hockey team enjoys comebacks.

Whatever it might be, if it works, stick to it. Last weekend, the Chiefs did just that and collected a pair of wins.

On Friday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, Canton spotted Western Lakes Activities Association rival Livonia Franklin a two-goal lead midway through the second period — then scored four-straight for a 4-2 victory.

On Saturday at the Ice Box in

scored from David Comiskey 18 seconds after the Patriots had taken a 2-0 lead.

John Bockstanz knotted it at 2-2 with 4:33 left in the period (Brad Wolf assisted), then Comiskey got what proved to be the game-winner with just 56.7 seconds remaining in the second.

The game's final goal was scored by Sean Depp. Brad Arnsow was in goal for the Chiefs.

On Saturday, Shane Bedo put the Red Devils ahead with a first-period goal, but Canton tied

game-winner for the Chiefs; Rick Lashbrook assisted. Nick Norville's empty-net goal with 54 seconds left (assisted by Matt Ringer) clinched it.

Ryan Zielinski stopped 26 shots in goal for Canton.

Salem 8, New Boston Huron 0: There were a lot of firsts in this game.

First — Robin Beaudry became the first female goalie to get a victory.

It's also worth noting that Beaudry's win was a shutout —

Whalers from page C1

Erie Otters 7-2 Sunday, both at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The three wins solidified Plymouth's place atop the Ontario Hockey League's West Division, stretched its current win streak to six games with nine victories in its last 10 games. The Whalers are 32-17-4 and have 69 points, four more than the slumping Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds (3-7 in their last 10).

It hasn't been a single player who's been hot and carrying the Whalers; rather, several have gotten into the act.

Against Erie, Tomas Kurka had a goal and three assists, Stephen Weiss had two goals and an assist, Justin Williams, Damian Surma, and Jamie Lalonde each had a goal and an assist, Shaun Fisher had three assists, and George Ntanos scored a goal.

Surma totaled six goals and two assists for the weekend, while Williams had three goals and seven assists.

A power-play goal by the Otters'

second period tied it for the Rangers. Fitzgerald put the Whalers in control with goals scored at 13:18 and 17:05 of the second; another by Jon Billy with 1:03 remaining in the period put Plymouth up 6-3.

Surma got his second goal of the game in the third period. Williams had three assists in the win, while Fisher had two.

Zepp stopped 20 of 23 shots on goal for Plymouth. Reg Bourcier faced 45 shots in goal for Kitchener.

Saturday's game at Compuware Arena, which attracted 2,512 fans, featured one of the OHL's hottest teams against the league's worst. The results were predictable.

Plymouth scored four goals before the opening period was half over and had a 6-0 lead after one. Surma scored three goals and assisted on two others in the game, while Williams had two goals and three assists.

Stephen Weiss and Fisher netted two goals apiece (Fisher also had an assist), with Kurka, Eric Goody and

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS
(Through Feb. 13)

East Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Ottawa 67s	39	12	3	82
Kitchener Frontenacs	32	15	5	71
Belleville Bulls	34	17	1	69
Peterborough Petes	27	22	5	59
Oshawa Generals	24	25	3	52
Central Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Barrie Colts	33	15	5	72
Sudbury Wolves	26	23	5	58
North Bay Centennials	20	27	6	47
Toronto St. M. Majors	14	38	2	31
Miss. Ice Dogs	5	45	1	12
West Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Plymouth Whalers	32	17	4	69
SSM Greyhounds	28	23	4	65
Sarnia Sting	28	21	7	63
Windsor Spitfires	29	23	1	60
London Knights	15	29	7	40
Midwest Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Erie Otters	25	26	2	54
Kitchener Rangers	22	27	4	52
Guelph Storm	24	24	2	51
Brampton Battalion	19	27	7	48
Owen Sound Platers	16	33	4	41

HOCKEY DRAWS

- DIVISION I REGIONAL HOCKEY DRAWS at REDFORD ICE ARENA**
- Monday, Feb. 28:** (A) Redford Unified vs. (B) Farmington Unified, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Livonia Franklin vs. (D) Redford Catholic, Central, 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 1:** Livonia Stevenson vs. Allen Park, 8 p.m.
- Thursday, March 2:** A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 8 p.m.
- Saturday, March 4:** Championship final, 8 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Wednesday, March 8 at Redford Ice Arena vs. Dearborn Kipatrik Arena regional champion).
- at DEARBORN'S KILPATRICK ARENA**
- Monday, Feb. 28:** (A) Dearborn Unified vs. (B) Trenton, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 29:** (C) Ann Arbor Huron vs. (D) Ann Arbor Pioneer, 5:30 p.m.; (E) Livonia Churchill vs. (F) Plymouth Canton, 8 p.m.
- Thursday, March 2:** Plymouth Salem vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 8 p.m.
- Saturday, March 4:** Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Wednesday, March 8 at Redford Ice Arena vs. Redford Ice Arena regional champion).

Salem 2nd

It was a battle, just reaching the final of last Saturday's Temperance Bedford Invitational. But Plymouth Salem's volleyball team managed it.

Once there, however, the host team — state champions in '98, runners-up in '99 — were more than the Rocks could overcome. Bedford topped Salem in the final, 15-3, 15-9.

Still, it was a solid performance by the Rocks, who improved their overall record to 34-9-1. To reach the finals, they beat Atherton 12-15, 15-4, 15-2; Adrian 15-7, 15-11; Ann Arbor Pioneer 15-6, 15-3; Adrian again, 15-11, 15-7; and Walled Lake Central 15-13, 10-15, 15-13.

In the final against Bedford, Denise Phillips had a superior offensive performance, collecting 10 kills with a .375 kill percentage. Amanda Suder added seven kills and 10 digs, and Jill Dombrowski had five kills, 19 assists to kills and nine digs.

However, the Rocks serving game — which had been an integral part of their offense — wasn't a major factor. They had just one service ace and committed five serving errors.

For the tournament, Suder was far and away Salem's most effective weapon, collecting 69 kills in 16 games (4.31 per game). She also had team highs in service aces with 11 and digs with 66.

Phillips finished with 40 kills and nine aces; Dombrowski had 25 kills, 155 assists to kills and 40 digs; Sarah Jensen had 24 kills; Kelly Jaskot had eight aces and 30 digs; Liz Gickki had five aces and 32 digs; and Michelle Ginter totaled 14 kills, four aces and 30 digs.

ROUNDUP

Roller hockey
Spring 2000 travel roller hockey tryouts at the Skatin' Station, located at 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton, will be for the following age group age groups:

- 14-and-under, 4:30-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27; 10-and-under, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27; 12-and-under, 6:15-7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28; 18-and-under, 8:30-10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29; and 18-and-under, 8-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1.
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Ocelots lose 1st in conference

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Down by only three, 66-63, with only 9:27 left in the game, the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team could taste the Eastern Conference title.

But it was not to be Saturday, as host Flint Mott CC kept its conference hopes alive with a 94-80 victory over the Ocelots at Ballenger Field House.

The loss broke SC's 13-game winning streak and dropped the Ocelots to 12-1 in the conference and 19-5 overall.

Mott, led by Gary Solomon's game-high 32 points, improved to 20-4 overall and 12-2.

The victory avenged a 78-74 loss to Schoolcraft last month.

"We really didn't change a thing going into this game," said Mott coach Steve Schmidt, who has guided the Bears to five straight Eastern titles in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. "We knew Schoolcraft's strengths. We just had to play better. We didn't shoot the ball or compete well on the boards the last time,

but today our guys responded."

Despite 12 of 24 second-half shooting (50 percent), Schoolcraft committed 14 turnovers to Mott's seven over the final 20 minutes.

Mott, which led 39-35 at intermission, turned it up a notch in the second half. The Bears shot the lights out, 19 of 33 (57 percent).

Despite those numbers, Schoolcraft was still in position to win.

But after SC's Reggie Kirkland tipped-in a missed free throw by teammate Lamar Bigby with 9:27 left out the deficit to 66-63, the Ocelots came untied.

Solomon responded with a three-pointer and SC coach Carlos Briggs was assessed a bench technical foul. Alonzo Evans made a pair of free throws and Tim McAuliffe added another foul shot, increasing the margin to nine, 72-63.

SC would get no closer than eight the rest of the way.

"I thought they rebounded on us real well," Briggs said. "I thought they shot the ball better, too. We didn't play with a lot of poise today. I think with young kids, they tend to get frustrated when they're not getting the calls they think they should get."

"But I don't want to take anything away from Mott. They're tough, they played hard and they defended their home gym like they're supposed to do."

Besides Solomon, a 6-4 freshman forward from Detroit 11, the four other Bears scored in double figures including Evans (17), Nate Brown (14), Ronnie Jenkins (11) and Javar Chavers (10).

"We have the kind of team where a lot of different guys step up," Schmidt said. "Gary Solomon took it to another level. He's a Detroit kid and so is Javar Chavers, who is out of Finney. They feel like they have something to prove."

"It was not your typical JC (junior college) game. It was a Division I kind of game with a lot of good athletes on the floor."

Bigby, a 6-4 sophomore out of Detroit Northern, scored 17 points to lead Schoolcraft, while Robert Brown added 16 and 13 rebounds, Nick Evola, a 6-7 freshman center, scored 12 in the first half for SC, but finished with just 14. Mike Williams came off the bench to score 10.

For the game, Mott was 23 of 34 from the free throw line (68 percent), while SC was 26 of 38 (68 percent).

The Ocelots made 25 of 53 shots from the floor (47 percent), while Mott was 33 of 63 (52 percent).

Turnovers were the big factor as SC had 28 to Mott's 13.

If SC wins its final two games, the Ocelots will be the top seed from the Eastern Conference in the MCCA playoffs.

But the defending state champs will have to do it this year in Mott's gym where the Bears will host the semifinals and finals (Feb. 25-26).

"We get tremendous support from our fans and this will be the first time we've ever hosted the state playoffs," Schmidt said. "We fully expect to see them again (Schoolcraft). It's gotten to be a good rivalry."

"And right now we can only control our own destiny."

Matt Wisniewski paced the Chiefs' effort, placing first in the 500 free (5:13.24) and the 500 free (5:13.99), and combining with Trey Gotsch, Ed Lindow and Dennis Speck to win the 200 medley relay (1:49.94). Wisniewski also swam on the second-place 400 free relay team with Brad Nilson, Steve Rice and Aaron Reeder (3:34.38).

Nilson was another of Canton's double-winners in individual events, capturing the 200 free (1:52.26) and the 100 free (50.96). He led the Chiefs' top three swimmers in the 200 free, Rice was second (1:58.68) and Ryan Ahern third (2:00.57).

In the 500 free, Wisniewski led a one-two-three sweep, with Ahern second (5:23.24) and Rice third (5:31.67).

But Canton had just one other first, by Aaron Reeder in the 100 backstroke (59.92).

The Chiefs, now 4-4, conclude their dual season with a Western Lakes Activities Association meet at 7 p.m. tonight at Livonia Franklin.

Flint Mott CC clinched the MCCA Eastern Conference title and a first-round bye in the state playoffs Saturday with a 65-58 home victory over Schoolcraft College.

Tyra Gay led Mott (20-1 overall, 13-1 in the conference) with a game-high 20 points, while Abby Munjo chipped in 18.

Plagued by foul trouble, Schoolcraft still managed to keep the game competitive and led 46-45 with 9:39 to play in the second half.

However, the Lady Ocelots could not overcome the loss of team leaders Antone' Watson and Angelica Blakely, who both fouled out late in the game.

Blakely finished with 18 points and 18 rebounds, and Watson added nine points and seven assists in the losing effort. Janelle Olson contributed 10 points and four assists, and Carla Saxton had nine points for Schoolcraft.

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faster start, too. Both in the season and in singular games.

The Chiefs hosted the WLAA's last-place team, Livonia Stevenson, Tuesday, and for three quarters they allowed them to stay within striking distance. It wasn't until the final period that Canton put the Spartans away, outscoring them 21-12.

The Chiefs improved to 8-8 overall, 7-3 in the WLAA with their fifth-straight victory. Stevenson slipped to 3-13 overall, 1-9 in the WLAA.

Kenny Nether topped Canton with 22 points and nine rebounds. Jason Waidmann added 10 points and seven boards, and Oliver Wolcott contributed seven points.

Harland Beverly's 11 points was best for Stevenson.

PCA 50, Oakland Christian 44: It didn't come easy, but Plymouth Christian Academy did get its ninth-straight win Tuesday by beating host Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

PCA improved to 11-4 overall, 7-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Oakland Christian is 7-8 overall, 4-5 in the MIAC.

The Eagles trailed 13-9 after one quarter and 24-22 at the half. Their lead was only 35-34 entering the final period.

A.J. Sherrill took command for PCA in the second half, scoring 15 of his 21 points. Mike Huntsman finished with 12 points and 15 rebounds, and Dave Carty netted 10 points for the Eagles.

Oakland Christian got 21 points from Jimmy Mehlberg.

Agape 76, Temple Christian 44: No problem.

At least that's how Tuesday's game turned out for Canton Agape Christian. But any Wolverine going into the contest

may have had well-founded doubts.

The reason: The team's top scorer, junior guard Paul Anleitner, was ill and would not play.

Still, Agape proved it wasn't dependent upon one player. Julian Wettlin blistered Madison Heights Temple Christian for 19 points, Mike Johannes pitched in with 12 and Nate Jones scored 10 as the Wolverines took command early, outscoring Temple Christian 42-18 in the first half.

The Wolverines improved to 11-3 overall and remained

unbeaten in the Metro Christian Conference at 6-0. Temple Christian fell to 4-8 overall, 1-5 in the MCC.

Steven Johnson topped Temple Christian with 16 points. Jeremy McMurray added 13.

Churchill 57, W.L. Central 49: Randall Boboige and Brandon Dziklinski tallied 14 and 11 points, respectively, propelling Livonia Churchill (9-7, 6-4) to the Western Lakes win Tuesday over visiting Walled Lake Central (5-11, 4-6).

With Boboige and Dziklinski each hitting a three-pointer, Churchill outscored the Vikings 20-12 in the fourth quarter.

Brad Bescoe added 10 points for the winners.

Guard Steve Horn paced Central with a game-high 21 points. Scott Keller added 11.

Churchill was 14 of 23 from the free throw stripe, while Central was 12 of 18.

Farmington 47, Franklin 39: Senior center Justin Milus scored 15 points and grabbed

seven rebounds Tuesday to lift the Falcons (13-3, 8-2) to the WLAA triumph over host Livonia Franklin (4-12, 2-8).

C.J. Whitfield and Chad Seaborn added nine and eight points, respectively, for Farmington.

Juniors Joe Ruggiero and Mike Copeland each scored 10 for Franklin.

Farmington made 18 of 36 shots from the floor, along with 11 of 15 free throws.

Franklin was 17 of 45 from the field and four of six from the

line.

Hamtramck 65, Luth. Westland 44: Metro Conference leader Hamtramck (12-3, 8-0) jumped out to a 19-7 lead en route to the victory Tuesday over host Lutheran Westland (8-7, 4-4).

Senior Eli Warren led the victorious Cosmos with 20 points. Seniors Aaron Brock and Jason Gorney contributed 16 and 14, respectively.

Junior Luke Kasten had nine for the Warriors.

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west states and Canada.

Performances run from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and from 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5; for seniors and children four-and-under, it's \$3.

At the Nationals, competition will be in eight divisions, from juvenile (under-11 skaters) to masters (over 35). Skaters from all over the country are expected to vie for honors.

"They're doing really well," said Gems on Ice coach Carrie Brown. "My first year here they were alternate qualifiers. This is the third year I've been with this club, and all the teams we had competing earned a qualifying berth."

The three Gems on Ice teams qualified by placing in the top four at the Midwest Sectionals, which were Jan. 28-29 in Fraser. The juvenile team, competing in a field of 10, presented a fun, cheery and energetic program with a "sunshine" theme and rode it to a bronze medal and a third-place finish.

The intermediate Gems on Ice had to go through a qualifying round due to the large number of teams. They finished second in the qualifying round to reach the sectional finals, where they skated a solid program with a Latin theme.

However, it lacked some of the flair that they had shown in the qualifying round. Still, they finished fourth to earn a berth to the nationals.

The novice division was filled by nine quality teams. Skating to the music of Abraxas by Carlos Santana, the team displayed good edges, flow and presentation, but did have two minor errors. With five teams performing after the Gems, all they could do was watch and wait — and hope.

When the results were tallied, the Gems had earned a silver medal with a second-place finish.

This weekend's competition should help the Gems prepare for the Nationals, the biggest event on their schedule. More will be at stake for skaters in the Senior Division; the top team will gain an automatic berth to the first-ever World Synchronized Team Championships, slated for April 5-8 in Minneapolis.

The Gems feature skaters predominantly from Plymouth and Ann Arbor. Assisting Brown are Angela Kelly, Sheral Voelker, Jennifer Jozefiak, Marya Bak, Kelly Modetz and Nicole Falardeau.

At last year's Nationals, the juvenile team finished fifth, the intermediate team placed seventh and the novice team was fifth.

THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Norm Stulz, Michigan's premiere story teller, performs 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Admission \$12, call (734) 261-0555, or visit the Web site: www.joeyscmedyclub.com

SATURDAY



The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents "All That Jazz," featuring drummer Pete Siers, 8 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 1160 Penniman, Plymouth. Preconcert chat with director Nan Washburn and composer Harold Farberman at 7 p.m. Afterglow at the Outback Steak House, 42871 Ford, Canton. Tickets \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/college students. No charge for students through grade 12. Call (734) 451-2112.

SUNDAY



The Phoenix Ensemble join the Gemini brothers for a magical, musical concert for children and the whole family 3 p.m. at the Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Festivities begin at 2 p.m. with an instrument petting zoo where children can touch and play orchestra instruments, in the lobby. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 students/children, call (734) 763-8587 or (248) 645-6666.

HOT TICKET



Hot Ticket Item: The Martha Graham Dance Company will be on stage at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit, Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 17-20. Tickets are \$30-\$40. For times and tickets, call (313) 963-2366 or (248) 645-6866.

OLIVER!

STORY BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN • PHOTOS BY PAUL HÜRSCHMANN

STREET URCHINS CONTINUE TO WARM HEARTS OF AUDIENCES

Stacie Guerreso removed her cap to tousle what was left of her shoulder length locks. The 12-year-old East Middle School student seemed almost matter-of-fact about "Oliver!" director Ralph Rosati cutting her hair before rehearsal. It was part of the deal if Guerreso accepted the lead role in the Plymouth Theatre Guild production, which opens Friday, Feb. 18.

Guerreso has made plenty of sacrifices since accepting her first role at age 7, Fern in "Charlotte's Web" at the Marquis Theatre in Northville. The long hours of rehearsal are well worth the experience, including professional theater, that she's been able to list on her resume. In 1998, she played a young Heler Keller in "The Miracle Worker" at Meadow Brook Theatre in Rochester.

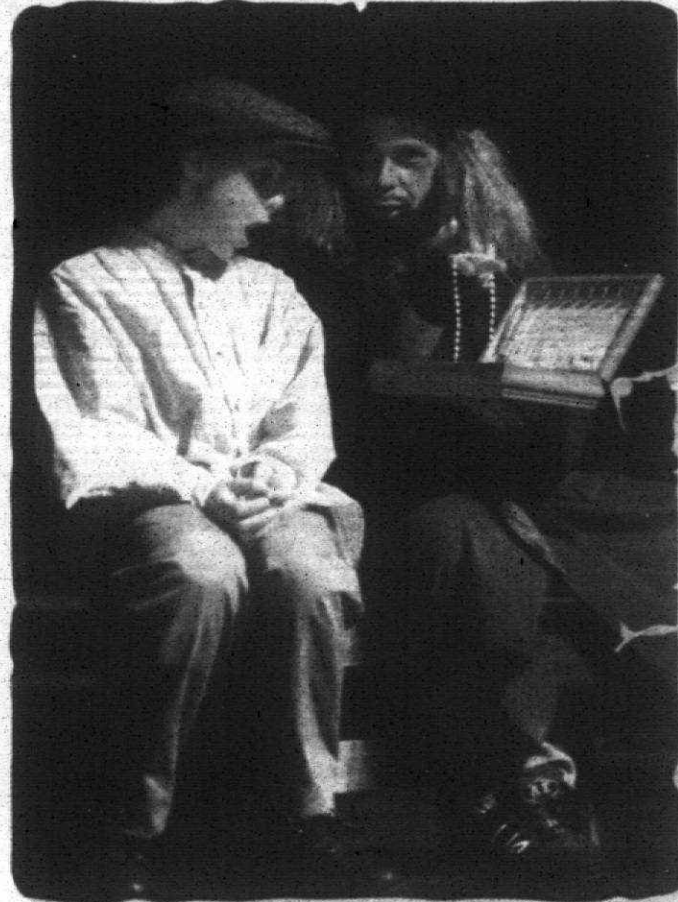
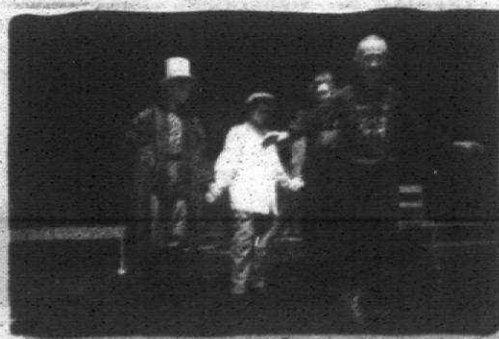
"It's still new," said Guerreso, a Farmington Hills resident who began dancing at age 3 at Encore Dance Academy in Westland. "But it's OK. The most difficult thing about this role is getting thrown around. I'm the youngest of five so I'm kind of used to it."

Big production

Mary Lynn Kuna and Robert Czaplicki are teaming up to co-produce the show taken from Charles Dickens' story about an orphan who's headed for trouble unless he changes his ways. Set in the 1850s, the play by Lionel Bart, closely follows Dickens' "Oliver Twist."

"Usually musicals need two people," said Kuna, a Plymouth

Steppin' out: Director Ralph Rosati leads the cast members in a few steps for "Oliver!"



Temptation: Marc Rosati (Fagin) shows Stacie Guerreso (Oliver) some stolen goods as the two rehearse the Plymouth Theatre Guild's production about an orphan on the road to no good.

resident working on her 22nd consecutive show with the Plymouth Theatre Guild. "This a large cast - 36 individuals including 16 children also musicians and choreography. But we have fun. The music - there's a lot of it with familiar melodies like "Consider Yourself," and there's so many children in it. People like shows with children in it. They like to see shows with their children in it and bring their relatives."

This is Czaplicki's first time as co-producer so he's learning "a lot on the job." Czaplicki previously worked on the electrical and set construction for the

What: The Plymouth Theatre Guild perform "Oliver!"

When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, Feb. 25-26 and March 3-4; and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27.

Where: Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, between Haggerty and Northville roads on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, Northville.

Tickets: \$12 adults, \$8 students ages 18 and under, call (248) 349-7110.

Guild's "Wait Until Dark" and "It's a Wonderful Life."

"Being a co-producer is like construction," said Czaplicki of Plymouth. "You see the actors turn into the characters when they put on their clothes. But backstage has always interested me. You really get an appreciation for what it takes. Our storage space is limited so we keep reusing sets. To look at a scene or prop there's no telling how many lives it's had. All you can do is count the coats of paint."

Show choreographer Barbara Bloom designed the "Oliver!" set. She's directed and choreographed over 70 shows, and was

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Dance ensemble makes 'entrance' at Smith Theatre

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Building on the momentum of its successful June debut at the Dance Theater Workshop in New York City, the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble is focusing on developing its local audience.

On Friday, you can see the group perform at the Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

The program of repertory favorites, titled "Entrances and Exits: Dance for a New Millennium," will include works by artistic director Laurie Eisenhower and internationally known choreographers Colin Connor and Billy Siegenfeld.

A highlight is Siegenfeld's jazzy "Lunacy," an upbeat, fun new work the company commissioned earlier this year.

"I am looking forward to presenting my company once again at Oakland Community College's Smith Theatre," said artistic director Laurie Eisenhower. "It's a lovely little theater."

Eisenhower will present a section of a work in progress that takes a look at aging, and will lend her voice to "Moon Dances." This work, set to a Robert Moran composition, blends ensemble symmetry with lyrical virtuosity.

One of the more dramatic works on the program is Connor's "Pyre," set to the music of Gavin Bryars. "It's a deeper piece, a little more classical, that reflects on the impression one individual passing from this existence leaves on those remaining behind," said Anne Bak, a company member, and associate manager. "But there's a real sense of

What: Eisenhower Dance Ensemble presents "Entrances and Exits: Dance for a New Millennium"

When: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18

Where: Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

Tickets: \$16 general admission, call (248) 471-7667

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COMMUNITY THEATER

Actors kick up their heels in "A Chorus Line"

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Darren Pierson and Laura Cable have stars in their eyes. It may only be a dream now, but the two teenagers hope to one day dance their way onto a Broadway stage. In the meantime, they're singing up a storm in the Tinderbox Productions presentation of "A Chorus Line" opening Friday, Feb. 18 at the Masonic Temple in Detroit.

Pierson is already an old hand when it comes to theater. The Redford Thurston High School senior began acting in 1990 at the Redford Youth Theater. He's been involved with The Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford, Lunch Bunch Players and productions at his high school. He met Cable, a sophomore at Troy Athens High School, while playing Rooster in Tinderbox Productions' presentation of "Annie" earlier this year.

"I really like playing Mark Anthony in "A Chorus Line," said Pierson. "He's 20 years old and this is his first audi-

What: Tinderbox Productions' adult ensemble presents "A Chorus Line."

When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, Feb. 25-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 and Feb. 27.

Where: Masonic Temple Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, 500 Temple, at 2nd Street, Detroit.

Tickets: \$15 reserved, \$10-\$12 general admission; call (313) 535-8962.

tion. The musical is all about an audition. This is his first so it's very exciting. He's very optimistic. My favorite song is "What I Did For Love." It means a lot to me and shows what people have done for theater."

Falling in love with Val, the girl next to him in "A Chorus Line" came easy to Pierson as an actor. He did the show last year with The Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford. Tinderbox Productions' adult ensemble, in cooperation with Tams-Witmark, is presenting the original Broadway show directed and

choreographed by Michael Bennett. "The challenge for me is the ballet," said Pierson. "I haven't had much ballet. It's cool. I just wish I could do it better."

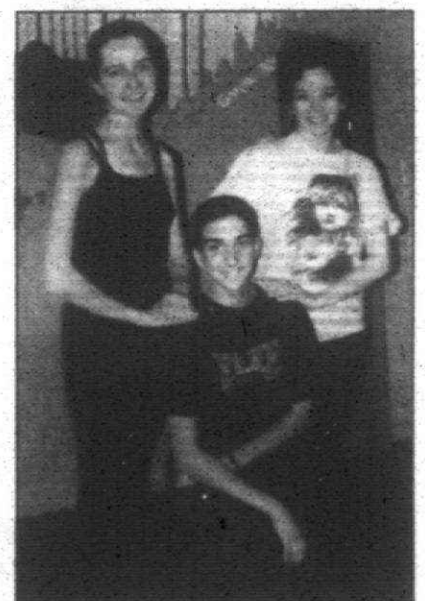
Cable is still adjusting her schedule to accommodate rehearsals for the show directed by Stephanie Stephens. The adult ensemble is practicing its steps every day.

"You have to make time for it," said Cable. "But I love theater. It's the sense that anything can happen because you have live people in front of you performing."

Cable plays Judy Turner in her second Tinderbox Production. Unlike the characters in "A Chorus Line," Cable was new at auditioning when she won a role in "Annie." Ballet studies since kindergarten helped her secure the part.

"It's been a challenge learning all the dances and polishing it up in time," said Cable. "Darren and other people in

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Hoofin' it: Laura Cable (left), Darren Pierson, and Shannon Van Esley put on their dancing shoes for "A Chorus Line."

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in professional-theater for 10 years. 'There's no way to close the curtain so we had to develop something that has levels,' said Bloom...

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hope about the person who is passing - a celebration of their life. Since its inception in the summer of 1991, the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble has been dedicated to the performance of a diverse range of contemporary dance works...

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They are also committed to educating and informing the public about the art of dance and encouraging the community to explore dance as a source of cultural and physical enrichment.

This is the only concert that we do in this area, said Bak of the Feb. 18 performance. 'We're trying to perform at throughout the area. We had a nice turnout last year.'

The company received a good review from the New York Times after its Dance Theatre Works.

'That's what's neat is we're really getting to know each other,' added Jamie Deitsch, a chorus member from Farmington Hills. 'We're all friends.'

'It's so fun,' chimed in Meghan Symons of Canton. 'We all came Saturday and sang our 'Oliver!' songs while we were painting.'

Like Guerrero, chorus members have sacrificed to participate in community theater. In the final weeks before opening night, the cast was rehearsing six days a week.

The challenges are fitting in school and listening for your cues,' said Brittany Norris of Plymouth. 'You have to know when to respond.'

Toby Booker's faced a different set of problems in his role as Mr. Bumble, the hard-hearted windbag who likes to assert his authority over the orphans. He has plenty of experience under his belt. In addition to acting in the Guild's 'It's a Wonderful Life' earlier this season, Booker has been in productions with the Farmington Players and SRO Productions in Southfield. He also plays Tony in 'Tony and Maria's Wedding' in various locations around town including

Summit on the Park Community Center in Canton. The next show there is scheduled for Saturday, March 18. 'The fat suit I wear underneath is hot,' said Booker, 'and learning the cockney accent.'

Marc Rosati doesn't mind the costume and beard he has to wear to play Fagin, the harsh man who truly loves the gutter-snipes in his charge. A substitute teacher for Farmington Schools, Rosati has been in community theater 10 years, and did small skits as a student at St. Mary's of Redford.

'I think it's the best character in the show,' said Rosati of Walled Lake. 'He's funny and sings comedic songs.'

Ariana and Keith Prusak's real life relationship is the exact opposite of the one they share on stage. Married 2 1/2 years, the Prusaks met and fell in love at Eastern Michigan University. This is their fourth show together. Keith plays Bill Sykes, Ariana the role of Nancy.

'He's, as rotten as they come, and I'm trying to kill my wife again,' said Keith Prusak referring to the role in 'Wait Until Dark' where he stalked a blind Ariana.

'She's a girl of ill-repute but has a heart of gold,' said Ariana of Livonia. 'She can't let go of this guy that abuses her.'

A 50-50 raffle last year paid for the new spotlights used for the first time in 'Oliver!' Kuna is hoping the 50-50 raffle will pay for a new sound board and amp to be used for the first time during 'Oliver!'

This is a cement room with poor acoustics, said Czapliski. 'The new sound board and amp will help the sound because feedback has been a tremendous problem.'

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Meadow Brook carries torch with Miller's morality play

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER fprovenzano@oe.homecomm.net

By the middle of act one in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of 'All My Sons,' the notion that contemporary theater is foremost about providing mindless entertainment and appealing to the masses is resoundly dismissed.

By then, the audience is fully wrapped into Miller's morality play, and the result is a rekindled hope that the stage can be a social laboratory, whereby the great issues of life are contemplated and dramatized.

Choosing Miller's play couldn't have been easy. On the one hand, Miller is among the most revered playwrights of the 20th century. On the other hand, his work requires intense focus and an ability to navigate the torrents of powerful storytelling with characters often standing at the moral abyss.

And perhaps most telling about the state of theater, Miller's work deals with heavy, unfashionable themes like responsibility, morality and the

meaning of life. Not the kind of subject matter that attracts blockbuster crowds.

To their credit, Meadow Brook hasn't flinched from the challenge. Director Henry Woronicz, making his Meadow Brook debut, clears a path so the storytelling remains front and center.

And the storytelling in Miller's 1947 play unfolds with a tautness that reveals a master craftsman at work.

'All My Sons' was Miller's first critical and popular success. Two years later, he wrote 'Death of a Salesman,' followed by 'An Enemy of the People,' 'A View From The Bridge,' and 'The Crucible.'

'All My Sons' is set in post-war America, whereby idealism fostered by war heroes and practical realities faced by war profiteers are finding an uneasy alliance.

On the broadest level, the play is a moral dilemma created by two partners in a machine shop that sent out defective airplane engine parts causing the death of 21 men.

The guilty and more resourceful partner, Joe Keller (Dennis

What: 'All My Sons,' a three-act play by Arthur Miller. When: Through Sunday, March 5; performance times vary, call the theater for information. Where: Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus. Tickets: \$19.50-\$35, call (248) 377-3300.

Robertson), pins the crime on his business friend. Like a cancer, the crime continues to eat away at the fundamental relationships of his family.

Meanwhile, one of Keller's two sons was killed in the war in an airplane crash, and his surviving son, Chris (Raymond L. Chapman), has returned home to work alongside his father, who has profited greatly from the war effort.

The drama is further complicated by Chris' love for his deceased brother's former girlfriend, Annie (Robin Lewis of Livonia).

Eventually, the truth is revealed to all, and the consequences laid bare to all those who fail to live up to their own moral responsibility.

Like the works of Shakespeare and Ibsen, Miller's words are

creates a compelling backdrop that invites audiences to peer over the wall into the Keller's backyard that soon turns into a moral quagmire.

The cast dons the restrained mannerism of the time, and invokes the intimacy of a compelling family drama. By the play's climax, the ensemble is indeed a representation of the family of man, twisted in an utterly strangling moral problem.

Moments between father (Robertson) and son (Chapman) are chillingly magical, as are the exchanges between brother (Raymond Schultz) and sister (Lewis), and mother (Mary Benson) and son (Chapman). Even the stargazing Frank Lubey (Scott Crownover), and the wise neighbor, Dr. Jim Bayliss (Geof-

frey Beauchamp) elevate the relevance of the play.

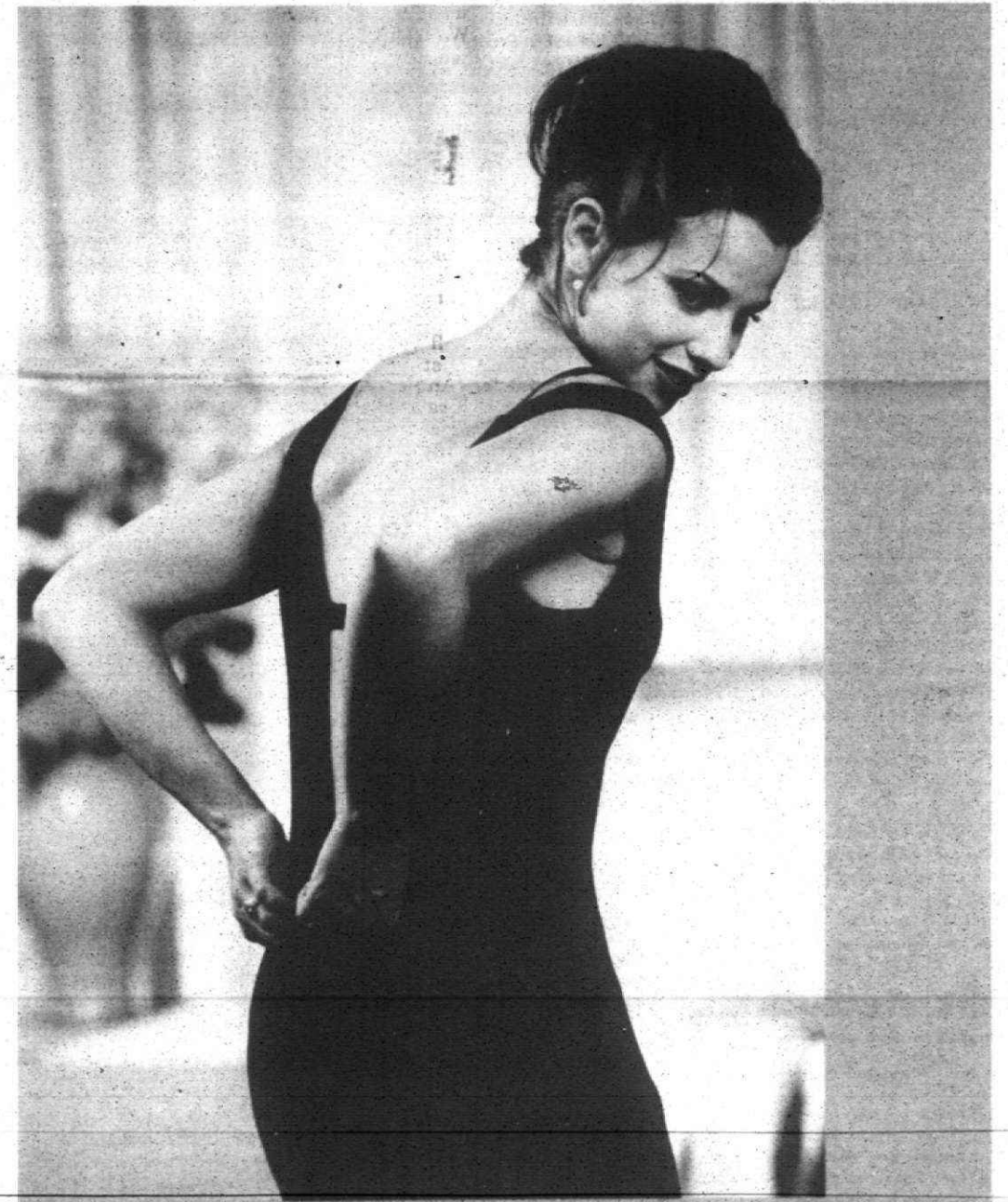
While it's not easy to sustain the indignancy at the heart of the play, Chapman's restless energy, and Robertson's calm duplicity infuse each scene.

Director Woronicz proves repeatedly that he knows how to write drama from the dynamic relationships in Miller's play.

In a region with an unfortunate lack of professional theater companies, Meadow Brook is the standard bearer. By choice of default, the university-affiliated professional theater company carries the heavy responsibility of making the public case for the invaluable role of theater.

Appropriately, with 'All My Sons,' Meadow Brook proved up to the task in carrying the torch.

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THEATER

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE: "Valley Song," through Sunday, March 19, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

GEM THEATRE: "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through March 26, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: "All My Sons" continues to Sunday, March 5, at the theater, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

HFCC: "Bachelors," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 17-18, and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center Atrium Auditorium on campus, Dearborn. \$15. (313) 526-3278 or e-mail to slalexprod@msn.com

U-D THEATRE COMPANY: "The Dumb Waiter and More" continues to Feb. 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

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FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Perform John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at the Farmington Players Barn, Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. \$12. (248) 553-2955

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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

SPECIAL EVENTS

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: "Oliver," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, 25-26 and March 3-4, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Water Tower Theatre, Northville. \$12, \$8 students. (248) 349-7110

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 Postage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, 1/2 block east of Lahser. Tickets \$10, discounts for seniors and students. (313) 537-7716 or (313) 632-4010

STAGECRAFTERS: "Forever Plaid," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, March 3-4 and 10-11, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 and March 5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. \$9. (248) 541-6430

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA REDFORD: "Godspell" opens Friday, Feb. 18 and continues through Saturday, March 11, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, Redford. \$12. (313) 531-0554

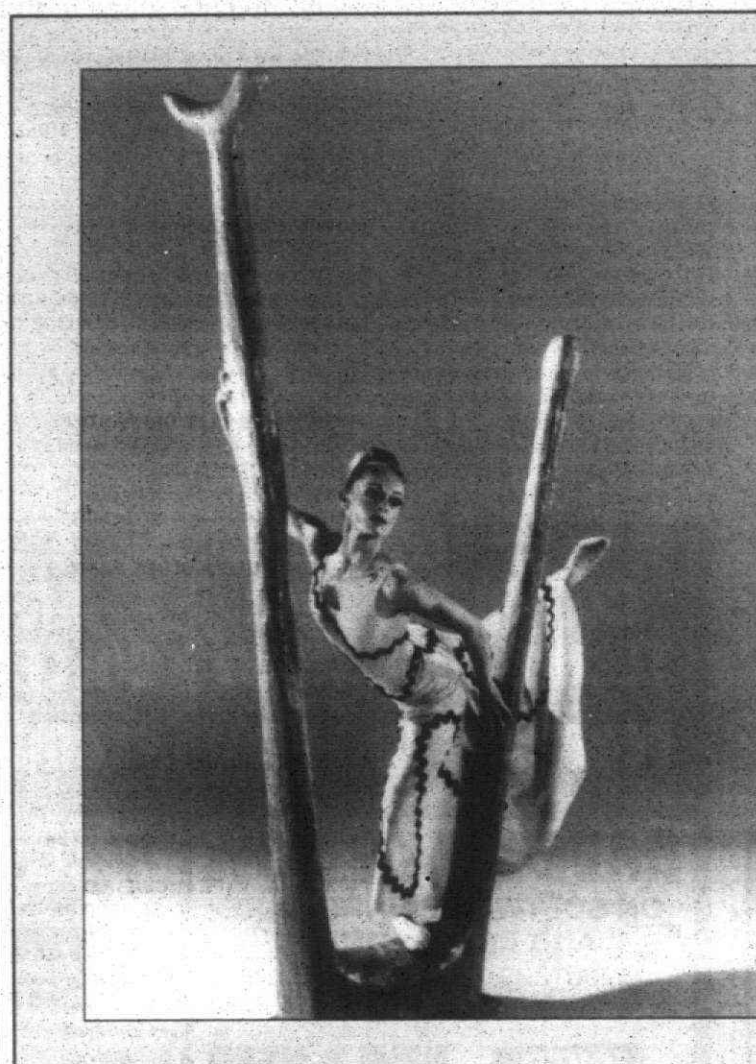
TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: "A Chorus Line," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19 and 25-26 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 and 27, at Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE: "Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, \$25 Thursdays and Sundays, \$30 Thursdays-Saturdays, and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

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Feb. 3 and continues on alternate Thursdays, 7 p.m. dinner, show follows, at the theater, Southfield. \$25. (248) 544-0283

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JAZZ DANCE THEATRE: A dance concert featuring established repertory works and a recent premiere 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$8 students/seniors. (734) 995-4242

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MURRAY PERAHLI: Performs an all-Bach program 8 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 18, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$55. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229

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OPERA

CANTON PROJECT ARTS: Presents the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, a special presentation of the history of opera in America precedes the concert at 2:30 p.m., an artists reception follows the concert, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. \$15. (734) 397-6450

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BRAZEL DENARD CHORALE: And the Detroit Symphony Orchestra 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$19-\$50. (313) 576-5111

CANTATA ACADEMY: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$15, \$12 seniors/students. (248) 358-9868

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ST. THOMAS CHORIST: Of Men and Boys from Thomas Church in New York City performs 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23 at Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills. \$12 general admission, \$6 students senior at the door or call (248) 626-2515

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COMEDY

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JAZZ

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RICH K. TRIO: 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

JANET TENAJ TRIO: 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 and Friday, Feb. 25, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield 6 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5493

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FOLK/BLUEGRASS

ERIC ANDERSEN: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$14. (734) 763-TKTS

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WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY DANCE: "Approaching Extremes," the 71st annual Spring Dance Concert features works by the Detroit Dance Collective, Alan Danielson & Dancers, Erica Wilson-Perkins, and King/Chavez/Parks, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, at Music Hall for the Performing Arts, Detroit. (313) 577-4273

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JAZZ

B'JAZZ VESPEERS: Features Janet Tenaj and the Sven Anderson Trio 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at First Baptist Church, Birmingham. Free.

TODD CURTIS: Thursdays, at Elle's, 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With vocalists Sunny Wilkinson 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. \$5 cover. Reservations recommended for the Jazz Room. (734) 762-7756

RICH K. TRIO: 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

JANET TENAJ TRIO: 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 and Friday, Feb. 25, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield 6 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5493

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MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: Offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5493

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WORLD MUSIC

BLACK BRIMMER: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at O'Malley's Tavern, Auburn Hills. (248) 373-4500

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on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum, Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, 7-50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 274-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Mattilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sundays, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM: "A Stitch in Time" quilt exhibit continues through Saturday, Feb. 26, at the museum at Van Hoesen Farm, Rochester Hills. \$3, \$2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663

SPIRIT OF FORD: Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

U-M MUSEUM OF ART: "The Orchid Pavilion Gathering," an exhibit of 60 Chinese works spanning nearly 900 years continues to Sunday, March 26. Chinese Lantern Festival features hands-on activities and performances to celebrate Chinese art and culture 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Free, but a \$5 donation is suggested. Call (734) 764-0395 or visit the Web site at www.umich.edu/~umma/

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MOVIES

'The Beach' is hardly a paradise for film-goers

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

The groans of the girls said it all. Not moans of desire, mind you, but groans of bewilderment and disappointment. This is the project the "Titanic" we waited two years to make? "What was Leo thinking?" said one young film-goer, hurrying off as if the memory would fade more quickly than words.

American who, by a stroke of luck, winds up traveling in the company of a beautiful girl and her companion. In due course, his natural charm wins the girl away from her jealous beau. And not long after that, he and the girl end up underwater together.

In this hybrid of "Apocalypse Now," "Lord of the Flies," "Blue Lagoon" and, if unintentional, "Titanic," too, Richard runs away from what? to Bangkok, seek-

ing "something more beautiful and exciting and dangerous." Before his first night in town is over, he drinks stroke blood with some local lowlifes, checks into a fleabag motel and smokes pot with the guy in the next room, a flamed-out druggie named Duffy, as in the duck.

Duffy tells Richard about a hidden island paradise. The next morning Duffy slashes his wrists, but not before he's taped a map to this super secret hideaway onto Richard's door. Not slipped it under the door, you understand, but right there out in the hall. You can't expect any one called Duffy to think of such things.

Richard persuades the young French couple two doors down to go with him: the beautiful Francois (Virginie Ledoyen) and boyfriend Etienne (Guillaume Canet). Swimming through miles of shark-infested waters, they reach the island and discover its secrets. On one side: cannabis fields forever, guarded by Uzi-wielding Thais right out of Central Casting. On the other side: two-dozen descendants of Gilligan, Ginger, the Professor and Maryann.



Paradise lost: Etienne (Guillaume Canet) and Francois (Virginie Ledoyen) watch Richard (Leonardo DiCaprio) burn the map to a secret island paradise in 'The Beach,' now playing in theaters.

Paradise, they come to realize, is good for maybe a week, then days tops. DiCaprio's descent into his own personal "Heart of Darkness" includes imagining himself in a video game and imagining he's as good an actor as Martin Sheen in "Apocalypse Now." Delivering narration lines like, "I tried to remember the person I used to be, but I just couldn't" doesn't help his cause.

DiCaprio as action hero still seems a stretch, but he does have a convincing way as an international girlfriend-stealer. British actress Tilda Swinton is the strongest presence on the screen as Sal, the commune's despotic leader.

But even her character is ridiculous. Sal refuses to let anyone go for help when one of the flock needs serious medical attention, but she has no problem jumping into a boat and making for the mainland when they need batteries for their Gameboy.

It's hard watching the screen when you're so busy rolling your eyes.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

A large grid of movie listings for various theaters. Each entry includes the movie title, showtimes, and theater name. Theaters listed include National Amusements, Showcase, Star Southfield, Eye of the Beholder, Maple Art Cinema III, Mansfield Park, Birmingham Theatre, Oxford 3 Cinema, AMC Lincroft 20, MJR Theatres, Brighton Cinema 2, United Artists, Showcase Pontiac, Star John, Showcase Pontiac 6-12, Cine Yellis, Star Rochester Hills, and Main Art Theatres III.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

A section listing upcoming movies. It includes 'Pitch Black' (a sci-fi thriller about a convict on a planet), 'The Whole Nine Yards' (a comedy about a hit man), 'Wonder Boys' (a comedy about a teacher), and 'Robbed Must Die' (a thriller about a man on the run).

'Boiler Room' a wild journey into unethical money-making scam

Midway into the "Boiler Room," an arrogant gang of money-crazed stockbrokers gazes back at the movie "Wall Street" as it plays on a big screen television. The scene initially makes sense that unethical stockbroker/telemarketers hold Michael Douglas' seedy "Wall Street" character as their inspiration to scam a quick million bucks. But a later scene in "Boiler Room," where the movie's main characters ruin a restaurant's pleasant atmosphere ala "Goodfellas style" — with loud profanity, Mafia-style suits and even a Joe Peck character who's ready to beat up anyone at any moment — gives a cheap twist to a script with a fascinating concept: the fast world of illegal, fly-by-night-stockbroker firms.

'Uncut Detroit II' showcases blues, the Detroit way

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Go ahead, call Steve Schwartz a die-hard bluesman. He won't mind. "I was only 12 years old when I heard this music," said Schwartz, a Farmington Hills resident. "It took a hold of me. This is all I listen to. It's music from the heart, music from the soul."

As guitarist for The Alligators, he's one reason the Detroit blues scene remains vital. It's that sort of passion that keeps the blues alive, even if it doesn't get the recognition it deserves. Schwartz said Detroit blues has never really gotten its due. In the 1940s and '50s, people associated the blues with places like Chicago, not the Motor City — never mind Detroit legends like John Lee Hooker, whose influence is felt today. "Detroit continues to influence music as a whole," he said. "There are a lot of great artists in the city still."



The Alligators: Mark Saylor, Dave Kramer, Steve Schwartz, Wailin' Dale and Pete Kiss play the blues

la Price and the Kenny Miller Band, Detroit's own "Queen of Blues" Alberta Adams, more modern sounds from Al Hill and The Love Butlers, and Mystery Train featuring guitarist Jim McCarty. All artists donated their performances for "Uncut Detroit II."

Jo Ann Korczynska, blues director at the station, said she "always been a really good friend" to local music and the blues community. A coordinator

of the CD will fund future recording projects for the station. Alberta Adams said she thinks the CD came out beautifully. "Everywhere you go it's the blues. Blues done took over. I'm thankful they picked me out," added Adams. "I love what I do." And it shows, but Adams is only part of the story.

"It gives you a nice feel for what's coming from Detroit," said Bednar. "Order 'Uncut Detroit II' for \$10 by calling (313) 845-9676, or buy it at area record stores including Harmony House.

Stroke 9 hits big with 'Little Black Backpack'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Drummers. They don't get the attention they deserve. Sometimes we just can't see them behind that drum kit. But Eric Stock isn't about to let anyone forget about him.

Not only is he responsible for the heart-pounding back beats that keep San Francisco-based Stroke 9's songs soaring for the top of the modern rock charts, he's also got a sense of humor. While on tour with vocalist Luke Esterly, guitarist John McDermott and bassist Greg Gueldner — Stock gave us the low-down on California's next big thing.

O&E: How is the tour going? Eric Stock: "It's going great. This is the second month of this outing. We're co-headlining. The whole West Coast has been sold out." O&E: "Little Black Backpack" is getting a lot of attention. (Now it's number six on Billboard's Modern Rock Charts) Do you feel it represents Stroke 9's sound? Stock: "I think so, it's definitely one of the more unique songs, the time signature changes. The label definitely felt strong about it. It's pretty catchy, probably our best song live." O&E: As the newest member of the band, how did it feel joining a group of high school friends? Stock: "It was hell," he laughs. "We had chemistry even before I joined. I came in with the inside jokes and obscure references that would generally annoy anyone. It was meant to be. A lot of bands have trouble on the road. It's hard enough to make this

Advertisement for the movie 'Boiler Room'. It features a large image of the main cast and the title 'BOILER ROOM'. Text includes: 'WALL STREET FOR THE NEXT GENERATION - IT'S RIGHT ON THE MONEY!', 'BOILER ROOM IS FANTASTICALLY OF-THE-MOMENT!', 'ELECTRIFYING! EQUAL PARTS FRIGHTENING AND FUN!', 'INTENSE AND HAUNTING...IF MONEY AND POWER DOESN'T SEDUCE YOU...THE GUYS WILL!', 'STARTS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18'. It lists various theaters and showtimes.

Advertisement for the movie 'Snow Day'. It features a large image of the cast and the title 'SNOW DAY'. Text includes: 'LAUGH-OUT-LOUD... packs the punch of a well-timed snowball, straight for the funny bone!', 'THE FAMILY FUN HIT OF THE SEASON! GREAT MUSIC, GREAT KIDS, GREAT FUN!', 'NOW PLAYING'. It lists various theaters and showtimes.

Advertisement for the movie 'The Whole Nine Yards'. It features a large image of Bruce Willis and Matthew Perry. Text includes: 'Bruce Willis Matthew Perry "Hilarious!" "Extremely Funny!" "It will leave you Rolling In The Aisles." "Sheer Performance Delight." "★★★★★ A Hilarious Comedy." 'The Whole Nine Yards' stars Bruce Willis and Matthew Perry. 'Life's a comedy. It's all in the execution.' 'STARTS TOMORROW AT THESE THEATRES!'

Advertisement for the movie 'Hanging Up'. It features a large image of Meg Ryan, Diane Keaton, and Lisa Kudrow. Text includes: 'Hanging Up' stars Meg Ryan, Diane Keaton, and Lisa Kudrow. 'Sheer Performance Delight.' '★★★★★ A Hilarious Comedy.' 'STARTS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18'. It lists various theaters and showtimes.

Advertisement for the movie 'The Tigger Movie'. It features a large image of Tigger and other characters from Disney's Winnie the Pooh. Text includes: 'Disney's THE TIGGER MOVIE' stars Tigger and other characters. 'NOW PLAYING'. It lists various theaters and showtimes.

DINING

Fans follow La Shish to spacious new location

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER
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Joe Weber and his mother, Joan, were enjoying lunch and each other's company in a booth at the newly opened La Shish Livonia.

"It's very nice; we came here last week, too," said Weber, a La Shish fan for "at least five years." He's eaten at La Shish restaurants in Dearborn and Farmington Hills and was happy when one opened in Livonia.

"Quality, variety and freshness are the reasons he keeps coming back. The service is polite; it's always good," he said. Weber enjoyed the chicken shish kabob he ordered, and his mom, a Livonia resident, had her favorite, chicken shawarma with salad.

The opening of La Shish Livonia was a much anticipated event. "People kept knocking on the door asking us when we were going to open," said Charles Saad, vice president of operations.

"Every time we open a new location there's a half hour to an hour wait for dinner, 5-10 minutes for lunch," said Saad. "Weekends have been crazy." If you don't want to wait, order a carryout, or visit between 3-5 p.m. which is the slow, steady time.

The new Livonia La Shish is a beautiful restaurant, twice the size of the new Canton location. There's a mixture of comfortable booths and tables of four. Helping to create an Arabian Night atmosphere are custom arched windows, a gigantic brass chandelier, and fabric draped across the ceiling. Adding to a warm and welcoming feeling is a La Shish trademark, the scent of fresh-baked bread from the on-premise oven served warm at your table.

Executive Chef/senior vice president Jamil Eid is responsible for all of the food, and trains the chefs. "Before you taste the food with your mouth, you taste it with your eyes," said Eid explaining his philosophy about food. "Cooking is an art and I love cooking."

New items he recently added to the menu include Hummus with veggies, Mediterranean

La Shish Livonia
Where: 37367 Newburgh, corner of Six Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 464-8200.
Open: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday.
Menu: Middle Eastern specialties including shish kabob, shish tawook, lamb chops, kibbee, hummus, tabbouli, spinach pie and grape leaves. Freshly squeezed juices, soups, salads and sandwiches. Combos and party trays also available.
Surprises: Some items you'll find on the menu, but wouldn't expect to are a Caesar turkey salad, chicken kabob with lemon-oregano, quail, whole red snapper, and salmon fillet.
Seats: 250 people, semi-private area available Sunday-Thursday for parties of 40-50 people. If you're planning a party, call the restaurant for information. They're flexible, and will make every effort to accommodate your request.
Reservations: Not accepted, but you can call ahead Monday-Thursday to have your name placed on a waiting list.
Credit Cards: All majors accepted
Carry-out: All menu items
Catering: Available, call La Shish headquarters, (313) 441-2900 for more information.
Other locations
■ Canton — 1699 Canton Center Road at Ford Road, (734) 983-9000
■ Farmington Hills — 37610 W. 12 Mile Road (at Halsted) (248) 553-0700
■ West Bloomfield — 6303 Orchard Lake Road, (248) 538-0800
■ East Dearborn — 12918 Michigan Ave., (313) 584-4477
■ West Dearborn — 22039 Michigan Ave., (313) 562-7200



STAFF PHOTO BY MATTHEW TAPLINGER

Middle Eastern delights: La Shish executive chef/senior vice president Jamil Eid (left) and Charles Saad, vice president of operations, present some of the items you'll find on the menu at the new La Shish Livonia, and other La Shish locations. The Flaming Tower, (center) is a spectacular display of 12 skewers of shish kabob, shish tawook, kafta, shrimp, swordfish, and vegetables.

chicken wings, Shish Tawook (chicken kabob) with lemon and oregano, quail, and salmon fillet.

If you want to wow your friends, order the Flaming Tower — a spectacular Las Vegas-style showpiece of 12 skewers of shish kabob, shish tawook, kafta, shrimp, swordfish and vegetables, served with a large salad platter.

Future growth

Customers like the Webers are one of the reasons Talal K. Chahine decided to expand his growing chain of Lebanese restaurants to Livonia.

Eleven years ago, a sense of responsibility, and pride in his homeland, prompted Chahine to open his first restaurant on Michigan Avenue in East Dearborn. He soon opened a second in West Dearborn, and then began following customers to other metropolitan Detroit suburbs.

In the nine years since he left a career in engineering to open his second La Shish restaurant,

Chahine has been satisfying a growing hunger in metro Detroit for good Middle Eastern food.

"I trust my taste buds," he said. "I can't be steering the public wrong." Now, as he approaches 400 employees, Chahine looks to the future, and "Inshaa Allah" (God willing) to more opportunities to expand his trademark "La Shish," which translated means "the skewer."

"If I can humbly state, I always envisioned a chain of restaurants," he said. Chahine has two potential growth patterns in mind: Entering franchise agreements with people in other states, and developing a new line of restaurants, La Shish Express, that would offer quick, top quality, healthy, value-oriented meals to go. He's actively looking for sites, and plans to open La Shish Express in the near future. "I have great hope and expectations for La Shish Express," he said. "Fast food doesn't have to be unhealthy."

More Middle Eastern restaurants

If you enjoy Middle Eastern cuisine, here are some other restaurants to try in your hometown.
■ **Anita's Kitchen** — 31005 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 855-4150. Open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
■ **Bushel's Cafe** — 985 N. Mill, Plymouth, (734) 454-9404. Open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
■ **Cleopatra's** — 7988 N. Wayne Road, Westland, (734) 427-2100. Open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 10 p.m. Sunday.
■ **Pine Land** — two locations, 8207 Middlebelt, Westland, (734) 421-4084; and 33320 Farmington Road, (at 12 Mile), Farmington Hills, (248) 324-1163. Open 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m. to midnight Friday-Sunday.
■ **Panini Cafe and Grill** — 42087 Ford, Canton, (734) 981-7000. Open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Closed Sunday.
If you missed one of your favorite Middle Eastern restaurants, send a note attention Keely Wygonik, assistant managing editor Observer Features, via e-mail, fax (734) 591-7279, or to the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, and we'll share the information with our readers next week.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send dinner specials, menu changes, restaurant renovations, and other items to Keely Wygonik, Assistant Managing Editor Features Group, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net.

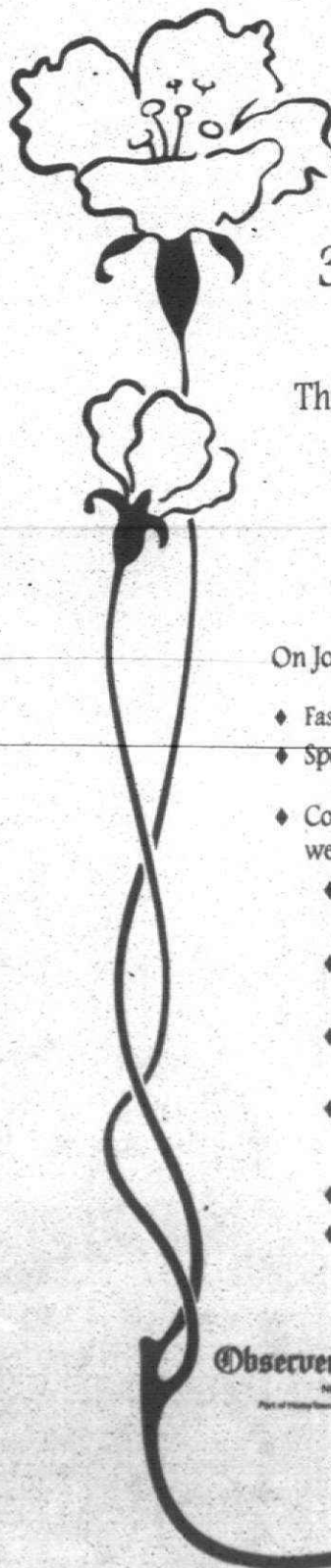
■ **The Detroit Big Smoke**, 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, Detroit Marriott. \$150 per person. Over 4,000 cigar lovers attended "Cigar Aficionado" magazine's Las Vegas Big Smoke Weekend and 2,500 enjoyed its New York Big Smoke. Now it's metro-Detroit's turn. This highly visual event is one where dedicated cigar lovers can indulge their passion and support CaPCure, a research organization seeking a cure for prostate cancer.

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■ **Mardi Gras Brewers Dinner** — 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 at Bonfire Bistro & Brewery, 39550 Seven Mile Road, Northville. The cost is \$50 per person, all tables reserved, call (734) 735-4570.

Chef David Platzer and brewer Ron Jeffries are teaming up to present a five course meal and a pre-selected beer per course. The entree is Rotisserie Cornish Game Hen served with andouille sausage and crawfish corn bread stuffing over red and yellow pepper coulis.

■ **Mardi Gras Celebration at Schoolcraft** — celebrate the end of winter and the coming of spring in true New Orleans style at a gala Mardi Gras celebration 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4 in the Waterman Campus Center at Schoolcraft College. Tickets are \$35 a person, and may be ordered by calling (734) 462-4417. VISA, MasterCard or Discover cards are accepted. Proceeds support student scholarships.





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