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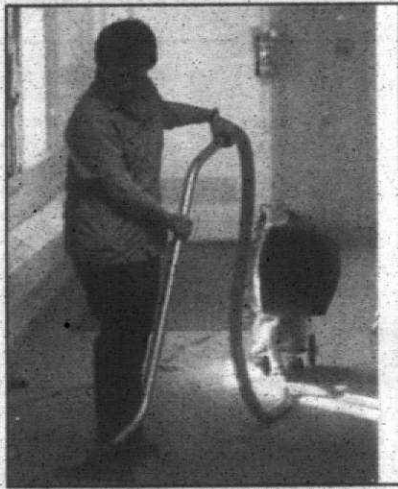
### Click it or ticket

Michigan's new seat belt making not wearing a seat belt a primary offense goes into effect tomorrow. Previously, police could only issue seat belt citations if the driver had been stopped for another infraction. Tickets for not wearing a seat belt carry a \$50 fine.

The law also allows officers to stop vehicles if children aren't properly restrained. The current state law requires that all children under 4 ride in car seats and kids 4-15 wear seat belts no matter where they ride in the car.

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### OPINION



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**Salute to mom: A son pays tribute as his mother retires from her job with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. /A15**

### ENTERTAINMENT

**Music: Local musicians, including Mick Gavin of Redford and the popular Celtic group Blackthorn, are getting ready to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Gavin is hosting the 15th annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. /E1**

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**Out for a roll: Rania Haddad (left) and her cousin Mera Haddad, both of Canton, in-line skate along the pond in Heritage Park Monday evening as the sun sets. The sign they are about to skate past reads, "DANGER: Thin Ice No Skating."**

## Fair and mild

### Weather puts a spring in every step

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The Latin phrase "carpe diem," or "seize the day," seemed to be the overwhelming attitude this week when unseasonably warm temperatures sent people flocking to Canton's golf courses, parks and other outdoor recreation places.

Temperatures reached the 60s Monday and were expected to remain warm throughout most of the week, according to forecasts.

Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 S. Lotz, opened Saturday and drew huge crowds all weekend, said Jimmy

Bradley, pro shop manager.

"The phone's been ringing off the wall," Bradley said, as he reached for the phone. On the other line was a golfer wondering if the course was open, he said.

On Sunday alone, 240 golfers hit the fairways, creating waits as long as 45 minutes.

"Sunday was just a madhouse," Bradley said.

Golfers, including Dave Bartnik and Tim Probin, both of Livonia, continued taking advantage of sunny skies during the week.

"This warm weather is very unusual," said Probin, who owns Cincinnati

Bell in Livonia. "That's why you've got to take advantage of it."

Probin said his swing was a little rusty after several months of inaction. But his friend, Bartnik, was able to practice in Florida. When they first set out, they said they were unsure whether they would play nine or 18 holes.

"It depends on how we play," said Bartnik, who owns Mom's Plumbing in Livonia.

So how long will Fellows Creek remain open?

"Right now it's basically wait and

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## Critics: Saturday's vote to have little impact

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"We were doomed to failure from the beginning."

Democrat Bill Joyner of Plymouth Township laments the fact that Michigan's Democratic caucuses are being held this Saturday, days after the Super Tuesday primaries, and with no chance of having an impact on the national political scene.

"Michigan Senator Carl Levin tried to move the date of the Michigan caucuses up to have an impact on the

national elections," said Joyner. "However, the national party wouldn't change it."

So, in campaign years such as this one in which Vice President Al Gore holds a commanding lead over former Sen. Bill Bradley for the Democratic party's presidential nomination, the Michigan caucus on Saturday has little meaning.

"The decision is pretty well made,"

said Joyner. "We'll be lucky to get 50,000 delegates statewide to show up Saturday, while the Republicans had more than a million vote in their primary, which made a difference. On this issue, the Democrats have not been far-sighted."

Joyner, who is prepared to cast his vote for Bradley Saturday, is hoping for a decent turnout in the local caucus.

### DEMOCRATIC CAUCUSES

And so is Becky Tavarozzi, 75, of Canton, the president of the Plymouth-Canton-Northville Democratic Club.

"I think it's still important for Democrats to come out and show their support for their candidate," said Tavarozzi, who has been a part of local politics for 55 years.

The caucus for residents of Plymouth, Canton, Northville and the part of Livonia which votes in the 13th Congressional district is Saturday, at 11 a.m., at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

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## Canton pilot dies in crash of light plane

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A plane crash took the life of a 55-year-old Canton man Monday shortly after his single-engine ultralight lifted off from New Haven-Macomb Airport in Ray Township.

The crash occurred at approximately 10:12 a.m., according to Macomb County Sheriff Sgt. Brian Barlog. While an investigation is currently under way, police say a sudden gust of wind may have caused the crash.

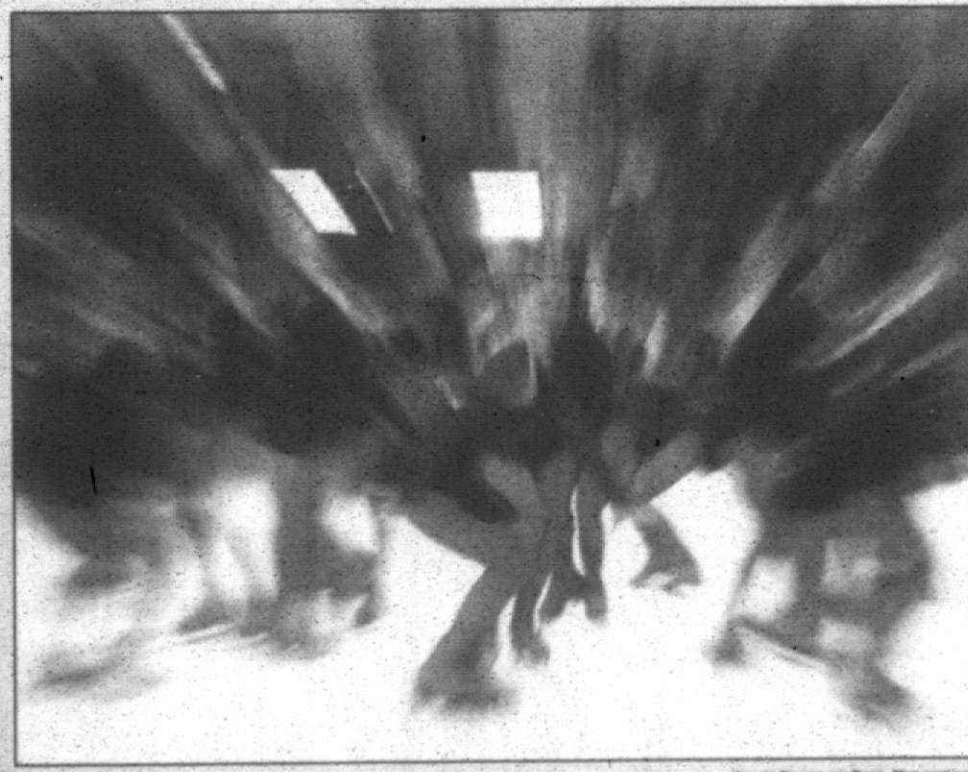
"Wind took him right into a tree," said Macomb County Sheriff's Inspector Mark Hackel. "He went into the trunk of the tree near the base."

The Canton man's identity is being withheld by police. Hackel said the man was so badly injured that positive identification wasn't possible without an autopsy.

Witnesses said the plane spun out of

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### Skaters dazzle at Compuware



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

**Icing: The Miami University Collegiate Team wraps up its performance Saturday in the 2000 Chevrolet United States Synchronized Team Skating Championships at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township. The event wrapped up Saturday. The special effect in the photograph at left was achieved using a slow shutter speed during the exposure. For more on the event, please turn to Page A3 in today's Observer.**



# Teens arrested for break-in

Three teenagers were arrested Saturday for breaking into Galimore Elementary School in Canton.

According to township police reports, the teens - boys ranging in age from 14 to 15 - broke in shortly before 3 p.m. Officers responded to an alarm at the school.

Upon arriving, officers found the building's west door open. Reports said they then saw a pair of teens in a hallway. A chase ensued. Officers finally caught up with the teens on nearby Forest Trails Drive, reports said.

The third boy was picked up by police at his home a short time later. All three teens were charged with trespassing and released to their parents, reports said.

# Canton business wins bond for expansion

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A Canton business is getting a helping hand in its quest to expand.

NSS Technologies was recently awarded a \$6 million tax-exempt bond by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, said it's a positive move.

"For Michigan to remain competitive," he added, "this is part of what's offered. It's a program in place that many states don't do."

Bonds will be issued on the company's behalf by MEDC to allow for plant expansion. Bennett said NSS will be exempt from local, state and federal taxes in repaying the debt. "It's good for the community," he added. State Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-

### COP CALLS

The officer then arrested him. Reports said the Belleville man resisted being placed into the squad car. On the way back to Canton police headquarters, the man reportedly kicked and damaged a rear window.

Reports said officers tied the man's feet and hands behind him. He was then taken to the police station without further incident, reports said.

**Police vehicle damaged**  
A 27-year-old Belleville man was arrested by Canton police Saturday evening after allegedly damaging a squad car.

Reports said a township officer was stopped by a pair of women at a Joy Road shopping plaza. They told police the Belleville man had just harassed them. The officer then talked to the man, got his name and ran a criminal background check. Reports said the Belleville man had an outstanding warrant against him for telephone harassment.

More than two dozen new jobs will be created said Bennett, who helped push the bonds' tax-exempt status along.

The company will make highly specialized cold-formed steel components for the automotive, truck and waste water industries, among others, he added.

Representatives of NSS Technologies didn't return Observer phone calls for further explanation by press time Wednesday.

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# Lesson in hate

## West Middle School students hear Holocaust survivor's tale

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A few tears could be seen at West Middle School Tuesday afternoon as 72-year-old Martin Lowenberg, a Holocaust survivor, told of his experiences in a concentration camp and of seeing his father for the last time.

Lowenberg was only 13 years old when he said goodbye to his father, who was eventually sent to Auschwitz.

"Before he left for work that morning he woke me, hugged me, kissed me and wouldn't let go of me," said Lowenberg in a soft voice. "He knew we would never, ever see each other again. He was right."

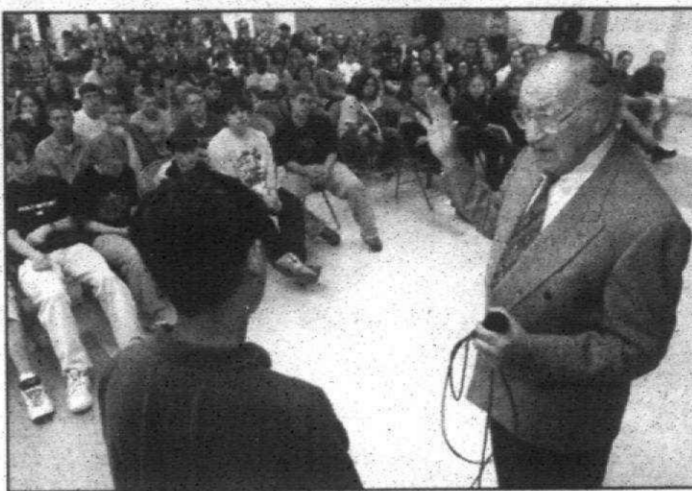
Lowenberg visited West Middle School and its eighth grade class, which had just finished reading an excerpt from "The Diary of Anne Frank."

"What happened to Anne Frank happened to many, many of us," Lowenberg told the gathering of nearly 250 students and teachers. "Over 80 percent of the Jewish population was taken to concentration camps and perished."

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**Learning experience: Holocaust survivor Martin Lowenberg answers questions from students following his presentation during an assembly at West Middle School Tuesday.**

sedation or anesthetics ... and cut them into pieces."

At the end, Lowenberg asked all in the cafeteria to "let's be friends and love each other the way we should. The way the Bible says."

The message wasn't lost on

those who left the assembly.

"I thought his talk was really moving and made us understand what went on during the Holocaust," said Amanda Strong, 13, of Canton. "It made me feel that I should try a little harder to be less prejudiced against people, be more accepting, and made me want to be a better person."

"It puts life in perspective," added Dan Wlodyka, 14, of Plymouth Township. "You shouldn't think about materialistic things and be lucky for what you have."

"The part that really got to me is when his dad came in and hugged him and wouldn't let him go," said Julia Fabiszewski, 14, of Canton. "I started to cry."

The reactions were what language arts teachers, who arranged for Lowenberg's visit, were hoping for.

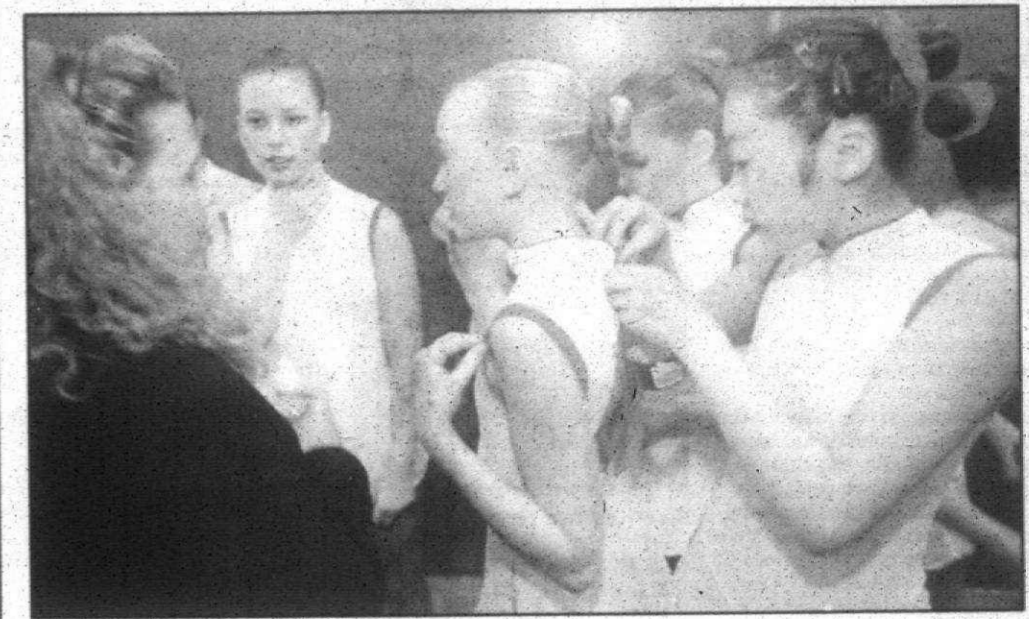
"It's so important at their age for them to learn compassion, tolerance, making good choices," said Mary Parviainen, chairperson of the language arts department at West.



**Attention-getter: Mary Magnusson of Plymouth, 14, (from left) Jessica Wilson of Plymouth, 13, and Lindsay Dew of Canton, 14, listen during the assembly.**

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**Getting ready: Members of the Gems on Ice Juvenile team prepare themselves for a team picture following their performance Friday at Compuware Arena. Coach Carrie Brown is at left. Below, Chris Pacini of Farmington awaits her daughter Marie's performance with the Gems Novice team. She's wearing antennae to promote the team's motto, "BEE-lieve."**

# Gems take home a medal

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Going into last week's 200th Chevrolet Synchronized Team skating championships, Plymouth coach Carrie Brown figured her novice team might have the best shot at a medal.

Turns out she was right. The novice team picked up the pewter medal, finishing fourth of 13 teams and leading the Gems on Ice triumvirate to three solid showings at the national competition, held at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

"They had a real good program," Brown said. "We didn't think of winning or getting a medal. They just wanted to skate a nice, clean skate, and that's what they did."

There was even a measure of revenge for the novice team. The only team in the competition the Plymouth team hadn't beaten, from Dearborn, finished fifth.

Plymouth's intermediate team finished seventh of 12 teams, while the juvenile team finished fifth in a 13-team field.

"We had a couple of bobbles, but there was a lot of pressure on the kids because it was the nationals," Brown said. "I think all three of the teams did really well. They did the best they could."



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Needed performers include strolling musicians, clowns, jugglers, balloon animal makers and others. For information call Bob Dates, township recreation supervisor, (734) 397-5110.

**Testing for PSSO**  
Canton Township will be conducting written, typing and physical ability tests for the position of Public Safety Service Officer on Tuesday, March 14.  
A FSSO has duties similar to that of a dispatcher, with added responsibilities. Service officers receive and dispatch calls for both police and fire, handle jail operations and respond to certain limited calls for service.  
After three years of service, they are eligible to advance into police or fire careers.  
For information, call the public safety department at (734) 397-3000.

**Students cited**  
Three students from Plymouth Christian Academy in Canton have been named local winners in the 31st annual America and Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.  
Emily Bloom was awarded first place; Deanna Zylka, second; and Lindsay Pew, third for the school.  
All three received award certificates for their achievement.  
Emily Bloom's first-place essay now advances to the state level competition from which the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected. The top 10 statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will receive plaques, cash, and U.S. Savings Bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000.

**Open house**  
Canton-based CIM Solutions and Networking will hold an open house at its corporate headquarters, 2200 N. Canton Center, Suite 210, 1-5 p.m. today and Friday.  
The networking and hardware staff will be on hand to answer questions.

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Did you know?  
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■ The first paper money was issued in the U.S. on March 10, 1862? The denominations were \$5, \$10 and \$20.  
■ No two lions have the same pattern of whiskers?  
■ March 14 is set aside to organize your home office? This is a day to find files, purge papers and tackle to-do lists.  
■ The words "facetious" and "abstemious" contain all the vowels in the correct order?

Books on CD  
Here are some books on compact disc available from the library.  
■ "Left Behind" by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins  
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A: In the Roman calendar, the days of the month were not numbered sequentially. Instead, each month had three division days: kalends, nones and ides. Days were numbered for these divisions: i.e. IV Nones or III Ides. The Ides occurred on the 15th of the month or on the 13th if that month had less than 31 days. This system was used in Europe well into the Renaissance. Julius Caesar was assassinated on this day in 44 BC.  
The source for this information is "Chase's 2000 Calendar of Events."

Hot topic of the week  
■ Attention! all fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders: The Canton Kids Club meets to share fun and good thoughts on books. In addition to books, there are crafts, games and food. Come to the library and make new friends and bring your ideas for fun ways to promote reading. When: 2-3 p.m. Saturday, March 18, in the Youth Activity Room (no registration necessary). For more information, contact Kristen at 397-0999.  
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## Land sale from page A1

pen, will be several years down the road, he added.

The township has owned the parcel for many years, Yack said. It was obtained through a state of Michigan tax sale.

Canton didn't actively market the land, said Yack.

"We don't put anything up for sale," he added. "But when they approach us we look at it to see if it makes sense."

In this case, it did. Besides the possibility of additional shopping for residents, the sale price was attractive, Yack said.

"Two hundred thousand dollars per acre," he added. "We thought that was a lot of money."

By comparison, land for Farmer Jack's new center at Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads sold for \$225,000 per acre. Yack said the price of land on Michigan Avenue is climbing because of recent development.

"The Home Depot definitely opened people's eyes as to what's



Supervisor Tom Yack

First, Yack believes Regency Realty Corp. will try to obtain two adjacent parcels. Each measures about an acre.

The additional land would make a supermarket development work better, Yack said.

Secondly, a market study by the grocer, whose identity is unknown, will determine if a store is feasible for the site, he added.

The parcel is the last major piece of commercial land available on Michigan, Yack said.

"Beyond that there are some spotty (not very large) commercial pieces," he added. "Most of Michigan is zoned for light industrial."

The supervisor likes the idea of commercial development on Michigan Avenue. It would help alleviate traffic congestion on Ford Road, for one thing.

"I wish there were more opportunities," Yack said. "It's a great road to build on."

possible there," he commented.

Yack thinks Michigan/Old Canton Center is an ideal location for a grocery store. With several new subdivisions along Geddes Road and nearby in Van Buren Township, the store would have a built-in market.

Two key factors will determine if the development becomes a reality.

## Caucuses from page A1

"The doors will open at 10 a.m. because you need to be registered or in line to register by 11 o'clock in order to vote," said Tavarozzi.

Shortly afterwards, delegates

will be shuffled around the room ... with Gore delegates on one side, Bradley delegates on another, and "other candidates" in a third location of the room.

The delegates for each candi-

date will then be counted, with the numbers sent to Lansing where tabulation from the entire state will take place by the Democratic party.

## Weather from page A1

see," Bradley said. "As long as we don't get a bunch of rain or snow, we'll stay open." Fellowers Creek usually opens, weather permitting, by March 15.

Canton's other public golf course, Pheasant Run, was not open as of Monday this week. A sign on the clubhouse's door stated the course was scheduled to open March 31.

Pheasant Run employee Don Jarrett said the course could possibly open earlier, weather permitting.

"We've had a lot of phone calls" requesting Pheasant Run open, Jarrett said. "A lot depends on the weather."

Another popular place during the "heat wave" this week was Heritage Park's playscape area.

"My daughter is a year old and this is her first time to a park," said Tammy Miller of her daughter, Stephanie. "We're just really enjoying this day."

For the Leonar family of Belleville, there was some competition for warm weather activities, but Heritage Park won out.

"We had a choice between Greenfield Village and the playscape and Louis decided he



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

**Dog days:** Dublin, a 1-year-old Portuguese Water Dog owned by Paul Stanecki, catches a flying disc at Heritage Park Monday. Dublin was joined by his brother Sydney, a 3-year-old Portuguese Water Dog.

wanted to go to the park," said Kate Leonar of her 4-year-old son. "This won out over (Greenfield) Village and the (Henry Ford) Museum."

Leonar said though the warm weather is nice, people shouldn't put their winter coats away just yet.

"I wouldn't make any bets that we're not going to get any more

snow," she said.

Jim Cobane of Canton decided to use a day off work to play in the park with his daughter, Hannah, 5. Her favorite equipment was the monkey bars, but she needed a little help from dad to reach them.

"It's great," Cobane said of the weather. "Hopefully it will stay this way for a while."

## Church expansion hits snag

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Plans for a growing Canton church to move to a new location were put on hold at Monday's planning meeting.

The commission voted 6-0 with commissioner Bob Wade absent to table Tri-City Christian Center's request for site plan approval. They will tentatively revisit the issue at the March 20 meeting.

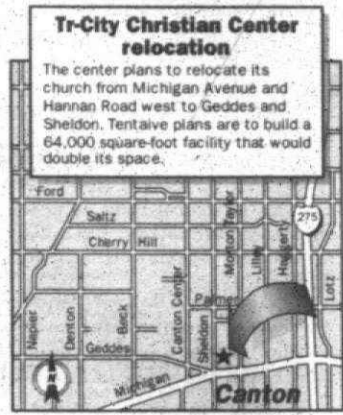
No residents spoke out in opposition of the project. Tri-City's pastor, the Rev. Rocky Barra, said the commission's concerns were minor.

"There was a slight question about elevation," he said.

The planning department's recommendation was to approve the site plan conditioned upon the church increasing the amount of exterior brick to 50 percent.

"Although the percentage calculations for exterior materials indicate insufficient brick, the applicant intends to meet the brick requirement," planner Angela Woloszewicz stated.

Tri-City Christian Center, an Assembly of God church, was established 58 years ago and has been at Michigan and Hannan



Tri-City Christian Center relocation

The center plans to relocate its church from Michigan Avenue and Hannan Road west to Geddes and Sheldon. Tentative plans are to build a 64,000-square-foot facility that would double its space.

"It's probably going to more than double our space," Barra said.

Growing pains are the driving force behind the church's plans to move. The church's membership spans metro Detroit from the Downriver area to Novi and Farmington Hills, so it was important to stay relatively close to the current church, according to Barra.

"We've experienced a lot of growth," he said. Membership has increased five-fold since he took over pastoral duties 10 years ago, he added. "We're quite an active church."

The growth, however, has put a strain on the facilities.

"There's not enough classroom space, insufficient education space and not enough room in our nurseries," Barra said. "We've held classes in closets. At times (we're) like laboratory rats in a confined space."

Barra has attributed the church's membership increase to a "tremendous musical program," which frequently features live musical performances.

In addition to worship services and musical programs, Tri-City also offers classes in anger management, grief support and coping with divorce. Tri-City also

has classes for MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) and sexual abuse survivors.

The church also has a drama team and active youth and young adult ministries.

Typical Sunday worship services draw roughly 1,000 people from across metro Detroit, with the increased membership creating parking problems. Services are held twice on Sundays and beginning soon, will be held Saturdays.

The nearly 50-acre piece of property will be developed in two phases. The first phase involves 18.5 acres purchased from the township and a 3.6-acre strip fronting Michigan purchased from a private owner.

The remaining northern 30 acres will be purchased from the township under a 5-year land contract.

Road access would tentatively be from both Michigan and Sheldon. A wetland area on the property's northeast portion is not going to be developed.

## Health screening at Wayne center

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## Plane crash from page A1

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**OBITUARIES**

**GERALD A. CAMPBELL**  
Services for Gerald A. Campbell, 65, of Canton were held March 3 in St. Stanislaus Chapel with the Rev. Roger Stombaugh of United Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.  
He was born March 5, 1934, in Plymouth and died Feb. 28 in Pittsfield Township. He was a laborer.  
He was preceded in death by his daughter, Peggy Joyce Campbell. Survivors include his wife, Edythe Campbell; five daughters, Helen Susan Little, Laura Joan Canon, Linda Marie Conance, Diane May Campbell and Darlene Kay Campbell; three sons, John Ross Campbell, Cliff Campbell and Gerald Allen Campbell; two brothers, Keith Campbell and Jack Campbell; 18 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

**VERNON MILLER**  
Services for Vernon Miller, 74,

of Belleview, Fla., were held March 1 at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville with Robert Gabbard of Livonia officiating. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Gardens, Flat Rock.  
He was born March 26, 1925, in Powelltown, Ky., and died Feb. 25 in Harborside Health Care Center, Ocala, Fla. He was a self-employed upholsterer.  
He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his two daughters, Joyce Lynn Rhoads of Ohio and Donna Elaine Miller of Ohio; two step-daughters, Donna Faye Dutcher of Michigan and Brenda Lucille Priest of Canton; three step-sons, Peter Everett Green of Bloomfield, Bobby Dale Greer of Plymouth and Michael Lynn Greer of Michigan; four sisters, Ada Williams of Ohio, Mildred Boggs of Arizona, Della Sobree of Kentucky and Hazel Witt of Florida; two brothers, Ernest Miller of Ohio and Carl Miller of

Ohio; one half-brother, Edgar of Kentucky; 16 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**KEITH ERIC MILLER**  
Services for Keith Eric Miller, 48, of Canton were held March 9 at Santein Chapel with the Rev. Kurt Radke of Christus Victor Lutheran Church officiating.  
He was born July 14, 1951, in Detroit and died March 4 in Detroit. He was an area coordinator.  
Survivors include his wife, Harriett Miller; one son, Russell Miller; and two sisters, Gail White and JoAnn Omer.

**AGNES M. JARSKY**  
Services for Agnes M. Jarsky, 73, of Plymouth were held March 8 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.  
She was born Oct. 13, 1926, in Detroit and died March 4 in Ann

Arbor. She worked at the Farmer Jack supermarket in Plymouth for four years. She was a resident of Plymouth for 38 years, coming to the community in 1961 from Detroit. She was a member of the Vivians at the Plymouth Elks Club and loved to work in her yard. She was an excellent cook and a loving mother and neighbor.  
Survivors include her son, Larry R. (Cindy) Jarsky of Waterford; one daughter, Karen M. Abandt of Plymouth; one sister, Audrey (William) Dinner of Livonia; one brother, Bob (Blanche) Graham of Largo, Fla.; grandchildren Rob Jarsky, Rachel Jarsky, Karli Brandt, Kenneth Brandt, Christopher Brandt, Craig Ordan and Alex Ordan; and two nieces, four nephews and several great nieces and nephews.  
Memorials may be made to Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Michigan, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

**DONALD P. MASON**  
Services for Donald P. Mason, 61, of Canton Township were held March 7 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery.

Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.  
He was born Oct. 11, 1939, and died March 3 in Canton Township. He was an accountant for a construction business.  
Survivors include his wife, Connie Mason; one daughter, Karen (Bill) Simms; one son, Christopher Mason; mother, Irene; and one brother, Russell (Rosemary) Mason.  
Local arrangements were made by the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.  
Survivors include his wife, Richard Thomas O'Leary, 70, of Canton took place March 6 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Father George Charnley officiating. Burial was in New York.  
He was born Nov. 25, 1930, in Brooklyn, N.Y., and died March 2 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He worked in sales at Detroit Diesel.  
Survivors include his wife, Lynn; three daughters, Katie O'Leary, Jean (Arnold) Fifeleki

and Mary Jane (John) Belko; three sons, Tommy (Dorothy), Daniel (Ellen) and John; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**WILMA ANN POST**  
Services for Wilma Ann Post, 73, of Canton (formerly of Plymouth) were held March 4 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. James N. McGuire officiating. Burial was in United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth.  
She was born Feb. 21, 1927, in Detroit and died March 1 in Canton. She was a homemaker.  
She was preceded in death by her husband, Nagel. Survivors include six children, Ellen Eckler of Traverse City, Sally Hamel of Walled Lake, Janeen Slider of Dayton, David (Tracy) Post of Salem Township, Beth Ann Gibson of Milford and Stacy (Al) Tanski of Plymouth; one sister, Eileen Whitman; one brother, Ford Lounsbury; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.  
Memorials may be made to the Heartland Health Care Center, 4701 East Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105 or the Michigan Human Society, P.O. Box 214182, Auburn Hills, MI 48321-4182.  
Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

**SARA ANN EVANS**  
Services for Sara Ann Evans, 35, of Dayton, Ohio, (formerly of Plymouth) were held March 9 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with the Rev. James Skimins officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.  
She was born July 29, 1964, in Ann Arbor and died March 4 in Ann Arbor. She worked in retail management and was a homemaker as well. She came to the Dayton, Ohio, community nine years ago from Plymouth. She received her bachelor of arts degree from Kalamazoo College, and her MBA from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, where she also earned a law degree.  
She loved the outdoors, especially biking and camping. She was president of her class at Plymouth Salem High School for four years. She played basket-

ball in high school and college. She started a children's play group at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Dayton. She was very active at church and taught Sunday School.  
She was preceded in death by her daughter, Megan Elizabeth. Survivors include her husband, John Danish of Dayton, Ohio; two sons, Evan and Nathan; parents, Dr. Robert and Sally Evans of Plymouth; four brothers and sisters, Bob (Lori) Evans of Coral Springs, Michael (Catherine) Evans of Plymouth, Cameron (Sue) Evans of Rochester Hills and Susan Evans of Westland; grandmother, Clara Truesdell of Plymouth; and two nieces, Carlie and Kayla Evans.  
Memorials may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St., Dayton, OH 45402.  
Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

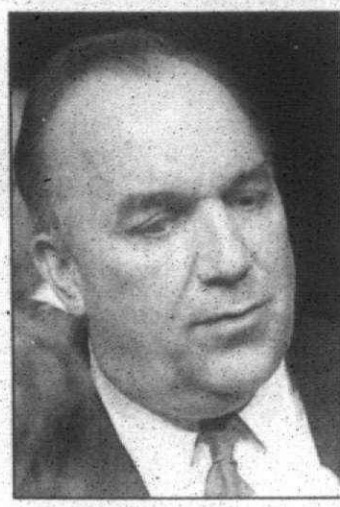
**MEGAN ELIZABETH DANISH**  
Services for Megan Elizabeth Danish of Dayton, Ohio, were held March 9 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with the Rev. Dr. James Skimins officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.  
She was born March 4 and died March 4.  
She was the infant daughter of John Danish of Dayton, Ohio, and the late Sara Ann Evans. In addition to her father, she is survived by two brothers, Evan and Nathan Danish of Dayton, Ohio; grandparents, Dr. Robert and Sally Evans of Plymouth and Catherine Danish of Fairborn, Ohio; great-grandparents, Clara Truesdell Bryn of Plymouth and Mary McGraw of Morgantown, W.Va.; five aunts and uncles, Bob (Lori) Evans of Coral Springs, Fla., Michael (Catherine) Evans of Plymouth, Susan Evans of Westland, Cameron (Sue) Evans of Rochester Hills and Adre (Bill) Daniels of Boavercreek, Ohio; and cousins, Carlie and Kayla Evans, and John and Brian Daniels.  
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**Conference promotes action on anti-sprawl measures**

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Efforts to address urban sprawl in Michigan—a topic that has been on the lips of area residents and planners for as much as 20 years—need to get under way by this June, according to David Skjaerlund, executive director of the Rural Development Council of Michigan.

That's because one piece of it, a major piece, needs to go on the ballot this fall in the form of a Constitutional amendment. Skjaerlund was referring to Gov. John Engler's proposal to change the way farm lands are taxed. Engler has proposed that property taxes be applied to farm land based strictly on its use as agricultural land, rather than on market value as it is assessed today.



Gov. John Engler

The purpose is to take the financial pressure off farmers, who are sometimes forced because of high property taxation to sell to developers. Those developers buy it up for new homes. It is part of the process that fuels sprawl.

Many other urban sprawl initiatives are in the works, like encouraging "smart growth" alternatives in local communities, passing legislation allowing for the sale of "development rights" on working farms, sponsoring regional cooperative planning and redirecting growth back toward central cities, but many of those proposals can be enacted without need of rewriting the state Constitution.

And many can be adopted by local communities themselves.

**Sprawl conference**  
That was the idea behind The Ultimate Land Use Conference Feb. 28 and 29 at the Kellogg Conference Center in East Lansing, Skjaerlund explained. Over the two days, 21 speakers addressed an overflow crowd of more than 550, mostly municipal officials and community planners, on a variety of subjects related to urban sprawl.

State legislators were there in sparse numbers—only six registered. But township and city officials were there in abundance.

"It is at the local level that many of these initiatives will have to be implemented, by the local officials and the local planners," Skjaerlund said. "What the state has to do is determine the rules of the game. What we want to do is make sure they (local officials) are all on the same page and encourage their cooperation."

To that end, 24 organizations from across the state pitched in to host the land use conference, the first of its kind. The roster of sponsoring organizations included groups as diverse as Michigan's Environmental Council, the state Chamber of Commerce, the Michigan Farm Bureau, the Michigan Municipal League,

Michigan United Conservation Clubs and the Economic Development Association.

Speakers at the conference emphasized farmland preservation, because as Dr. Tom Daniels of the University at Albany, State University of New York, pointed out, government not only has to take financial pressure off agriculture, it needs to make family farming a profitable enterprise if it expects to farmers to stay on and work their lands. Daniel explained to the conference how New York's program allowing for the purchase of development rights works.

of development just contributes to sprawl, he said, because it is unproductive of land that no longer can support agriculture. While it does preserve greenspace, he said, it is not public greenspace.

"We have greenspace, but we don't know what it's there for," he said.

Katz further argued that the traffic congestion suburbs experience is not the result of inadequate size on major roads, it is the result of the way subdivisions, all roads lead to dead ends," he said. By contrast, the grid pattern of older

city residential streets helps improve the traffic flow in those towns.

Katz advocates designing subdivisions based on the model of small American towns prior to World War II. They feature mixed uses including different housing types, small retail stores at the center of the community and lots of walkways.

The problem with most New Urbanism designs being used today is that they are too large, Katz said. If these neighborhoods are more than a quarter mile across, residents will just get in the car to drive to where they are going. Planners tend to

put too much retail at the center. These designs are intended for small shops.

West Bloomfield Planning Director Tom Bird was present at the conference and gave the sessions generally positive reviews. But he had some frustrations too. One item presenters failed to give was a set of criteria by which planners can judge the quality of a New Urbanism development.

"They all come in and insist their plan is so good," he said. "Their interest is making money, but they tell you your interest is the same as theirs. It isn't."

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# New law allows foreclosure after 2 years of tax delinquency

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

With the enactment of a new state law, property owners will have much less time to pay delinquent taxes before losing their property to Wayne County.

Public Act 123 of 1999 gives the county treasury department the power to foreclose on a property after a tax has gone unpaid for only two years. Formerly, the law allowed up to five years for owners to pay delinquent taxes.

An unpaid tax becomes delinquent after a local city or township forwards it to the county treasurer for collection on March 1 of the year after it was due, at which time the property will be put in a state of forfeiture.

From that time a property owner will have exactly one year before the property is foreclosed and put up for public auction. The previous owners will receive no compensation from the sale.

Considering over 80,000 properties become delinquent each year in Wayne County alone, the new law may catch some people by surprise.

"This is a very complex issue," said Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz. "I have grave concerns that the good people of Wayne County are not

fully aware of the full parameters of this law."

The law provides incentive for investors and developers to bid on properties when they are auctioned, because it allows for a clear title of the property in a quicker period of time, a fact the county welcomes.

"Public Act 123 gives us the necessary tools to get delinquent properties back onto the tax roll in a shorter period of time," Wojtowicz said. "This is not only important to the county, but also to local cities and townships, which rely on the taxes to pay for public services such as education."

Property owners who can't come up with all of the money to pay their taxes will have a few options before foreclosure, such as setting up a partial payment plan with the treasury office.

The law also allows for an appeals process, in which a judge will review a case to make sure a tax was not erroneously or illegally applied. The appeal will also provide a delinquent owner the opportunity to show a case of existing hardship.

"In my experience, most judges are very sensitive to an appeal, as long as a person can show they will make serious efforts to

pay what was agreed upon," Wojtowicz said.

Individuals with financial need can also contact the Family Independence Agency, a state agency formerly known as Social Services. The agency will provide one-time emergency assistance grants to pay for all or part of a delinquent tax to eligible applicants.

"We have to make sure the grant would solve the problem on a long-term basis," said Gene Hashley, a spokesman for the FIA's Wayne County office. "If there is no way an applicant can handle the responsibility down the road, we have to look at other options, such as an alternative living arrangement."

Once a property has been foreclosed by the county, the former owners will have no recourse to get it back.

"That is the enormity of this issue," said Wojtowicz, noting properties with delinquent 1999 taxes will be foreclosed on March 1, 2002.

Wojtowicz said people concerned about friends or family members who are unaware of and may be affected by the new law should contact the treasurer's office.

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# Storytime

## Toddlers get first taste of library

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
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Toddlers might be too young to actually read books, but they're not too young to experience their power.

That's the thinking behind "Toddler Storytimes," which began Feb. 28 at the Canton Public Library. The storytelling sessions run 10 to 10:30 a.m. and 7 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. Sessions are open to children ages 2-3 1/2 and their parents or guardians. There are similar sessions for infants and older toddlers as well.

Youth librarian Nancy Voigt said she knows it takes more than simply sitting in a chair and reading a book to keep toddlers' attention. So in addition to reading, she uses a flannel board with story characters stuck to it, songs and puppets to supplement the stories and keep the toddlers focused.

"We do the story and jump right into something where they're moving around," Voigt said.

Last week's theme was cats, in honor of Theodore "Dr. Seuss" Geisel's birthday March 2. Seuss was the author of the popular "Cat in the Hat" children's books. The theme the week of March 6 is teddy bears, with toddlers encouraged to bring their own bears.

Though "Toddler Storytimes" just began, it's already proven popular with parents.

"We've had huge crowds all week," she said, describing a recent session with about 40 children.

But even the best attempts to entertain can fail.

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child) that doesn't want to be there," Voigt said. Parents or guardians of "inconsolable" children are asked to take them out until they quiet down.

Canton resident Lilly Wegrecki, who brought Alyssa, her 2-year-old, said the storytelling helps toddlers socialize and teaches them the importance of libraries.

"To hear stories in a group is good because other kids are listening," she said. "And it gets us to the library a few days a week. It gets us coming to the library like it's a normal thing to do."

Canton resident Kim Stead, who moved from England only six months ago, said the program helps cultivate a love of reading.

"Harry's quite interested in reading," Stead said of her 2-year-old. She added that Harry and his 3-month-old brother Matthew seem to enjoy the singing aspect.

Voigt agreed the program helps create future readers.

"I think any experience children have with reading and books is a good influence," she said. "It also helps make them better listeners."

For more information about Canton Public Library programs, call (734) 397-0999.

### The prisoners on 'Cell Block MDA'



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**Jail time:** Margo Esparza of Family Service of Canton (right) and Bruce Bonkowski of B & P Landscape phone co-workers and friends to help them raise "bail" during their "incarceration" at Summit on the Park last week as part of the Muscular Dystrophy Association's annual Lock-Up event. In the photo at right, Char Little of Sign-A-Rama in Canton phones co-workers.

**Helping hand:** Muscular Dystrophy Association District Director Beth Wheland (right) talks with Marian Bunch of Community Federal Credit Union following Bunch's "lock-up" at the Summit.



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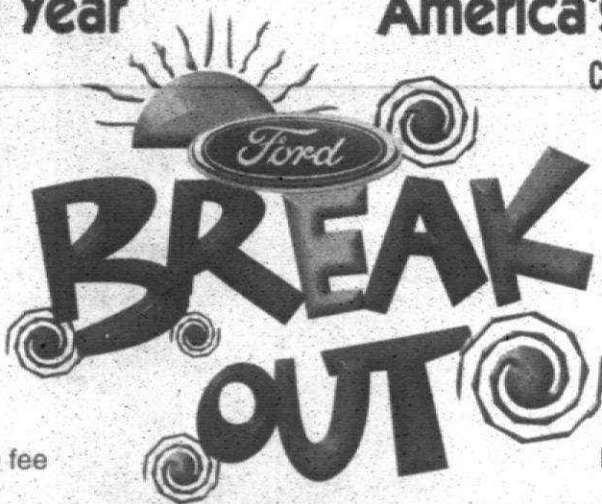
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# Bankes insists she's no fan of a proposed arts tax

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■ 'I wouldn't want to take this resolution back to my community.'

Commissioner Lyn Bankes  
R-Livonia

Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes said she doesn't care about a recent proposal from the ways and means committee for a regional fine arts tax.

"I don't care if it ever gets passed," said Bankes, R-Livonia, seeking to clarify her position on the proposal in the wake of a minor uproar at the March 2 commission board meeting.

In fact, she said, if the issue never comes to a public vote, that'll be OK, too. "Fine, let it die. Let it go away," she said.

The minor-blowup occurred after a resolution was introduced to the commission by its ways and means committee, proposing that a half-mill tax levy be placed on an Aug. 8 special election ballot.

Commissioners voted to send

the resolution back to committee after Ilona Varga, D-Detroit, said it was introduced in error.

The levy, 50 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation, would run from 2000 to 2009 and would be "for the exclusive purpose of distribution to a Metropolitan Regional Arts Council."

The council would be "established and equitably supported and appointed" by the counties of Wayne and Oakland and by the city of Detroit, according to the resolution.

Its purpose would be "to

improve and sustain regional fine arts and cultural institutions." The millage would raise an estimated \$13.6 million in 2000.

Ben Washburn, commission counsel, said county commissioners must approve by May 15 any proposal for the Aug. 8 ballot.

Bankes, a member of the ways and means committee, was identified on the March 2 agenda as introducing the resolution, although it was being sponsored by Ways and Means Chairman George Cushingberry Jr. and

Varga.

Commissioner Robert Blackwell, a Detroit Democrat, immediately chided Bankes with "you are a brave commissioner."

Then he called half-seriously for "research" to see "if there's ever been any Republican on the commission" who asked for a tax increase.

"I'm not for this" proposal, Blackwell grumbled. "I've got enough culture."

Bankes responded with, "I wouldn't want to take this resolution back to my community" of Livonia.

Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, was identified on the March 2 agenda as introducing the resolution, although it was being sponsored by Ways and Means Chairman George Cushingberry Jr. and

Approved was a four-year, nearly \$2-million contract between the county and the state department of corrections for the arrest of parole/probation violators.

They referred the other two resolutions — one by Bankes involving the recently restored Guardian Building, the other by Cushingberry regarding natural gas deregulation — to the committee of the whole for further study.

Bankes said she is trying, through the Guardian resolution, to get the county to urge DTE Energy Inc. to assure the building's future, calling it "such an important icon of Detroit's history and heritage."

It was restored by MichCon before that company merged with Detroit Edison to form DTE Energy.

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## McCotter cosponsors bill to preserve Great Lakes

State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, has cosponsored legislation introduced by Sen. Ken Sikkenma, R-Grandville, that will protect the Great Lakes from non-native aquatic species.

"As a conservationist, I'm committed to protecting and promoting our state's most treasured natural resource: the Great Lakes," said McCotter.

The legislation would require all ballast water taken from outside the Great Lakes to be sterilized before a ship can enter Michigan's Great Lakes; prohibit the discharge of ballast into the Great Lakes without a permit from the Department of Environmental Quality; and direct the DEQ to establish an inspection program.

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## Nursing homes receive state grants

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Nursing homes throughout Wayne County are reaping the benefits of a new state grant program designed to help them face the challenges of an aging population.

In its first year of implementation, the Nursing Home Quality Incentive Grant Program has allowed state lawmakers to disperse \$8.5 million to nursing care facilities throughout the state. Of the more than 340 nursing homes to receive grants, 59 are located in the county.

"These grants are excellent resources for improvement — adding new staff, expanding facilities and making it a top priority to provide the best long-term health care solutions we can," said Gerald Law, state representative from Plymouth and chair of the House Health Policy Committee.

The grant program, which is administered through the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services (MDCIS), is funded through a combination

of federal and state money. Successful applicants had to meet certain criteria set by the MDCIS, based on need and past efficiency.

Although the state budget allowed for similar expenditures in the past, the process often became bogged down by a barrage of appeals made by applicants denied funding through the previous program because of a record of poor performance.

With the new program, the appeals process has been eliminated, meaning there is less of a roadblock in dispersing the money after it has been awarded.

"We have put a lot of effort into this program. Our goal is to get the money into the hands of those facilities that are helping people," said Maura Campbell, a spokesperson for MDCIS. "I want to stress that this is not an entitlement program. It is a grant program."

"Nursing homes are a challenging area, because they house some of the most vulnerable citizens in society. It's not easy, but

we're optimistic a lot of good programs are going to come of these grants."

Officials at local nursing care facilities are excited about receiving the grants.

"This is a good program," said Tom Rau, owner of Four Chaplains' Nursing Care Center in Westland, which was awarded \$23,088. "It is allowing us to do a combination of things that we wouldn't otherwise be able to do."

For instance, Rau said his facility has begun to implement various enhancements, such as a "homestyle" dining room, in which residents will be served their meals at a place setting with tablecloths and nicer silverware.

In addition, Rau is going to start providing Companion Radio, a national service that broadcasts "old-fashioned" programming.

Rau said both programs are designed to make his residents "feel more at home," which he believes will give them a better outlook on life and ultimately

keep them healthier.

MDCIS classifies such programs as Education Projects, which are meant to improve the quality of life of residents.

However, the majority of grant winners, including Marywood Nursing Care Center (\$18,928) and Marycrest Manor (\$11,440), both of Livonia, have used their awards for Innovative Projects, which includes staff development.

By providing better pay and a more stable working environment, nursing home officials believe they will be able to secure more competent and qualified staff, which is one of the most pressing problems facing the nursing home industry.

A fact that state lawmakers had in mind when they devised the Nursing Home Quality Incentive Grant Program.

"Taking care of our elderly population is a righteous and growing concern," said Law. "With a large baby boomer population retiring soon, we have to be prepared now and get ahead of the game."

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Specially featured again in this year's bee school is a series of beginner workshops, each dealing with a different aspect of beekeeping to help the new beekeeper get started. New beekeepers will have an opportunity to enroll in a yearlong "hands-on" beekeeping course to be held in the newly established demonstration apiary. Other workshop sessions include a variety of practical beekeeping management topics taught by experienced beekeepers.

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# Plymouth to crack down on parking scofflaws

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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The Plymouth Downtown Development Authority will soon be handing out tickets to long-term shoppers and employees who park in short-term spaces.

After a delay of several months, the DDA has hired a part-time parking enforcement employee to monitor the parking situation in downtown Plymouth.

"What we're trying to do is get people to park in the most appropriate places," said DDA Director Melanie Purcell. "We're

not making any changes in the parking policy, but simply enforcing what exists."

The DDA has hired Dan Webb, a downtown resident, for the 20-hour per week position. The parking ordinance will be enforced Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"Obviously, with a 20-hour employee we can't cover the entire time frame, but we will have a random schedule for Dan," said Purcell. "Only he and I will know his exact schedule."

Purcell said flyers will be handed out by downtown merchants telling customers of the

various areas in which to park. Beginning in March, the parking enforcement employee will hand out mostly courtesy tickets, warning about "what could have been" and detailing where to park. It will most likely be April before actual \$5 parking tickets are handed out.

"We're not looking to make any money off this," she said. "It's really meant to get the long-term parkers in the long-term spaces, like the parking deck."

While there are no meters to contend with in downtown Plymouth, the parking policy is fairly straightforward. There is two-hour parking on the streets, four hours in the parking lots and unlimited time atop the parking deck.

The DDA will print newly designed parking tickets, develop new parking signs and pay for the enforcement employee. Purcell would like it all in order before the influx of new businesses downtown, which is expected to bring in more customers and employees.

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# Democrat caucus proceeds, as Bradley plans to pull out

BY MIKE MALOTT  
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By the time Michigan Democrats vote in caucuses Saturday, March 11, the presidential primary race may be over.

Bill Bradley staffers said Wednesday morning, in the wake of the results from voting Tuesday in primary contests in 16 states, they anticipate his withdrawal from the race Thursday morning.

Word inside the Michigan Bradley campaign Wednesday was that the candidate would take the day to phone staffers, donors and supporters to thank them for their efforts before making an announcement of his decision Thursday.

Vice President Al Gore was the big winner in Super Tuesday balloting, when primaries were held in 11 states and caucuses were held in another five.

Some 1,312 delegates were at stake Tuesday. Although victories in all 16 states still leaves Gore with less than the number of delegates needed to lock up the nomination, Bradley managed to win only about 200 of them, putting Gore well out in front, staffers said.

Michigan caucuses will go ahead, state party Communications Director Dennis Denno said Wednesday morning.

"They're still on, although this will affect turnout obviously," he said. "It is still a good time for Democrats to get together and meet candidates and staff, and to meet fellow Democrats."

Bradley's name will still appear on ballots, since they've been printed, so he'll still get some votes. Some 21,000 Democrats pulled absentee ballots, and many of those have already been turned back in. So that candidate gets even more votes there.

But campaign staffers also believe Bradley supporters will now throw their support behind Gore.

"Unlike the Republicans,

where there has been a holy war, Bradley supporters don't have a visceral reaction to Gore. We just like Bradley a little better," said one member of the Bradley team.

This was the first time Democrats used a vote-by-mail system as a part of its presidential primary caucus. Those who did not vote by mail can still cast their ballots in person at caucus sites around the state.

To vote in person this Saturday, Democrats will gather in local meeting halls across the state for old style, lowa-type caucus sessions. Beginning at 11 a.m., the party will hold meetings asking members to vote by raising their hands. An old-fashioned round the room count will tally the results. The caucuses are expected to take no more than two hours, according to party officials.

Voters don't have to be registered members of the Democratic Party to participate, they must only be willing to declare themselves to be Democrats, according to State Party Chairman Mark Brewer.

Democrats must go to the caucus meeting for the area in which they live. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The reason Democrats are using the caucus system is to eliminate "crossover" voting, where members of one party vote in the other's primary to "cause mischief," Brewer explained. Crossover played a significant role in the outcome of the GOP's open primary in Michigan.

When the balloting is finished Saturday, delegates to the Democratic National Convention will be apportioned on a percentage basis from the local congressional districts according to the results. The delegates will be allocated later, on May 6 for the districts and on May 20 for the state as a whole.

All told, the state will send 17 delegates, 22 alternates, and 18 convention committee members off to the national convention in

Los Angeles this August where they will cast the final votes for who is to be selected as the party's nominee to run for president in November.

Because so many votes have already been cast in Michigan by absentee ballot, Michigan will probably be the last state in which Bradley picks up delegates.

Caucus sessions will be held in the following locations:

Farmington Hills City Hall  
City Council Chambers  
31555 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Farmington Hills  
(for the cities of Farmington Hills, Farmington, Novi, Northville and South Lyon, Lyon and Novi townships)

VFW Post 345  
27345 Schoolcraft Road  
Redford  
(for Redford Township)

Livonia Library Auditorium  
3300 Civic Center Drive  
Livonia  
(for the City of Livonia, 11th Congressional District portion)

Plymouth Cultural Center  
525 Farmer  
Plymouth  
(Livonia, 13th Congressional portion; Canton Township; Northville; Northville Township; Plymouth; Plymouth Township)

Wayne Public Library  
3737 W. Wayne Road  
Wayne  
(for Wayne)

Maplewood Community Center  
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Garden City  
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# 'Boot Camp' for new dads set

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System will offer a unique workshop for men who are becoming fathers for the first time.

"Boot Camp for New Dads" builds pride and confidence in caring for a new baby, according to a hospital spokesperson.

First time fathers will get hands-on experience in holding and comforting a baby with the help of "veteran" dads who bring their own babies to class. New dads will also get practical information on parenthood, baby care, becoming a family and supporting the new mom.

The next round of "Boot Camp" will be held from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, March 25 at Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center. The cost is \$20 per person. To register or for more information on the program or other dates and locations, call the Saint Joseph Mercy Healthline at (734) 712-5400 or (800) 231-2211.

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# MILITARY NEWS

To submit your military announcement, send the material printed or typewritten to: Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

**PROMOTED**  
Joseph T. Malas Jr. a 1994 graduate of Plymouth-Canton School, was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corp. Joe has also been awarded the Navy and Marine Achievement Medal for outstanding service performed when on duty in Turkey in 1999. He is currently stationed in Iwakuni, Japan, and reported in February to Okinawa to attend six weeks of training. Joe is the son of Joseph and Janice Malas.

**REPORTED DUTY**  
Navy Chief Petty Officer James R. Greiner, son of Nancy L. Laurenty of Plymouth, recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, home ported in Norfolk, Va. He joined the Navy in October 1978.

**DEPLOYMENT**  
Navy Airman Ray C. Horton, son of James C. Horton of Canton, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Constellation, home ported in San Diego. During the deployment, Horton's ship participated in Operation Southern Watch in the Arabian Gulf, enforcing U.N. resolutions levied against Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War, patrolling the no-fly zone over Southern Iraq and prohibiting the flow of illegal contraband to and from Iraq. He is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

**DELAID ENTRY PROGRAM**  
Jason E. Todd has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Westland. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year. The enlistment gives the new soldier the chance to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education.

**ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL**  
Army Pfc. Kevin W. Hanley has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal. The medal is awarded to soldiers who have served in any capacity in a noncombat area authorized by

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

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Address all proposals to: CANTON TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Attn: Kathleen Salla, 3rd floor, Supervisor's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk  
Publish: March 9, 2000

**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 23, 2000 for the following:

**2000 WEED CUTTING PROGRAM**

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk  
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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS February 29, 2000**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, February 29, 2000 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to move from an open session to a closed session for the purpose of discussion pending litigation and employee negotiations. Motion carried.

Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack  
Absent: None

**ROLL CALL - Closed**  
Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack  
Members Absent: None  
Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Santomaro

Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy, to return to open session from a closed session at 7:10 P.M. for the purpose of review of the Revised Finance and Purchasing Policy.  
Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack  
Absent: None

**ROLL CALL - Open**  
Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack  
Members Absent: None  
Staff present: Director Minghine

**OVERVIEW**  
Director Minghine presented an overview of the proposed revision to the Finance and Purchasing policy. The main change is an increase in the purchasing authorization limits. This change would allow a department director to authorize purchases specific to their departments up to \$2,000.00. Whenever possible the department would obtain a minimum of three (3) informal quotes or bids for the items requested. The Director of Finance and Budget may authorize purchases up to \$5,000.00 provided the request has been authorized by the requesting Department Director. Whenever possible, the department would obtain a minimum of three (3) informal quotes or bids for the items requested. Purchases that are over \$5,000.00, but less than \$10,000.00 may be authorized by any two (2) of the three (3) administrators (Supervisor, Treasurer, and/or Clerk), the Department Director, and the Director of Finance and Budget. Prior to any purchase order being issued, three (3) informal bids shall be obtained for the requested items. Purchases that are over \$10,000.00 must be presented to the Township Board for approval. Formal bids would be obtained for all purchases that are over \$10,000.00. This would be less expensive, since bidding preparation is expensive. Also Director Minghine believes that formal bidding process takes away some ability to negotiate and ability to obtain the best quote. Phil LaJoy stated that he feels more comfortable with any purchase over \$5,000.00 requiring board approval.

Director Minghine also drafted a policy for blanket purchase orders. Currently there is no policy regarding this. The proposed change would be that no blanket purchase will be issued in excess of \$20,000.00 without board approval. No single purchase should be made against a blanket purchase in excess of \$500.00. Purchases in excess of \$500.00 should be processed thru normal purchasing procedures and receive a separate purchase order.

Other proposed changes include increasing the reimbursement policy for employees to attend township related functions, or to extend hospitality to others to \$200.00. A statement was added to the Cellular Phones policy stating that each department should establish a policy, specific to their department, for the acceptable use of portable phones. Petty cash limits would be increased to \$30.00.

The maximum per diem meal rate would increase to \$50.00, which is the new federal per diem rate that they allow on a national basis. This would be \$60.00 for breakfast, \$8.00 for lunch, and \$16.00 for dinner.

Mileage Reimbursement policy is revised to state the mileage between township facilities which does not exceed five (5) miles per day, shall not be reimbursed.

The proposed Finance and Purchasing Policy will come before the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton for approval at a future public meeting.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. Motion carried.

Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack  
Absent: None

\*Note: A complete copy of the proposed Finance and Purchasing Policy is available for public inspection in the Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on Feb. 29, 2000. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on March 7, 2000.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor  
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk  
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TERRY BENNETT, Clerk  
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**2000 CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, for a Meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2000 at 2:00 p.m.

◆ TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2000 @ 2:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2000 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall before an appointment can be made. The "DEADLINE" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 8, 2000 by 9:00 p.m.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be submitted by Monday, March 20, 2000. Copies of the notice stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted on the official public bulletin boards of the City and also in the local newspapers.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call (734) 453-1234 ext. 223.

MARK R. CHRISTIANSEN, City Assessor  
City of Plymouth  
Publish: March 9 and 12, 2000

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

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 3, 2000, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**MORGAN CREEK PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - AMENDMENT #1 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AGREEMENT AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.041 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE PARCEL NO. 090 99 0008 000 AND TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ATTACHED CONDOMINIUM UNITS FROM 90 TO 88 THE PDD, AS APPROVED, CONSISTS OF PARCEL NOS. 090 99 0006 002, 090 99 0007 000 AND 090 99 0009 000. Property is located on the south side of Cherry Hill Road between Sheldon and Lilley Roads.**

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, March 30, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman  
Publish: March 9 & 26, 2000

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## Canton vision Local leaders pressing ahead

When Supervisor Tom Yack gave his State of the Township address the other day we couldn't help but reflect on how things have changed since his first election campaign a dozen years ago. Even the setting for the speech - Summit on the Park - was a vacant field on nobody's horizon in 1988.

Much of Canton's progress has coincided with the supervisor's three terms in office. But Yack will be the first to point out that he can't take all the credit. A solid national and state economy - particularly over the last six or seven years - has served as the springboard for the township's mushrooming SEV (State Equalized Value), which this year hit \$2 billion.

In our view, Yack does get credit, though, for having the long-term vision to remake Canton from a rural outpost on the edge of Wayne County into a desirable suburb and the political muscle to turn that vision into a reality. His attention to township services and such quality-of-life issues as recreation and the arts is commendable.

The supervisor, who will seek a fourth term this fall, was also one of the first local officials to espouse the idea that government can't do it all. He has been instrumental in pushing for the creation of organizations like the Canton Community Foundation to pick up the slack instead of ballooning local millage rates.

If that seems like a ringing endorsement for the current administration, we remind you

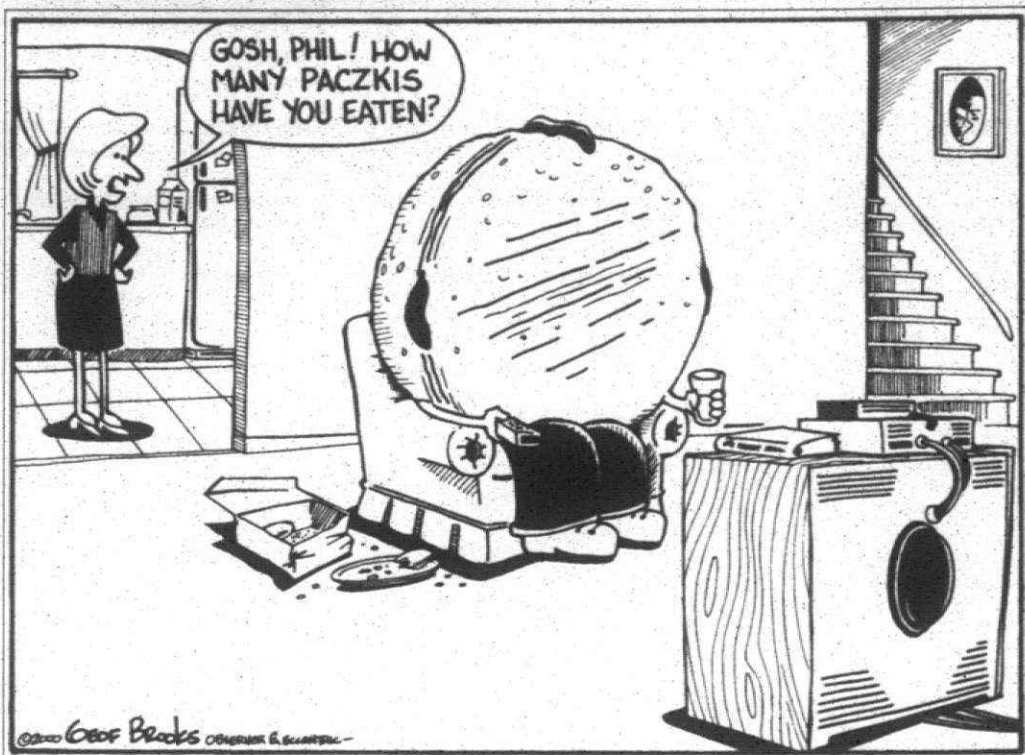
that it's still a long way to the November elections. (The filing deadline for the Canton Township Board of Trustees is May 16.) There are certainly a number of qualified residents who have the same kind of dynamic vision for Canton who might be interested in a seat at the township board table.

In his speech last week, Yack focused on the future as well as the past. He pointed to Cherry Hill Village, the neo-traditional neighborhood taking shape at Ridge Road and Cherry Hill, and the possibility for technology-driven industrial and commercial development along Michigan Avenue and in the Lotz Road corridor at the east end of the township. The supervisor said he expects Cherry Hill Village to influence nearby residential developments in Canton.

A Home Depot store is set to break ground off Michigan Avenue this spring and the township approved the sale of another 6.85 acres of adjacent township-owned land Tuesday for possible development as a grocery store. There are already several industrial projects in the works on the strip, including the giant Ashley Capital warehouses.

The Observer is anxious to see how those projects and others materialize. They are a key to the next generation of home buyers and businesses seeking to put down roots in Canton. And their success will contribute to the legacy left by Yack and the current township board.

## 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

### Independent, not meddler

I am one of the many independent voters from Michigan who passionately support Sen. John McCain for President. I find it offensive to be labeled a meddler who will return to the Democratic camp in November.

It is a mistake of the Republican Party establishment to exclude people like me. There were many first-time voters and young people involved and people like me who have never been active in a campaign before. I am a part of the Republican Party, if the establishment is willing to open the door for people like me. Sen. McCain has opened that door.

McCain can unite various groups and form a coalition to defeat Al Gore in November much more easily than George W.

Sen. McCain is a man of character who lives it through his actions. He is willing to stand up for what he believes in spite of the opposition he might face (e.g. campaign reform, anti-tobacco stance in South Carolina).

He does not take the easy way out unlike George W. who chose to remain silent about the racist policies at Bob Jones University. He makes difficult choices. One example is his decision to allocate the surplus budget money responsibly by paying down the national debt and preserving Social Security, then offering a modest tax cut.

This is the logical and moral choice because, if I have a debt in my family budget, I am obligated to pay it and not leave it as a burden for my children.

Despite the campaign rhetoric, both candidates are conservative. Both are pro-life. Both believe in the philosophy of local decision making. Both believe in a strong military however. Sen. McCain has the military experience and credibility as a Vietnam War hero.

The Republican Party needs to take off its blinders. Just because the old establishment has hand-picked George W. does not mean the rest of the Republican Party feels the same. Come this November, I plan on voting against Al Gore. However, I hope I get the opportunity to vote for my true choice, Sen. John McCain.

Mary Arrasmith  
Canton

### Recognition for Canton

This is in response to your editorial, "Name game: Tradition is worth preserving," on the Opinion Page, dated Thursday, Feb. 10.

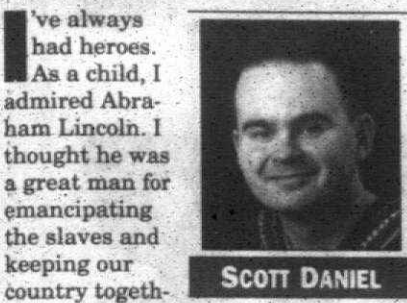
You asked "Who could ask for anything more?" I can, a lot more. The new high school should be named Canton Renaissance High School.

It is essential that Canton be recognized as the equal partner it is in the Plymouth-Canton school system, and the community that Canton has become so well reflected. Your "opinion" article points out all too well why this is necessary. You use the word community a number of times in this article, twice preceded by the name Plymouth, but not once associated with Canton. Is the Canton Community so inconsequential to you? You speak of the tradition of bickering (and politics and lawsuits) in the Plymouth community. While it is unfortunate that it continues, that is not a Canton community tradition. The Canton community does have however, a long tradition of supporting school funding which unfortunately has not always been the case with the Plymouth communities. And the "firestorm" regarding the P-C Jr. Baseball Association was unfortunately about the same Plymouth community "tradition" as you're proposing. Canton expected to provide facilities and funding but expected to have little voice in making decisions.

Your "opinion" states that the students consider themselves as attending either Salem or Canton. That may be so, but for both schools, their letter sweaters and jackets carry a Plymouth and nothing reflecting Canton.

While I agree that tradition is important, the tradition of the Canton community must be respected just as you suggest the tradition of the Plymouth community be respected. We have two high schools named Plymouth. It's time we have one named Canton.

Thomas P. Gamache  
Canton



SCOTT DANIEL

As a child, I've always had heroes. As a child, I admired Abraham Lincoln. I thought he was a great man for emancipating the slaves and keeping our country together.

As a teenager, I worshiped athletes. I marveled at how far they could hit baseballs, how quickly they scored touchdowns and the style they showed in executing slam dunks.

As an adult, I realize my admiration and worship were misplaced. The real hero in my life was and will always be my mother.

Tomorrow is a significant day in her life. After nearly two decades as a custodian for the Plymouth-Canton Community School District, she's retiring.

It will be the last time she has to push a vacuum from classroom to classroom. It will be the last time she

mops a bathroom other than her own or worries about dust on the top of lockers.

Knowing mom, however, it won't be the last day she works hard. It's something she has done all of her life.

She comes from a large family, you see. Six brothers and seven sisters.

Each one had responsibilities. It was cooking and cleaning for my mom.

Breakfasts, which were very elaborate in those days, and dinners. There was no luxury of a washing machine, either. She scrubbed plenty of clothes on a washboard.

As a young woman, mom moved



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMAN

Final week: Juanita Daniel, Scott's mom, takes a moment Monday to pose for a photo in one of the classrooms at Smith Elementary School in Plymouth.

north to Chicago from her native Kentucky. There she worked with her sister in a factory. She eventually moved

Through it all, mom never complained. I don't ever recall her saying she was working too hard, doing too

much laundry or too much cooking.

So, the way I see it, tomorrow is Juanita Daniel's Independence Day.

No more dirty school floors. No more picking up after her boys. As far as I can tell, there isn't a single person on this planet that deserves retirement more.

Before you head out that door at Smith School, mom, there are just a couple of other things I'd like to say.

First of all, thank you. Thank you for being there when I needed you. Thank you for always supporting me and my sometime silly ideas. Thank you for showering me with all the affection and devotion you never received.

Without you, mom, I wouldn't be where I am in my life. Without you, mom, I wouldn't know the concepts of dignity and respect. Most of all, mom, I wouldn't understand the real meaning of love without you.

Mom, thank you for being my hero. Scott Daniel is a reporter for the Canton Observer. Reach him by phone at (734) 459-2700 or by e-mail at sdaniel@oe.homecomm.net

## LETTER

### School decision confounds

An open letter to the Canton Planning Commission:

We are confounded by your Feb. 28 recommendation to deny special land use for a charter school. National Heritage Academies (the school) addressed the issues raised at your Jan. 11, 2000 hearing. The school worked with staff planners to address your concerns to meet the site requirements, which they clearly demonstrated.

Commissioner Sue Dodson stated that National Heritage Academies "did meet the requirements." While other board members expressed concerns about traffic, Ms. Dodson

instructed that "all of Canton is one big traffic mess," and traffic is not a reason to deny the special use. But, incongruously, she voted against the special land use.

Chairman Victor Gustafson was concerned about the well-being of the children because of the traffic. If the school chose a site in another part of Canton, he failed to explain how the traffic would be less than at the proposed site.

Commissioner Catherine Johnson stated that the changes made by the school were "not enough to change her mind" to vote for approval of the land use. The school changed the ingress and egress to accommodate the planning commission's concern about

Ridge Road's Natural Beauty Road status. Because of these changes, the Natural Beauty Road status would not be impacted, and the change would improve traffic flow. The school even redesigned the building from a one-story structure to a two-story structure to provide more open space.

Commissioner Ronald Lieberman stated that the large parking lot is not compatible in an R-1 designation. Other public and parochial schools and churches in Canton are in residential areas with large parking lots. Mr. Lieberman was also concerned about children destroying the wetland on the site, despite the fact that the playground is at the other end of the school building, away from the wet-

land area. Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin stated that northwest corner of Canton should maintain a rural atmosphere because it was more special: "(she) grew up on Napier Road and her parents still live there." Ms. McLaughlin embraced the inflated traffic statistics of the Northwest Homeowners Association to illustrate the problem with traffic, while ridiculing the school's presentation of studies conducted by the Wade-Trim consulting firm (According to the Wade-Trim study, the level of traffic on Warren and Ridge roads would be acceptable). Concerned Canton residents submitted 160 signatures in favor of the proposed site. These Can-

ton residents' needs are just as important as the NWA. You seem willing to allow the rest of Canton to bear the traffic burden so the NWA residents can maintain their so-called rural atmosphere.

This was a clear case of NIMBY (Not in My Backyard). You never attempted to hide this fact. I am frightened that your politics governed your decision on someone's sale of property and someone's purchase of property. We are genuinely disappointed with your decision.

Ted and Rose Lang  
Canton

## On-line booze ban a disservice

It may look like a solid idea, but when examined, the state Legislature's proposal to block the sale of alcohol over the Internet to minors just doesn't hold water.

First, the sale of alcohol to minors is already illegal here.

Second, there is absolutely no evidence that youngsters are getting alcohol through the Internet now.

And when done in the manner put forward by Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, through House Bill 4752, the legislation would impose a restraint on trade for the small business operations that make up the fine winemaking industry, including Michigan's two dozen wineries.

Most importantly, HB 4752 would significantly limit choices for consumers - that's you, dear reader.

Wine lovers statewide need to set down their stemwars and pick up pens to write lawmakers in opposition to HB 4752.

Vintners and connoisseurs claim the concerns raised about minors gaining access to alcohol over the Internet are really a "smoke screen," that the real purpose is to preserve the monopoly wholesalers now have on the distribution of spirits here in Michigan. The state's "three-tier" system requires that all alcohol be distributed through wholesalers. E-commerce bypasses them, threatening that monopoly.

Cassis and the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association deny it, as you'd expect, but their protestations are unconvincing given the lack of evidence that youths are buying alcohol over the Internet.

Congressional hearings last March on related legislation at the federal level failed to produce evidence, Cassis can't point to any. Nor can the wholesalers.

Even Michigan's Liquor Control Commission, responsible for enforcing the liquor laws here, can't point to a single known case of a juvenile ordering beer, wine or booze over the

World Wide Web, other than in a "sting" operation.

When Attorney General Jennifer Granholm conducted a series of stings recently - which she used to arm-wrestle United Parcel Service into agreeing to stop deliveries of alcoholic beverages from out of state - it appears to have worked only because the youngsters themselves weren't going to get in trouble.

Acting as decoys on behalf of law enforcement, those teens were protected from prosecution as they submitted their orders for alcohol. It's different in the real world. Youngsters have good reason to avoid using the Internet to obtain booze. Any youth attempting to order it by wire would create a paper trail, not the least of which is an itemized credit card bill that any parent who is paying any attention at all is likely to catch.

Regardless of this lack of evidence, the state is headed toward cutting off Michigan consumers - including those who are of legal drinking age - from an estimated 1,900 to 1,950 wine producers across the country. It is estimated that wholesalers can reasonably distribute product from only 50 or 100 of the country's 2,000 wineries. Without Internet sales or delivery services like UPS, there will be little possibility they can get their products to their Michigan customers.

That is indeed a serious restraint on trade, a substantial limitation on consumer choice. HB 4752 was approved by the House of Representatives without opposition, but it now awaits action in the Economic Development Committee in the Senate.

Wine lovers can explain their objections to the bill by writing to committee members Sen. Bill Schuette, R-Midland, Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, David Jaye, R-Washington Township, Burton Leland, D-Detroit, and Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, at Michigan State Senate, P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909-7536.

### COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION: Who is someone you consider a role model?

<p>Craig Galameau Plymouth</p> <p>"(The Pistons) Joe Dumars because he helps kids."</p>	<p>Stefanie Jarvis Plymouth</p> <p>"Mrs. (Teresa) O'Donnell, because she's a really good (language arts) teacher."</p>	<p>Jeremy Nguyen Township</p> <p>"My uncle because he teaches me everything."</p>	<p>Alex Fortals Plymouth Township</p> <p>"My dad because he teaches me stuff and hangs out with me."</p>
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- Philip Power

## School voucher plan looks DOA

Well, well. Here we go again.

The proposal to legalize a voucher system for students in "failing" public schools is almost certainly headed for a vote in November.

Kids First! Yes!, the outfit sponsoring the constitutional amendment to end the ban on spending public funds for private and parochial schools, has submitted more than enough petition signatures - 302,000 required, 463,000 turned in - to the state Elections Commission to put the measure on the ballot.

It wasn't cheap to get all those signatures. The December filing submitted to the Election Commission shows payments totaling \$307,487.48 to National Petition Management of Southfield. At least some of the petition circulators were paid rather than volunteer.

The most controversial aspect of the proposal would create and fund vouchers - called "Opportunity Scholarships" - for kids in "failing" school districts to use at private or religious schools. The vouchers, if approved, would be worth about \$2,700 (approximately one half the current state per-pupil funding grant), which could be cashed at private or religious schools. A failing district is one which has a "four year graduation rate of less than two thirds," according to the proposal.

Thirty Michigan school districts have graduation rates under 66 percent, including Detroit and Inkster.

The proposed amendment would also allow any other school district in the state to set up a voucher system if a majority of local residents vote to do so. What this means is that the constitutional "failing school" limitation on spending public money for private schools can be overturned by a local vote.

The historic politics of the proposal are unhelpful to supporters. "Parochialism" has appeared on the Michigan statewide ballot twice, losing badly both times.

The purest occasion was in 1970, when a constitutional amendment designed specifically to prohibit public tax dollars going to private and parochial schools passed, 56 percent to 44 percent. The idea reappeared on the ballot in 1978, packaged this time with a property tax cut and known as the "Tisch Amendment." It went down, 3-1.

Although this is 22 years later, when the deterioration of urban schools has reached crisis proportions and education ranks tops on the list of voter concerns, the Kids First! Yes! proposal so far is getting support from less than 60 percent of those polled, far below the 65-70 percent approval conventional wisdom says is necessary going into a campaign to amend the constitution.

Moreover, getting the measure on the ballot has already precipitated a serious split in the Michigan Republican Party. Gov. John Engler has repeatedly and vigorously argued it's bad



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politics, for fear of hurting Sen. Spencer Abraham's chances against challenger Rep. Debbie Stabenow. Biggest backer is Dick De Vos, the AmWay billionaire from Grand Rapids, who says he'll raise \$5 million to support it and whose wife, Betsy, just resigned as Michigan GOP state chair.

The best argument for the voucher program is simple. Most parents will do anything in their power to get good education for their kids. But poor parents who live in inner cities with cruddy public schools can't afford private or parochial ones, which are usually much better. And when even the most passionate believers in school reform can't promise urban schools will improve quickly, what's wrong with giving vouchers to poor folks to use to help their kids while things are getting better?

The best argument against vouchers - leaving out for the moment the basic gut reaction to spending public tax dollars on religious and private institutions - is that they would essentially suck money out of the public school system. Using vouchers as a way of fixing the public schools, the argument goes, is like the assertion made during the war in Vietnam that we could save the village only by destroying it.

In this regard, the case of the Inkster school district is instructive. Over the years, the district got so bad that enough parents pulled their kids out and sent them to private and charter schools that the district simply didn't have enough enrollment - and the state per-pupil foundation grant that goes with it - to sustain a financially viable district.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@homecomm.net. Kids First! Yes! sponsors of the petition drive, can be contacted at (1-888) 330-KIDS. The group opposed, ALL Kids First!, can be reached at (517) 327-2589.

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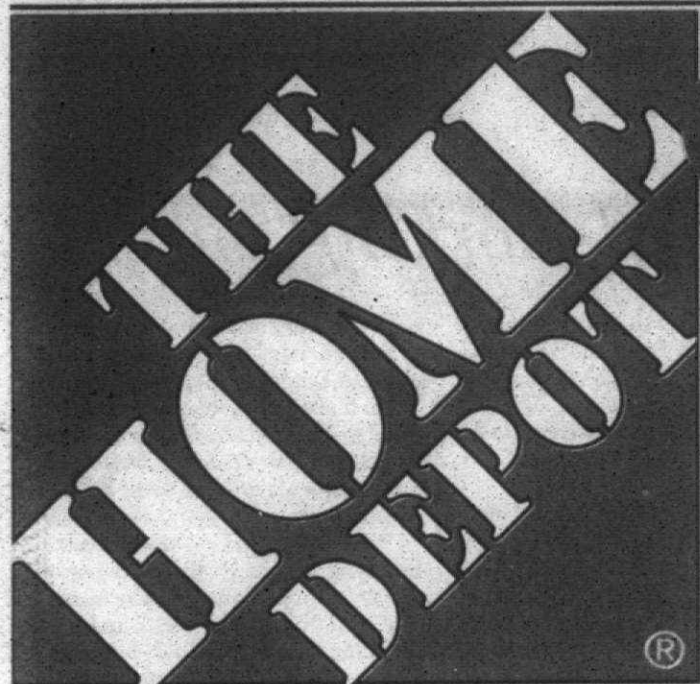
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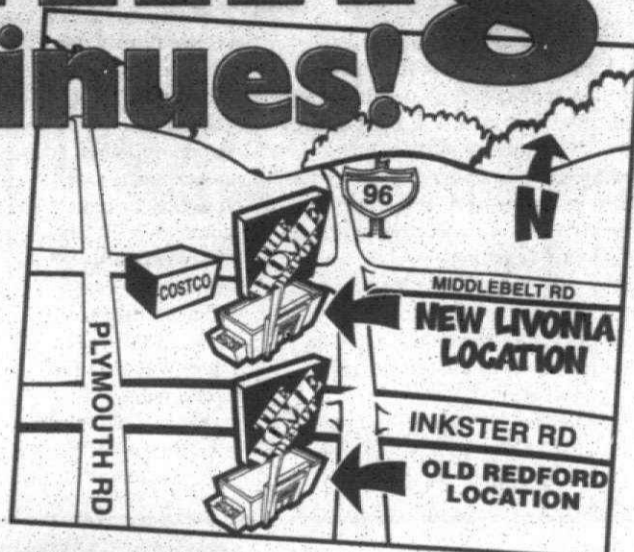
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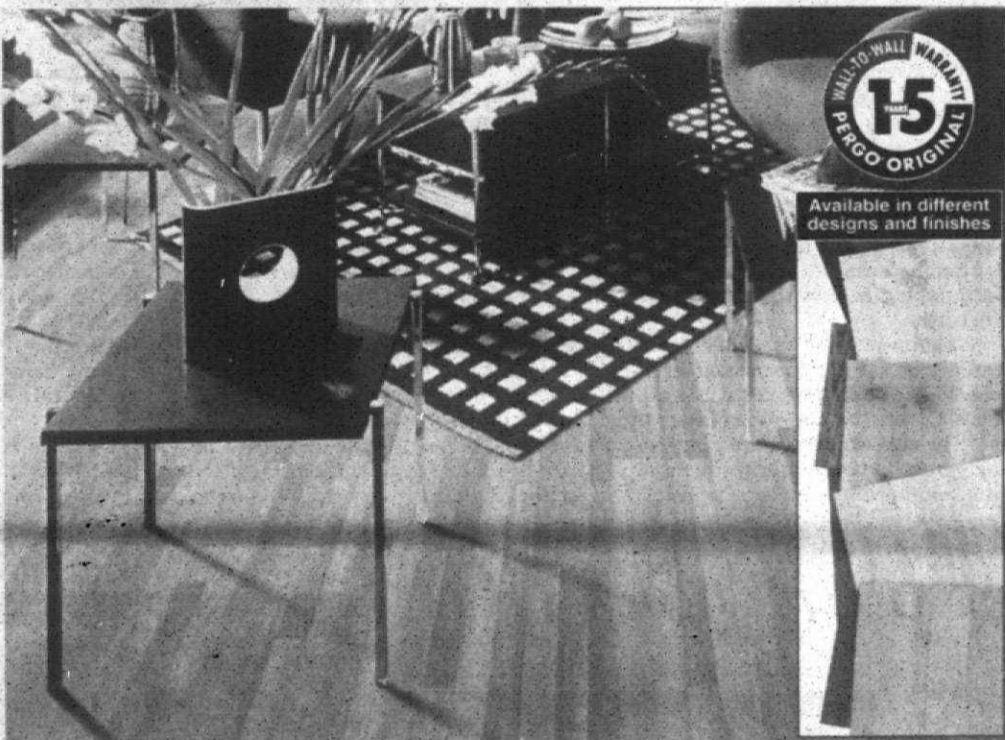
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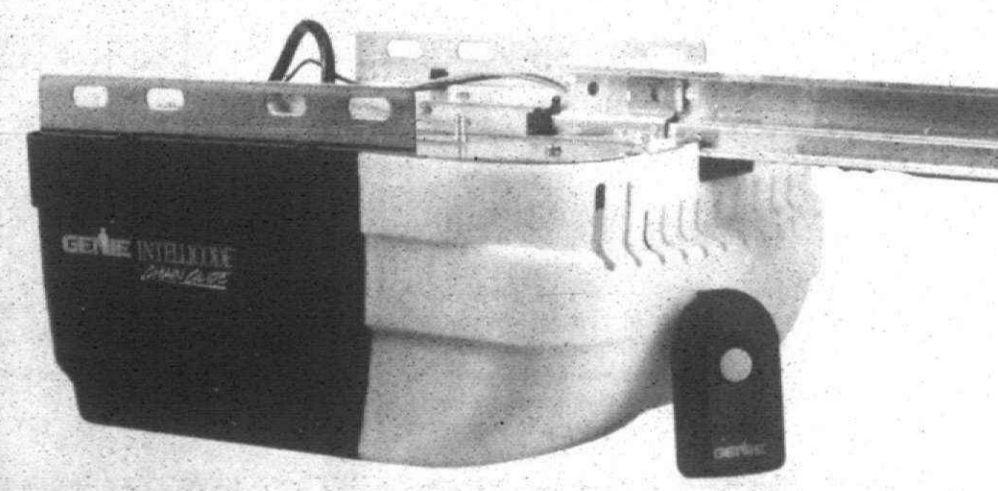


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### JUST A THOUGHT



MARGO DEWEY

## A million moms, dads can make a difference

You could say the shooting death of a 6-year-old girl in Mt. Morris Township is a tragedy, but it goes beyond that. It's just plain sick!

We have had too many deaths of children as a result of a lack of gun control. Maybe that's why the May 14, 2000 "Million Mom March" in Washington D.C. makes a lot of sense. If a million moms (and dads) could influence Congress to make some crucial changes regarding gun control, then maybe our children will be safe while trying to get an education.

Who would have thought 10 years ago that children could be gunned down by their children? It seems each decade brings a new battle for youths to fight. First it was smoking in the 1980s, then drugs and alcohol in the 1990s and now semi-automatic weapons in the new millennium.

It's a bit frightening to think what could be next. We need to put a stop to all of this. We need to stop blaming everyone else and start taking responsibility for our own children. The boy who allegedly shot his classmate to death lived in crackhouse where he ended up as a result of his father going to jail and his mother being evicted from their home.

The father most recently appeared on television stating he didn't understand why his son did what he did because he should have more common sense. Well how could this young boy know anything different when he obviously had no role models? He must have been influenced by his environment. It happens every day.

Children thirst for direction from the time they are born. They follow a parent's every move. They imitate us even when we think they aren't watching. So, it's vital that we show them how to respect life and other human beings. No child should ever hold a weapon in his/her hands.

If Congress agrees to the endorsements of the Million Mom March including requiring all handgun owners to be licensed, limiting the purchase of handguns to one per month and conducting extensive background checks on any individual who wants to purchase a weapon, then maybe our children will have a chance.

We could have metal detectors set up at every kindergarten, middle school and high school to ensure the safety of our children, but that's not going to solve the problem. We could blame teachers, the movie industry, the television industry, the media and everyone else for our mistakes that we pass on to our children, but that's not going to solve the problem.

Parents are just going to have to take responsibility for raising their own children in order for this war against the innocent to end.

Think about this. What if Congress built a prison for parents whose children have committed a crime such as the one in Mt. Morris Township? The sentencing would require the parents to stay behind bars with their children for at least 10 years. The only way the parents could receive parole is if they prove to a judge and jury that they know what is most important in life-raising a child.

How many parents would end up in that special prison? How many would make parole?

That's just a thought!  
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# A few good MOMS

## PARENTS MOBILIZE FOR GUN LEGISLATION

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON  
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One million moms marching, motivating, making a difference.

That's the objective of a grass roots effort by a mom to inspire one million mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, godmothers, future mothers and honorary mothers to march on Washington with the goal of prompting Congress to improve current gun control legislation.

New Jersey organizer Donna Dees-Thomases is hoping the "Million Mom March" - slated for none other than Mother's Day, May 14 - will draw attention to the need for what she calls a "common sense gun policy."

Dees-Thomases says she was appalled by the images she saw on television in August 1999 as young children were being led away from their California day care as an armed shooter roamed freely.

"One week later, I applied for a permit to march on the Mall in Washington, D.C., nine months later. As a mother, I know what can be created in this amount of time," stated Dees-Thomases.

With just two months left until the event media attention and committed marchers have swollen to vast proportions thanks to such notable sponsors as the National Parent/Teacher Association, Oxygen.com, Guess and Northwest Airlines.

"This initiative has been a true labor of love by a silent group out there," said Barb Case, the metropolitan Detroit MMM co-coordinator and Plymouth resident. "I've been most impressed with the progress made, initially by one mom from her basement, into a powerful movement that's only months away from coming to fruition."

Case, the mother of four children ranging in age from 10 to 21, says the tragic shootings at Jonesboro, Columbine and Granada Hills are senseless examples of the unnecessary violence that cries out for better gun regulation.

"The Million Mom March isn't about prohibiting gun sales or gun ownership, because I believe there are lawful uses for a gun like a rifle for hunting. But I do believe there is an immediate need for gun control legislation and that licensing is a necessity."

The current Michigan State Firearms Law states that owners of handguns, rifles and shotguns are not required to be licensed.

"In order to drive a car or cut someone's hair you need to be licensed. That's for the public's protection. Why is it that we don't insist that gun owners do the same?" added Case.

One of the most amazing aspects of the pre-march coordination has been the ability to spread the word and recruit active participants via the Internet. The Million Mom March has a succinct yet informative Web site for anyone interested in the event and the issues being furthered by marchers (see related story).

It has been the consensus of those involved, from marchers like Case to MMM state of Michigan coordinator Spring Venema, that the gun violence epidemic isn't someone else's problem

and that in order to effect change it has to start with just one mom, or one dad or individual who cares.

"This has to be done in a bi-partisan fashion for the safety and well being of our children. If Congress isn't going to be responsive on Mother's Day then they'll see our response on election day," said Case. "But I don't see that most responsible gun owners would object to licensing."

While the actual May 14 march in Washington may not be the way everyone wishes to have their voice heard, Case said there are numerous other ways people can contribute such as contacting their legislators, distributing postcards, taking the issue to their churches, service organizations and mom groups or participating in a local version of the national walk on the same day.

"Write, call or e-mail your opinion about gun legislation whether you contact your local state representative or the president of the United States so that it remains in the forefront of their minds and they take action," said Case. "We can't let senseless acts of gun violence happen any more."

Case is working collaboratively with co-coordinator Lori Mizzi-Spillane of Troy, a logistics manager for the United States Army. Mizzi-Spillane says nobody should be naive enough to believe this event is the ultimate solution.

"This is just one thing we can do to make change," said Mizzi-Spillane the mother of two young children. "It's not an attempt to take away someone's second amendment rights ... it's a way to insure that no other children have to lose their life or be afraid to go to school because of gun violence."

The Troy mother said two buses have been secured through a partnership with Greyhound to take marchers to Washington, D.C., the weekend of May 12-14. Mizzi-Spillane estimates 2,000 people from the metro-Detroit area are committed to participating and she's expecting more from other parts of the state.

"I'm ecstatic about the response. It's all good and a step in the right direction," said Mizzi-Spillane.

Northwest Airlines and ProAir are also offering discounted fares if you identify yourself as a participant in the Million Mom March. "Anyone can participate, whether you're a mom, future mom or what we call an 'honorary mom,' such as grandparents or aunts and uncles."

Participants are being sought to join the march. For more information call (888) 989-MOMS or visit the Web site at [www.millionmommarch.com](http://www.millionmommarch.com)



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MOTHERS' DAY 2000

## We, as mothers, endorse the following ...

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We believe that it is only common sense that sensible "cooling off" periods and extensive background checks be required of an individual who wants to purchase from any person or place weapons intended only for killing or injuring humans.

### ■ License handgun owners and register all handguns

We call on Congress to require all handgun owners to be licensed; in addition, handgun owners must register their weapons with the proper authorities. These simple actions make sense.

### ■ Safety locks on all handguns

Guns, like every other consumer product sold in America, have to meet minimum safety standards. Gun manufacturers should have to design guns with locks built in, and with other common-sense devices like

loaded-chamber indicators and child-proofing.

### ■ Limit purchases to one handgun per month

We believe that it is only common sense to end straw purchase transactions where an individual who may legally purchase a firearm is hired to purchase firearms for gun traffickers. These guns are sold on the illegal market and eventually wind up on our nation's streets, killing our kids.

### ■ No-nonsense enforcement of gun laws

We call on all officers of the law to assume a no-nonsense approach in enforcing existing gun laws and to join us in our mutual crusade for stronger legislation.

### ■ Enlistment of help from corporate America

We call on all child-friendly, nonviolent stores, companies, and corporations to sponsor us in these pursuits by advertising our message that

guns, in the wrong hands, is simply unacceptable. We call on the like minded to work with community law enforcement agencies to offer swaps of meaningful goods and services for guns. And that the guns be destroyed by the proper authorities. In turn, we, the mothers, will patronize all child-friendly, nonviolent sponsors who join us in this mission.

### ■ Recruitment

Our aim is to recruit, from all walks of life, mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, godmothers, foster mothers, future mothers, and all others willing to be "honorary mothers" in this crusade. Our goal is to educate and mobilize the mothers of America to this cause. Our commitment as voting citizens is to realize our goals by Mothers' Day, 2000.

Source: Million Mom March literature

## Help raise funds for breast cancer research

The 9th Annual Komen Race for the Cure, Michigan's largest walk/run, will be held Saturday, April 15 at the Detroit Zoo. Presented locally by Detroit's Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, the race is a 5K women's run and 1 mile fun walk.

The Race for the Cure is an opportunity for Michigan to salute those who are working to find a cure for breast cancer, to honor those who have survived and to remember those who have passed away from this disease," said Michigan First Lady and race Honorary Chair Michelle Engler. "As a mother of three daughters, I believe in this event because I want a cure to be found in my children's lifetime."

Sponsored nationally by JCPenney, American Airlines, Ford Motor Company, Johnson & Johnson, the National Football League, New Balance, Yoplait and locally by Compuware Corp. and Sprint PCS, the race is expected to raise

over \$500,000 for breast cancer education and research. The Detroit race is one of more than 100 Komen Race for the Cure events and ranks among the top 10 in the country for the number of participants.

Several new features have been added to the 2000 Race for the Cure, including:

— WNIC FM and JCPenney will host Race Packet Pickup April 10 through April 13. Race participants can pick up their race numbers, T-shirts and race day information at area JCPenney stores during that time.

— The Q95.5 Race Expo is an all-day health and race information open house to be held Friday, April 14 at Somerset Inn, on Big Beaver in Troy. The expo is the last chance to register for the race.

Please see RESEARCH, B2

## Focus on women, issues in March

Women have a lot to do, and a little gratitude seems appropriate. For this reason, Henry Ford Community College will host several activities to honor women during the month of March, which has been designated as Women's Recognition Month.

Women's Recognition Week first took place at HFCC during the week of March 3, 1975. The program was started in order to bring attention to the special problems and unsung achievements of women. The period was proclaimed Women's History Month in March 1996. Following the national consensus that women's contributions deserve more acknowledgment, HFCC's Focus on Women Program extended the week into the full month of March.

Events will be held in Room L-14 of HFCC's Liberal Arts Building, located at 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn and are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted. The schedule of events is as follows.

### March 13

*Her story.*  
Judge Carolyn Archibold will speak about her work in criminal justice from 11:10 a.m. to noon.

### March 14

*Women and the Muslim Faith.*  
Wanda Faye, president of the Islamic Women's Club for the Mosque of the Islamic Center of America, will discuss stereotypes and truths about the contemporary Arabic woman in America. The talk will be held from 11:10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### March 15

*Women's Health Issues: What you need to know now ... and in the 21st Century.*  
Katherine A. Howe, HFCC nursing instructor, will discuss women's health issues from 10:10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

### March 16

*Campus Writers: "Women Writers."*  
Women faculty members will share their works in progress from 11:10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### March 20

*Men and Masculinities*  
James Gruber from the University of Michigan-Dearborn will explore the ways that masculinity is socially constructed through myth, rituals, literature and film and structured by institutional process including law, education and religion. The talk will be held from 11:08 a.m. to noon.

### March 21

*It's a Mad, Mad, Man's World.*  
Women in non-traditional occupations will share their stories in a panel discussion, led by Lt. Shonda Leary, Detroit firefighter from 11:10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### March 22

*Feminism in the 21st Century.*  
Virginia Paganelli Caruso, HFCC history instructor, and Paulette Childress, HFCC English instructor, will join Lora Lempert, director of women's studies at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and Sandra Wray-McAfee, mathematics professor at UM-D, for a panel discussion, which will be held from 11:10 a.m. to noon.

### March 23

*Domestic Violence*  
Karen Porter, director of First Step - Western Wayne County Project on Domestic Violence Assault, will lead a discussion about domestic violence from 11 a.m. to noon.

### March 27

*A Balanced Life: Women's Advocate and Mother*  
Rebecca O'Kray-Murphy, an HFCC honors alumna, lawyer for women's rights and mother of three, will discuss the challenges of maintaining her commitments to women and to her own family life. The talk will be held from 11:08 a.m. to noon.

### March 28

*Walk for Women*  
Collect pledges, and walk as many

Please see WOMEN, B2



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times around the HFCC track as you can to raise money for scholarships, programs and other assistance for HFCC women. Come to the Athletic Memorial Building lobby anytime between 11:10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and proceed to the track from there. Walkers can also purchase FOW shirts to wear during the walk. Call the FOW office at 93133

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— Parking will be available at Hazel Park Harness Raceway, with shuttle buses to the zoo beginning at 6:30 a.m. Race entry forms are also available throughout the Detroit area including all Jacobson's, Art Van Furniture, Lakeshore Mammography Center, Karmanos Cancer Institute regional offices and area running stores after Feb. 20.

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

**ALL SAINTS**  
Class of 1950  
Is planning a "Millennium Reunion" for November 2000. Unable to locate Margaret Kluk and Mary Frances Perdue. Any information please call Veronica (248) 437-9735

**BERKLEY**  
Class of 1950  
Is looking for alumni. (248) 932-1722, (248) 548-5359 or (248) 393-1233

**BIRMINGHAM HIGH**  
Class of 1955  
A reunion is planned for Oct. 27 at The Northfield Hilton in Troy. Call Pete Kass (248) 335-5472 or e-mail MESLK@aol.com

**BIRMINGHAM GROVES**  
Class of 1965  
Aug. 12 at The Community House in Birmingham. (248) 433-3622 or by e-mail at JCRich47@aol.com

**BIRMINGHAM MARIAN BROTHER RICE**  
Class of 1970  
A reunion is planned for July 29. (248) 540-2917 or (248) 358-4490

**BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM**  
Class of 1970  
A reunion is planned for July 1. (510) 323-0906 or by e-mail at HubSpauld@aol.com

**BISHOP BORGESS**  
Class of 1975  
A 25th year reunion is planned from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, June 17. Cost is \$5. Contact Steve Anderson by e-mail at sparky39@prodigy.net visit their Web site at <http://pages.prodigy.net/sparky39/borgess> or write Steve Anderson, 11418 Arnold, Redford, MI 48239.

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER**  
Class of 1979  
March 4 at the Somerset Inn in

Troy. (248) 366-9493, press #2 or by e-mail at reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

**BRIGHTON**  
Class of 1980  
Aug. 26 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi. (248) 360-7004, press #5 or by e-mail at reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

**CLARKSTON**  
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A reunion is tentatively planned for August. (248) 627-4549, (248) 933-1670 or [diniller@flash.net](mailto:diniller@flash.net)

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A reunion is planned for July. (810) 465-2388

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**DEARBORN HIGH**  
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A reunion is planned for Aug. 12 at The Northfield Hilton in Troy. Call Pete Kass (248) 335-5472 or e-mail MESLK@aol.com

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A reunion is planned for Aug. 12 from 5:15 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Fairlane Club. Call Mary Baker Cicala at (248) 347-4598 or visit their Web site at <http://www.gbjann.com/dhs80/>

**DENBY**  
Class of 1950  
Seeking alumni for June 25 reunion at Penna's of Sterling. Call (810) 773-3286 or (248) 585-2083

**DETROIT CENTRAL**  
Class of 1960  
A reunion is planned for April 8 at the Holiday Crown Plaza (near the airport). Ask for Ed Dodson (734) 464-1692

**DETROIT COOLEY**  
Class of 1980  
A reunion is in the planning stage for the summer of 2000. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please call Shirley Lipscomb

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**DETROIT DENBY**  
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A reunion is planned for June. (810) 773-4253, (248) 585-2083 or (810) 773-3286

**DETROIT FINNEY**  
Classes of 1970-72  
A reunion is planned for April 1. (313) 837-5880

**DETROIT IVES ELEMENTARY**  
Classes of 1953-55  
A reunion is tentatively planned for May. (810) 644-4106, (810) 791-6998, (906) 847-3535 or (810) 728-4875 after 6 p.m.

**DETROIT MACKENZIE**  
Class of 1949-51  
July 29 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. (734) 453-7561

**DETROIT NORTHEASTERN**  
Class of 1950  
A 50th reunion is planned for Nov. 2000. Call Ted Potasnik (810) 268-1433 or Barbara Okarski Gibbs (734) 753-9013.

**DETROIT PERSHING**  
Class of 1960  
A reunion is planned for Sept. 9. Classmates are still being sought. Lillo Greer (313) 835-9642, Jerry Mulvaine (810) 773-3952, Sherry (Bailey) Forbush (248) 547-0664 or Joan (Mazey) Harrington (734) 595-7508 or at the Web site, [www.jmtech.com/~ljustice/index.htm](http://www.jmtech.com/~ljustice/index.htm)

**DETROIT REDFORD**  
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**FINNEY HIGH**  
Class of 1970, 71 & 72  
A reunion is planned for Saturday, April 1 at The Warren Chateau Hall in Warren. (To attend and mailing list call (313) 837-5880.

**GARDEN CITY EAST**  
Classes of 1974 and 1975 are hosting a 25th reunion Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel - Metro Airport. Contact Barry Harnos (Class of 1974) (734) 416-5583 or Vicky (DeSanto) Clark at (734) 421-5365 (Class of 1975).

**GARDEN CITY WEST**  
Class of 1975 is in the planning stages of a fall 2000 weekend-reunion. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please call Denise Nosseck, (248) 474-5006.

**GARDEN CITY EAST**  
Class of 1980 is hosting a 20 year reunion Saturday, Sept. 23 at Doubletree Guest Suites, Southfield. Contact Reunions Made Easy at (248) 360-7004 or e-mail [reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net](mailto:reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net)

**HAMTRAMCK HIGH**  
Class of 1950 and 1951  
A 50th reunion is slated for May 21 at the Stephenson Haus. Call Marian (Armstrong) Papin at (810) 751-6831, (810) 283-4075 or (810) 751-1598.

**HENRY FORD TRADE**  
Class of 1950  
Is planning a reunion. (248) 678-9865

**HIGHLAND PARK**  
January-June classes of 1950-51  
Are planning a reunion. Fred Kanhouty, 21528 Raymond, St. Clair Shores 48082 or call (810) 294-7512 or (313) 881-2023

# Amazing feats

■ **Evonne Todd and Clyde William Denton Jr.** of Canton announce the birth of their son Anthony Lee born Feb. 5 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Grandparents are Ida and Bill Denton of Canton and Stacie and Jake Thomas, of Westland. Great-grandparents are Richard and Yvonne Olmstead of Westland and Myrtle O'Brien of Wayne.

■ **Brian and Tricia LeAnnais** of Garden City announce the birth of Devon James-Phillip Feb. 2 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Philip and Sharon LeAnnais of Northville and James Sopko and Marilyn Forbes of Detroit.

■ **Pete and Cindy Koetsier** of Taylor announce the birth of Wyatt Allen Feb. 4 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Mary Koetsier of Farmington, Jack Koetsier of Grand Rapids and Hazel Hinken of Westland.

■ **Andrew and Glenda Grosjean** of Detroit announce the birth of Abigail Grace Tilton Feb. 4 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins Andrew, 2 and Sarah, 14 months. Patricia Locke of Wayne is her grandmother.

■ **Michael Keith and Bridget Forynski** announce the birth of Derrian Lee Feb. 6 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Jim and Mary Abbott, Jerry and Jan Bargowsky and Michael and Diane Forynski.

■ **Jeff and Cheri Robar** of Westland announce the birth of their son, Brian Thomas Feb. 12 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins siblings Joshua Allen and Alec James. Grandparents are Tim and Judy Gorman of Westland, Joyce Trombly of Novi and Richard Trombly of Muskegon. Great-grandparents are Bernice Gootee of Plymouth and Bill LaBelle of Westland.

# ANNIVERSARIES & ENGAGEMENTS

**Earley**  
Robert and Rae (Reeder) Earley of Canton are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this month.

Married March 9, 1950, the Earleys have four children Susan who is married to Jon Brown of New York, Douglas Earley of Jenison, Philip Earley who is married to wife Nancy, and Robert Earley. They have eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Robert Earley served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War and retired from Ford Motor Company in Dearborn where he was responsible for signing off on blueprint designs prior to production.

Robert and Rae have made their home in Canton since 1976 and are members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Canton. They are known for having been very benevolent to transfer, mission-

**Menke-Caruso**  
Pam and Dave Lange of Redford announce the engagement of Shelly Menke and Ron Caruso of Livonia.

The bride-to-be, also the daughter of the late Fred Menke, is a Thurston High School graduate and Redford native. She is a commercial lines manager at Capital Insurance in Bloomfield Hills.

Her fiancé, son of Bill and Ann Caruso of Redford, is a manager at Cash Way Tile in Allen Park. He also graduated from Thurston High School in Redford.

The couple will exchange wedding vows on April 1, 2000 at St. Robert Bellarmine in Redford.

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Robert H. and Betty L. (Kirk) Dettler of Livonia are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this month.

Married March 18, 1950 at 24th Street Methodist Church, the Dettlers have two children and five grandchildren. Their son Jerry Dettler 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 Dettler 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. Betty also fishes and Robert

plays softball. To celebrate their anniversary, Diane Brady will host a special dinner for family and friends in Farmington Hills.

**Myers-Shaw**  
Margaret and Charles Woodrow Myers of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Myers of Ferndale to Darby Shaw of Sarnia, Ontario, Canada.

The bride-to-be is a 1978 graduate of Garden City East High School and from Eastern Michigan University in 1983.

Her fiancé, is the son of Mary and John Jones of London, Ontario and the later Vaughn Shaw. He is a 1999 graduate from Productivity Point in the MicroSoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSSE) Program.

He has plans to relocate to Ferndale where they will reside. The wedding will be held in Ann Arbor during the late spring or early summer — dependent upon when a visa is received.



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## WEEKEND

**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION**  
 Little Lambs Christian Preschool is having a preschool registration at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 11, at 45000 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon in Plymouth. The school has a weekly theme, monthly field trips, nursery rhymes, Bible stories, crafts, snacks, Spanish, sign language, etc. For more information, call (734) 414-7792.

**GRIEF AFTERCARE SUPPORT**  
 Vermelien 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 held at Wes Baldwin of Pointe Care Counseling, a grief counselor and former associate pastor. For more information, call (734) 459-2250.

## AROUND TOWN

### 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) 427-9222 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.canton.mi.org](http://www.canton.mi.org). The Canton Softball Center is located on Michigan Avenue, west of Canton Center Road.

### DINNER/AUCTION

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's annual dinner/auction, "Escape To The Caribbean," begins 6 p.m. Saturday, March 11, in the Mayflower Meeting House, Plymouth. Auction items include trips, dinners, clothing, furniture and art. Dance music will

be provided by the Couriers. Entrées include beef tenderloin, stuffed chicken and orange roughy. Tickets are \$55. Call (734) 416-4278.

### BEANIE BABIES

Try the "Beanie Baby, Pokemon Collectible Toy Show" held from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Cost is \$5 for adults and kids under 10 free. The show features collectible toys like Beanie Babies, Pokemon, Barbie, GI-Joe, Star Wars, Star Trek, Hot Wheels, NASCAR racing and sports collectibles. For more information or vendor information, call (734) 455-2110.

### PROPOSAL

The Northville PTA Legislative Action Network is holding an informational meeting on school vouchers at 7 p.m. Monday, March 13, in the Northville High School Cafeteria. A proposal to provide state-funded vouchers for students to attend private schools will be on the November election ballot.

### VIETNAM VETERANS MEETING

The Vietnam Veterans of America will hold their general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 13, at 9318 Newburgh Road, Between Toy Road and Ann Arbor Trail. All veterans of active duty Feb. 28, 1961, through May 7, 1975, regardless of duty station are eligible. For more information, call Don Dignan at (313) 845-3752 or at (734) 525-0157.

### TAI CHI CLASSES

Continuing classes in tai chi are offered under the sponsorship of the Taoist Tai Chi Society in Livonia and other locations. For more information, call the society at (248) 332-1281.

### 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 to provide for children in our community, call Vicki Landsman Peterson at Oakland Family Services at (248) 858-7215, ext. 236.

### SESSION

The Princeton Review will sponsor a free strategy session seminar at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at The Summit on the Park, 1150 S. Canton Center. This is a 90-minute seminar discussing SAT and ACT techniques, as well as helpful information regarding the college admission process. Each student must bring pencils and a calculator for the free test. Parents are welcome to attend. Students must call The Princeton Review at (800) REVIEW or (734) 663-2163 to register for the strategy session.

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

## Canton resident chosen CFO for area college



David M. Houle

David M. Houle of Canton has been named vice president and CFO of Concordia College, Ann Arbor. Overseeing all financial operations, Houle will direct the college's financial activities in support of its mission and long-range goals. Houle succeeds Jerry Fischer, who is retiring after having served the college as vice president of finance since 1995.

Born and raised in Detroit, Houle holds a BS Degree in Economics, and MBA and a JD Degree from the University of Detroit, where he eventually taught economics and served the associate vice president of finance and the university treasurer.

Houle and his wife, Anne, reside in Canton. They are members of St. Thomas a' Becket in Canton, where Houle serves as an alternate on the Parish Council.

Arthur's Place and the Arthritis Foundation will present a free educational program, "Emotional Coping with Fibromyalgia," from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at Arthur's Place. Dr. Laurel A. Sills, a clinical psychologist in private practice in Franklin, will discuss how to minimize the pain and wear-and-tear on your body, reframe your thinking, be less reactive, and offer support and set limits with others to better cope with these conditions. Seating is limited. For more information or to register, call (734) 254-0500.

### CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Teens ages 13-17 can blend off the mid-winter blahs at an upcoming event at the Canton Public Library. There will be an origami project from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14. Projects will include boxes, picture frames and more. Registration is required. Space is limited. For more information or to register, call Stefanie at (734) 397-0999, ext. 128, or e-mail her at [stefanie@metronet.lib.mi.us](mailto:stefanie@metronet.lib.mi.us)

### 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) 455-6620 or check the web at: [www.ci.plymouth.mi.us](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us)

### 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, Etiwette 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.

### SISTER-TO-SISTER

The Ann Arbor branch of the American Association of University Women is sponsoring its third annual "Sister-to-Sister" summit for girls in grades 6-8. The summit will allow girls to talk to girls about issues affecting their education and well being. The girls determine the topics that most concern them. The event is free and will be held from 9 a.m. until 3

p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Tappan Middle School. Registration is required by March 15 and is limited to 100 girls. Registration forms are available at area middle schools by calling Edith Gailliard at (734) 930-1632.

### TRAINING CLASSES

The Spring Volunteer Training program for Community Hospice and Home Care Service Inc. (CHHCS) runs from 5-9 p.m. beginning 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 will learn about the hospice care concept, effective communication skills, family dynamics, grief, bereavement and spirituality. For more information, or to register, call Naveed, Volunteer Services Director at (734) 522-4244.

### LEGAL FAIR

Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services presents a free community legal fair. The fair, paid for with a Cbnton Township Community Development Block Grant, features attorneys and individual consultations on legal issues such as: elder abuse, grandparents rights, family law, estate/life planning, consumer and public benefits/tax assistance from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at the Canton Human Services Building, 44237 Michigan 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, 2866 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.

### 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 next

### SPAGHETTI FUND-RAISER

A spaghetti dinner fund-raiser will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22 at the Don S. Hubert VFW Hall located at 27345 Schoolcraft Road, just east of Inkster Road in Redford Township. Donations requested are \$5.00 for an adult and \$3.00 for children. This fund-raiser is being held by the Friends of Kelly Mullett. She is 30-year-old

### MOPS MEETING

The Plymouth Baptist Church holds Mothers of Preschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mothers with their children, kindergarten-age and younger, may attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Childcare is provided. The church is 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 Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

### KIWANIS CLUB

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

### CHILDREN'S DIRECTORY 2000

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### SUPPORT GROUPS

**THYROID SUPPORT GROUP**  
 The Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 13, at the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main St. Guest speaker will be Dr. Koenig, Endocrinologist. For more information, call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945 or email at [mitsg@mediaone.net](mailto:mitsg@mediaone.net).

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### LISTINGS FOR THE FUNDS & BENEFITS

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](mailto:kmortson@oe.homecomm.net)

**CHURCH FUND-RAISER**  
 Clareville United Methodist Church is selling Entertainment passbooks to raise money for the church. The coupon books cost \$40 and are available by calling Jim Robinson at (248) 347-1535 or the church office at (248) 474-3444.

**ST. PAT'S DANCE/AUCTION**  
 Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. will host their 8th annual St. Patrick's

### FUND-RAISERS & BENEFITS

Dinner Dance & Auction Saturday, March 18 at St. Mary's Cultural Center on Merriman Road in Livonia to benefit the work of CHHCS. To make a donation or for ticket information call (734) 522-4244.

**MOM 2 MOM SALE**  
 Mom to Mom Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 18 at Sacred Heart Church Activities Center (29125 W. Six Mile Road) on Six Mile just east of Middlebelt. Children's clothes (newborn and up); maternity; toys, and baby furniture. Bake sale. For more information call Jennifer (249) 426-6227. Please tell and bring a friend.

**ST. AGATHA VEGAS NIGHTS**  
 St. Agatha will hold Vegas Nights from 7 p.m. to midnight

### MOM 2 MOM SALE

Free face painting. Rent 8 foot tables (racks also available). Free childcare for table renters. Call the church at 422-0149 or Vicki at (734) 513-0167.

**SPRING RUMMAGE SALE**  
 Mark your calendars May 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 6 from 9 a.m. to noon is the Spring Rummage Sale at Newburg United Methodist Church (36500

### ANN ARBOR TRAIL

Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia. Call 422-0149 for information.

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The St. Edith/St. Kenneth's MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Mom's Sale is just around the corner. Rent a table at the sale and turn your children's gently used items into cash. St. Edith's Parish Hall in Livonia from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 13. Call Karen (734) 266-6182.

### PUT BEST FOOT FORWARD FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan recently announced their first "Walk for Wishes" fund-raiser scheduled for Saturday, March 25 at Hines Park. Walk for Wishes is a 5K (3.1 mile) fun walk for families of all ages. The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan grants the wishes and dreams of children, between the ages of 2 1/2 and 17, with terminal or life threatening illnesses. According to organizers, all pledges for walkers will benefit the foundation who granted 274 wishes in Michigan last year.

"Walk for Wishes is much more than a fund-raising effort. It is a community wide program to celebrate the difference that caring people can make in the lives of children who suffer from life-threatening illnesses and their families."

It is a chance for donors to meet wish families, for wish families to meet volunteers, for everyone who helps share the power of a wish to be together.

The Walk for Wishes 5K fun walk will take place Saturday, March 25 at Hines Park/Nankin Mills Pavilion (located on Hines Drive between Farmington and Merriman Roads). Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk, 9 a.m.

Walk for Wishes details include:  
 • The walk is about three miles long. The entire route is paved and handicapped accessible. No running please.  
 • Anyone can participate without cost. We do ask you to complete the registration form so that we can know of your interest in our organization.  
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## CAMPUS NOTES

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**DEAN'S LIST**  
 Nicholas M. Kothari of Plymouth and Sean C. Campbell, Richard J. Dreslinski, Zoran Ljubevic, Deborah E. Pickley, David M. Schacht, and Marcus G. Wainoe of Canton were named to the Dean's List at Lawrence Technological University, Southfield for the fall term of 1999. To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term.  
 Tricia Miller, Oda Birkett, Paula Mac, Dandan

## 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*

Sitzler of Plymouth and James Allen, Nicholas Berlanga, Ronald Gering, and Joseph Gull of Canton were all named to the Dean's List at Walsh College in Troy for the Fall semester of 1999.

Jeff Antoun, Srikanth Balaji of Plymouth and Sunil Patel, Michael Darling, Ayesha Uddin, Michael Mester, James Neil, Timothy Comer, Neil Fichtenberg, Jeffrey Massimilla, Tamanna Patel, and Justin Bradley of Canton were all named to the Dean's List at the University of Michigan-Dearborn for the Fall semester of 1999.

Melissa R. Baczynski, Katy B. Grainger, Stephanie E. Layng, Stacia E. Markley, Dawn M. Putnam, Kellie A. Titus, Laura E. Weir of Canton and Maureen E. Kearney, Cara L. Okopy, Joshua W. Stickney of Plymouth all were named to the

Dean's List for the Fall 1999 semester at Grand Valley State University.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**  
 Kathleen M. Baigrie of Plymouth received a Arthur, Marguerite & Fred Kaufmann Scholarship to Walsh College, Troy and Denise Spanish of Canton received a Walsh College Minority Scholarship for the Winter 2000 semester.

Janelle Leschinger, a senior majoring in biology, was awarded a \$1,000 Consumers Energy Foundation Scholarship, which was developed to encourage minority students to pursue college degrees in science and business related fields. Amy Chapman, a senior history major, was awarded a UPS scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Both recipients are Plymouth residents and were awarded the scholarships for the 1999-2000 academic year at Madonna University.

Ben Yen of Canton and an LSA freshman received \$600 in the Hopwood Underclassman Essay Contest for "Scrub a Dub Dub," and Eseobe Arhebamen, a residential college sophomore of Plymouth, received \$400 in the Hopwood Underclassman Fiction contest for "Ubhi's Song."

The William Tyndale College Office of Admissions announces the award of a half-tuition Christian School and full-tuition Honors Scholarship to Canton resident Lindsey Sara Moore. Moore comes to William Tyndale College after graduating from Agape Christian Academy. She plans to pursue a degree in Elementary Education.

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# Children can be taught good behavior during worship services



**FAITH JOURNEYS**  
As the pastor of a church and the parent of a young child, I find it easy to understand when parents tell me they're not sure they want to come to a religious service. Generally, they don't know how their children will behave. While I understand their concern, I know that young people learn to behave by repeated visits to such a service. It doesn't mean you should leave the children. There are some ways you can prepare them. Bringing kids to a house of worship doesn't have to be a chore for parent or child.

■ Don't expect total silence from your child (especially if it's their first time or if they are under the age of 5). Before you enter the sanctuary, remind them that we should all be quiet while in worship. Practice whispering before service begins. If there are parts to the service that will be read from a book, show them what will be read (even if they can't read yet, it'll be a teaching moment and may hold their attention). During prayer, if they have a hard time being quiet, try softly whispering or humming to them as you pray.

■ Set a good example for your kids. If you chat all the way through service, your child will likely do so as well.

■ Be prepared. Tell your child what might happen at the service. Teach your child what to do when they pray (e.g. fold hands, close eyes, be silent or listen, depending upon your faith tradition). Sing songs and pray prayers at home that might be sung at worship. Bring quiet toys, soft books, or coloring books and crayons to the service. Bring a small snack for your child if necessary (it's better than having to struggle with a hungry toddler).

■ Use nursery or childcare as a tool. Don't automatically check your child in at the nursery door. Keep your child with you in worship as long as possible, so that you can encourage good behavior in service. If your child gets extremely distracting or squirmy, take them to the nursery. Let their behavior be your guide, but don't give up too soon.

■ Don't worry about "appearances." Everyone knows that children have their moments and their moods. If you get lots of stares, either ignore them, or find another place to worship that is more conducive to normal child movement and noise. Forget your own childhood, what you may or may not have been allowed to do.

Our children are of a different generation with different needs; respond to them as individuals. Children learn by doing, and most worship services are based on hearing. We can enjoy our worship experience with our children, if we properly prepare ourselves. I am convinced that God has a heart for children, and we should too.

*Pastor Carla Thompson Powell has served Timothy Lutheran Church since September of 1996. She lives in Livonia with her husband and son. You can reach her at tlcivonia@metzco.com*

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Monday Evening Service 7:00 P.M.  
Rev. John J. Sullivan

**COMMUNITY CHURCHES**

**Orchard Grove Community Church**  
Sunday, 10:30 A.M.  
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.  
Chris Cramer, Pastor  
Lodged in OLD ORCHARD THEATRE  
38125 Orchard Lake Road  
Farmington Hills  
248-333-1700

**PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
1680 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 452-1825  
Sunday School • 9:45 A.M.  
Sunday Worship • 11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening • 6:00 P.M.  
Family Night • Wed. 7:00 P.M.  
NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN: 458-3196

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**EVANGELICAL COVENANT**

**LAOIA PARK EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
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313-532-8655

**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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Rev. Carla Thompson Powell, Pastor  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship (Livonia Ave.)  
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Worship 7:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.  
Pastor Frank Powell • 281-455-0820

**NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Stephen Ministry Congregation  
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between Wayne & Newburgh Rds.  
422-0149

**Worship Services**  
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School  
9:20 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**Guest Preacher**  
Saul Trinidad

Rev. Thomas G. Reilly  
Rev. Marlene Lee Carv  
Rev. Edward C. Coley

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**RELIGION CALENDAR**

**GRIEF SEMINAR**  
A grief share seminar for adults and children will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at Family Impact Ministries the pastoral care center of Trinity Christian Center located on Michigan Ave. (one mile east of I-275) in Canton. Cost is \$25 per person, \$35 per couple and family. Scholarships available. Call (734) 326-7780 for information.

**HERALD AWARDS DINNER**  
The Herald Awards dinner will be held Wednesday, April 26 at the Coatic Center (29800 Eleven Mile Road, east of Middlebelt - behind Mercy High School). All winners will be notified well in advance enabling them to invite family and friends. The cost for the evening is \$25 per person. Creative Catering of Flint. Reservations can be made through the Council office at (313) 962-0340.

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

**IN CONCERT**

**and child care provided.** Call (734) 453-4785.

**Listings 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@aol.com/homeccm.net**

**LUTHERAN SINGERS**  
The Detroit Lutheran Singers, Eric Freidman, 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/kmirwin/dls.html

**LENTEN SERVICES**  
The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday night at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church (23310 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.

**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

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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.

**DIVORCE CARE SEMINAR**  
From 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 10 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 11 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. Cost is \$25 per person, however, scholarships are available and limited child care. Register by March 3. Call (734) 326-7780.

**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.

**NEW BEGINNINGS**  
St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia offers a year-

round grief support group and this new Thursday speaker series, beginning with the Rev. Kurt Stutz of Botsford Hospital with "Healing Grief" April 6; the Rev. Phil Seymour on "Dreams, Visions and Images" May 4; and Warren Gilbert's "Managing Memories" June 1. The series is free and open to the public. Call (734) 422-6038.

**CHILI COOKOFF**  
The Good Shepherd Reformed Church's annual Chili Cook Off will be held from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, March 11 at the church social hall (6500 North Wayne Road, at Hunter) in Westland.

Chili makers and tasters needed. Come and enjoy the chili and fellowship. Call (734) 722-7225 for information.

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

**RELIEF EFFORT**  
The Archdiocese of Detroit, in partnership with Catholic Relief Services, is collecting monetary donations for the people of

Venezuela, devastated by flooding that has left thousands dead or homeless. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Archdiocese of Detroit-Venezuela Relief and sent to Christian Service Department, 305 Michigan Avenue (G5), Detroit, MI 48226-2605. For more information, call (313) 237-4689.

**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY**  
Thursday Bible studies at Timothy Lutheran Church are available from 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The morning study is led by members of the congregation and the evening study is led by Pastor

Powell. Timothy Lutheran Church is located at 8820 Wayne Road in Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit [www.timothylivonia.com](http://www.timothylivonia.com)

**NEW LIFE LUTHERAN**  
New Life Lutheran Church worships on Sunday at 10:15 a.m. at Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon road. Sunday school is also offered. Please call (734) 459-8181 or e-mail the church at [newlifelc@yahoo.com](mailto:newlifelc@yahoo.com)

**NEW BIBLE STUDY**  
A complete overview of the scriptures at New Life Lutheran church, ELCA, on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. 220 N. Sheldon Road.

## Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit

The Dead Sea Scrolls, scriptures of a community that disappeared two millennia ago, will again come to life in an exhibit of replicas from the manuscripts and artifacts of an ancient Israeli civilization.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Westland presents a Dead Sea Scroll Exhibit, free to the public, March 9-11. The scrolls were discovered in 1947 by a Bedouin shepherd boy who was out searching for his strays along the northwestern shore of the Dead Sea. During that search, he cast a stone into a cave and heard something shatter.

Intrigued by the sound, he returned later with a companion and discovered a cache of large clay jars — some fully intact — which held the promise of a treasure from some bygone age.

The shepherds discovery revealed a massive collection of ancient biblical and non-biblical scrolls. Those manuscripts were named for the community in which they were found, the Qumran collection, or Dead Sea Scrolls.

The church, at 7575 Hix Road in Westland. The exhibit is open 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 9; Friday, March 10 6-9 p.m.; and 12-8 p.m. Saturday, March 11. Call (734) 459-4580 for more information.

### CRAFTS CALENDAR

**CHURCHILL PTSA CRAFT SHOW**  
Churchill High School (8900 Newburgh Road, just north of Joy Road) PTSA is currently accepting applications for their 12th Annual Spring Craft Show which will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 11. \$1 admission. Call (734) 523-0022.

**ST. JOHNS' ARTS/CRAFT SALE**  
St. Johns' Episcopal Church in Westland is hosting an arts and crafts sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 25 at the church (555 S. Wayne Road). Vendors are needed. To reserve a table call (734) 729-1605. Hot dogs, chips, pop, etc. will be sold.

**DEARBORN EXTRAVAGANZA**  
Dearborn High School (19501 Outer Drive) hosts an Arts & 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.

**SPRING SPECTACULAR**  
Livonia Stevenson High School (83500 W. Six Mile Rd./1 block west of Farmington Rd.) 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.

**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.

**SCHOOLCRAFT CRAFT SHOW**  
Craft show set for March 11 at Schoolcraft College (Physical Education Bldg.) from 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Raffles for prizes and the parking is free. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and children 12 years and older, and 50 cents for children five to 12.

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Baseball clinics

The Plymouth Salem baseball team and coaching staff will sponsor their annual instructional clinics on consecutive Saturdays, March 25 and April 1, in the Salem gym.

Cost for each session, which includes a hot dog lunch (served from noon-1 p.m.), is \$20. The 11-15 year-old session will be from 9 a.m.-noon; the 7-10 year-old session will be from 1-4 p.m.

Mail your check, made payable to the Plymouth Salem Dugout Club, to Bill Styles at 10782 Red Maple Drive, Plymouth, 48170. For more information, call Bill Styles at (734) 453-1679.

### 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.

New players must provide proof of birth. For more information, call (734) 453-2040.

### T-ball registration

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will have registration for its 5-6 year-old T-ball league April 3-21 at the Recreation office, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center (located at 525 Farmer, Plymouth).

Children must be born July-December 1993; January-December 1994; or January-July 1995. A birth certificate is required. The season runs June 24-Aug. 12 (no games July 1).

For more information, call (734) 455-6623.

### Adult softball leagues

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will sponsor adult softball leagues this spring/summer for men's slow pitch, women's slow pitch, co-ed slow pitch and men's modified.

Registration for returning teams begins Monday. New teams may begin registering March 15. All registrations may be completed at the Recreation offices, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

The season starts the week of May 1. For more information, call the Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620 or check the web at [www.ci.plymouth.mi.us](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us).

### 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.

### 3-on-3 Junior Shootout

The Milford Police Athletic League is sponsoring its 10th annual 3-on-3 Junior Shootout basketball tournament for boys and girls in grades 4-12 on March 17-19.

Entry fee is \$60 per team (four players). There will also be a special three-point shootout in each division to win a pair of \$100 Converse basketball shoes.

For more information, call Rick Sharpe at (248) 684-1322.

### Pistons/Shock clinic

Members of the Detroit Pistons and Detroit Shock will put on a basketball clinic Saturday afternoon, March 18, at Ward Presbyterian Church, located at 40000 Six Mile (west of Haggerty) in Northville.

Boys and girls in the third-to-eighth grades are encouraged to attend. Cost is \$15.

Session I (grades 3-5) will run from 2-3:15 p.m. Session II (grades 6-8) will run from 3:30-4:45 p.m. Arrive 15 minutes early to register, or pre-register at the Ward Presbyterian Church by March 17.

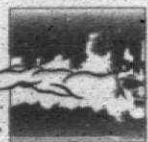
Parents are invited to attend (no additional charge). The clinic includes five follow-up Saturdays of open basketball practice, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

For further information, call (248) 374-5937.



Top scorer: Eric Seidelman had two firsts and a second for EMU at the MAC swim finals.

## Salem grad is MAC's best



Crossroads come to everyone. For Eric Seidelman, he figured he had swam his last race after graduating from Plymouth Salem. But he overcame his frustrations to lead Eastern Michigan to prominence.

BY C.J. RISAK  
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Five years ago, Eric Seidelman suffered through one of his worst athletic experiences.

A senior at Plymouth Salem, Seidelman had qualified for the Class A state swim championships in three individual events — the 50-yard, 100-yard and

200-yard freestyle — and, as the Rocks quickest sprint freestyler, was a part of two relays.

Then disaster struck. Seidelman was stricken by a viral infection just prior to the Western Lakes Activities Association; it affected him through the state meet, ruining his performances and affecting the relays as well.

And it did no good for his mental outlook, either.

"I think what happened was that I got real frustrated," Seidelman recalled. "Then I worked out real, real hard that summer with the Clarenceville Swim Club and I began to hate it. I just didn't like anything about it."

"So I took a year off." Seidelman had been recruited by Eastern Michigan University's Peter Linn, but he decided against it. "I took the month of August off and said if I missed it, I'd go back," Seidelman said. "I didn't."

The next summer — "on a whim" — he journeyed over to the EMU pool just

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## District final next!

### PCA crushes Agape in semis, 62-49

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy senior forward Michael Huntsman celebrated his 18th birthday Tuesday night by giving, not receiving.

On a night when his teammates struggled shooting from the perimeter, Huntsman blew out the candles on Canton Agape Christian's season, scoring 22 points and snaring 11 rebounds in the Eagles' 62-49 victory over the Wolverines in the Class D district tournament opener for both teams.

PCA's 15th consecutive victory improved its record to 17-4 heading into tonight's district final match-up against Jackson Christian (7-14). Tip-off is set for 7:30 in the PCA gymnasium.

Jackson Christian earned a berth in the final game by knocking off Huron Valley Lutheran, 52-32.

"I watched them (Jackson Christian) play the first game tonight and it looks like they have a nice team with some height," PCA coach Doug Taylor said, sizing up his next opponent.

While pleased with the win, Taylor said his team can — and must — play better if it is going to match or exceed last year's impressive post-season run, which ended in the regional final game.

"We didn't shoot well tonight, and when we don't shoot well, we don't look good," Taylor said. "We only made one out of 10 three-pointers in the first half, and (outside shooting) is usually one of our strengths."

"If we want to make a run like last year, we're going to have to improve our intensity and toughness."

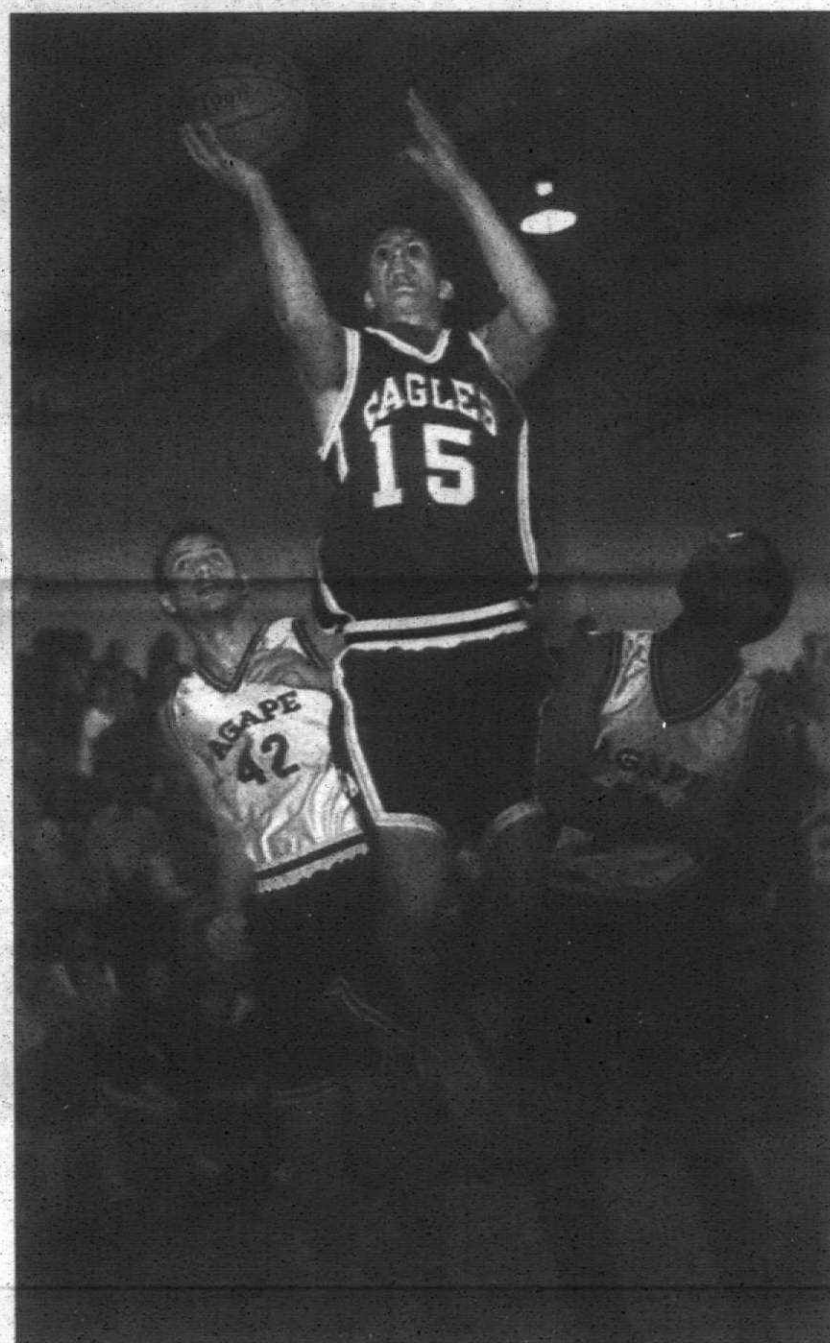
Agape coach Keith Anleitner said his team came out on the short end of the game thanks largely to PCA's tall, athletic front-line.

"I'm very proud of our kids," said Anleitner, whose team finished 12-7. "I thought we played with a lot of heart. They just have too much size for us to deal with. We couldn't get it done on the glass."

"Most of Huntsman's points were on putbacks. We were putting a body on him and (Derric) Isensee, but they're outstanding athletes, and they went over us."

Anleitner's statements were con-

Please see DISTRICT BASKETBALL, C7



STAFF PHOTO BY MATT TAPLINGER

Basket-bound: Plymouth Christian's Derric Isensee drives between Agape's Paul Anleitner (left) and Julian Wettlin en route to a field goal in Tuesday's district semifinal.

## Salem blasts Blazers to win district

BY C.J. RISAK  
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A battle was brewing.

Everyone anticipated it. Even before the Class A district volleyball tournament at South Lyon HS got under way last Saturday, the brackets could be examined and the probable final determined:

Plymouth Salem vs. Livonia Ladywood. They were the two best teams in this field, although both Northville and host South Lyon could certainly make things sticky (which they did). And Plymouth Canton could give cross-campus rival Salem some trouble in the opening round (which, after the first few points, it didn't).

Ultimately, everything turned out just as expected. It took all three games for both Ladywood and Salem to survive their district semifinal matches against Northville and South Lyon, respectively. Everything turned out as expected — until the final match.

Salem and Ladywood had met twice previously this season, at the Comstock Tournament Jan. 15 and at the Schoolcraft Invitational Feb. 5. The Rocks won at Comstock in three games; the Blazers ruled at Schoolcraft in another match that took three games.

Another three-game, down-to-the-wire showdown featuring two of Observerland's best teams, was on tap, right?

Not this time.

### DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL

Salem surprisingly took command from the start, scoring the first six points of the opening game and trailing just once in the entire match (1-0 in the second game) en route to a 15-6, 15-2 shredding of Ladywood.

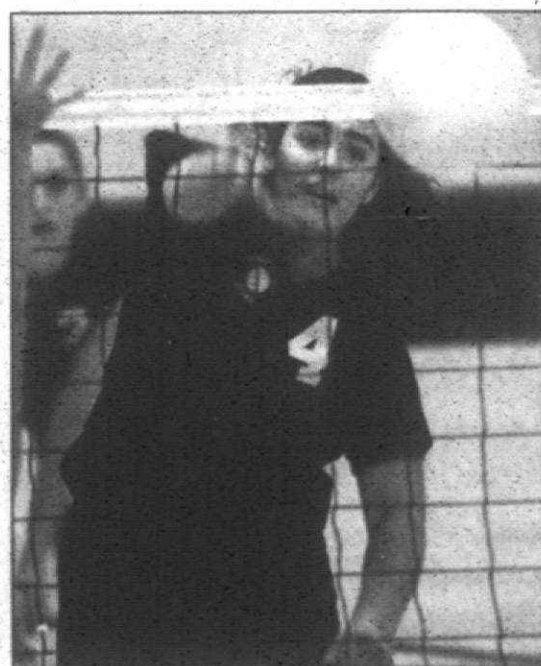
The Rocks take their 42-11-1 record to the Saline Regional Saturday, where they will go against Adrian at 10 a.m. Salem met Adrian twice at the Temperance Bedford Invitational Feb. 12, winning both in straight sets. The winner will meet the Livonia Franklin/Ypsilanti Lincoln winner in the regional final at approximately noon Saturday.

Ladywood finishes with a 30-17-4 mark. While jubilant Salem players posed for photos and glared happily at their district championship medals, a stunned Ladywood team retreated into a corner of the South Lyon gym. No answers would be found there; indeed, coach Larry Wyatt seemed stunned after the lopsided loss.

"They served well, we didn't serve receive well," he offered, searching for a reason. "Obviously, we just didn't play well and they did. But you've got to give all the credit to Salem. They beat us."

"Some days you play well, some days you don't."

The Rocks — who struggled to beat the Lions in



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMAN

Pivotal player: Amanda Suder paced Salem's attack with 27 kills.

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### Whalers make it 15-straight vs. Frontenacs



It was the open-door policy Tuesday night at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The penalty

box door, that is.

In a game marred by 45 penalties — 25 against the visiting Kingston Frontenacs — the Plymouth Whalers erupted for six first-period goals and steamrolled Kingston, 9-2.

The win was the Whalers' 15th-straight and pulled them to within a point of the top spot in the Ontario Hockey League, held by the Ottawa 67s. Plymouth is 41-17-4, with 87 points — first in the OHL's West Division. Ottawa is 42-18-3, with 88 points — first in the OHL's East Division.

Indeed, the last time the Whalers lost was to Ottawa. That was Jan. 29, and it was by a 2-1 count.

Should the Whalers continue their current streak, they could pass the 67s. The Whalers have played one less game.

Tuesday's loss dropped Kingston to 35-21-5 (77 points). The Frontenacs are third in the East Division.

Stephen Weiss, Jamie Lalonde and Kris Vernarsky each scored two goals in the game, with Weiss and Vernarsky adding one assist apiece. Shaun Fisher added a goal and three assists, Tomas Kurka had a goal and an assist, Eric Goody had a goal, Jared Newman and Justin Williams each had three assists, and Damian Suram had two assists.

Darryl Knight and Chris Cook scored goals for Kingston.

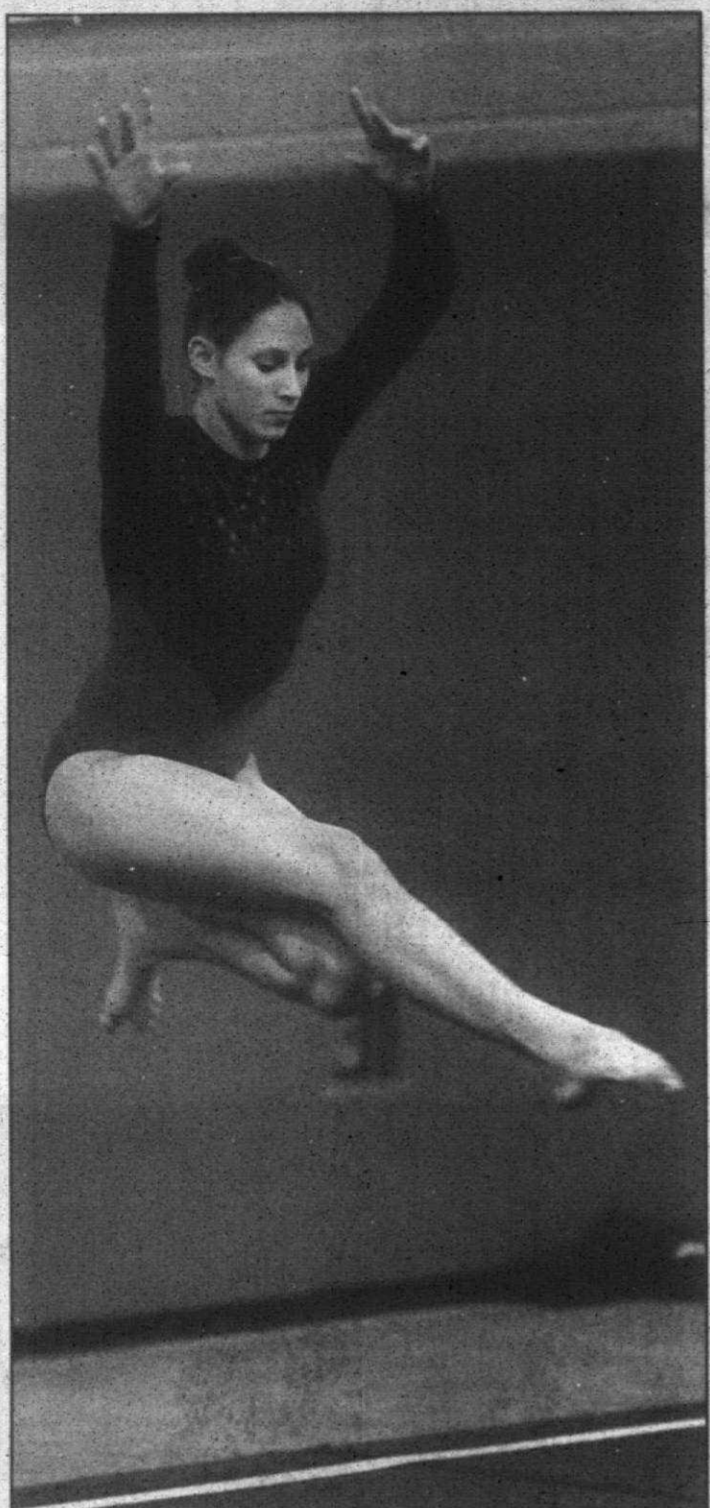
The Whalers got four power-play goals and another short-handed (by Vernarsky).

In the opening period Fisher, Weiss, Lalonde (twice) and Vernarsky all scored goals before Knight got a goal for Kingston. Kurka's power-play marker with 1:48 left in the first put the Whalers up 6-1.



STATE WRESTLING FINALS

MHSAA INDIVIDUAL STATE WRESTLING TOURNEY FIRST-ROUND PAIRINGS March 10 at Joe Louis Arena DIVISION I 103 pounds: Adam Stacey, Sr., Redford Catholic Central (26-7) vs. Kyle Klooster, Jr., Grand Haven (42-1); Josh Gunterman, Livonia Stevenson, Sr. (35-9) vs. Kyle Greenberg, Jr., Portage Central (39-8)...



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Chiefs narrowly miss qualifying for state; Salem 10th at regional

BY C.J. RISAK Sports Editor cjrisk@oe.com

How close can you come? It's a question John Cunningham knew the answer to prior to last Saturday's Class A Gymnastics Regional, hosted by Cunningham's Plymouth Canton team. Now, those on the team know the answer as well. The Chiefs missed qualifying for this weekend's state finals by the narrowest of margins — just .025 of a point — in a meet in which any of three teams could have qualified with one less mistake.

The team proved to be Jackson County Western, which scored 136.975 points to finish third. The top two positions were already secured by Novi/Northville, which placed first with 145.2 points, and Adrian, which was second with a score of 143.725.

Canton scored 136.95, its second-best total of the season, but as Cunningham pointed out, "We actually had a very decent meet. Jackson County Western just had a better meet."

It was the third time the two had clashed in an invitational, and it was the first time Western emerged on top. Ann Arbor Pioneer was also very close to a state meet berth, scoring 136.875 and placing fourth.

The rest of the finishers in the 17-team field: Ann Arbor Huron, sixth (133.65); Saline, seventh (133.375); Hillsdale, eighth (131.45); Jackson Salem, 10th (129.95); Jackson Northwest, 11th (128.675); Napoleon, 12th (126.4); Coldwater, 13th (121.725); and Jackson Lumen Christi, 14th (121.2). Ypsilanti, Trenton and Jackson did not field complete teams.

Although Canton didn't manage to qualify as a team for the state meet, two Chiefs did qualify as individuals. Liz Fitzgerald finished first in the Division II

A solid performance: Canton's Amy Driscoll turned in the second best Division II all-around total, behind only teammate Liz Fitzgerald. Driscoll won both the vault and bars, and placed second in the floor exercise.

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all-around (the top six make state) with a 35.7 total; she was first in the balance beam (9.15), third in floor exercise (9.15), seventh in uneven parallel bars (8.75) and 12th in vault (8.65).

Placing second in the Division II all-around was Canton's Amy Driscoll. She won both the vault (9.15) and bars (9.05), and took second in floor (9.25).

"You can't complain about performances when you finish one-two in the all-around," said Cunningham. Several other Chiefs turned in solid performances, although no one else qualified for state. Jill Rakovitis posted scores of 8.55 in floor, 8.35 in vault, 8.1 in beam and 32.8 in the all-around; Kristen Schilk had an 8.5 in floor, an 8.15 in vault and a 32.4 all-around; Jackie Bennington scored an 8.425 in floor and a 32.175 in the all-around; and Maggie Bett had an 8.15 in beam.

"All in all, we had a very good meet," said Cunningham. "We lost by a toe-twitch. None of it really involved poor performances." Not that Cunningham handled the narrow miss without comment. "Ouch was one of the words I used," he said, adding the others might not be suitable for print.

Salem, which was scoring in the upper 130s in January, struggled at the regional after losing one of its top gymnasts, April Aquino, to a knee injury in the dual meet against Canton Feb. 14.

Still, one of the Rocks — freshman Bethany Bartlett — did qualify for state individually in three of four events, and just missed qualifying in the Division I all-around. Bartlett scored 35.375; the sixth-place (and final all-around qualifying) score was 35.575.

Bartlett did make state individually with a second-place finish in the vault (9.2), a sixth in the floor (9.0) and a seventh in the bars (8.825). She also scored 8.35 in beam. Other solid Salem performances came from AnneMarie Zielinski in the vault (7.9); Ashley Heard in bars (8.2) and beam (8.05); Kelsey Ensor in beam (8.3) and floor exercise (8.05); Danielle Teper in floor (8.1); and Kara Dendrinis in floor (8.05).

Madonna's opening trip down south is off to an up-and-down beginning

Madonna University has the start of its baseball season squared away.

The Crusaders split their season-opening doubleheader Friday, defeating Columbia Union (Md.), 12-2, in the first game and falling, 5-2, to Virginia-Wise in the second.

Madonna then took two of its next three. It avenged its loss to Virginia-Wise, taking a 10-3 decision on March 4. On March 5, Madonna lost a 7-6 game to Susquehanna (Pa.) University before bouncing back to take a 3-2 decision from Pittsburgh-Johnstown.

Details on those games were not available.

Nick Newman pitched a six-hitter for the Crusaders against Columbia Union, striking out three and walking one.

Third baseman Nick Dedeluk smacked a solo home run for Madonna to trigger a six-run fourth inning that broke a scoreless tie.

A bases-loaded error let in one run, left fielder Jason

Crusaders' pitching is solid

A young collegiate softball team, consisting mostly of freshmen and sophomores, with an almost entirely rebuilt pitching staff (two of them freshmen), taking its season-opening trip to Florida — it sounds like a recipe for disaster.

But for Madonna University, it hasn't been. Lady Crusaders' coach Al White had hoped to survive this 13-game trip with a close-to-break-even record.

Through Tuesday, the Crusaders were right on course. Playing all their games in Fort Myers, their 2-1 victory over Dowling College (from Oakdale, N.Y.) Tuesday improved their spring-trip record to 5-4.

Jenny Tenyer, one of White's promising freshmen pitchers, earned her first collegiate win with a four-hit, no-walk performance. In her four mound appearances thus far, Tenyer has not allowed an earned run three times.

Madonna scored twice in the bottom of the sixth to get the win on a two-run, two-out double by Vicki Malkowski.

The win was the Crusaders' third-straight. Earlier Tuesday, they beat Curry College (Milton, MA) 5-2 thanks to Stacie Wilson's 3-for-3, two RBI plate performance that included a two-run single in Madonna's four-run second that also included RBI hits by Meghan Quinn and

Thomas University (Miami, Fla.) 5-4. Keys got the game-winning hit, a one-out single that scored Malkowski, who opened the inning with a double.

Malkowski had three hits in the game, scoring twice, and Quinn had two with an RBI. Staup got the pitching win in relief of starter Tanya Liske; Staup walked two in 1 1/3 scoreless innings.

The Crusaders' first game Sunday was a 2-1 loss to the University of Findlay (Ohio), in which Tenyer absorbed the defeat with a two-run, four-hit, one-walk performance. Kristy McDonald (Redford Thurston) and Litwin each had two hits in the bottom of the fifth in a 2-1 loss. Staup took the loss, giving up two unearned runs on six hits and a walk. Malkowski had two of Madonna's four hits.

Liske surrendered five runs (two earned) on seven hits and a walk, striking out seven, to pick up the win. That same day, Madonna battled Saginaw Valley State evenly before giving up two runs in the bottom of the fifth in a 2-1 loss. Staup took the loss, giving up two unearned runs on six hits and a walk. Malkowski had two of Madonna's four hits.

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Angela Litwin (from Plymouth Canton).

Jennifer Staup, another freshman, evened her record at 2-2 by allowing two runs on six hits but no walks.

Madonna's streak began with a 4-1 victory over Mount St. Clare College (Clinton, Iowa) on Monday (details were not available). Earlier Monday, Katie McFadden handcuffed the Crusaders with a two-hitter to lead Robert Morris College (Coraopolis, Pa.) to a 4-1 victory.

Emily Cunningham's third-inning double scored Litwin with the only Madonna run; Tenyer took the loss, tossing a five-hitter and allowing four unearned runs with no walks and 10 strikeouts. The Crusaders committed six errors in the game.

On Sunday against Holy Family College (Philadelphia, Pa.), four more errors proved costly in Madonna's 5-2 loss. Staup took the loss, surrendering five runs (one earned) on seven hits and a walk in 3 1/3 innings. The Crusaders had just three hits, with Jenny Krugel getting the only RBI on a first-inning groundout.

Earlier Sunday, Madonna battled back from a 4-1 deficit with three runs in the fifth and another in the seventh to nip St.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Learn to Check clinic Suburban Hockey Schools will conduct its "Learn to Check" clinics at area sites in the upcoming weeks. Classes are offered 6:30-8:20 p.m. Tues-

day, March 28, and 5:30-7:20 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills; 6-7:50 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at Devon-Aire Arena in Livonia; 5:30-7:20 p.m. and 7:30-9:20 p.m. Monday, March 20, at Novi Ice Arena.

The cost for the clinic is \$40 per player. For more information call (248) 478-1600.

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The semifinal, losing the first game 11-15 before rallying to win the next two 15-7, 15-2 — offered little hint of what was to come in the final.

"In the very first game (against South Lyon) we had no intensity," said Salem's Amanda Suder. "Even in the games we won, we didn't play that well. Playing Ladywood, we knew we were going to have to step up our game. And we did."

"We just got really intense. The key for us is intensity. We never let up." Suder, a senior who's already committed to Madonna University, was phenomenal throughout the districts. Against Ladywood, she had 10 kills (with a .353 kill percentage) and nine digs, both team bests. Jill Dombrowski added 13 assists to kills and eight digs; Liz Giczki had three service aces and six digs; and Sarah Jensen had three kills.

One of the key attributes for Salem in the victory was blocking. The Rocks had five in the match, more than twice their normal number during the season.

"We normally don't have that many blocks," noted Salem coach Tom Teeters. "I really didn't think the block would do for us."

It did, and so did Teeters' strategy. "We concentrated our defense on three of their hitters," he said. The object: Let the others beat you.

The Rocks also directed their serves to Patty Horal, Ladywood's top hitter, in an attempt to delay her from getting in position for a kill attempt.

"Everything fell in place

for us," said Teeters. "This was one of the few times this season we were in it (mentally) the whole time. I kept waiting for the other shoe to drop."

It never did. After surrendering a point after scoring the first six, Salem's impetus seemed to slow somewhat. Ladywood closed to 8-4. But then Giczki served four-straight points and Suder served two more, each with an ace. Denise Philips had the honor of serving the game-winner.

The Blazers had rallied after suffering a first-game loss to Northville in the semifinals, but they never did against the Rocks. Ladywood scored the first point of the second game, then gave up nine-straight. Dombrowski served the final five points, with Suder fittingly getting a kill on the match-winning point.

For the day, Suder had a team-best 27 kills — despite missing the opener against Canton for violating a team rule — with a .311 kill percentage. She also had 13 digs.

Philips had 17 kills, five aces and 11 digs; Dombrowski had eight kills, 49 assists to kills, 16 digs and three blocks; and Jensen had 11 kills and three aces.

## Blazers bounce Northville

In the district semifinals, it seemed certain Northville could give Ladywood problems, what with three starters over 6-foot tall. It didn't help that the Blazers came out sluggishly to begin the match, losing the opening game 11-15 before turning it around to win the next two, 15-7 and 15-10.

Northville led through most of the first game, but Ladywood took control in the second, constructing an 11-2 lead and repelling a Northville comeback that narrowed the gap to 11-6. Horal had three kills for points, one service ace and served three points.

A six-point Blazer rally — consisting of two Horal kills and four Northville miscues — that took the score from 5-2 to 11-2 was the turning point in the match for Ladywood.

Not that Northville went quietly. The Mustangs, behind the strong play of 6-2 middle-hitter Meredith Hasse, scored the first four points of the third game and at one point had a 7-6 lead. But the play of Horal and outside hitter Erin Barteo eventually wore down the Mustangs.

## Salem stings Canton

The beginning was not promising for Salem. The Rocks were up against rival Plymouth Canton in the district opener Saturday at South Lyon, and they were doing it with three players on the bench for violating a team rule.

Jaskot's service ace gave the Rocks an 11-8 lead in the opening game, but the Lions scored the game's final seven points for a 15-11 triumph.

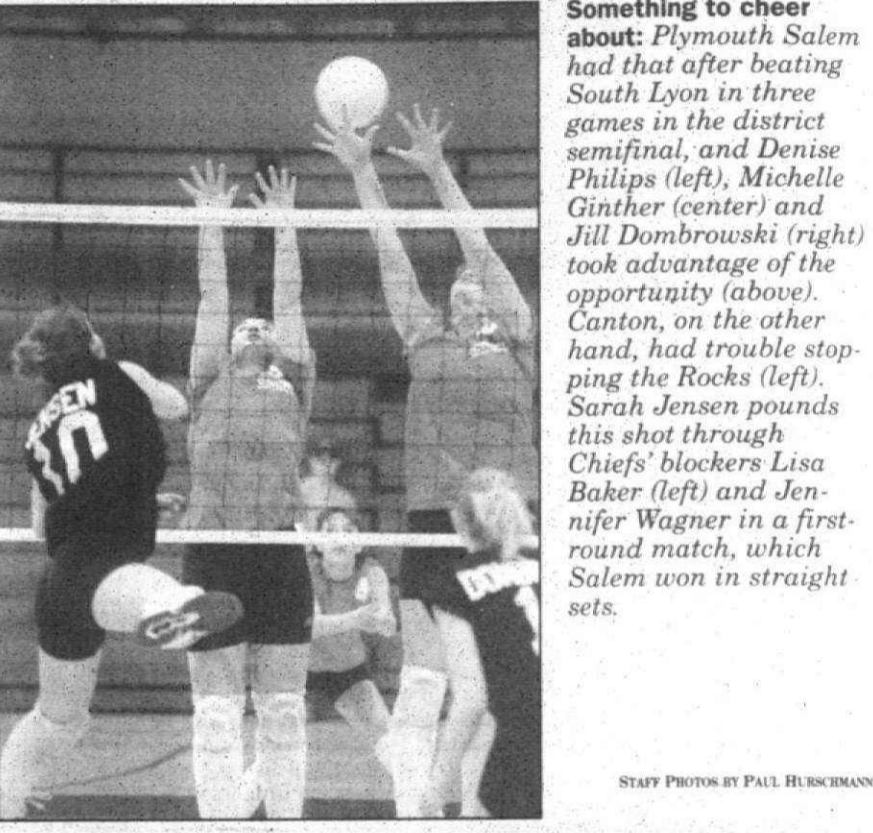
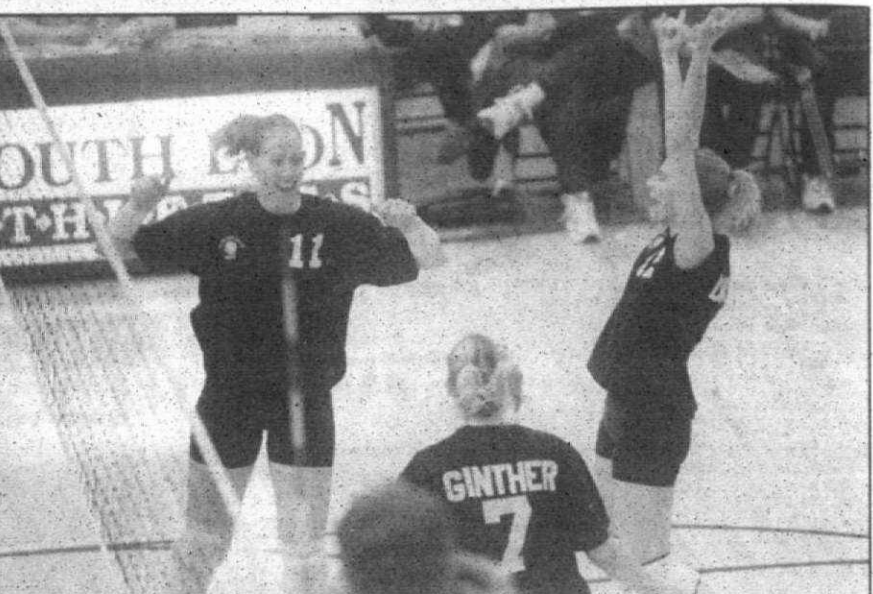
And it was apparent South Lyon's Fran Hamilton, a 5-10 hitter, would cause problems for the shorter Rocks.

"Their No. 17 (Hamilton) was just unstoppable," admitted Salem's Teeters. "The Rocks needed to find a way to keep the ball away from her, but her mobility made that difficult."

Like Ladywood, Salem also needed to step up its play. By the midpoint of the second game, the Rocks did just that.

After South Lyon had narrowed a five-point Salem lead to two, the Rocks took control, scoring seven-straight points and eventually winning 15-7. The third game, a 15-2 rout, was all Salem as the Lions' serving and serve reception abandoned them.

"There's nothing for us to be unhappy about," said South Lyon coach Ed Baldwin, his team finishing with a 22-12 record. "We knew we weren't going to win the Class A championship. We wanted to play well and we did. We're a team that works real hard."



Something to cheer about: Plymouth Salem had that after beating South Lyon in three games in the district semifinal, and Denise Philips (left), Michelle Gintner (center) and Jill Dombrowski (right) took advantage of the opportunity (above). Canton, on the other hand, had trouble stopping the Rocks (left). Sarah Jensen pounds this shot through Chiefs' blockers Lisa Baker (left) and Jennifer Wagner in a first-round match, which Salem won in straight sets.

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## OUTDOORS CALENDAR

### SEASON/DATES

**RABBIT**  
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

### CLASSES/CLINICS

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

**MORE FLY TYING**  
River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

**BOATING SAFETY**  
The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering an 11-week class on safety equipment, aids to navigation, trailering, engine trouble-shooting and more in Room 98 at Plymouth Canton HS.

Cost is \$40 for the first family member and \$25 for each additional family member.  
To register, call the Canton Community Education at (734) 416-2940 or Johnnie Johnson at (734) 455-4671.

### SHOWS

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

### ARCHERY

**DETROIT ARCHERS OF WEST BLOOMFIELD**  
The Detroit Archers of West

Bloomfield (5795 Drake Road) is hosting a number of leagues: 3-D indoor, Sundays, 6:30 p.m.; Monday bush league, 7:30 p.m. (men only); Tuesday target league, 7:30 p.m.; 3-D bow hunter, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. (indoor); and Friday fun league, 7:30 p.m. Open shoot hours are from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 6-10 p.m. Thursday. For more information call (313) 825-2110.

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

**JUNIOR OLYMPICS**  
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

### ACTIVITIES

**DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS**  
Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Pilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310. The Detroit Area Steelheaders will also hold a Sportsmen's Game Dinner March 18 at Bishop William F. Murphy Knights of Columbus Hall in Warren. The dinner is open to the public and doors open at 5 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person.

**BASS TOURNAMENT**  
The 2000 Top Bass Tournament will be held at various sites throughout the summer months.

The schedule is as follows: Saginaw Bay, May 27; Lake St. Helen, June 3; Wixom Lake, June 24; Sanford Lake, July 8; Wixom Lake, July 22; Lobdell Lake, Aug. 5; Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27. Guaranteed payoffs will be awarded with amounts determined by the number of entries. For more information, call (734) 729-1762 or (734) 422-5813.

**CLINTON VALLEY BASS**  
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

**METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS**  
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

**MICHIGAN FLY FISHING**  
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

**FOUR SEASONS**  
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

**FISHING BUDDIES**  
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

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

**BASS ASSOCIATION**  
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

**SOLAR**  
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

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

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

### SHOOTING RANGES

**BALD MOUNTAIN**  
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-shoot), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

**PONTIAC LAKE**  
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shot-

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

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

### METROPARKS

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

**2000 PERMITS**  
The 2000 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

### BANQUETS/FUND-RAISERS

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

**PERMITS**  
The 2000 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are on sale at all county park offices and township offices. Cost is \$20 through April 30 and \$25 there-

after. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858-1684.

### STATE PARKS

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

### WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

**COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS**  
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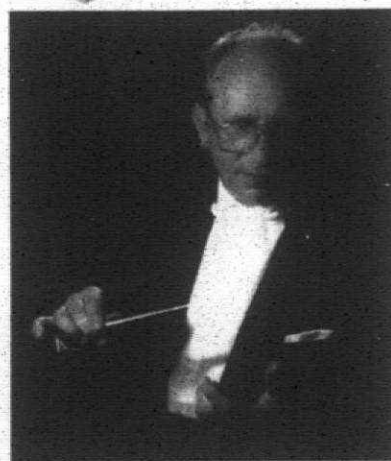
## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



"If You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'," the Righteous Brothers Bobby Hatfield (left) and Bill Medley will help you find it during an 8 p.m. concert at the Fox Theatre. Tickets \$28.50, \$36.50 and \$50, at the box office, or call Ticketmaster (248) 433-1515.

### SATURDAY



The Livonia Symphony Orchestra draws musical pictures in a 7:30 p.m. concert at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. Tickets \$15, \$10 students/children. Call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 464-2741.

### SUNDAY



Joyce McGookey (left to right), Lance Abke of Plymouth and Janice Meissner star in the Players Guild of Dearborn's production of "Night Watch," a thriller by Lucille Fletcher. Curtain 2:30 p.m. at the theater, 21730 Madison, Dearborn. Tickets \$11, call (313) 561-TKTS.

## HOT TICKET



**Hot Ticket Item:** "Van Gogh: Face to Face," an exhibit of 66 portraits opens Sunday, March 12 (sold out), and continues to Sunday, June 4 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, and until 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Timed tickets \$16 Monday-Friday, \$18 Saturday-Sunday, \$8 ages 6-17, and include admission to museum, exhibition and Acoustiguide audio tour. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call (248) 433-8444. For more information, call the Hotline at (313) 833-8499 or visit the Web site at [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org)

# Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

with song and dance



BY KEELY WYGONIK  
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After Mardi Gras and Packzi Day comes St. Patrick's Day, another reason to celebrate whether you're Irish or not.

Festivities officially begin 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12 with the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Michigan Avenue in Detroit's historic Corktown at Trumbull. The parade begins at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Third and proceeds west on Michigan Avenue to Wabash.

On St. Patrick's Day, many local pubs will open as early as 9 a.m. Blackthorn, a popular local Celtic band, is presenting a concert 3 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, and performing noon to 4 p.m. on St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17 at Cowley's Old Village Inn in Farmington.

Over 30 local musicians and

entertainers will be featured at the 15th annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest at the Hellenic Center in Westland, which begins at 4 p.m. on St. Patrick's Day.

### Blackthorn

The regulars at Cowley's are familiar with Blackthorn, the band performs there on even numbered months throughout the year. You can see them at the pub

on St. Patrick's Day, or at the Southfield Centre for the Arts this Sunday.

Gary McMullen joined the group 12 years ago. "We do 60-70 shows a year," he said. "We take it very seriously, and do it for fun and profit, we love it. We all work for a living, and have no strong aspirations that we're going to

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**Talented group:** (At left) Groupai Ceol, the award-winning group consisting of Jeremy Kittel (left to right), Colleen Shanks, Sean Gavin, Tyler Duncan, and Colleen Burke will perform on St. Patrick's Day in Westland. (Top photo) Blackthorn Gary McMullen (left to right), Richard McMullan, Fred Klein and Dennis Green is one of metro Detroit's best known Celtic bands.



### Holiday events

■ An After the Parade Party 3:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 East Congress, Detroit. Irish entertainment featuring Michale O'Brien, a cash bar with Irish beer and food are included. A \$5 donation is welcomed. Children under 12 are free. Call (313) 885-5618.

■ The City of Southfield's Parks and Recreation Department presents Blackthorn in concert, at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. Tickets are \$8 and include an opportunity to meet the artists following their performance, call the Southfield Centre for the Arts (248) 424-9041.

Ranging from sea shanties to more serious ballads and contemporary music emerging from the Emerald Isle, the music of Blackthorn brings audiences a glimpse of the true Irish experience.

Blackthorn will also be performing noon to 4 p.m. Friday, March 17 at Cowley's Old Village Inn, 33338 Grand River, Farmington. There will be music all day at Cowley's on St. Patrick's Day. Call (248) 474-5941 for information.

■ Mary Black, Ireland's premier folk singer, will sing at a St. Patrick's Day Concert at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16 at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

■ St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest 4 p.m. to midnight Friday, March 17 at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, between Newburgh and Levan, Westland. Tickets \$8 per person at the door, call (313) 537-3489. Event features Irish music song and dance by over 30 local performers. Corned beef and cabbage dinners will be offered for sale along with a variety of snacks. Cash bar.

## BENEFIT

# Mask auction helps put a face on homelessness

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Forget TV images you've seen of dirtily clad men hanging around a homeless shelter. The Coalition on Temporary Shelter's brown brick building on Peterboro in Detroit's Cass Corridor is a place filled with hope, love and cleanly dressed men, women and children on their way to a new life.

Founded 16 years ago as a 40-bed shelter in St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Corktown, COTS helps the homeless by providing 300 meals a day and 51,000 emergency shelter nights a year. But COTS isn't just a shelter. Last year COTS, after assessing residents employability and helping them obtain training and education, filled more than 5,000 jobs with homeless people.

That's why COTS MASKorAIDE auction Saturday, March 18 is so important. This year celebrities such as Jeff Bridges, Rosie O'Donnell, Martha Reeves and Detroit Red Wings Darrin McCarty, and artists Elbert Weber of Livonia and Curtis Bailey, Birmingham, have painted masks in hopes of changing the face of homelessness in Detroit. Hundreds of students from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb county schools,

### "MASKorAIDE for COTS"

**What:** Celebrities, artists, business people, and media personalities paint masks for an auction to benefit COTS. Raffle for a two-year lease on a Lincoln Navigator.

**When:** 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 18.

**Where:** Detroit Yacht Club, 1 River Bank Road, Belle Isle.

**Tickets:** \$100, includes buffet dinner, auction and dancing; \$200 patron, includes VIP cocktail reception. Call (313) 831-3777.

including Plymouth Christian Academy, painted smaller lapel pin masks for the event.

John Murphy, a Redford ceramist and instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, is one of more than 170 artists, athletes and celebrities creating masks as vibrant and imaginative as the makers. Several months ago when COTS sent Murphy the mask to paint, he decided to turn it into a work of art. Using the mask as a mold, the internationally exhibited artist created three porcelain clay masks then painted them with his traditional black and white striped and checked treatments. He calls them "Targets of Hardship."

"I wanted to help the cause - the homeless," said Murphy, who frequently donates his work to Empty Bowls fundraisers around town. "It's what I

always like to say, 'you have to give it away to keep it.'"

Chairperson Beth McKeown is hoping to raise more than \$125,000 to fund programs such as Day Care for parents who need to receive training before becoming independent. A clothing store, stocked with donations of used pants, shirts, dresses and suits, helps residents put their best foot forward while looking for a job.

"If you're getting your life together you can stay with us two years," said McKeown. "We're giving a hand-up, not a hand-out."

For those unable to live on their own either because of advanced age or mental and physical challenges, COTS provides long-term residency. Homelessness can happen to any one. Every day fires, the loss of a job, divorce, and illness force people into a life on the streets.

"COTS is very communal," said McKeown, "everyone helping each other out." And that's what COTS is all about.

Some of the masks will be on display through Thursday, March 16 at the Andy Sharkey Gallery and Carol Grant Decorative Arts, 510 S. Washington, Royal Oak. Call (248) 546-6770 for information.



**Creative faces:** This mask by artist Agnoulia Peters is one of more than 170 to go on the auction block to help raise money for COTS.



SONG AND DANCE

Irish stage show performer has roots in Redford

BY MARY McDONOUGH STAFF WRITER

When actor Brian Mallen talks, a slight lilt in his voice gives away his years of informal performances in the pubs of Ireland and a hint of New York snarl reveals years in the Manhattan theater circuit.

Twenty years ago he met a school teacher, Frank McCourt, now known far beyond the doorways of those smoky pubs as the author of the Pulitzer Prize winning memoir 'Angela's Ashes,' along with McCourt's fun-loving brother Malachy, fellow actor, bar owner and author of 'A Monk Swims.'

'The Redford native stars in McCourt's stage show, 'The Irish ... And How They Got That Way,' a song-and-dance stage performance celebrating the Irish in America, playing through Sunday, March 12 at Music Hall in Detroit.

'It's great. I'm looking forward to it,' said Mallen, of performing the show in his hometown. The 1970 graduate of St. Mary's of Redford said he expects many cousins and his mother, who resides in Livonia, to attend.

Speaking from his hotel in Seattle, Mallen said the show is "first and foremost entertainment. It's got heart and soul and razzmatazz. It's a celebration of the Irish experience in America, really."

In "Irish," six actors joke, dance and sing their way through snippets of Irish history ranging from the potato famine to the assassination of the John F. Kennedy, the nation's first Irish-Catholic president.

"It makes fun with the stereotypes and how they came to be and it's really irreverent," said Mallen.

What: "The Irish ... and How They Got That Way" When: continues through Sunday, March 12, performances 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday. Where: Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets: \$20-\$35 may be purchased at the Music Hall box office and all TicketMaster locations, call (313) 963-2366 for more information.

Unlike McCourt's melancholy "Angela's Ashes," "Irish" contains 30 songs and is mostly upbeat, said Mallen.

"[MCCourt] tells about a family leaving Ireland during the famine and it gets fairly serious treatment. One-fourth of the Irish population was lost, so it's sort of the holocaust of the Irish," said Mallen.

As the grandson of Irish immigrants who fled Ireland during the famine, Mallen said those scenes recalled familiar territory.

The show's reception has been favorable, particularly in San Francisco, where Mallen said it attracted a diverse audience which included, "Asians and blacks and all types of people who aren't from this particular tribe."

Mallen says the personal, irreverent nature of Irish storytelling is what continues to perpetuate interest in Irish culture. With "Angela's Ashes," a subsequent memoir and a third one written by McCourt's younger brother, there has evolved a sort of "MCCourt cult," says Mallen.

"When [MCCourt] started writing it he never thought it was going to go anywhere," said

Mallen. "The first three chapters used to run in a pub newsletter." Mallen says that the "MCCourt cult" is part of the second of two recent waves of interest in Irish film and culture.

"It started with 'My Left Foot.' Irish works have sort of a stark, realistic quality. For a while it was a lot of fake accents and stereotypes but since then, they've gotten hit with the real thing and I think in a way people feel that's more engaging," said Mallen.

The public's renewed interest in the "real thing" hasn't hurt Mallen's opportunities for roles any.

He is preparing to reprise his role as General Hancock in "Gods and Generals," the prequel to the film "Gettysburg," co-starring Jeff Daniels, which begins shooting this summer.

He has toured the United States and Europe with his award winning one man show, "Secrets of the Celtic Heart," directed by actress/director Ellen Burstyn. He has also served as the artistic arts director at New York's Irish Arts Center.

True to the irreverent nature of Irish entertainment, Mallen occasionally retreats to his home in Ireland, to the comfortable stage in the pubs of Galloway, to perform his comedy piece "Beside the Pint," based on "crazy pub humor."

His favorite Irish pub in the Detroit area? Cowleys' Old-Village Inn in downtown Farmington. "They have some great Irish bands that play there," he said.

While he's in town, Mallen said he plans to visit with his family and as a former member of Detroit's Gaelic League, says he may take in Detroit's St. Patrick's Day parade on March 12, on his way out of town.

With St. Paddy's Day round the corner, the timing for Mallen's journey back home couldn't be better.

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win a Grammy Award. We enjoy playing for people."

Blackthorn's repertoire includes ancient airs and melodies, Irish jigs and reels, traditional folk songs and music from contemporary Irish songwriters.

The four members play a dozen instruments including accordion, cittern, bodhran (Irish frame drum), penny whistle and flute. Belfast native Richard McMullen formed the group in 1986. The other members are Fred Klein and Dennis Green.

During the concerts McMullen tells jokes, and stories about Ireland, he also talks about the songs the group plays, and encourages people to sing along.

Singing and performing is a joyful thing for McMullen and other members of the group.

We hope a good time is had by one and all and we're thrilled and flattered that people support us. As long as people come see us, we will play.'

Gary McMullen Musician and member of Blackthorn

Inspired by the Kingston Trio, McMullen begged his parents to buy him a banjo when he was 12. He's been playing for over 35 years, and also plays guitar. "I've always played folk music," he said. "I even had a bluegrass band, and was frequently playing Irish tunes. It's just been a passion of mine."

Often requested songs include "The Reel & the Flickering Light," and "The Black Velvet Band."

Blackthorn works to keep their music fresh. They exchange tapes and e-mail lyrics to one another. But because everyone's so busy, they do an awful lot of rehearsing on-stage, and sometimes in some unusual places.

"We worked on an capella song on the golf course," said McMullen. "By the end of the 18th hole we had it. We pride ourselves on our harmony."

After hearing Blackthorn play,

McMullen and the other band members hope you'll walk away with a song in your heart, and know a little more about Irish culture and music.

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Family festival

Fifteen years ago, Mick Gavin of Redford called some of his Irish musician friends, and asked them if they would play at an Irish Fest on St. Patrick's Day.

Gavin, the father of three boys, and an accomplished local fiddler, wanted to offer families an alternative to the pub scene. The Redford resident has been playing the fiddle most of his life and brought his sons up to love Irish music too.

Sean, 13, the youngest, plays in a group that recently won second place in an under age 18 musical group competition in Ireland.

You can hear Sean and Groupai Ceol play at the festival. In addition to Gavin, group members include Colleen Burke, Jeremy Kittle and Colleen Shanks, and Tyler Duncan.

All Ireland champion dancer Pat Quinn, who is a member of the "Riverdance" dance troupe, will perform with dancers from the O'Hare School of Dance. Also appearing will be the Kitty Heinzman Ceilidh Dancers.

Duncan, who won first place for uilleann (or elbow) pipe solo at the All Ireland Fleadh Ceo (the Irish music equivalent of the Olympics) last summer will also be performing. Duncan is the first American under 15 to win the coveted Leo Rowsome Cup.



Award-winning piper: Tyler Duncan, who won first place for uilleann pipe solo in Ireland, will be playing at the 15th annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest.

He's returning home to Ann Arbor from Dublin where he spent the last nine months studying Irish music and attending school.

Gavin will also be playing at the festival, along with his son, Michael, 21 who plays fiddle and guitar, and other well known local entertainers including Terrence McKinney, Charlie Wilkie, Dawn Hudek, and Ed McGlinchey.

Warm comedy a sign of a good year for SRO

BY SUSAN TAUBER STAFF WRITER

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Here are a few theater trivia questions: What play won the Tony Award for Best Play in 1954? "The Teahouse of the August Moon."

Next: Who wrote the script for this outstanding comedy, which was made into a famous movie in 1956 starring Marlon Brando? Answer: John Patrick.

OK, name another play by John Patrick? Stumped? The answer is "A Bad Year for Tomatoes."

And if you aren't familiar with the play, Standing Room Only Productions is offering everyone a chance to see another of Patrick's warm comedies also filled with personable, zany characters.

The title, "A Bad Year for Tomatoes," tends to make one question what kind of play it is.

"It's a comedy that will make people feel happy and pleased to be alive," said director Genevieve Terry of Farmington Hills. "Adults and kids will get a big kick out of it because of the funny characters."

The story is about an actress who wants to get away from her hectic life. She leases a house in

On Stage

What: SRO Productions presents "A Bad Year for Tomatoes"

When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, through March 26.

Where: The church at the historicburgh site, at Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield.

Tickets: \$10 general admission; \$8 for senior adults and children. For information, call (248) 827-0701.

the small town of Beaver Haven, to write her memoirs, according to William Mandt, SRO productions executive producer. The plot revolves around the actress, her agent, pretend sister, funny neighbors and the town sheriff. The name of the play stems from conversations about tomato growing.

The play takes place in the year 1969, which, Terry said, allows Barbara Amman of Livonia a chance to use crazy clothes for costumes. Set designer Maggie Gilkes of Farmington Hills created a tiny haven in Vermont look with an old wood cabin, complete with cedar shingles and other authentic touches.

But the biggest challenges to preparing the production for opening night were finding a beaver and installing a New England accent in the actors.

"We had the hardest time finding a stuffed beaver for a prop," said Terry. "Luckily, my daughter, Patricia knew someone who lived in Brighton who had one we could borrow."

Alice Durbin is the dialect coach to this group of community theater performers. Ves Spindler probably has the easiest time with his accent, according to Terry. His lines consist mostly of one-word retort, stereotypical of a small town New Englander.

Not so for Linda Pelliccioni of Northville, who has the lead role of Myra. She's on stage for 56 pages of the 58-page script, said her husband, Larry Pelliccioni. He plays her wise-guy agent, Tom.

"A Bad Year for Tomatoes" is the sixth community theater production the Pelliccioni's have been in together.

"This play is really fun for us," Larry Pelliccioni said. "We've added some dialogue to the part when I attempt to seduce her. It's more fun for us since we're married."

In fact, community theater is what brought this theatrical cu-



Making a scene: Robin DeMaagd, (standing left to right) Linda Pelliccioni, Terri Denise Faison, and Connie Fox (seated) in a scene from "A Bad Year for Tomatoes."

ple together. "We were both cast in a play at Ridgedale Players in Troy together in 1991 and we were married in 1992," he said.

"I have had the good fortune to have married my leading lady and that's just as true today as it was eight years ago," Linda said she enjoys working

with her husband on stage. "It's actually very comforting to have him up there with me," she said.

Working behind the scenes are producer and stage manager Joan Boufford of Southfield and assistant director Martha Tabacco of Farmington Hills. Ben Chunov and Mark Liljeberg are responsible for lights and sound.

Ron DeMaagd handles props. Gilkes also handles the payroll.

"A Bad Year for Tomatoes" opens SRO Productions' 2000 season. The season includes "You Should Be So Lucky," opening May 12; "Agnes of God," opening July 28 and "The Last Night of Ballyhoo," which is set to open Oct. 13.

Talented 'Night Watch' cast will keep you in suspense

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents "Night Watch" weekends through Saturday, March 18. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 10-11, 17-18; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12. The theater is on Madison St. near the southwest corner of Monroe and Outer Drive in Dearborn. For tickets or more information, call (313) 561-TKTS.

BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

The Players Guild of Dearborn's production of Lucille Fletcher's suspenseful drama "Night Watch" is a well-acted, quick-paced and captivating production.

Under the experienced hand of director Patricia LaFramboise the talented cast has captured the traits of each character and realistically blended them into the storyline.

"Night Watch" is the story of Elaine Wheeler, a wealthy heiress plagued by insomnia, who tries in vain to convince her husband and the police that she has witnessed not one, but two dead bodies in the building across from her apartment. As a parade of intriguing characters pass through her life, the motives of the different characters suggest many possible reasons for murder and a cover-up. As Elaine continues to insist she's witnessed foul play, her

husband and best friend plan to have her committed to conveniently pave the way for their ongoing affair. Will the police believe Elaine, or will someone get away with multiple murder?

Joyce McGokey is a fascinating contradiction as Elaine Wheeler, portraying both the frustrated intensity of a woman clinging to her sanity while at the same time exuding a sensual energy. Lance Abke of Plymouth, who portrays Elaine's husband John, seems stiff at first but warms to the role when his anger, impatience and frustration are stirred.

Alicia Ryan as Blanche, Elaine's best friend and John's mistress, delivers a warm, exuberant performance.

Kirk Haas' Lt. Walker is an effective mix of sarcastic wit and determined but overworked professional. He wastes no words in his blunt but on target delivery.

In contrast, his underling, Officer Vanelli, played by Marl Ripper, overplays the humor and accent in his limited role almost to the point of mugging.

Jance Meissner's Helga would be a lot more fun without the studiously delivered German

accent predicated by the script, but the nosy and self-serving housekeeper does inject some humor into the mix. Jennie Ashley, as Dr. Tracey Lake, needs more authority in her voice to pull off the illusion of an esteemed psychiatrist - she comes across as more of a sympathetic friend than a confident professional.

Rich Bulleri has fun with the role of Curtis Appleby, the colorful and nosy neighbor. Jason Thomas, as Sam Hoke, the local deli owner, makes a brief but

explosive appearance when Elaine's contribution to the crime rumor mill hurts his business even more than his horrible potato salad.

David Reynolds and Gordon Mosley's set is sumptuous and detailed. It sets the tone for characters' affluence. The detailed woodwork is real, not painted on. The faux marble is elegant and a natural part of the room, and the profusion of artwork is tastefully arranged.

The lighting crew had fun with some offstage lighting effects

from Elaine's window. They need to consider darkening the upstairs foyer, though, to distinguish the passage of time between scenes.

Director LaFramboise's attention to detail is also reflected in the costumes, right down to weather appropriate coats and elegant accessories.

The cast and crew of "Night Watch" add another strong show to the Guild's season, and will keep you in suspense until the play's final and delightful plot twist

THE 2000 ACADEMY AWARD NOMINEES

Observer & Eccentric NEWS PAPERS ACADemy AWARDS BALLOT BOX SEND IN YOUR BALLOTS AND ENTER TO WIN: AN ANNUAL MOVIE PASS TO AMC THEATRES

Rules: The person who has the most number of correct guesses will win an annual movie pass good for two people to any area AMC Theatres. In case of a tie, winner will be picked in a random drawing. You must be 21 and over to enter. Employees of the O&E, AMC theatres, Street Marketing are not eligible to win. Winner will be contacted by phone and announced in the paper on Sunday, April 2, 2000 in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. One entry per person please!

ENTRY FORM with categories: BEST PICTURE, BEST ACTOR, BEST ACTRESS, BEST SUPPORTING ROLE, BEST DIRECTING, BEST ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY.

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**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, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 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. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Hills Golf Club, Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

**JET:** Arthur Miller's "Broken Glass" previews Thursday-Sunday, March 9-12, show dates March 15-19, March 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

**MUSIC HALL:** "The Irish...And How They Got That Way," Thursday-Sunday, March 9-12, at Music Hall, Detroit. (313) 963-2366

### COLLEGE

**WSU HILBERY:** "Five by Tenn" opens March 10 continues to May 6, at the theater, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

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**STAGECRAFTERS:** "Forever Plaid," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 10-11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. \$9. (248) 541-6430

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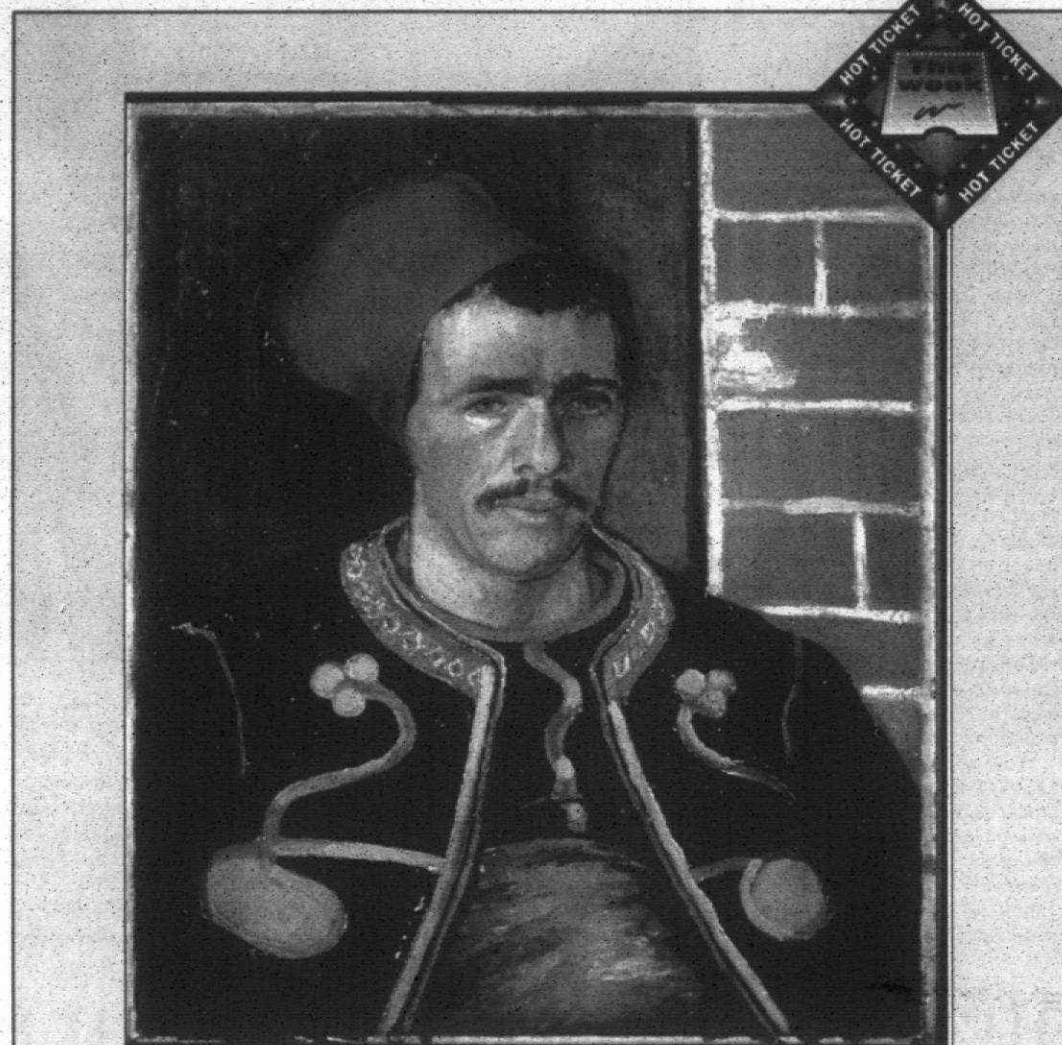
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**RAMADA HOTEL DINNER THEATRE:** "Fools," a comic fable by Neil Simon, opened Thursday, evening Feb. 3 and continues on alternate Thursdays, 7 p.m. dinner, show follows, at the theater, Southfield. \$25. (248) 544-0283

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### CHORAL

**BRAZEL DENNARD CHORALE:** 7 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at First Presbyterian Church, Northville. \$10 advance, \$12 at door. (248) 349-0911

### FOLK/BLUEGRASS

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**BALLOON DANCING:** 8 p.m. Fridays, dance lesson at 7 p.m., at the Amber House, Warren. \$5. (810) 754-3434

**DANCE FESTIVAL:** Great Lakes Regional 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 Gala Concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at Bonstelle Theatre (\$15). \$40 for all 3 concerts. (313) 577-4273

**STARDUST BALLROOM:** Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, Southfield. \$8. (248) 356-5678

**WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at the Italian American Cultural Center, 12 Mile, east of Hoover, Warren. \$7. (810) 573-4993

### COMEDY

**ELDRADO COUNTRY CLUB:** Mike Green with Rob Little & Dee Proffitt 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 10-11; Norm Stutz with other funny people Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, at the club, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB:** Big Mo Alexander, also Seth Buchwald and Rich Higginbottom Wednesday-Saturday, March 8-11, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S:** Ruben-Ruben Thursday-Saturday, March 16-19, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8855

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE:** John Bowman Thursday-Saturday, March 9-11, also J.R. Remick, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

**SECOND CITY:** "Paradigm Lost" 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m.

shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday, are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. \$10. Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday; \$17.50 Friday, \$19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222, (248) 645-6666 or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

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MOVIES

'The Next Best Thing' for Madonna may not be movies

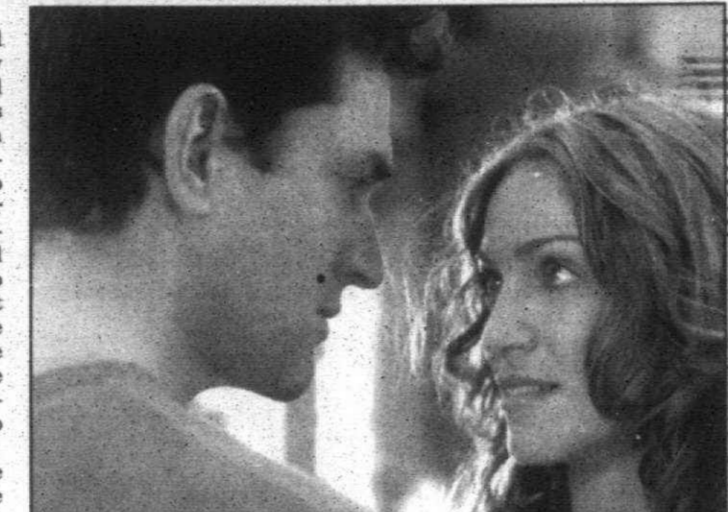
BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scasola@oe.homecomm.net

When pop star Madonna told the world she was having a child, with then-boyfriend Carlos Leon, it sent shock waves rippling from the media to households everywhere. She's never seemed to lead a conventional life, so her much-talked-about pregnancy simply became the next chapter in the ever-changing image of an American icon.

As the mother of 3-year-old Lourdes, Rochester Hills' most famous native, has now thrust herself into an unconventional sort of parenthood on screen. Art imitates life in Paramount Pictures' "The Next Best Thing," in which Madonna stars opposite Rupert Everett. Madonna's character, Abby, finds herself out of love but wanting to have a child. The drama unfolds when, after an unexpected and unintended night with her best friend Robert — who happens to be gay — Abby discovers she's pregnant. Though the situation initially seems far from ideal, they agree to raise their son, Sam (played by newcomer Malcolm Stumpf) together.

Directed by John Schlesinger, the drama opens with juxtaposed scenes of Abby instructing her serene yoga class and Robert working in sweltering heat to create a magnificent garden for an aging fashion designer named Ashby and his life partner. From the first shot, Schlesinger welcomes viewers into a dreamy, golden-toned day in southern California. Abby's profession as a yoga instructor signifies spirituality, while Robert's work as a gardener rather obviously suggests fertility. The peaceful weaving of these shots is disrupted when Abby returns home to find her boyfriend, Kevin (Michael Vartan), packing his belongings and leaving her for good. Kevin delivers the predictable "It's not you, it's me" speech. Abby runs to Robert for comfort. As expected, he rescues her from her sadness — by humiliating Kevin and

stirring quite a few martinis. In a barrage of contrived moments, the film shows how these two friends come to spend one hazy, drunken New Year's Eve together as more than friends. Complete with the necessary fireworks. It's enough to have the audience rolling their eyes and grunting in shared disappointment. While Everett and Madonna's close friendship translates on screen, it doesn't develop into passion or urge the audience into pulling for the characters to come together. The plot uses an almost sitcom strategy, but Robert and Abby are no Ross and Rachel. The film's title has multiple meanings: from choosing the next-best type of family, to finding the next, and the best love, to resolving the pain and anguish that results, the best way they can.



Little surprises: Rupert Everett and Madonna star in "The Next Best Thing," a drama about one unconventional family. The film is already in area theaters.

of photography Elliot Davis more than compensates with creative imagery and suggestive shots. Davis represents a feeling of entrapment when Robert sits in the horizontally lined shadows of his bedroom with the blinds drawn. Ruth Myers costuming creates a convincing yoga instructor with Abby's free-flowing Indian-inspired wardrobe. She defines Ben by his razor-sharp suits. Every detail makes sense: from

Abby's pink-hued vintage evening gown to the black-and-white designer gown she slips into at the Ashby mansion.

While the film isn't the finest work for these revered stars and filmmakers, it does raise some interesting issues. Is a family defined by blood? Can it be held together with love against the odds?

It's all a matter of seeking out "The Next Best Thing."

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

A large grid of movie listings for various theaters across the region, including National Amusements, Star Rochester Hills, United Artists, and others. Each listing includes the movie title, rating, and showtimes.

Coping with fame, Britney Spears style



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

The bedroom walls of teenage girls and boys are a testament to the teen idols of today. Just one peek into the sacred space of a teenager today would likely reveal the sweet smiles of Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, The Backstreet Boys and N'Sync. It's all part of the teen idol cycle. For Spears, whose sold-out show at The Palace spurred a second-come-in July, living up to that teen status hasn't really affected her personal life. In a telephone interview, the young star said she's trying to keep her success in check. "I can't go home as often as I would like to," she said. "But other than that, you know, my friends they come out on the road with me and when I go home...it hasn't really affected it that much."

With the success of hits like "Baby One More Time" and "Drive Me Crazy" Spears catapulted into the spotlight quickly and became a household name. While she admits her music is mostly digested by high schoolers, she hopes to reach an older audience with the next album. "Well, I think that my material off the second album is a little bit more mature and by doing that I think I'll capture a little bit of the older audience as well as keep the younger audience, too." Another difference? She wrote a song — an autobiographical song — on the album titled "Dear Diary." "It's just a personal song and talks about a girl who she's interested in this guy and she comes in every night and she writes about him."

But fame comes at a price for this teenage picture of perfection. "At times it's a bit overwhelming, but I think I surround myself with really cool people that keep me humble and that I've been with for a really long time. I think that keeps me sane." Spears admitted celebrity life isn't what she expected. "There's a lot of hard work involved that I didn't see and I didn't realize. But I mean, there's ups and downs too, you know. But to sum it all up, I love what I do, you know, performing is like I guess when I'm happiest. It's a lot of fun. But no, it isn't what I thought it would be."



Britney Spears

Advertisement for the movie 'What Planet Are You From?' featuring a character in a space suit and promotional text.

Advertisement for the movie 'Mission to Mars' featuring the title and a promotional image.

Advertisement for 'Remember when finding your Valentine was this easy?' featuring a character in a space suit.

MUSIC Trio 'Rev'ed up for debut



All 'Lit' up: Ferndale's Rev will debut in Detroit as the opening act for Lit March 15 at St. Andrews Hall. Rev is (left to right) Charlie Grover, Todd Price and Mike Dolunt.

Somehow the sound is so much bigger than the four walls holding it in. Detroit audiences will hear it resonate when Rev makes its metro area debut, opening for California's modern rockers, Lit, March 15 at Detroit's St. Andrews Hall.

Stepping slowly down the concrete steps and past the sound-absorbing curtain into the basement studio where Rev has been hatching its own sound, a chill fills the air. It's not so much the location — an unassuming little house in Ferndale — as it is the feeling of something that's just beginning. Much like the Detroit music scene itself, Rev is a band on the verge, still gripping onto past successes while brimming in energy and ambition for the future. Drummer Charlie Grover, a former Waterford resident, rises fresh from the ashes of Sponge and shows he's back where he belongs behind his drum set. Vocalist and guitarist Todd Price, who bears some resemblance to Green Day's Billy Joe, straps on a Les Paul and steps over to a microphone. With his black hair pointed up in all directions, it doesn't seem to matter that there isn't a crowd in his basement. He's still set to play. Price and longtime friend Mike Dolunt — former members of Detroit's Plain — were just as ready for a change as Grover was when the trio first formed in late November, 1999. With four clicks of the drumsticks, Rev starts its engines.

Advertisement for 'Mission to Mars' featuring a promotional image and showtimes.

Advertisement for 'A Magical Musical, Animated Masterpiece!' featuring 'Fantasia 2000'.

Advertisement for 'Fantasia 2000' featuring the title and promotional image.

Advertisement for 'Personal Scene' featuring a promotional image and contact information.

Advertisement for 'Rupert Everett/Madonna' featuring a promotional image.

Advertisement for 'The Next Best Thing' featuring a promotional image.

Advertisement for 'Wonder Boys' featuring a promotional image and showtimes.

Advertisement for 'It Will Have You Sitting Up Begging For More' featuring a promotional image.

Advertisement for 'My Dog Skip' featuring a promotional image and showtimes.



DINING

# You'll have a 'Grand' time at homey cafe

BY MARY QUINLEY  
SPECIAL WRITER

On a recent Thursday evening, Ellen and Gary Brockway of Livonia decided to meet some friends for dinner at The Grand Cafe.

"It was great!" said Ellen Brockway, a first-time patron at the downtown Farmington eatery. "The restaurant felt very homey and relaxed. I also like the fact that there is no smoking."

The Grand Cafe serves a pot-pourri of menu choices. Patrons can order gourmet specials — a South Pacific chicken pasta, a sweet and sour chicken over rice, or shawarma and hummus with pita.

How does exotic Hawaiian chicken, a salmon club, or magnificent eggplant (served on a bun) sound? Create-your-own pizza, a cucumber with raspberry vinaigrette and goat cheese sandwich, and, a selection of soups and salads are options.

Brockway ordered the raspberry chicken. She also had a garden salad with raspberry vinaigrette dressing that she described as "delicious." Her husband, Gary, ordered a Reuben sandwich.

"The garnishes, which were like a side dish, complimented the meal," she said. "There were oranges, kiwi, pomegranate and grapes."

Desserts were big and decadent, commented Brockway. "I had the Black Forest cake. My husband had the carrot cake. He finished it with a little help from his friends."

Lance Kawas has owned the eatery since April, 1997.

"I found a place to write my screenplays," said the Dearborn resident.

So, who's in the kitchen while he's writing?

"I've been doing the cooking," said Kawas. "I have (also) trained three other people. My mamma taught me. She was a good cook."

## The Grand Cafe

**Where:** 33316 Grand River Ave., (in the first block east of Farmington Road), in downtown Farmington, (248) 615-9181  
**Open:** 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Sunday-Thursday; 10:30 a.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday; kitchen closes at 10 p.m. everyday.  
**Menu:** Breakfast and brunch items, salads and soups, create-your-own pizzas, sandwiches, gourmet chicken and fish entrees, vegetarian selections and desserts; specialty coffee and non-coffee drinks, no alcohol.  
**Weekly events:** Psychic Night, 7 p.m. Tuesday; Lawyer Night, 7 p.m. Wednesday; live entertainment, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Poetry Night, 6 p.m., every second and last Sunday of the month.  
**Non-smoking:** 100 percent  
**Reservations:** Yes, for parties of ten or more.  
**Cost:** Entrees, no more than \$7; coffee and non-coffee drinks, \$2-\$3.  
**Credit cards:** All majors except American Express.

**'It was great! The restaurant felt very homey and relaxed. I also like the fact that there is no smoking.'**

Ellen Brockway

Customer

When he purchased the restaurant, "the business wasn't doing good," said the 30-year-old. "I had to do a lot of changing to gourmet food with a coffeehouse theme. I added couches."

He also started some "theme" evenings.

For a fee, on Tuesdays, customers can converse one-on-one with a psychic, and, on Wednesdays, a lawyer is available for consultation.

Fridays and Saturdays, said Kawas, feature various entertainment from local artists. Every second and last Sunday of the month is poetry night. "Professionals and amateurs are welcome."

How does he describe the menu?

A blend of Los Angeles flavor with some French influence,

he said. "We're always coming up with new recipes. Whatever is unique and different. (For instance), customers can order any type of vegetable sandwich from asparagus to artichoke to portobello."

When you order a sandwich, ask for a sample of The Grand Mayo, a spicy herbal mayo. "We don't use regular mayonnaise," said Kawas.

Pricing is an important key to success, commented Kawas.

"(Customers can get) a gourmet portobello sandwich for \$6.50. I've priced it right for the people around here to accommodate their wallets."

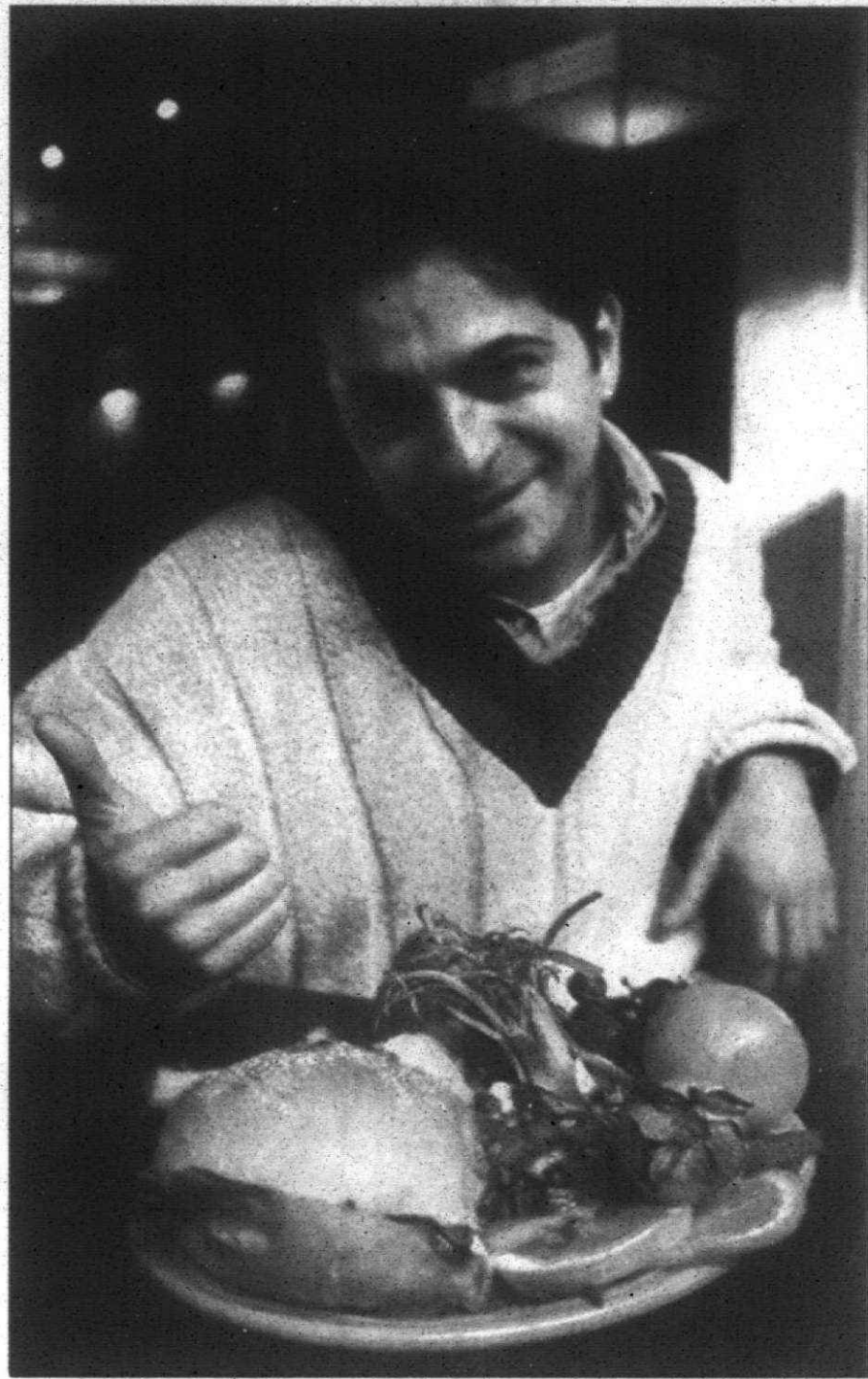
Frequent patron Diane Pettis agrees.

"I usually go for coffee after the show," said the Redford resident. "It's not pricey or expensive."

Pettis also enjoys the salads. "What impressed me was the freshness of the curly endive and arugula."

She recommends the Saturday night folk singing.

Mary Quinley is a Livonia resident who writes about dining and travel for the Observer Newspapers.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRENNER

**What's for lunch:** Lance Kawas presents a portobello mushroom sandwich, one of the items you'll find on the menu at The Grand Cafe. Sandwiches are beautifully garnished with fruits and vegetables.

## WHAT'S COOKING

Send dinner specials, menu changes, restaurant renovations, and other items to Keely Wygonik, Assistant Managing Editor Features Group, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net. We're putting together a list of St. Patrick's Day celebrations at local restaurants. If you're planning something special on Friday, March 17, let us know. We're also interested in hearing about your favorite seafood and fish restaurants.

**The Toast of Hockeytown** — Wine tasting evening to benefit the Konstantinov and Mnatsakanov Family Funds 6-9 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at Hockeytown Cafe, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, inside the Second City Building. Tickets \$175 per person, call (313) 396-7575, guests must be at least 21 years of age.

Join the entire Red Wings team for an elegant evening of wine tasting to benefit the family funds of Vladimir Konstantinov and Sergei Mnatsakanov.

The event will feature a sampling of fine wines, cigars and a strolling buffet. Guests will also have the opportunity to bid on an array of sports memorabilia.

**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.

**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 Dixieland 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.

**D'Amato's** — with restaurants in downtown Ann Arbor (734) 623-7400; and Royal Oak (248) 584-7400, has designed an online newsletter as part of its Web site. To check it out, visit [www.damatos.com](http://www.damatos.com)

## EATING OUT

Here are some of the restaurants we've recently featured on our Dining page. If you'd like to recommend a restaurant for us to feature, send menu, or suggestions to Keely Wygonik, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (734) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

**Hockeytown Cafe** — 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit — inside the Second City Building, (313) 965-9500. Open: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday-Saturday. Menu: American favorites including ribs and burgers with an eclectic mix of entrees such as Spinach and Brioche Encrusted Whitefish. Cost: Appetizers, \$5.95-\$9.95, sandwiches \$5-7, pasta, \$11.95-\$15.95, entrees,

\$13.95-\$21.95. Reservations: Recommended for dinner-Credit cards: All majors accepted.

**David's New York Deli** — 15215 Farmington Road, south of Five Mile Road in Livonia. Phone (734) 425-8170. Fax (734) 425-0072. Open: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday. Menu: Twenty-six sandwiches ranging in price from \$2.50 to \$4.40. Salads, fries, pickles, deserts, soup, chili. Average lunch price: \$5, all major credit cards accepted.

**Luigi's** — 23360 Farmington Road, in the Downtown Shopping Center, across from

CVS/Pharmacy in Farmington, (248) 477-1880. Open: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday-Friday; 4-10 p.m., Saturday; closed Sunday. Menu: Italian cuisine (a mix of northern and southern dishes), appetizers, soups, salads, sandwiches, pasta, seafood, and, chicken, beef and veal entrees. Desserts, vegetarian meals and daily specials. Wine, beer and liquor served. Reservations accepted for parties of five or more. Cost: Entrees range in price from \$6.95 to \$15.95. Burgers and sandwiches are \$3.95 to \$5.95. Credit cards: All cards except Diners Club.

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