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**Music:** On Saturday, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents "Scenes and Landscapes," a concert featuring guest accordionist Peter Soave. / E1

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## 3 teens busted in crime spree

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Three Canton teenagers believed to be involved in a Virginia armed robbery led township police on a chase that ended in Monroe County Friday.

Two of the teens are 16-year-olds while the third is 19. The names of all three are being withheld by police due to age and the pending arraignment of the 19-year-old.

He's currently being held in the Wayne County Jail, Canton police Sgt. Charles Raycraft said. The two younger suspects are currently in a Wayne County youth home, he added.

All three are facing extradition to Virginia on armed robbery charges.

"It's possible all three could be tried

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## Birchler resigns following criticism

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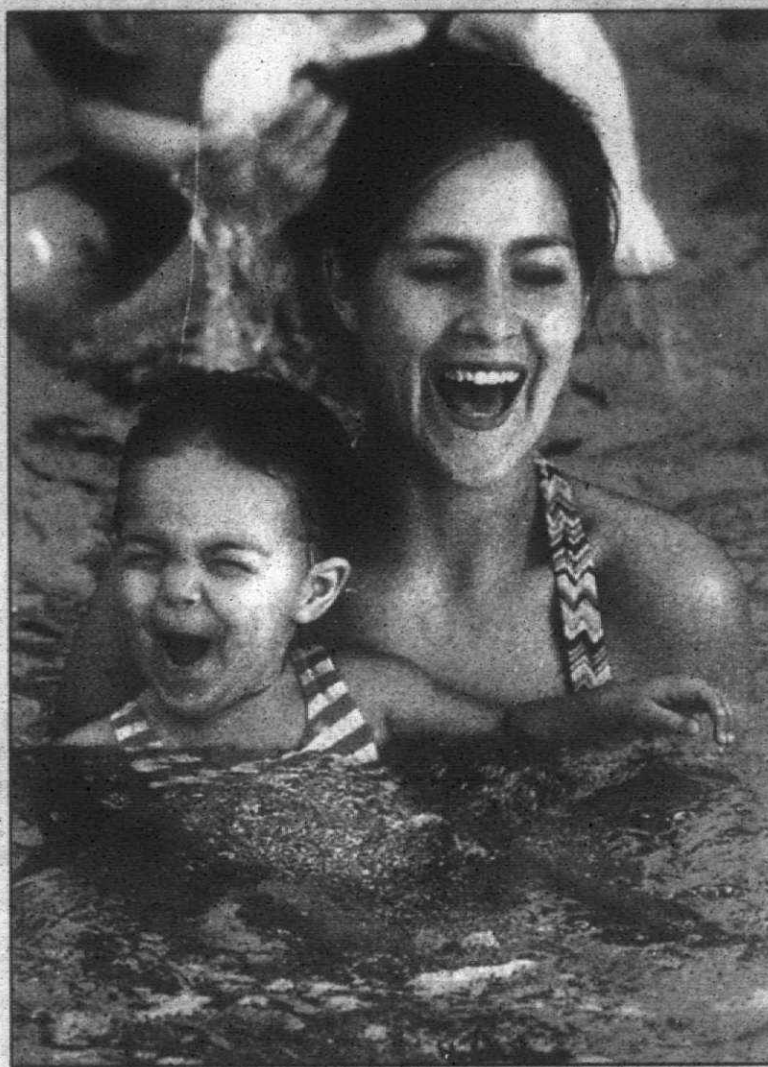
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The news release says the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has accepted the resignation of John Birchler, executive director for business and operations.

In reality, several trustees during regular meetings have been openly critical of Birchler's work, and an exec-

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## Making waves at the Summit



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**First dip:** Kelyndra Vieira and daughter Emilia, 17 months, enjoy themselves in the Parent/Infant Water Exploration class with instructor Jessica Byrne at the Summit on the Park Aquatics Center last week. At right, Ryan Shaw, 17 months, gets a quick dunk in the pool from his mother, Lori. The six-week class for parents and infants (6 to 18 months) meets Monday mornings, and there is another class Saturday mornings.



## Builder avoids jail term

■ Roy Mason will have to repay thousands of dollars to Canton residents for decks and other home improvements the builder promised but never completed. Judge David Kerwin also placed Mason on probation for five years.

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A Livonia man convicted of defrauding more than a half-dozen metropolitan Detroit residents will not go to jail.

Builder Roy B. Mason, 43, was sentenced to five years probation and was ordered to repay thousands of dollars to victims by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge David Kerwin Tuesday.

"What you owe them," the judge told Mason sternly, "is the bare minimum of what you took from them. If there are any violations of the conditions of your probation, I will put you in jail."

Mason pled guilty to eight counts of obtaining money under false pretenses over \$100. He could have received up to 10 years in jail, a \$5,000 fine or both on each count.

"I would've like to see him do some jail time," said Canton resident Adonna Wright, whom Mason swindled out of more than \$12,000. "But I am glad for the restitution."

Bruce Conroy, a Canton resident who claims that Mason took \$2,860 from him, agreed. He was skeptical of ever getting his money back.

"It's hard to believe that he would ever do the right thing," Conroy said.

Mason was also convicted of defrauding Plymouth and Northville township residents. Canton Police Detective Steve Miller said Mason is facing similar charges in Oakland and Livingston counties.

Mason was scheduled for trial on the Wayne County charges a year ago, but failed to appear. Police finally caught up with him in Livonia on Dec. 22. He has been held in the Wayne County jail since.

The list of Mason's victims is lengthy.

He told Wright he'd build decks and ramps for her house and her mother's. Wright told Kerwin she paid Mason

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## Show time

## Owners hope shaggy dog story has happy ending

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Elizabeth Keller of Canton will be among dog owners with an eye on the prize at the Detroit Kennel Club dog show - only her dogs' shaggy manes may prevent them from seeing the prize as well as she does.

She and friend Marge Wulf will be showing male pulis Tarka, 10 and Shegi, 3, in the "best of breed" category at the dog show at Cobo Hall Saturday and Sunday. The dogs, both former "best of breed" winners, will be among 2,000 dogs encompassing 150 different breeds expected to compete in the 84th annual show.

The medium-sized herding dog is best known for its characteristic shag-

gy coat that, when developed naturally, forms cords that slightly resemble dreadlocks. In older dogs, these cords typically reach the floor.

"I like the coat and it does attract attention," Keller said.

As striking as the coat may look, however, it still creates some grooming problems for owners.

"My job is to see that the cords don't get twisted," Keller added.

Pulis may be shown either corded or brushed, according to information in the American Kennel Club Web site, www.akc.org.

Keller, a retired Redford Union teacher, has been showing pulis for 30 years and has on occasion bred them. Her home contains dozens of puli fig-

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**Going for the gold:** Pulis Tarka (left) and Shegi will return to the Detroit Kennel Club dog show at Cobo Hall this weekend, along with owners Elizabeth Keller and Marge Wulf of Canton.

## Board follows planners, rejects charter school

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A charter elementary school will not be built at the corner of Warren and Ridge roads.

Canton's Board of Trustees Tuesday denied a special land use request for

National Heritage Academies. It's the second time this year the board has said thanks but no thanks to the Grand Rapids-based company.

The denial was recommended last month by the Canton Planning Commission.

"I think the concept of a charter

school is excellent," said Trustee Phil LaJoy. "But I think because of the size of the site, it's not a good fit."

An overflow crowd in the board's chambers cheered the decision, which was unanimous.

"This is a horrible site for any school," said Eric Krupp, who repre-

sented the Northwest Canton Homeowners Association. "We're against it."

Parcel size and potential impact on the beauty road status of Ridge were among the reasons cited by the board in making its decision.

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# Woman reports racial slur

A 35-year-old Canton woman was the victim of ethnic intimidation Sunday, according to Canton Police reports.

She discovered the letters "KKK" written in freshly fallen snow on her car shortly before 8 p.m. The Canterbury Street resident, an African-American, told police she had not been bothered before.

Canton Police have no suspects.

## Warrant arrest

A 25-year-old Belleville man was arrested by township police after being pulled over on Ford Road near Morton Taylor Sunday.

Reports said an officer spotted the man, who was driving a 1988 Ford Bronco, not wearing a seat belt. The officer then made a traffic stop at about 2 a.m.

A background check revealed four outstanding warrants for the Belleville man. Two were for driving with a suspended license, one for driving under the influence and a fourth for indecent exposure, reports said.

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The man was arrested and transported to Canton's police department without incident.

## Bike stolen

A bicycle valued at more than \$200 was stolen from a Geddes Road home Friday, reports said. Someone broke into a storage shed and took the bike. Police have no suspects.

## Domestic violence

A 39-year-old Canton woman was the victim of domestic violence March 6, according to police reports.

The Aberdeen Street resident asked her 17-year-old daughter to turn her stereo down. Reports said the teen responded by turning the stereo up.

The 39-year-old then attempted to turn the volume down herself. Reports said the teen pushed her mother away and then threatened to kill her.

Police responded to the home and took teenager into custody, reports said.

## Equipment stolen

More than \$1,000 worth of equipment and damage was done to a Westland man's car March 7 at Skatin' Station on Joy Road in Canton.

A cell phone, stereo speakers and amplifier were stolen and about \$600 worth of damage was done to the 1991 Ford Escort's moon roof, reports said. The vehicle was parked in the lot of the business from approximately 9:45 p.m. to 11:40 p.m.

## Retail fraud

A 27-year-old Fowlerville man was arrested March 6 for retail fraud in Canton.

Reports said he attempted to leave Meijer on Ford Road without paying for an organizer. Store officers stopped the man and detained him.

The Fowlerville man was able to escape and climbed on a ladder onto a catwalk above the

store floor, reports said. A short time later the man lost his balance and fell from the catwalk through ceiling tile and onto the floor near the store's entrance. About \$600 worth of damage was done to the store's ceiling.

Reports said he was apprehended and turned over to Canton Police without further incident.

## Numbers

Canton Police report the following crime statistics for the weekend of March 10-12. There were 235 total calls for service, including:

- 21 traffic crashes, 2 crashes with injuries
- 20 false alarms
- 8 civil/family troubles
- 6 larcenies
- 6 MDOP (destruction of property)
- 2 UDAA (stolen cars)
- 1 breaking and entering
- 1 assault and battery.

There were no homicides, armed robberies or fatal accidents reported.

# No surprise — area Dems go for Gore

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About four dozen people, mostly party faithful, showed up Saturday to cast their ballots at the 13th Congressional District Democratic caucus site in the Plymouth Cultural Center.

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Dennis Galbraith of Canton voted for Vice President Al Gore, as did most of those attending the closed presidential nominating session. "I like his stand on the issues, particularly health care and education," Galbraith said before depositing his yellow declaration into a labeled cardboard box at the front of the small auditorium.

Mary Montgomery of Northville said she was supporting Bill Bradley, the former New Jersey senator who officially withdrew from the race Thursday. Bradley hasn't released the delegates he's won so far and Michigan caucus-goers were allowed to write in any candidate, although Gore and Bradley were the only printed names on the ballot.

Montgomery said she was determined to vote Saturday even though her candidate won't be the Democratic nominee. "I'm proud of my voting record. I haven't missed many elections," she said.

"I like to get out and talk with

people; that's why I don't vote absentee."

Locally, Gore pulled 40 votes and Bradley 7. Saturday's count didn't include absentee voters from the district, who mailed their ballots directly to the state Democratic Party.

Statewide caucus results showed Gore winning by 12,450 to 3,100 votes.

Becky Tavarozzi of Canton, president of the Plymouth-Canton-Northville Democratic Club and chairwoman of Saturday's local caucus, said she was pleased with the turnout.

"It's more than I expected," she said. "Considering the results from Super Tuesday, I thought perhaps people wouldn't bother (to turn out)."

Still, Saturday's caucuses pale when compared to the Feb. 22 open primary, which was dominated by Republican presidential candidates and drew 1.3 million voters statewide, including 23,169 in the five caucus communities (Plymouth, Canton and Northville townships and the



Jennifer Granholm

cities of Plymouth and Northville.

Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm arrived minutes ahead of the 11 a.m. registration cutoff time to cast her ballot for Gore. "The suspense (over who would win) isn't killing me," she quipped.

"I see the caucus as a community thing, a good chance to get out and talk to people about the issues," said Granholm, a Northville resident and the state's highest ranking Democrat holding elected office.

Earl Harrington, a retired Central Middle School teacher and Gore supporter, said the caucus was "a democratic way to vote."

"Anyone coming here can support the candidate of their choice. We have three boxes — one for Gore, one for Bradley and one marked 'others,'" Harrington said. "I don't feel it (the

closed caucus) is really a deterrent."

The declaration form filled in by participants includes spaces for name, address, Social Security number and candidate preference. It also asked participants to declare that they were of voting age.

The voting took place at 11 a.m. and was followed by brief comments, including a plea from Paul Stevenson, co-chair of the fight to restore fairness to the Michigan Supreme Court.

A flier distributed at the session urged voters to defeat incumbent judges Cliff Taylor, Robert Young and Stephen Markman, all appointed by Gov. John Engler, at the polls in November.

The state elects Supreme Court judges on a non-partisan ballot, although most judges either appointed or elected in recent years have been Republicans, Stevenson said.

There were no speeches from representatives for presidential candidates.

Other Democrats on the November ballot — including U.S. Rep. Lyn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, and U.S. Senate candidate Debbie Stabenow — had representatives distributing bumper stickers and materials at Saturday's caucus.

Most participants left the auditorium by 11:15 a.m.

# Artists sought for Liberty Fest

Canton Township would like to extend an invitation to all artists to be involved in the ninth Annual Fine Art and Fine Craft Show at the Liberty Fest 2000. The dates of the show are June 24-25. The hours are from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday. Artists can choose to display their work under the "big tent" or can bring their own tent.

The art show is a juried show and each participant will be required to submit slides or pictures of their work from the approved categories: Painting, prints, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, drawing, pastel and selected fine crafts. No commercially produced merchandise will be allowed.

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On display: Bonnie Berg unpacks items for display at the Canton Historical Museum. The museum's usual early-March opening has been delayed a few weeks for repairs to the building.

# Museum ready for season following minor repairs

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Canton's Historical Museum recently received a face-lift.

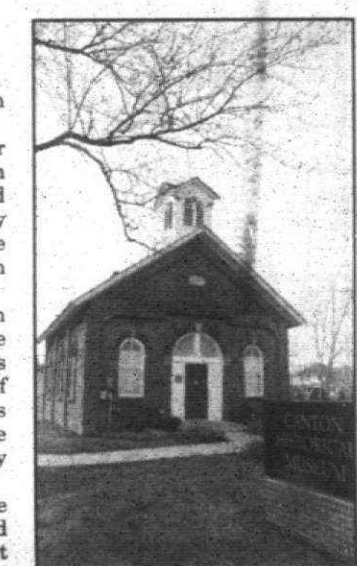
Ceiling restoration, floor refinishing and a new sign were among projects carried out. Canton Historical Society Trustee Ronni Curtis said the museum should reopen within the next few weeks.

"It required everything in the museum be removed," she said of the work, which was completed near the end of February. "All of the antiques had to be taken out not to be damaged. We packed up every display case."

The building, which is at the corner of Canton Center Road and Heritage Drive, was first constructed in 1849. It served as a school, amazingly enough, until the 1950s.

Originally built with wood, the building burned to the ground in the 1870s. It had been rebuilt with brick by 1884.

In 1977, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools dis-



tributed it to the historical society to be used as a museum.

Extensive renovations were completed by 1982.

Last summer, the museum received a new cedar roof and cupola. Curtis said the ceiling

was damaged during the process, however.

"The wet plaster got wet and there was peeling and blistering," she added.

Besides ceiling repairs, wooden floors were refinished and minor repairs made. The museum also received a fresh coat of paint.

"It's sparkling clean and fresh," Curtis said of the museum. "We're very pleased with how it looks."

Repairs cost just less than \$6,000 and were paid for out of the historic district commission's budget. Resource Development Manager Mike Ager said.

Work on the museum will continue this summer.

Mortar holding the brick structure together will be "touched up," said Ager. In all, about \$20,000 will be spent on museum repairs and improvements, he added.

"We look and see what needs to be done every year," said Ager. "It's part of what we go through with the budget."

# Canton hosts Project Healthy Living

Project Healthy Living (Formerly Project Health O-Rama) will be held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, April 1 at the Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building.

Project Healthy Living offers free/low cost health screening/testing for individuals ages 18 and over. The Canton site will offer blood pressure, height and weight, vision, and glaucoma screening. In addition

the following blood panels will be available at low cost: Blood panel 23 profile-\$25; PSA (Prostate Cancer Test)-\$25; CA-125 (Ovarian Cancer Test)-\$25; H. Pylori (Ulcer Test)-\$15; and Colorectal Test-\$8.

Project Healthy Living is staffed by volunteers from the community as well as hospitals, clinics, and medical or nursing schools. Additional testing may be offered if resources are avail-

able. Project Healthy Living is sponsored by WXYZ-TV Channel 7 in Detroit, and the United Health Organization A United Way Community Service Agency. Saint Joseph Mercy Health System will host the event in Canton.

For more information, call The Project Hotline at (248) 424-8600 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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■ St. Patrick was actually born in Scotland and did not make it to Irish shores until he was kidnapped and sold there as a slave?  
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Web Watch  
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■ www.talkinghistory.org  
■ www.alltheweb.com  
■ www.metmuseum.org

Q&A  
Q: What is Ostara?  
A: Ostara, also called Alban Eilir, is one of the "Lesser Sabbats" during the Wiccan year. Ostara is a fire and fertility festival that marks the beginning of spring. It's held each year on the spring equinox.  
The source for this information is "Chase's 2000 Calendar of Events."

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■ "Song of Solomon" by Toni Morrison  
■ "A Tale of the Wind" by Kay N. Smith  
■ "Winona's Web" by Priscilla Cogan  
■ "Therapy" by David Lodge

Hot topic of the week  
■ Van Gogh: Face to Face — the first comprehensive museum exhibition devoted exclusively to Vincent Van Gogh's achievements in portraiture. The show is at the Detroit Institute of Arts through June 4, 2000. The exhibition is divided equally between drawings dating from his early career to the most renowned oil portraits of his later career. The DIA is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. For ticket information, call the Van Gogh Hot Line at (313) 833-8499 or any TicketMaster outlet.  
■ 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 programs and services, call 397-0999.



Hang and dine: Table manners aren't a big concern when you're a squirrel and you've spotted lunch, as this one did while scaling a tree in a Canton back yard Monday.

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urines, which she usually picks up at dog shows.

Puli is a rare breed — only about five are registered in Michigan. The Hungarian dog breed was traditionally used for herding sheep. Statues of pulis dating back to ancient times have been found in the "fertile crescent" area of Mesopotamia, now called Iraq.

Tests conducted on dogs in the 1930s showed that pulis could recognize up to 75 different words, while most dogs only recognize between 12 and 25, according to Wulf.

"They're extremely intelligent," Keller said. "I know everybody thinks their dog is smart, but this breed as a whole is intelligent."

The intelligence comes in handy when teaching obedience, a cinch for puli owners — unless the dog is strong-willed.

"I enjoy the obedience more than anything," Keller said. "It's you and your dog doing something together."

Her older dog, Tarka, though obedient enough, isn't much into proving that in front of dog show judges. That's part of the reason he will compete in the "best of breed" rather than an obedience competition.

"He decided that that was a bunch of nonsense," Keller said. "He does not like to go to shows and does not like to do obedience."

The 2000 Detroit Kennel Club Dog Shows run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, and Sunday, March 19. Ticket prices are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children and senior citizens. They are available at the door and through Ticketmaster. For more information, call (248) 352-7469.



Smart dogs: Pulis are an extremely intelligent breed, says Elizabeth Keller, pictured here with Tarka and Shegi.

**MILITARY NEWS**

**PHYSICAL FITNESS ASSESSMENT**  
Cadet John I. Faunce, son of William Faunce of Plymouth, finished 10th in the Physical Fitness Assessment at the U.S. Military Academy. By placing 10th,

Faunce has earned a chance to attend the U.S. Special Forces Underwater Demolition and Combat Diver Operations. He was also selected as Best Barracks Counseling Unit Com-

mander in charge of the counseling and mental welfare of the 1,200 new cadets of the class of 2004. Faunce graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in 1997.

**Superintendent gets high marks from trustees**

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If Greg Baracy were still in school and getting his report card, he'd be on the honor roll.

Baracy, Wayne-Westland school superintendent, received the highest possible marking, excellent or a five, on his recently completed annual review.

"I have never seen anyone who has worked with such a passion for our students," Robin Moore,

school board president, said during Monday's meeting. She then read a statement praising Baracy.

Baracy was evaluated in eight areas: professional leadership and personal qualities; curriculum and instruction; community relations; business and finance; employee relations; board relations; intergovernmental relations; and student relations.

The board, in voting unanimously to accept the evaluation,

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echoed Moore's comments. "I would just like to say it's my pleasure to work with Greg," said Secretary Martha Pitsenbarger.

Trustee Richard Elminger added that it's good to have a product of the Wayne-Westland schools in charge.

"He's a pleasure to work with, takes nagging well," said Vice

President Matthew McCusker. "He's everything I want to be when I grow up."

Treasurer Lorne "Skip" Monit cited working on the bond committee with Baracy as a positive experience.

Baracy thanked the board and administrators. "Without that whole team effort, we couldn't accomplish the things we are

accomplishing." This is Baracy's third school year as superintendent.

In accomplishments, the superintendent cited more than 200 students qualified for Merit Scholarships on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test. Baracy will receive a 2.5 percent raise July 1, following a pay freeze this past year.

His cabinet of administrators will receive the same raise, he said after the meeting.

In other action Monday, the board:

■ Expelled a female student for bringing a knife to school. Such expulsion is required under state law, board members noted. McCusker expressed concern about what happens to expelled students.

■ Honored Brett Tavara of Vandenberg Elementary, this year's winner of the Earle Chorbagan District Spelling Bee.

**Move**

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utive session was recently held about his performance.

Others say Birchler wasn't given the resources to perform his job effectively.

So, the district and Birchler mutually parted ways this week.

"This is a mutually agreed-to arrangement, and at the same time it does signal John is looking at other opportunities," said Superintendent Kathleen Booher. "We will be looking to fill the position soon."

Birchler, who also managed the district's finance, transportation, maintenance, food service and construction operations, will be replaced on an interim basis for the next three months by Dan White, a former Plymouth-Canton finance employee. White recently retired from Bloomfield Hills Schools as assistant superintendent of business services.

"It's time for me to move on and look at something different to do," said Birchler. "The job has been very demanding."

"Financially the district is in great shape. Discovery Middle School will open on time and within budget, and the district is in a financial position to open the new elementary and high schools. I feel good about that."

**Spree**

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as adults down there," Raycraft said.

The teens are also suspects in armed robberies in Kentucky and Tennessee, he added.

The teenagers were driving a 2000 Chevy Cavalier when state police caught up with them near Milan. The vehicle, Raycraft said, belonged to one of the teens' parents.

Stolen car or any other charges from his department have yet to be determined, he added.

According to police reports, the Cavalier was stolen Feb. 22. Police believe the two juveniles went to the Kentucky-Tennessee area after taking the car, returned to Michigan March 1 and then headed back south after picking up the 19-year-old.

On March 9, the three suspects were allegedly involved in robbing a convenience store in Dickinson County, Va., reports said. A victim and witness reported that a shotgun was used during the robbery and gave descriptions matching the three Canton teens.

Police believe the teens headed north after the hold-up.

Friday's chase with the trio began about 9:30 p.m. in a subdivision north of Warren Road and west of Canton Center.

It proceeded from the subdivision south to Warren and then west out of the township. Reports said the teens headed to Gottfredson Road and then went south to Cherry Hill.

Township officers terminated their pursuit near I-94 and US-23, Raycraft said.

Michigan State Police then picked up the chase and apprehended the teens in Monroe County near Milan, reports said. Raycraft said the Cavalier crashed into a state police patrol car. One of the suspects was slightly injured in the crash, he added.

Two loaded rifles were recovered from the Cavalier. One of the rifles had been reported stolen in a London, Ky., gun shop burglary, reports said.

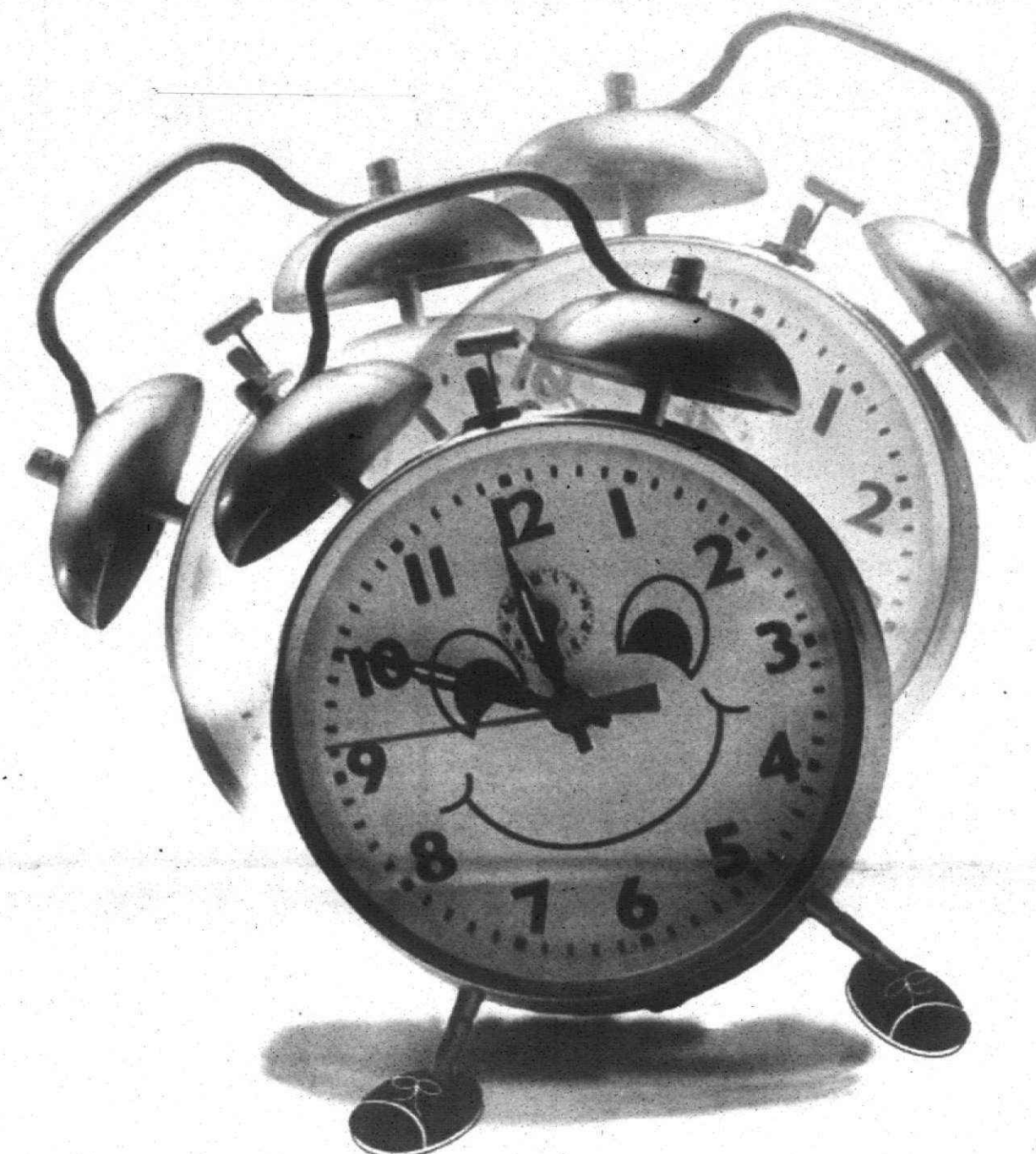
**Planners meet**

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\$12,313 for work that he never completed.

"He was our neighbor," she added. "We could see his house from our window. I thought, 'he's not going to stiff me, he's my neighbor.' But it was lies from day one."

Conroy told a similar story. He contracted Mason in 1998.

"I gave him every opportunity to finish the job through out the summer," Conroy said. "Mr. Mason deceived a lot of people."

Mason took between \$1,400 to \$5,600 to build decks for other area residents, according to police records.

**■ 'If a strong message isn't sent, there will be more victims.'**

—John Bowler

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

Northville Township residents John Bolwer and Jeffrey Allman say Mason took \$2,400 and police records.

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to Kerwin.

"You almost want to feel sorry for Mr. Mason," he said, noting the endless sob stories he told victims. "That's what makes him so dangerous."

In giving Mason probation, the judge told him he must pay each victim back in full. Otherwise, Kerwin said, he would spend the final year of probation in a work-release program.

"If you don't fulfill your obligation," Kerwin said, "you will spend that year in a (correctional) facility."

The judge said he wanted to see Mason's victim's repaid, which is why he didn't assign jail time, Kerwin said.

For his part, Mason said he was sorry to victims that appeared in court.

"I would like apologize to everyone," he said. "I intend to pay restitution."

Kerwin said Mason needed to show his victims the money, however.

"They've got to see Mr. Green," he commented, "before they believe your sincerity. So do I."

Say it with **Flowers**

by Steve Mansfield

**KAFIR LILY**

Anyone wanting to enjoy a striking-looking flowering houseplant at home would do well to select a Kafir lily. This native of South Africa is a rhizome that develops heads of 6 to 10 pretty, orange, bell-shaped flowers, which emerge from thick stalks surrounded by glossy leaves. In its sub-tropical home, the Kafir lily grows among rocks and crevices in damp and shaded conditions. It can reach upwards of 1-1/2 feet in height, and will flower regularly in early spring as long as certain rules are obeyed. It needs space, as well as winter rest. And, it does not like to be repotted unless it is root-bound. The plant also benefits from a spell outdoors during the summer months.

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"I'm concerned about traffic at this particular site," Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter added. "I will be voting to deny."

NHA first proposed a charter school for Beck and Hanford. Similar concerns led to a board denial last March.

Plans for the Warren/Ridge site emerged late last year. Canton's Planning Commission, however, denied NHA Jan. 10 and again Feb. 28 even after major plan revisions.

Tim Stoecker, an attorney for National Heritage, outlined those revisions Tuesday.

"We went back and looked at our proposal from many different perspectives," he told the board.

The first change was to make the school, which was to serve up to 650 students, two stories. Stoecker said it allowed the school's entrance to be moved from Ridge to Warren, thereby saving Ridge's natural beauty road status.

Making a two-story school would also create more open space — some 240,000 square feet — for playgrounds, Stoecker said.

The attorney argued that the school met all of the special land use criteria and was a compatible use in the growing residential area.

"There's a real demand and desire to have this school at this location," Stoecker said.

Area residents vehemently disagreed.

"There is no overriding or compelling need for this school," said Krupp. "The cramped location would shortchange parents and students that would attend the school."

Nancy Wiggle, a Hyde Road resident, agreed.

"I'm not against charter schools," she said. "I'm for you. But I'm not for this site."

A few residents spoke in favor of the development.

"I would like to see it up and running," said Rose Lang, who spearheaded a supporting petition drive. "I gave the public school a fair chance. It failed me and my children."

Husband Ted Lang agreed.

"I think it's a responsible use of the land," he said.

## Three named to Dean's List

Three Plymouth-Canton graduates have been named to the Dean's List at Albion College for the Fall 1999 semester.

They are Michael J. Kowalski, Dana E. Lobelle and Daniel B. Holland.

Kowalski is a senior majoring in German and women's studies. He is the son of John D. and Susan C. Kowalski of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

Lobelle is a first-year student at Albion. She is the daughter of Donald E. and Joan C. Lobelle of Hudsonville and a graduate of Canton High School.

Holland is a sophomore. He is the son of Brian P. and Carol L. Holland of Canton and a graduate of Canton High School.

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.0.

## Bill would protect privacy of genetic testing

BY MIKE MALOTT  
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Health insurers won't be able to view genetic information about prospective policyholders before deciding whether to sign them up, under a bill approved by the Michigan House and Senate and now awaiting final approval by the governor.

"We don't want people to avoid getting the medical tests they need out of fear that the DNA information could be used against them later," Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, explained.

Some think the bills don't go far enough. The Michigan Jewish Conference has argued the rules should be extended to bar insurance companies from considering all aspects of family

medical history. The American Civil Liberties Union argues genetic information contained in patient's medical records could still fall into the hands of the insurance companies.

Other pieces of the package also address the storage and disposal of genetic samples. When genetic tests are taken in a criminal investigation, in paternity cases, or in blood testing of newborns, the law currently is not clear how or for how long the samples will be retained. The bills give the Department of Community Health orders to create rules regarding how long

such records are to be retained and when they will be destroyed.

While the bills address health insurance, they do not prohibit life insurance companies from considering DNA information.

"That's a whole 'nother issue," Law said. "Life insurance companies do look at a number of factors that affect how long you will live. They look at medical history and whether or not you smoke. That's different. Medical insurance is seen as a necessity. Life insurance is not seen as the same thing."

Blue Cross supports the package, as does the Michigan State Medical Society.

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# Legislators approve accelerating income tax reduction

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Michigan will cut its income tax revenue by \$175 million this year as soon as the governor signs legislation already passed by the House and Senate.

Lawmakers have approved House Bill 5389, accelerating the state's income tax rate reduction by one year, cutting it from 4.3 percent to 4.2 percent retroactive to Jan. 1. On a taxable income of \$40,000 that works out to a tax reduction of \$40 a year.

Democrats, like Rep. Ruth Jamnik, D-Ypsilanti, and David Woodward, D-Madison Heights, said the money should be going to health care and child care proposals.

Representatives approved the legislation in a 70-39 vote in February. Senators followed up last week with a 36-1 approval before sending the package off to the governor for final approval.

Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-South Lyon, was the only dissenter in the upper chamber. The bill is only one of a number pending to trim tax loads.

Also under consideration are: ■ House Bill 5390, which creates a uniform \$600 income tax exemption for children through age 18. The current exemption is \$600 for each child age 1 to 6, and \$300 for each child age 7 to 12.

## Symposium will focus on quality

The Angieri Quality Institute and Madonna University will host Symposium 2000, "Mistake-proofing," on Tuesday, April 11.

Automotive expert John McElroy, editorial director of Blue Sky Productions, will be the keynote luncheon speaker. The morning workshop on "Mistake-proofing" will be conducted by John L. Lindland of Eastern Michigan University, a consultant and seminar leader in the automotive and military industries.

Designed for Tier II and Tier III suppliers to the automotive industry, the Symposium will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Kresge Hall, at Madonna University in Livonia. The cost is \$95 for the entire day or \$25 for the luncheon and keynote only.

McElroy has covered the automotive industry for both radio and television stations. He has appeared on ABC's "World News Tonight" with Peter Jennings, CBS News with Dan Rather, NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw, and reports daily on WWJ 950 AM in Detroit.

During the event, a \$2,000 "Angieri Quality Award" will be presented to a Madonna University business student who has contributed significantly to quality improvements in the automotive industry or related fields.

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The Angieri Quality Institute was established by Frank E. and Bessie Angieri of Livonia and is operated by the Madonna University School of Business. The Institute explores and solves problems related to quality issues, especially among small and medium companies, in the automotive field. The prime objective is to foster quality awareness throughout the automotive industry and its supplier base, and train personnel in cost effective programs to improve organizational performance including quality improvement.

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# Ho-hum, Gore wins state; caucus gets thumbs down

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Presidential candidate Al Gore fared well with Democratic voters in Michigan Saturday.

But the party's use of caucuses, rather than a primary election, did not.

"It kind of defies openness," said Southfield caucus site manager Paul Condino, who is also a member of the Southfield City Council. Democrats settled on a caucus system after state Republicans decided to use an "open primary" to determine their choice for a presidential nominee.

The Democratic National Committee won't consider results from an "open primary," only primaries in which voters are asked to declare their party affiliation, on the grounds that it should be party members who decide the nominee.

But Republicans in Michigan may have learned a lesson, due to the crossover voting seen Feb. 22, Condino said.

"Hopefully, this will bring Republicans back to the table so we can find a way to do it (hold primary elections) on the same day," he said.

Former Gov. James Blanchard, on hand at the party's Southfield site in the Ramada Inn to cast his first vote in a caucus, also said he dislikes the system. He said he had instituted the primary election in which voters were asked to declare party preference, but that system was used only in one election before it was dumped by current Gov. John Engler.

That system increased participation but eliminated crossover. "Engler may now agree with it," Blanchard said.

Participation was lower than expected Saturday when the party held its caucus run-off between Gore and former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley. But then, Bradley had announced his withdrawal from the race just two days before the voting was scheduled to occur. That made the caucus a "non-event," even to many who still attended.

Out of the total 19,160 votes cast in the caucus, some 15,478 were submitted ahead of time as absentee ballots by mail, according to the figures released by the party. And that means they were cast before Bradley announced his decision.

Gore collected 15,853 of them. Bradley tallied just 3,117.

Gore won every congressional district in the state. Nonetheless, the tightest race was in the 8th Congressional District, which includes Livingston, Ingham and northwestern Oakland counties. There, Bradley received 520 votes compared to Gore's 1,289.

In the 9th District, in northern Oakland, Bradley won just 99

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Southfield

votes compared to Gore's 583. In the 12th, in southeast Oakland, it was Gore, 1,003, Bradley, 278. And in the 13th district in western Wayne, Gore tallied 1,128 to Bradley's 435.

In the 11th Congressional District, in southwest Oakland, Gore recorded 1,254 to Bradley's 379.

Only about 50 Democrats gathered in the Ramada Saturday morning.

Among them was Maxine Hillman of Southfield, a self-described "political junkie." She said she would much prefer an open primary, just as the Republicans used in nominating their candidate here in Michigan.

Southfield's Roger Hane likewise was unhappy with the process.

"It's a big inconvenience," he said. "I'd prefer to see a primary, but a closed primary. I have no problem declaring party preference. It would be at regular polling places. As it is, I had to rearrange my work schedule. I did that before the race was decided, so I could be here. So this is a big disappointment. Still, it is nice to hob-knob with other Democrats."

State Sen. Gary Peter, D-Bloomfield, spoke on behalf of Gore before the balloting Saturday. He said Gore would keep the economy moving forward, and he noted that most voters nationwide, when polled, give the current administration the credit for the economy.

"But what do we do with this prosperity?" Peters asked. "That's what this election is about. We've eliminated the deficit and we are running surpluses. So what do we do with this prosperity? Al Gore has some very sound plans for what to do with it, while George Bush would adopt what I believe is a very risky plan to give tax breaks to the most wealthy."

Tops on Gore's list is improving the quality of health care, including the enactment of a strong patients' bill of rights. Improvements in education, including a commitment to increased preschooling for youngsters, and financial security.

Southfield's Frederick Strickland spoke on behalf of Bradley, urging voters, "Don't be afraid to vote for Bill Bradley." That is the only way the former New Jersey

senator's message of helping the 14 million who are still living in poverty, providing universal access to health care, enacting gun control laws and promoting racial unity will be moved forward.

"There is still time to coalesce behind Al Gore," he said.



Gore supporter: Former Gov. James Blanchard spoke on behalf of the vice president at a Democratic caucus in Southfield Saturday.

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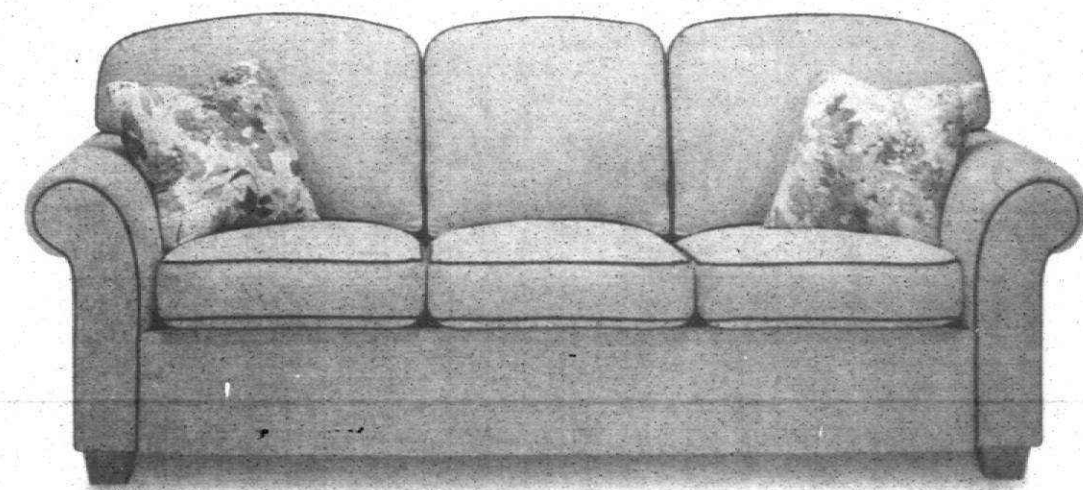
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# Husk says complaints warrant Friend of Court audit

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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A Wayne County commissioner said Tuesday that, despite being told the day before that changes are coming in Friend of the Court operations, she still wants an audit.

"It (FOC operations) is a very important item," said Kathleen Husk, R-Redford Township, following a meeting Monday to discuss Friend of the Court operations with FOC officials.

The telephone in her office "may not be ringing off the hook" with complaints from constituents about problems with the agency, she said. "But whenever it's brought up, people chime in" with their own experiences.

Friend of the Court, part of Wayne County's Circuit Court system, handles divorce matters relating to child support and parental rights.



Kathleen Husk

Husk said she's heard of child support payments made but never received by the custodial parent, of errors in payment

records and of long waits on the telephone for service.

People have complained to her about having to leave work to make copies of their canceled checks and then take them to the FOC office. "What a pain!" she remarked.

Another problem, she said, is that FOC referees handling the same case, but at different times, apparently don't confer with each other and thus make conflicting decisions.

She was pleased by Monday's meeting and the information she received about planned satellite FOC offices, new record-keeping programs and other things.

"I want to see what's going to happen," Husk said. "I want to see things get improved."

## 'Majority good'

Her own inquiries have shown her, she said, that "the majority of people are good people" when it comes to meeting their court-

ordered obligations.

"That's what makes it so frustrating," she said. "They're not deadbeats, but their names" wind up among those in arrears on support payments.

Husk met with a group headed by Alexander Luvall, the county's top court administrator, which included Elena Kerasiotis, acting FOC director; C. Jane Varner, Family Division administrator; state Rep. Gloria Schermesser; Robert Morris, Wayne County lobbyist and Virginia McCoy, county courts director of special projects.

The commissioner said she was told, among other things, that two satellite Friend of the Court offices would open in western Wayne County by the end of the year; that an FOC Web site offering legal forms is planned; that supervisors would be made available to handle problems clerks can't resolve; and that existing records are to be

scanned into a computer system.

## Two years

"That makes sense to me," she said of the latter, even though it will take two years to complete. "It (record-keeping) should be more accurate."

Husk said she also was told that a new automated telephone system running round the clock has been installed to help speed the handling of the 384 calls per day the agency averages.

She said an audit could show, for example, how long it takes FOC personnel to handle each call.

Blocking an operations audit by the county is court officials' claim the county, which provides a little over 25 percent of the FOC's \$150 million annual budget, can only audit its finances.

Wayne County Auditor Brendan Dunleavy reportedly is meeting this week with Luvall on the issue.

Ben Washburn, commission counsel, said the court argues that, since the FOC gets \$70 million in federal funding, "it's not reasonable for the county to audit something it's not funding."

"But the reason we want" to do the audit "is the federal government appears to be withdrawing support in the near future" and the county may be providing more financial support, he said.

"If that occurs, the county may want assurances as to what they are funding is reasonable," Washburn said.

"What we're talking about on the one hand is recognizing the independence of the judiciary, but on the other hand everybody recognizing we have to collaborate," he said.

Husk's approach is similar. "I think they (the FOC) understand we want to help and I hope they will let us in to do a full audit," she said.

# Redford father complains about Friend of Court procedures

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Todd Kokko knows well the problems people have with the Friend of the Court system.

The Redford Township resident's divorce is under jurisdiction of the Oakland County FOC, "but it's no better up there than in Wayne," he said.

In his case, he said, he kept

getting notices of being \$158 in arrears on child support payments to his ex-wife, who lives in Walled Lake.

He knew he wasn't behind, but when he got no response to his calls and letters, he requested an audit - and found out from the FOC figures themselves that "they owed me \$650."

Incidentally, he said, although state law requires the audit be

done within 30 days, "it took well over eight or nine months."

When he filed grievances with the FOC, it didn't respond, he said. So, in June 1998, he appealed three of them to the county's chief judge - who also didn't respond.

Kokko enlisted the aid of then-state senator Robert Geake. The chief judge responded with a two-sentence letter saying "he'd get to them (grievances) when he had time," Kokko said.

"To this date, I still haven't heard," he said.

Father of a 12-year-old son, Kokko, who works as an engineer, said he's had to fight to stay involved in the boy's life - first with both his ex-wife and "the system," but now mainly the system.

He told of how one time even the police wouldn't get involved. His ex had denied him his visitation with his son - a felony in Michigan - but the desk officer wouldn't file a report until Kokko demanded the officer be arrested for dereliction of duty.

Not surprisingly, he's involved in father's rights groups and volunteers as a consultant. "I do

counseling to help people along."

He's also purchased the right to use "friend of the court" as a Web site for dispersing information - it's still under construction, he said - and he has used the Freedom of Information Act to compile statistics on Michigan custody awards since 1991.

That showed him that "in about 80-85 percent of the cases, the courts awarded women custody" of the children, with men getting them in only about 7 percent, he said.

"What we truly, honestly believe," he said, "is that the active involvement of both parents" in child-rearing "is critical" whether or not the parents stay together, but that with the current system, "90 percent of the fathers are wiped out of their kids' lives."

"The battles men have to fight to stay involved produce "negativism," he said. "You hit so many walls, you finally ask yourself, 'Why am I killing myself here?' You get beat up and hit on every turn."

He doesn't advocate throwing an ex-spouse in jail for denying visitation rights, but he feels

"It's that important for fathers to be active in (their) child's life" that "if a custodial parent has to be punished, maybe people will learn that child support isn't the only thing" that's important.

As for himself, Kokko said he and his former wife generally have worked things out since that incident. For one thing,

each parent supports the other in disciplinary matters.

And, he says, he couldn't be more proud of how his son is growing up.

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# Everybody's Irish

## Canton, Plymouth businesses go green for St. Patrick's Day

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St. Patrick's Day falling on a Friday has proven to be a stroke of Irish luck for businesses in Canton and Plymouth.

Two new area businesses - Lynch's costume supply store, 7399 Lilley at Warren in Canton, and Jack Dunleavy's Grill, 340 N. Main in Plymouth - plan to do a good deal of St. Patrick's Day business.

Lynch's, which opened eight months ago, sells St. Patrick's Day items including green hats, green masks, green wigs, green makeup and hairspray and for the more theatrical, green leprechaun costumes with top hats. Lynch's also has stores in Dearborn and Warren.

"It's a reason to dress up," store manager Pam Ryan said of the holiday, which is a religious and bank holiday in Ireland.

Ryan said she expects last-minute St. Patrick's shoppers, including bars and restaurants, will create a rush of business up until Friday. Many pubs and taverns hand out free goodies like green plastic derby hats to customers on St. Patrick's Day.

Lynch's sales associate Mave-na Ferris said she gets a kick out of watching people transform from reserved wallflowers to mighty pirates, evil witches or sprightly leprechauns when they put on a costume.

"It's fun," Ferris said. "I

reports, costuming is a year-round business, Ryan said.

At Jack Dunleavy's Grill, the focus Friday will be on tradition - Irish beer, grub and live entertainment. The restaurant opened in Plymouth six months ago but has existed at locations

in Detroit and Farmington. They are not affiliated with Dunleavy's on Grand River in Farmington. The restaurant is celebrating its 70th St. Patrick's Day this year.

"On St. Patrick's Day, I think everybody can relate to the Irish because it is a happy, festive time," said owner Jack Dunleavy, the son of Irish parents who were born in Boholo, a city

in County Mayo.

"Everybody likes to feel a little Irish on St. Patrick's Day."

Providing entertainment throughout the day will be the Guinness Pipe Band, which will play bagpipe music, and the Budweiser Bagpipers. Singer Peter Quinn, formerly a member of the band the Murphy-men, will perform at 7 p.m.

Guinness stout, Caffrey's Irish Ale and two house beers - Dunleavy's red and Irish ales - will flow from the bar taps. Harp lager, also an Irish brew, will be served in bottles.

Green domestic beers will



**All dressed up:** Gerry Quinn (left), waitress at Jack Dunleavy's Grill in Plymouth, and Sadie Baczynski, restaurant bartender, try on some St. Patrick's Day finery.

watch people come in here and when they start putting a costume on, their whole personality changes."

With Easter roughly six weeks away, many have planned ahead and either purchased or rented Easter bunny suits, Ryan said.

In addition to St. Patrick's Day and Halloween supplies, Lynch's also sells and rents costumes, dance shoes and attire, and skating and gymnastics apparel.

When one counts school plays, dance recitals, theme weddings and even school book



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**Eating of the green:** Mary Margaret Wojcik of Plymouth, 6 (right), and Hayley Dufresne of Canton, 8, make shamrock pretzels during a St. Patrick's Day party at their after-school latchkey program at Allen Elementary. Below, Kid Time supervisor Kim Delinski helps Greg Pearson of Canton, 8 (from left), Matt Lewandowski of Canton, 9, and Ryan Potter of Plymouth, 10, during the party.

also be served on tap.

As for Irish grub, corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew and fish and chips will be among the selections to choose from.

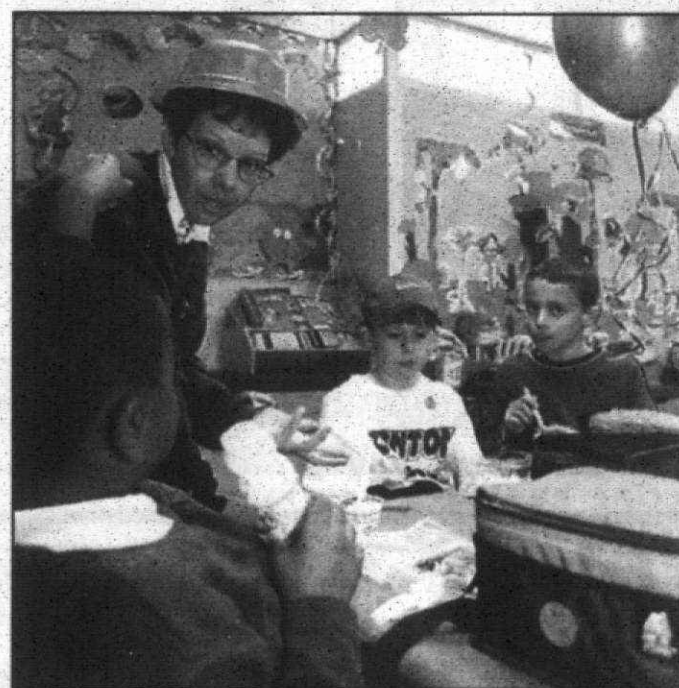
"What we drink is happy and what we eat is happy," Dunleavy said.

Cardinal Adam Maida of the Archdiocese of Detroit announced recently that on St. Patrick's Day, those observing Lent can still have their corned beef and cabbage.

"...I will offer - for those who would like to take it for that day - a dispensation so that Catholics can, in good faith, celebrate the traditions of our Irish heritage and be thankful to the Lord for all the blessings that come to us because of that," Maida said in a WJR radio interview last week.

Dunleavy said such proclamations are typical when St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday.

"I think God's a little Irish anyway," he said jokingly.



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## OBITUARIES

## ANNE BROGAN

Services for Anne Brogan, 72, of Canton Township will be March 14 at St. Richard Catholic Church, Westland with the Rev. Thomas Trepp, officiating. Burial will be in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

She was born July 5, 1928 in Briebsan, Pa. She died March 9 at Oakwood Hospital. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her brother, John. Survivors include her husband, John; five children: Nancy (James) Babbian, Lawrence (Margaret), Gayle (Ray) Sackett, Dennis, Michael (Joretta); three brothers and sis-

ters, Helen, Paul, Nancy; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Local arrangements were made by the Neely-Turkowski Funeral Home, Canton.

## ROBERT G. UHL

Services for Robert G. Uhl, 80, of Plymouth will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 18 at the Meadowbrook Congregational Church. A reception will follow.

He was born Feb. 6, 1920 in Kendallville, Ind. He died March 3 in Ann Arbor VA Medical Center. He was a tax accountant. He attended Walsh Business School in Detroit.

joined a local accounting firm and in 1940 opened an independent accounting practice.

During World War II Mr. Uhl served as a navigator in the Army Air Corps as a lieutenant. On his 10th mission he bailed out of a crippled B-17 over England. A week later, on July 16, 1944 his plane was downed near Munich, Germany and he was a prisoner of war for 10 months. He received the Purple Heart.

He was a member of the Independent Accountants of Michigan, Kiwanis Clubs International and the Plymouth Historical Society and a past commander of Post 390 of the American Legion.

in Rosedale Park. He was a delegate to the 1968 Republican Convention.

He was preceded in death by one son, Wayne. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; one sister, Phyllis Bradford of Davisburg, Mich.; one son, Gregg Uhl of Salt Lake City; three grandchildren; five step-children; and two step-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were made by the Duzak Funeral Home.

**DORIS KATHLEEN (WELBY) REINHOLZ** (Welby) Reinholz, 90, will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Wayne County.

She was born Jan. 2, 1910 in Camborne, England. She died March 7 at the Chelsea Retirement Community. She was a teacher in the Detroit Public School district for years. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Walter Welby, and Albert A. Reinholz. Survivors include her two nephews, William J. (Sue) Ivey of Dexter, Sam Ivey of Eagle Creek, Ore.; and one niece, Doris (William) Douglas of Ft. Meyers, Fla.

Memorials may be made to the Chelsea Retirement Community. Local arrangements were made by the Staffen-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea.

## MEIFANG GUAN

Services for Meifang Guan, 66, of Canton were March 10 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton with the Rev. Haju Murray of Zen Buddhist Temple officiating.

She was born June 14, 1933 in China. She died March 7. She was a teacher in education.

Survivors include her daughter, Betty (Bill) Yee; and three

## RICHARD R. GERWATOWSKI

Services for Richard R. Gerwatowski, 70, of Canton Township were held March 10 at the Church of Divine Savior with Rev. Alexander A. Kuras officiating.

He was born Sept. 22, 1929, in Detroit and died March 5 in Ann Arbor. He was a mechanic/shop owner. He formerly lived in Detroit for 17 1/2 years.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, J. Renaud Council No. 3292. He was also a member of the Church of Divine Savior, Westland, and the owner of AA Transmission for 30 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Stanley and Josephine Gerwatowski. Survivors include his wife, Pearl Gerwatowski of Canton Township; three sons, Gerard R. (Wendy) Gerwatowski of Livonia, Gregory A. (Candy) Gerwatowski of Laingsburg, Mich., and Randy D. Gerwatowski of Royal Oak; two sisters, Jean Hoppe of Detroit and Dolores Nemeth of Redford; one brother, Edward Gerwatowski of Detroit; and four grandchildren, Lori, Robert, Glenn and Grant.

Local arrangements were made by the Vermelen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

## FREDERICK A. "BUD" BOLIN

Services for Frederick A. "Bud" Bolin, 87, of Gurnee, Ill., (formerly of Plymouth) were held March 11 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Illinois with the Rev. Martin Schoell officiating. Burial was in Ridgewood Cemetery.

He was born Jan. 22, 1913, in Evanston, Ill., and died March 7 at Manor Care, Libertyville, Ill. He was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Plymouth, and a member of the Chicago

Federation of Musicians. He retired in 1975 from IIT-Bell and Gossett's Morton Grove, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth, and one daughter, Judith O'Connell. Survivors include his daughter, Gloria (Michael) Butvo; one son, Frederick (Kathleen) Bolin; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were made by the Marsh Funeral Home, Waukegan, Ill.

## BARNABY J. BIRD

Services for Barnaby J. Bird, 88, of Ewart, Mich., (formerly of Plymouth) were held March 13 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. J.J. Mech officiating. Burial was in Detroit Memorial Park, Redford Township.

He was born Nov. 16, 1911, in Beaver Township and died March 10 in Red City, Mich. He was a deputy sheriff for the Wayne County Road Commission until his retirement in 1974.

The territory he covered was Hines Park from Northville to Dearborn. He came to the Plymouth Community in 1960 from Northville. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth and a member of V.F.W. Post No. 4012 in Northville. He was post commander from 1956-57. He had been a member of the post for over 53 years.

He served in World War II in the Pacific Theater. He served from Feb. 23, 1945, until Aug. 6, 1946. He was a surgical technician who also had a sharp-shooter rifle qualification. Mr. Bird received the Meritorious Unit Award, the Army of Occupation Medal for Japan, and the Good Conduct Medal. He was part of the First Infantry, Sixth Division, Medical Detachment. He and his wife, Stephanie, who preceded him in death, were married for over 50 years.

Survivors include his daughter, Grace Light of Novi (formerly of Plymouth); three grandchildren, William B. Light of Ann Arbor, Peter J. Light of Novi, and Susan L. (Craig) Sincok of Saline; and one great-grandchild, Craig Robert Sincok.

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## THOMAS DUFFY

Services for Thomas Duffy, 86, of Plymouth were held March 11 at the Vermelen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

He was born May 27, 1913 in Brighton, and died March 9 in Superior Township. He was a food concession manager.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Caroline Duffy. Survivors include three nephews, Edward (Eugenia) Lemming of Plymouth, Richard Duffy and Thomas (Kay) Duffy; four great-nephews, Adam Allen, Justin Allen, Ryan Duffy and Billy McConnell; two nieces, Cynthia (Dave) Allen of Plymouth and Kathy Duffy of Detroit; five great nieces, Deborah (Robert) Ziomek, Denise (William) Farrand, Angela Daniel and Chelsea Duffy; and one great-grand niece, Caitlin Farrand.

Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

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# Dogs learn 'Manners for Life' at area academy

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

Don't expect Henry, Chelsey and their classmates taking a manners course at the Bailey Center to say "please" and "thank you" at the end of their seven-week course. But they'll likely learn skills the people they live with will appreciate much more.

These "students" are canines who will understand that when friends come to call, it's not polite to jump all over the visitors. Biting is definitely out of the question. And going for walks doesn't mean dragging the two-legged person on the other

end of the leash.

That's especially true of Penny, who likes to pull her owners, Marianne Nailor, her husband, Mike, and two children, Susanna, 16, and Joshua, 5, down the street. The whole family attended the class.

"She takes us for a walk for the most part," said Marianne Nailor, explaining that she also hopes to teach Penny not to run away every chance she gets.

Last Wednesday was the first day of school for the 15 pups enrolled in "Manners for Life," which is geared for dogs at least 5 months old. Based on positive reinforcement techniques, there

were a lot of sweet bribes passed out during the one-hour class as instructor Linda Thomas described what she expected the dogs to do.

"This week, we see what the dogs are really like and week after week we see improvement after improvement," Thomas said.

Owners, like Cheryl Messer of Westland, weren't expecting the type of behavior that would get their names in the "Guinness Book of Records."

"She goes out in front and I just want her to listen," Messer said.

## Simple measures

The same was true for the Darany family of Dearborn. They weren't looking to teach their pooch, Oliver, any fancy tricks.

"We want him to come when you call him to come and we want him to stay when he's supposed to stay," George Darany said. His wife, Maria, and children, Adam, 14, Leah, 12, and Madeline, 8, were also on hand to pick up ideas.

In fact, Oliver owes his life to the Daranys, because they saved him moments before he was to be euthanized at the Humane Society.

Tom and June Holdsworth of Westland adopted their dog from the Humane Society, too. Taking the class was the logical next step, Tom Holdsworth explained.

"We think it's a good idea to

have a well-behaved dog," he said. "We think the world of the program the Humane Society runs."

Danielle Sollars sat in the corner of the room with her father, Dan, and puppy, Sasha. The Livonia residents want their 10-month-old Doberman pinscher to stop jumping on family and friends when they come to their door.

As far as Jill and Victor West are concerned, their puppy, Buddy, couldn't be cuter and a lot of people seem to agree. In fact, his appearance in the window of their business - Vanessa's Flower Shop in downtown Plymouth - has increased foot traffic by 20 percent. They want to make sure his behavior is the best it can be since he's in the shop a lot.

If Buddy is a working dog, it's nothing like the schedule Tremor, whose registered name is Actions on the Richter scale, keeps. This bullmastiff's owners, Arnold and Lorna Johnson of Westland, are members of the Pet-A-Pet organization. The Johnsons volunteer their time taking their pets to visit nursing homes, hospitals and assisted living facilities.

In fact, Lorna Johnson tells a story about how one of her dogs was visiting a nursing home and a woman walked by and told the canine to get out of her way. Johnson later learned that these were the first words spoken by

the woman during her stay at the facility. In fact, it was considered quite a breakthrough.

Tremor's date book next week included being taken to visit a second-grade class on Tuesday and a psychiatric ward on Wednesday.

## Feel special

Across the room, Laura Major fed her dog, Henry, a few treats and explained that she enrolled him in the class, because she wanted to make him "feel special." If he learns to listen to her commands and turns into a well-mannered dog, that would be great too, according to the Livonia resident.

Sitting next to each other, Brian and Megan Williams of Westland and Dan McManus of Canton simply hoped their pets would settle down at the end of six weeks.

The classes are provided by the Michigan Humane Society through Westland Parks and Recreation at the Bailey Center in Westland for \$100 if the dog was adopted from the Humane Society or any other shelter. Otherwise, the cost is \$120.

"English is a second language for dogs," explained Lori Kane, Michigan Humane Society director of animal behavior and training.

"Their first language is body language - they key off your body language, because that's what they do with other dogs," she said. "It's amazing how quickly they catch on considering that we don't always teach it

consistently. In one hour, we can't train your dog for you, but in one hour we can train you to teach your dog at home."

Other classes offered by the Humane Society include "Puppy Classes" for dogs under 5 months. Instruction focuses on socializing puppies with other dogs and people; encouraging environmental confidence and addressing other common puppy problems, like house training and inappropriate chewing.

"K9 Kollege" builds on basic and advanced obedience commands, like coming when called. "Tricks for Treats" is a fun class. Kane said, teaching dogs how to shake, wave, give a high-five and crawl. The class includes playing games, like "Lassie Says," to reinforce basic obedience skills, like sitting, down, stay and recall.

Private consultations, that usually take about two hours and cost \$120, are recommended to deal with more serious concerns, like aggression and separation anxiety.

"I want a dog that's good to be around. No one wants a dog that's annoying," explained Livonia resident Lorraine Borovsky who was with her dog, Archimedes.

The Humane Society classes are available in Westland, Farmington Hills and at the Michigan Humane Society pet education center in Rochester Hills. For more information, call (248) 650-1059.

# Compassionate veterinarian will head state group

BY TRACEY BIRKENHAUER  
STAFF WRITER

A kind touch, caring voice and skilled hands have proven successful elements for veterinary doctor David Carron.

For 21 years, he's treated countless sick, scared and frisky pets. He's also counseled the owners. In 1998, he purchased Plaza Veterinary Hospital in Farmington from his former partner, John Richardson, who is now semi-retired.

Carron's compassionate demeanor and head for business will undoubtedly help him with his latest undertaking. On Jan. 28, Carron, 47, was named president of the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, a 1,700-member organization based in the Lansing area. The presidency carries a one-year term.

Founded in 1933, the MVMA primarily focuses on member education, services, public information and state regulations.

"Essentially, it's like our union," Carron said.

The president runs the organization and heads the 25-member board of directors.

"I'm convinced he'll be a good president," said Peter Prescott, MVMA executive director. "He gets along well with people and he represents the profession well."

After more than 20 years of membership, Carron finally agreed it was his turn to head the group. He ran unchallenged.

"I scared away the competition," Carron joked from behind his cluttered desk.

He said although it's one of the most important aspects of the MVMA, education can be difficult to manage because there are so many types of veterinary practices, from institutional to regulatory. Some veterinary doctors treat only horses or cows. Others don't treat animals at all.

"Ophthalmologists all do basically the same thing," Carron said. "We don't."

The second most essential service the MVMA provides is monitoring state legislation that impacts veterinarians. The group employs a lobbyist to promote its interests.

The MVMA currently is supporting House Bill 4903, which aims to amend the Public Health Code. It concerns animals abandoned at veterinary offices. The bill passed the state House and Senate and was sent to Gov. John Engler for approval early this month.

The law would redefine abandonment and allow veterinarians to dispose of abandoned animals after 10 days, not the current 25, if veterinarians meet certain legal requirements. Frequently, disposal doesn't mean death, it means the animal is sent to a shelter, unless the animal is ill.

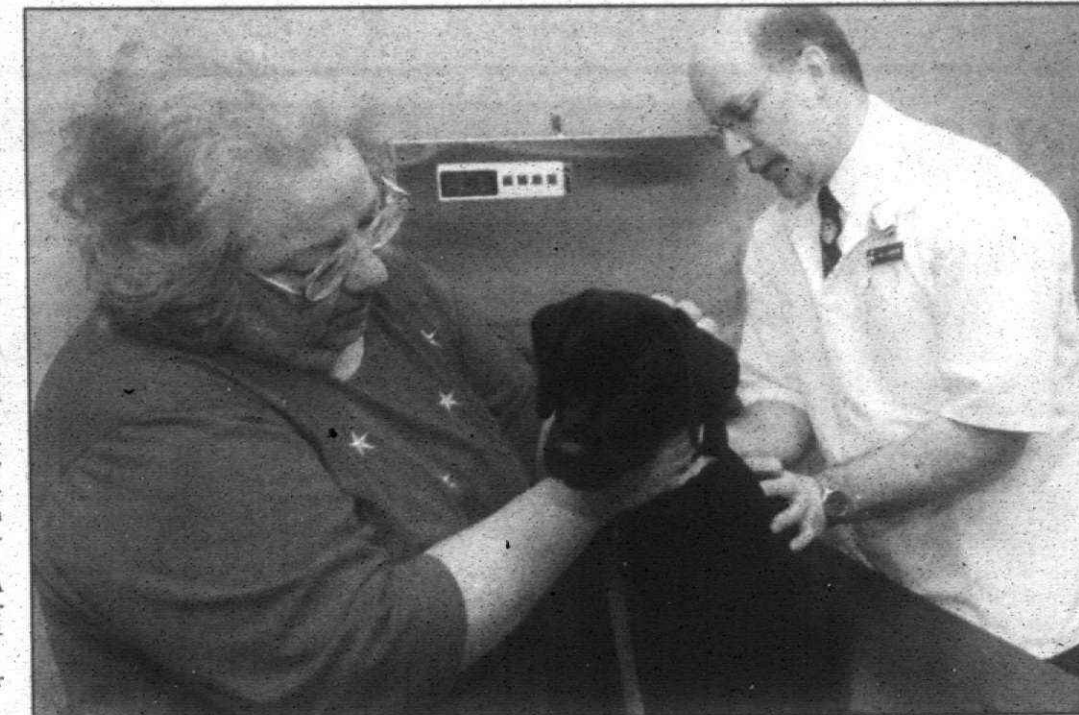
## Helping colleagues

"Twenty-five days aren't so bad if it's a cute little kitty that's been left, but if it's a mean rotweiler that wants to eat your head or a very sick animal, 25 days are an eternity," Prescott said. "It's a minor thing, but it's important to veterinarians. It doesn't happen very often, but when it does, it's a big problem. There isn't a veterinarian out there who won't have to deal with it at least once."

With so many issues affecting veterinarians' bottom lines, Carron wants to help his fellow doctors run their practices better. Many new or struggling veterinarians could use the help.

"These are the things they don't really teach in schools," Carron said. "There are so many other things you have to learn about becoming a veterinary doctor, the business aspect sometimes gets ignored."

Carron learned about the business end of the profession from his former boss and partner, John Richardson also a former MVMA president. In an ironic



Steady boy: Mary Ann Kashubosky hangs on to 9-month-old Radar as Dr. David Carron gives a vaccination.

switch, the elder Richardson now works for Carron.

"It's been a super relationship," said Richardson, 67. "We are a nice complement to each other. I come on like gangbusters and he's quiet and unassuming. We attracted a great clientele."

Richardson works one day a week and fills in for his boss when he needs time off.

"I'd say I groomed him well," Richardson said. When Carron went to work for Richardson, he'd been out of college for two years and knew little about running a profitable business.

"He's doing a better job of it today," Richardson said. "They just don't teach you a lot of practice management in college. They teach you how to be a good

doctor, but in today's world, management is one of the most important things you can learn. Schools are doing a better job of it now."

A 1977 Michigan State University graduate, Carron and his wife, Marlene, moved to the Farmington area in 1979. They have two children and several pets.

Katie is a pre-veterinary freshman at MSU and Kevin is a student at Farmington High School. They have two dogs, four cats, a parrot, a gecko and a fish tank filled with assorted denizens of the deep.

Growing up with a dog and a cat in Ann Arbor, Carron always knew he would become a veterinarian. He loved pets and his psychiatrist father proved an excellent role model.

"For me, becoming a veterinary doctor was a natural marriage of my interests," Carron said. "I never had any doubts."

Carron has developed many meaningful relationships with local pet owners.

Anne Breneman could compliment her cat doctor for hours. Carron has successfully treated maybe 100 cats for the Backdoor Friends business owner.

"He's wonderful," she said. "You don't feel rushed with him. He spends more time with my cats than my family doctor spends with me."

## Tough task

Breneman has referred countless customers to him and she thinks the way he treats her clients reflects positively on her.

"He's good!" she said. "He's seen a lot of my animals through a lot of sicknesses and he's always been terrific. He's just a really good doctor."

Breneman can remember calling Carron at midnight with an emergency.

"My mom's cat was dying and he got out of bed to come to my house and put her down," Breneman said. "I thought that was

really sweet."

It may be an important part of his job, but Carron never gets used to euthanizing pets.

"It's not an easy thing we do," he said. "But we can perform that service and put an end to suffering for sick animals."

Just as Carron shares in the excitement of a newborn puppy, he also shares sorrow with people who have to let their pets go. He offers clients grief counseling through the Southeast Michigan Veterinary Association.

"Once you decide that's your pet, you're instantly bonded," Carron said. "That's your baby. And it's hard to let go."

Carron's empathy and professionalism are what keep clients coming back.

"We treat people as we would like to be treated," Carron said. "They're friends, hopefully. And the pets are our family, too. That's what makes this practice work."

He said his office retains about 80 percent of its clientele, while the average is closer to 50 percent.

Breneman understands his secret to success.

"He's easy to talk to - and he's humble," she said. "He's just a nice, nice person. I don't think I could have found a better veterinarian."

She believes those qualities will also make him an excellent MVMA president.

"They couldn't have chosen a better guy," she said.

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## NOTICE OF HEARING FOR THE GORMAN STREET WATER MAIN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT 1998-1 BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

TO THE OWNERS OF ALL LOTS AND PARCELS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: Gorman Street from Ford Road south including the parcels below:

036-01-0004-001	036-01-0007-002
036-01-0004-002	036-01-0008-000
036-01-0005-000	036-01-0009-002
036-01-0006-000	036-01-0009-003
036-01-0007-001	036-01-0009-004

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of 1964, this Board has initiated proceedings relating to the construction of water main to benefit the area described in herein, and to accomplish this improvement and secure funds therefor by creating said premises into a special assessment district against which there shall be levied special assessments; and

WHEREAS, this Board having tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Canton Township, Michigan, for public examination;

Take further notice that the property owner's included in the special assessment district have the right to appeal the special assessment levy to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. In order to protect the levy an appearance by the property owner, by mail, or by an agent of the property owner must be made at the public hearing where the roll is confirmed.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the board will meet on Tuesday, the 11th day of April, 2000, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements, and to the special assessment district therefore.

ACT 188, PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN, 1954, AS AMENDED, PROVIDES THAT SAID PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SHALL NOT BE MADE WITHOUT PETITION IF THE RECORD OWNERS OF LAND CONSTITUTING MORE THAN TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF THE TOTAL LAND AREA IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FILE THEIR WRITTEN OBJECTIONS THERETO WITH THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AT OR BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON Tuesday, The 11th day of April, 2000.

Published: March 16 and 23, 2000

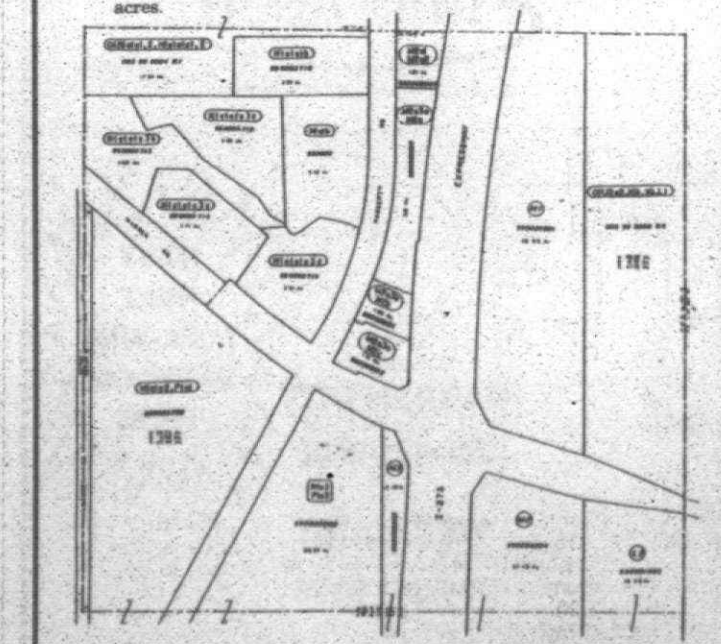
TERRY BENNETT, Township Clerk

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 28, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request by WCS Acquisition Corp./Westland Control Systems, Inc. to transfer the existing Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #96-263 for real and/or personal property located at 8680 N. Haggerty Road, Canton, Michigan from Westland Control Systems, Inc., the legal description of which is as follows:

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 1, Twp 2 south, Range 8 East, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, more particularly described as beginning at a point distant South 89 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East 1889.95 feet along the North line of said Section 1; and South 00 degrees 56 minutes 22 seconds East 400.85 feet and along a curve to the right, radius of 5788.58 feet, central angle 00 degrees 59 minutes 21 seconds an arc distance of 99.95 feet chord bearing South 01 degrees 26 minutes 10 seconds West 99.95 feet from the Northwest corner of Section 1, Twp 1 South, Range 8 East, and proceeding thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East 311.43 feet; thence South 00 degrees 32 minutes 16 seconds West 540.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds West 349.86 feet; thence along the Easterly right-of-way line of rerouted Haggerty Road along a curve to the left, radius of 5788.58 feet, a central angle of 05 degrees 21 minutes 27 seconds an arc distance of 541.35 feet chord bearing North 04 degrees 36 minutes 37 seconds East 541.15 feet to the point of beginning. 4.05 acres.



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**SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR PET**  
**Veterinary Notes**  
by Elizabeth Routson, D.V.M.

**YOUR DOG'S KNEES**  
A common orthopedic problem for dogs is a tear in the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL), which is found in the hind leg's knee. Large dogs are susceptible to this stress-induced injury during physical exercise. When the ACL is damaged, the dog becomes lame in the hind leg. If left untreated, the dog may suffer painful arthritis and scar tissue and be more likely to tear its other ACL. A lateral suture is commonly used to replace the damaged ligament. The dog recovers fairly quickly and eventually regains mobility, though a small limp may remain. A newer procedure called TPLO (tibial plateau leveling operation) realigns the knee and removes part of the tibia so that the ACL becomes unnecessary.

If you dog shows signs of limping for more than a day or two, please contact PARKWAY VETERINARY CLINIC. Our reputation for expert, compassionate veterinary care is well-deserved - please don't hesitate to ask questions of our knowledgeable staff. Visit either of our two locations at 41395 Wilcox Rd. in Plymouth, tel. 734-453-2577, or 5750 Lilley Rd. in Canton, tel. 734-981-4400. Both locations are open six days a week.

P.S. Keeping your dog in good shape with regular exercise may reduce the risk of ACL injuries.

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., March 30, 2000 for the following:

### MOBILE RADIOS AND MOTORCYCLE HELMET KITS

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

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

## ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

**35th JUDICIAL DISTRICT BUILDING AUTHORITY**  
Sealed bids will be received by the 35th District Court Building Authority, 680 Plymouth Road, Plymouth MI 48170 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2000, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following:

### CUSTOM WINDOW TREATMENTS NEW 35th DISTRICT COURT

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the name, address and telephone number of the company/person submitting the bid, and the name of the bid, bid opening date and time. There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting held at the project site on March 23, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. Questions should be directed to Kerry K. Erdman, Court Administrator at (734) 459-4575 or at the above Court address. Specifications are available at the 35th District Court.

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KERRY K. ERDMAN, Court Administrator

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC HEARINGS

### FY 2000-04 CONSOLIDATED PLAN FY 2000 CDBG ACTION PLAN

On Wednesday, April 5, at 2:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room, Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, the Canton Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council will conduct a public hearing on the FY 2000-04 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2000 Canton Township Block Grant (CDBG) Program Action Plan. The Consolidated Plan will guide the community in setting goals for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the five-year period described. The FY 2000 CDBG Action Plan will be funded at \$438,000. All interested citizens are invited to attend and comment on both items. Comment will be taken on the following project proposals: First Step, Rehabilitation, \$40,000; Note: not all project proposals are necessarily listed; not all projects listed will necessarily be approved for FY 2000; nor will all projects accepted for funding necessarily be funded for the requested amounts. Final program decisions are made by the Board of Trustees. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Development Specialist, Resource Development Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 397-5392.

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TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

**Physical Therapy UPDATE**  
Hands On Center For Physical Therapy  
**GETTING A JUMP**

Jumping exercises before workouts can improve running economy by 4%, helping runners use less oxygen to run at the same speed, making running feel easier. That is the conclusion of a University of Texas study. To warm up, runners jumped lightly up and down 10 times with their feet close to the ground. Then, bending both knees as much as needed, they jumped as high as they could 5 to 15 times, taking short breaks between jumps. Next, with one leg bent, they jumped as high as they could 5 to 10 times, then both legs, finally, they jumped in a spring-like fashion 6-8 inches off the ground 15 to 30 times. 478 Forest Avenue, Suite 20.

P.S. Even a small improvement in running economy (the amount of oxygen you use when you run) can bring significant improvements in running performance.

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., March 30, 2000 for the following:

### FIVE (5) DRAGER SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS

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

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON FLODIN PARK INLINE SKATE HOCKEY COURT

Sealed bids for the proposed Flodin Park Inline Skate Hockey Court shall be received by the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., April 6, 2000 at which time they will be opened publicly.

Contract documents may be obtained at Carlisle/Wortman Associates, 605 S. Main St., Suite 1, Ann Arbor MI 48104 on or after 3:00 p.m., on March 16, 2000. A non-refundable plan deposit of \$25.00 shall be required. Check shall be payable to Carlisle/Wortman Associates. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with bidder name, address and phone number, date and time of bid opening.

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.

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TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### CONSIDERATION OF TERM OF LIQUOR LICENSE (48 623) FOR HAPPY DAYS, INC. AND WHIRLY BALL - CANTON TOWNSHIP, L.L.C.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to Liquor License Ordinance Number 114 of the Charter Township of Canton that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 28, 2000, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To hear and take testimony which shall result in a recommendation for renewal, non-renewal or revocation of the resolutions approved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton regarding the approval of Liquor Licenses to Whirly Ball - Canton Township, L.L.C. for



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## Foundation grants

### A little help can go a long way

Five hundred bucks. It's not much money for most people these days. Maybe enough to make a car payment with a few dollars left to fill the tank. Or you could buy a good quality suit — men's or women's — but it's not likely to carry a fancy, designer label.

There's one place, though, where \$500 still makes a significant impact on a personal budget. The college campus. For young people facing tuition, books and living expenses, that kind of money makes a world of difference. It might mean more time to study and a little less sweeping floors and washing dishes in the dorm cafeteria. It might mean other income can be used for an occasional Saturday night on the town.

We're reminded of this because the Canton Community Foundation has another round of scholarship applications available for the asking.

The foundation has been giving out grants ranging from \$250 to \$5,000 — with most in the \$500 to \$1,000 range — since the early 1990s. Last year, the program was expanded to students living in Plymouth as well as Canton and some \$20,000 was distributed to 25 traditional and non-traditional students. All told, the foundation has given out more than \$100,000 in scholarships to more than 160 individuals. The money is donated by local companies, the colleges and universities themselves, civic organizations and individuals. So you see, those small scholarship checks add up quickly.

Canton resident Melody Jolly is a perfect example. Jolly received a \$500 scholarship in 1999 to continue her study of nursing at Schoolcraft College. She is 31 years old and a single parent. "It helped me pay for my classes and for my books," she said. "It was a great help."

That brings up another point. Plymouth and Canton are considered upscale communities by most standards. But that doesn't mean every family can or does send their kids off to college with bulging pockets. Or that young adults who put off college for work or other reasons following high school graduation have it easy when they do decide to enroll.

So it's good that the Canton Community Foundation is there for them.

This year's grants will be awarded in mid-May. Applicants must be Plymouth or Canton residents and meet several other requirements, including:

- Acceptance at a post high school educational institution;
- A cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better;
- A 500-word essay on why they are deserving of the scholarship.

Applications can be picked up at either the Plymouth or Canton libraries, high school counseling offices and the Canton Community Foundation office at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Sheldon roads. Call the foundation at (734) 398-5000 for more information.

## Now is the time to act on guns

If you thought the shooting of 6-year-old Kayla Rolland in Mt. Morris Township would get the discussion of gun control flowing, look no further than the Michigan Legislature for proof you were wrong.

In the wake of the first-grade shooting, House Democrats tried to bring measures they'd proposed in November up for discussion. They were quickly shot down by Republicans, with House Speaker Charles Perricone (R-Kalamazoo) accusing Democrats of "manipulating" the process.

Apparently the speaker doesn't feel that stopping the discussion because Republicans are fearful their anti-gun control stance will be used against them at election time is manipulative.

While nearly every lawmaker who could find a microphone decried the tragic events in Mt. Morris Township, many of them disappear when someone calls for tangible action.

Children are killing children, and still no substantive discussion on gun control takes place. As the Mt. Morris case moved into the finger-pointing stage, each side of the gun debate got busy marshaling its troops. Gun control lobbyists are frantically shouting, "See! It was only a matter of time until something like this happened," while gun rights activists are equally frenetic with their assertions that this crime would have happened with or without gun laws.

The sad truth is, given the circumstances in which the 6-year-old shooter was forced to live, the latter is probably closer to the truth than the former. Living among people who traded drugs and guns like children trade baseball cards made a loving, stable life nearly impossible for this young boy.

But that doesn't mean gun control lobbyists are completely wrong. In fact, incidents like these — happening with ever-increasing frequency — bring home the need for more stringent control in a way most events can't. Our

children are dying; how much more important can we make the issue to people?

Among the measures being bandied about are child safety locks, a ban on imported high-capacity ammo clips and outlawing gun ownership by young people. The proposals made by Michigan Democrats include banning guns from public places — churches, schools, sports arenas and bars.

President Clinton wants background checks for people who buy guns at gun shows. It's the pivotal issue between Clinton and the Republicans.

We don't believe any of those measures are unreasonable. Of course, opponents will argue that all you're doing is taking rights away from the responsible gun owners and making things easier for the criminal element. That may be, but you've got to start somewhere.

In the wake of the first-grade shooting, gun rights supporters and gun control activists seemed to agree on one thing. Whatever controls are placed on the ownership of weapons will be useless without responsible actions by those entrusted with their possession and care.

The more irresponsibly gun owners act, the more stringent the controls need to be. Hopefully, the message is getting through. Three dealers — Dick's Sporting Goods, Gander Mountain and Sports Authority — have agreed to provide trigger locks for guns sold at all their metro Detroit stores starting March 15. Of course, it took a \$400 million lawsuit against nearly two dozen gunmakers and 10 dealers, after an undercover sting operation revealed illegal sales to minors and felons. But at least there's some measure of safety, no matter how small, that came out of the case.

We're all for rational, impassioned discourse. But without a real effort toward improving safety, all the talk rings hollow. It's time to get something done, before we have to bury another child.

Geof Brooks



### LETTERS

Opinions are to be shared. We welcome your ideas, that's why we offer this space for your opinions. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity we ask that you provide a contact telephone number and if mailing or faxing a letter, please sign it. Letters can be mailed to: Tedd Schneider, Canton Editor, 794 South Main, Plymouth, MI 48170, faxed to Tedd at (734) 459-4224 or emailed to tschneider@oe.homecomm.net

### Mettetal good for Canton

The article on Mettetal Airport (Canton Observer, Jan. 30) was fantastic. Mettetal has been a fixture in Canton for many years and played an important role in the community. Few would remember the three "asterisk"-crossed grass runways with nothing around for miles but fields. Maybe the existence of Mettetal has helped to spawn the evolution of Canton.

As a pilot and aircraft owner based at Mettetal Hanger 1D2, I have to respond to a very negative letter from Ms. Schoeneman in the Feb. 17 issue. I, too, live near an airport, eight miles from the approach end of 21R, the main runway at Metro Airport. I also knew the airport was there before I purchased my home 14 years ago and knew of the associated noise, which is way louder than Mettetal.

My decision was to still purchase that home, with no way of knowing how the traffic load would increase over time. Also after 14 years and uncountable takeoffs and landings, I don't even hear them pass overhead any more, regardless of the 24/7 operations.

I cannot deny that Mettetal's traffic has increased over the years and especially recently with the upturn in economy. That increase boosts the local economy to the tune of millions per year. Ask any of the local merchants if they want to see the airport closed. As to the sound issue, maybe Ms. Schoeneman does not understand that there are published and enforced noise abatement areas and practices in effect at Mettetal. These are published in the Airport Facility Directory and posted at both ends of the runway. We try to be good neighbors and employ heading changes and power reductions at both ends of the departure to help quiet the environment over the residential and business areas of Canton.

Limiting operations is only a stepping stone to closure of the facility. Then what is left? Room for another strip mall with a couple of bars and a tattoo parlor? These are possible alternatives once the current usage disappears. I, for one, think a public use general aviation airport is a much nicer and community friendly use for the property at Joy and Lilley roads.

I invite Ms. Schoeneman to come to Mettetal for a day to learn more about what we do to be accommodating and proper neighbors

and experience first hand the joy of aviation.  
John M. Gray

### Vote will preserve site

Heartfelt thanks to the Canton Township Planning Commission for adhering to the high standards set forth in the Master Land Use Plan, and denying the Special Land Use approval for the proposed church school at Ridge and Warren. It took courage and strength and fortitude!

Melissa McLaughlin's final statement, in particular, put the whole issue in objective terms and gave the reasons for denial. "Outstanding Job! You all have supported and helped to preserve this area for current and future generations, and a quality of life enjoyed by many citizens (not only from Canton) who jog, walk and stroll these roads daily."

Also, I want to thank the core group of NWCHA who worked so determinedly for many hours and many months to save this site! (You all know who you are!)

Lastly, thanks to the hundreds of friends and neighbors who came to two long evenings of public hearings on the subject. Your presence demonstrated to all your desire to retain the present character of the area, and how greatly we all treasure it!

With eternal gratitude!  
Lois J. Andres  
Canton

### GOP will prevail

While I appreciate the concern that Philip Power has concerning whether Gov. Engler can handle the "split" within the Michigan Republican Party ("Can Engler handle GOP split?" March 2), rest assured — the Republican Party will do just fine in Michigan. The message of smaller government, lower taxes, personal responsibility, stronger national defense, local control of educational dollars and saving Social Security is a winning message. Gov. George Bush and Sen. Spence Abraham will lead the GOP to a sweep in November.

Ken Harb  
Livonia

## 1st-grade shooting should make you want to hug your kids more often

I've tried to hug 3-year-old Robert and 19-month-old Andrew more often lately, because I can.

As events around the country have unfolded lately, not every parent has the same opportunity.

Mike and Jennifer Rose of Van Buren Township would love to be able to wrap their arms around 16-month-old Michael II, give him his bath, read him a bedtime story.

Unfortunately, Livonia resident Carol Lee Derrick was in too big a hurry and couldn't be bothered to stop at a red light last November. According to at least one witness, she sped up to get through an intersection and broadsided the Ford escort being driven by Michael's grandmother. Three days later, Michael was dead.

Two weeks ago, a judge sentenced Derrick to two years probation, during which she can't drive, and put her on a tether for three months. At the end of the probation, Derrick gets to go on with her life.

At the end of the probation, Mike and Jennifer get to go on visiting Michael's grave.

Derrick's fate was determined by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Carole Youngblood, who determined that, because of a clean driving record and lack of any previous criminal behavior, Derrick shouldn't have to do jail time for taking the life of a 16-month-old baby.

Based on a point system determined by the state Department of Corrections, Youngblood's sentencing options ranged from no time in jail to nine months behind bars. She chose the former, obviously much to the chagrin of the grieving parents.

"I'll never see my son get on a school bus for the first time," 22-year-old Jennifer Rose said. "The things I've experienced have almost killed me. He was my world."

The argument over whether Derrick deserved jail time will rage on, and the basic question will be raised every time there's an accident that kills a child. So, too, will the argument over who is responsible when a child kills a child.



BRAD KADRICH

Veronica McQueen probably needs extra fingers to point the blame in the recent death of her 6-year-old daughter, Kayla Rolland, in the elementary school shooting in Mt. Morris Township. The shooter, a fellow 6-year-old student at Buell Elementary, allegedly took umbrage at how Kayla treated him in a schoolyard beef and returned the next day with a .32 caliber handgun, pointed it at and squeezed the trigger.

Who is responsible? The 6-year-old, whose living conditions were such that drugs and weapons were commonplace? His parents? The father was in jail, the mother evicted from her home. The uncle with whom the boy was living? The 19-year-old who shared the residence prosecutors called a "flop house?"

Try "all of the above." But what do you do about it? Prosecutors have taken aim at the 19-year-old, charging him with involuntary manslaughter because they believe he brought the gun into the house in the first place. Charge him, charge the parents, charge the uncle.

Maybe we should charge society as a whole. It's a society where some hide behind the constitutional right to keep and bear arms, refusing to budge from their stance even when the result is a 6-year-old shooting another 6-year-old.

I heard one moron on the radio last week who said he keeps not one, but three guns in his bedroom, loaded and unlocked. He says his children are safe, though, because he tells them not to play with the guns. Like children have never disobeyed a parent.

This is a society that succors politicians who, in an election year, talk tough about guns, then don't have the guts to do anything about them once they've been elected.

Maybe we return to the tired refrain condemning television and movies for their violent content. After all, the father of the 6-year-old who shot Kayla Rolland said his son liked to watch violent movies.

Jonesboro, Littleton, Mt. Morris, Canton. The boundaries for these deaths are ever-expanding, spreading like a cancer throughout society. If they haven't reached you yet, give them time. They will.

Meanwhile, hug your children. A lot. While you still can.

Brad Kadrich is editor of the Plymouth Observer. He can be reached, if he's not hugging his children, at 459-2700, or by email at bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net.

## Money, lobby limit flow of spirits

A friend of mine likes to make his martinis with imported Beefeater gin.

When he buys Beefeater at his local wine and spirits retailer — or any other wine spirits retailer in Michigan, for that matter — he pays \$16.79 a fifth. So when he flies on business to Madison, Wis., where the market for booze is open to competition, he buys a couple of bottles at \$14.49 each and tucks them into his carry-on. He's violating Michigan law, of course, but who's gonna catch him.

Another friend of mine is passionate about fine wine. One of his favorites is Screaming Eagle, a cabernet sauvignon made in California that has achieved cult status among connoisseurs. He can't get it in Michigan because wine wholesalers don't stock it and retailers who might want to offer it are forbidden by state law to buy wine directly from the wineries.

So he orders his Screaming Eagle wine on the Net from California. It's shipped directly to him in Michigan ... in a plain brown wrapper, of course, because that's against Michigan law, too.

How come there's no price competition to buy booze in Michigan? Simple. State law gives the Liquor Control Commission the authority to regulate the sale of distilled spirits. In practice, that means the Commission sets the uniform price for virtually every bottle of booze sold in Michigan. And because there is no market competition, prices in Michigan are far above those in Wisconsin or Illinois.

And my friend who gets his Screaming Eagle off the Net is violating the same state law that says that the only place Michigan retailers may get their wine is from Michigan wholesalers. And if wholesalers don't want to carry cult wines because demand is slim, that's just too bad for consumers.

How could such an absurd situation develop? History, in part. Continued aversion by the State of Michigan in part. And entrenched and powerful lobbies in part.

My father used to tell me stories about Prohibition. He and his friends used to drive to the banks of the Detroit River down by Trenton to meet a rumrunner, who smuggled wine and booze across the border from Canada. So when Prohibition ended in 1933 and each state was able to choose whether to become a "control" or "license" state in the sale and distribution of alcohol, Michigan chose control.

Unlike some other states, Michigan's version of control did not involve monopoly state-owned and retail liquor stores. But the Liquor Control Commission (LCC) orders and buys spirits from suppliers and sells them to retail liquor stores, while private wholesalers supply retailers with beer and wine. This is the cele-



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brated (and arcane) "three tier" system of alcohol regulation in Michigan, in which no maker of wine, beer or spirits may sell directly to retailers or the public.

Make no mistake. The State of Michigan, through the LCC, does very well out of this controlled, anti-competitive system. Net income to the state from the purchase and wholesaling of all spirits and the establishment of uniform prices was \$105 million for the fiscal year just past.

Although no numbers are available, the wholesalers who by law are the only sources for beer and wine distribution are also very profitable. To maintain a monopoly achieved by state law requires vigilant lobbying. And, surprise, one of the strongest lobbies in Lansing is the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association, whose notorious "Red Room" is the site for many of the fund-raisers that infest the legislature with special interest money.

History. Avarice. Powerful lobbyists. Ho hum. Situation normal. The state makes lots of money off a regulated non-competitive market, while the beer and wine wholesaler lobby is too powerful to let the legislature ever take away its monopoly. And the ordinary consumer is left out in the cold.

As Jacqueline Stewart, the former L. Brooks Patterson staffer who is now the chair of the LCC, told me: "If Michigan hadn't been a state bordering on Canada with a history of smuggling during Prohibition and if there wasn't so much profit in it for the state with such a strong lobby supporting it, I very much doubt if a confirmed free market governor like John Engler would have tolerated the situation."

It's sad, but that's political reality in today's world.

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## Caucus turnout a turn-off

### Democrats need to come up with a better idea

Holy Toledo (or some other expression not appropriate for a family newspaper)! What's this? As I guided my car into the jammed parking lot of the Plymouth Cultural Center Saturday morning my mind was spinning. Voter apathy doesn't rule, after all. Negative campaigns must be working in reverse in Michigan, bringing people back to the polls instead of discouraging them. Just look at all these people who have come to participate in the 13th Congressional District Democratic Caucus.

My mind raced furiously ahead as I walked from my car — a lot further than I had anticipated — to the caucus entrance. Don't these people know this is a closed caucus, not an open primary? Does this anxious mob of voters — waiting to make their collective voice heard — realize they'll have to spend some time here, listen to speeches, "sign in" as Democrats, leave their name, address and Social Security number before they can make a mark on the democratic process?

Don't they read the papers? Didn't they see that just this week — after 15 lopsided primary losses on Super Tuesday — that Bill Bradley dropped out of the presidential race, leaving Al Gore the only viable candidate seeking his party's nomination?

They do and they did. It turns out that hundreds of people were at the cultural center Saturday to watch the 1999/2000 Michigan High School Team Figure Skating Finals.

Down the hall, where the caucus was holding sway, about four dozen Democrats sauntered into the auditorium to declare their presidential choice. That's pretty sad. Canton resident Becky Tavarozzi, president of the Plymouth-Canton-Northville Democratic Club, said she was pleased with the turnout. That's even sadder.

While these communities are heavily Republican and usually vote that way, there are a good number of Democrats who make their homes here. Just look at the numbers from a month ago.

More than 23,000 people from the five communities included at Saturday's caucus site voted in the Feb. 22 presidential primary. Many were Democrats and independent voters who might support a Democratic candidate.

Lyndon LaRouche, for crying out loud, pulled 108 votes, or more than twice the number of folks who showed up to cast ballots for Gore, Bradley and "other" on Saturday. Yes, that Lyn-



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don LaRouche. The perennial maverick who once ran for the Democratic nomination while in prison.

So who's to blame here? Well, Gore and Bradley, for two. Both pulled their names off the primary ballot, opting instead for the insider-dominated caucuses. Also to blame, the state Democratic party, which apparently has no problem criticizing the "business interests" that dominate the Republican side while conveniently kow-towing to its own set of special interest groups.

Many voters I talked to Saturday said they supported the process. Some expressed reservations. In a candid moment, retired teacher Earl Harrington said that while he didn't personally view the caucus negatively it really didn't matter. "We're just following what comes down from the leadership," he said, shrugging his shoulders.

Dennis Galbraith of Canton said he would have preferred to vote in a closed primary on the same day as Republicans. "I don't want to vote in the Republican primary and I'm sure they don't want us voting in theirs," he said. "More people would participate, I'm sure," he added.

And what about all those people I didn't talk to, couldn't talk to. The ones who didn't show up Saturday. It's those voters the Democrats ought to be concerned about. They will determine the fate of Democratic House and Senate candidates — as well as the state Legislature — in November.

Let's hope the party leaders have something better in mind than Saturday's caucus. It was the political equivalent of being in an old-fashioned, smoke-filled room — without the smoke.

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#### QUESTION:

Should the government be involved in telling drivers they have to wear seat belts?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"Yeah, I do. I think people need encouragement to do the right thing."  
Renee Grit  
Canton



"Absolutely — it saves lives."  
Ruth Roberts  
Canton



"I'm afraid they have to be because we are all paying for insurance costs with this."  
Sue Noland  
Canton



"I definitely think they should — for everybody's safety."  
Gordon Crowe  
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# Party time

## Teens and seniors get together

It was hard to tell the seniors from the seniors last weekend at the first "Senior Prom" hosted by the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Youth Group of Livonia.

Senior high school students from the communities of Livonia, Westland, Plymouth, Canton

and Garden City danced among and with senior citizens from the same cities who also worship at Holy Trinity.

According to Laurie Pecchia, senior high activity director at the church, the event featured a candlelight spaghetti dinner,

dancing and mixer games.

"Everyone had a great time," said Pecchia. "We played get-to-know-each-other games and music that all the generations liked, from swing to the hokey-pokey and locomotion. It was 'The Locomotion' that really got everyone going."

Pecchia said the prom was organized and hosted entirely by the senior high school students who also served as waitstaff during dinner.

"We hope to do this again," added Pecchia. "It was so wonderful to see all the generations getting together and having a good time. That's what it was all about."

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**Laurie Pecchia**  
Activity director



**Dance to the music:** Alison Schmidt (left to right), Kristen Quenneville, Amy Witt, Ruth Stuebben, and Colleen Drews get down on the dance floor during a joint prom held for senior citizens and area high school students at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Saturday night.



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**Finding a friend:** Kristina Turczyn, a freshman at Canton, reads aloud from a card that matched up with Irene Hawk (center) as Laurie Pecchia, the coordinator of the event, leans in.

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JACK GLADDEN

## Counting on Big Brother

Lucky us. We were the "one in six housing units" chosen to receive the "long" census form in the mail on Monday. It was a dubious honor.

According to the small type on the front of Form D-2, "The Census Bureau estimates that, for the average household, this form will take about 38 minutes to complete, including the time for reviewing the instructions and answers."

I don't know how the bureau came up with that figure. Why not "about 40 minutes" or "about 35"? But 38? Maybe I should take them up on the next part of the statement:

"Comments about the estimate should be directed to the Associate Director for Finance and Administration, Attn: Paperwork Reduction Project 0607-0856," etc.

Right. I'm gonna write a letter to the "Paperwork Reduction Project" telling them that it took us 39 minutes instead of 38 to fill out the 120-plus questions on the 40-page form. I wonder how many copies I should send and to whom?

If all of this seems to have nothing to do with the census, it doesn't. And that's the point.

The most hyped, most advertised, most promoted census count in history turns out to be just another bureaucratic government document, asking questions that seem to have little to do with an official government "head count." Example:

Question 17: "Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more, does this person have any difficulty in doing any of the following activities:

a. Learning, remembering, or concentrating?

b. Dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home?

c. (Answer if this person is 16 YEARS OLD OR OVER.) Going outside the home alone to shop or visit a doctor's office?

d. (Answer if this person is 16 YEARS OLD OR OVER.) Working at a job or business?

That's just one of many, many questions covering such areas as household income, plumbing facilities, what time you left for work last week and how long it took you to get there. What does any of this have to do with counting heads? And why is it the government's business?

The cover letter accompanying the form promises that "your privacy is protected by law (Title 13 United States Code), which also requires that you answer these questions."

That's not much comfort if it's the government that you don't want knowing every detail of your life in the first place.

I don't mean to bad mouth the census people. They have a job to do and the census (at least the head count) is the whole basis for apportioning representation in Congress.

But a major concern (so we in the media are told by the census workers) is that too many people don't fill out the forms because they don't trust what the information will be used for. Often they just don't trust government period.

Well, look at some more questions: "LAST WEEK did this person do ANY work for either pay or profit?" "Has this person been looking for work during the last 4 weeks?" followed by "LAST WEEK could this person have started a job if offered one ...?" and then "When did this person last work, even for a few days?"

What does that have to do with counting heads? Or what about this series:

"What is this person's ancestry or ethnic origin?" "Does this person speak a language other than English at home?" And if so, "How well does this person speak English?"

If the Census Bureau doesn't understand why many people refuse to fill out their forms, let them take another look at many of their questions.

Is this really a legitimate attempt to collect demographic data? Or does Big Brother just want to know?

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## Students loaf around Canton Bread Company

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When Jerry Sprague agreed to entertain his wife's second grade class by giving them a tour of his store, Canton Bread Company, he didn't realize just how interested those students would be.

Somewhere between the kids "rising" enthusiasm, their "knead" to learn and the sweet, billowing smell of fresh-baked bread, Sprague happened upon a wonderful new idea — hosting tours for school children.

Open just over one year, more than 4,000 children have passed through the doors, washed their hands and listened intently to the story and magic

which is baked right into Canton Bread Company bread. From the 50-pound bags of flour to the canisters of peanut butter, chocolate chips, dried cherries, and honey, it's easy to see all the ingredients that make their baked goods the talk of Canton and beyond.

What started as a favor for his wife has exploded into a regular part of doing business. "I used to go sing songs to her kids (at school)," said Sprague, also a well-known local musician and founder of Jerry



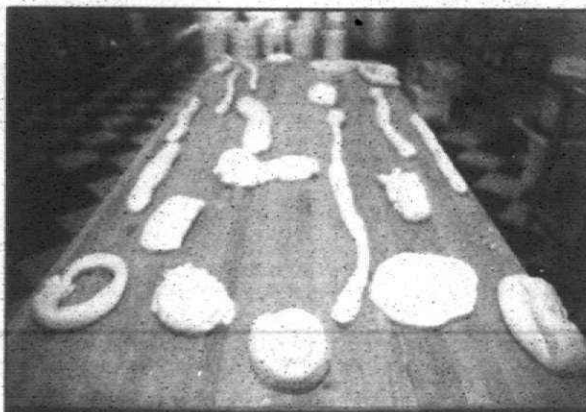
Step-by-step: Jerry Sprague explains that it all starts with the wheat plant.

Sprague and the Remainders. "I just threw (a song) in at the end (of the tour) for her class. But then it stayed."

Now all tours end with a rousing sing-a-long. It's become second-nature. "I can't imagine not doing this," said Sprague, smiling.

Paige Bauer, an 8-year-old student at Randolph Elementary School in Livonia, was one of a large group of kids who toured the Canton shop on March 2. Paige said she liked learning how to make bread and singing "the unicorn song" afterward. She certainly wasn't the only one.

Kim Marlowe, Paige's third grade teacher, was pleased to bring her class to Canton Bread Company for the morning. "It's fantastic," she



Creative: Children left their dough, in various forms, on the cutting table.



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Devour: Jessica Burdette, 8, samples a slice of bread while listening to Sprague play his guitar while on a field trip at the Canton Bread Company.

said. "We had a great time. Enjoyed it immensely. 'We were here to learn about simple machines. The mixer is a simple machine.'"

Sprague tailors his tours to the age groups which pass through his store. "This is 45 minutes of just fun," he said.

And the little critics agreed it was a tasty trip. "I think it tastes good, cause the honey tastes sweet," said Dominic Garrick, 8.

His classmates, like Jacob Yono, were happy to go home with a special souvenir to share. Every student receives a loaf of honey white bread to take home. "Only for the kids, they put the smiley faces," said Jacob. "I think I'll tell my parents I got to see how the bread is made."

Marlowe attributed those smiles to their host. "Mr. Sprague was just a super person." She "highly recommends" the tour for other classes.

### Bread man

But Joseph Olds is the man and the mind behind the delectable breads, scones, bagels and muffins at Canton Bread Company, and he enjoys the tours as much as the kids do. "You meet all these different people. That's my old grade school," he pointed out about Livonia's Randolph Elementary.

Olds, a Redford resident, books all of the tours. But that's not all he does. His day begins at 4 a.m. when he starts baking the day's bread. He opens the doors every morning by 7 a.m. with fresh bagels and muffins ready for purchase. By noon, he's finished with clean-up and can fully concentrate on cus-



Patient: Amanda Nadell, 8, awaits her cue while Sprague plays guitar for the class in the front of the bakery.

tomers. Olds' love for baking and his friendly personality show in all he bakes.

"We don't keep bread for more than 24 hours," he said. No day-olds available here. Olds uses all natural ingredients — like salt, honey and yeast — to make the baked goods. No preservatives are added.

What isn't sold each day is donated to places like the Salvation Army and local U.A.W. The bread is good for 7 to 10 days after purchase, but should not be refrigerated.

"I personally don't have any bread at home," said Olds, who's surrounded by it daily. He orders the ingredients, and creates and experiments new varieties of breads. "I have a lot of input," said Olds, a culinary arts graduate of Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

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## PARENTING ISSUE

### Teachers team up to present parenting skills

BY DOUG JOHNSON  
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Plymouth teacher Rick McCoy and a Saline middle school administrator, Nic Cooper, will be making two presentations about their parenting book in March.

The book, "How to Keep Being a Parent When Your Child is No Longer a Child," was published in November.

The two authors have also announced a partnership with the P-C Educational Excellence Foundation, and will donate \$2 for each book sold to parents or teachers in the Plymouth-Canton School District.

Cooper and McCoy will present one of their parenting workshops on Saturday, March 18, at Walled Lake Western during a parenting fair.

■ The book is primarily for parents of teenagers, but would be useful for people with younger kids as well as professionals ...

Barnes&Noble.com. In Plymouth the book is available at the Little Shop on the Square.

The book is primarily for parents of

The pair will also appear at the Northville Barnes & Noble store, Six Mile and Haggerty Road, Thursday, March 30, at 7 p.m. for a presentation. Their book is available at the store and on the Web at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), [Borders.com](http://Borders.com), and



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Authors: Rick McCoy (left) of Plymouth and Nic Cooper talk about their book for parents.

teenagers, but would be useful for people with younger kids as well as professionals who work with adolescents in any capacity.

The chapters in the book encourage parents to explore their own parenting style, discuss parental responsibilities,

outline what to expect from children as they grow up, and detail strategies for better communication and setting boundaries for teenagers.

The book also provides help for parents of kids who are in deep trouble

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# Future bread makers rise to the occasion

The Canton Bread Company captured the communities attention with its delicious baked goods — like asiago pesto and cherry walnut. Now, there's something else cooking. The shop is teaching youngsters from Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Westland and other nearby school districts all that goes in to baking breads.

On March 2, a class of about 25 third graders from Livonia's Randolph Elementary sat cross-legged on the hard wood floors belting out tunes with owner Jerry Sprague.

The group had just completed their personal tour of the kitchen, and were now singing in unison and making animal motions with their arms at the appropriate times.

## Saying thank you

Perhaps this group will follow in the tradition of the many others — who've sent the thank-you notes and letters that decorate the walls of the Canton Bread Company.

Some sent chef's hats stamped with colorful handprints and signatures, others,

like Madison Elementary School in Westland wrote: "It was really knead."

Here's what some of the Randolph Elementary students said they learned from their field trip:

Jennifer Urso, 8, announced that she liked playing with the bread dough.

"Then we got to eat bread, honey white."

Steve Baibak, 8, also like learning how to knead the dough. His favorite kind of bread is "just white bread."

Hannah Heedum, 9, recalled learning how the bread is baked in a large, moving oven. She's baked at home with her mother before, but this was a whole new experience. "My mom usually makes desserts like fudge brownies and chocolate chip cookies."

Joe Mifsud, 9, said he now understands what yeast does and why it's an important ingredient in bread — it makes the bread rise.

Bailey Hryczek, 8, said she too learned something new. "I learned that salt and honey were in bread. We've got a bread maker at home."



Fun, fun, fun: Marcus Plant, 8, (from left) Amanda Nadell, 8, Mariah Peabody, 8, and John Tabor, 9, knead dough while listening to Sprague explain the baking process.

## Bread

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"I just like working where I'm appreciated," said Olds, who enjoys knowing his regular customers by name and order. "The kids are the best."

Canton Bread Company is at 7676 North Canton Center Road in Canton. Senior citizen and other group tours are also available. Visit the store for a list of daily cheese and sweet breads. For more information, call (734) 354-8837.

## Classes open on parenting month topics

### UPCOMING

March is Parenting Month and several workshops will be held in conjunction with reducing family conflict, teaching problem solving, building self-esteem and more.

The first program "A Taste of the Parent Talk System®" will be held at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. March 16. March 23 will feature "A Touch of Love and Logic®" at 10 a.m.

The cost is \$5 per person at Henry Ford OptiEyes in Westland (across from Westland Mall on Central City Parkway).

"Becoming a Love and Logic Parent®" will be offered March 30, April 6 and 13 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. To register for the three week workshop call Voice Works Seminars at (734) 981-1055 (ext. 2). No child care is available.

Her fiancé, son of Bob and Gini Krenz of Livonia, is a Livonia Stevenson High School graduate. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan School of Engineering and a master's degree from Purdue University. He works at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn.

## Detter

Robert H. and Betty L. (Kirk) Detter of Livonia are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this month.

Married March 18, 1950 at 24th Street Methodist Church, the Detters have two children and five grandchildren. Their son Jerry Detter and his wife Kathy, reside in White Lake with their children, Justin and Chelsea. Their daughter, Diane is married to Jim Brady and lives in Farmington Hills with children Annie, Mary and Jimmy.

Robert Detter is retired from his job at the post office and Betty is retired from working at a uniform store. In their free time, the couple enjoy bowling.

## ANNIVERSARIES & ENGAGEMENTS

### Aufdemberge-Rich

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

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

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

A July wedding is planned in Detroit.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and attends Schoolcraft College pursuing a degree in business. She works at a dental office in Livonia.

Her fiancé, son of Ed and Linda Berlin of Canton, is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1998 graduate of University of Michigan. He works for Parke-Davis in Ann Arbor.

A May wedding is planned at Holy Trinity Church in Livonia.

Elizabeth Farhat of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Janet, to Derald Mahy of Illinois.

The bride-to-be is a Michigan State University graduate and works for Franks Nursery and Crafts.

Her fiancé, son of Derald and Audrey Mahy of Illinois, is a Rich Central High School graduate and works for Torre and Bruglio.

An April wedding is planned at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church in Plymouth. A reception at Livonia's Embassy Suites Hotel will follow.

### Mozurkewich-Vikstrom

Ed and Laurie Mozurkewich of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Lynn to Jared Scott Vikstrom of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She works as an engineering coordinator at Yazaki North America in Canton.

Her fiancé, son of Bob and Sandra Vikstrom of Canton, is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and works as a product designer at Roush Crucam in Livonia.

A June wedding is planned at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland.

### Stewart-Krenz

Mike and Yvonne Stewart of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Irene Marcey, to Edwin Allen Krenz of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a John Glen High School graduate who attends Phoenix University. She works at Internet Security Systems.

Her fiancé, son of Bob and Gini Krenz of Livonia, is a Livonia Stevenson High School graduate. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan School of Engineering and a master's degree from Purdue University. He works at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn.

A June wedding is planned at First Baptist Church in Wayne.

### Flanigan-Carris

James and Gayle Flanigan of Rochester Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Collette Michele, to Michael Joseph Carris of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill, a 1996 graduate of Madonna University and now works at St. Mary Hospital Child Care Center as a Kindergarten readiness teacher.

Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary A. Migora, is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill and works as a fabricator for special projects, specializing in concept vehicles.

A June wedding is planned at Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington.

### Aloe-Migora

Mr. and Mrs. Michael R. Aloe of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Collette Michele, to Michael Joseph Carris of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill, a 1996 graduate of Madonna University and now works at St. Mary Hospital Child Care Center as a Kindergarten readiness teacher.

Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary A. Migora, is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill and works as a fabricator for special projects, specializing in concept vehicles.

A June wedding is planned at Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington.

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## Parents

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with drugs, eating disorders and depression.

The book targets areas that came out of parenting workshops the two writers have held for the past 15 years.

Parent concerns often include school performance, friends and their child's emerging sexuality.

The text of the book is augmented by appendices that offer help in specific ways for specific problems. Much of the main text is supported by worksheets that help parents learn and then apply useful tools and techniques.

McCoy is a teacher in the PCPEP Journey program at Salem High. His experience includes being a child care worker, a crisis teacher at a child psychiatric facility and a substance abuse counselor.

Cooper is currently an assistant middle school principal and a past director of a student assistance program. He has also been a counselor and a probation officer.

Both authors have 25 years of experience, both have masters degrees in the field, both are certified social workers and both

are fathers of teenagers. Their workshop topics, in addition to parenting, have included high-risk youth and conflict resolution.

"Parenting Adolescents" chapters include "The Nature of Adolescence," "The Nature of Parenting," "Tools for Healthy Relationships," "Discipline - Structuring Healthy Growth," "Dysfunctions of Adolescence" and "When to Call for Help."

An Amazon.com customer review of the book said, "These authors have succeeded where others failed in capturing and clarifying many of the mysteries

of an extremely perplexing and frustrating time of life. They offer many practical suggestions on relating to, and respecting, teens."

Mail order copies of the book are available from Willow Creek Publishing, 6506 Paul Rever Lane, Canton MI 48187. Enclose a check for \$15.98, which includes all taxes and shipping. You can e-mail the duo at coopermccoy@yahoo.com. Workshop information is available at (734) 844-9095.

## CRAFTS CALENDAR

Crafts Extravaganza - Spring 2000 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 25. Applications and/or information call (313) 561-0402.

This event is sponsored by the Band Aid Booster Club and proceeds will support the DHS marching band, flag corps, orchestra and jazz band. Admission is \$1 for person 12 and older. Ample free parking is available and food will be sold.

TOUCH OF SPRING The Athletic Booster Club of Clareville High School will host "A Touch of Spring - Craft Boutique" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 25. Over 150 juried crafters will display items. Admission is \$2. No strollers

please. Babysitting, raffle and snack bar. Clareville High School is located at 20155 Middlebelt Road in Livonia.

FESTIVAL OF ARTS Nativity Episcopal Church presents the "Festival of Arts," show including paintings, sculpture, acrylics, jewelry, watercolors and more. Friday, March 31, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.; Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10:30 a.m. Sunday service including Al Jacquez and Friends (Gospel Vocalists). The gallery is open from noon to 4 p.m. Nativity is located at 21220 W. 14 Mile Road in Bloomfield Township. Call (248) 646-4100.

Please see CRAFTS, B10

Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate 496-263 for 8680 N. Haggerty Road, Canton, Michigan 48187. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick, approve the award of bid for Workstations & File Cabinet for Planning Department to Interior Systems Contract Group, Inc., 28000 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, MI for \$5,637.59. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution to grant the rezoning request of Singh Development. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution to grant the rezoning request of Dembs Roth Gyselink Construction Company. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution to grant site plan approval to Family Video. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution to grant site plan approval to Cambridge Associates. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution to grant site plan approval to Dick Scott KIA. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution to grant the rezoning request of Hal Rosin. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign documents for the sale of Township Property, S1D0W1E1 #184-89-0014-000 and accept the terms of the Purchase Agreement from Regency Realty Corporation wherein the Regency Realty Corporation (Buyer) sets forth its intent to purchase approximately 6.86 acres located in the northeast quadrant of Old Canton Road and Michigan Avenue in Canton Township, Michigan from Canton Township (Seller) for an amount of \$1,267,250.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to increase purchase order #1840, made out to Canfield-Wortman Associates, Inc. by \$1,300.00 to cover the additional landscaping design work for the Morton Taylor Road paving for a total of \$5,300.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Layton, to extend the contract with Wade-Trim Associates Inc., to include the 2000 Sidewalk Repair Program for an amount not to exceed \$26,848.42. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery, to approve the purchase of water meters, MXU radio transmitters and associated support control equipment from Etna Supply Company in an amount not to exceed \$575,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery, to approve the purchase of 2" SRH compound water meters and associated support control equipment from Sensus Technologies for an amount not to exceed \$184,242.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the bid for the Lilley Road Water Main Project to the lowest qualified bidder, Landscape Construction Inc. for \$28,127.80 plus a 10% contingency for a total of \$30,940.58. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to waive formal bidding procedures and approve the purchase of ArelNPO 8 in the amount of \$5,013.33 from ESRI, Inc., since ESRI is the developer and sole provider of ArelNPO. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the bid for a contract with HTE for training. Motion carried unanimously.

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# CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

## WEEKEND

**DRIVER'S EDUCATION**  
■ Registration for the Driver's Education Program summer 2000 will take place beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, March 25, in the Canton High School Cafeteria. This will be the only registration day. If the student/parent cannot register on this date, someone else may register for that person. Registration is scheduled on a birthdate basis. Any student who will be at least 14 years, 8 months old prior to the first day of class (a birthdate before Nov. 21, 1985) will be eligible for this summer driver education program. All of the pertinent information is included on the registration form which must be completed and returned on Saturday, March 25. Registration forms will be distributed to students at the beginning of March. Additional registration forms can be picked up in either the Canton or Salem high school general offices. This year there is a charge of \$1,666 for the program, payable at registration. This includes a workbook.

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

**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 from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, March 25, at Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor. To register for the orientation or for more information, call The Arbor Hospice Volunteer Services department at (734) 662-3741, ext. 143.

**GRIEF AFTERCARE SUPPORT**  
■ Vermieulen Funeral Homes offers a monthly Grief Aftercare Support Group meeting for those who have recently experienced the death of a family member or close friend. The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at the Plymouth location on W. Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck. The meeting will be led by Wes Baldwin of Pointe Care Counseling, a grief counselor and former associate pastor. For more information, call (734) 459-2250.

## AROUND TOWN

**DINNERS FOR LENT**  
■ Summit on the Park in Canton offers pasta and fish buffet dinners every Friday between now and April 21. The dinners, served from 4:30 to 7 p.m., include cole slaw, two pastas, baked cod loin, potato, vegetable, roll and dessert along with a choice of beverage. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Call the Summit at (734) 397-5110 for information.

## BOOK SALE

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

**SOFTBALL REGISTRATION**  
■ The Canton Softball Center began spring league registration on March 1. Leagues are offered for Men's (B, C, Super D, D, E) Women's and Co-Ed (Competitive, Recreational) divisions Sunday through Friday beginning April 10. The spring season will offer a five-week double-header league plus playoffs. The cost is \$475 per team plus umpire fees. Full payment must accompany registration and league space is limited. Summer registration will begin on May 1. For more information, call the Canton Softball Center at (734) 483-5600. The registration form can also be found at www.cantonmi.org. The Canton Softball Center is located on Michigan Avenue, west of Canton Center Road.

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

**ADULT SOFTBALL**  
■ The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will be running the following Adult Softball Leagues this spring/summer: Men's Slow Pitch, Women's Slow Pitch, Co-ed Pitch and Men's Modified. Registration for returning teams began March 6. New teams will be able to register starting March 15. Season starts the week of May 1. For more information, call the Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 456-6620 or check the web at: www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

**SCHOOL OPENINGS**  
■ New Morning School in Plymouth has vacancies in the Primary/Kindergarten and Middle School for the 2000-01 school year. NMMS is a parent cooperative that fosters individualized/independent learning, self-esteem, and positive personal skills. Open houses for Primary/Kindergarten will begin at 9:15 a.m. and last approximately 1.5 hours Tuesday, March 21, and Tuesday, April 18. Middle School open house is April 5. Prospective children are welcome. For more information and for reservations, call (734) 420-3331.

■ Creative Day Nursery School is accepting registration for its preschool program for the fall 2000 sessions. Creative Day's program is a developmental approach with small classes and low student/adult ratio. Sessions consist of Freeplay,

**Chamber goes west for annual auction**

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Don't shoot me: Veterinarian Judi Fleischaker and Terry Jobbitt of Modern Insurance Agency get in character to promote "Diamonds and Denim," the annual dinner-auction hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce. This year's event, with a western theme, is set for 7 p.m. Friday, March 31, at Laurel Manor banquet hall in Livonia. Tickets are \$65 per person. For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-4040.

Storytime, Sharing, and Art and Music activities. Creative Day is located in Canton Township. Children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 5 are eligible. For more information, call (734) 981-3990.

**MEETING**  
■ The West Suburban Chapter of the National Association of Career Women will host its monthly meeting at 11:45 a.m. March 21 at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cost is \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members. The guest speaker will be Patricia Warner, etiquette consultant trained and certified by the Protocol School of Washington. Warner will speak on minding your P's and Q's in the workplace. For more information, or to make reservations, call Tracey Huff at (248) 347-3355.

**TRAINING CLASSES**  
■ The spring Volunteer Training program for Community Hospice and Home Care Service Inc. (CHHCS) runs from 5-9 p.m. Monday, March 20, through Friday, March 31. Sessions will be March 20, 22, 24, 27, 29, and 31. Classes will be held at the CHHCS offices of the northwest corner of Warren and Venoy in Westland. Volunteers are needed to help terminally ill individuals and their families in Wayne, Oakland, Monroe and Washtenaw counties. CHHCS needs volunteer hairdressers/barbers, masseuse, musicians, singers, craftsmen, and office help as well as direct patient care and companionship. Any volunteer willing to lend a hand is most welcome. The training program is free of charge and participants

**CALENDAR FORM**

The Canton Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Canton Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

**Event:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date and Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional info.:** \_\_\_\_\_

Use additional sheet if necessary

Recreation Division will be registering from April 3 through April 21 for the 5- and 6-year-old T-Ball League. Children must have been born July-December 1993, January-December 1994, January-July 1995. Registration will be at the recreation office at the Cultural Center, during office hours from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Birth certificate is required. The season runs seven weekends, running June 24-Aug. 12. No games July 1. For more information, call the city Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, or connect with the Web site at: www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

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

**SERVICE CENTER**  
■ The Michigan Works Service Center provides the Employer/Employee Connection for Washtenaw County. Job-seeking assistance is provided daily 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Face-to-face job fairs with instant interviews are held 9:30 a.m.-noon Thursday mornings. Free services include distribution of job position information, candidate referrals, resume preparation, interviewing assistance along with Internet access, computer use and free faxing. For more information, call (734) 481-2517.

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

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

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

**M.I.T.I.**  
■ Moms In Touch International is for mothers to meet weekly, for one hour, to pray for their children and schools. The goal is to form a group 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 Charlene Miller at (734) 455-4782.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

**COUNTERPOINT**  
■ Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families. Call (734) 563-5005 for information.

**ANGELA HOSPICE**  
■ Angela Hospice offers free monthly grief support groups for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. All groups meet at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia. For meeting dates and times, call Ruth Faver, (734) 464-7810.

**CLUBS**  
■ Mothers of Multiples  
■ The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the third week of each month on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays. Playgroup meets twice a month on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For more information, call Pam Heestand at (734) 981-8341.

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

**COUNTY CONNECTION**  
■ County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, a women's chorus singing four-part harmony barbershop style, is always looking for new members. Rehearsals take place 7 p.m. every Tuesday in Ypsilanti. Call (734) 480-6843.

**STAMP CLUB**  
■ Meetings of the West Suburban Stamp Club begin at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of the month at The Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The Web site address is www.oeonline.com/~pnj/wssc.html

**Listings for the Singles Calendar**  
should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 593-2131 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

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

**SINGLES WELCOME**  
Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance to divorced or separated Christians. Call (734) 981-4553 about the divorce recovery workshop. Monthly meetings are held the third Saturday of every month at 8 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Church, Hagerty Road (south of 5 Mile Road).

Tuesday's BSW goes to Thomas's Family Dining on Plymouth 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 Middlebelt). For information call (734) 981-4553.

■ Every Sunday, the singles organization offers breakfast at 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn on the northwest corner of 5 Mile and Beech Daly roads in Redford, followed by mass at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Catholic Church on Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 729-1974.  
■ Divorce Recovery Workshop (eight consecutive weeks) begins at noon. For information call Diane at (734) 981-4553.

■ Singles Dance April 1 at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church Hall located on the corner of West Chicago and Inkster Road and March 18 at St. Kenneth's Church Hall on Hagerty south of Five Mile Road. Doors open at 8 p.m. \$8 charge includes refreshments. Proper attire please.  
■ Coffee & Conversation every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Contact Diane at (734) 981-4553 for location.  
■ Pinchole every other Friday, contact Diane for location.

■ Movie & Dinner Night at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 16. Call Carol (313) 533-3041.

**Bring Your Own Sneakers ... Saturday, March 18 at 8 p.m. at the Livonia Family YMCA.** Join us for swimming, volleyball, tennis or racquetball. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. For more information call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

**WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE**  
Every Friday WestSide Singles hosts a dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Must be over 21, and dressy attire (no jeans). Open to the public. A deejay will be playing Top 40 music and current hits. Appetizers will be served. Early admission special \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after. For information please call (734) 981-0909.

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

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

**SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES**  
Single (30 years and older) and feeling alone? Coming join us. Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Rd. - west of Hagerty in Northville) invites you to join over 550 single adults each and every Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. For information or a newsletter call (248) 374-5920.

**FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS**  
A non-profit social group for singles ages 25-45 who share common interests and look to form new friendships. All events are open to non-members. Call (248) 851-9909 or visit www.fsp.org. Upcoming events include:  
■ Playing wallyball Tuesdays at Racquetball Farmington on Nine Mile. Check in starts at 8:45 p.m. and court time at 7 p.m. sharp. New players welcome. Courts are designated recreational, intermediate and advance. Cost is \$5 for one hour.  
■ Join us Thursday for "Fun and Fine Dining." Our goal is to provide members and friends with a sampling of some of the best and most interesting dining places in the metro Detroit area. Each week the restaurant will differ in style, ambience, price range and menu. We meet every Thursday anytime between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
■ Singles Mingles Dances - locations vary weekly. Call (248) 851-9909 for specifics.  
■ Co-ed bowling leagues is held every other Sunday starting at 5:45 p.m. at Drakeshire Lanes (located on Grand River east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills). We bowl every other Sunday for 12 weeks including a bowling banquet. Substitute bowlers are needed most weeks. Leagues start at 5:45 p.m. bowl three games.  
■ Euchre and pinhole are planned every Monday and dinner is served from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Cowley's Old Village Inn (on Grand River just east of Farmington Road) in Farmington next to the Civic Theater. Tables will be set up for all skill levels (beginner, intermediate, advanced). Tables are rotated every half hour. Cash bar and munchies available. A reasonably priced dinner is also available off the menu. Event is sponsored by the Metropolitan Single Professionals. Cost is \$4 for Farmington Single Professional members and \$5 for non-members.

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■ Every Sunday, the singles organization offers breakfast at 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn on the northwest corner of 5 Mile and Beech Daly roads in Redford, followed by mass at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Catholic Church on Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 729-1974.  
■ Divorce Recovery Workshop (eight consecutive weeks) begins at noon. For information call Diane at (734) 981-4553.

■ Singles Dance April 1 at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church Hall located on the corner of West Chicago and Inkster Road and March 18 at St. Kenneth's Church Hall on Hagerty south of Five Mile Road. Doors open at 8 p.m. \$8 charge includes refreshments. Proper attire please.  
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■ Pinchole every other Friday, contact Diane for location.

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## BAPTIST

### BETHEL BAPTIST TEMPLE

29475 W. Six Mile, Livonia  
734-525-3664

Sunday School 10:00 A.M.  
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.  
Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.  
Wed. Family Hour 7:15 P.M.

"A Church That's Concerned About People"

### NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

5403 S. Wayne Rd. • Wayne, MI  
(Between Michigan Ave. & Van Born Rd.)  
(734) 728-2180

Virgil Humes, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Service 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Children, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00-8:00 p.m.

## LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

## ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

### New St. Paul Tabernacle Church of God in Christ and Grandmont Rosedale Park Christian Day School

15340 Southfield Drive at Fenkell & Grand River  
Bishop P.A. Brooks, Pastor & Founder

313-835-5329

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

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### CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Luther A. Werth, Sr. Pastor  
Rev. Robert Bayer, Assist. Pastor  
Two locations to serve you

**LIVONIA**  
14175 Farmington Rd.  
Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
(734) 522-6630

**CANTON**  
46001 Warren Road  
(West of Canton Center)  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.  
(734) 414-7422

## EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN

### TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth  
5 Miles W. of Sheldon Rd.  
From M-14 take Gottfredson Rd. South

734-459-9550

Dr. Wm. C. Moore - Pastor

8:00 Prayer & Praise Service  
9:30 Lifeline Contemporary Service  
11:00 Traditional Service  
SUNDAY SCHOOL (NURSERY PROVIDED)  
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SERVED 8:00-8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School for All Ages

### WARD Evangelical Presbyterian Church

40000 Six Mile Road  
Just west of I-275  
Northville, MI  
248-374-7400

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Worship Services:  
8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A.M.  
Contemporary Service 8:30-9:45 A.M.  
Evening Service 6:00 P.M. In the Chapel  
Nursery Provided  
Now On The Radio 8:30 a.m. Sunday - WYUR 1310 AM

## PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)

### ST. TIMOTHY CHURCH, USA

16700 Newburgh Road  
Livonia • 734-464-8844

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Family Worship 11:00 a.m.  
"Keeping in Step - Patience"  
Rev. Dr. Janet Noble-Richardson, Pastor  
<http://www.unitedchurch-at-timothy.com>

### GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

3800 Sheldon Rd., Canton  
(734) 469-0613

Sunday School & Sunday Service 9:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.  
Education For All Ages  
Children's Program - Handicapped Accessible  
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### Tri-City Christian Center

Michigan Ave. & Hannan Rd.  
326-0530  
Sunday 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.

## CATHOLIC

### ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Traditional Latin Mass  
St. Anne's Academy - Grades K-8  
23310 Joy Road • Redford, Michigan  
5 Blocks E. of Telegraph • (313) 534-2121

Mass Schedules:  
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## RELIGION CALENDAR

**Lettings for the Religious News** should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES**  
St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford will hold mid-week worship services on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m. during Lent. Wednesday dates are March 29, April 5 and 12. Services will be held in the Chapel. Thursday services will be preceded by light supper at 6 p.m., worship at 7 p.m. Dates are March 16, March 23 and 30; April 6 and 13. All services will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion. St. John's Lutheran is located at 13542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster Road. Call (313) 538-2660.

**LENTEN SERVICES**  
The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday night at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church (23810 Joy Road in Redford, five blocks east of Telegraph). Phone (313) 534-2121. A video tape of one of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's retreats will be shown in the Church hall following the Stations each week of Lent. All are invited to attend.

**LENTEN DINNERS**  
St. Agatha Church (19750 Beech Daly) of Redford will offer Lenten dinners on Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent. 3-8 p.m. Dine in and carry out. Senior discount from 3-5 p.m. Children's menu available. Call (313) 531-0371.

**LENTEN SERVICES**  
St. James Presbyterian (25350 W. Six Mile Road) in Redford Township will hold Lenten services every Wednesday evening through April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Maundy Thursday

services, including communion, are at 7:30 p.m. April 20. For more information call (313) 534-7730.

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (39020 Five Mile Road in Livonia) will offer Lenten service at 6:45 p.m. every Wednesday from March 15 through April 12. Palm Sunday service is April 16 at 8:30 and 11 a.m.; a prayer vigil service will be held during Holy Week at 7:30 p.m. April 18; April 19, healing service at 7:30 p.m.; April 20 is Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday Inter-faith service at noon April 21; Good Friday Tenebrae at 7:30 p.m. April 21; Easter vigil and baptism service at 7:30 p.m. April 22 and Easter Sunday services at 6 a.m. (sunrise communion); 8 a.m. communion service with choir; 9:45 a.m. instrumentalists and a joyful Eucharist; and 11:30 a.m. Christ is Risen!

**LENTEN MEAL**  
St. Genevieve Parish of Livonia will offer a Lenten meal March 17, 24, 31 and April 7 and 14 from 5-7 p.m. Menu includes baked fish, potato and all you can eat soup and salad. Macaroni and cheese as a children's meal. Cost is \$6 for adults; \$3.50 for children ages 6-12 and 5 and under eat free.

**WEARING OF THE GREEN**  
On Saturday, March 18 at 6 p.m. Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road) will be having a St. Patrick's Day party as part of its "Saturday Nite Live" family nights. Guests are encouraged to bring a dish to pass and to wear green. This fun filled event for the whole family includes games, music and sing-a-longs. Call (734) 421-1760.

**IN CONCERT**  
Still Listening will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18 at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia (36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh

and Wayne Roads). Free will offerings; refreshments will be sold. For more information call Diana at (734) 455-7427.

**CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN**  
Muhammad Ali and his wife Lonnie are spearheading "Champions for Children," a special fund-raiser for Lutheran Child and Family services to promote foster care and adoption placement, at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 18. General admission tickets to the event, which include a live auction and movie viewing of "When We Were Kings," are priced at \$50 and are available at TicketMaster Outlets. For information on a variety of special tickets call (734) 354-3600.

**DARLA MCFADDEN**  
Come and praise the Lord in a worship celebration with "Darla McFadden" at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 19 at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road in Livonia. Phone (734) 464-0990. Darla is a Christian music artist from Indianapolis. She will be singing songs both old and new that will bless and encourage your heart, including songs from her most recent recording, "He is Worthy."

**RENEWAL SERVICES**  
Chris McNairy of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan will preach at Mainstreet Baptist Church in Canton during the church's renewal services, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 19, 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, March 20-22, at the church, 8500 N. Morton Taylor. Special music and child care provided. Call (734) 453-4785.

**WEIGH DOWN**  
A weigh down workshop orientation will be held Monday evening March 20 at Family Impact Ministries the pastoral care center of Tri-City Christian Center located on Michigan Ave. (one mile east of I-275) in Canton. You must call to register. (734) 326-7780.

**SPIRITUAL ELDERING WORKSHOP**

The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church workshop is meant for members of the church who want to use their life experience to nurture, heal or impact a younger generation and this world. It is intended for those who seek deeper meaning in later life and seek ways to enrich their elder years. Presenters provided by the Spiritual Eldering Institute. The workshop will be held 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, March 21, 28 and April 4, 11 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The registration fee for the series is \$30. Call (734) 464-0211.

**DIVORCE & BEYOND**  
The Friends Group of St. Thomas Church in Ann Arbor is conducting a Divorce and Beyond Workshop on Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. beginning March 22nd. Divorce and Beyond is a course of eight weekly evening sessions that helps the individual come to terms with a relationship that has irretrievably broken down. Divorce and Beyond offers a secure environment for discussion and understanding of feelings. Program topics include the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, blame and guilt, loneliness, and forgiveness. Call Virginia Nikola at (734) 994-9194 or Gerald Black at (734) 741-1874 for information and registration. Cost is \$20, which includes "Divorce and Beyond," a book by James Grotman, CSC and Leon Haverkamp, MSW.

**ECUMENICAL LENTEN GATHERINGS**  
"Opening Our Hearts to Christ-Jubilee 2000" will begin with noon services on the Wednesdays of Lent followed by a luncheon of bread and soup. All services will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 710 Church St. in Plymouth. Worship leaders/lunch providers are as follows:

March 22, First United Methodist (Our Lady of Good Counsel); March 29, First Baptist (First Baptist); April 5, Saint Kenneth (First United Methodist); and April 12, Salvation Army (Salvation Army). Donations to cover the cost of lunch benefit the Greater Detroit Partnership for Training (a national initiative that addresses primary health care shortages).

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES**  
March 22, 29 and April 5, 12 at 7 p.m. at Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia (8820 Wayne Road). Weekly prayer and discussion about the five-session "God is Here," video series from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Each week allows for personal and group reflections on worship. Kids are welcome to participate, as they are able. Reservations are not necessary.

**TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE**  
St. Agatha Church (19750 Beech Daly Road) in Redford will hold a Taize Prayer Service at 7 p.m. March 23 at St. Agatha Church. Call Linda Phillips for information (313) 531-0371.

**SEXUAL ABUSE RECOVERY**  
The recovery from sexual abuse group meets Thursday evenings beginning March 23. Registration cost is \$25 per person, however, scholarships are available. Deadline to register is March 15. Family Impact Ministries the pastoral care center of Tri-City Christian Center located on Michigan Ave. (one mile east of I-275) in Canton. Call (734) 326-7780.

**DINNER W/ THE FILLMORES**  
On Sunday, March 26 at 4:30 p.m. Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road) will be hosting a dinner featuring healthy and delicious original recipes, many of which are vegetarian, from Unity Inn in Missouri. Dinner

will be served on a love offering basis. After dinner there will be a discussion of the original writings of the Fillmores, the founders of the Unity Church. Call (734) 421-1760.

**LUTHERAN SINGERS**  
The Detroit Lutheran Singers, Eric Freidigman, director and Doris Hall, accompanist, will perform a concert of sacred choral music with participation by children's choirs at Christ Our Savior Lutheran at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26 (14175 Farmington Road in Livonia). Tickets are \$10 (\$7 for students and seniors). Call (248) 988-0604 or visit their Web site at <http://members.xoom.com/kmwin/dls.html>

**JUBILEE JOURNEY**  
Come to the Jubilee Journey "A Carnival of Saints" from 3-5 p.m. March 26 at St. Maurice Parish Hall, 32765 Lyndon, Livonia. Celebrate your faith, enjoy the fun and check out the food. Call 421-5240 for information.

**SPIRITUAL RETREAT**  
A Spiritual Weekend Retreat titled, "A New Century - A New Beginning," will be held March 31-April 2 at St. Johns Center in Plymouth. Several inspirational speakers will be present. Cost is \$100 and \$115 (double room/single room), lodging and meals included. Pre-registration is a must by March 22. Call Jeff (313) 381-0731 or Arlene (810) 776-2621.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
A women's retreat titled "Getting Real with God," is planned for Friday March 31 and Saturday April 1 through Tri-City Christian Center of Canton. Registration date is March 15. \$79 per person. For more information call Tri-City Christian Center at (734) 326-0330.

**FAMILY GAME NIGHT**  
April 1 at Timothy Lutheran Church from 6-8 p.m. (8820 Wayne Road). A game night for the whole family - including get-to-know you games, board games, card games, and games for children. Please call (734) 427-2290 for information.

**TAI CHI**  
A beginner class of Tai chi will be offered Monday, April 3 under the sponsorship of the Taoist Tai Chi Society in Livonia (38121 Ann Arbor Road) and Nardin Park United Methodist Church. Day classes for seniors available at the Livonia location. Observers welcome. Visit our Web site at [www.ttc.org](http://www.ttc.org). Call (248) 332-1281.

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# Contemporary format church celebrates second anniversary

For a church that doesn't have an overwhelming number of members Canton Friendship Church appears to be thriving as it approaches its second anniversary. On any given Sunday, you're likely to find a couple hundred worshippers gathered together at their rented, temporary quarters in the Walnut Room of Canton's Summit on the Park. Average attendance was right around 180 for calendar year 1999.

Affiliated with the United Methodist Church, Canton Friendship is an experiment of sorts. It was established to serve those who either had no church or who were slowly drifting away from their faith. The plan was to package the ministry in a format

familiar and attractive to today's "unchurched" adult.

The worship experience, according to members, is best characterized as having a friendly, casual atmosphere, with multimedia presentations, and upbeat music. Messages emphasize the practical application of biblical lessons to everyday living.

While the church definitely wants to attract any and all worshippers looking for a more contemporary atmosphere, there is an abundance of young families with children.

With the financial support of a fund raising campaign among Michigan's United Methodists, the church's ongoing marketing plan utilizes time-tested Madi-

son Avenue techniques to solicit interest. The coordinated effort includes phone calls to area families, typically those with no church affiliation. Colorful brochures are then mailed to all prospects that respond favorably. A typical title is: "The Top Five Reasons People Don't Go to Church Anymore."

The response has been outstanding according to the Reverend Mike Norton, senior pastor. "We find that over 60 percent of our attendees say that they had no involvement with a church before coming to Canton Friendship," said Norton. "And, we've continued to have sizable, enthusiastic congregations ever since, with new people visiting every week."

What make the service so popular? "Short sermons," quipped Norton. "We keep it simple and practical, tending to talk about personal and family issues."

Some of the more appealing facets of the church, according to members, include the worshippers' ability to take their pre-church coffees into the services; Canton Friendship utilizes a five-piece band to keep things lively and words to hymns and songs are projected on a seven-by-ten foot screen. Also the dress code emphasizes comfort.

"Our whole family truly enjoys the Canton Friendship Church," said regular attendee Robin LeClerc. The children's ministry, Promiseland, uses a lot of hands-on curriculum that really gets

kids involved in learning. Even our boys like the church right away.

## New perspective

"My husband and I strongly agree that it's not a place where you just feel like you're being preached to, but rather one where you can truly learn and interact. And, even if you're new, you don't feel alone. You can be yourself."

In agreement with LeClerc are Tony and Stacy Garczynski. "It's the perfect place for families to grow in their relationships with the Lord and learn about God. Through the friendships we've made and the support we've received, it has truly enhanced our family life. Our kids have

made many friends in church and a lot to share and talk about during the week."

Susan Lesti says you don't have to be a single woman to enjoy the family atmosphere. "I attended church all my life out of obligation and fear. I didn't look forward to going and paid little attention to sermons that were not applicable to my life. I was just going through the motions. Now it's totally different. Pastor Norton is just like everyone else. I like the music and sermons, and can apply them to my life. I'm no longer intimidated by religion and I'm developing a relationship with Christ."

# Kindermusik offers spring classes for young children, parents

Newborns pack your school bags and get ready to learn. Kindermusik begins its spring session on May 1 at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial in Plymouth.

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## Zoom Buggy

Newborns to 18-month old babies and their parents can join this 45-minute class. It meets for 8 weeks and costs \$58 with a \$30

materials fee. Beginning early, on April 3, class meets 9:30 a.m. Tuesday; 10:35 a.m. Wednesday; 5:45 p.m. Thursday; 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

## Creatures In My Yard

18 month olds to 3 1/2 year olds and their parents can experience nature and the world around them with this 5-week class. It lasts 45 minutes and costs \$38 with a \$30 materials fee for a CD, activity cards, and

a folktale bunny hand puppet. Class meets 9:30 a.m. Monday; 10:20 a.m. Tuesday; 11:30 a.m. Wednesday; noon and 6:35 p.m. Thursday; 12:15 p.m. Saturday.

## Creatures In The Ocean

18 month olds to 3 1/2 year olds and their parents can learn more about the sea, calypso music and more with this 5-week class. It lasts 45 minutes and costs \$38 with a \$30 materials fee for a CD, activity cards,

seashell castanets and story cards. Class meets 10:20 a.m. Monday; 11:10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday; 10:20 a.m. Saturday.

## Adventures Around The World

Four to 7-year olds may join this 5-week class and learn about the dance, drama and music associated with countries like England, Germany, Japan, Africa and Mexico. It lasts one hour and costs \$45 with a \$35

materials fee for maracas, den-den drum, activity cards, a crown and more. Class meets 11:15 a.m. Monday; noon, 5 and 6:45 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday; 11:15 a.m. Saturday.

Enroll anytime, classes are pro-rated. There will be no classes on Easter break, April 24-29, or Memorial Day, Monday, May 29. Those classes will be made up on Monday, June 5.

No refunds are given after the

first class, but credits are available. Siblings receive a 20 percent discount on tuition, and discounts are available for materials.

A \$5 class credit is offered for referrals if another child enrolls. A 50 percent discount on tuition is offered if a child is enrolled for 5 consecutive semesters. For more information or to register, call Lori Nelson at (734) 354-9109.

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for information.

## SPRING SPECTACULAR

Livonia Stevenson High School (33500 W. Six Mile Rd./1 block west of Farmington Rd. 2 miles north of I-96) will be the host site of the "Spring Spectacular Craft Show" from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sat. April 8. For information call: 248-478-2395 or 248-476-0315.

## CREATIVE MEMORIES

Join us from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 8 for a day of cropping, scrapbooking, and fun at the Bailey Center in Westland

(36651 Ford Road). Cost is \$20 per person and includes lunch, snacks, beverages and lots of other special goodies. Pre-register by March 28 and receive the exclusive, 96-page book "How to take great photos with any camera." Limited space is available. Call to reserve a spot, Terry Saenz (734) 981-6577.

## GARDEN GALA CRAFT SHOW

Crafters are needed who specialize in yard and garden related crafts for the first "Garden Gala," May 20, at Memorial Elementary School in Garden City.

If you are interested in participating call Rhonda, (734) 762-0183.

## CHELSEA SUMMER FEST

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

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### All-MIAC honors

Three members of the Plymouth Christian Academy basketball teams were singled out for honors by the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Dave Carty, a 6-foot-1 senior guard, and Mike Huntsman, a 6-4 senior center, were both all-MIAC first-team selections. Derric Isensee, a 6-3 senior forward, was named to the second team.

In addition, Carty and Auburn Hills Oakland Christian's Jimmy Mehlberg were named co-Most Valuable Players.

PCA tied Allen Park Inter-City Baptist for first in the MIAC, each with an 8-2 record. The Eagles are riding a 17-game winning streak and will play in the Class D regional finals Friday at Hillsdale.

### College standouts

Central Michigan University's baseball team got off to a solid start, posting a 7-4 record on their spring trip to Jacksonville, Fla. Among CMU's victims were University of Michigan (11-6), South Alabama (7-2) and Iowa (9-3).

Mike Gates, a freshman at CMU from Canton, got off to a solid start as a Chippewa. Gates had eight hits with a .348 batting average, with a double, a home run, five runs batted in and five runs scored.

Amy Sonnanstine, a junior at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, turned in a solid performance at the North Coast Athletic Conference Indoor Track Championships, held at Denison University.

A 1997 Plymouth Canton graduate, Sonnanstine placed fifth in the pole vault, clearing 8-feet, 10-inches and was part of the distance medley relay team that finished eighth. Wittenberg placed fifth overall.

### Ambassador signs

Ryan Connelly, a forward for the Compuware Ambassadors, has agreed to attend the University of North Dakota. The 5-foot-9, 175-pounder joined the Ambassadors March 8 and has played just three games in the North American Hockey League, collecting two assists.

Connelly is the seventh Ambassador to commit to a college this season. Mike Roemensky and Steve Jackson have already left to play for their collegiate teams, Roemensky at Michigan and Jackson at Michigan State.

### CYO football meeting

The Catholic Youth Organization will have a meeting for those boys in grades 3-8 who are interested in playing CYO football at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

All boys interested in playing are invited to attend this informational meeting. Our Lady of Good Counsel is located at 1062 Church in Plymouth.

For more information, call Mike Girsakis at (734) 454-0847 or at (734) 427-6270.

### Spring hockey sign-up

Registration is now under way for adult spring recreational hockey leagues.

The Rockets (over 21 years) will play Sundays and Thursdays at the Artic Pond Arena in Plymouth; the Plymouth Masters (over 40) will play Sundays and Wednesdays at the Plymouth Cultural Center; the Golden Eagles (over 49) will play Sunday and Wednesday nights at the Artic Pond.

The season runs April 2-May 11. To register, call or FAX name and address to John Wilson at (248) 471-0658, or E-mail him at: [john@rspl.net](mailto:john@rspl.net).

### Harrier coach wanted

The Plymouth Salem girls cross country team is seeking an assistant volunteer coach for the fall 2000 season.

The job includes knowledge of distance running and ability to convey that to high school athletes.

Financial compensation will be worked out upon hiring.

Those interested should contact Salem varsity coach Dave Gerlach at (734) 416-7708.

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.

## PCA's going back to final



When the 1998-99 season ended, the goals for Plymouth Christian Academy's team were already set. Tuesday's win in the regional semifinals put the Eagles at the point where last season ended. Redemption is at hand.

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Speed kills.  
It did Tuesday night in the Class D basketball regional tournament at

Hillsdale College. And Plymouth Christian Academy was the team that had it.

The Eagles' superior speed allowed them to wear down and eventually wear out Reading by a 72-61 margin. The win was their 17th-straight and

earned them a return trip to Friday's regional final against the winner of Wednesday's game between Adrian Lenawee Christian and Morrice.

PCA is 19-4. Reading bows out at 17-6.

"As good as we played Thursday (in beating Jackson Christian), we played bad tonight," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "But we always get the job done. Tonight, we made the big plays when we needed to."

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## Rocks slide to Pershing in regional

BY DAN O'MEARA  
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A strong first half allowed Plymouth Salem's basketball team to retain a measure of pride despite a 16-point loss Tuesday in a Class A boys regional game.

The Rocks can take comfort in knowing they forced heavily-favored Detroit Pershing to play the second half to beat them.

Pershing was only up four points at halftime but distanced itself from Salem in the third quarter and eventually won 84-68 at Southfield-Lathrup.

The Doughboys (20-2) increased their defensive pressure in the second half, caused Salem to make more turnovers and scored a bunch of points in transition.

"We picked them up full court and went to a zone press and a half-court trap," Pershing coach Arnold Nevels said. "We thought, if we picked them up deeper and kept the game in the back court more, we could disrupt their offense."

After Salem's Matt McCaffrey scored the first basket of the third quarter to put the Rocks within two, 41-39, the Doughboys went on a 16-2 run that decided the issue.

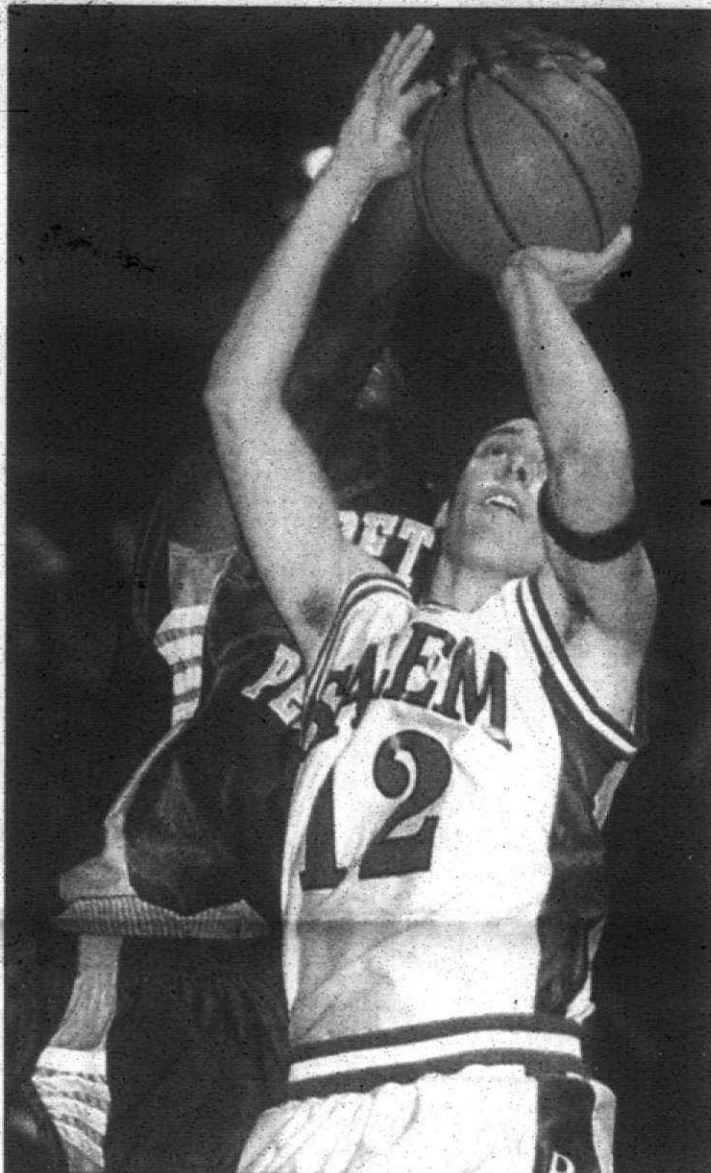
Pershing guard Michael Bailey scored half of his team-high 24 points in that period and forward Jacob Shaw seven of his 16.

The Doughboys, who led 66-49 going into the fourth quarter, scored nearly all of their second-half points on layups or dunks by 6-foot-9 Arthur Johnson and 6-10 Darris Manciel, both of whom blocked a good many shots, too.

"We can't make some of the mistakes we did and miss open shots and expect to stay close to a team like," Salem coach Bob Brodie said, "because once you get down it's real difficult."

"It was like a time bomb waiting to happen. You

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STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEL

Not this time: Salem's Jeff Haar gets this shot swatted away by a Pershing defender in Tuesday's regional semifinal. The Rocks made it a game - for a half.

## Whalers' streak 2nd-longest in OHL



Seventeen — a number with a special meaning for the Plymouth Whalers.

That's how many they've won in a row. The most recent in that string was Sunday's 3-2 victory over the Owen Sound Platers at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, with a crowd of 2,335 in attendance.

What they witnessed was something considered completely improbable just a couple weeks earlier: a changing of the guard, if you will.

For the first time since early in the season, the Ottawa 67s did not have the Ontario Hockey League's best record. That honor belonged to the Whalers, who are currently 43-17-4, with 91 points in 64 games. Ottawa is 43-20-3 for 90 points in 66 games.

The 17-straight wins extends the team record for most wins in a row (the former mark of 12 belonged to the Detroit Junior Wings, set in '95) and brings the Whalers closer to the OHL record of 25, established by the Oshawa Generals. The Whalers current string is second longest in OHL history.

In the win over Owen Sound, Plymouth overcame a 2-1 deficit after the first period with a pair of second-period goals by Eric Gooldy, both assisted by Stephen Weiss and Jared Newman. Justin Williams' 35th goal of the season in the opening period (from Damian Surma and Jamie Lalonde) had tied the game at 1-1.

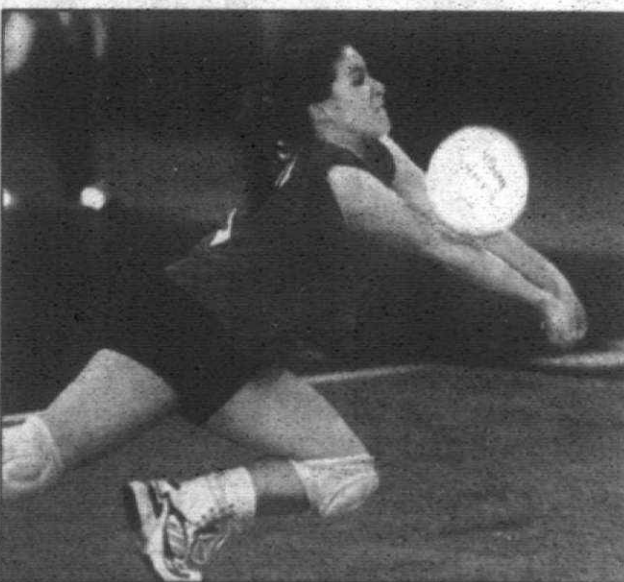
Rob Zepp stopped 17 of 19 shots in earning the victory in goal for the Whalers. Corey Roberts turned away 37 of 40 Whaler shots for the Platers (19-39-6).

On Saturday at Compuware, second-period goals

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## Just too much

## Temperance Bedford sidelines Salem in quarters



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Diggin' it: Liz Gizicki saves this one for Plymouth Salem, but the Rocks couldn't quite match up with a powerful Temperance Bedford team.

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With the Van Gogh exhibit still in town, Plymouth Salem's volleyball team tried to come up with another masterpiece.

Unfortunately for the Rocks, their Class A state tournament run ended Tuesday night at Eastern Michigan University's new Convocation Center.

Temperance Bedford eliminated Salem for the second straight year in the quarterfinals with a 15-2, 16-14 triumph.

Bedford, 73-11 overall, moves on to Friday's state semifinal in Kalamazoo, while Salem ends its year at 44-12-1.

"We felt with the kind of talent we had coming in this year we'd have to build around character, heart and playing together as a team," Salem coach Tom Teeters said. "That took us a

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long way. They got a lot more out of themselves and they did really well. They surprised the coaching staff with what they accomplished. I'm proud of the girls because most of them were starters for the first time."

Salem, which lost Feb. 12 to Kicking Mules in the Bedford Invitational finals, 15-3, 15-9, appeared to be overwhelmed in the opening game.

Bedford breezed to a 15-2 win as Nicole Salisbury and Valerie Lyczkowski, a pair of 5-foot-10 seniors, combined for four blocks and six kills.

Teeters then changed his serving strategy. The soft drinks over the net which proved to be so successful in Saturday's regional conquest of

Livonia Franklin were quickly abandoned to start the second game.

"We tried the deep, cannonball serves and it took them out of their game a little bit," the Salem coach said. "We saw in the first game that they were playing close. It's not an option we usually do in practice and we've rarely used it against other teams."

"But it's an option."

Salem began to get into the groove, building leads of 6-3 and 10-5 in Game No. 2.

"When they had a four or five-point lead I think our kids began to think what might happen," Bedford coach Jodi Manore said. "I think we got a little overconfident and they (Salem) picked up their game. They began find holes and we were not aggressive."

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### WRESTLING

## Thompson finishes 2nd at state meet

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What Ron Thompson accomplished in four years was, in a word, amazing.

Indeed, if one listens to Plymouth Salem co-coach Greg Wooschuk, it's rather surprising he was a member of the Rocks' varsity wrestling team as a senior.

"He was by far the worst wrestler we had as a freshman," said Wooschuk. Longtime Salem coach Ron Krueger wouldn't go that far, but he agreed Thompson wasn't anywhere near the top of the talent list his first year.

But one of Thompson's premier attributes is determination. That, combined with his ability to learn and adapt quickly, helped take him to the Division I individual championship match at 119 pounds.

Unfortunately, Thompson couldn't quite clear his final obstacle at Saturday's tournament, held at Joe Louis Arena. Dan Jilg of Novi kept his season record against Thompson perfect, beating Thompson 4-2. It was the fifth time Jilg has topped Thompson this year.

"Right now, Ronnie has a mental block against Jilg," said Krueger. "But he'll keep working and keep working and keep working until he beats Jilg."

"Ronnie does a lot of unorthodox things other wrestlers don't do. He'd definitely be on my all-time list, and you know why? He's an over-achiever."

Thompson advanced by beating Cody Nicholson of Grandville 10-4 in the first round; Craig Trombley of New Baltimore Anchor Bay 7-5 in overtime in the quarterfinals; and Ben Sutton of Lansing Eastern 4-3 in the semifinals.

His win over Trombley, who was unbeaten at the time, was, according to Krueger, "the best match in the whole tournament." But with Thompson, doing the

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# Rocks' relay scores at state

It was, well, okay. Certainly many of the Plymouth Salem state meet qualifiers had hoped for a bit more at last weekend's championships at Eastern Michigan University. Still, many turned in season-best times.

The Rocks scored points with their 200-yard freestyle relay, which placed 10th in 1:28.75. Relay members were Dan Jones, Aaron Shelton, Mark Wit-

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thoff and Mike Johnson.

Salem's 400 free relay was disqualified, and its 200 medley relay narrowly missed qualifying for Saturday's finals, placing 13th in 1:40.54. Team members were Eric Lynn, Jason Rebarich, Ben Dzialo and Mike Johnson.

Johnson also just missed qualifying for the finals in the 50 free, placing 13th in 22.40.

Lynn finished 16th in the 200 individual medley (1:59.67) and was 17th in the 100 backstroke (55.67).

Dzialo placed 24th in the 100 butterfly (54.85), and Brian Mertens was 20th in the 500 free (4:59.92).

For Canton, Brad Nilson took 20th in

the 100 backstroke (56.07), and the Chiefs' 200 medley relay team of Nilson, Eddie Lindow, Aaron Reeder and Matt Wisniewski finished 20th (1:41.61).

Canton's 200 free relay team of Reeder, Matt Wisniewski, Trey Gercak and Steve Rice placed 30th (1:33.33).

Birmingham Brother Rice successfully defended its state title, scoring 167 points to edge Ann Arbor Pioneer (162). Rochester Adams was third (111).

Best among Observerland teams was Livonia Stevenson, which tied Battle Creek Lakeview for 15th with 28 points. Joe Bublitz, a junior, led the Spartans by finishing third in the 200 individual medley and fifth in the 100 butterfly.

North Farmington finished 17th with 26 points, while Salem ended up 32nd with six. Redford Catholic Central scored one point; Canton did not score.

## STATE SWIMMING AND DIVING RESULTS

**BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
**STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET**  
March 12 at Eastern Michigan Univ.  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Birmingham Brother Rice, 167; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 162; 3. Rochester Adams, 111; 4. University of Detroit Jesuit, 105; 5. Birmingham Groves, 90; 6. Rockford, 88; 7. Holland West Ottawa, 81; 8. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 56; 9. Holland, 54; 10. Grand Haven, 48; 11. Okemos, 38; 12. (tie) Redford and Troy, 32; 14. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, 29; 15. (tie) Livonia Stevenson and Battle Creek Lakeview, 28; 17. North Farmington, 26; 18. Ann Arbor Huron, 25; 19. (tie) Kalamazoo Central and Hudsonville, 22; 21. (tie) Bay City Western and Midland Dow, 21; 23. (tie) East Lansing and Portage Central, 15; 25. Zeeland, 14; 26. Vassar, 13; 27. Jackson, 11; 28. Walled Lake, 11; 29. Grand Rapids Forest Hills North, 9; 30. Royal Oak Dondora, 8; 31. Adrian, 7; 32. Plymouth Salem, 6; 33. East Kentwood, 5; 34. (tie) Grosse Pointe North and Grand Lodge, 3; 36. St. Johns, 2; 37. (tie) Redford Catholic Central, North, Grand Rapids Cretan, Northville, 1.

**RESULTS BY EVENT**

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Pioneer (Will McDonald, Victor Stover, John Stover, Blake Barsani), 1:35.42; 2. Groves, 1:36.15; 3. Brother Rice, 1:36.17; 4. Lahser, 1:37.70; 5. Holland, 1:38.48; 6. Lakeview, 1:39.16; 7. North Farmington (Jim Gabriel, Jon Zaid, Adam Farber, Chris Clayson), 1:38.68; 8. Rockford, 1:39.16; 9. West Ottawa, 1:39.17; 10. Livonia Stevenson (Joe Bublitz, Mike Nemer, Brandon Truscott, Kevin VanTiem), 1:40.68; 11. Forest Hills North, 1:40.79; 12. Forest Hills Central, 1:41.61.

**400 free relay:** 1. Jefferson Moore, Brother Rice, 1:40.00; 2. Chris DeJong, Holland, 1:40.70; 3. Michael Port, Detroit Jesuit, 1:41.21; 4. Matt Bowman, Brother Rice, 1:44.25; 5. Greg Strickler, Midland Dow, 1:44.21; 6. Graham Taylor, Pioneer, 1:46.17; 7. Jimmy Ohngren, Adams, 1:43.93; 8. Peter Gosselaar, West Ottawa, 1:44.82; 9. Josh Davidson, Brother Rice, 1:45.08; 10. Steven Hill, Pioneer, 1:47.15; 11. Scott Pasvola, Grosse Pointe North, 1:47.21; 12. Matt Zolnier, Rockford, 1:52.19.

**500 free relay:** 1. Randolph Lam, Detroit Jesuit, 1:49.82; 2. Kris Carver, Huron, 1:51.43; 3. Joe Bublitz, Livonia Stevenson, 1:52.07; 4. Christian Vanderkaay, Adams, 1:52.40; 5. Scott Weir, Forest Hills Central, 1:52.96; 6. Ondrej Pekarik, Kalamazoo Central, 1:55.28; 7. Victor Stover, Pioneer, 1:56.37; 8. Thomas Giering, Hudsonville, 1:56.54; 9. Mike Gustafson, Forest Hills Central, 1:56.68; 10. Will Wakefield, Pioneer, 1:56.90; 11. Justin Smith, Bay City Western, 1:57.15; 12. Chris Brede, Brother Rice, 1:57.94.

**50 free:** 1. Larry Kennedy, Groves, 21.25; 2. Jake Niergarth, Grand Haven, 21.35; 3. Chris Sullivan, Rockford, 21.63; 4. Justin Zumsteg, Rochester, 21.67; 5. Andrew Taylor, Adams, 21.97; 6. Wickle Gibson, Okemos, 22.15; 7. Will McDonald, Pioneer, 21.96; 8. Jeff Travis, Dondora, 22.00; 9. Paul Jackson, Troy, 22.11; 10. (tie) Ron Garber, St. Johns, and Patrick Saucedo, Jackson, 22.13; 12. Jeff Voogdewey, Portage Central, 22.41.

**Diving:** 1. Andrew Sivuka, Pioneer, 503.95 points; 2. Paul McCarthy, Ypsilanti, 467.80; 3. Justin Laskowski, Bay City Western, 434.95; 4. Chris Gawnick, Walled Lake, 425.45; 5. Dusty Garwood, Lahser, 414.50; 6. Ryan Matuzak, Rochester, 409.75; 7. Ryan Cowmeadow, Adrian, 405.35; 8. Jeff Magnus, East Kentwood, 404.75; 9. Tony Schultz, Brother Rice, 397.10; 10. Chad Zilich, Pioneer, 376.45; 11. Ben Chapman, Rockford, 371.95; 12. Eric Demarco, Pioneer, 362.00.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Randolph Lam, Detroit Jesuit, 1:26.57; 2. Alex Ebner, Okemos, 49.87; 3. John Stover, Pioneer, 51.80; 4. Greg Strickler, Midland Dow, 52.00; 5. Joe Bublitz, Livonia Stevenson, 52.12; 6. Thomas Giering, Hudsonville, 52.14; 7. Matt Holcomb, Brother Rice, 52.69; 8. Brian O'Rourke, Groves, 53.09; 9. Todd Webster, Troy, 53.35; 10. Aaron Kueker, Adams, 53.37; 11. Chris Heintz, Lahser, 53.68; 12. Brett McMillen, Catholic Central, 54.07.

**100 free:** 1. Larry Kennedy, Groves, 46.08; 2. Scott Weir, Forest Hills Central, 46.90; 3. Michael Port, Detroit Jesuit, 46.97; 4. Jake Niergarth, Grand Haven, 47.26; 5. Matt Bowman, Brother Rice, 47.62; 6. Patrick Saucedo, Jackson, 47.89; 7. Andrew Scheerhorn, West Ottawa, 47.86; 8. Andrew Terry, East Lansing, 48.36; 9. Matt Zolnier, Rockford, 48.43; 10. Jeff Travis, Dondora, 48.48; 11. Kevin Hyde, Rockford, 48.53; 12. Derek Allen, Creston, 49.07.

**500 free:** 1. Jefferson Moore, Brother Rice, 4:32.87; 2. Chris DeJong, Holland, 4:33.01; 3. Kris Carver, Huron, 4:38.00; 4. Peter Gosselaar, West Ottawa, 4:40.42; 5. Jimmy Ohngren, Adams, 4:42.15; 6. Graham Taylor, Pioneer, 4:50.82; 7. Justin Smith, Bay City Western, 4:53.57; 8. Peter Vanderkaay, Adams, 4:43.91; 9. Steven Hill, Pioneer, 4:45.03; 10. Victor Stover, Pioneer, 4:46.38; 11. Scott Pasvola, Grosse Pointe North, 4:47.51; 12. Scott Whitbeck, Northville, 4:48.81.

**200 free relay:** 1. Pioneer (Will McDonald, Blake Barsani, Victor Stover, John Stover), 1:25.92; 2. Brother Rice, 1:26.43; 3. Detroit Jesuit, 1:26.57; 4. Rockford, 1:27.29; 5. Groves, 1:27.32; 6. Adams, 1:28.37; 7. Grand Haven, 1:28.23; 8. Portage Central, 1:28.55; 9. Zeeland, 1:28.63; 10. Plymouth Salem (Dan Jones, Aaron Shelton, Mark Witthoff, Mike Johnson), 1:28.75; 11. Hudsonville, 1:29.04; 12. Troy, 1:29.30.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Andrew Scheerhorn, West Ottawa, 51.13; 2. Alex Ebner, Okemos, 51.59; 3. Justin Zumsteg, Rochester, 51.98; 4. Kurt Schoenhals, Lahser, 52.36; 5. Luke Lehner, Lakeview, 53.40; 6. Matt Holcomb, Brother Rice, 53.65; 7. Kevin Hyde, Rockford, 53.85; 8. Andrew Ciesielski, Brother Rice, 54.00; 9. Todd Webster, Troy, 54.30; 10. Wickle Gibson, Okemos, 54.48; 11. Mike DeTefano, Brother Rice, 54.81; 12. Garrett Paslak, Detroit Jesuit, 56.29.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Christlani Vanderkaay, Adams, 57.99; 2. Ondrej Pekarik, Kalamazoo Central, 58.62; 3. Adam Farber, North Farmington, 59.40; 4. Andrew Kurtz, Lahser, 59.78; 5. Nick Mrozowski, East Lansing, 1:00.01; 6. Aaron Kues, Adams, 1:00.83; 7. Matt Schaffer, Groves, 1:00.18; 8. Luke Port, Forest Hills North, 1:00.59; 9. Ross Guerik, Hudsonville, 1:00.68; 10. Joey Pier, Grand Lodge, 1:00.77; 11. Brian Cahill, Adams, 1:01.11; 12. Justin Hill, Holt, 1:01.92.

**400 free relay:** 1. Brother Rice (Jefferson Moore, John Davidson, Chris Brede, Matt Bowman), 3:08.08; 2. Rockford, 3:11.16; 3. Detroit Jesuit, 3:11.29; 4. Pioneer, 3:11.44; 5. Adams, 3:14.44; 6. Troy, 3:14.80; 7. West Ottawa, 3:14.08; 8. Grand Haven, 3:14.76; 9. Holland, 3:14.91; 10. Zeeland, 3:14.97; 11. Portage Central, 3:16.72; 12. Salem (disqualified).

**OBSERVERLAND FINISHERS**  
**(Friday's Preliminary Heats)**  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Salem (Eric Lynn, Jason Rebarich, Ben Dondora, Mike Johnson), 1:40.54; 2. Redford CC (Brett Meekins, Chris LaFont, Bryant Steele, Ed Lesnau), 1:41.09; 3. Canton (Brad Nilson, Eddie Lindow, Aaron Reeder, Matt Wisniewski), 1:41.61.

**200 free:** 21. Brandon Digia (North Farmington), 1:48.44; 22. Devin Hopper (Farmington), 1:48.44; 23. Devin Hopper (Farmington), 1:48.44; 24. Devin Hopper (Farmington), 1:48.44; 25. Devin Hopper (Farmington), 1:48.44; 26. Devin Hopper (Farmington), 1:48.44; 27. Devin Hopper (Farmington), 1:48.44; 28. Devin Hopper (Farmington), 1:48.44; 29. Devin Hopper (Farmington), 1:48.44; 30. Devin Hopper (Farmington), 1:48.44; 31. Devin Hopper (Farmington), 1:48.44; 32. Devin Hopper (Farmington), 1:48.44; 33. Devin Hopper (Farmington), 1:48.44; 34. Devin Hopper (Farmington), 1:48.44; 35. Devin Hopper (Farmington), 1:48.44; 36. Devin Hopper (Farmington), 1:48.44; 37. Devin Hopper (Farmington), 1:48.44; 38. Devin Hopper (Farmington), 1:48.44; 39. Devin Hopper (Farmington), 1:48.44; 40. Devin Hopper (Farmington), 1:48.44; 41. Devin Hopper (Farmington), 1:48.44; 42. Devin Hopper (Farmington), 1:48.44; 43. Devin Hopper (Farmington), 1:48.44; 44. Devin Hopper (Farmington), 1:48.44; 45. 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impossible has become standard operating procedure.

"He came from nothing to everything," said Wochuck. "And he's as strong in his academics as he is in wrestling."

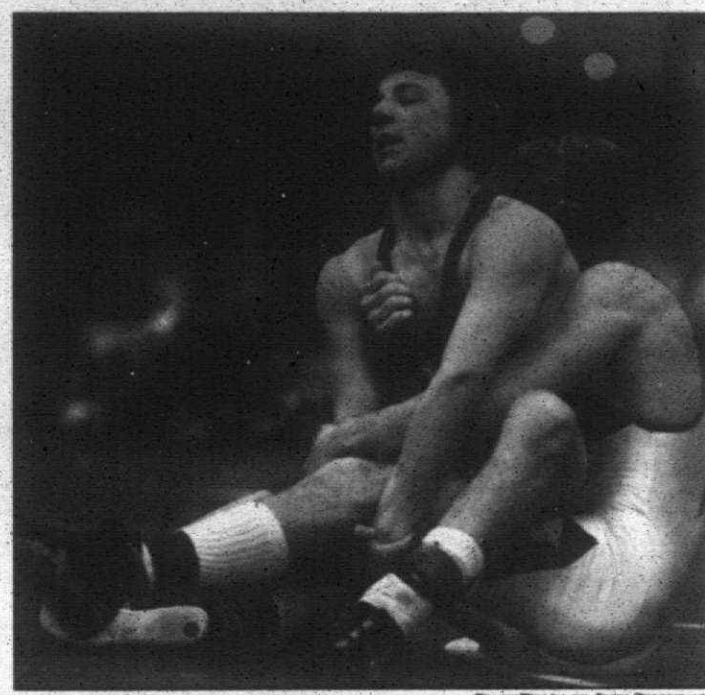
Added Krueger, "When we get a kid who makes strides the way Ronnie did in two years, it has to be phenomenal."

Rob Ash was Salem's second qualifier. Wrestling at 125, Ash got off to a rough start by getting pinned by Chase Metcal of Davison in 1:42. He followed that, however, with wrestling back wins over Jeff Gehring of Howell, 13-9 in the first round and Jason Fuller of Holland West Ottawa, 7-1 in the second.

In the wrestling back quarterfinals, however, Ash was pinned by Ethan Smith of Traverse City Central in 48, then lost to Brian Sullivan of Birmingham Brother Rice, 9-4, to finish eighth.

"He got caught twice and it cost him," said Krueger of Ash's performance. Still, as Wochuck noted, "I think he got more out of (the tournament) than we thought he would."

Something both Salem wrestlers did all season long.



Championship round: Salem's Ron Thompson (in blue) reached the title bout at 119, where he faced an old nemesis - Novi's Dan Jilg. Jilg prevailed, 4-2.

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#### DIVISION I - FIRST PLACES

Josh Guterman, Livonia Stevenson, 103 pounds; defeated Kyle Greenberg (Portage Central), 8-0; pinned Chris Anderson (Romulus), 5:54; dec. Kyle Klooster (Grand Haven), 8-0; dec. Jimmy Shulch (Rockford), 4-2. Final record: 43-0.

Mike Vencoc, Redford Catholic Central, 160; won by injury default over Adam Backing (East Kentwood), 13-0; p. Wyatt Gault (Dearborn Edsel Ford), 1:59; dec. Brad Anderson (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central), 7-3; won by major dec. over Matt McCartney (Roseville), 15-7. Final record: 50-0.

Ron Thompson, Plymouth Salem, 119; dec. Cory Nicholson (Grandville), 10-4; dec. Craig Trombly (Anchor Bay), 7:5 (overtime); dec. Ben Sutton (Lansing Eastern), 4-3; lost to Dan Jilg (Novi), 4-2.

Imad Kharbush, Stevenson, 152; p. Steve Walter (Lake Orion), 2:58; dec. Rick Morales (Holland West Ottawa), 7-3; lost to Zema Pittman (Fleet Carmen-Ainsworth), 7-3; dec. Kevin Harrington (Birmingham Brother Rice), 6-4; dec. Mike Chandler (South Lyon), 5-3. Final record: 46-3.

John Mervyn, Livonia Franklin, 125; lost to

Scott Walker (Flushing), 7-3; won by technical fall over Anthony Mares (Battle Creek Central), 21-2; dec. Adam Shoger (West Bloomfield), 5-3 (OT); dec. Brian Sullivan (Brother Rice), 10-5; lost to Chase Metcal (Davison), 4-2. Final record: 34-3.

Jeff Wheeler, Redford CC, 135; won by major dec. over Jon Barkham (Rochester Adams), 12-4; p. Aaron Brohi (Romulus), 3:26; lost to Joe Whitman (Davison), 1:08; lost to Dennis Humba (Utica Ford), 4:11.

Ryan Rogowski, Redford CC, 171; dec. Ben Ewoldt (Saline), 13-0; lost to Matt Stepanovich (Forest Hills Central), 3-38; dec. Dave Body (Rochester Adams), 7-1; lost to Ben Barlow (Saginaw Heritage), 7-5; lost to Chris Avery (Waterford Mott), 6-5.

Rob Ash, Salem, 125; lost to Chase Metcal (Davison), 1:42; dec. Jeff Gehring (Howell), 13-9; dec. Jason Fuller (Holland West Ottawa), 7-1; lost to Ethan Smith (Traverse City Central), 2:25; lost to Brian Sullivan (Brother Rice), 9-4.

Adam Stacey, Redford CC, 103; lost to Kyle Klooster (Grand Haven), 1:02; lost to Jared Arnold (Saginaw), 15-9. Final record: 1-2.

Chris Petersen, Redford CC, 130; lost to

Ryan Chute (Novi), 5:08; lost to Leigh Johnson (Forest Hills Central), 1:22.

Mike Carter, Livonia Churchill, 152; lost to Rick Morales (Holland West Ottawa), 7-3; p. Steve Walter (Lake Orion), 1:46; lost to Mike Chandler (South Lyon), tech. fall, 15-0; lost to Kevin Harrington (Brother Rice), 4-2. Final record: 35-13.

Eric Puntlake, Stevenson, 189; lost to Dave Anderson (Midland Dow), 5-41; lost to Adam Boroshak (Novi), 2:23. Final record: 20-19.

Jon Simmons, Farmington, 115; won by major dec. over Adam Puhman (Farmington), 17-3; dec. Phillip Ploeman (Lake Odessa Lakeview), 5-4; lost to Jason Fellows (Lapeer West), 12-6; dec. Bill Devine (Fowlerville), 6-4; lost to Ploeman major dec., 12-6. Final record: 42-12.

Dan Tondreau, Livonia Clarenceville, 110; dec. Josh Loner (Dryden), 11-7; lost to Eric Claus (Jonestown), 9-7; dec. Steve Harris (Galesburg-Augusta), 8-6; dec. Scott Dodge (Hart), 14-9; dec. Adam Zientarski (Three Oaks River Valley), 10-4; lost to Josh Brokaw (Hudson), 5-4. Final record: 43-16.

Chris Petersen, Redford CC, 130; lost to

## Rocks rule region

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There was happiness on one end of Joy Road, sadness on the other end.

Plymouth Salem proved the fourth time could be the charm, repeating as Class A regional volleyball champions Saturday at Saline with a 15-8, 15-12 victory over Western Lakes Activities Association nemesis Livonia Franklin.

The Patriots, who beat Salem three times during the regular season, bow out at 45-8-2 overall and regional runner-up to the Rocks for the second straight year.

Meanwhile, Salem, 44-11-1 overall, advances to the state quarterfinals, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Eastern Michigan University's new Convocation Center. The opponent will be the Temperance Bedford regional champion.

Salem did in the Patriots with soft serves just over the net, stellar digging and well-placed tips. Senior Amanda Suder led the Salem hitting attack with 12 kills, 21 digs and five ace serves. Denise Philips added eight kills, while setter Jill Dombrowski had 25 assist-to-kills.

Franklin's senior hitting tandem of Tera Morrill (eight kills) and Andrea Kmet (nine kills) were often neutralized by the off-side shots and the serving of Suder and Kelly Jaskot.

"We were trying to pull their hitters up to the net and get their weaker passers involved," Teeters said of his strategy to beat the Patriots. "Tera is not only their best hitter, but she's also one of their best passers. We also decided to put Amanda (Suder) against their setter, Lindsay (Sopko) because it was a better matchup. We didn't block

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Tera, instead we had Amanda digging against her.

"We knew the matchup was not 'Suds' versus Tera because we knew Lindsay liked to get Tera the ball."

Jaskot got on a roll in the first game, serving at one point eight straight points. She also had a five-point run in the second game to help overcome an 8-1 deficit.

"The frustrating aspect of their game plan is that we had prepared for it," Franklin second-year coach Mary Helen Diegel said. "We were aware of it as far as the different tactics, as well as their offenses and defenses."

"They could not be more prepared, but in tense situations like this you have to play with experience and from motor memory."

"Salem had an 'on' day and we just didn't execute."

In the morning semifinals, the Rocks had a difficult time disposing of a scrappy Adrian team for the second time this season, 13-15, 15-9, 16-14 (capped by two Jaskot ace serves at 14-all).

The Maples, who lost to Salem in three games at the Bedford Tourney, were led by 5-foot-11 junior Catherine Deveau.

Suder, however, countered with 18 kills and nine aces for Salem. The 6-foot Philips and Dombrowski contributed 14 and eight kills, respectively. Sarah Jensen also provided some soft rolls in the middle.

"We ran out of subs and we had to have Jill hit and Jaskot to set," Teeters said.

Adrian coach Mike Watkins, whose team bowed out at 44-18-4 overall, was happy with his team's play, but disappointed with the outcome.

"Maybe after we won the first game we woke them up because they (Salem) didn't make as many mistakes," Watkins said. "We changed our defense to cover the short tips. We figured if you tip on us, you can beat us. We just couldn't stay with what we wanted to do."

"We also faced a lot of jump serves, which we don't see a lot of. Sometimes you panic when you see something different."

While Salem was taking 1 hour and 40 minutes to oust Adrian, Franklin was having an easy time with Ypsilanti-Lincoln, a team with a 9-24-7 record.

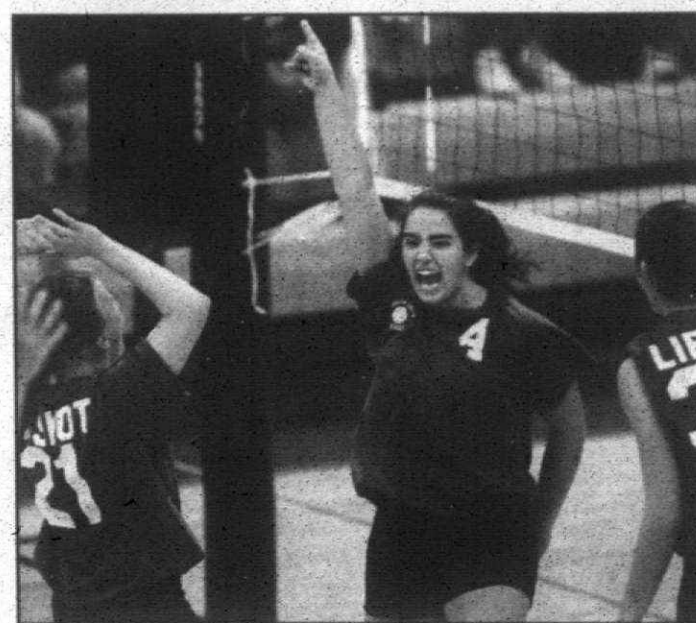
The 5-11 Morrill had nine kills and six aces, while 6-2 Kerstin Marshall, a junior, added six kills as the Patriots prevailed 15-4, 15-5.

"We knew they hit the ball well, but we didn't expect them to be that efficient running their offense," Lincoln coach Michael Armstrong said. "We really haven't been a strong blocking team and we ask a lot of our defense to dig against their hard hitters."

"Their setter is very good. They have a lot of options. She (Sopko) did a good job of spreading her passes around."

The regional final marked the final appearances for six Franklin seniors including Morrill, Sopko, Kmet, Rachel Bramlett, Alexis Bowman and Monica Little. The six helped Franklin to 82 wins in two years, including two district and two Western Division titles.

"This group of seniors exuded confidence, intelligence and court sense unparalleled for most senior classes," Diegel said. "They have led the team in friendships, played with intensity and have exhibited a touch of class in anything they do."



Well-earned: Salem's Amanda Suder (center) erupts after leading the Rocks past Adrian in the districts.



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"Plus, Tom (Teeters) was pulling out all the stops. They're a good team, and a well-coached team."

The Rocks then led 14-12 on a kill by senior Amanda Suder and appeared to be primed to even the match in games at 1-all.

But two missed serves and a net violation stopped the Rocks' momentum.

"We had our best servers up there and you can't ask for anything else," Teeters said. "You can do the safe thing or be aggressive. You have to take

those chances. You want to be risky in that situation because you're not going to beat this team (Bedford) with wimpy swings or dumping the second ball."

Bedford rallied with four straight points to close out the match capped 6-2 junior Melissa Mohrbach's game-winning block.

Salisbury led Bedford with 12 kills and two blocks, while Lyczkowski added six kills and three blocks.

"They're bigger on the left side and they have the advantage

there and also in the middle," Teeters said. "But I thought we matched with them in serve reception and defense."

Suder capped an outstanding senior season with 10 kills, including eight in the second game. She also had seven digs.

"Suder is a good, all-around player, but we felt one player shouldn't be able to beat us," Bedford coach Jodi Manore said.

"We talked about her jump serve. We told our girls it was going to hit the chest and drop

straight to the knee."

Denise Philips, a 6-foot senior, added seven kills for Salem, while Senior Michelle Ginther had a team-high 11 digs. Junior setter Jillian Dombrowski contributed 16 assists.

"It's tough when you're expected to win," said Manore, whose team has been ranked in the top three all season long. "But at this point anybody can win."

With a few more breaks at the end of the second game, Salem may have been in position for another masterpiece.

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by Stephen Morris and Shaun Fisher propelled the Whalers to a 6-2 victory over the London Knights, with a crowd of 2,998 watching.

Williams scored two goals and assisted on two others for the

Whalers. Lalonde and Fisher each added a goal and two assists, and Tomas Kurka also had a goal. Surma and Cole Jarrett also had two assists apiece.

Bill Ruggiero made 17 saves to get the win in goal for the

Whalers. Aaron Molnar had 33 saves in goal for London.

Adam Saffer and Chris Osborne scored for the Knights (20-36-7).

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"And we got a lot of baskets in transition. I think that was the difference."

It was at that. Even though the Eagles had a far better shooting percentage than Reading in the opening half — PCA hit 14-of-26 from the floor (53.8 percent) to the Rangers' 12-of-32 (37.5 percent) — they had just a four-point lead, 32-28.

But there were a couple of factors that were working in the Eagles' favor. First, they were outbounding Reading, but just as important, they had the Rangers' inside threat, 6-foot-4 senior Derek Garcia, in foul trouble.

Garcia drew his third foul in

the closing seconds of the first half and, although he never fouled out, his presence inside diminished.

"Our rebounding was important," said Taylor of his team's 41-rebound effort, a season-high. "I thought we outbounded them."

PCA continued to hold the lead through the third quarter, but Reading refused to let the gap reach double figures, always mounting a comeback.

A seven-point run in the late stages of the quarter allowed the Rangers to narrow the gap to 43-41. Mike Huntsman's basket increased PCA's lead to 45-41 entering the fourth.

But Reading never got its

shooting on track, and eventually that ruined the Rangers. Because when they missed, the Eagles were off and running.

Which is what they do best. In the final quarter, even when Reading managed to get a basket, PCA quickly answered.

The result was an up-tempo game that suited the Eagles and were out the Rangers. After Reading got back-to-back baskets from Chris Rosenberry and Garcia, narrowing the gap to 50-47 with 5:53 left, PCA answered with two hoops by Stephen Young in a 30-second span.

At this point, trying to trade baskets with the Eagles wouldn't help Reading. Young's two baskets started PCA on an 11-4

sprint that pushed its advantage to 61-51 with 3:33 left.

A three-pointer by Derric Isensee gave the Eagles that double-digit lead, their first of the game. Indeed, they never did cool off; in the fourth quarter, PCA hit 11-of-16 shots (68.8 percent), bringing their game total to 31-of-54 (57.4 percent). Also, they nailed 5-of-9 three-pointers (55.6 percent).

By comparison, Reading was 7-of-22 from the floor in the fourth quarter (31.8 percent) and 25-of-71 for the game (35.2 percent).

"Did they ever miss a shot?" asked Rangers' coach Mitch Hubbard. "Whenever we did cut it, they answered."

"They're tough. And they're a little deeper than I thought."

Offensive balance did favor PCA. Dave Carty led with 20 points, including two triples. Huntsman finished with 19 points and nine rebounds, Isensee had 16 points and 11 boards, and A.J. Sherrill contributed nine points, seven assists and three steals.

For Reading, Rosenberry and Garcia switched roles at half-time. Garcia, after being limited to four first-half points, erupted for 19 in the second half for a game-high 23.

Rosenberry accounted for 16 of the Rangers' 28 first-half points, but he got just four more in the

last two quarters to finish with 20. Jon Pidgeon added 10 points.

Although Taylor wasn't about to commit to a favorite in Wednesday's regional semifinal, the tag seemed to fit Lenawee Christian — the team that eliminated PCA in last year's regional final.

The Eagles got a bit of revenge by beating the Cougars for the first time ever, 76-60 on Feb. 1 at PCA. Earlier this season, Lenawee handed PCA a 15-point defeat on its court.

This time, if these two rivals do meet again, the site will be neutral. And the battle will be intense.

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Livonia Stevenson 1:39.03	Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 2:06.39
Plymouth Salem 1:40.54	Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:06.43
Redford Catholic Central 1:41.09	Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 2:06.54
Plymouth Canton 1:41.60	Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 2:08.08
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Jim Ross (Salem) 1:51.90	Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 22.51
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Eric Lynn (Salem) 1:59.67	Chris Totten (Garden City) 295.00
Mike Neher (Stevenson) 2:03.85	Greg Bradunas (Redford CC) 260.80
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Plymouth Salem 1:28.75	Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 49.96
North Farmington 1:29.68	Brad Nilson (Canton) 50.03
Redford Catholic Central 1:30.64	Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 50.48
Livonia Stevenson 1:31.46	Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 50.54
Farmington/Harrison 1:31.86	Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 50.81
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Eric Lynn (Salem) 55.33	Brian Mertens (Salem) 4:57.12
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 55.47	Ben Dzialo (Salem) 4:59.21
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 55.49	Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:00.59
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Aaron Shelton (Salem) 57.30	Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 5:03.78
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 58.23	Tim Ryan (Redford CC) 5:05.44
John Kern (N. Farmington) 58.57	Nick Markou (Redford CC) 5:06.06
Garrett Stone (John Glenn) 58.67	Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 5:08.93
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Plymouth Salem 3:15.71	
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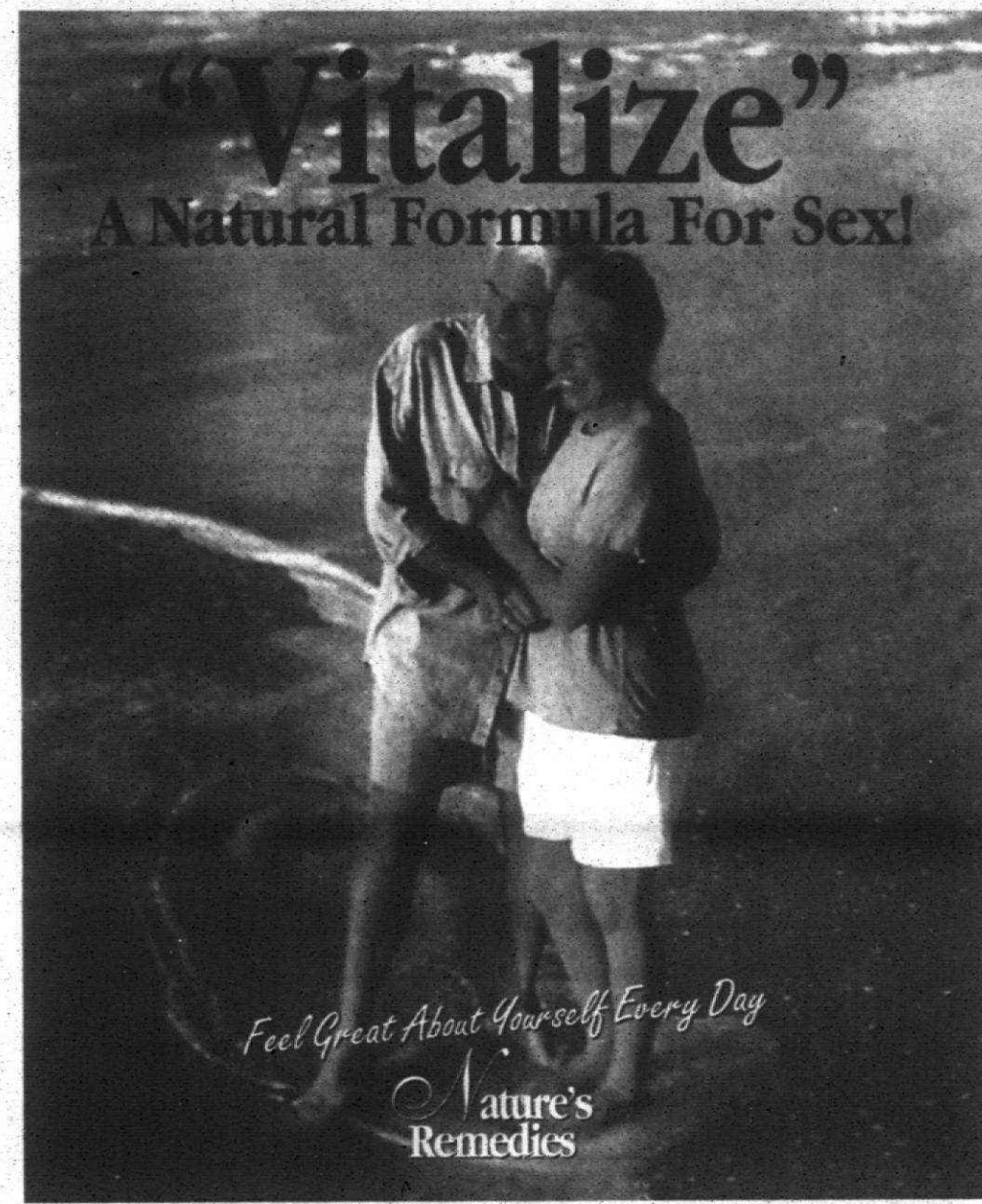
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By Annette B. Staff Writer

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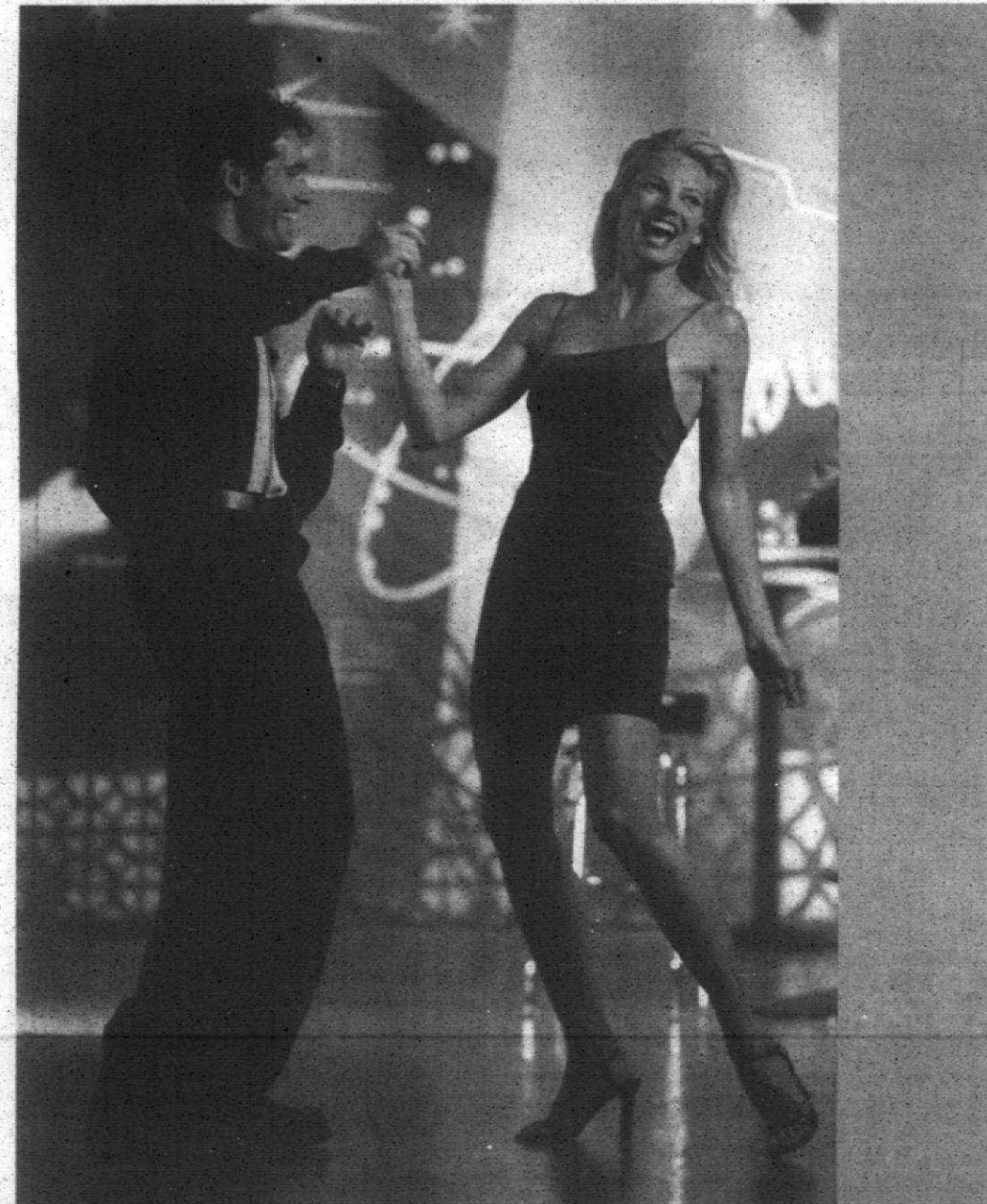
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# Shamrocks collect 2nd-straight state title

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Until Saturday, only two high schools in state history had ever won back-to-back Division I hockey titles.

Redford Catholic Central made it three.

The No. 1 Shamrocks powered their way past Alpena, 5-2, before an estimated 4,100 fans at Flint's IMA Arena to finish their 1999-2000 season the same way they ended it the year before - with a state championship.

By doing so, the Shamrocks joined Trenton (1979-80) and Ann Arbor Pioneer (1984-85) as the only Division I teams to win back-to-back championships.

"I don't know if it was expected by anyone else, but it was expected by the coaching staff and players," said CC coach Gordie St. John, whose team won its fourth title in seven years. "On June 1, we made the goal up. We started off-ice training on June 1 and we didn't stop until today."

The Shamrocks (26-2) hit their goal by doing things pretty much the same way they had all season - playing physical, using strong defense and taking advantage of opportunities.

"They're almost a college team out there," Alpena coach Chris Limback said after his team ended its season at 19-7-2. "I was looking for a line to drop off, but I didn't see any drop-off. I think they could beat some Division III college teams. I'm proud of (our) boys for making it a game."

It didn't start out that way. CC outshot Alpena 13-2 in the first period and didn't allow a shot on goal until 2:07 left. Despite the advantage, CC led just 2-0 through the first 15 minutes thanks to some outstanding play by Wildcats' goalie Eric Pernie, who wound up with 26 saves on

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the night.

Brian Williams opened the scoring with 4:24 gone in the game after one-timing a pass from Jared Ross for the first of three power-play goals for the Shamrocks. Brandon Kaleniecki made it 2-0 at the 9:41 mark, lofting a wrist shot past Pernie just as the Shamrocks killed off a penalty. Kaleniecki picked up the puck just inside the blue-line and beat Pernie on the glove side, with assists going to Dave Moss and Ryan Yost.

"It was rough for me," said CC goalie Ben Dunne after making 13 saves in the game. "The hardest thing on a goalie is not facing any shots. You want to get into the flow and into the game."

Dunne got into the game in the second period - whether he wanted to or not. In a complete turnaround, Alpena dominated play in the second period, although it didn't show up on the scoreboard. The Wildcats outshot CC, 10-3, and managed to get on the board with 2:26 gone as Adam Carpenter stood at the edge of the crease and slid the puck past a diving Dunne to cut the lead to 2-1.

"I wish I knew what happened," said St. John. "We just plain lost momentum. They came out charged up and we were back on our heels a bit."

But as quickly as they lost momentum in the second, the Shamrocks got it back in the third. With CC on a power play and the play in Alpena's end, Williams got the puck and started to shoot, but an Alpena defenseman slid in front to block the shot. Williams pulled the puck back as the defender slid past, reloaded and fired past Pernie for a 3-1 lead.

"We knew we had to get more of a lead," said Williams. "I

wanted to one-time the puck, but saw him starting to slide. I faked the shot, went round him and went low on the opposite side."

The Shamrocks made it 4-1 at the 7:24 mark when Joe Moreau

knocked home a rebound off of Brett John's shot, but Alpena pulled within 4-2 exactly two minutes later when Karl Skiba fired past Dunne.

However, any momentum the

Wildcats might have earned by the goal was snuffed out 27 seconds later. With Yost off for roughing, Moss took advantage of a loose puck at center ice, skated in and shot past Pernie.

"They were still on the power play, but I think that broke their back," Moss said. "I just beat the guy to the puck, used their defenseman as a screen and shot it."

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## BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SIGN-UP

### Final registration

The last chance to sign up for the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association's baseball, softball and T-ball leagues is scheduled for

6:30-9 p.m. March 16 at the Plymouth Township clerk's office, located on the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Lilley.

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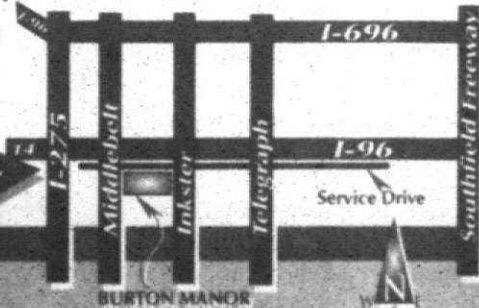


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## THE WEEKEND

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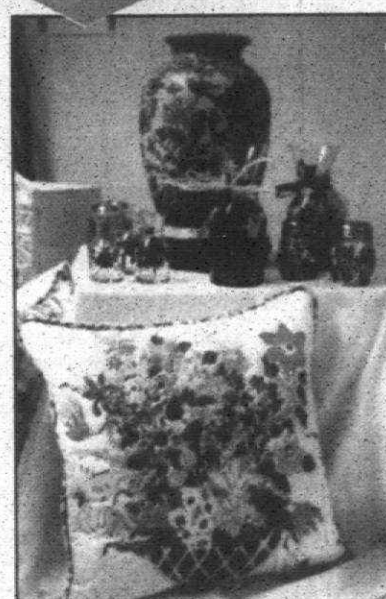
**Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Irish music, dancing and fun 4 p.m. to midnight at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, (east of Newburgh) in Westland. Event features over 30 local performers including Sean Gavin (left) and Tyler Duncan. Admission \$8 at the door. Call (313) 537-3489 for information.**

### SATURDAY



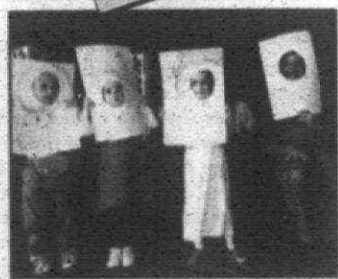
**James Brown and his band will heat up Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, at 8 p.m. in a concert to benefit the Ann Arbor Summer Festival. Tickets \$25-\$60, call (734) 764-2538. Tickets for a pre-concert hors d'oeuvre dinner at Rackham Auditorium and post-concert dessert reception in the second floor auditorium of Hill Auditorium are \$150. Call (734) 647-2278 for details.**

### SUNDAY



**Go treasure hunting at the 10th annual Community House Antiques Festival, noon to 5 p.m. at The Community House, 380 South Bates, downtown Birmingham. Admission is \$10, call (248) 594-6403 for information.**

**HOT TICKET**



**Celebrate the music and dance of the 1950s and 1960s, and enjoy some old-time favorite things like skits and storytelling, during Family Fun Month at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. The museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 senior citizens age 62 and over, \$7.50 for kids ages 5-12. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.**



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

**Star-crossed lovers: Brian Taylor and Brenda Lane trade barbs in the "Cactus Flower."**

## Blossoming theater students to present 'Cactus Flower'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Headset placed against one ear, James Hartman sat in the middle of the theater cueing lights and music for Abe Burrows' comedy "Cactus Flower." It was the first sound run-through for the production opening Friday, March 24, in the Liberal Arts Theatre at Schoolcraft College. Songs by The Byrds and Lovin' Spoonful transport the audience back to the 1960s when the story takes place.

Hartman, a professor and chairman of the college's theater department, directs the show about a dentist caught in a series of lies he told to a girlfriend with whom he's fallen in love.

"Abe Burrows has written so many funny lines," said

Hartman. "It's a great situation comedy that we might find today on TV. Some of the older audience will find it nostalgic because of the time period and the music and dances, like the swim and the pony."

The Lovin' Spoonfuls' "Hot Town, Summer in the City" sets the mood for the darkened scene which opens the first act. Igor (Christopher Curd of Canton) rescues Toni Simmons (Jerri Doll, a Livonia Stevenson graduate) who has just tried to commit suicide because her boyfriend Dr. Julian Winston is married, or so she thinks.

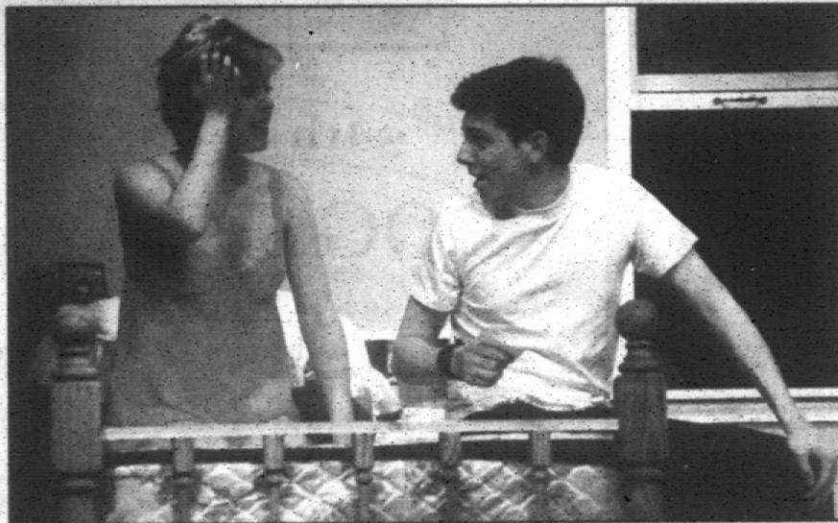
"The most difficult part has been the sound and lighting changes,"

said Hartman. "There's so many of them and it takes so long to record and mark all the sound."

Dressed in an all-white uniform, Brenda Lane is the picture of everything cold and sterile. Lane, a Northville resident, plays Stephanie Dickenson, the nurse who blossoms like a cactus flower when she steps out of her starched uniform. This is Lane's fifth play at Schoolcraft College. She also had roles in "All My Sons" and "A View From the Bridge." A full-time mom with two sons, Lane majored in theater at the University of Wisconsin.

"It's the story of a dentist who's a

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**Helping heart: Igor (Christopher Curd of Canton) rescues and then tries to reason with Toni (Jerri Doll, Ann Arbor) who has just tried to kill herself.**

### "Cactus Flower"

**What:** Abe Burrows comedy about a dentist who gets caught in a series of lies with his new girlfriend.

**When:** Dinner theater performance 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 24-25 and March 31-April 1; theater performance only 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2

**Where:** Liberal Arts Theatre, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia.

**Tickets:** \$19 dinner theater, \$8 theater only, call (734) 462-4596

## MUSIC

## Plymouth Symphony showcases accordion artist

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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When Nan Washburn premiered "Cafes of Melbourne" a few years ago in California, she and composer Janika Vandervelde wanted to have Peter Soave as guest accordionist. On Saturday, March 18, they'll both get their wish as the Farmington musician joins the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and conductor Washburn in a concert spotlighting "Scenes and Landscapes."

Washburn and Vandervelde will discuss "Cafes of Melbourne" during a pre-concert chat. Vandervelde wrote the piece after spending three months in Melbourne where she thought she'd discovered the equivalent of Paris in the 1920s with its artists and theater companies.

"The work depicts the coffee house culture in Australia," said Washburn. "There's a new-age feel to it. The second movement is all about the cool counter culture and has jazz. It's very unusual because people still think of the accordion as just playing polka music but accordions can play many different timbres. In terms of folk music, accordion is popular in many cultures."

Soave grew up listening to Italian music played on the accordion. Born to Italian immigrants, he began playing the accordion at age 5 and by 16 was entering international competitions.

But Soave quickly learned the piano accordion's limitations. He noted that most of his competitors were playing the bayan, a chromatic button accordion developed in Russia for classical music. Soave had to relearn both keyboards, but in doing so gained 50 percent more range for his right hand and 300 percent for his left.

His repertoire expanded, Soave competed in Europe, winning first place in four major international competitions.

**What:** The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is joined by guest artists Peter Soave and the choir from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church for "Scenes and Landscapes"

**When:** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18; 7 p.m. pre-concert chat with director Nan Washburn and composer Janika Vandervelde. Afterglow, hosted by Our Lady of Good Counsel Auxiliary, follows the concert.

**Where:** Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 1160 Penniman, Plymouth.

**Tickets:** \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/college students, no charge for students through grade 12. Call (734) 451-2112 for more information.



**Peter Soave**

Deeply inspired by the music of Argentinean composer Astor Piazzolla, he then took up the bandoneon, the tango accordion used by Piazzolla. Last June, Soave was appointed professor of bandoneon at Wayne State University. A

frequent performer in Europe and America, Soave returned from Italy on Friday, March 10, in time for the Plymouth Symphony's "Scenes and Landscapes" concert.

In addition to "Cafes of Melbourne," Soave will solo on the bandoneon in Piazzolla's "Oblivion." Soave has recorded Piazzolla's "Concerto for Bandoneon and Orchestra" with the Moscow Philharmonic, and the Argentinean composer's "Tango Sensations" with the Klima String Quartet of Zagreb. His own recording, "Pride and Passion," also features works by Piazzolla along with those by Haydn, Boling, Brahms and Boellman.

"It features the Argentinean tango works which are becoming so popular, and for which Peter's becoming famous," said Washburn.

The orchestra will also play two compositions about calm seas by Mendelssohn and Beethoven. The Our Lady of Good Counsel choir, under the direction of Michele Johns, will join the orchestra for Beethoven's "Calm Sea and Prosperous Journey."

The orchestra ends the evening with Stravinsky's "Firebird Suite," an audience favorite that's evocative and descriptive even without the dance.

## Mom-daughter having fun acting up

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Beth Gryniewicz could use some of the time management techniques Frank Gilbreth Sr. employs in Tinderbox Productions' "Cheaper by the Dozen." It's been a grueling week for the Canton resident and her 5 1/2-year-old daughter Elyse. The mother-daughter duo are rehearsing two productions for Tinderbox at Masonic Temple in Detroit.

The first, "Cheaper by the Dozen," opened March 11. Gryniewicz's 4 1/2-year old daughter Lindsey joins mom and Elyse on stage in Tinderbox's "The Little Princess" opening in April.

"It's crazy because we're rehearsing two productions at the same time," said Beth Gryniewicz. "The most difficult part for Elyse is all those late night rehearsals. Sometimes rehearsal doesn't end until 9:15 p.m. She brings her pajamas and puts them on before she leaves for home, but she's enjoying it. To her it's playing and going to play with her friends."

Based on a true story written by two of the children, "Cheaper by the Dozen" follows the

**What:** Tinderbox Productions presents "Cheaper by the Dozen"

**When:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19

**Where:** Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit

**Tickets:** \$6-\$10, call (313) 535-8962

**What:** The Gilbreth family through its daily routine. An industrial time-motion expert, Frank Sr. shows the children how to shave seconds from buttoning a vest by doing it from the bottom up. Originally released as a film by 20th Century Fox in 1950, "Cheaper by the Dozen" starred Clifton Webb and Myrna Loy.

Gryniewicz plays Mrs. Fitzgerald, the Gilbreths' housekeeper.

"She gets to do all the dishes and housekeeping for the 12 kids," said Gryniewicz. "Her character is very much like Alice of the Brady Bunch. My favorite line is, 'Lincoln freed the slaves - all but one.'"

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**Mother-daughter duo: Elyse (left) and Beth Gryniewicz perform in Tinderbox Productions' "Cheaper by the Dozen."**







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## THEATER

**CENTURY THEATRE:** "Always...Patsy Cline" continues in an open-ended run, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

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

**FISHER THEATRE:** "Fosse," the Tony Award-winning musical spotlights the work of legendary choreographer/director Bob Fosse through Sunday, March 19, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$37.50-\$65.50 for Friday-Saturday, \$35-\$62.50 Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday evenings. (248) 645-6666

**GEM THEATRE:** "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through June 25, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

**JET:** Arthur Miller's "Broken Glass," March 16-19, 22-26, March 29-April 2 and April 5-9, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

**MACOMB CENTER:** Betty Buckley, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 19 (\$33, \$29 students/seniors); "Victor/Victoria," 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 20 at the center, Clinton Township. \$32, \$29 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222

## COLLEGE

**EMU THEATRE:** "Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, 24-25 and Thursday, March 23, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 19, in the Spornberg Theatre, Ypsilanti. \$13 Friday-Saturday, \$11 Sunday, \$8 Thursday, (734) 487-1221

**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE:** "Cactus Flower," dinner theater performance 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 24-25 and March 31-April 1: theater performance only 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9, in the Liberal Arts Theater, Schoolcraft College, Livonia. \$19 dinner theater, \$8 theater only. Call (734) 462-4596 for information.

**WSU HILBERY:** "Our Town," 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 22 and Sunday, March 26, and 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 23-25; "Five by Tenn" continues to May 6, at the theater, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

## COMMUNITY THEATER

**AVON PLAYERS:** "Moon Over Buffalo" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 16-18 at the theater, Rochester Hills. \$13. (248) 608-9077

**FIRST THEATRE GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM:** "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," 8 p.m. Friday, March 24 and 31 and Saturday, April 1, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 25-26 and Sunday, April 2, at the theater, Birmingham. \$7, \$5 students/seniors. (248) 644-2087, ext. 151

**HARTLAND PLAYERS:** "Steel Magnolias" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Hartland Music Hall. \$8, \$7 students/seniors. (810) 632-5849

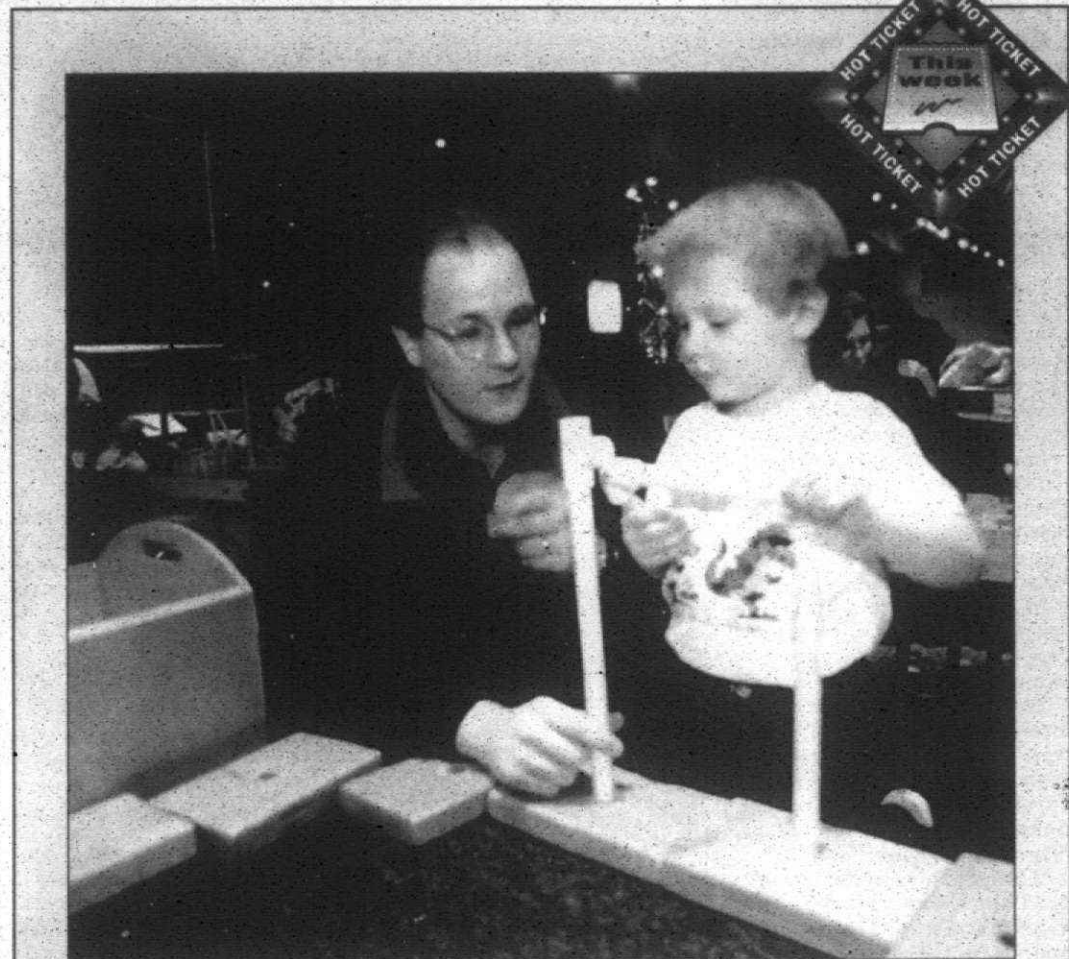
**NOVI THEATRE:** "Fiddler on the Roof" 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Novi Civic Center Stage. \$12. (248) 347-0400

**PLANET ANN:** "Comedy of Errors," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 16-18, and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the theater, Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 365-4948

**PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN:** "Nightwatch" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18 at the theater, Dearborn. \$11. (313) 561-TKTS

**ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK:** "Foxyfire," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19, and 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 23-25, at the theater, Bloomfield Hills. \$12, \$10 students/seniors. (248) 644-0527

**TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS:** "Cheaper by the Dozen," 8 p.m.



**Family Fun Month: Father and son team up for a little hands-on fun at Henry Ford Museum during the month of March. This year, try your hand at fast-paced trivia game and learn dance steps from the '50s and '60s. Dance music and instruction begins at noon and 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 18-19, at Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.**

Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19, Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, Detroit. \$6-\$10. (313) 535-8962

**RIDGEDALE PLAYERS:** "OklaHoma!" March 17-19, 24-26, 30-31 and April 1. Friday-Saturday shows 8 p.m., 3 p.m. Sunday, at the theater in Troy. (248) 988-7049

**VILLAGE PLAYERS:** "Sherlock Holmes" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, 24-25 and March 31-April 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19 and 26, at the theater, Birmingham. \$12. (248) 644-2075

## DINNER THEATER

**BACI THEATRE:** "Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$25 Thursday and Sunday, and \$30 Friday-Saturday; and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666

**FOX LAIR DINNER THEATRE:** Presents "Murder at the Howard Johnson's," a hilarious comedy runs Saturday nights only, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner (show follows), at Fox Hills Golf Club, Plymouth. \$29.95. (734) 453-7272

**RAMADA HOTEL DINNER THEATRE:** "Fools," a comic fable by Neil Simon, on alternate Thursdays, 7 p.m. dinner, show follows, at the theater, Southfield. \$25. (248) 544-0283

## YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

**MARQUIS THEATRE:** "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through April 28, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 24-28, at the theater, Northville. \$7.50. (248) 349-8110

**PUPPETART:** "Purim Splend," a rod puppet musical based on the Book of Esther 2 p.m. Saturday, March 18 and 25, at the Detroit Puppet Theatre, 25 E. Grand River. \$7, \$5 children. Call (313) 961-7777 for information.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**JAZZ SABBATH SERVICE:** Featuring the New Orleans Klezmer All-star Band 8 p.m., followed by dancing till midnight, Friday, March 17, at Temple Beth El. (248) 851-1100.

**PHOTO SEMINAR:** Canton photographer Ted Nelson is one of the presenters at the 37th annual Photo Seminar Friday-Sunday, March 24-26 at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn. Advance registration is suggested and will be accepted through Monday, March 20. (484) 474-6509 or (810) 775-3165.

**ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION:** 8 a.m. Friday, March 17, Nankin Mill Tavern, Westland. Includes Irish music by Kelly Griner and Westside Steve, bag pipes, corned beef and cabbage dinners, Irish stew. No cover. (734) 427-0622

## FAMILY EVENTS

**MIZ ROSIE THE STORYTELLER:** 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$3.25. (248) 424-9022

**2 OF A KIND:** Music program by David and Jenny Heitler-Klevans for children, 1 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$6. (734) 763-TKTS

## BENEFITS

**BATTLE OF THE BANDS:** The Michigan Jazz Festival committee presents a Battle of the Bands that showcases the different jazz styles of Larry Nozaro, Matt Michaels with Johnny Trudell, and Tom Saunders. Detroit All Stars, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Clarenceville High School auditorium, Livonia. \$15. (248) 474-2720/(734) 459-2454. Proceeds go to the Michigan Jazz Festival (Sunday, July 16, at Schoolcraft College), and the Clarenceville Schools Alumni & Friends Association.

## CLASSICAL

**AMERICAN STRING QUARTET:** 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$30. (734) 764-2538

**ANN ARBOR FESTIVAL OF SONG:** Concert of music by Brahms, Schumann and Wagner, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$5-\$7. (734) 769-2999

**ATLANTIS TRIO:** Perform chamber works, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

**BACH RECITALS:** By James Kibbie 4 p.m. Sunday March 26, 3:30 p.m. informal talk, in Blanche Anderson Moore Hall, University of Michigan School of Music, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0583

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** Featuring DSO violinist Emmanuelle Boissier in Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, March 17, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18 and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Orchestra Hall. \$24-\$66. (313) 575-5111

**WILLIAM DOPPMAN:** The pianist performs 8 p.m. Friday, March 17, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

**MICHIGAN CHAMBER PLAYERS:** Celebrates the music of J.S. Bach, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, at Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 764-2538

**MINNEAPOLIS GUITAR QUARTET:** 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

**PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** Featuring accordionist Peter Soave and the Our Lady of Good Counsel choirs, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 7 p.m. pre-concert chat with director Nan Washburn and composer Janika Vandervelde. Afterglow hosted by Our Lady of Good Counsel Auxiliary, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Plymouth. \$12, adults \$10 seniors/college students, no charge for students through grade 12. (734) 451-2112

**THOMAS QUASTHOFF:** The German baritone sings the music of Brahms, Liszt, Debussy and Ravel, 8 p.m. Monday, March 20, at the Lydia Mendelsohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$35. (734) 764-2538

**ZHUYUA TANG:** The pianist performs 8 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$5-\$7. (734) 769-2999

## POP/SWING

**JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY:** Frank Sinatra Tribute 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday through March, at Dunlevy 2 River Place, Detroit. (313) 259-0909

**SWING CRAZE:** Marcus Belgrave's Plymouth Records All-Stars with guests Charlie Gabriel, Pee Wee Matease and Susan Chastain, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Moot Court, University of Windsor Law Building. \$10 advance, \$12 at door. (519) 944-9798

## FOLK/BLUEGRASS

**ANNE HILLS:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 17, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$12.50. (734) 763-TKTS

**RFD BOYS:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-TKTS

**SARA HICKMOTT:** 8 p.m. Friday, March 17, at the Green Wood Coffee House, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8558

**POETRY/POETRY SPOKEN WORD:** THE WRITER'S VOICE: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, Charles Baker and Michael Zadorian, at the Scarab Club, Detroit. Free. (313) 267-5310, ext. 338 or www.smcas-artsdetroit.org

**DANCE**

**COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS:** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-8863/(734) 426-0241

**DANCE FESTIVAL:** Great Lakes Region American College Dance Festival, faculty concert 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16, Bonstelle Theatre (\$15); Michigan Choreographers Concert 8 p.m. Friday, March 17, at Detroit Opera House (\$20); and Festival Gale Concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at Bonstelle Theatre (\$15).

ment only Monday-Wednesday, March 27-29, at Second City, Detroit. (313) 471-3453 by Friday, March 24 to schedule. **SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION:** The Bohemians Club (also known as The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), hosts its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college students ages 16-22), must submit performance tape by April 1. For application: e-mail CourtLinks@aol.com

**THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA:** REDFORD: Open auditions for singers, dancers and specialty acts, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 25, bring 3-5 minutes of prepared material, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford. (313) 531-0554. Performance dates May 5-6.

**TONY N' TINA'S WEDDING:** Auditions for children ages 6-10 for roles of ring bearer and flower girl, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 20-21, at the Village Players, Birmingham. (248) 745-8668

## JAZZ

**VANESSA JOHNSON/SCOTT REITER QUARTET:** 9 p.m. Friday, March 17, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

**JANET TENA:** 9 p.m. Friday, March 24, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

**MATT MICHAELS TRIO:** With Johnny Trudell 8:11-30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22; with saxophonist Larry Nozaro 8:11-30 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. \$5 cover in Jazz Room, waived with dinner order, \$5 drink minimum. (734) 762-7756

**SUNNY WILKINSON & THE SISTERS IN JAZZ:** 8:30 Jazz vespers 6 p.m. Sunday, March 19, First Baptist Church, 300 Willis, Birmingham.

## CHORAL

**DETROIT CONCERT CHORUS:** Salute to the Emerald Isle features Irish ballads and folk tunes, and "A Little Bit of Heaven" which includes 20th century choral gems from Ireland and Scotland, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Old St. Mary's Church, 646 Monroe, Greektown. \$15, \$12 seniors/students. (313) 882-0118

## MUSEUMS AND TOURS

**ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM:** WalkWorks, a self-directed exploration of the exhibit galleries that invites families and children to become Super Sleuths; the museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

**DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** "On the Air! Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30, at the museum, Detroit. Museum hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children; \$1.50 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

**DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest," "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," "Whales," "Mysteries of Egypt" and "Everest," 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 2000:** Mosaic Youth Theatre performs works about amphibians 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays through March 25 in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery Theater at the zoo, Royal Oak. \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students, \$4.50 ages 2-12. (248) 396-0903

**DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM:** Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children; ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

**PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** New exhibit, "American Vacations & Leisure," opens and continues through August, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 17, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

**DEITY:** With Busy Signal, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$3. (734) 996-8555

**DI CASH MONEY:** 10 p.m. Friday, March 17, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. \$6. (248) 645-6666

**D.O.C.:** With Powerface, MOC and Degreider, 6 p.m. Saturday, April 2, Shelter, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (248) 645-6666

**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

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

**GLEN EDDY BAND:** Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, Alibi, Farmington Hills. (248) 478-2010

**EKOOSTI HOOKAH:** With Zen Tricesters, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$16.50. (248) 645-6666

**ELIZA:** 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, Center for Creative Studies, Detroit. 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25, Muldoon's, Auburn Hills. www.elizaband.com

**ETHOS:** 8 p.m. Friday, March 24, 7th House, Pontiac. \$7. (313) 961-MELT

**THE FASTBACKS:** With Helle's Belles, 9 p.m. Friday, March 24, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8 advance. 18 and older. (313) 977-9700 (power pop)

**FEMI KUTI:** 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$13 advance/\$15 day of show. (248) 645-6666

**FEW AND FAR BETWEEN:** With Inside 5 Minutes, 10 p.m. Friday, March 17, 313 JAC, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067

**FOSSIL CIRCUS:** 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31, April 1, Bogey's Bar and Grille, Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441

**ARETHA FRANKLIN:** Performs the National Anthem, 7:45 p.m. Friday, March 17, Palace of Auburn Hills. PUNKTELLIGENCE: With The Brothers Groove, Saturday, March 18, Cross Street Station, Ypsilanti. (734) 485-0050

**GOLDIE AND MC RAGE:** 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Motor, Detroit. \$10 advance. 8 and older. (248) 645-6666

**GOV'T MULE:** Saturday, April 1, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. Ticket information to come.

**GROOVE COLLECTIVE:** 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-8555; 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 833-9700

**GUSTER:** With Luna and Josh Rouse, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12. (313) 833-9700

**DIALECT RECORD RELEASE:** With DJs Ryan Hines, Derrick Ramirez, Mike Ransom and Mike Santiago, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Science, Detroit. 18 and over. (313) 438-4146

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**HARRINGTON BROTHERS:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, 28, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

**H2O:** With Saves the Day and Kill Your Idols, 6 p.m. Friday, March 17, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$10 advance/\$12 day of show. (248) 645-6666

**IMPACT 7:** Thursday, March 23, Oxford Inn, Novi. \$5. (248) 305-5856

**JILL JACK:** With Jason Fisher, 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 17, Khedra Cafe, Ferndale. \$5. Children 12 and under free. (248) 399-3946

**JAZZHEAD:** 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

**CLOUD NINE:** With Supercation, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734)

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**HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE:** Family days continue at the museum in Dearborn. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

**MEADOW BROOK HALL:** Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oaklawn 19, University campus, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

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## DINING

# Eat corned beef and enjoy St. Patrick's Day

BY KEELY WYGONIK AND RENEE SKOGLUND  
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Friday is St. Patrick's Day, and local pubs are getting ready for one of the busiest days of the year. This year, St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday during Lent. But, if you're Catholic, don't worry. Faith and beggars, thanks to a little spiritual intervention, you get to enjoy your corned beef without guilt.

"I'm a realist," said Cardinal Adam Maida during an Ash Wednesday radio interview with Paul W. Smith on WJR. "As we reflect on the Irish tradition in Church... it is really a time for celebration. I will offer - for those who would like to take it for that day - a dispensation so that Catholics can, in good faith, celebrate the traditions of our Irish heritage and be thankful to the Lord for all the blessings that come to us because of that."

Now, the hard part, deciding where to celebrate. Here are some suggestions:

■ **Aubree's & Sticks** - 39 E. Cross, Depot Town, Ypsilanti, (734) 483-1870. Open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 2 p.m. Sunday. Menu: Corned beef, Irish stew and Shepherd's pie (kitchen manager Chad Clay says it's the best!) plus burgers, pizza, sandwiches and Mexican goodies. Lots of green beer.

■ **Bailey's Pub & Grille** - 1777 Canton Center Road, Canton, (734) 844-1137. Open 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Sunday. Menu: Gourmet pub-style fare, including steaks, fish and chips, and ribs.

■ **Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro** - 26053 Town Center, Novi, (248) 380-8460. Open 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday

and Saturday; 4-8 p.m. Sunday. On St. Patrick's day, an Irish band will play tunes from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Menu: Corned beef and cabbage, lamb stew, beef and beer stew served over Calconnon (mashed potatoes with sauteed savoy cabbage and scallions, yum!), Irish pancakes and smoked salmon, and Guinness Stout chocolate cake. Special Irish beers, Irish whiskey and Irish coffees.

■ **Cowley's Old Village Inn**, 33338 Grand River, downtown Farmington, (248) 474-5941. Open 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; closed Sunday. Open 7 a.m. St. Patrick's Day. "Blackthorn" performs noon to 4 p.m. and "Company" of Strangers 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. St. Patrick's Day menu includes burgers, Irish stew, corned beef sandwiches, and chicken strips. Regular menu offers fish and chips and a variety of sandwiches.

■ **Connor O'Neill's** - 318 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, (734) 665-2968. Open 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Friday; 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday-Sunday. Opening 7 a.m. St. Patrick's Day. Irish dancers will perform in the afternoon. Menu: Fish and chips, corned beef and cabbage, and Shepherd's pie.

■ **Duffy's Den** - 24800 W. Six Mile Road (between Telegraph and Beech Daly), Detroit, (313) 538-0040. Open 9:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 2 a.m. Sunday. Menu: Corned beef sandwiches, hamburgers and other sandwiches.

■ **Dunleavy's Pub & Grub** - 34505 Grand River Ave., Farmington, (248) 478-8866. Open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; 4-9 p.m. Sunday. Live entertainment throughout the day. Menu: Corned beef and cabbage during the day and Irish stew and corned beef sandwiches in the evening.

■ **Dunleavy's River Place** - 267 Jos. Campau, Detroit, (313) 259-0909. Open 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Friday; 4:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday; closed Sunday except for special occasions. Two bands will entertain on St. Patrick's Day. Menu: Corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew and other specialties. No green beer. "It stains everything," said owner Paul Zosel.

■ **Gaelic League Irish American Club** - 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit, (313) 963-8895 or (313) 964-8700. Open 2 p.m. to midnight Tuesday-Wednesday; 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday; noon to 2 a.m. Friday-Sunday. Entertainment on St. Patrick's Day. Menu to be determined. Call for information.

■ **Jack Dunleavy's Grille** - 340 N. Main St., Plymouth, (734) 455-3700. Open 11 a.m. to midnight Monday-Wednesday (kitchen closes 10 p.m.); 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday-Saturday (kitchen closes 10 p.m.); closed Sunday. Open 10 a.m. St. Patrick's Day. Entertainment includes bagpipers during the day and singing in the evening. Menu: Corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew, fish and chips, Sally Dunleavy's special Irish soda bread plus other pub fare. On-tap Irish beers, Irish whiskey and Irish coffee. (This is the Dunleavy restaurant family's 70th St. Patrick's Day.)

■ **Farwell & Friends** - 8051 Middlebelt, Westland, (734) 421-6990. Open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Sunday (kitchen closes 10 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday and 11 p.m. Thursday-Saturday). St. Patrick's Day entertainment by the "O'Lost & McFound" band. Menu: Corned beef and cabbage, Mulligan stew, green beer and lots of specials.

■ **Fire Academy Brewery & Grill** - 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland, (734) 595-1988. Open

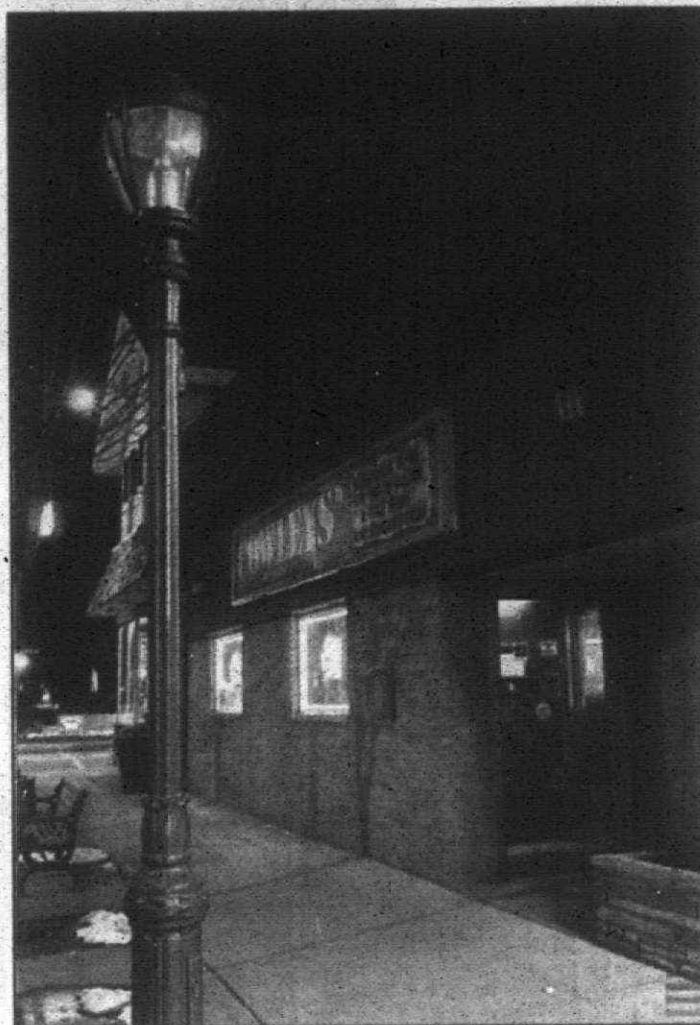
11 a.m. to midnight Monday-Wednesday; 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday-Saturday; 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday. St. Patrick's Day entertainment includes a "pipe and drum" group (after work hours), DJ and dancing, Irish music and lots of singing. Menu: Irish stew, corned beef and cabbage, and green beer.

■ **Innisfree Irish Pub & Grill** - 6327 Middlebelt Road (near Ford Road), Garden City, (734) 425-2434. Open 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesday-Sunday; closed Monday. Open St. Patrick's Day 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. All-day entertainment by "Mullingar Irish," a duo flown over from Ireland. Menu: Fish and chips, Irish stew and corned beef sandwiches. Lots of Irish beer, including green.

■ **O'Malley's Bar & Grill** - 15231 Farmington Road (at Five Mile Road), Livonia, (734) 427-7775. Open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to midnight, Sunday. Open 7 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day. Menu: Something for everyone, including sandwiches, salads, soups, Irish specialties, ribs, chicken and fish.

■ **The Old Shillelagh** - 349 Monroe, Detroit, (313) 964-0007. Open 11 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. Monday-Sunday. Open 7 a.m. St. Patrick's day (two heated circus tents open 10 a.m.). All-day live Irish entertainment on two stages, with WRIF broadcasting from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Menu: Corned beef and cabbage, corned beef sandwiches, Irish stew and other fare. Absolutely no green beer! "I'm a real Irish bar. I don't serve green beer," said owner Barbara Brady Kaufmann.

■ **Timber Wolf Tavern** - 25641 Plymouth Road, east of Beech Daly, Redford, (313) 937-1218. Open 11 a.m. to midnight Monday; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; noon to



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**Celebration destination:** Local pubs, including Cowley's Old Village Inn in downtown Farmington, are getting ready to welcome customers on St. Patrick's Day. Cowley's and other pubs will offer entertainment.

11 p.m. Sunday. St. Patrick's Day TV give-away planned. Menu: Corned beef and cabbage, green beer and lots of drink and food

specials. Happy St. Patrick's Day from the Observer Newspapers. Like they say in Ireland, "Slainte!"

## WHAT'S COOKING

Send dinner specials, menu changes, restaurant renovations, and other items to Keely Wygonik, Assistant Managing Editor Features Group, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homedcomm.net. We'd love to hear about your favorite seafood and fish restaurants.

■ **Taste of Northville** - A Taste of Northville 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 21 at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main Street, Northville,

will feature 70 exhibitors from retail, service and professional businesses in the Northville community. Area top rated restaurants and caterers will provide samples from their menus. Admission \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, \$3 children under age 12. Call (248) 349-7640 for information.

■ **Big Rock Chop & Brew House** - 245 South Eton, Birmingham, is hosting its third annual Brewmaster Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21. Call (248) 647-7774 for tickets, which

cost \$60 per person. Six courses paired with Brewmaster Dean Jones' microbrews. For sweet endings, Cherries Jubilee with Stout ice cream.

■ **Mardi Gras Madness** - The Henry Ford Community College Hospitality Department will hold its annual spring banquet 5:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1 in the Pagoda Room of the Student Center on the Dearborn

campus.

HFCC students will prepare a variety of Southern, Cajun, Creole and Bayou style dishes. Tickets are \$35 per person, call (313) 845-9651. Event proceeds benefit the hospitality scholarship program.

New Orleans style masks and costumes are not required, but preferred. Prizes will be given for the best one. The HFCC Dix-

ieland-band will entertain guests throughout the evening.

■ **Too Chez Restaurant** - You can save 25 percent off every bottle on the wine list, over 300 labels, at Too Chez Restaurant, 27155 Sheraton Dr. in Novi, Monday-Thursday, through May 2000. Discount offered with meals only, wines by the glass are excluded. Call (248) 348-5555 for reservations and information.

■ **La Bistecca Italian Grille** - offers live jazz featuring Larry Nozero and Friends, starting at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of every month.

The restaurant, which specializes in Piedmontese Beef, is at 39405 Plymouth Road, Plymouth.

Call (734) 254-0400 for reservations and information.

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