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Ex-guard faces trial for rape

SCHOOLS

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER necomm.net

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

Please see TRIAL, A2

Dads and daughters celebrate Valentine's Day





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.

BY SCOTT DANIEL

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.

down to the top two or three. An Ann Arbor consulting firm will then help the chamber pick a new leader, said "They've been used extensively by

The committee will screen applicants

the township," he said of the firm. "We

Please see CHAMBER, A4

Bush campaign rolls into Canton Township

BY SCOTT DANIEL

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

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.

Please see CAMPAIGN, A3



Stumping: Michigan first lady Michelle Engler (left) laughs Monday as Texas firsi lady Laura Bush receives a corsage from Canton Rotarian Mary Beards-ley 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

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM

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 technoloy) 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

"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 neatthe 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-

"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

A Detroit police officer could be facing domestic violence against a wall and finally to the recent township incident.

The narcotics officer, who is not being identified pending charges and arraignment, attacked his wife Jan. 30, according to Canton police

"The case is currently under Police Sgt. Charles Raycraft.

The incident occurred at about 10:30 p.m., reports said. He came to the door of his 32-

8000 block of Honeycomb ask-

reports said.

man allegedly pushed her up a.m. charges in connection with a floor. Reports said he then pulled out a hand gun and laid it next to the woman's head.

They continued to struggle for some time. Reports said the officer pulled her hair and choked her during the fight. At one point, he picked the

Canton woman up and took her nvestigation," said Township to a bedroom. The officer then got on top of her and began pulling her pants down, reports

Moments later, the woman year-old wife's home in the was able to grab a cordless tor's Office would make that phone base and hit him over determination, said Raycraft.

ing to use the bathroom, the head. Reports said she was then able to get away and the After a brief argument, the man finally left her home at 4

> Reports said she was threatened by her husband not to

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 Prosecu-

Woman reports mailbox theft and check fraud

According to township police reports, checks were stolen from the Geddes Road resident's mailfailed to pay for the player. box in mid-January. Since then, several checks have been written at area businesses totaling hun-

A 42-year-old Canton woman-

was the recent victim of fraud.

dreds of dollars, reports said. Canton Police are investigat-

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

their children for a visit. Reports said the man asked her about using the kids as tax exemp- gating. 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

The woman's ex-husband

Domestic violence

police reports.

Canton Police sent a warrant

telling the truth.'

\$15,000 cash bond.

teen was 15.

he said.

Trial from page A1

Smith didn't rule out the possi-

bility of a plea bargain with

looking at a criminal case you

look at the pleas being offered,"

Barnhart is currently free on

Canton police Detective Steve

Miller said his department

would pursue charges against

dent involved an underage girl.

Barnhart was 29 at the time, the

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Barnhart, even if force wasn't

used, because the alleged inci- years in prison.

Miller said no other students girl came forward, conducted a

"Both of these libraries have only help students learn to read,

worked extremely hard creating but they open up a whole new

exciting technology programs for world to kids through books and

students," said State Sen. Loren , other wonderful library

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appear to be involved at this thorough investigation and ter-

time. If convicted, Barnhart minated Barnhart on Jan. 21.

"No plea bargains have been offered. But, anytime you're

through a check-out line, but Prosecutor's office. It was followed up on the warrant by The woman was stopped by store officers before should could

leave, reports said. Canton Police later arrested the 21-year-A \$300 car computer compo-

nent was stolen from a Plymouth woman's vehicle in Canton Saturday, reports said. A 39-year-old Canton woman was the victim of domestic vio-

The 1989 Jeep Comanche was parked at a Lotz Road home at lence Saturday, according to about 7 a.m. when a fuel injector was stolen. The woman suspects stopped by her home to pick up a former boyfriend, according to

Township Police are investi-

The number of traffic crashes topped the list of calls for service to Canton Police for the weekend of Feb. 11-13.

She said there's never a dull A total of 14 were recorded. No injuries were reported from any of the accidents, however. Two reports of stolen cars were

Charged:

Barnhart

(right) at

an earlier

Mark

court

could be sentenced to up to 15

Plymouth-Canton school offi-

cials say they became aware of

the allegations Jan. 10, when the

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hearing.

Bush explained.

of campaigning," she said. "It hardest part is being away from Laura Bush spoke at length

Primary speech: Laura Bush speaks to Rotary Club

about education. She stressed moment with the 53-year-old that school districts should have Texan. But, then, it has been local control and emphasized the that way most of his life, Laura importance of reading. "We know that when children

Bush said she enjoys cam-

"People talk about the rigors

paigning for her husband, but it

"When George was a Cub succeed in reading they can suc-Scout his mother was a den ceed in history, math and other that's when her hair turned goal is that every child will learn

the ones that you love.'

members Monday.

can be a grind

Local leaders were impressed with Bush "I thought she was a very

warm lady," said Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Board can be tough, that's true. The Trustee Mark Slavens. "It was nice to hear her talk about the importance of education in this

Canton Clerk Terry Bennett, a former teacher, agreed. She thinks the Texas governor is the best Republican candidate.

"George W. Bush is a reformer," Bennett said. "I think leader," she joked. "She told me subjects," she said. "Our No. 1 he has a strong record to stand

Booking time with students on the Bush campaign trail

Campaign from page A1

"He has clear goals for our Michigan could be a key state

in determining whether Bush or Arizona Sen. John McCain cap-

tures the Republican nomina-After early primary victories.

the Texas governor has faltered

recently in states such as New

Hampshire. According to politi-

cal observers, Bush needs victo-

ries in South Carolina Saturday

and Michigan Tuesday to regain

Laura Bush's Michigan jaunt

was designed to help do that.

Besides Canton, she also

appeared in Westland and Tra-

verse City. She went on to Alpe-

na, Battle Creek and

Stevensville Tuesday before

Michigan first lady Michelle

"He really is the only candi-

Engler and Secretary of State

Candice Miller joined Bush for

date, Democratic or Republican,

who has executive experience,"

said Miller. "His experience will

help move a positive agenda for

Bush spoke for about 15 min-

her township visit.

change forward."

utes Monday.

heading back home to Texas.

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

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 read-The visit of the presidential candidate's wife took preparation, but with the support of the Wayne-Westland school superintendent all came off smoothly. he said. "The feedback has been really, really positive." Parents

are pleased, he said. Laura Bush, who has degrees in education and library science, read to about 30 Jefferson-Barns students in first through third grades. During her 40-minute visit, she read "Officer Buckle and Gloria" by Peggy Rath-

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III 'It was a real privilege to host Mrs. Bush. It was a great experience for our children. They took home with them the importance of reading.'

-Michael Holuta

Jefferson Barns Elementary principal

with the visit Monday of the and safety, "and was an exciting Monday, giggling during funny story for the students," the prin-

> 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.

focused on reading, with less political talk than at other stops. Press questions she answered did focus on politics. Holiita said

Michelle Engler, wife of Michigan Gov. John Engler, was also at Jefferson-Barns Monday.

parts of the story and asking and answering questions, Holu-

Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent for general land. 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 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 educa-

The story highlights values Children interacted with Bush www.lancesnacks.com www.totallyabsurd.com Q: Who was Emma Hart A: Born in 1787, Emma Hart

Willard was a pioneer in higher education for women. She was intent on improving educational opportunities for women and sent her "Plan for Improving Female Education" to the gover-

You can become an organ nor of New York. In it she donor by enrolling online at the described her ideal for a girls Secretary of State's Web site at school, including the instruction usually offered for girls of her Dorothy Dandridge was the day (music, drawing, painting, penmanship and dancing) as well as adding religious and moral instruction, natural philosophy and domestic science.

The source for this information

Fairy tales for teens Here are some selections that

horrow on tradition "At Midnight" by Jennifer ■ "Dark Lady" by Richard ■ "Teller of Tales" by William

■ "The Magic Circle" by Donna

"Truly Grim Tales" by Patri-

Cinderella 2000" by Mavis

An author's take

Here are some memoirs by well-known authors: This Boy's Life" by Tobia

Angela's Ashes" by Frank

■ "All Over But the Shoutin' by Rick Bragg ■ "Wars and Peace" by Rory

"A Monk Swimming" by

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 cher-The legislature granted her a ry industry started as a commercharter for the Waterford Acade- cial enterprise in the Midwest Detroit, is the longest serving my for Young Ladies and later Dougherty planted a cherry the Emma Willard School. She orchard in 1852 on the Old Misassisted in the founding of a sion Peninsula near Traverse teachers training school for girls city. His cherry trees flourished in Athens, Greece, in 1832 and and the area proved to be ideal authored several textbooks on because Grand Traverse Bay geography, history and astrono- and nearby Lake Michigan help to temper Arctic winds in winter and cool the orchards in sum is "Chase's 2000 Calendar of mer. 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

> @ the Canton Library is compiled by Laura Dorogi of the library staff. The library is at 1200 S. Canton Center. For more information about library pro grams and services, eall 397-

Dance is tribute to late co-founder

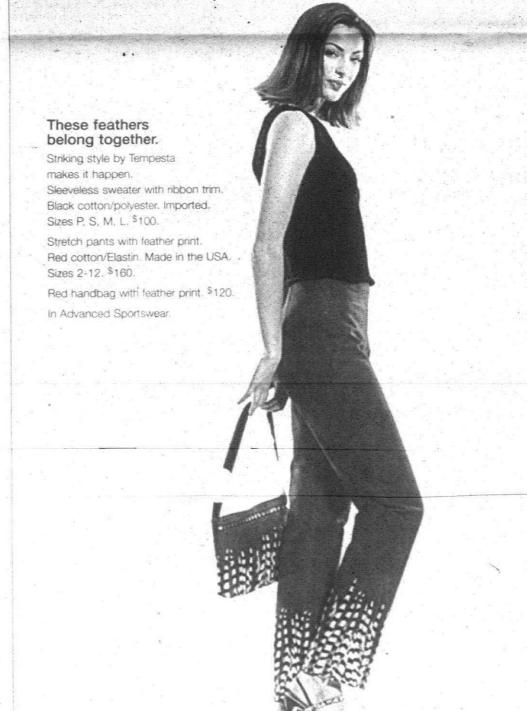


Funny valentine: Hannah Giaier, 2' lets out a laugh while dad Tom holds her in the picture line during Friday's Daddy-Daughter Dance at St. Thomas a Beckett Church in Canton, Ralph Difazio, one of the co-founders of the event, dedicated the evening to the memory of his partner and co-founder Marv Schultz, 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



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Police department targets new gun range

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

An outdoor gun range is being lanned for Lilley Road north of Construction on the new site Van Born. Public Safety Director will likely begin this summer, 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

Griffin wants the entire pro-

new director in place by April 1,"

The chamber plans to pay

\$38,000 to \$40,000 for the job.

Griffin said the chamber may be

know the job market is tight."

willing to go a bit above that

"If it's needed," he added. "We

According to a Michigan

Chamber of Commerce executive

1999 compensation survey. Can-

ton's chamber may have no

choice but to show its top appli-

The survey polled 14 southeast

Michigan chambers about salary

and fringe benefits. Chambers

On average, directors in posi-

tions similar to Canton made

\$45,069 last year, the survey

said. A high of \$65,000 was

reported while a low of \$30,500

Farmington/Farmington Hills

Chamber President Carleigh

Flaharty said the industry stan-

dard for director's pay represents

9 to 15 percent of a chamber's

Canton's chamber had rev-

enues of just over \$200,000 last

year, officials said. That number

should rise as the chamber

increases its membership and

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

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

Feb. 26 - miscellaneous

items; March 28 - miscellaitems; April 1 -

April 22 - miscellaneous items; May 13 - truck and equipment;

May 23 - miscellaneous items. For location information and more details, visit the DMB's

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he commented

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was noted.

overall revenue.

Chamber from page A1

said Santomauro. It should take about a year to complete, he

rounding neighborhood should

Officers have been practicing

at the Sheldon Road range since

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

"We'd like to be at 550 to 600. I

don't see any reason it can't be

Ambrozaitis replaced Flaharty

as Canton's director. She said

she made \$34,000 a year during

sizable raise after moving to

at a larger chamber with a big-

ger staff," Flaharty added.

'mid-sized" chamber.

and Bristol, Tenn.

larger chamber."

excellent director.

"It was an opportunity to work

She described Canton's as a

Livonia Chamber President

Rod Crider said directors hop

from smaller to larger institu-

tions frequently. Bigger cham-

bers mean bigger salaries, he

field, for example, he has had

stops in Saginaw, Mt. Clemens

"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

Nevertheless, Flaharty thinks

"It's a very stable chamber

AIRTOUCH

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that has successful fund-raisers,"

Canton should be able to get an

In Crider's 20 years in the

hit within a year."

III On average, directors in positions similar to

Canton made \$45,069 last year, the Michigan

Chamber of Commerce survey said. A high of

\$65,000 was reported while a low of \$30,500 was

solidly industrial and it's near a "We'd be looking at \$1 million tomauro said. landfill. Our impact on the sur- 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, San-

she commented. "But they may

have to elevate their salary and

benefits package to be competi-

Novi Chamber Director Lisa

Willard agreed. But she thinks it

will take more than money to get

"I think they have to have a

Directors, she noted, must

wear many hats. Promoting

member businesses, helping

improve the community and

overall economic development

"It's a very demanding job and

can be very long hours," said

Willard, adding that nights and

weekends are "not unusual. Usu-

ally people in chamber positions

is looking for all of the qualities

Willard mentioned. But it also

wants someone who knows how

to put the chamber's best foot

"The executive director has to

be able to perform many func-

tions," Griffin said, "and be able

to act as an ambassador for the

Griffin said Canton's chamber

clear idea of what they want,

the right person.

are among them.

thrive on it, though."

said Willard.

While facilities are being upgraded, so too will education

Wilson will attend a Michigan State University seminar later this month focusing on commu-

The department went to a him the tools to measure and community policing style four quantify its successes and failyears ago. The township is divided into four sections with specific

"It allows us to be more national level," Santomauro said accountable and in tune with in regards to evaluation community needs," said San-

tomauro. "The whole focus is to be proactive instead of reactive." with other police chiefs, he said. While the director feels com-"It allows departments to sit

down in an academic environment and brainstorm about what we do in community policing," said Santomauro, "It's an



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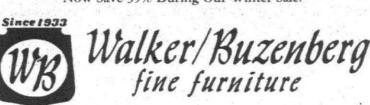
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wife of recipient Ed Schulz

to another person. That's the most imporship only days after receiving a tant gift of all.' kidney transplant on Wednes day, Jan. 12, at the University of Michigan Hospitals.

What made it even more spe cial for Schulz is that his brother, Lynn, 65, of Livonia was "It's a perfect fit. It feels

retty good," chuckled Schulz. But, then in a more serious one. 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 Ed

because of the surgery," admitted Lynn. "I never once doubt ed my decision. The hospital put my health above his, so they wouldn't have done it if I

II 'They faced a real 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 livng donor, who is also a blood relation. Because of the genetic match, we hope it will pro-It was last March when Ed long the kidney for a long

found out both his kidneys had shrunk to nothing. His Ed said the realization his lifestyle changed immediately life would take a turn for the as he went to dialysis at St. better came the day before the operation, his last day at dialy

Mary's Hospital in Livonia three days a week for three hours at a time day, leaving "When you start hugging him exhausted. eople, knowing you wouldn't Along with Lynn, Ed's wife be back ... " said Ed. "I had a for 31 years, Diane, and their oond with patients and their

son, Paul, all were tested and siblings, and the caregivers found to be suitable donors. Over 10 months you develop Lynn was found to be the perots of relationships. They fect match come like family. "We hadn't considered ask "It's a bittersweet momen ing anyone about a transplant, because you know some others but they (Lynn and his wife won't have the same opportuni Delores) were there asking he said. "You have some when they could be tested,

remembers Diane. "They faced some guilt because you're a real risk to their own health walking away from people to provide life to another peryou've gotten to know who son. That's the most important don't have the same opportuni Ed, an active Rotarian and a sailboat enthusiast before the

exhausting hours on dialysis. said he'll be glad to get back to a more normal lifestyle. "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

Ed sat back in his hospital bed and reflected

appiness, but you also feel

"You always feel like this ould 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 pre

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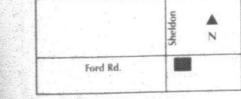
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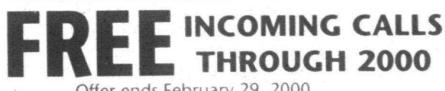


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House bills aimed at reforming unresponsive HMOs

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 liability. 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

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 drugs even though they'd been approved for use to treat breast cancer, rejected payment of some 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

> Rep. Marc Shulman R-West Bloomfield



outside appeal of coverage deci-

sions, but not for all insurance

companies. Appeals regarding

care that are filed with the

Department of Community

Health can take up to 90 days to

reach a decision under the cur-

Shulman says Michigan's

Patient Bill of Rights was not

well publicized after it was

adopted in 1997, and there has

to be a public education cam-

paign as well to let state resi-

His bill will also allow patients

to sue managed health care

plans when they make decisions

ents know it is available.

rent system.

of drugs given to his wife at the

the existing state Patient Bill of After his wife died in October Rights by providing an "expedit-1998, the hospital attempted to ed external review" for all insurput him on a payment play for ance companies, including \$1,000 worth of expenses that health maintenance organizashould have been covered by tions (HMOs) and preferred provider organizations (PPOs). He was so angry that he At present, Michigan's Patient formed Fighting for Victory Inc., Bill of Rights does allow for an

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 touch-

es on a new package of bills, which they plan to unveil shortly, aimed at reforming Michigan's managed health care net-Rep. Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield) has been working on

of the doctors instead of the medical directors at the HMOs." His bill is aimed at improving

a bill he says will "put the medi-

cal decisions back in the hands

"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. Afterthe 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 remiums of such reforms would e no more than 2 percent.

Lorri Rishar, aide to House Speaker Chuck Perricone (R-Kalamazoo Township), said Shulman's proposals will be incorporated into a multi-bill package addressing managed care reform that is expected to until the actually wording is 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

that have a detrimental effect on agency, and conduct a public already be sued under the law so he sees little impact from the awareness campaign. legislation. He agrees there does The appeals process now need to be accountability. He under the Department of Comsaid he sees the largest impact munity Health will be transferred to the Michigan Office of on PPOs, which are not at present subject to the appeals pro-

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dations, according to Helen Sto-

Farnum, of the Association of

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unveiled.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield has

the federal level. The package will also serve as Shulman noted that insurance the vehicle for managed care companies can indeed be sued at reforms called for by Gov. John present, but they can only be Engler in his State of the State sued for the cost of the medical address. At the time, Engler procedure denied. His bill would called for strengthening the allow for suits seeking damages Patient Bill of Rights through a as a result of denied treatment. single external appeals process.

cess, and insurance programs at

State Democrats have suggest-He also urged adoption of finaned similar proposals, but there is cial reforms regarding managed still likely to be some partisan care companies to assure their solvency over the next 20 years. wrangling over the issue. Rep. Laura Baird (D-Okemos), who He proposed improving the powsponsored House Bill 4127 to ers of the state insurance comallow for lawsuits against manmissioner to identify troubled aged care companies without HMOs and take corrective caps, accuses Shulman of stealactions early. Finally, Engler ing her bill outright. proposed a state sponsored

But Shulman is critical of Baird's plan. He argues that liawhich would be issued to the bility does little after the fact. Without an improved appeals process, liability would do little for the patient, he said. taken a position favoring the

Baird said that although she governor's solvency recommendoes not favor the caps Shulman has proposed, some liability for jik, director of media relations, insurance companies would be but it is reserving comment on better than none. Still, she doesthe remainder of the package n't expect Republicans will seek

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

favor passage of the package. Rep. David Woodward (D-Members in his organization are Madison Heights) has also proalready subject to an external posed a shorter appeals process review of health care decisions, for disputing care decisions by although he admits not all insur-HMOs. His proposal would be to ance companies in Michigan are. shorten the current 90-day Farnum said health insurance review process to 15 days.

"I haven't been able to get i 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. 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 them-

selves plenty of extra time." The hotline, staffed by APCOA employees with the latest information on parking conditions at Metro, will direct travelers to offairport lots when all on-airport lots get full.

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Trade mission to India opens doors for investment

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

"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 that will lay the groundwork for 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

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

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 pay ing 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 44th puppy. When raisers accept the obligation of raising a Leader Dog puppy, they also accept a number of financial responsibili-

"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 signa-

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 refresh-

ments will be served. For information, call Madonna University's Admissions Office at (734)432-5339 or email: muinfo@smtp.munet.edu.

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and Levan Road.

The purpose was to spur trade already scheduled to come to the puware building in Farmington Such international trade mis- visit his area of India. between the two countries, Detroit area in the next few Peters and Raczkowski explained. And although actual

Additionally, university offideals may be in the future, both cials were able to lay the groundsaid the trip achieved impressive work for distance learning and student exchange programs, For one, William Bassitt, vice Raczkowski said. Members of president of development for the the delegation also include highranking Indian government offi-Detroit Chamber, signed a memorandum of understanding with cials, including the Chief Minishis counterpart in Hyderabad ter of the region and members of Parliament in Delhi. a sister city relationship between

the two cities. That will facilitate an exchange of information and has a small office located in Troy helped organize the trip and and which would like to expand traveled to India with the law-Officials from India are here, to consider the old Com- makers.

Hills, once that company completes its move to downtown Detroit. Southeast Michigan has one of the largest concentrations of State lawmakers took a similar

trip last year to Israel. But the Indian immigrants in the country, Peters and Raczkowski said. Their interest in the trip was their own travel, they said. No state money was used for the spurred by constituents in their district who expressed interest trip, they said. in expanding trade with India. Victor Naidu, president and

highlights of the trip was that, He even heard interest from CEO of the Michigan-based an Indian firm, which already Ramsoft Systems company,

sions are not uncommon. Michigan has an office in Hong Kong a technique the Indian governaimed at increasing business ment is using to spur new busibetween the state and Asia.

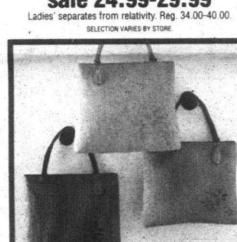
The government established incubators, or industrial build-. legislators paid for the cost of ings where businesses can begin operations with significant tax breaks for up to two years. before they are required to move Peters said that one of the out on their own.

As many as two thirds of new following a speech he gave to small businesses in the U.S. fail, government officials in Delhi, he he noted. But the Indian governwas approached by a representa- ment's use of incubators is havtive of another region, who asked ing success at creating stable that next time the lawmakers new small businesses

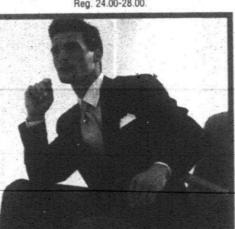
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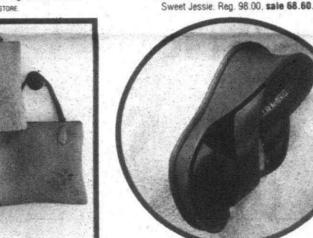


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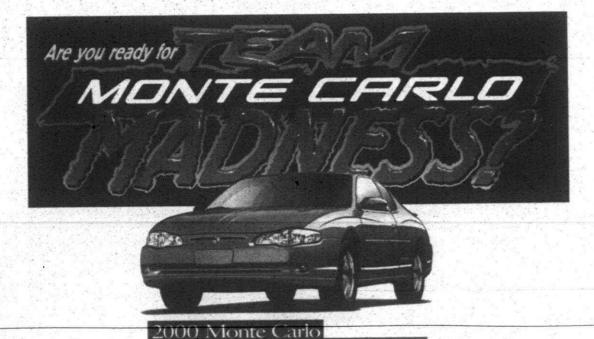
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Library bill intended to keep obscene material from children

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE mmalott@homecomm.net

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-Novi, 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

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 pornegraphy 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." Keep up with what's happening in your neighborhood

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Service with a friendlier face

\$60 million face lift going smoothly

With some \$60 million in interim upgrades to existing terminals rolling along and a new, \$1.2-billion midfield passenger structure rising in the background, the massive program to change Wayne County's Metro Airport from a busy and sprawling – but rather gray, utilitarian and boring – facility into a jewel is progressing smoothly.

Metro users and visitors already see numerous improvements, including increased parking, better access to major concourses and new gates, remodeled restrooms, new restaurants and smiling employees.

The massive expansion program, which includes the new 74-gate Northwest Airlines Midfield Terminal, shopping mall and major new runway, will also include – after Midfield's scheduled December 2001 opening – makeovers of the Davey (Northwest) and Smith terminals.

With Metro expected to be ranked the eighth busiest airport in North America and 13th busiest in the world, there's a lot of impetus for improvements now in place or going in, such as:

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- The upgrading of 65 restrooms through redecorating, including wider entrances/exits and touchless faucets and toilets.

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DETROIT METROPOLITAN AIRPORT

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.

inda 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



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

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-squarefoot 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

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7070 Michigan Ave 734-429-5478 SALINE **ATCHINSON FORD**

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130 S. Milford Rd. 248-684-1715 MILFORD **GENE BUTMAN**

2105 Washtenaw 734-482-8581 YPSILANTI

FRIENDLY FORD

1011 S. Monroe 734-243-6000 MONROE

DONALD R. PETERSOI

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 selfemployed manufacturers representative. He represented Clairol, Con-Air, Mr. Coffee, and Water Boss Co. Mr. Peterson was a salesman for the Sunbeam Corp. and King-Seeley Thermos Corp. He came to the Plymouth community in 1978 from West-

Mr. Peterson was formerly the

member of the Naval Reserves

allegiance to the flag

Members Absent: None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion carried unanimously

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Fire Fund

Police Fund

Golf Fund

PUBLIC HEARING

CONSENT CALENDAR

Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Equipment

\$5,828,593 to \$5,839,378

uary 28, 2004. Motion carried upan

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Summit Operating

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Water & Sewer Fund

Trust & Agency Fund Total - All Funds

Downtown DEV Authority

Bldg Authority Construction

Auto Theft Grant

esented. Motion carried unanimo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Staff Present:

land and was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church He was also a member of G.I.F.T. (Growing In Faith Angela Hospice. Together) Bible Study Group.

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

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin,

Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. and led the pledge of

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

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to adopt the Agenda as amended

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Canton of January 25, 2000.

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Bennett, 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

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to approve payment of the bills as

Expenditure Recap for Board Meeting of January 25, 2000

Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open on the approval of the Leisure Services Master Plan.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to close the public hearing and adopt

a resolution on the approval of the Leisure Services Master Plan. Motion

Motion by Bennett, 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 Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the Release of Easement for the ProCoil water main

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget

amendment in the Fire Fund to re-appropriate 1999 funds for the purchase of capital equipment scheduled in 1999: Motion carried unanimously.

This budget amendment increases the FY 2000 Fire Fund budget from

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to reappoint Ralph Shufeldt, Catherine Foege, Melissa McLaughlin, Hazen Hiller, and Greg Greene to the

Canton Downtown Development Authority, for a term of four years to expire

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to increase purchase order \$17359 to pay John's Sanitation and additional \$1,786 for 1999 rentals of

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, approve a budget amendment in the General Fund to transfer \$3,000 from the Communication Services

Division capital outlay account #101-240-977-0000 to the MIS Department

capital outlay account #101-258-977-0000. 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

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to provide additional funding for the FY 2000 Governmental Service, Inc. contract expenses: Motion carried

Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$7,000.00

Increase Appropriations:
Profession 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

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to accept the prioritized "Listing of Missing Sidewalk Sections". Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to direct that funds be budgeted in the 2001 budget to design and construct missing sidewalk

Motion by Bennett, 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.

otion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to refer Canton Charter Academy's quest for special land use approval back to the Planning Commission at the rliest opportunity. Motion carried unanimously.

Fund Balance Appropriation #206-000-699-0000 \$10,425.00

ent recorded as Liber 26446, Page 803-805. Motion carried

#206-336-977-0000 \$10,425.00

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Canton Post Office Parking Lot Expansion to item 3.

Director Machnik, Director Minghine, Director Durack,

high school director of religious education at St. Bernadine's in Westland. He was a life-long JOHN J. KNIGHT member of the Plymouth Historical Society and a life member of the Yankee Air Force. He was a

Carl (Suzette) Peterson of Toledo, Ohio; one daughter, Karen (Lou) Christensen of Canton Township; two brothers, retired Major General Carl D. Peterson

Survivors include his wife,

Barbara of Plymouth; one son,

Association.

of Panama City, Fla., and David He was preceded in death by Peterson of Beverly Hills, Calif. one sister. Mary Guzzardo of Irvin, Calif.; and three grand-Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Historical Society or

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Services for John J. Knight, 79, of Jonesville, Mich., were held Feb. 15 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Ply-

and the Naval Air Reserves. He was former president of the Michigan Housewares Association and was the founder of the Western Michigan Marketers

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.

mouth. Burial was in Glen Eden

Cemetery, Livonia.

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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 Cal-

houn, 85, of Plymouth were held

ordinance amendments as follows: Motion carried unanimously.

Article 2, is amended as follows: Article 2.00 · General Provisions

Setbacks from Wetland Areas and Watercourses Section 2.24 -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.

Section 2.25 - 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

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

Section 6.03D - Site Development Standards for Residential Uses Cluster Development Criteria

section 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, ded to add lot coverage and setback requirements for the R-3 District; to add maximum lot areas 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 wing the maximum lot sizes to be exceeded in unusual circumstances i RR. RE. R-1, R-2, and R-3 Districts.

Article 17, Section 17.02, is amended as follows: Article 17.00 - 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 22.92, 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 (00-1) 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

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the engineering design ion follow up services to Avres, Lewis, Norris & May Inc. fo \$69,562.75 plus a 10% contingency for a total of \$76,520.00. Motion carried

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, 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 Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the purchase of 67 Dell brand computers on the State Contract for a cost not to exceed \$139,000. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the re-class of the unications Specialist positions from a 3A to a 6A, and further that each

affected person be given an increase in pay equal to 5% per grade. Motion Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, the purchase of a Bullard Thermal Imager Camera, including case, batteries, wireless remote package

and temp probe from Westshore Fire Inc., Allendale, MI for a cost not to exceed \$18,500. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy the 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

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the purchase of a 2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo for Public Safety Administration from Snethkamp Jeep/Eagle, Redford, MI using the State of Michigan bid, not to

exceed \$27,290. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJos, to approve a resolution for the project agreement with DNR for Summit Expansion Grant. Motion carried

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award bid for purchase of one (1) Toro Greens Aerator \$09120 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 unanimou Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to amend the Golf Course Fund budget to re-appropriate unspent 1999 funds for this purchase, as follows: Motion carried unanimously.

ropriation from Fund Balance #211-000-699-0000 \$10,000.00 #211-697-977-000 \$10,000.00

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Ladoy to authorize payment of bills after review for February 22, 2000. tion carried unanimously.

nett, supported by McLaughlin, to adjourn at 9:53 P.M.

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, Supe

OBITUARIES ters, Elizabeth (Paul) Woodard Feb. 14 at the Schrader-Howell of Plymouth and Sharon (Don-

Funeral Home, Plymouth, with

the Rev. Tonya Arnesen officiat-

Hornbeak, Tenn., and died Feb.

11 in Superior Township. He

of the boats he built is in the

Smithsonian in Washington,

D.C. The name of his boat com-

pany was Calhoun Boat Shop

Mr. Calhoun also owned a

clock repair shop on Ann Arbor

He came to the Plymouth com-

munity in 1942 from Union City,

Tenn. He was a member of First

United Methodist Church in Ply-

mouth. He was a fisherman, gar-

dener and a sports enthusiast.

Survivors include his wife,

two sons, Kenneth L. (Linda)

Thomas (Uta) Calhoun of

Calhoun of Adrian, Mich., and

Clarksville, Tenn.; two daugh-

Myrtle P. Calhoun of Plymouth;

pased in Union City, Tenn.

Trail in Plymouth.

grandchildren; and 25 greating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. He was born April 27, 1914, in

PHYLLIS M. SOLOMON Services for Phyllis M. Solomon, 92, of Canton Townretired from Burroughs Corp. in ship took place Feb. 14 at the 1977. He was a boat builder. One Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy G. Forysth officiating. Burial was in Roseand Park Cemetery, Berkley,

ald) Smarda of Canton; 16

She was born Sept. 19, 1907, in England and died Feb. 11 in Canton Township. She worked at the Plymouth A&P Store on Ann Arbor Road as a meat pack er and lived in Plymouth for 60 years. She loved doing crafts and eing with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Evan. Survivors include her three nieces, Phyllis Smith of Plymouth, Diana (Bob) Perry of Plymouth; and Dorothy (Dan) Soho of Livonia; sister-inlaw Lorene Smith of Plymouth; three grandnieces; and one grandnephew.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice. WILLIAM HUGH COMMARFORD

Services for William Hugh Commarford, 98, of Livonia were held Feb. 15 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

He was born June 2, 1901, in New York and died Feb. 11 in Livonia. He retired in 1961 from the traffic department at Chrysler Corp. He came to the Plymouth community in 1990 from Detroit. He was a member

of Our lady of Good Counsel 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 (Missey) 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 DECAUSSIN Services for Elizabeth Jane DeCaussin, 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, intiques, and gatherings with

She was preceded in death by her husband, James; and father, John H. Survivors include her on, 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 Bair Lake Bible Camp, 12500 Prang Street, Jones, MI 49061.

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 eject any and all bids. The Township does not discriminate on th 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, Feburary 22, 2000 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the following polling locations: Precinct No. Name of Facility

First Baptist Church 1 & 23 44500 Cherry Hill Rd. Human Services Center 44237 Michigan Avenue 3, 10, 21 St. John Neumann Church 44800 Warren Road Miller Elementary School 43721 Hanford Road Field Elementary School 5 & 18 1000 S. Haggerty Road Royal Holiday Clubhouse 39500 Warren Road Plymouth Salem High School 46181 Joy Road 48755 Warren Road Resurrection Catholic Church Eriksson Elementary School 1275 N. Haggerty Road Tonda Elementary School 46501 Warren Road Hulsing Elementary School 8055 Fleet Street Walker Elementary School 39932 Michigan Avenue Bentley Elementary School 1100 S. Sheldon . 20 & 26 Canton Administration Bldg 1150 S. Canton Center Hoben Elementary School 44680 Saltz Road 24 & 25 Plymouth Canton High School 8415 N. Canton Center Summit on the Park 46000 Summit Parkway Agape Christian School 45081 Geddes 1275 N. Haggerty Eriksson School Mettetal Airport 8550 Lilley Road

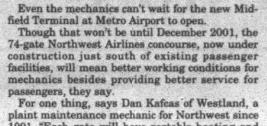
The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 19, 2000 for absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot.

On Monday, February 21, 2000 qualified absentee voters shall receive their ballots and must complete them in the Clerkis 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 397-5452.

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1991, "Each gate will have portable heating and air conditioning equipment" instead of the mobile nits now being moved from gate to gate.

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Now, he says, if there's a problem with a jet Work in progress: A jet lifts off near a belowbridge to a plane, the gate must be shut down, grade portion of access road at the new Midsending passengers to already busy gates: "Like field Terminal. Planes will taxi across the trying to put 10 apples in a bag that holds five,"

Face lift from page A9

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and fast T-1 Internet access, plus the new Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce

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Outside, improvements include 700 new onsite parking spaces, credit-card-express parkng exits and tripled curb-front access to Northwest flights at the Davey. Expanded urb-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 roadbuilding 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 turnabout.

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> Henry Ford Academy, Dearborn March 13th

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March 9th Thursday, 5 to 7 pm March 12th

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Monday, 5 to 7 pm March 22th Wednesday, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Henry Ford Academy entrance is located on the west side of the Henry Ford Museum facing Oakwood Boulevard. For more information, please call

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Fire safety

Don't overlook smoke detector

Severybody acknowledges they save lives and prevent serious in the same lives. and prevent serious injury, yet some people can't be bothered with them. The excuses in both cases range from their inconvenience (which is infinitesimal) to personal freedom (which is flimsy, at best).

In the case of smoke detectors, not buying and installing them is just plain dumb. Even if you only live in a small mobile home or apartment, where it seems like the limited square footage would give you plenty of time to escape a fire.

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 officials determined the fire was started by careless smoking. The lack of smoke detectors delayed Hope's response and hindered his efforts to escape, officials said.

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. "There's no substitute for early detection of a fire," Rorabacher said. "It gives you a chance to get up and out of the home."

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 dinning room. At least one detector should be placed in the basement, since many fires are the result of furnace or hot water heater malfunctions

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. That sure sounds like a good deal

MEAP approach is good start

t's certainly a step in the right direction. Last month, a group of third through fifthgrade Wayne-Westland teachers gathered at P.D. Graham Elementary. What brought them together was a workshop aimed at improving district scores on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test.

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. Cynthia Swift, executive director for curriculum and staff development, lauded the educators' commitment to learning. The workshop was led by learn and do well on the MEAP.

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. The district's curriculum development committee is working hard to align the curriculum with the state's for all grades and working to bring those scores up.

The MEAP is a tough nut to crack, and other school districts have had their difficulties with it as well. It's good to see the district not just blaming the test, but rather acknowledging that Wayne-Westland students can

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 municipali-

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. The coalition's proposed ballot question would amend the constitution so a two-thirds majority in both the Senate and the House would be required to pass a bill that intervenes in municipal matters.

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 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. It is as bad as HB 4777.

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

udiciously - address what sparked HB 4777. True representative and well-thought-out government must be more than a reaction to ndividual issues. Both the state Legislature and local municipalities would do well to recognize the need to work together for con-

stituents and the future of the state. One-upmanship has no place in gover-

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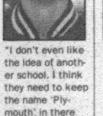
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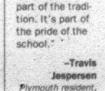
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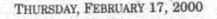
they need to keep the name 'Plymouth' in there somewhere." -Am Horton Canton resident

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Unnecessary chase

On Jan. 20 about 9 p.m. we were driving stbound 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. We continued east on Ann Arbor Road and as we approached Lilley another police car turned left onto Ann Arbor Road. There was quite a bit of traffic,

My wife continued eastbound in the righthand lane when we heard all the sirens again and saw them approaching at high speed heading east on Ann Arbor Road. We stopped in the right lane as close to the curb as possible when all the police cars were in chase of a

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. We were sure that whoever was being chased had ether killed or robbed someone. This was the first police chase I have ever witnessed in my 60 years. It was

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. There were many lives endangered with this high speed chase and I don't feel that this chase needed six to eight police vehi-

> Ken Taddia Westland

Don't tolerate prejudice

have been following the recent outbreak of prejudice that has struck Plymouth-Canton. As a future teacher I am outraged that children's rights can be violated so easily because of the fear of a small group of people. As teachers and community members, we should all be irate. It is a teacher's job to protect the rights of ALL students. It is not relevant if you approve morally of a student's choice. It is a teacher's job to create a safe environment where all students "can learn and succeed."

Yes, this means African American, Asian, Catholic, Jewish, gay or straight. In a public school especially, it is important to support diversity. We do not have to teach "gay" issues to let students know that school is a

Do we not know that intolerance breeds intolerance? Are we not aware that all students deserve, have the right, to express mselves? Teachers, you are bound to protect all students. If a student walked into your room and called a black student a racial slur, the child calling names would be disciplined, even suspended.

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 ention other insults.

This prejudice is here because we allow it, erate it (and if Mr. Walcott had stayed on) endorsed it. To ignore that kind of behavior is to endorse it. Do not fool yourself, you are a part of the problem if you ignore it in your

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. It only takes a few people to not tolerate prejudice, to not live in the fear and to encourage the rights of children to express themselves freely to change the social ciousness of the world. Let it start here.

Sheena Harris, Former Plymouth-Canton student and employee

Handicapped parking

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

handicapped parking spaces. Bravo to Toy but boo to the many drivers who routinely block wheelchair ramps and park in limited handicapped spaces "just for a few minutes."

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 or wait around for a space to

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."

Yes, there are no doubt people who cheat on

Suzan Ormandy

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POINTS OF VIEW

Today's leaders meet tomorrow's on nostalgic tour

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 pro-

gram. But more about that later. 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. Last week you still couldn't although counting body piercings is now apparently the barometer. Some things do get better, though. We had an entire wing set aside for smokers. Today, you get ticketed by police if you're caught lighting up inside the

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. (The lone exception being the goth kids, who

Take responsibility

wanted to throw up when I read

Thursday's front-page article on

A parent was blaming everyone

drinking teenager's actions. "I believe

the supervision was lax, there was no

curfew, and the kids weren't specifi-

As a teacher in the Plymouth

schools and a resident of Plymouth,

I'm beseeching you: Parents, wake up!

Set some standards for proper behav-

ior and then expect your child to

cally told of the consequences..."

pended for alcohol use," Feb. 10).

and everything but his son for a

apparently spend so much time working on their makeup and wardrobe, it would be heretical to dilute it by associating with others.) Back in the day, we were slotted as freshman and stamped indelibly and incurably for the next four years as brain or burnout, jock or nerd.

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-tobasics crowd will quibble with this. But there's so much more available for today's students - from computers with Internet access to real-life experiences like the Close Up class' teleconferences with local and national leaders. The technology we learned with in the '70s seems closer to what kids had in the '50s than what's in the classroom today. 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

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works in the family business, Sealant

assume responsibility for his actions.

TEDD SCHNEIDER

ownship, was out to prove that, yes, you can go home again. Irrepressible n his joy as he bounced from Salem to Canton and from hallway to hallway, Schultz was far more class clown than local businessman. He bought Valentine's flowers for all the women in our tour group, for example. His Leadership Plymouth colleagues assured me that this wasn't really out of character for Jim, who acts like this on a routine basis at all the monthly pro-"This is where the jocks used to

hang out," Schultz told us as we trouped through the second-floor commons at Salem. "We have to go see my American History teacher, Mr. Beamon. He was the best. He was the

only guy who used to teach about the Civil War by jumping off his desk."

Sure enough, William Beamon is still teaching history at Salem. And Gloria Logan, who is retiring this spring after 30 years, is still helping students hit their lines and marks in the Canton High School Little Theater. "We have about 200 kids that have come through here and currently have professional careers in some aspect of the performing arts," Logan aid as her Arts III students engaged in a run-through of Shakespeare done fudge Judy-style. (See, I told you they ere smarter.)

After the high school tour, we rouped over to East Middle School in lymouth. There we learned about the typical transition for an elementary school student to middle school and how they prepare for high school courtesy of Ellison Franklin, East principal, and the school's counseling staff. Questions from the group focused on how redistricting for the new Discovery Middle School next fall an education. s being handled.

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

The leadership groups are sponsored yearly by the Plymouth and

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. Schools, local government, health care, public safety are all on the agenda, as are community service agencies, business and industry. Next month for example, the Plymouth group will spend a day at the Ford

Visteon plant on Sheldon Road. 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

Credit goes to Judy Evola, director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, for her continued efforts to get the leadership folks together

All in all, the day provided a hell of

Tedd Schneider is the Canton

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LETTERS Canton are anything but pleased.

I have lived near Hanford and Lil-

ley for 25 years and had no objection

to the state purchasing Mettetal Air-

This absence of conscience and sense of responsibility is destroying our culture. This is a rampant, honor students ("Honor students susdestructive problem

Airport no blessing

What a wonderful article on Met-tetal Airport! (Observer, Jan. port by the State of Michigan, I'm

port; as it was here before I was and I Linda Martin | had no problem with the planes.

30) Wonderful for whom? While there are some who are happy with the outcome of the purchase of Mettetal Airsure the residents of northeastern

Plymouth | 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. Having your house buzzed by these planes is not particularly enjoyable. Many of these planes come spitting and sputtering so close to the top of your house, you wonder if they are

> going to crash on the roof. 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, etc. I am sick and tired of the noise. It makes me incredibly angry.

How much more?

If the activity level hadn't that they did. increased so dramatically, I still After all, northeast Canton is still would not have any objection to the airport. Little did I realize that when part of Canton and "quality of life" is just important here as it is west of the state bought the airport, air traf-Canton Center Road fic would triple in five years time. Now, there are plans for adding additional hangars; which, of course, means more takeoffs and landings

"quality of life" in Canton, address this issue? If not, maybe it's time

There needs to be some limit put or

the activity in and out of that airport.

Wasn't this considered when the

state purchased the airport? Didn't

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Mary Jane Schoeneman

McCain spices up primary

guage 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. Another involved Alabama Governor George Wallace, who made passionate converts by attacking school bussing and went on to astonish observers by winning the ichigan Damogratic primary election in 1972

And now Sen. John McCain might be doing the same thing in the Michigan Republican pri mary 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 t 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 With all the new voters coming into the process and McCain being such a hot commodity, the question becomes will he be able to get enough independent voters to go vote that he might win the damn thing."

What's going on here? For one thing, the Bush campaign — from the beginning replete with vast sums of money and the endorsements of virtually the entire GOP establishment, led by Gov. John Engler - has looked more like a coronation than the outcome

of a hard-fought political contest. 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 orthodex support for the tobacco industry and equally orthodox opposition to campaign finance reform.



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-toface conversations with reporters. McCain's Michigan campaign chair, State Sen. John Schwarz told me over the weekend that the McCain campaign "is the damnedest thing I've ever seen. McCain is absolutely loose as a goose. He is saving exactly what he thinks and doesn't seem to care if he wins or loses."

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

But there's more to it than just a wildly attractive personality. I sense a historical context that gives substance and power to the McCain campaign as the most recent expression of long-runaing rebellion of reasonable, moderate voters against a political system that has been hijacked over the last decade by a bunch self-interested

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. The reason so many ordinary voters are so

alienated by our politics is that candidate candor has been replaced by scripted sound bites, genuine views on the issues have been overwhelmed by poll results and personal character has become something to be manufactured and manipulated

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

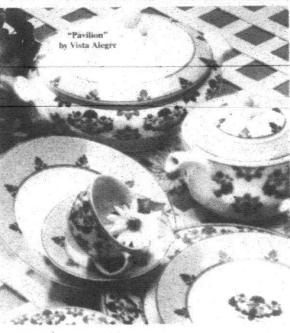
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independent panel and a corporate attorney to oversee the process

"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

"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

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 Detroitthemed

The largest retail outlet will be a world class" 6,200-square-foot dutyfree store, Pobur said, but there also will be upscale stores carrying highfashion 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 showcas ing 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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port'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 peopleaction" - being around people and talking with them.

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

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 snowstorm. 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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STORY BY

STEPHANIE CASOLA

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

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 successful-

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 reason-

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 coworkers. 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

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



ark Van Andel is content just as long as he's reaching one

Laugh it up: Craig

McKey, a junior at

Plymouth Salem

clearly amused by

High School, is

the skits.

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.

teen at a time.

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 col-

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

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

"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

"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

Young Life is a nationwide, nondenominational 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 Winebrener, Erin Meyer and Briana Hor-

Kathy McGlone, co-chair of the Ply-

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 Winebrener, Erin Meyer, Mark and Kristen VanAndel.

mouth/Canton Committee, said Mark close relationships with others. 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

"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

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 part pated in activities like rock climbing and mountain biking. It's not exactly a traditional camp experience

He said he would encourage other



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 Lafe 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



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

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian celebrates 28 years of theater

A 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 infor-

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scasola@oe.homecomm.net

When Martha Kuykendall agreed to direct a pro-duction 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 Hali.

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 pamic 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

comb III of Livonia announce the birth of their son William of Livonia. 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 Quinan of Marysville, Mich. and Bob and Sandy Grochowski 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

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, Kaitlynn Alexus, Jan. 23 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. She joins sibings Stevie, Shawn and Dane. Frandparents are Bill and Jean Damico of New Boston, Mich. and Lou and Jo Vesely of Union

Trisha (Beaumont) Rutedge of Dearborn and Gary Rutledge of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter Madisyn Nicole, born Jan. 31 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Daniel

■ Patricia and William Hol- and Patricia Beaumont of Livonia and Betty and Bob Rutledge

> 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,

Eric Rose and Sandra Abela of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Isabela February 7 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. She joins sister Racquel 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

■ 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 Terski of Livonia, Rich Ellis of Calif. and Sonja Ellis of Calif. Greatgrandparents are Albert and Yvette Shepard of Redford and Arlie and Sarah Ellis of Grosse

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S

Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Offic

LAWN AND CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

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 floo engineering conference room of the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. The following agenda will be

. Consider request of Jeffrey L. Scott, Dick Scott kia, for a variance to the

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 ita 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.

ROLL CALL: Paciocco, Pennington, Philips, Trombley

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

BUILDING/FIRE BOARD OF APPEALS

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Charter Township of Canton

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of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., March 2, 2000 for the following:

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sell novel "71/2 cents." It's set in an Iowa pajama factory, during the 1950s, where the workers are seeking a 7% cent raise. "The Pajama Game" has a musical score by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross, elements of comedy and a touching love

For those behind the scenes, it's not Broadway, it's just a good way to avoid the winter blahs. Andrew Mac of Plymouth will portray the lead character, Sid. This is Mac's fourth performance with the church and he is a member of the church choir. Mac described his character as the "kind of a cocky, self-centered superintendent at the pajama factory. He falls in love with one of the hourly employees." The romance is central to the story, showing a struggle between the union and management

"It's just fun to do," said Kuykendall, who's directing a cast of about 30. She works with actors during the weeknights, and the group gets together on weekends to create the sets. "It's really good fellowship."

Mac agreed and said he's made a lot of friends through the play. He's also happy to see people of all different ages joining in to the production. Mac credits the director with making the work so much fun. "She's a great lady," he said.

While Kuykendall has worked with the theatrical productions in Garden City, Livonia and Redford, she wasn't trained as a director. After so many years working with the church she, and others involved, have learned how to make their productions run more smoothly. "We have a ot of trained musicians in our church choir, but it's open to anybody in our church," she "We do it more because we like to do

That's the case with Caroline Dunphy, who's been designing sets for the church's productions for the past 26 years. A water-



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.

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

"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

colorist and owner of Painter's Place - an 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 as paintings, stained glass, wood upcoming craft show, bazaar, or crafts, jewelry, decorative paintarts boutique - items can be ing, needle crafts, floral designs, sent to: Crafts Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150 or e-mail kmortson@oe. homecomm.net

ALL AMERICAN SHOW

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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 Porcaro at (734) 525Churchill 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, call (734) 462-4417. 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

CHURCHILL PTSA CRAFT SHOW

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

ST. JOHNS' ARTS/CRAFT SALE

St. Johns' 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 cifications 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.

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TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150

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Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., March 2, 2000 for the following: FENCE RENOVATION AT THE CANTON SOFTBALL CENTER

pecifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all roposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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TERRY C RENNETT Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., March 2, 2000 for the following:

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING LANDSCAPE Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All bids must

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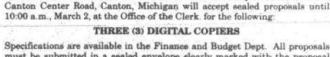
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of physical fitness after knee-replacement surgery. For a total recovery, meaning a return to a "functional" and pain-free life, the typical patient will need physical rehabilitation for about six months

The average athlete need not be after surgery. Generally, this entails at concerned that knee-replacement least 45 minutes to an hour of work being sidefined. There is no reason why there cannot be a satisfactory best followed by a course of physical 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 saftne amount of force as the body's original joint.) It is important that athletic patients commit to a lifetime of physical fitness after kneereplacement surgery. For a total recovery, meaning a return to a stimulation (EMS) and massace we

P.S. It is important to adopt realistic expectations for rehabilitation in knee-replacement surgery so that disappointment over unrealised expectations does not hamper recovery.



Americo (Mac) Ciatti and

Mary Jane (Jean) Graziano wed

on November 19, 1949 at St

Lukes Catholic Church in

To celebrate their 50th

anniversary, the Livonia cou-

ple's three children - Linda,

Larry and Dan - and 10 grand-

children organized a dinner

party for family and friends.

15-day trip to Hawaii as a gift.

They also gave their parents a

Americo Ciatti is a retired

ANNIVERSARIES. ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

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 grand-

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 play-

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

Her fiance, 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 tion are planned at Weller's Car-Technological University and is now working in his field.

Bernthal-Mitchell

Orrin and Kathleen Tibbits of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Christen Bernthal, 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.



ng 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

An April wedding and recep-

riage House in Saline.

to Montego Bay in Jamaica.

Brower-Bryan

Ciatti

Ron and Mary Bryan of Livonia proudly announce the engagement of their son Ronald W. Bryan Jr. to Patricia K.

transmission technician for Grand Traverse Transmission A June wedding is planned at



millright from Ford Motor Com pany in Dearborn. His wife is Americo Ciatti keeps busy tak retired from her secretarial posiing care of rental properties. tion at Ford Motor Company, Their daughter, Linda Kelley, where she worked for 25 years. said: "Family is very important The Ciatti's enjoy spending to the Ciatti's. Their children summer weekend's at their cot- and grandchildren are always . tage on Tipsico Lake in Fenton around enjoying the cottage or and taking winter trips to their having big family dinners

Brower of Redford Township.

Livonia Stevenson High School and is employed as a



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

Our Lady of Loretto Catholic

Aidan's Monsignor Alex J. Church in Redford and the Brunett Hall in Livonia. The reception will be held at St. couple reside in Traverse City.

ONLINE ANNOUNCEMENT FORMS

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 Kimber y Mortson, Community Lif e Editor, 36251 Schoolcraft Road. ivonia. 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.



condominium in Naples, Fla. together.

Davis-Rudzki Don and Eileen Davis of Livo-

staff scientist.

hain management.

Tatterton-Ellis

John and Marilyn Tatterton of

Canton announce the engage-

ment of their daughter Caryn

The bride-to-be is a Plymouth

Salem High School and Michi-

he works for IBM in Research

Friangle Park, N.C. in supply

Her fiancé, son of Janet M.

riske of Wyandotte and James

. Ellis of Royal Oak, is a

heodore Roosevelt High School

raduate and Michigan State

for Geraghty and Miller as a

A June wedding is planned at

niversity graduate. He works

gan State University graduate.

ouise, to Robert John Ellis.

nia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynette, to Michael Rudzki of Livonia. The bride-to-be is a graduate

of DeVry Institute of Technology Ohio, where she obtained a achelor's degree in computer

nformation systems. Her fiance, 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 electron ics. He's currently pursuing his bachelor's degree for electronics technology at Lawrence Techno-

Redford announce the marriage

of their daughter, Megan Brien-

The bride is a graduate of the

and studied at the Rochester

Institute of Technology at the

National Technological Institute

Her husband, son of Karen

Moore, attended the University

The wedding was held Aug. 6,

na. to Kevin Lee Scott of Athens.

Nairne-Scott

for the Deaf.

of Georgia.





logical Institute. A fall wedding is planned at St. Christopher's Church.

Skip and Deborah Nairne of Michigan School for the Deaf

1999 at Grace Lutheran Church Scott Radke; her cousin, Justin in Redford before Pastor Timo- Henderson and friend James thy Halboth. The bride's atten- Stolt. The couple received guests dants were her sister, Laura at the Karas House and took a Nairne and her cousin, Sarah wedding trip to Oscoda, Mich. Henderson. The groomsmen They will make their home in ncluded the bride's brother. Redford.

Children's Directory 2000

For more information about advertising call Rich at: 734-953-2069

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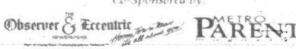
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON The Charter Township of Canton will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk, 1150 S Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m. on March 2, 2000, for the following:

Publish: February 17, 2000

RENTAL OF PORTABLE TOILETS FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP PARKS, GOLF COURSES AND OTHER PROPERTIES Bid specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. The bide are to be submitted in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "PORTABLE TOILETS" and include name, address and phone number of the Company submitting the bid. 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

recovery workshop. Monthly

meetings are held the third Sat-

urday of every month at 8 p.m.

■ Tuesday's BSW goes to

Thomas's Family Dining on Ply-

mouth Road (east of Stark) at 7

p.m. on the first, third and

fourth week of the month. The

second Tuesday of the month the

group meets at Vic's Family

Diner at 7 p.m. for Birthday

Night. (Vic's is one-half block

north of Ford Road on Middle-

belt). For information call (734)

organization offers breakfast at

10 a.m. at the Redford Inn on

the northwest corner of 5 Mile

and Beech Daly roads in Red-

a.m. at St. Aidan's Catholic

Livonia. Call (734) 729-1974.

ford, followed by mass at 11:15

Church on Farmington Road in

BSW is proud to welcome

speaker Joe Yanuke at 8 p.m.

981-4553.

at St. Kenneth's Church, Hag-

gerty Road (south of 5 Mile

SINGLES MINGLE

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 Nursery Co-op has openschedule a tour, call (734) ings left in its 3- and 4-459-9720.

■ Vermeulen Funeral Homes offers free monthly Grief Aftercare Support Group meetings for those who have recently experi enced the death of a family

SUPPORT GROUP

member or close friend. Usually held on the fourth Sunday evening of the month, each meeting is led by Wes Baldwin of Pointe Care Counseling, an experienced grief counselor and former associate pastor who gives opportunities for those in attendance to express feelings of loss and grief in a comfortable and accepting atmosphere. The next meeting is set for 6

between Sheldon and Beck. For more information, call (734) 459-2250. WEEKEND ADVENTURE n A weekend for men and

W. Ann Arbor Road

p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at

the Plymouth location on

women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a marriage is offered. Designed for those who are ready to let go of the past and wish to create a new beginning and a peacefilled future. Facilitated by those who have "been there." A beginning experience weekend will be held Friday through Sunday Feb. 25-27, at St. John Center in Plymouth. Endorsed by the Family Life Office, you must pre register by Feb. 20 for a weekend of self-discovery and healing. All faiths are welcome. For more infor-

558-2967 or call Mary Ann at (734) 692-8246 DINNER/AUCTION

nation call Pat at (810)

■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council's annual inner/auction, "Escape To The Caribbean," begins 6 p.m. Saturday, March 11, in the Mayflower Meeting House, Plymouth. Auctionitems include trips, dinners, clothing, furniture and art. Dance music will be provided by the Couriers. Entrées include beef enderloin, stuffed chicken and orange roughy. Tickets are \$55. Call (734) 416-

AROUND TOWN CHORUS CALL

"Voices In Time," a localy-based singing group, will begin rehearsals for the spring-summer season in late February. There are a

imited number of openings

in all voice parts. For more

information, call (248) 449-Canton. For more information, call (734) 454-0222.

■ The Plymouth-Canton

■ The VFW No. 6695 Community Schools' PLUS Preschool Program has a few openings in its Head Start and MDE School Readiness programs. To be eligible for a Head Start acement, your child must have been 3 or 4 by Dec. 1 1999 and meet certain qualifying factors - limited come, foster child, or child with a disability. For more information or to reg-

To be eligible for the School Readiness Program your child must have been 4 by Dec. 1 1999 and meet certain income guidelines. Call 416-6194 for more nformation or to register. PLUS preschool will start registering students for all

ister call (734) 416-6105.

■ Garfield Co-op Preschool has programs open for children 18 months to five years old. The school is located in Livonia, at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road. For more informa tion, call (734) 462-0135. ■ Plymouth Children's

programs during April

year-old classes. Call (734) First Baptist Church of Plymouth-Canton Kindermusik has openings for its winter session enrollment.

Call (734) 354-9109. ■ The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool has openings for its 3-year-old program from 9:30-11:20 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The school is located on Main Street in Plymouth For more information, call Peggy Blaisdell at (734) 453-5464.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION Arbor Hospice is seeking

volunteer bakers/food preparers, greeters, fund-raisers and office workers. Arbor Hospice is also looking for volunteers interested in helping terminally ill patients and their families with activities such as meal preparation, errands, reading and eating. A volunteer orientation will take place 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, and again 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29. Both orientations will take place at Arbor Hospice Residence. 2366 Oak Valley Drive. Ann Arbor. For more information, call the Arbor Hospice volunteer opportunities hotline at (734) 662-3742, ext. 555. To register for orientation, call the volunteer training hotline at

(734) 662-3742, ext. 566. **ASTRONOMY GROUP**

adult supervision. The

Astronomy Discussion

Group will meet for one

hour on the third Monday

under way at the Reader's

Library. Call (734) 453-

0750, press 4 for registra-

tion or for more informa-

There will be a Tran-

scendental Meditation free

introductory lecture 7:30-

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb.

23, at Summit on the Park

46000 Summit Parkway,

Ladies Auxiliary is spon-

soring a "Senior Citizens

day, Feb. 24, at the VFW

Luncheon," at noon Thurs-

No. 6695 Hall, 1426 S. Mill

St., Plymouth. There will

will be accepted. For more

information or for reserva-

tions, call Millie Drake at

(734) 453-3586 or Ann

Smith at (734) 453-1529.

be no charge, but donations

459-2378.

LECTURE

LUNCHEON

tion. Call Mr. Best at (734)

lithograph crayon, ■ The Astronomy Discussion Group, which is not an astronomy club, is a new group at the Plymouth District Library. This first meeting features a lecture, "New Discoveries in Astronomy," with handouts Located at Charlotte and a a slide presentation by group facilitator, Mike Best. The first meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21. Astronomy enthusiasts ages 5 to 105 are invited. Children ages 5 STORYTIMES and older are welcome with

Story Time with Miss of each month. Registration Plymouth and at 4 p.m. is required for the first program only. Registration is tle Book Shoppe on the Advisory Desk in Plymouth town Plymouth. Parents storytelling, music and movement. Favorite chil-

Granholm meets with teachers



Summit forum: Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm (center) was the recent guest speaker for Gamma Gamma Plymouth-Canton and Alpha Livonia chapters of the national teacher professional organizations. Granholm, 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.

ART LECTURE

The Detroit Institute of Arts, in partnership with the Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Community Education Program of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, presents "Art Lecture Series and Brown Bag Lunch," from noon until 12:50 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29. The theme is "Van Gogh: Face to Face." an introduction to the DIA's latest exhibition. Cost is \$3 per person. Bring your own lunch and friends to what promises to be an informative and entertaining lecture series. For more information, call

416-4ART. **BASIC DRAWING CLASS**

Beginning class will cover the uses of pencil graphite, charcoal, pen and ink in still life, landscape and figure drawing. Small classes assure personal attention. From 5:30-7 March 2. Cost is \$150, plus small materials fee Moore-Viculin Studio of Art, 887 N. Mill, Plymouth. For more information or to register, call (734) 459-

Karen will be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, Downtown Saturday, March 4, at Lit-Park, 380 S. Main, Downand children are invited to experience free interactive 20-20 minute programs of dren's books, simple instruments and imaginative songs and chants highlight the story times. Registrations are suggested, but not mandatory. For more information or registration

mouth Coffee Bean or (734) 455-5220 for Little Book

call (734) 454-0178 for Ply-

Shoppe on the Park. LEGAL FAIR Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services presents a free community legal fair. The fair, sponsored by a Canton Township Community Development Block Grant, features attorneys and individual consultations on legal issues such as: Elder Betsy Calhoun at (734) Abuse, Grandparents

Rights, Family Law, Estate/Life Planning, Consumer and Public Benefits/Tax Assistance from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at the Canton Human Services Building 44237 Michigan Avenue. For more information or to register, call (313) 937-

AARP TAX HELP ■ AARP is sponsoring free.

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

District Library, 233 S.

Main St., Plymouth, by

(734) 354-0191. M.I.T.I

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

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

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

The Plymouth Kiwanis Club meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the new City Miller at (734) 455-4782.

GROUPS

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

Arbor Hospice sponsors sign up, call (734) 662-

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS Community Hospice and vices include distribution of Home Care Services has a candidate referrals, resume drop-in grief-support group that meets 6:30-8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month. Call Becky Rouse

CENSUS 2000 The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring enumerators for the 2000 census. Enumerators spend most of their time locating addresses and conducting door-todoor interviews. They work evenings and weekends. This temporary job will last

appointment at (734) 453-

Service Center provides the

Employer/Employee Con-

County. Job-seeking assis-

ection for Washtenaw

tance is provided daily 8

day. Face-to-face job fairs

with instant interviews are

held 9:30 a.m.-noon Thurs-

day mornings. Free ser-

job position information,

preparation, interviewing

Internet access, computer

ssistance along with

use and free faxing. For

more information, call

(734) 481-2517.

a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Fri-

■ The Michigan Works

1234.

SERVICE CENTER

(888) 325-7733.

MOPS MEETING ■ The Plymouth Baptist Church holds mothers of 11:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each and younger, may attend fun with other mothers. Childcare is provided. The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, Call (734),453-

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The Canton Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should or individuals announcing a community program or event.	
below and mail your item to The Calendar, Canton Observe	
MI. 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calenda	
following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any	questions.

Event:			
Date and Time:			3
Location:			
Telephone:			
Additional Info.:			

Use additional sheet if necessary.

ond and fourth Fridays of the month. Baby-sitting is provided. Call Kim at (734) 459-7035 or Shannon at

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the sec-

Arbor Road, Call Charlene

SUPPORT STARTING OVER

COUNTERPOINT

(734) 563-5005. ANGELA HOSPICE

■ Angela Hospice offers free monthly grief support groups for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. All groups meet at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia. For meeting dates and times,

preschoolers meetings 9:15 month. Mothers with their children, kindergarten-age for a time of fellowship and

M.O.M. MEETING Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents guest

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582-2382.

■ Volunteer drivers are

of Schoolcraft. Henry Ford Hospice seeks volunteers to work

volunteers are needed in

(810) 406-8489. KIWANIS CLUB Limits Bar & Grill on Ann

ARBOR HOSPICE grief support programs. To

at (734) 522-4244.

■ Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families. Call

WORK

up to two months next spring. Census workers are paid \$13-\$15 per hour and are reimbursed for mileage. Bonuses are available. Call call Ruth Favor, (734) 464-

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home, to offer emotional support, companionship and comfort. Call (313)

needed for New Morning

volunteers to support the

care of people with termi-

nal illnesses and their fam

ilies, Call (248) 853-8931.

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

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

the community. Those interested in becoming a part of this volunteer program may attend Tuesdays With Hospice from noon through 3 p.m. at Individu alized Hospice in Ann Arbor. Evening training essions may also be avail able. Hospice volunteers are trained to be compassionate, skilled listeners and often are a significant support to both the patient and family. Daytime patient care, overnight caregivers for "11th hour,

and office volunteers are needed. For more information, or to register for the training, call the Rev. Nancy Doty at (734) 971-0444 First Step has been active in the effort to end

violence in western Wayne County and downriver com munities for more than 20 years. Committed and ded cated volunteers are need ed in several communities for the assault response on call program. Training is provided, and opportunities n western Wayne County and downriver communities are available for vomen and men at least For more information.

CANCER SOCIETY American Cancer Society needs volunteers. Call (248) 557-5353, ext. 336, for information.

call (734) 416-1111, ext.

ALZHEIMER'S

■ The Alzheimer's Associa tion is seeking volunteers to people experiencing nemory loss. Call Adam Sterling at (248) 557-8277 for details.

■ The Plymouth-Canton

or Charlene at (734) 963-

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Meetings of the West

Suburban Stamp Club

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and third Fridays of the

month at The Summit on

place 7 p.m. every Tuesday

n Ypsilanti. Call (734) 480-

chorus singing four-part

COUNTY CONNECTION

rus of Sweet Adelines

CLUBS MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

VOLUNTEER Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each

month. Call Barb at (734) VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Plymouth-Canton Head 207-5224. Play group meets every other Tuesday Start, located in Central Middle School, is looking **HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP** for volunteers to help in ■ The Human Rights the classroom with large Group meets at 7 p.m. the group activities, to assist first Sunday of the month children during recess, par at the Plymouth Coffee ticipate in the Learning Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Centers and assist during Trail, Plymouth. Callmeal times. If you have a Paulette at (734) 416-9288

ngel Care, a volunteer nization, is looking for nteers to sew, crochet, etc., blankets and al gowns to donate to hospitals for infants have died. Contact y Piontek for patterns

nd information, (313) 534

morning or afternoon free

call 416-6196.

Monday through Thursday,

Hospices of Henry Ford Health System needs volunteers in Canton and Plymouth. Volunteers can help by visiting patients, either at their home or a nursing

the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The Web William Beaumont Hossite is www. oeonline pital Hospice is looking for com/- pnj/wssc. html

STAMP CLUB

events provided by Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Every Sunday, the singles be playing Top 40 music and cur-Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920. SINGLES WELCOME Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization which pro-For information please call (734) vides spiritual, social and support assistance to divorced or separated Christians, Call (734) 981-4553 about the divorce

is served before the meeting at

6:15 p.m. Speakers or open dis-

and encouraging atmosphere.

Free child care provided; Light-

ting, is offered 7-10 p.m. on the

house Cafe, a coffeehouse set-

fourth Friday of the month in

Knox Hall. The cost is \$5; all

cussion in a friendly, supportive

Listings for the Singles Calendar 9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of

should be submitted in writing the month in Knox Hall in Ward

next Thursday's Issue. They can 7:30 p.m. Single Parenting Min-

craft, Livonia 48150, or by fax and third Tuesdays of the month

information, call (734) 953- C319, at the church. A free meal

be mailed to 36251 School- istry meets 7 p.m. on the first

at (734) 591-7279. For more in the parlor, room C317 and

e-mail

kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

WestSide Singles is hosting a

Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft

p.m. to 1 a.m. Must be over 21

Open to the public. A deejay will

west of Inkster Road) from 8

and dressy attire (no jeans).

rent hits. Appetizers will be

Early admission special \$4

before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after

Talk It Over meets from 7:30-

20-30 minute programs of story-

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES

981-0909.

Karen.

served. Ladies greeted at the

door with a long stem red rose.

Valentine's Dance at Burton

VALENTINE'S DANCE

no later than noon Friday for the Church. Ministries Showcase

Kindermusik offers story time, music classes In February and March par- the latest research in child years teaching and conducting ents and their children are invit- development, Kindermusik pro- experience with students of all telling, music and movement innovative music and movement

the joy of their child's develop-Favorite children's books, sim- ment. Kindermusik curricula are vear-olds. ple instruments and imaginative songs and chants highlight the designed to be developmentally story times. Registrations are appropriate and each child is suggested, but not mandatory. encouraged to learn at his or her Openings in Kindermusik at own pace. The most current Evola Music Center are still research on child development available in many classes for the winter/spring session. Students mental learning takes place Shop, 153 E. Main - (downtown may join at any time in the ses- between birth and 7 years. sion and classes are pro-rated.

LAW OFFICES OF DOZIER & HAFEN

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: Raymond R. Patton

You are being sued

Joann L. Patton

CASE NUMBER: DR35098

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are

served on you to file a Response (form 1282) at the court and serve a copy

If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders

affecting your marriage, your property, and custody of your children. You

may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. If you cannot

NOTICE The restraining orders on the back are effective against both

nusband and wife until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or

the court makes further orders. These orders are enforceable anywhere in

California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of

. The name and address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF

2 The name, address, and telephone number of petitioner's attorney, or

petitioner without an attorney, is: Mark W. Hafen, Esq., Law Offices o

Dozier & Hafen, 325 Cayuga Street, Salinas, CA 93901, 831-422-5001.

MONTEREY, 240 Church Street, P.O. Box 1819, Salinas, CA 93902

on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you.

pay the filling fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form.

Date: November 29, 1999

Publish February 10, 17, 24 and March 2, 2000

If you want legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately.

indicates that a child's funda-Karen Onkka Schanerberger, a Created by early childhood licensed Kindermusik educator music educators and informed by at Evola Music, has over twenty

SHERRI L. PEDERSEN, Clerk

I. VILLANUEVA, Deputy

ed to experience free, interactive grams provide early childhood ages. Evola Music offers Kinderlearning opportunities through musik Village™ for newborns to 884 Penniman (downtown Plyone-year olds. Kindermusik Our during Story Time with Miss curricula and involve families in Time® for children 1 year to 3 years of age and Growing With Kindermusik® for 3 years to 5 Upcoming classes and loca-

tions in February and March include:

Northville). For information call

mouth). Call (734) 454-0178. Little Book Shoppe on the

Kindermusik® Story Times, at. 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 and March 21 at Baby! Baby! Resale

Seven to 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March at Plymouth Coffee Bean,

speaks multiple times to church-

es and other groups. Refresh-

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the Farmington Singles Profes-

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country skiers will enjoy Stok-

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Inn (two people per room); use of

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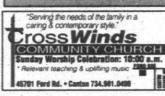
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Ethnic acceptance necessary for the culturally diverse nation

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 minori-

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 Moroceans,

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

mary 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 redefine 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.,

the message that human identity is pri- 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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Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard in Livonia, will be the host of the theatrical production of "The Pajama Game." This is the 27th year the church has put on a play. Dates and times include 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25; Saturday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m.; and 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27. Donation ticket fees are \$6 adults: \$3 students up to the 12th grade. For information call (734) 422-0494

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

Panic attack sufferers find relief

Once a sufferer of panic attacks herself, Northville resident and business owner Susan Franceschi is donating her services to Ward Presbyterian Church to help people who suffer from panic attacks and/or agoraphobia. Franceschi will lead a newly formed support group, beginning with a general information/organizational meeting to be held at 7:15 p.m.

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.

Anyone interested in attending should call Susan Franceschi at (734) 420-8175 or (248) 374-

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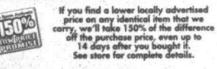
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OBSERVER **SPORTS** SCENE

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

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 Petitpas.

Pensari, running back Damon Frendo, wide receiver Reggie Brandon, offensive lineman Chuck Sikera, 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

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.

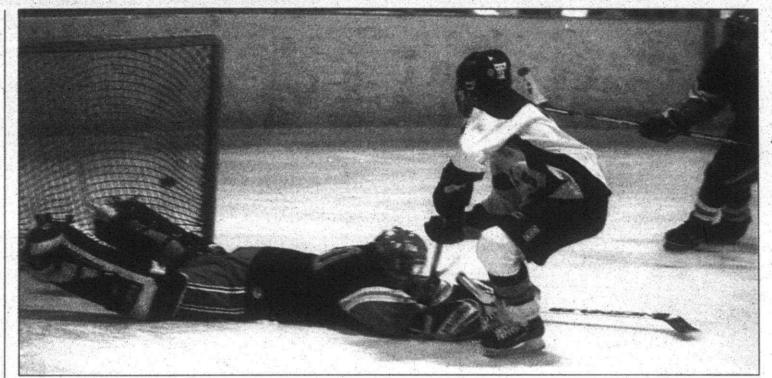
In the men's rankings, Madonna's Chad Putnam (Redford Thurston) and Jason Skoczylas (Dearborn St. Alphonsus) are tied for 10th in the WHAC in rebounding (5.79 per

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 email 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 twogoal deficit to pick up

STAFF PROTO

the win.

Lead gets away from Salem

SPORTS EDITOR

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

PREP HOCKEY

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 I-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

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 hattrick 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

Whalers streaking



Offense, 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

Please see WHALERS, C3

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 control. 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 WLAA. Western is 9-1 in the WLAA.

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

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

After Routhier's basket, Salem had a 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

"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

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

Please see BASKETBALL C6

Ups and downs

Canton gets best score, but Salem falters

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cirisak@oe.homecomm.net

For Plymouth Canton, it was a good time to put together a season'sbest 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 ton 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

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

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).

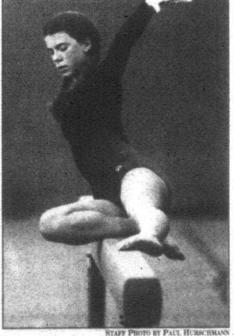
Amy Driscoll was another standout for the Chiefs, posting marks of 9.1 in bars (tied for second), 8.85 in floor (third), 8.65 in vault and 35.00 in the all-around (third).

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 bars (8.3); she placed fourth in the all-around

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 SPORTS EDITOR cjrisak@oe.hom

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-

Please see SKATERS, C6

Canton's comebacks earn 2 wins; Rocks roll

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 his season, hopes certainly should have been running high going into Saturday's Western akes Activities Association Tournament at Walled Lake

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

state tournament, but Faraone a 140-pounder with a 23-7 record, suffered torn ligaments n his index finger and had to have surgery; he's lost for the

For Plymouth Salem, it was somewhat different. The Rocks were lacking in spots, to be sure, but they came through when they had to.

Which is why they finished

(see statistical summary). "We work so hard in practice and our practice space is so limited that many of those who came out (for the team) didn't stay with us," said Canton coach

> "Those who have stayed out are really tough kids. They are all quite special, but we are still hurt when we lose people we in matches for third and fourth

Northville gained its third-con-

points. Host Western placed sec-

Stevenson was third with 186.5

depend on in our lineup."

Both teams had some fine per-- and not too far out of third formances, but just one that was place, scoring 177 points. The Chiefs were fifth with 142, one a weight-class winner: Salem's place higher than they placed Ron Thompson beat Farmington's Jon Simmons 9-3 in the 119

secutive title, scoring 204.5 There was one other noteworthy pairing. At 125, John and with 193 and Livonia 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 John Demsick. "So we are not the Rocks lost Mervyn when he very deep and can't replace transferred to Franklin. Each team reached the finals

three times. Salem got one first, Canton had three seconds. The Chiefs did travel a rough road to the final. Pocock, the The Rocks had five wrestlers third seed, edged Salem's Josh

WLAA WRESTLING RESULTS

the Chiefs had all fourths.

of Western in 3:59 at 135.

was pinned by Jacob Pattenaude

"We thought we put in a good,

but not a great day," said Dem-

sick. "We did have some great

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

135: Jacob Pattenaude (Western) pin.

Steve Dendrinos (Salem), 3:59; 3, Ian Huff

(Central), dec. Lev Mergian (Churchill), 7-

Canton's John Pocock lost a

to Canton's four, but more the semifinals, and third seed importantly, Salem finished third in four of those five while McWatt pinned second seed Brian Brinsden of Farmington in the heavyweight final. Brinsden Steve Dendrinos was the had pinned McWatt twice this Rocks' third finals qualifier; he

> Salem got thirds from Mike Goethe at 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

the 189 final; and Derek McWatt Puninske, 6-3. The state team district tournament was yesterday at Salem. The individual state district tournament is Saturday at

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WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS Feb. 12 at Walled Lake Western

Team standings: 1. Northville, 204 1,2; 2. Walled Lake Western, 193; 3. Livonia evenson, 186 1/2; 4. Plymouth Salem 177; 5. Plymouth Canton; 142; 6. Farming. ton, 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 Har-

Heavyweight: 1. Tony Henry (Western) pinned Derek McWatt (Canton), 0:52; 3 Brian Brinsden (Farmington) pin. Tony Mar-(Northville) dec. Ricardo Smith (Salem), 6 0; 7. Mark Costella (Stevenson) pin. Joe Helmick (Churchill), 3:11.

103 pounds: Kyle Malo (Churchill) dec Jason Fischer (Stevenson), 6-2; 3. Mike bethe (Salem) pin. Nick Naber (Glenn), :30; 5. Mike Cartea (Northville) pin. Dar Drenkkowski (Western), 5:44; 7. Rob (N. Farmington), 4:06.

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.

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. Kefentse Mandisa (Glenn), 11-1.

119: 1. Ron Thompson (Salem) dec. Jon Simmons (Farmington), 9-3; 3, A.J. Lee (Western) pin. Doy Demsick (Canton). 2:46; 5. Billy Bullock (Stevenson) dec. Bairami (N. Farmington) pin. Josh D'Anna (Northville), 0:49. 125: 1. John Mervyn (Franklin) dec. Rob

5. A.J. Escobar (Western) dec. Enrique Gardec. Ben White (Stevenson), 6-4. 130: 1. Reggie Torrence (Northville) pin. leff Albrecht (Glenn), 0:55: 3, Lucas

0; 5. Mike Siegrist (Canton) dec. Griffin Schager (Stevenson), 14-2; 7. Brian Ashby (Farmington), 9-4; 5. Shahein Rajaee (Can-(Northville) won by forfeit over Alan Wad-140: 1. Chad Neumann (Northville) dec. John Pocock (Canton), 3-1; 3. Josh Henderson (Salem) by technical fall over John

Tom Mahon (Farmington), 4-1. 145: 1. Dan Scappaticci (Northville) Ash (Salem), 11-3; 3. Matt Dovle dec. Chris Cooprider (Stevenson), 10-4; 3. (Northville) dec. Chris Hosey (Canton), 4-3; Geoff Zilan (Western) pin. Steve Abar cia (Glenn), 10-0; 7. Nick Smith (Churchill) ington) dec, Adam Schafer (Salem), 12-4; Jamie Fraser (Central) pin. Brad Gregory dec. Don Holland (Western), 7-0.

152: 1. Mike Carter (Churchill) dec. Aaron Turk (Farmington), 2:33; 7. Justin ton), 8-1; 5. Mark Ostach (Farmington) Pettijohn (Northville) pin. Dave Vidlund Andrew Pruitt (Franklin), 3-1.

171: 1. John MacFarland (Stevenson)

(Central), 13-7.

dec. Ben Lukas (Farmington), 6-1; 3. John O'Brien (Central), 4:55: 5. Trevor Clarke Rekoumis (Northville) dec. Pat Clark Steve Lenhardt (Churchill), 15-4: 7. Ramis (N. Farmington) pin, Matt Radley (Steven (Western) 10-2: 5. Alex Murray (Churchill) son), 3:57; 7. Ernie Guerra (Glenn) dec. pin. Jack Sears (Glenn), 1:55; 7. Matt Navarro (Franklin) pin, Derek Miller (Canton), 0:40r 189: 1. Joe Rumbley (Northville) dec

160: 1. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson) dec

Eric Toska (Franklin), 10-2: 3, Josh

Bagalay (Western) dec. Mike Murtland

ton) dec. Nick Wroblewski (Glenn), 4-1; 7,

Phil Portellos (Salem) dec. Joe Moreno

Phil Rothwell (Canton), 13-5; 3. Mike (Churchill), 3:42; 5. James Clarahan (Farm- Popeney (Salem) dec. Eric Puninske (Stevenson), 6-3; 5. Joe Hartley (Central)

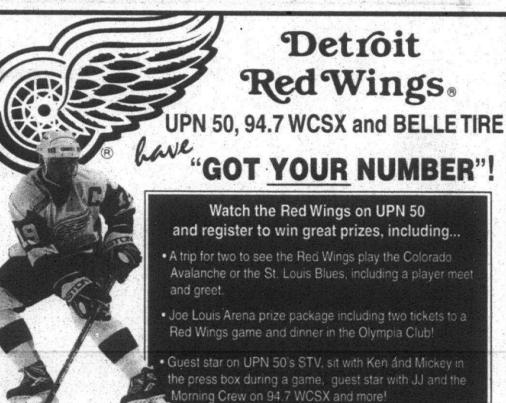
215: 1. Kyle Domagalski (Farmington) pin. Greg Hartley (Central), 4:31; 3. Val Stump (Salem) dec. Greg Musser (Can- Mike Falzon (Stevenson), 9-1; 3. Derick Palushat (Northville) dec. Zack Jensen ton), 7-4; 5. Arik Wickett (Franklin), pin. Smith (Western) dec. Scott McKee (Can- (Salem), 5-4; 5. Neil Retherford (Western) Nazaroff (Western) dec. Jason Shafer (Hardec. Chris Wolfgang (Glenn), 4-3; 7. Josh Tom Vandenbossche (Churchill) dec.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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.

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Saturday, Feb. 19 Tuesday, Feb. 29: (C) Ann Arbor Huron vs Schoolcraft at Henry Ford, 1 p.m D) Ann Arbor Pioneer, 5:30 p.m.; (E) Livonia Cornerstone at Madonna, 1 p.m. Churchill vs. (F) Plymouth Canton, 8 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Thursday, March 2: Plymouth Salem vs. A Thursday, Feb. 17

Friday, Feb. 18

at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m Saturday, Feb. 19 Ply. Whalers vs. London Knights at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Redford CC vs. Port Huron No at Ply. Cultural Center, 8 p.m. Canton vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m

Saturday, Feb. 19 at Lakeland Ice Arena, 5:20 p.m Canton vs. South Lyon

at Ply. Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m. Redford CC vs. Cranbrook at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Feb. 17 Huron Valley at Bethesda, 7 p.m. Kingswood at Luth, W'sld, 7 p.m. Inter-City at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m. (CHSL Finals at Madonna) C-D Division final, 5:30 p.m. Ladywood vs. Marian, 7 p.m.

15-11, 15-7; and Walled Lake Friday, Feb. 18 Central 15-13, 10-15, 15-13 comb Christian at Agape, 6:30 p.m. In the final against Bedford. Saturday, Feb. 19 Denise Phillips had a superior adywood Tournament, 8 a.m. offensive performance, collecting Monroe Jeff. Invitational, TBA. 10 kills with a .375 kill percentage. Amanda Suder added seven

TBA — time to be announced.

Roller hockey

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PREP HOCKEY

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 conference game.

Erie Otters 7-2 Sunday, both at Ply- Shane Nash 6:08 into the second peri-

place atop the Ontario Hockey lead, but a minute later Surma re-tied

League's West Division, stretched its it for the Whalers, and they dominated

Whalers are 32-17-4 and have 69 in the second period put Plymouth up

Against Erie, Tomas Kurka had a again the difference in their victories

Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds (3-7 in third period made certain the Whalers had two.

staved there.

for the Otters.

Friday and Saturday.

been hot and carrying the Whalers; Plymouth. J.J. Perras faced 29 shots shots in goal for Kitchener.

The three wins solidified Plymouth's a crowd of 2,001, had given Erie a 2-1

Cultural Center, Canton spotted Western Lakes Activities Associ-

current win streak to six games with after that.

nine victories in its last 10 games. The

It hasn't been a single player who's

rather, several have gotten into the

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

Surma totaled six goals and two

assists for the weekend, while

Williams had three goals and seven

A power-play goal by the Otters'

HOCKEY DRAWS

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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

Wednesday, March 1: Livonia Stevensor

Thursday, March 2: A-B winner vs. C-D win-

Saturday, March 4: Championship final 8

p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfi-

nals Wednesday, March 8 at Redford Ice Arena vs. Dearborn Kilpatrick Arena regional

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Monday, Feb. 28: (A) Dearborn Unified vs.

7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quar-

terfinals Wednesday, March 8 at Redford ice

Salem 2nd

It was a battle, just reaching

But Plymouth Salem's volleyball

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

Still, it was a solid perfor-

mance by the Rocks, who

mproved 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,

kills and 10 digs, and Jill Dom-

browski had five kills, 19 assists

However, the Rocks serving

game - which had been an inte-

gral part of their offense - was-

n't a major factor. They had just

one service ace and committed

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

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 Gizicki had five

aces and 32 digs; and Michelle

Ginther totaled 14 kills, four

aces and 30 digs.

to kills and nine digs.

five serving errors.

the final of last Saturday's Temperance Bedford Invitational

team managed it.

final, 15-3, 15-9.

vs. Allen Park, 8 p.m.

B) Trenton, 7:30 p.m.

ner, 8 p.m.

George Nistas scored a goal.

ation rival Livonia Franklin a two-goal lead midway through the second period — then scored four-straight for a 4-2 victory. Whalers from page C1

mouth's Compuware Arena.

their last 10).

was pinned by Western's Tony Henry in :52 of the heavyweight Walled Lake Western HS.

Brownstown Township, host Grosse Ile led Canton 2-1 with two minutes left in the second period, but again the Chiefs rallied to take a 4-2 win in this non-

The two victories boosted Canton's record to 11-8-1 overall; in Arsnov was in goal for the the WLAA, the Chiefs are 7-7-1. On Friday against Franklin,

od of Sunday's game, played in front of

Weiss' power-play goal with 3:12 left

points, four more than the slumping for good. Four unanswered goals in the three assists in the win, while Fisher

The outburst began with their 7-3

rampage at Kitchener Friday. It was a

seesaw battle until midway through

the second period, when team captain

Randy Fitzgerald took command for

Lalonde and Fisher were offset by the

Rob Zepp made 15 saves in goal for for Plymouth. Reg Bourcier faced 45

Their overwhelming offense was Arena, which attracted 2,512 fans, fea-

eo; John Dunphy's goal 2:29 into the assist), with Kurka, Eric Gooldy and games)

Whaler first-period goals by Surma, goals and three assists.

taken a 2-0 lead.

On Saturday, Shane Bedo put the game's complexion changed the Red Devils ahead with a

John Bockstanz knotted it at

2-2 with 4:33 left in the period

(Brad Wolf assisted), then Com-

miskey got what proved to be the

game-winner with just 56.7 sec-

onds remaining in the second. The game's final goal was scored by Sean Depp. Brad

put Plymouth up 6-3.

were predictable.

second period tied it for the Rangers.

Fitzgerald put the Whalers in con-

trol with goals scored at 13:18 and

17:05 of the second; another by Jon

Billy with 1:03 remaining in the period

Surma got his second goal of the

Zepp stopped 20 of 23 shots on goal

Saturday's game at Compuware

tured one of the OHL's hottest teams

against the league's worst. The results

Plymouth scored four goals before

the opening period was half over and

had a 6-0 lead after one. Surma scored

in the game, while Williams had two

Stephen Weiss and Fisher netted

game in the third period. Williams had

scored from David Commiskey it at 1-all when Bockstanz scored 18 seconds after the Patriots had 3:37 into the second period. Eric Mayer got the assist.

Grosse Ile again forged ahead, this time John Gaynier netting a power-play goal with 2:20 left in the period. But once again, the

Chiefs were quick to respond. And once again, it was McCabe who was responsible for the response. This time it took 21 seconds for him to re-tie the game, with Jeremy Majszak and

Mike Carson assisting. With just 1:19 elapsed in the when Canton's Ryan McCabe first-period goal, but Canton tied final period, Eric Mayer got the Beaudry's win was a shutout -

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

became the first female goalie to

Rob McBride also scored a goal.

Foley divided time in the net.

Ambassadors on a roll

Compuware Arena.

Bill Ruggiero was in goal for the win

for Plymouth, making 20 saves. For

Mississauga, Michael Mole and Nick

The Compuware Ambassadors ral-

lied twice in two games last weekend

On Friday, Compuware overcame an

to beat the Grand Rapids Rockets at

early deficit by scoring five-straight

for Salem. Dan Valentine opened the scoring for the Rocks at the 13:26 mark. Brad Proodian scored 3:05 later, and two min-

Eight different players scored

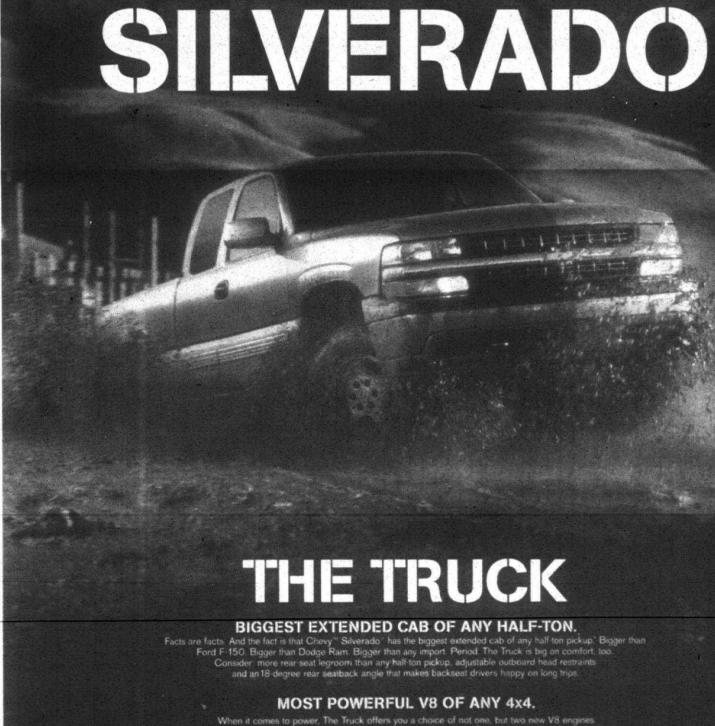
utes after that Michael Maurer

scored to make it 3-0. Steve Nagel scored a goal and assisted on two others, while Maurer, Mark Nagel and Dave Bida had a goal and an assist. Eric Culps and Akshay Patel scored goals; Joe Connolly and

It's also worth noting that Drew Styles each picked up two

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East Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Ottawa 67s	39	12	3	82
Kingston 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	т	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
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goals en route to a 6-2 win. Goals by Chris Sad and Dan Knapp separated by 20 seconds in the final minute of the first period gave the Ambassadors a lead it would not relinquish Saturday's game was even harder for the Rockets to bear as the Ambasthree goals and assisted on two others sadors scored three times in the third period to knot the game and force OT. Kitchener Rangers 22 Mike Smith's goal 1:56 into overtime gave Compuware a 4-3 win, raising its Brampton Battalion 19 Rangers' Ryan Held and Mike Amod- two goals apiece (Fisher also had an record to 29-11-3 (8-1-1 in its last 10 Owen Sound Platers 16



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Dan Kurtinaitis paced Madon

Ocelots lose 1st in conference

BY BRAD EMONS SPORTS WRITER

Down by only three, 66-63, with only 9:27 to go, 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 The victory avenged a 78-74 loss to

"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 com-

Carla Saxton came off the bench to score a team-

high 24 points in 29 minutes as the Schoolcraft Col-

lege women's basketball team turned back visiting

Saxton hit eight-of-11 shots from the floor, includ-

ing three-of-five three-pointers, along with five-of-

Center Angelica Blakely added 16 points and 18

rebounds, while Janelle Olson contributed 10 points.

Guard Antone' Watson had 13 assists as Schoolcraft

improved to 10-11 overall and 9-5 in the Eastern Con-

ference of the Michigan Community College Athletic

OCC was led by Farmington Hills Harrison product

Mahogany Fletcher, who poured in a game-high 32

points and added 15 rebounds for the Lady Raiders,

now 7-17 overall and 5-9 in the conference.

Schoolcraft last month.

pete well on the boards the last time,

Oakland CC, 73-65 Monday.

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eight free throws.

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

Mott, which led 39-35 at intermis sion, 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 cut the deficit to 66-63, the Ocelots came

Solomon responded with a threepointer 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, ncreasing the margin to nine, 72-63. SC would get no closer than eight the

"I thought they rebounded on us real-

ly well," Briggs said. "I thought they 16 and 13 rebounds. Nick Evola, a 6-7 shot the ball better, too. We didn't play freshman center, scored 12 in the first 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.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Heights center Bevin Malley, who finished with a chipped in 18.

versity went on to win an offensive duel, 98-86, Satur-

Madonna, which jumped out to a 47-33 halftime

Wolverine-Hoosiers Athletic Conference, were paced

y Lori Enfield, who poured in 28 points and pulled

wn eight rebounds. Michelle Miela added 20 points.

Chris Dietrich had a strong overall game, scoring 19

Madonna had a strong shooting performance from

points while adding five assists and four rebounds.

the free throw line, finishing 19-of-23 (82.6 percent).

day at Siena Heights University.

game-high 33 points.

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

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

"We have the kind of team where a lot of different guys step up," Schmidt said. "Gary Solomon took it to another evel. 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

Bigby, a 6-4 sophomore out of Detroit Northern, scored 17 points to lead Schoolcraft, while Robert Brown added our own destiny."

lead, overcame a brilliant performance by Siena ence) with a game-high 20 points, while Abby Munjo

The Crusaders, who are 11-13 overall and 5-7 in the to keep the game competitive and led 46-45 with 9:39

The Lady Saints dropped to 14-15 overall, 6-6 in the and four assists, and Carla Saxton had nine points for

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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 MCCAA But the defending state champs will have to do it this year in Mott's gym

nals 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

where the Bears will host the semifi-

"And right now we can only control

Saturday with a 65-58 home victory over Schoolcraft

Tyra Gay led Mott (20-1 overall, 13-1 in the confer-

Plagued by foul trouble, Schoolcraft still managed

However, the Lady Ocelots could not overcome the

loss of team leaders Antone' Watson and Angelica

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

Blakely, who both fouled out late in the game.

Bench support helps SC stop Raiders; Madonna tops Saints Flint Mott CC clinched the MCCAA Eastern Conference title and a first-round bye in the state playoffs

Nilson was another of Canton's dou ble-winners in individual events, cap turing the 200 free (1:52.26) and the 100 free (50.86). He led the Chiefs' top three sweep in the 200 free; Rice was

In the 500 free, Wisniewski led a one-two-three sweep, with Ahern sec-ond (5:23.24) and Rice third (5:31.67). But Canton had just one other first

The Chiefs, now 4-4, conclude their

Canton slips on last relay

It was, well, surprising.

Plymouth Canton dominated brough the first half of its non-league dual meet at Saline Tuesday. The Chiefs' swimmers split the first-place finishes, but they were first in the 200-yard medley relay and had swept the op three spots in the 200 frees And yet, as Canton coach Ed Webe would later say, "It just shows that who finishes first doesn't win meets.

It's the seconds and thirds." Saline rallied and pulled to with striking distance by the start of the final relay, the 400 free. When the Hornets bested Canton, taking first in 3:33.75, they had earned the win by

"I didn't see it coming," said Weber "They made up the points so fast.
"We got in there and worked hard. We swam well. We knew they were

Matt Wisniewski paced the Chiefs effort, placing first in the 50 free (23.24) and the 500 free (5:13.99), and combining with Trey Gercaj, 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).

second (1:58.68) and Ryan Ahern third

by Aaron Reeder in the 100 backstroke

dual season with a Western Lakes Activities Association meet at 7 p.m. tonight at Livonia Franklin.

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Westland Youth Athletic Association

YOUTH ATHLETICS

SC closes in on title Gymnastics from page C1

Playing at home, Schoolcraft College men's basketball team stomped Oakland CC 110-55 Monday to move within one win of clinching at least a tie for the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference title.

Lamar Bigby's game-high 22 Madonna still in cellar points led a balanced scoring attack as Schoolcraft upped its record to 20-5 overall and 13-1 in the MCCAA.

Robert Brown (17 points). Gilbert Mitchell (16), Chris Col-Schoolcraft jumped out to a

quick start, taking a 61-29 lead

OCC, which fell to 6-20 overall, 1-13 in the MCCAA, was led

the Raiders.

Madonna University could not overcome 31 turnovers, falling to Siena Heights University 91-73 Saturday in Livonia.

Siena Heights, which ley (14), and Mike Williams (12) improved to 23-6 overall and 8-4 2-10 record (4-25 overall). all scored in double figures for in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletthe Ocelots. Brown also grabbed ic Conference, was led by Mike Brown's 14 points and Nate Bradford's 13 points. (Siena Heights lost Monday to Division University of Detroit-Mercy,

> Justin Bascom also added 12 points and seven rebounds for

Bowling bonanza

Friends of Alzheimer's 11th annual Bowling Bonanza will be Saturday, March 4 at Cloverlanes Bowl, 28900 Schoolcraft, in

Livonia. There will be a session beginning at 8:30 a.m. followed by another session starting with registration at 12:30 p.m.

There is a \$10 registration fee

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The Complete Request for Proposal including specifications and insurance requirements may be examined at Plymouth Township Hall, Office of the Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, and copies may be obtained at that location. Questions concerning the bid specifications should be directed to Ms. Christine Haas, Division of Public Services, Solid

Sealed proposals to provide all of the above services for a multi-year period will be accepted at Plymouth Township Hall, Office of the Clerk, on or

before April 17, 2000, 3.00 P.M. Proposals must be submitted with a bid bond equal to 5% of the amount of the proposal executed by a Surety

Company licensed and admitted to do business in the State of Michigan

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within ninety days after date set for

The right is reserved by the Township to reject any or all proposals, either

Notice is hereby given that a Presidential Primary will be held in the City

of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, February 22, 2000, from

7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, in order that the Democratic and Republican voters in Michigan can nominate from among the candidates of their respective parties, the person they wish to have nominated from Michigan for a the Office of the President of the United

Applications for absentee ballots for the City of Plymouth registered voters may be requested from the Clerk's Office, 201 South Main Street,

ballots will be delivered to qualified absentee voters in person at the espective Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February

19, 2000. On Monday, February 21st, 2000, absentee voters may receive

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

Polling places are as follows: (Please note that the City precinct locations

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR

DETERMINATION OF

2000 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

FEBRUARY 29, 2000

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing concerning The Community

Development Block Grant Program will be held by the Board of Trustees of The Charter Township of Plymouth at 7.30 p.m. in the meeting room of the

Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, on February 29,

The purpose of the public hearing will be to afford the public the

opportunity to place before the board any proposed use of the 2000

reliminary indications from the Wayne County Office of Block Grant

Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program are that the

estimated 2000 funding allocation for the township will be approximately

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth, upo

competition of the public hearing, will determine the use of the 2000 funds.

Any written comments regarding proposed use of the 2000 funds should be

directed to Christine G. Haas, Community Development Block Gran

Plymouth, MI, 48170 postmarked by February 25, 2009.

Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd.,

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Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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their ballots and must vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

may not coincide with your school district precinct locations.)

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PROPOSED 2000 PROJECTS Plymouth Council on Aging

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH

LEGAL NOTICE

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ON FEBRUARY 22, 2000

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For more information, call (248) 557-8277.

sixth in the bars for Canton Westland John Glenn, Brighton ers included Kristen Schilk

the Saints, who led 52-32 at half-Before going to the sidelines tri-meet with 140.34 points, folwith her injury, Aquinto took lowed by Plymouth Canton with Krueger (30.25). fourth in both the vault (8.55) 133.80 and host John Glenn with and bars (8.35). Kara Dendrinos 131.57. by Jeff Townsend (13 points) and na with a career-high 29 points was Salem's only other top-six

Eric Smith (12 points). Walter and six assists, but he also com-Malone chipped in 11 points for mitted 12 turnovers. Jason Skoczylas contributed 18 points City Invitational this Saturday; and eight rebounds, while Chad Salem and Canton both compete Putnam (from Redford Thurston) at the Western Lakes Activities the Chiefs (33.80); she finished added 14 points and grabbed 11 Association Tournament next with a 9.3 on floor, 8.15 on beam, Thursday (Feb. 24) at Farming- 8.9 on bars and 7.45 on vault. The Crusaders, who shot a ton's Training Center.

respectable 32-of-57 (56.1 per-Canton 2nd at tri-meet cent) from the floor, remained in last place in the WHAC with a Last Wednesday (Feb. 9) at

CHARTER NOTICE OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

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

Hearings are by appointment, please call 354-3267, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for an appointmen Tuesday, March 7 9 a.m. - Noon Organizational Meeting

2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Hearings by Appointment 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Hearings by Appointment 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Hearings by Appointment 9 a.m. - Noon Hearings by Appointment Tuesday, March 14 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Hearings by Appointment Saturday, March 18 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. First Come - First Served

Other hearings dates and times may be scheduled as needed. All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 18, 2000. The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth

Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Publish: February 17, 20 and 24, 2000

captured top honors in a WLAA (32.85), Maggie Bett (32.15), Jill Rakovitis (30.55) and Jessica Glenn junior Nicole Simonian

was third in the all-around with Liz Fitzgerald was fifth in the a score of 34.95. She posted scorer; she was fifth in floor (8.4) all-around (34.45) for Canton scores of 9.2 on floor exercise, 8.4 Canton travels to the Traverse after going 8.8 on floor, 8.2 on on balance beam, 8.7 on uneven bars and 8.65 on vault. beam, 9.25 on bars and 8.2 on vault. Amy Driscoll was next for

Junior Kristen Costantino finished sixth all-around (34.37) with scores of 9.05 on floor, 8.05 on beam, 8.7 on uneven bars and Other Canton all-around scor-8.575 on vault.

PLYMOUTH FINANCIAL CORPORATION NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ORGANIZE A STATE CHARTERED BANK Notice is hereby given that Plymouth Pinancial Corporation, 249 N. Main

St., Plymouth, Michigan 48170 has made application with the Commissioner of the Michigan Financial Institutions Bureau for permission to organize a bank to be known as New Liberty Bank, 245 N. Main St., Plymouth, Michigan 48170. The application was accepted fo

Any person who desires to protest the application must, pu 30 of the Michigan Banking Code of 1969, as amended, MCL 487.330; MSA 23.710(30), file a written notice of protest with the Commissioner of the Financial Institutions Bureau, P.O. Box 30224, (333 S. Capitol Avenue, Suite A) Lansing, Michigan 48909 and with the applicant not later than

The application is on file with the Commissioner and may be inspected during regular business hours.

This notice is published pursuant to section 30 of the Michigan Banking Code of 1969, being section 487.330 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, as amended by Act no 524 of the Public Acts of 1978, which sets forth the procedures for processing applications and the manner in which protests

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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 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

Skaters

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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

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 "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

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 Minneapo-

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

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

may have had well-founded

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

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

WITH UP TO

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

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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Entertainment

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Thursday, February 17, 2000

THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



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.joeyscomedyclub. com

The Plymouth

SATURDAY



Symphony Orchestra pre-sents "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-



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)

STREET URCHINS CONTINUE TO WARM HEARTS OF AUDIENCES

tacie 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 wellworth the experience, including professional theater, that she's been able to list on her resume. In 1998, she played a young Helen Keller in "The Miracle Worker" at Meadow Brook The-

atre 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

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: RalphRosati 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 per form "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.

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

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

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 What: Eisenhower

Dance Ensemble pre-

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sents "Entrances and

"I am looking forward to presenting my company once again at Oakland Community College's Smith The-atre," 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 virtu-

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 Ange Bak, a company member, and associate manager. "But there's a real sense of

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COMMUNITY THEATER -

Actors kick up their heels in "A Chorus Line"

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

STAFF WRITER

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."

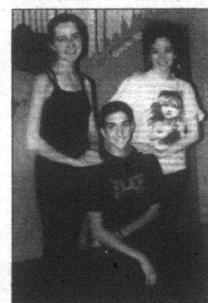
Cable is still adjusting her schedule to accommodate rehearsals for the show directed by Stephanie Stephans. The adult ensemble is practicing its steps every day.

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

"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."

prophetic and timeless. The chal-

lenge is to root his profound

observations within the everyday

lives of the play's characters.

fully discover the subtler

nuances of the emotional terrain

discounting their effort.

of their characters, there's no

Miller's layered play offers a

universal theme, but is clearly

set in the late 1940s. The scenic

design by Peter Hicks and cos-

tume design by Barbara Jenks

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While several actors have yet to

Experience 'A Comedy of Errors,' film and visual arts



days that generally occur in Film February that has us looking for a bit of

For those who like to escape with laughter, the Planet Ant Theatre offers "A Comedy of Errors." Royal Shakespeare Company alumna Gillian Eaton directs the production, that

found the dead bard's beloved comedy. Set in the virtual world of ephesus, "A Comedy of Errors" is a quirky diversion worthy of the always unique cultural center of Ham ideas. Could it tramck. The production begins Thursday, Feb. 24 and runs sion of dreary through Sunday, March 19.

Maybe you'd like to immerse yourself in perverse perspectives on reality. As a maker of non-fiction films, Errol Morris may never be a household name. His works, however, rank with the most unforgettable films of the past quarter-century. Critic Roger Ebert calls his 1978 masIf your method of escape is through the visual arts, consider the "Shanghai on the Move" exhibit currently running at the University of Michigan.

terpiece "Gates of Heaven" one of only to become part of a movethe 10 greatest films ever made. ment of "revisionists" who claim Newsweek's David Ansen that the Holocaust never hapdescribes him as a "true origi-

Now there's "Dr. Death: The Rise and Fall of Fred A. Leuchter, Jr.," showing Friday-Sunday Feb. 25-27 at the Detroit Institute of Art's Detroit Film Theatre. It's the story of a selfstyled "execution technician." who repaired and designed prison execution equipment -

Times called the work "brilliant...a vision that is both poetic and perverse." Morris describes it as the only movie ever made that solved a murder. It's show- media. ing Monday, Feb. 28 at the

If your method of escape is through the visual arts, consider the "Shanghai on the Move" row setting to illuminate the exhibit currently running at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The show features several prominent figures on the contemporary art scene in China, which has seen an explosion of avant-garde art in the past

Janet Maslin of the New York twenty years. Hu Jie Ming, a painter and video artist, uses his talents to examine the distor tions and expectations about Chinese culture in the Western

> Hu Jie Ming's fresh perspec tives are also revealed in a segment on Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20. It's an edition that includes an interview with Errol Morris, and a look at Planet Ant's "A Comedy of

New ideas? They happen all the time in theater, film, and the

Welcome them like the first breath of spring.

Oliverfrom page El

in professional theater for 10

There's no way to close the curtain so we had to develop something that has levels," said Bloom, referring to the bridge, so we won't be doing a lot of set

hanges." Since the 6-foot-tall bridge has to dold several children, the crew spared no time in construction. Sook nine members four, 10hear Saturdays to complete. Friends and relatives also helped along with children in the cast. Theater is good because you nake friendships," said Andrea

hope about the person who is

passing - a celebration of their

Since its inception in the sum-

mer of 1991, the Eisenhower

cated to the performance of a

work of talented choreographers.

The company, based in Rochester

throughout the Midwest, the

East Coast, and St. Petersburg,

STAY TUNED ...

Cher has soldified Diva status

Hins, has toured theaters last year."

Dance Ensemble has been dedi-

Ensemble from page E1

Herlen of Plymouth.

six days a week. school and listening for your

diverse range of contemporary we do in this area," said Bak of

in the entertainment world. VH- Group has released "The Best

1's "The List" declared her the of Cher" as part of its millenni-

number one diva of all time. To um collection. Songs like "Gyp-

really getting to know each 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

Like Guerreso, chorus members have sacrificed to participate in community theater. In the final weeks before opening

night, the cast was rehearsing "The challenges are fitting in

educating and informing the

public about the art of dance and

encouraging the community to

explore dance as a source of cul-

"This is the only concert that

dance works, and showcasing the the Feb. 18 performance. "We're oping our local audiences this

trying to perform at throughout

the area. We had a nice turnout

The company received a good

review from the New York Times

after its Dance Theatre Work-

in the '70s, Universal Music

tural and physical enrichment.

"That's what's neat is we're 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

coming of age for the company,"

"This has been a pivotal sea-

son for us to see what we can do

to keep the momentum we creat-

ed from our New York tour going.

Next year, the company hopes

sys, Tramps and Thieves"

"Half-Breed" and "Living In A

not Sonny Bono - Gregg All-

man, has made it to the same

CD series with "The Best of

House Divided" are brought

Cher's former husband -

We're focusing on further devel-

They are also committed to shop. "It was a rite of passage, a

theater 10 years, and did small skits as a student at St. Mary's

Summit on the Park Community Center in Canton. The next show there is scheduled for Saturday,

neath 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 guttersnipes in his charge. A substitute teacher for Farmington Schools Rosati has been in community

"The fat suit I wear under-

pened. Compare "Dr. Death" to

the current film "The Green

Mile," which also uses a death

extremes of human nature.

What you get with Morris is less

of the "Hollywood" feel, but not

Another example of his mas-

tery is "The Thin Blue Line." a

much-acclaimed 1988 film.

necessarily less style.

March 18.

"I think it's the best character

If you can't make the Friday

"She's a girl of ill-repute but in the show," said Rosati of Walled Lake. "He's funny and has a heart of gold," said Ariana sings comedic songs." of Livonia. "She can't let go of this guy that abuses her." Ariana and Keith Prusak's

real life relationship is the exact opposite of the one they share on for the new spotlights used for stage. Married 2 1/2 years, the the first time in "Oliver!" Kuna is Prusaks met and fell in love at hoping the 50-50 raffle will pay Eastern Michigan University. for a new sound board and amp 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 refer-Dark" where he stalked a blind problem

to be used for the first time during "Oliver!" "This is a cement room with poor acoustics," said Czaplicki, "The new sound board and amp will help the sound because feedring to the role in "Wait Until back has been a tremendous

A 50-50 raffle last year paid

Kick up from pageE1

Upcoming performance

previously unreleased radio a new single, "American Pie,"

The Allman Brothers Band." "Pm Free." Who knew, in 1964, added track on Top 40 radio last to ask what's happening to music

concert, you can see the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble at 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts That program, entitled "Motown in Motion," will cele-

brate the music of Motown in a "razzle-dazzle evening of dance and music." Tickets are \$18 and \$22. Call (810) 286-2222 to

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'Midnight Rider" represent the another generation? That's Rock

the cast have helped by teaching | "I'm excited for her to

be able to participate in quality theater.'

Bill Cable Parent

available," said Bill Cable. "They work hard. They have fun. They're very disciplined."

"A Chorus Line" is not recommended for young audiences because of some of the language

me. I like the character I play. She's a lot of fun. She's excited about show business but kind of scatter-brained."

Cable's father Bill will be sitting in the audience just as he and his wife did for "Annie." A music instructor for Utica Public Schools and a professional trumpet player, he's proud of his daughter's newly-found career.

"I'm excited for her to be able to participate in quality theater and that the opportunity is

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Meadow Brook carries torch with Miller's morality play meaning of life. Not the kind of BY FRANK PROVENZANO What: "All My Sons," a three-act play by Arthur Miller, subject matter that attracts When: Through Sunday, March 5; performance times vary, call the blockbuster crowds. theater for information. To their credit, Meadow Brook By the middle of act one in Where: Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University hasn't flinched from the chal-Meadow Brook Theatre's produclenge. Director Henry Woronicz, tion of "All My Sons," the notion Tickets: \$19.50-\$35, call (248) 377-3300 making his Meadow Brook debut, clears a path so the storytelling remains front and center. And the storytelling in Miller's Robertson), pins the crime on his business friend. Like a cancer.

that contemporary theater is foremost about providing mindless entertainment and appealing to the masses is resoundly By then, the audience is fully wrapped into Miller's morality play, and the result is a rekin-

dled 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

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

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 airplane crash, and his surviving Enemy of the People," "A View son, Chris (Raymond L. Chap-From The Bridge," and "The Cruman), has returned home to "All My Sons" is set in postwar America, whereby idealism fostered by war heroes and prac-

tical realities faced by war profirequires intense focus and an teers are finding an uneasy ability to navigate the torrents of On the broadest level, the play is a moral dilemma created by two partners in a machine shop that sent out defective airplane

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the crime continues to eat away

at the fundamental relationships

Meanwhile, one of Keller's two

sons was killed in the war in an

work alongside his father, who

has profited greatly from the war

The drama is further compli-

cated by Chris' love for his

deceased brother's former girl-

friend, Annie (Robin Lewis of

Eventually, the truth is

revealed to all, and the conse-

quences laid bare to all those

who fail to live up to their own

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relationships in Miller's play.

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While it's not easy to sustain

the indignancy at the heart of

the play, Chapman's restless

duplicity infuse each scene.

energy, and Robertson's cafn

Director Woronicz proves

repeatedly that he knows how-to-

wring drama from the dynamic

creates a compelling backdrop frey Beauchamp) elevate the rel-

that invites audiences to peer

over the wall into the Keller's

backyard that soon turns into a

The cast dons the restrained

mannerism of the time, and

invokes the intimacy of a com-

play's climax, the ensemble is

pelling family drama. By the

ndeed a representation of the

family of man, twisted in an

utterly strangling moral prob-

Moments between father

(Robertson) and son (Chapman)

are chillingly magical, as are the

exchanges between brother (Ray-

mond Schultz) and sister

(Lewis), and mother (Mary Ben-

son) and son (Chapman). Even

the stargazing Frank Lubey

(Scott Crownover), and the wise

neighbor, Dr. Jim Bayliss (Geof-

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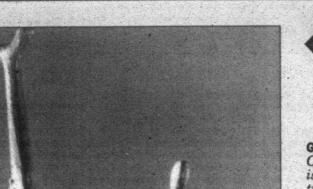
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SPECIAL EVENTS

children. (313) 961-7777

the Detroit Puppet Theater, \$7, \$5

CABARET EVENING: Features Grosse Pointe Memorial Church soloists singing music from Broadway and movie scores 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$35. includes dinner. Must be purchased by Sunday, Feb. 20. (313) 882-

"COLLAGE" CONCERT: Henry Ford Community College concert spotlights more than 250 musicians in HFCC's music program Sunday Feb. 20, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15. (313) 845-6470

DETROIT CAMPER & RV SHOW: 2-9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Feb. 16-18, noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 and until 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at the Novi Expo Center. \$6.50, \$4.50 seniors on Wednesday, Feb. 16 only. (517) 349-8881 or www.marvac.org

FORD FREEDOM AWARD: Installation 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17. dinner at 6 p.m.; Scholar's Lecture 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18 at the Charles H. Wright Museu of African American History,

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION: "Put a Little Jazz in Your Life," 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4, dance the night away to the sounds of Tom Saunders and the Detroit All-Stars Band and enjoy delicious New Orleans cuisine, vocal choir SCool JAzz will also perform, in the Waterman Center on the Schoolcraft College campus, Livonia, \$30 if purchased before

Friday, \$35 afterwards. (734) 462-4417/(734) 462-4435 ONE WOMAN SHOW: Eva Black performs "The Life and Times of Harriet Tubman" 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Truth Bookstore, Southfield. (248) 557-

FAMILY EVENTS

THE PHOENIX ENSEMBLE: Join the Gemini Brothers for a magical, musical concert for children and the whole family 3 p.m. Sunday. petting zoo in the lobby beginning at 2 p.m., at the Michigan Theater Ann Arbor, \$15, \$10 students/chil-

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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/serniors. (734) 995-

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "Mendelssohn Meets Ellington" 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit, \$22, (313) 576-5111 MADONNA UNIVERSITY: The faculty performs a recital 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, in Kresge Hall on campus, Livonia. \$5, and supports the music scholarship fund. (734) 432-5709

MURRAY PERAHIA: Performs an all-Bach program 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$55. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "All That Jazz" features drummer Pete Siers, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Plymouth.

grade 12. (734) 451-2112 OPERA

\$12, \$10 seniors/college stu-

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

POPS/SWING

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: "Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through February, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

AUDITIONS AVON PLAYERS: Auditions for "Sweeney Todd" 7 p.m. Saturday Sunday, Feb. 19-20, at the playhouse, Rochester Hills. For perfor mances April 28-30, May 5-7, 12-13 and 18-20. (810) 781-8270 **DESTINATION EARTH LLC:** An independent production company is seeking extras for the science fiction film "Nobody Knows." Filming will take place in Detroit and surrounding cities in late February and early March. The film is about a man from the year 2039 who appears in Texas on the day of the Kennedy assassination, Nov. 22. 1963. He is able to prevent the murder of the president and as a result, history changes in surpris ngly different ways. For more inforon, call Nicole Sylvester (248)

CHORAL

BRAZEAL DENNARD 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 b.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts.

\$15, \$12 seniors/students. (248)

PARADE OF HARMONY: Features one of the Barbershop Harmony Society's top-ranking quartets 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at Clarenceville High School's Schmidt Auditorium in Livonia. Tickets \$13 for Friday's performance, and \$15 for Saturday's. All seats reserved. (248) 559-7082 ST. THOMAS CHOIR

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 seniors at the door or call (248) 626-2515 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC: The University Symphony Orchestra, University

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Verdi's "Requiem," 8 p.m. Tuesday.

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EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY: Organ students of local universities n concert, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the Alexander Music Building on campus, Ypsilanti

DAVID WAGNER: Presents "Music For Meditation" part 3, the organ music of Felix Mendelssohn, noon Thursday-Friday, Feb. 17-18, at St. Paul's Church, Grosse Pointe

JAZZ **B'JAZZ VESPERS:**

Features Janet Tenaj and the Sven anderson Trio 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at First Baptist Chruch, Birmingham. Free TODD CURTIS: Thursdays, at Elie's, 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420 GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333

Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-Tuesday, Feb. 21-22 at the Upstage MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With vocalist 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-

> JANET TENAJ TRIO: 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 and Friday, Feb. 25, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield

WORLD MUSIC

BLACK BRIMMER: 9 p.m. Friday Feb. 18, at O'Malley's Tavern, Auburn Hills. (248) 373-4500 TRIAKEL: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at The Ark, Ann Arbor, \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS (Swedish folk trio)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

ERIC ANDERSEN: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$14. (734) 763-TKTS MOXY FRUVOUS: The alternative folk artists from Canada perform 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$24, \$19. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-

RFD BOYS: Friday, Feb. 18, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-TKTS POETRY/

SPOKEN WORD

POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN: Workshop for poets looking for more members, 2-4 p.m. third Tuesday of month, in the Jenkins rooms on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road 734) 762-7586

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING: 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Chapel Hill Condominium ouse, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734)

ARTHA GRAHAM DANCE PANY: American Graham Tour 2000, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 17-19, and 3 p.m. Sunday. Feb. 20 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. \$30-40. (313) 963-2366/(248) 645-

STARDUST BALLROOM: Dance par-

ties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. \$8. (248) 356-5678 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

COMEDY

FLDORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Bill Hilldebrandt with Kevin Zeoli and Dee Profitt 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, at the club, Commerce twp. (248) 624-1050 FOX THEATRE: "Comic View All-Star Comedy Jam," with Sommore Earthquake, Bruce Bruce, Shucky Ducky and Lester Barrie, 8 p.m. Sat. Feb. 19. Tickets \$27.50-\$35. (248) 645-6666

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Norm Stulz hursday-Saturday, Feb. 17-19, also the Real John Kind and Bill Bushard; Brad Lowrey Wednesday Saturday, Feb. 23-26, also Randy Eply and Rich Higginbottom, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Jackson Perdu hursday-Sunday, Feb. 17-20, Victoria Jackson Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885 MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Dan Wilson and Steve Bills Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 17-19, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542 SECOND CITY: "Paradigm Lost" 8

p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. \$10, Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday; \$17.50 Friday, \$19.50 on Saturday, (313) 965-2222, (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com SECOND CITY TOURING COMPANY 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4. at the Farmington Players Barn,

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

Farmington Hills. \$25, (248) 553-

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 o.m. Sunday, \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: "On the Air! Michigan Radio &

Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30, at the museum Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER: IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. and "Everest" and "Whales" multi ple showings seven days a week. at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at the center. Detroit, Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4, (313) 577-8400 **DETROIT ZOO:** Mosaic Youth

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Saturday, March 4, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak, \$26.50. Stitch in Time" quilt exhibit contin-(248) 645-6666 ues through Saturday, Feb. 26, at COLD BLUE STEEL: Featuring Rick the museum at Van Hoosen Farm Rochester Hills. \$3, \$2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663 19. Lake Point Yacht Club, Livonia. Free (734) 591-1868. SPIRIT OF FORD; Interactive auto-COMMANDER CODY: 8 p.m. motive science and technology experience with exhibits and the aters for all ages, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, across from Henry Ford CUBANISMO: 7:30 p.m. Monday 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/

LIVE MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800. LORI AMEY: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17. Borders Books and Music Ann Arbor. (734) 668-7652; 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Coffee Beanery, Royal Oak. (248) 543-6653; 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, Borders Books and Music, Novi. (248) 347-0780. FIONA APPLE: 7:30



Friday, March 10 State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Ticket price to be announced. (248) 645-6666

Monday, Feb. 28, St. Andrews Hall; Detroit. All ages. \$8.50 advance/\$10 day of show. (248) THE BACON BROTHERS: Starring



Kevin and Michael Bacon, with Jeffrey Gaines, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, Royal Oak Music Theatre,

Royal Oak. \$20. (248) 645-6666. JMARCUS BELGRAVE: Headlines 10th annual Mardi Gras Masquerade Party with a tribute to Louis Armstrong, 8 p.m. Tuesday. March 7, Fishbone's Rhythm

Kitchen Cafe, Greektown, Detroit (313) 965-4600. BENNY AND THE JETS: Tuesdays Menu, Detroit. No cover for a limitwith Karaoke Cowboy Robert ed time. Murphy, Reiser's Keyboard Lounge. Westland, www.benny

ROY HAMILTON JR. & THE GOLDEN

Mountain Climbaz, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15 advance/\$18 day of BLUE RAYS: 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Arbor Brewing Company, Ann Arbor, Free, 21 and over, (734)

p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Siskq's, Taylor, (313) 278-5340. GARY HOEY: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb 18. Magic Bag, Ferndale, \$10.

(248) 544-3030. HOT WATER MUSIC: With Elliot and Inside Five Minutes, 1 p.m. Saturday, April 1. The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$8. (248) 645-

on Thursday. 21 and over. (248) THE JAZZ MANDOLIN BAND: Featuring Jamie Masefield and Jon Fishman, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17

645-6666 JC BAND: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19. The Village Bar and Grill, Wayne. (734) 729-2360 (class sic and modern rock) JETTISON RED: With Trouser Blue

10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 313.JAC upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. (313) 962-7067 (indie rock) K-CI AND JOJO: With Ginuwine Donell Jones and Ideal, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, Fox Theatre Detroit. \$35 and \$27.50. (248

KINA: 7 p.m. Friday, March 10, Th Shelter, Detroit. All ages. Free. www.961melt.com KINSEY REPORT: 10 p.m. Saturday Feb. 26. Sisko's, Taylor. (313) 278 5340 (blues-funk) ROBBIE KRIEGER: 8 p.m. Saturday Music Theatre. \$37.50. (248) 645-March 11, Magic Bag, Ferndale.

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THE DONNAS: With The Snugglers and The Plus-Ones, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Magic Stick Detroit, \$8 advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700.

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS: With Hello Dave and Carl Black Fiasco, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Magic Bag. Ferndale. (248) 544-3030... DREAM THEATER: With Dixie Oregs, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$26.75 advance. (248) 645-6666

CHRIS DUARTE: 8 p.m. Wednesday April 5, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. (248) 544-3030 TOWN CONCRET

Tuesday, March 7, Shelter, Detroit \$7 advance. All ages; (248) 645-FIGHTING GRAVITY: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 7th House.

Pontiac. All ages. \$7. (248) 335-THE FLATLANDERS: Featuring Joe Fly timmie Dale Gilmore, Butch Hancock, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7 The Ark, Ann Arbor, \$20 advance. 248) 645-6666.

LESLIE FREDERICK: 8 p.m. Friday eb. 25, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills, Free, All ages, (248) 335-5013 (folk) THE FROGS: With The Witches, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18. Magic Stick, Detroit. \$9 advance. 18 and over.

Deck and Cappadonna, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$20 advance. All ages. (249) 645-6666. GIVE: Saturday, March 11, The Attic, Hamtramck JEFF GRAND AND JIM MCCARTY: 10 p.m. Tuesdays, The Music

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GRUESOMES: With Soot and the Sex Machines, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blind pignusic.com

BOYS: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644,4800. WAYNE "THE TRAIN" HANCOCK: With Big Barn Combo and Driftweed, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12.50 cover. (313) 833-9700.

MICHAEL HILL'S BLUES MOB: 10

IMPACT 7: 10 p.m. Thursday, Feb

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story, doesn't it? It worked for Leo once before, didn't it? "The Beach," however, is anchored morning Daffy slashes his down by its vapid characters, wrists, but not before he's taped senseless plot and lame humor. a map to this super secret hide-Charm alone can get you just so away onto Richard's door. Not

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

Before his first night in town is over, he drinks snake blood with some local lowlifes, checks into a away from her jealous beau. And fleabag motel and smokes pot not long after that, he and the with the guy in the next room, a girl end up underwater together. flamed-out druggie named Daffy,

Daffy tells Richard about a hidden island paradise. The next slipped it under the door, you understand, but right there out in the hall. You can't expect anyone called Daffy to think of such things.

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money-grubbing men willing to suck anyone of their life's savter, most of "Boiler Room's" char- woo his new employees. acters seemed too predictable.

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Kung Fu meets hip hop on the seedy waterfront of Oakland California, when grate. Stars Jet Li and Delroy Lindo,

Room," an arrogant gang of

money-crazed stockbrokers guz-

zles beer, and together recite

lines from the movie "Wall-

Street" as it plays on a big screen

The scene initially makes

sense that unethical stockbro-

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Pitch Black: Stars (left to right) Keith David, Rhiana Griffith, Rhada Mitchell and Vin Diesel.

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the fast-paced world of thoroughbred horse racing. Three friends hatch a plan to execute the ultimate score. But the pian goes awry when two of them run off with their take. Partners in crime, the three find themselve bound by a secret and yet divided by a betraval of the heart. Stars Sharon Stone, Jeff Bridges and Nick Nolte. WONDER BOYS

Film adaptation of the Michael Chabon novel stars Michael Douglas, Francis Dormand and Katle Holmes. Douglas plays English professor, and novelist Grady Triop who is struggling with problems caused by a stolen car, a

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

whom Seth treats with sympa-

thy while sucking their meager

(frustrated blackjack losers are

Midway into the "Boiler

III 'Those who say that money is the root of all evil, don't have any.'

also makes it enjoyable. Ribisi portrays Seth, a college- scammed, on the heels of an FBI dropout who runs an efficient bust illegal casino from his small Queens apartment. His clients Cinema's "Boiler Room" because are neighborhood teenagers of Ben Affleck will be disappoint-

college funds and lunch money Written and well directed by comforted with free falafel sandwiches and Cokes.) His business infuriates his judge-father (Ron Rifkin). To win his approval, scam artists who care more for Seth decides to become a stock- new Ferraris than the families Instead of working his way between Seth and Abby (Nia slowly up the corporate ladder, boss (Ben Affleck) tells the new well-shot fast scenes of the scam While it's true that a group of crew of telemarketing/brokers artists working their cruel magic

dollars within three years. "Those who say that money is ings could in fact behave as the root of all evil, don't have rudely as a "Goodfellas" charac- any," is the line Affleck uses to What he doesn't tell them is

only adds depth to the movie, but make a moral decision, on behalf of his father and the people he Those attending New Line

> Ben Younger, the movie takes viewers on a wild ride into the immoral lives of get-rich-quick they destroy. The somance Long) is undeveloped and unnecessary, but the plot of the lucrative brokerage scam - and the

ed as his role in the movie is

A huge illegal business, the struggle for approval between mentor Chris (played by Vin But Giovanni Ribisi, who plays the business is illegal - and Diesel) make "Boiler Room" ead character Seth Davis, not unethical - and forces Seth to worthwhile.



la Price and the Kenny Miller their performances for "Uncut Band, Detroit's own "Queen of Detroit II." Blues" Alberta Adams, more modern sounds from Al Hill and

Jo Ann Korczynska, blues director at the station, said she's The Love Butlers, and Mystery "always been a really good Train featuring guitarist Jim friend" to local music and the McCarty. All artists donated

from the beginning, Korczynska the recognition they deserve is a firm believer in the idea that nationally. This second CD has Detroit blues needs more recog-

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The money raised by the sale scene in Detroit," she said. The new CD reflects what's going on of the CD will fund future recording projects for the station. in and around the city. "I was Alberta Adams said she thinks always looking for the most the CD came out beautifully. diversified look at the blues," "Everywhere you go it's the added Korczynska. "Every one of (the artists) is completely differblues. Blues done took over. "I'm thankful they picked me ent. That's what I like." Executive producer George

out," added Adams. "I love what I Bednar came up with the idea to do." And it shows, but Adams is create a series of "Uncut Detroit" only part of the story. CDs. He's a member of the foun-

already gotten national distribu-

tion. We're getting requests from

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"It gives you a nice feel for dation board at the college. "Part what's coming from Detroit," said of the purpose of the CD is to Order "Uncut Detroit II" for

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Stroke 9 hits big with 'Little Black Backpack'

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As guitarist for The Alligators,

he's one reason the Detroit blues

Drummers. They don't often 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.

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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 O&E: "Little Black Backpack" is getting a lot of attention. (Now at 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 join-

ing a group of high school

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.

Bruce Willis



Go ahead, call really gotten its due. In the Steve Schwartz 1940s and 50s, people associated

bluesman. He go, not the Motor City - never

Farmington A collection of six such artists

Hills resident. can be heard on "Uncut Detroit

Schwartz, a artists in the city still."

me. This is all I listen to. It's last October at Henry Ford Com-

music from the heart, music munity College's Pagoda Room.

scene remains vital. It's that sort The CD benefits WHFR 89.3

recognition it deserves. Schwartz ports emerging local talent. It

die-hard the blues with places like Chica-

this influence music as a whole," he

said said. "There are a lot of great

mind Detroit legends like John

II." a compilation recorded live

The Venture Records release is a

follow-up to the 1997 "Uncut

FM, an independent, non-com-

mercial radio station which sup-

Detroit: Live Blues in the Night.

happen. It's nice knowing these guys have a good history togeth-

O&E: Do you pay much attention to the music charts? Stock: "We're psychos about that. Every week we call our manager to get the percentage.

It's like little businessmen vatching the stock market." O&E: Tell me about working with producers Jerry Harrison (The Verve Pipe) and Ruper Hine (Duncan Sheik), on the album "Nasty Little Thoughts"?

Stock: "It was really cool working with Jerry - we originally wanted him to do the whole thing. He worked with Live. We did six songs with him. So musically, the stuff just explodes. He's got great ideas...Rupert had a whole different approach. It was more organic. He let us do our

own thing even more." O&E: Do you have a favorite track on the album?

Stock: "Tear Me In Two.' We tweaked it. There's a little jam in the middle that bursts and explodes. It's something we added, little nuggets, little treats for the people who come see us

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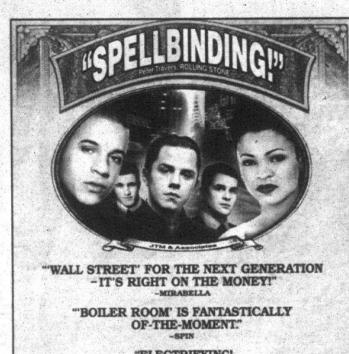
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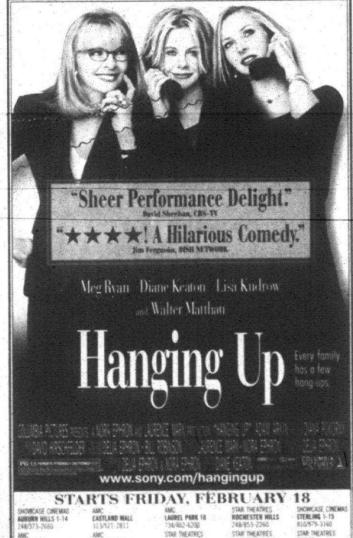
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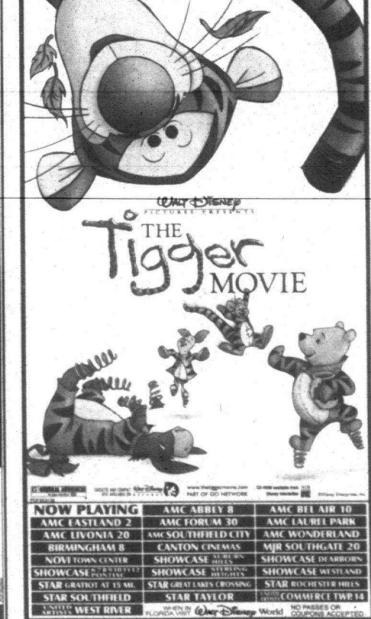
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Fans follow La Shish to spacious new location

STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.h

oe 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 were going to open," said Charles Saad, vice president of opera-

"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 onpremise oven served warm at

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 Fri-

day-Saturday Menu: Middle Eastern specialties including shish kabob, shish

awook, 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 accom

eservations: Not accepted, but you can call ahead Monday-Thursday to have your name placed on a waiting list.

Credit Cards: All majors accepted

arry-out: All menu items

Catering: Available, call La Shish headquarters, (313) 441-2900 for nore information.

Other locations Canton - 1699 Canton Center Road at Ford Road, (734) 983-

Farmington Hills — 37610 W. 12 Mile Road (at Halsted) (248) 553

■ 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

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

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."



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.

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;

■ 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 we 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

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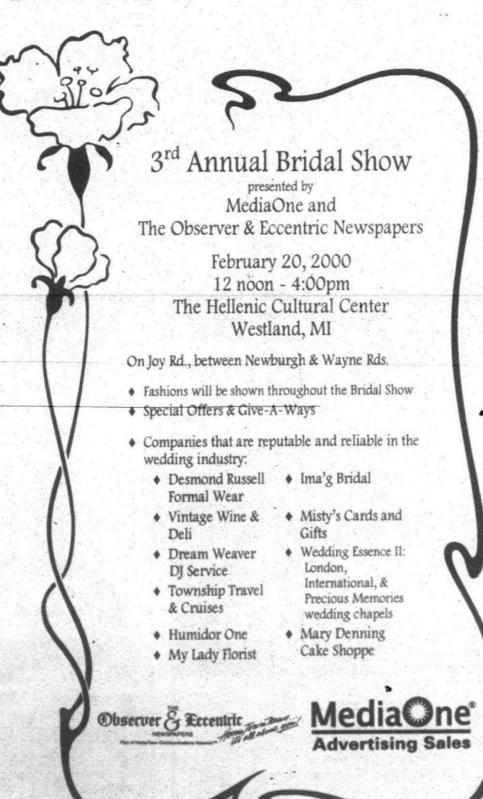
m The Detroit Big Smoke, 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, Detroit Marriott. \$150 per person. Over 4,000 cigar lovers attended "Cigar Aficionado" magazine's Las Vegas Big Smoke Weekend and 2,500 enjoyed its New York Big Smoke. Now it's metro-Detroit's turn. This highly visual event is one where dedicated cigar lovers can indulge their passion and support CaPCure, a research organization seeking a cure for prostate

The Big Smoke features over 30 complimentary cigars per guest as well a food, wine, spirits and lots of fun strolling attendees. To order tickets: Fax to Detroit Big Smoke (212) 481-2523 or order online at www.cigaraficionado.com.

M Mardi Gras Brewers Dinper — 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 pep-

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 scholar-







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