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Worker dies at home site

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A construction accident killed a 33-year-old White Lake Township man Tuesday in Canton.

Jeffrey Scott Mock was crushed after a portion of a roof from a home under construction fell on top of him shortly after 1 p.m.

The accident occurred at the Fellows Creek Subdivision on Ford Road west of Beck. Mock was pronounced dead at the scene and later transported to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, according to Canton Police.

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Coming together: More than 200 Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton High School athletes and students came out Monday for a candlelight vigil to celebrate the life of Mark Bolger. Bolger, 16, died Friday at halftime of a Salem basketball game. Pictured below, the rock in front of Salem High School has been repainted as a memorial to Bolger.

'Missed, but never forgotten'

Family, classmates mourn Salem junior

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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More than a thousand people, half of them Plymouth-Canton high school students, paid their final respects to Mark Bolger during funeral services at NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township Tuesday morning.

Bolger death makes no sense, A15

The hour-long memorial was a celebration of the life of Bolger, 16, of Plymouth Township, who collapsed last Friday evening during halftime of a Salem basketball game in which he had just competed. He was pro-

nounced dead a short time later at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

"He will be missed, but never forgotten," said Pastor Brad Powell. "Every one of you who have been touched by his life, and now tragically torn by his death, will always be better for having known him. His life made an impact and will go on beyond his years."

Several of Mark's classmates paid tribute by telling stories about him on the stage where his basketball warm-



ups and school jacket represented No. 30.

"I had him help me with my personal wardrobe because he was always the best-dressed kid I ever met," said John Little, a 1999 Plymouth-Salem graduate and former cross country classmate. "Before I left for college, Mark and I went to the mall to do some shopping."

"When we had team spaghetti dinners at Mark's house ... he would always volunteer to hold onto the

bread sticks for us. He would always eat them before we got there.

"Mark was admired by his teammates, and we all tried to emulate his confidence," said Little. "He was a total team player, and would always include everyone and make sure they felt welcome. Mark Bolger never said an unkind word about anyone."

Much of the same was echoed by others who spoke.

"When you think about Mark, his character, his kindness, his competitiveness, are only part of the words to describe him," said Jeff Baker, Plymouth Salem varsity track and cross country coach.

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Charter school back with revised plans

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A Grand Rapids company wishing to build a charter school at Warren and Ridge roads has asked for an opportunity to present a revised plan to the same board that voted against its proposal in January.

Jason Pater of Charter Development Company, a Grand Rapids development company, wrote a letter dated Jan. 28 to Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet. The company is working in conjunction with National Heritage Academies, a charter school management company.

"We wish to reiterate our strong desire to work closely with the township to address the concerns expressed by the planning commission relative to our proposed school development at Ridge and Warren roads," Pater's letter stated.

Residents living near the proposed development adamantly opposed the



school plans at a Jan. 10 planning commission meeting. They cited concerns about traffic, wetlands, property values and the project's 10 acre size, which most said was too small for a building

Please see **CHARTER SCHOOL**, A12

Fatal fire points to need for home smoke detectors

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No Canton home should be without several smoke detectors.

That's the message township Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher is spreading following a fatal mobile home fire last week. It can literally be a matter of life and death, he said.

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

William Romone Hope, 66, died from smoke inhalation Jan. 25 after his Royal Holiday Estates mobile residence caught on fire. Officials determined

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A relaxing workout



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHELMANN

Learning Tai Chi: Instructor Eileen Sands leads a group of seniors through a Tai Chi class at Summit on the Park Monday. For a story and more photos on the program, please turn to Page A4 in today's Observer.

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Celebrating Polish art and culture



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY JACOBS

New exhibit: The Wawel Dancers perform a Polish folk dance Sunday at the Plymouth Community Arts Council as part of the opening reception for "Poland: A celebration of Art and Culture." At right, sculptor Marian Owczarski with his rendition of Popieluszko, a chaplain killed by the secret police. The exhibit runs through March 1 at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts at 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth.



Cherry Hill Village wins preliminary OK

Plans to build Cherry Hill Village were pushed forward another step Jan. 24 with preliminary site plan approval from the Canton Planning Commission.

The commission voted 6-0 with commissioner Sue Dodson absent to approve the preliminary plan, which includes 468 detached site condominiums.

They will range in size from smaller "cottage" lots in the development's interior to larger "village" and "estate" lots toward the perimeter.

Nineteen of the 468 lots will be set aside for "manor" and "townhouse" buildings. No residents or other members of the public addressed the commission with any concerns about the project.

Cherry Hill, the area surrounding Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads, is the site of a former crossroads village and many historic buildings, including one-room Cherry Hill School.

The development includes a 163-acre area bounded by Cherry Hill Road to the north, Denton Road to the east and Ridge Road to the west. Predominant home styles will be Victorian and Italianate.

The developer, Biltmore Properties of Troy, expects to break ground by spring and have the first units constructed by fall 2001. Costs are expected to range from \$130,000 to \$500,000.

The planning commission's approval was conditioned upon the developer providing fence and light details, street names, final landscaping details and details for park structures, among other things.

A village square type park with a fountain and walkways is planned for a spot south of Cherry Hill School, just across Cherry Hill at North Ridge. Another interior park is planned toward the development's center, complete with play equipment.

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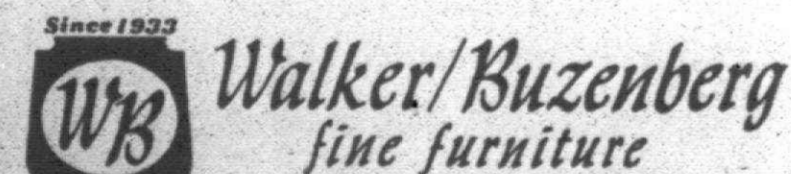
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Funeral from page A1

Baker also told the gathering that Mark "will live on" because his organs have been donated to others who need them.

Steve Bernacki, friend and one of eight pallbearers, said finding out about Mark's death was the worst day of his life, but one in which he learned to remember the good times.

"His mom was so comforting ... and I began to look at the old times as the best times, and my emotions became happiness and joy," said Bernacki. "He was always so quiet, but he would break up the silence by telling a joke to make us laugh."

The service also featured a video presentation of Mark's life, and a song written for Mark which was performed by three students.

Mourners were able to view the casket, which had notes of goodbye and farewell written all over it, one last time at the end of the service.

The funeral was the last piece of an emotional week for high school students. After Mark's death, many paid their respects at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, signing the casket and talking with the Bolger family. A good number spent time at the Bolger home, where they were comforted by the family who had just lost their son.

Nearly 300 students, teachers and parents braved windchill temperatures below zero Monday

night to attend a candlelight vigil at "The Rock" in front of Plymouth Salem High School. For nearly 90 minutes many told stories, read poems, prayed and cried.

"I moved to Plymouth in second grade and Mark became my best friend," said Brian Hull of Plymouth Township. "He was a perfect kid in every way, never made fun of anyone when everyone else did. He just had a great character about him that made you want to be the best person you could be."

The Bolger family attended the vigil, overwhelmed by the show of support for their family and son.

"This is beyond what we ever expected," said Jeff Bolger, Mark's father. "We loved our son and thought he was special, but we didn't know just what he meant to other people. It's just amazing to see how many people came to see us."

Bolger said representatives of Seaborn Handy, a 16-year-old Detroit teen who collapsed and died at the Wolverine Recreational Center in Detroit on the same night Mark died, brought flowers and a basketball during their visit to the funeral home to express their sorrow.

Mark's remains will be interred on the Massachusetts beach near his grandparents home, where his family visits every summer.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Solemn moment: Pallbearers guide the casket of Mark Bolger to the awaiting hearse following funeral services at NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township Tuesday.

Name calling

District seeks input for new high school

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The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has received seven suggestions for naming the district's third high school.

Board members are taking recommendations through Wednesday, March 1. Trustees want to have a name in place before groundbreaking this summer. The school is scheduled to open in time for the 2002-2003 school year.

Suggested names for the new high school include Kent and Lolly Buikema, Beck Harmony, Plymouth, Plymouth Centurian, Plymouth-Superior, and Plymouth-Western.

In the past, the district has adhered to previous standards in naming buildings. Elementary schools are named for people who have made significant contributions to the district. The middle schools were named for direc-

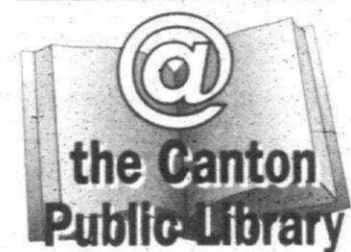
tions, until Pioneer and Discovery came along. The high schools are named for the communities the district encompasses.

School board President Susan Davis said she's received recommendations from several people that the word "Plymouth" be dropped from the names of the present high schools.

"It's not a bad suggestion considering most students say they go to Canton or Salem," said Davis. "Then we would have to determine if the old school or the new one should be called 'Plymouth.'"

Davis said the board will select several of the suggested names for a short list and eventually choose one.

Community members can submit names to the Board of Education by mail to: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Community Relations Department, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.



Did you know?

Friday, Feb. 4, marks the halfway point of winter?
Mackinaw City, Mich., is host to the largest mud sled dog race in the continental U.S. This year's race is set for Feb. 5-6.

Pay-A-Compliment Day is Sunday, Feb. 6?

Wednesday, Feb. 9, is National DAV Day? DAV stands for Develop Alternative Vices. It's a day to change your habits, improve yourself and become your own person so that things you do today will affect you positively tomorrow.

Multi-media
Here are some books on CD available from the library:

"Sunset Limited" by James Lee Burke
"The Hundred Days" by Patrick O'Brien

"Pulse" by Edna Buchanan
"Patty Jane's House of Curl" by Lorna Landvik
"One for the Money" by Janet Evanovich

Web Watch

Check out these Web sites:
www.getwallpaper.com
www.oceanfutures.com
www.mobiusawards.com
www.HumorProject.com

Farm life fiction

Here are some selections that have a rural setting:
"Rosewood Casket" by Sharon-McCrumb
"California Time" by Ernest Finney

"Speaker's Song" by Lauraine Snelling
"Mystery Ride" by Robert Boswell
"Feather Crowns" by Bobbie Ann Mason

Q & A
Q: What was the coldest recorded temperature in North America?

A: On Feb. 3, 1947, at Snag, in Canada's Yukon Territory, a temperature of 81 degrees below zero (Fahrenheit) was recorded. This was a record low for all of North America.

The source for this information is "Chase's 2000 Calendar of Events."

Librarians' choice

Here are some top nonfiction picks by librarians:

"A Little More About Me" by Pam Houston
"The Disappearance" by Genevieve Jurgenson

"Isaac's Storm" by Erik Larson
"The Orchid Thief" by Susan Orlean

"Golf and the Spirit" by M. Scott Peck
"How the Mind Works" by Stephen Pinker

Hot topic of the week

Chinese New Year! The traditional Chinese lunar year begins at sunset on the day of the second New Moon following the winter solstice. The New Year can begin any time from Jan. 10 through Feb. 19. This year, Feb. 5 begins year 4698 of the ancient Chinese calendar, designated as Year of the Dragon. Most festivities last for 15 days and end with a lantern procession.

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Tai Chi

Seniors find eastern exercise enlightening, invigorating

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Not long ago, Betty Chappel couldn't raise her arms above her head. Now just a few years after taking up Tai Chi, she can do much more. The 78-year-old has improved her strength, flexibility, range of motion and overall health with the ancient Chinese exercise.



Working together: Conrad Dowel (left) helps Betty Chappel with her Tai Chi movements during the class.

"I couldn't even stand up straight," added Chappel, a Canton resident. "I can do it now. I feel so much better than I did. Tai Chi makes me feel good."

She's not alone. More than a dozen township and area residents joined Chappel in a seniors beginners course at Summit on the Park Monday.

"It really does relax you," said Grace Hutcheson, also of Canton. "It puts me in a trance-like state. I'm ready for a nap when I go home."

The class meets weekly for an hour with the idea of exercising both mind and



Practice makes perfect: Conrad Dowel of Westland practices some of the Tai Chi movements during a class at the Summit.

China. The exercise consists of up to 108 slow and graceful movements which emphasize circulation of "Chi," or life force, in the body.

It also works muscles, tendons, ligaments and joints by stretching and relaxing them, the society states. Tai Chi is also said to improve digestion, respiration and immunity, among other bodily functions.

Conrad Dowel might be living proof of all those claims.

The 68-year-old Westland resident is a veteran of the Korean War. He suffered injuries to his back, neck and leg as a soldier.

While he has been physically active since the war, nothing has helped his aches and pains like Tai Chi, Dowel said.

It has also helped him control his weight and drop his cholesterol level from 270 to 180.

"I'm happier, more alert and more active," Dowel said. "I enjoy what I do."

While not an instructor, he was a bit more advanced than most other seniors at the Summit. Dowel said Tai Chi is a challenge no matter what level you're at.

"It's very demanding," he added. "It's like the martial arts in slow motion. It takes a lot of strength."

Monday's class started slowly but picked up intensity as it went along.

Students began by getting in a simple bent-knee

stance and rotating upper arms. Sands then worked them through palm and torso rotations.

Each successive movement built upon the one before it. By the time class ended an hour later, students were gracefully executing a dozen moves.

Throughout the session, Sands emphasized balance and for seniors to go at their own pace.

"You never go beyond your shoelace," she told seniors during a forward lunge-style movement. "You don't want your body to go too far because you don't want to be off balance."

"Do what your body allows. Don't push it."

Sands also shared her thoughts about the mental aspect of Tai Chi.

"It's like meditation in motion," she said. "You clean your mind. That's why you feel more relaxed."

Her message seemed to sink in with students.

"I find it relaxing in mind and body," said Canton resident Jacqueline Reubee. "I can see where it fits in with a healthy lifestyle."

A newcomer to Tai Chi, she said she hopes it will help her reach her fitness goals. Reubee plans to lose weight.

"This helps me get in the right mindset to do that," she said.

Besides the Summit class, the Taoist Tai Chi Society holds both day and evening classes in Livonia and Farmington Hills. Call (248) 332-1281 for more information.

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

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Eosinophilic granuloma complex (EGC) is a common disorder in cats. The result of a skin reaction to various stimuli, EGC is characterized by a group of lesions that typically develops on the cat's skin, lips, and in the mouth. The lesions often seen in cats with flea-bite hypersensitivity, inhalant allergy, and food hypersensitivity. In most cases, EGC does not seem to be contagious. Three different lesions are common in EGC - the indolent or rodent ulcer, eosinophilic plaque, and the linear granuloma. EGC is typically treated with early, aggressive doses of glucocorticoids. Some cats have no recurring lesions, while others require maintenance therapy. In case of solitary, unresponsive lesions, surgical excisions, cryotherapy (freezing), antibiotics, or radiation can be effective.

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Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Canton Township administration building, Lower Level Room 3, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. The IRS will give a brief presentation on changes in the tax law, followed by opportunities for one-on-one taxpayer's assistance. Tax forms and publications will be available.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Lynn River's Office at (734) 6485-3741.

Students to benefit from Yazaki gift to foundation

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton students will have one more scholarship opportunity open to them thanks to Yazaki North America Inc. of Canton Township.

"The contribution was just made this week," said Tom Moore, vice president of finance and information technology at Yazaki. The \$33,000 endowment given to the Canton Community Foundation (CCF) will enable two local high school seniors to receive \$3,000 each for up to four years. The scholarship, which is renewable each year depending on grades, will be awarded for the first time this year.

students lived in Canton and attended a Michigan college or university.

Scholarship applications are submitted to CCF, which actually receives the funds from Yazaki. To date, Yazaki contributes \$63,000 annually to the non-profit organization, which was established to enhance education and other quality of life issues for Canton residents.

CCF President Joan Noricks said: "We are very excited to be able to start this endowment fund with Yazaki. They have been there for us for the last 10 years now and we truly appreciate their continued support."

The company's generosity came about because of two factors.

"The community has been nice to Yazaki in past years and we are pleased to be here," said Moore.

The second reason involves the recent move to their new headquarters built across the street from their original location on Haggerty Road.

"As part of the deal we have with Canton Township, we got a tax abatement for the new headquarters, but we have to give a

Learning Center open to area colleges

Yazaki North America is looking to team up with local universities to bring college courses closer to home.

"It could happen this year," said Tom Moore, vice president of finance and information technology for the Canton Township company.

Classes would be held in the company's new Learning Center located on Haggerty Road. The site, previously used for office space, had its grand opening last Thursday. The event drew about 150 people, mostly Yazaki managers and some invited guests - including longtime TV personality Mort Crim, a guest speaker.

"All associates will also get a chance to tour the facility," he said. Tours are scheduled during a two to three hour period over the next couple of days.

The primary purpose of the facility is to develop the skills of Yazaki associates.

"Classes will be offered in supervisory skills training, managerial skills, and other things needed for their professional development," he said, adding "the executives here believe that the associates are the key to being successful."

To that end, the company is offering growth opportunities to its associates. Classes are designed to help associates gain the knowledge necessary for their jobs and/or professional advancement.

"We'll run similar classes for our suppliers, but we won't be doing much with the facility in the evening," he said.

Company officials felt this was another good opportunity to support the community and began looking into the idea of offering college classes when the facility was not scheduled for use.

The 30,000-square-foot facility boasts multiple classrooms, two main conference rooms with the newest in technological advancements and as many as 40 computers in a given location. "We can offer specific training in computers to a large group of people," Moore explained.

Lawrence Technological Institute and Schoolcraft College are possible candidates to run the night classes. Plans, however, are still in the preliminary stage.

-Laurie Humphrey

Woman reports domestic abuse

COP CALLS

A 31-year-old Canton woman was the victim of domestic violence Jan. 27, according to police reports.

The woman told police she was assaulted by her husband. Reports said the couple had been arguing for a week prior to the incident.

The woman accused her husband of infidelity. She slapped him and moments later he kicked her and threw her to the ground, reports said.

When the woman threatened to leave her husband, he threatened her with physical harm, reports said.

When police interviewed the man, he admitted to throwing his wife to the ground but denied kicking or hitting her.

The man wasn't arrested at the time the police report was written. Canton Police said, however, a warrant was sought and approved on Jan. 31 for domestic violence.

Police said notice of the warrant would be sent to the man by mail and that he would have to appear at 35th District Court in Plymouth to answer to the charge.

Stereo stolen

More than \$400 worth of stereo equipment was stolen from a 17-year-old Canton man's home Sunday.

Someone took his AM/FM compact disc player as well as a subwoofer. Reports said entry to the vehicle was gained through

a side window, which was valued at \$200.

The vehicle was parked on Applewood Street north of Berwick at the time of the incident.

Retail fraud

A 45-year-old Farmington Hills man was arrested for first-degree retail fraud Friday in connection with an incident in Canton.

The man attempted to steal more than \$130 worth of batteries from Super Kmart on Ford, reports said. Store loss-prevention people said they say the man hiding the batteries, which were taken from two departments, in his pants and coat.

Canton Police later took him into custody. The man had outstanding warrants from Macomb County, also for retail fraud, and Detroit on a drug charge.

Larceny

More than \$200 worth of tools were stolen from a 45-year-old Canton man's home recently.

Reports said a router (\$100), power painter (\$70) and orbital sander (\$40) were removed from his home in the 40000 block of Glegary between Dec. 22 and Jan. 15. All of the items were stolen from the home's garage.

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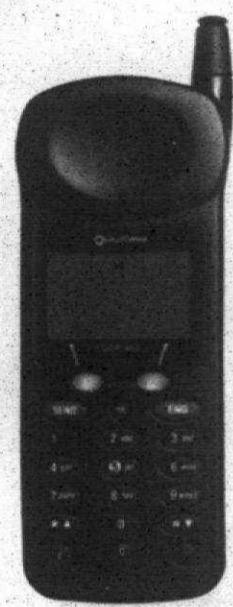
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Southeast Michigan gets lion's share of road work

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Southeast Michigan will get a lion's share of the state's road work over the next four years, according to the "5 Year Road and Bridge Program" unveiled Tuesday, Jan. 25, by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Of the \$6.4 billion the state plans to spend on road repairs and upgrades through the end of the year 2004, 35 percent will be pumped into the metropolitan Detroit region, including Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties.

Metro Detroit has the oldest freeways and bridges in the state, while the region contains the state's largest concentration of population. Metro area freeways carry almost half - 43 percent - of all the state's traffic.

"All transportation improvements included in this plan are prioritized based on need, and we are continuing to fix the worst roads and bridges first," said James DeSana, director of MDOT.

What the MDOT refers to as the "University" region of the state - areas surrounding Lansing and Ann Arbor, including Ingham, Livingston, Shiawassee, Clinton, Eaton and Jackson counties - will get another 12

High school students can sample college

High school students throughout Michigan will have the opportunity to gather for two weeks at Madonna University in Livonia as participants in the 2000 Summer Institute for the Arts, Sciences and Technology sponsored by the Michigan State Board of Education.

These students will live on campus July 9-22 and be involved in intensive lab and field experiences, discussions, research, technology and techniques, with some of Michigan's top artists, teachers, researchers and business and industry professionals. A group of 120 teens - high school sophomores and juniors - will be selected to participate.

Those interested in this experience should contact their school counselor, call the Summer Institute Office at (517)244-1249 or Madonna University at (734)432-5482 to get an application. The deadline for submitting applications is Feb. 21. Participants will be selected in April by state review teams based on their exceptional interest and/or aptitude. Each student will be asked to submit an essay and recommendation to be considered for a position.

"We are excited about the opportunity the Summer Institute provides for Michigan students. One of the greatest attributes of the program is the recognition that there are many types of talents. The students who come together from all over the state have an opportunity to interact with other young people they would probably never have the occasion to meet. Each year, the students leave with pleasant memories and educational experiences that will enrich the rest of their lives," said Sister Nancy Marie Jamroz, vice president for student services and a coordinator of the Summer Institute at Madonna University.

As one of eight institutions chosen to participate this is Madonna University's seventh year in the program. The University is offering the following intensive classes: "Internationalizing for a Global World," "Music Video Production," "Black and White Photography," "Journalism," "Sign Language and Artistic Interpretation for the Deaf," "Japanese Language and Culture," "Molecular Genetics and Genetic Engineering," "Creative Writing" and "Chemistry and Biology of the Rouge River." Approximately 10 to 12 students will attend each class.

State funds and federal dollars help to offset the total institute costs, as a result, the registration fee is \$250 for each student. Financial assistance may be available for students who can show need.

Also, the institute is offering exploratory sessions throughout the two weeks. Four sessions will be offered with a variety of topics to choose from, ranging from the arts to self development.

percent of the state funding.

Using increased funding from the federal government, through the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), and Build Michigan II, the state will put an average of \$1.3 billion dollars into repairing and rebuilding 1,400 miles of roads and 280 bridges each year through 2004, according to the document.

The goal is to have 80 percent of the state's roads in "good condition," as opposed to poor condition, by the end 2004. The plan is to continue through the year 2007, when 90 percent will be in

the "good" category.

Although the state is using a mix of short-term and long-term solutions to Michigan's road troubles, the 5 Year plan says the proportion of "20-plus year fixes" is increasing. Thirty three percent of the money will be spent on long term repairs, according to the plan. In the early 1990s, only 10 percent of state road funding was spent on long term repair.

The program also puts the priority on repairing existing roads. Only 10 percent of the total will be spent on new roads.

One of the new roads to be

built will be in southeast Michigan - the state will complete the M-5 Haggerty Connector from Fourteen Mile Road to Pontiac Trail, but its completion date has been pushed back to 2002.

In the metro area, MDOT will concentrate on modernizing the freeways, improving border crossings, supporting economic development and eliminating choke points, the plan states.

Also on the list of projects are:
IN WAYNE COUNTY
 ■ I-96 from US-24 to west of M-39 will be reconstructed in the year 2004.

■ The bridge on I-96 at Merri-man will get deck replacement in 2001.

■ Six bridges on I-96 will get approach work in 2001.

■ Ford Road, from Wayne Road east to Venoy, will be resurfaced this year.

■ Ford Road, from Mercury to US-12, will be reconstructed in 2004. Bridges will get deck replacements and deck patch along with it.

■ The Southfield, M-39, will see reconstruction and bridge rehabilitation in 2001.

■ Ann Arbor Road, Old M-14, will get reconstruction from Can-

ton Center to Newburgh Road this year and next.

IN OAKLAND COUNTY
 ■ Reconstruction of interchanges on I-96 at Beck and Wixom roads. Design work begins this year. Construction is set for 2002 and 2003.

■ Completion of an I-75 Corridor Study of the 46 miles of freeways in Oakland, its interchanges and supporting roadways.

■ I-75 from M-15 to the county line will get a "major rehabilitation" in 2003 and 2004.

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Accident decline

Stepped-up police work makes the difference

STORIES BY RICHARD PEARL

Traffic accidents declined in 1998 compared to 1997 in eight of the 10 communities in Wayne and Oakland counties served by the Observer Newspapers and local police mainly credited concentrated patrols for the improvement.

Re-engineering of intersections also got some credit, as did milder weather in 1998.

The figures, released by the Michigan State Police, also showed seven of the 10 communities had fewer personal injury accidents in 1998 than in '97.

The patrol figures come from statewide community police department reports.

The 1998 figures are the latest available from the MSP. The 1999 totals are expected in the spring, the department said.

Showing a reduction in total traffic accidents, according to the state police, were (in alphabetical order) Canton Township, Farmington Hills, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, City of Wayne and

Westland.

Communities with fewer personal-injury accidents were (also in alphabetical order) Canton, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth Township and Westland.

In raw numbers, Livonia, the most populous city in the group, also had the most accidents, with 4,280 in 1998, a drop of 6 percent from '97.

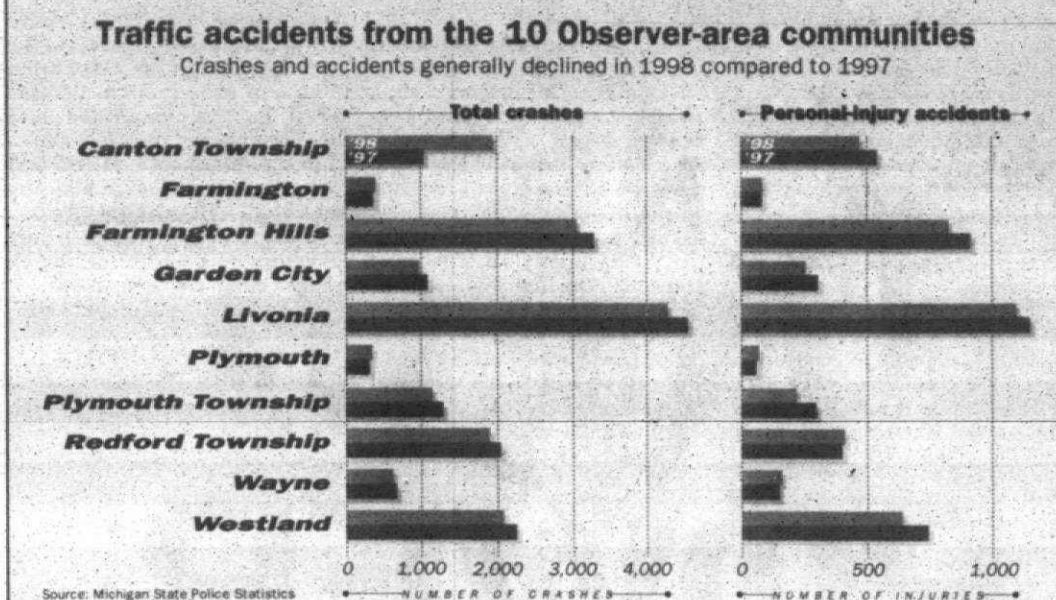
Rounding out the top five were Farmington Hills with 3,055; Westland 2,072; Canton 1,950 and Redford Township 1,882.

Livonia leads

Livonia also had the most personal-injury accidents in '98 with 1,101, followed by the Hills with 833; Westland 641; Canton 469 and Redford 407.

Garden City, however, led in percentage decline of total crashes with 12 percent - from 1,103 crashes in 1997 to 970 in '98.

In terms of personal injury accidents, Plymouth Township led with a decline of 26 percent - from



Source: Michigan State Police Statistics

300 to 212. Garden City was second with an 18 percent decrease, from 308 in '97 to 254 in '98. Westland was third with a 14 percent decline (747 in '97 to 641 in '98).

Garden City Police Lt. Mel Maier said the decline in crashes there was due both to "stepped up active patrols in high-accident areas" and working with Wayne County and the state "to improve the engineering of intersections" - in particular the installation of left-turn signals at Middlebelt and Warren Roads and Middlebelt and Ford.

Maier said the signals "cut down dramatically" on left-turn accidents, especially at Ford and Middlebelt where fewer people ran red lights or turned left into oncoming traffic.

Maier said Police Chief Dave Harvey also put Officer Loren Zetti into afternoon traffic patrol, both to respond to traffic accidents and learn what area residents and business owners see as traffic problems.

The two top accident intersections in Farmington Hills in 1998 - 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads (95 crashes) and Orchard

and 14 Mile (92 accidents) - have begun benefiting from traffic-signal timing changes and should continue improving, according to Hills Traffic Bureau Lt. Gary Hawald.

He said the reconstruction of the Grand River and Halstead interchange with M-5, which "always used to be in the top five" in terms of wrecks, also seems headed for fewer crashes.

Other police departments said stepped-up traffic enforcement efforts, most funded by grants from the state and federal governments and by overtime allotments, cut crashes.

Red runners

Canton Lt. Pat Nemecek said his Selective Enforcement Unit (SEU), working with regular patrol officers, targets intersections where drivers run red lights - most of them along Ford Road, which is the township's main east-west thoroughfare and its most congested street.

But the SEU officers also analyze the intersections to determine the type of accidents and why they're happening, he said. Such information helps the

township get improvements at intersections, he said, one of which may be a left-turn signal at busy Ford and Canton Center.

Chief Lawrence Carey in neighboring Plymouth Township said the township board in '98 approved additional funding for selective enforcement where most accidents occur - along Ann Arbor Road.

Carey said as a result, traffic stops increased from 6,820 in 1997 to 9,011 in '98, with total tickets issued jumping from 3,728 to 8,840.

That helped township police win a traffic award for enforcement from the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police in '98. The township effort is continuing, Carey added. Some 9,811 violations were issued in 1999.

A left-turn arrow at Lilley and the repaving of Ann Arbor Road this summer also will help the situation, he said.

Livonia Sgt. Wes McKee, Redford Officer Scott Corso, Wayne Officer Ken Kapanowski and Westland Sgt. Peter Brokas also attributed the decline in crashes to aggressive enforcement.

Seatbelt law takes effect March 10

Here's a "heads-up" for all Wayne and Oakland County drivers: Start getting used to wearing your seatbelt now - because stepped-up enforcement begins next week.

Although the new statewide seatbelt law doesn't take effect until March 10, police and sheriff's deputies in the two counties will conduct a "get-used-to" period running Feb. 6-19, according to Sgt. Pete Brokas of the Westland Police Department.

During that time, officers and deputies will enforce both speeding and seatbelt violations now in effect. "We'll be working with 20 other communities" in Wayne County, including the cities of Livonia and Detroit, Brokas said.

On March 10, not wearing a seatbelt will become a primary traffic violation, so next week's efforts will be aimed at educating the public toward that, he said.

When the seatbelt law becomes primary, it will mean officers can stop people for that violation alone, Brokas said. "You don't have to be speeding for us to stop you."

At present, seatbelt violations are ticketed only when discovered during a traffic stop for other violations such as speeding, registration or other violations.

During the "get-used-to" period, officers will target rush hours, mornings in particular, because police are seeing "more and more" serious

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The so-called "good deed" came up in an interview with Goss about traffic accidents and their causes.

To Goss, the practice of stopping to let someone into traffic was among many of the pet peeves he's acquired in his 29 years in the police business.

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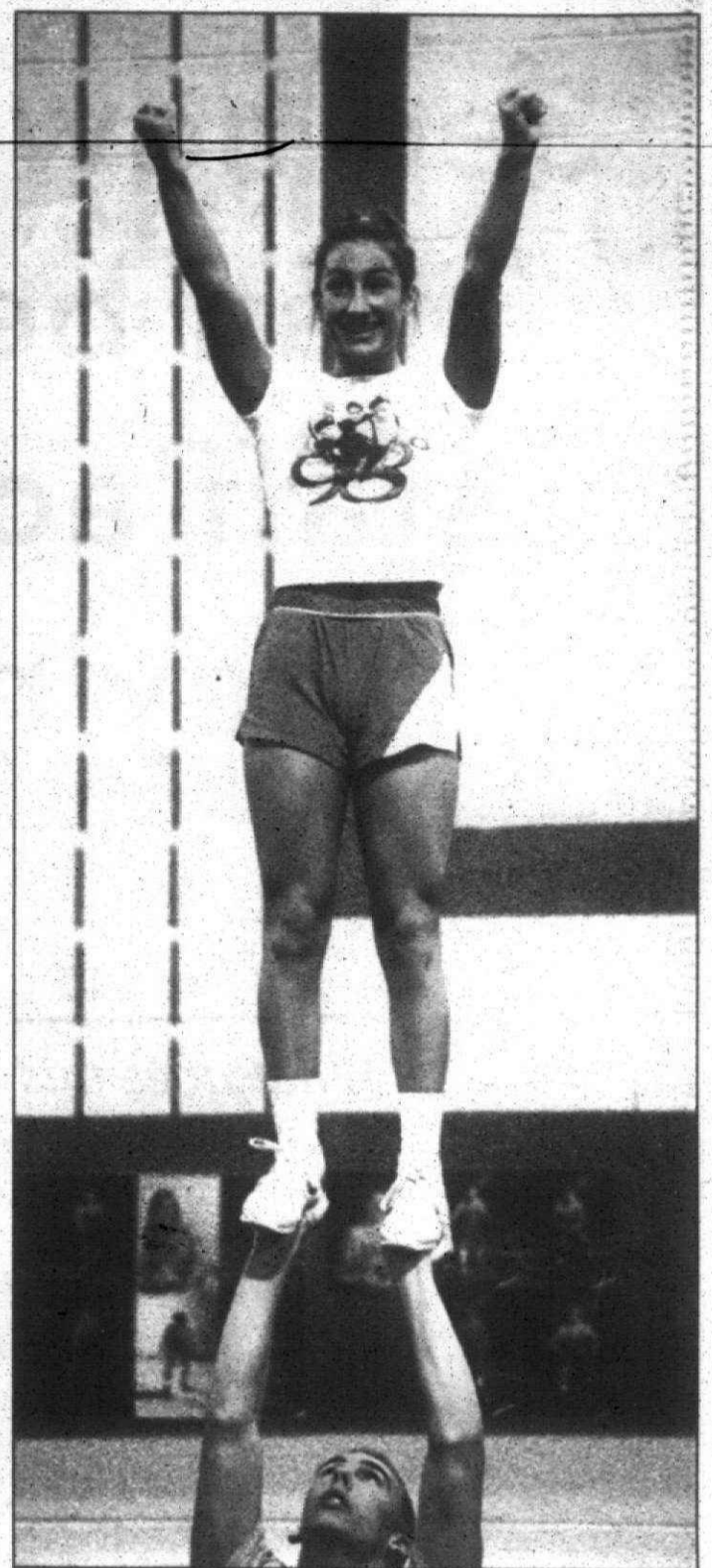
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Getting ready: Christina Teran of Canton (front) and the Plymouth Salem High School Cheerleaders rehearse a segment of their dance routine Monday. The team will travel Thursday to compete in a national cheerleading contest.



Cheerleaders hoping to shine in Florida

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Forty-six members of the Plymouth Salem co-ed varsity and junior varsity cheerleading teams are headed to Orlando, Fla., Friday morning in efforts to bring national championships back to Plymouth-Canton Schools.

The two teams placed first in their divisions at the Universal Cheerleading Association's regional competition in Ann Arbor in December, giving them an automatic invitation to compete in the National High School Cheerleading Championship this Saturday and Sunday.

This will be the eighth consecutive year the varsity has competed in the nationals. A preliminary competition is held Saturday, with the top 12 advancing to the finals on Sunday.

"The last three years we were able to make it to the finals and finished 10th, 11th and 12th," said Coach JoDee Dillon.

"This year we're really pleased with the material we have, which is a collegiate-style routine," added Dillon. "We have team pyramid building, dancing, cheering, partner stunting and several different formations.

That's a lot to do in just two minutes."

In reality, the teams are heading to Florida to compete for two minutes on Saturday. If they make it to the finals on Sunday, they'll get an additional two minutes to strut their stuff.

"But it's four minutes worth of action," said Dillon. "It's real exciting and so competitive."

That's echoed by senior Lauren Devine, 17, of Plymouth Township, who is expecting a lot from this year's squad.

"I'm more excited than I was last year because our team is much better," said Devine. "Our stunt level is more complicated this year, and we've been practicing hard."

The cheerleaders have been practicing six days a week for more than a month. Some of the male cheerleaders believe their workouts and competition are much tougher than football.

"Some of us on the cheerleading team have played football, and all of us say this is tougher," said senior Chris Elliott, 17, of Plymouth Township. "Cheerleading is more exhausting because it takes both technique and strength. In football you can get away with one or the other."

Elliott and Harmony Howard, along with Thera Olson and Pat Johnson, received two of the 17 invitations to compete in the partner-stunt division.

In the team competition, Howard is known as a flyer ... one of the cheerleaders who is vaulted into the air, twisting and turning, before being caught by teammates.

"It feels like you're flying," said Howard, 16, of Canton. "I don't think about it much because I have confidence in my teammates. The more you do the stunts, the more you trust them."

Kerri Gillespie knows the cheerleading team has come a long way. She was a member of the squad until she graduated in 1992. Now she's back helping to coach her old team.

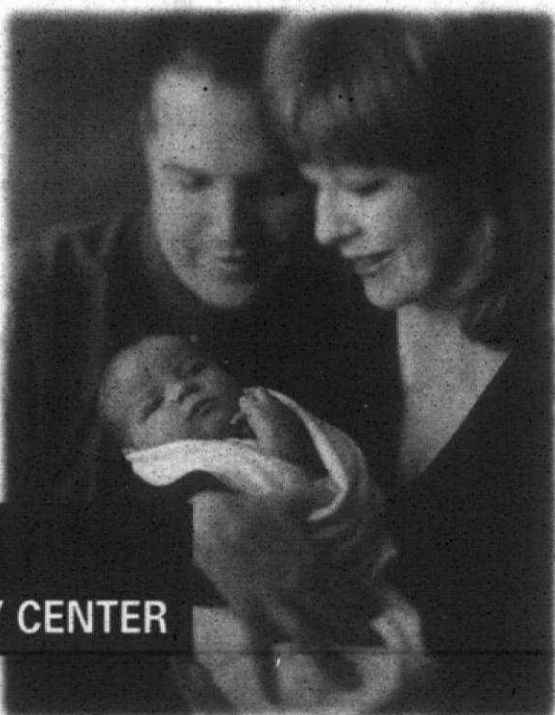
"There are some days when I don't believe I could ever have done what the kids are doing now," said Gillespie. "It's a lot more technical and entertaining."

Dillon said fund-raisers have allowed for the cost of the trip, estimated at \$500 per student.

"This is such a great trip for the kids, getting to meet and compete against kids from all over the country," said Dillon.

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Getting a boost: Christina Teran of Canton is lifted by Jim Brzuch of Canton during rehearsals Monday.

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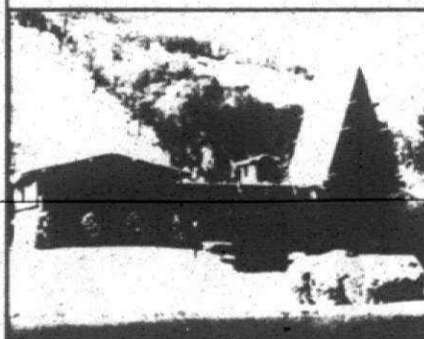
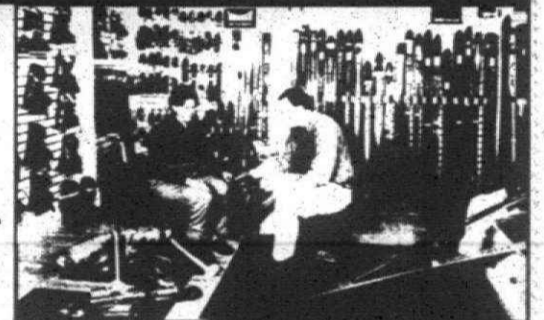
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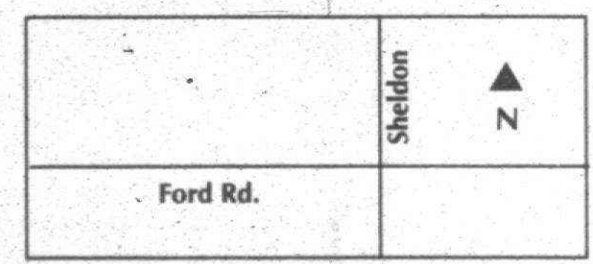
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Wheelchair access bill passes committee

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Legislation to apply penalties to those who block wheelchair access aisles, curb cuts and ramps for the handicapped won unanimous approval last week from the state House Transportation Committee.



State Rep. Laura Toy

That puts House Bill 4995, sponsored by Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, on a fast track for approval by the Legislature. The bill will make it a civil infraction, carrying a \$100 fine, to block wheelchair access. It will also allow police to tow vehicles from handicapped parking areas if necessary to provide wheelchair users access to and from their vehicles.

An access aisle is the yellow- or blue-lined space next to a handicapped parking spot that allows room for the operation of a wheelchair lift.

According to Dearborn resident Chris Mageli, some of the worst offenders can be other drivers who have handicapped parking placards themselves but don't realize the purpose of the yellow- and blue-striped access areas.

"There currently are no penalties for people who block or park in wheelchair access aisles," said Toy. "Likewise, no penalties exist for those who block a wheelchair curb-cut or ramp with their vehicle. Blocking these access areas has been a

significant problem for disabled citizens."

Bud Kraft of the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council would agree. "As a person with a disability, I can give you my personal assurance that this bill will help many people with disabilities," he said. He noted he would have been unable to attend the committee meeting if it had been held when originally scheduled back in December. "I was stuck in a parking spot when an inconsiderate driver blocked off the access aisle and prevented me from re-entering my vehicle," he said.

UM-Dearborn lecture focuses on Sweet case

The violence that ensued when an African-American physician moved into an all-white neighborhood on Detroit's east side in 1925 is the topic of a lecture to be hosted by the University of Michigan-Dearborn on Wednesday, Feb. 16. Kevin G. Boyle, associate professor of history at the University of Massachusetts will give a talk titled "Rages of Whiteness: Race, Class and Murder in 1925 Detroit" at 4:30 p.m. in Auditorium B in the U-M-D Dearborn School of Management.

Boyle will discuss the events surrounding the murder trial of Dr. Ossian Sweet and 10 other people. When Sweet and his family moved into an all-white neighborhood on Detroit's east side, their home was the target of violent demonstrations, fomented by a cowardly campaign organized by the Ku Klux Klan, according to Detroit Mayor John W. Smith. On the night of Sept. 9, when the home was surrounded by a hostile crowd numbering in the thousands, accord-

ing to witnesses, shots were fired from the home, killing one man and wounding another. Sweet and the other occupants of the house were arrested and charged with murder. In a trial that attracted national attention, Clarence Darrow defended Sweet and his friends and they were acquitted in November 1925.

Boyle earned his master's and doctoral degrees in history at the University of Michigan's Ann Arbor campus and has written several books including "Organized Labor and American Politics, 1894-1994: The Labor-Liberal Alliance," "Muddy Boots and Ragged Aprons: Working Class Life in Detroit, 1900-1930" and "The UAW and the Heyday of American Liberalism, 1945-1968."

A reception in the U-M-D Dearborn School of Management lobby will follow Boyle's presentation. Classes and groups are welcome to attend. Call Karen Holland at (313)593-5330 to reserve seats for groups.

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time on Telegraph Road that he saw a nicely dressed woman driving a Cadillac STS stop at a light, open the door - and spit. When he pulled alongside, he saw she was brushing her teeth as she drove.

"One of the principal problems we have," he says, "is that we have built our cars so well and so comfortable that people are not aware of how fast they are going and what's going on around them."

To that, Goss adds all the conveniences that isolate drivers even more, such as stereos with concert sound and complicated controls and carphones that let you read the stock report. "It's become very easy for someone to be distracted," he says.

"People have just picked up these habits," he says, and the lack of attention is "an area we need to concentrate on."
"Yes, cars are getting safer," Goss acknowledges. "But we still have a long, long way to go."
Goss likes to quote a friend who's a bank loan officer, but who sounds more like a cop.

In discussing the well-intentioned courteous driver who stops in traffic, Goss says the Farmington Road-Nine Mile Road intersection is where this can easily happen. The numerous commercial driveways there, plus the M-5 exit nearby, make it among his city's most frequent accident sites due to all the turning that goes on.

"There's always 'a lot of people pulling out of driveways,' he says, and 'a lot of opportunity for something to go wrong.'
"There are too many driveways - it's like a video game," he says. "You have to have eyes in the back of your head in some of these circumstances."

Goss agrees it's good to be courteous and "we have some very

courteous people out there."
"But to have somebody yield (right-of-way) to let someone pull out of a driveway, well, they're backing up traffic behind them. They're really playing traffic cop, making other people stop."

And, he says, they're setting up the person leaving the parking lot "for a trap" because their vehicle is blocking the other person's view of vehicles coming up in the next lane.

"It's better off to pull forward and block that person in than to give them an opportunity to exit" with only a limited-sight opportunity, Goss says.

You may just be wanting to give them a break, he says, but remember: "No good deed goes unpunished."

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accidents then, Brokas said.
Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano said his deputies also will emphasize the education aspect.

"We know that seatbelts save lives, so we will want to educate drivers to that, as well as making sure the drivers and their passengers are buckled up," he said.

In Oakland County, police and sheriff's deputies also will do special enforcement Feb. 6-19, according to Farmington Hills Police Lt. Gary Hawald.

"It will be a countywide operation," said Hawald, director of the Hills' traffic bureau.

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Smoke detectors from page A1

careless smoking was the cause of the blaze.

Hope woke up after the fire started, but was unable to get out in time. The 14-year resident of Royal Holiday had no smoke detectors in his home.

Canton Fire Marshall Dave Champagne said it was a critical mistake.

"I believe the lack of smoke detectors was a significant factor," he said. "It delayed his response in trying to get out of the home."

Smoke detectors should be viewed as a home essential, Rorabacher said.

"They're accept as standard equipment," he added. "Depending on the size of the home, it should have two to four smoke detectors."

In terms of location, one smoke detector should be placed adjacent to bedroom areas.

Rorabacher said common areas, such as a living or dining room, are also important.

A detector shouldn't be placed by the kitchen, he added. An area often overlooked is the basement, said Rorabacher.

Many fires start as a result of furnace or hot water heater malfunctions, he said. At least one detector should be placed in the basement, Rorabacher commented.

While there may not be a typical fire, the chief said people only have a few minutes to get out of the home safely.

"A rule of thumb is that a fire doubles in size every few minutes," Rorabacher said. "Having a smoke detector should give you enough time to get out."

A good detector runs \$12 to \$15, he added. Rorabacher said the department will do its best to help Canton residents who can't afford detectors.

"We will work with them to get the smoke detectors and get them installed," he said.

Residents in need of help should call (734) 397-5347.

Lt. Jim Davidson said the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation will also help. Call Davidson at township fire station No. 1 at (734) 398-5262 for more information.

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and adequate parking. The site is located on the southwest corner.

Residents said they would continue to oppose plans to build at Warren and Ridge.

Jim Hodgson, president of the Northwest Canton Homeowners Association, said the group is trying to help National Heritage find an alternate site.

"We're hoping to get them close to the Northwest quadrant if not in the Northwest quadrant," Hodgson said.

"I don't see anything they can do to that site to make that school acceptable," said Chuck Supnick, Pilgrim Hills subdivision resident and vice president of the Northwest Canton Homeowners Association.

Both Supnick and Hodgson said the natural beauty road designation was a big concern. Ridge Road north of Warren was designated as such six years ago, which prevents the roadside from being disturbed by development. The school's site plan called for paving a portion of Ridge and installing sidewalks.

Pater disagreed about the Ridge and Warren location.

"We are confident that a satisfactory solution is possible and that we can demonstrate that the subject site is, indeed, an appropriate location for our school facility," Pater wrote.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, February 17, 2000 for the following:

Landscape Maintenance (Mowing & Trimming Services)

Specifications and Proposal Forms are available at the Office of the Administrative Services Director, 201 S. Main St., Plymouth, Michigan during regular office hours.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

CAROL STONE
Admin. Services Director

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center St., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., February 17, 2000 for the following:

WORKSTATIONS AND FILE CABINETS FOR PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., February 17, 2000 for the following:

FURNISH AND INSTALL ONE (1) IRRIGATION PUMP STATION AT FELLOWS CREEK GOLF COURSE

Bid specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bidder name, address and phone no., date and time of bid opening. Canton Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be accepted at the Office of the clerk until 10:00 a.m., February 17, 2000 for the following:

PARK REGULATORY SIGNS

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CDBG PROGRAM AMENDMENTS PUBLIC HEARING

On February 23, 2000, at 3:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Township will hold a public hearing for the following amendments to the Canton Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program: (1) Establish Community Curbside Reconstruction Program; (2) reprogram all funds from FY 1993 (\$13,213), FY 1994 (\$6,000), FY 1995 (\$14,580), FY 1996 (\$9,000), FY 1997 (\$76,200), and FY 1998 (\$220,000) Harrison Drain Improvements to curbside reconstruction; and (3) cancel drain canton Commons Ballfield Improvements to curbside reconstruction; and (5) cancel ballfield improvements. Program all FY 1994 First Step building acquisition funds (\$30,000) to curbside reconstruction; and (6) \$125,000 from FY 1999 Human Services Center expansion to curbside reconstruction. Total funds to be reprogrammed: \$300,583 (approximate). Written comments or requests for information should be directed to Gerald W. Wynn, Development Specialist, Resource Development Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 397-5392.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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CAMPUS NOTES

The following students from Canton have earned a spot on the fall Dean's List at Schoolcraft College:

Jason Ainn Ayers, Catherine M. Bachman-Reed, Marlene Rose Bacon, Michele Mary Baldori, Ruth Ann Barnhill, Elizabeth Marie Beattie, Delores Jean Bednarz, Lisa Marie Bell, Rachel Alis Black, Steven Michael Black, Ryan M. Bomersheim, Kristin Alexis Bronkhorst, Keeley Suzanne Brooks, Gretchen Susanne Buehner, Constance Michelle Burnett, Catherine Ann Busecaglia, Jennifer Natalie Caprile-Schultz, Jaime M. Carr, Mark A. Castelle, Dana Marie Cepko, Brian Roy Cheff, Vandana Chopra, Robert James Chynoweth, Ruxandra Mihaela Ciomag, Susan E. Coates, Jeffrey Richard Cooper, Andrea Lynn Corpolongo, Ronald Joseph Cosman, Darren Bradley Crewes, Louise Croteau, Renee Ann Cunningham, Christopher John Curd, Joshua Patrick Davis, Lisa Anne Davis, Bridget Meredith De Rosa, Jennifer Renee Distefano, Sandra L. Donlon, Janelle Renae Drake, Jennifer Evelyn Dyke, Susan C. Endres, Michelle Eileen Fardeau, Bertina Mae Farris, Michelle Dawn Ferrell, Tammy Marie Fisher, Barbara Lynn Flanagan, Paul A. Foley, Lauren Elizabeth Gaiamo, Vaiva Giedraityte, Amy Johanna Gil, Christopher Michael Gillen, John A. Gorney, Christopher Thomas Gray, Michael Wayne Grinnell, Tonya Lynn Grisham, Dawn Marie Hromeczkowski and Geraldine Ann Guzik.

Also, Lisa Ann Hammons, Melissa Lee Harma, Diane Lynne Himebaugh, Xianhui Huang, Scott F. Hughes, Steven Robert Hughes, Lauren Jean Jackson, Paula Jean Jackson, Laurie Lindsey Karol, Shamalia Sikandar Khan, Joel David Kilpatrick, Amy L. Kirkpatrick, Kelli Knight, Jonathan Paul Kobasa, Cathie Joy Kowalski, Jason Patrick Kreger, Stuart Lester Krueger, Susan Louise Kuchera, Mary Louise Kunke, Stephanie Lynn Lamp, Sharon Rae Lamington, Jennifer Laurer, Chad Elliot Leggo, Cheryl Ann Lewis, Baozhu Li, Marie Ann Loughran, Nicole Lynn Lutz, and Tanya M. Lyons. Marion Hedwig Mack, Kathy Jean Marick, Julie Marie Markos, Brian James Masters, Brian Douglas McKeon, Aaron D. McRae, Joseph Nicholas Meier, Theresa Ann Metcalf, Joseph Paul Mifsud, Katherine G. Miller, Laurie Ann Miller, Helen E. Miller-Padden, Matthew L. Mitchell, Cheryl Ann Moore, Lisa Lynn Moreno, Christalla Moutzakis, Christy Alison Mueller, Kevin Frederick Mueller, Michael Jonathon Nichols, Paul Andrew Nietten, Marcus R. Ochoa, Anjanette Olivier, Karen Ann Palmy, Chirag J. Patel, Krishna T. Patel, Lauren Allison-Anne Patterson, Brian Rob Paulowicz, Kevin Lev Penn, Cesar Augusto Perez Landazabal, Hoa Dinh Pham, Cheryl Elaine Price, Robin Marie Preville, Sheryl Anne Pugh, Anthony John Radziszewski, Candice Lynn Reeder, Karen Diane Richards, Diana Marie Riley, Phyllis J. Rivard and Jayne Marie Roberts.

Also, Craig Thomas Sanders, Melinda Anne Schneider, Chad R. Schroeder, Jennifer Laura Sciberras, Melissa Mary Siemiencik, Jerrie Lynn Sigworth, Matthew Valerian Sincal, B. Ione Skaggs, Sotej Singh Saha, Cortney Phyll St. Pierre, Pamela T. Stone, Nicholas Scott Szawara, Matthias Nicholas Szymoniak, Annette M. Teff, Pamela Lynn Tessmer, Cynthia L. Thackberry, Jennifer Rose Torigan, Patrick Angelo Torres, Scott William Tykoski, Joel M. Vassallo, Carolyn Lou Verla, Kathy Faye Vitale, Laura Katherine Walker, Cynthia Ann Walsh, Tracy Ann Wells, Daniel Robert Wielechowski, Roger William Wobig, Joan Christine Wolf, Jennifer Louise Zelazny, and Kathryn Rose Zelazny.

Two make engineering Dean's Honor List at U-M

Michigan College of Engineering.

Amit Patel and Anita Ramamurthy, both of Canton, were among students named to the Dean's Honor List from the University of Michigan College of Engineering.

Worker dies from page A1

Shortly after the crane lifted the roof section, Mock walked underneath, police reports said. A "gusset," which is a small support apparatus of the roof truss, broke and the section fell near the home's garage, reports said.

Police are investigating the cause of the accident.

West Bloomfield-based Gilbert Home Builders is the general contractor of the project. Owner Bruce Gilbert said Mock, a carpenter, was employed as a subcontractor on the site and that he didn't know him well.

Construction began at Fellows Creek Subdivision in the fall of 1998. The 67-acre site will contain 99 homes at completion.

HENRY STANLEY RACZYNSKI
Services for Henry Stanley Raczynski, 78, of Canton were held at the Veterans Catholic Church with the Rev. Anderson officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery.

He was born July 21, 1976, in Garden City. He died Jan. 26 in Canton Township. He was an automotive mechanic.

Survivors include his parents, Richard and Pamela Huber, one son, Ryan, and one sister, Christina (Andrew) Kenny.

BERNARD R. (RUDY) "BENNY" DEBOURGE
Services for Bernard R. (Rudy) "Benny" DeBourge, 69, of Highland, Ill. were Jan. 28 in St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland, Ill. With the Rev. Father David L. Peters officiating. Burial was in Highland City Cemetery, Highland, Ill.

He was born Nov. 28, 1930, in East Saint Louis, Ill. He died Jan. 24 in Highland, Ill. He worked at the Saint Clair Court House in Belleville, Ill. He joined the U.S. Navy and served during the Korean War with three tours of duty aboard a destroyer escort in the South Pacific. He returned to the metro-east and worked at Hunter Packing in East Saint Louis as an electrician. He then worked out of the Electrician Hall until retiring in 1992. He was a Construction Electrician for over 36 years. He enjoyed gardening, watching and listening to sports. He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Highland, Ill., Knights of Columbus, Highland Council #1580, and the Proud & Loyal Member of Electrician's Local 309 of the IBEW.

He was preceded in death by his father, Rudy DeBourge; two brothers, Robert DeBourge, Thomas DeBourge; and one sister, Margaret Peterson. Survivors include his wife, Helen E. DeBourge of Highland, Ill.; mother, Helen M. DeBourge of Highland, Ill.; two sons, Dan T. (Danette) DeBourge of Louisiana, Miss., Dale M. (Julie) DeBourge of Pierron, Ill.; two daughters, Lynn M. (Robert) Pensari of Canton, Michelle A. (Tom) Dammerich of Ballwin, Miss.; two brothers, Donald (Brenda) DeBourge of San Antonio, Texas, Lawrence (Maureen) DeBourge of Troy, and six grandchildren, Jeff DeBourge of Louisiana, Miss., Justin DeBourge of Louisiana, Miss., Vanessa DeBourge of Pierron, Ill., Jake DeBourge of Ballwin, Miss., Jordan Larocco of Canton.

JANINE A. STACKPOOLE
Services for Janine A. Stackpole, 54, of Plymouth were Jan. 25 at St. Edith Catholic Church. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

She was born July 26, 1945, in Detroit. She died Jan. 22 in Plymouth. She was a school teacher. She was a member of St. Edith Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Alfred R. Oldfield. Survivors include her husband, William J. Stackpole; mother, Olive Oldfield of Novi; two daughters, Michelle Stackpole of Canton, Kristin (Brian) Stackpole-Toth of Ferndale; two sons, Kevin (Linda) Stackpole of Pleasant Ridge, Brian Stackpole of Plymouth; two brothers, John Oldfield of Novi, Jerome Oldfield of Plymouth; and one sister, Mary Jane Flaherty of Novi.

WILLIAM RAMON HOPE
Services for William Ramon Hope, 66, of Canton were Jan. 27 at John N. Santeu & Son Funeral Home, Garden City.

He was born Jan. 29, 1933, in Detroit. He died Jan. 26 in Canton. He was a lay-out designer. Survivors include his daughter, Luanne (John) Woodley; four sons, Gary Hope, Glen (Sally) Hope, John (Nancy) Hope, Daniel Hope; one sister, Shirley Reedy; and one brother, Dick Hope.

BOYD R. HUGHES
Services for Boyd R. Hughes, 72, of Canton were Jan. 28 in the Chapel of the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton with the Rev. Jerry A. Yarnell of St. Michael Lutheran Church officiating. He was born April 20, 1927, in Columbus, Ohio. He died Jan. 26. He worked as an engineer in manufacturing.

Survivors include his wife, Katherine M. Hughes; one son, Richard (Karen); and two daughters, Kerry, Sandra; one sister, Joanie Kohler; and one grandson, Roger.

RALPH EDWARD SMITH
Services for Ralph Edward Smith, 59, of Melvindale were Jan. 29 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Marlon Smith officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

He was born Sept. 15, 1940, in Bell County, Ky. He died Jan. 27 in Garden City. He was a welder. He worked for Central Spray Company, and then in 1976 he started his own business, Ralph Smith Sanitation in Plymouth and Northville. He continued in that business until 1980. He came to the Melvindale community in 1997 from Detroit. He lived in Plymouth from 1960 to 1980. He was a member of the Iron Workers Union No. 292. He enjoyed fishing in Hines Park.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn; and one brother, Harold. Survivors include his son, David Allen Smith of Melvindale; four sisters, Flora May Mayes of Rogersville, Tenn., Elizabeth Patterson of Amert, Ohio, Brenda Ashburn of Dearborn Heights, Carolyn Coldwell of Rogersville, Tenn., two brothers, Paul Smith of Rogersville, Tenn., and James Smith of Rogersville, Tenn.

RICHARD SCOTT NUBER
Services for Richard Scott Nuber, 23, of Canton Township were Jan. 29 at Neely-Turovski Funeral Home, Canton Chapel with the Rev. Anderson officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery.

He was born July 21, 1976, in Garden City. He died Jan. 26 in Canton Township. He was an automotive mechanic.

Survivors include his parents, Richard and Pamela Huber, one son, Ryan, and one sister, Christina (Andrew) Kenny.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

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OBITUARIES

Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, 2350 South Huron Parkway, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

MAURICE DONALD KIME
Services for Maurice Donald Kime, 94, of Plymouth (formerly of Winter Haven, Fla.) were held Feb. 2 at Plymouth First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dean A. Klump officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Mr. Kime was born Feb. 9, 1905, in Sturgis, Mich., and died Jan. 28 in Winter Haven, Fla. He was a chemist and shift supervisor for ELF ATO Chemicals, formerly Pennwalt Chemicals in Wyandotte. He also was a registered pharmacist. He retired in 1970. He was a native of Sturgis, Mich., before moving to Detroit. He was a resident of Rosedale Park in Detroit for 40 years.

After retirement in 1975, he moved to Plymouth and to Winter Haven, Fla. He was a member of Plymouth First United Methodist Church and St. John United Methodist Church in Winter Haven.

While in Winter Haven, he was a member of the Waggoners Club, Shrine Club and Elks Lodge of Winter Haven. He was also a member of Lake Region Scottish Rite in Winter Haven and Scottish Rite in Detroit. He received his degree from the Detroit Institute of Technology (now part of Wayne State University) in chemistry and pharmacy. His hobbies were photography and gardening.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte of Plymouth (formerly of Winter Haven, Fla.).

Memorials may be made to Plymouth First United Methodist Church or St. John United Methodist Church, Winter Haven.

Local arrangements were made by the Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home, Highland, Ill.

STEPHEN J. MYERNICK
Services for Stephen J. Myernick, 86, of Plymouth were held Feb. 1 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. James A. Moloney officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

He was born Nov. 4, 1913, in Phillips, Wis., and died Jan. 29 in Ann Arbor. He was a general foreman.

Mr. Myernick was preceded in death by his parents, Stephen and Theresa Myernick. Survivors include his two sons, Richard (Doreen) S. Myernick of Plymouth and Dennis M. Myernick of Minneapolis, Minn.; one sister, Ann Kettel of Grand Blanc; and one granddaughter, Lynn Myernick of Costa Mesa, Calif.

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DORIS MAY FULTON
Services for Doris May Fulton, 74, of Westland were held Feb. 2 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Rosewell Fulton officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland.

She was born Jan. 19, 1926, in Detroit and died Jan. 29 in Wayne. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Fulton moved to Florida in 1976 and returned to Westland in November of 1999 to be near her family. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Plymouth Chapter 115, and while in Florida was a member of the V.F.W. 10087 Ft. Myers Beach, Cooties V.F.W. Ft. Myers Beach, American Legion 275 Ft. Myers Beach and Veterans of America (AMVETS) of Ft. Myers.

Her hobbies included crocheting, collecting gifts for the Candlelight Kids of Ft. Myers and taking toys to the National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich. She enjoyed family gatherings and get-togethers with the Brohmans.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur; one son, David Fulton; and parents, George and Edith (Ames) Bennett. Survivors include her son, Arthur (Lynne) Fulton of Garden City; two daughters, Jacqueline (Ernest) Beckman of Garden City and Donna (Richard) Pilarski of Presque Isle, Mich.; friend, Ellsworth (Ellis) Mason of Westland; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to a charity of choice.

MARK JEFFREY BOLGER
Services for Mark Jeffrey Bolger, 18, of Plymouth took place Feb. 1 at Northridge Church (formerly known as Temple Baptist) with the Rev. Brad Powell officiating.

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

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ating. He was born March 13, 1963, in Livonia and died Jan. 28 in Livonia. He was a student.

Survivors include his parents, Jeffrey and Pamela Bolger of Plymouth; one brother, Brian Bolger of Plymouth; grandmother, Flora Kremis of Riverview, Mich.; and grandmothers, Norman and Joan Bolger of Fall River, Mass.

Memorials may be made to the Mark Bolger Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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

LAURA ALLSHOUSE
Services for Laura Allshouse, 92, of Plymouth (formerly of Adrian) were held Feb. 2 at the Braun Everlist Wagley Funeral Home with the Rev. Geoffrey Koglin officiating. Burial was in Livonia Center Cemetery.

She was born Feb. 20, 1907, in Plymouth and died Jan. 29 in West. She was a resident of Rosedale Park in Detroit for 40 years.

After retirement in 1975, he moved to Plymouth and to Winter Haven, Fla. He was a member of Plymouth First United Methodist Church and St. John United Methodist Church in Winter Haven.

While in Winter Haven, he was a member of the Waggoners Club, Shrine Club and Elks Lodge of Winter Haven. He was also a member of Lake Region Scottish Rite in Winter Haven and Scottish Rite in Detroit. He received his degree from the Detroit Institute of Technology (now part of Wayne State University) in chemistry and pharmacy. His hobbies were photography and gardening.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte of Plymouth (formerly of Winter Haven, Fla.).

Memorials may be made to a charity of choice.

MARK JEFFREY BOLGER
Services for Mark Jeffrey Bolger, 18, of Plymouth took place Feb. 1 at Northridge Church (formerly known as Temple Baptist) with the Rev. Brad Powell officiating.

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Chamber search

Next director needs experience

It's time for the Canton Chamber of Commerce to join the Big Leagues. Past time, in fact. So it was heartening to hear in recent weeks from various chamber officials that they are taking steps to raise the chamber's profile in the community and region.

But the Observer believes some fundamental changes will be necessary at the board level to accomplish those goals. And based on past performance, we question whether the current board of directors is willing to make that commitment.

Here are some figures to mull over: The Canton chamber has 460 members, not bad when you consider Westland, with its slightly larger population, has 405 members in its chamber. But the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce has 761 members and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce counts 1,150. Of all those communities, Canton's population and business growth rates in the last decade top the list. We've been hearing about the Canton chamber's "membership drive" for close to two years now. So where are the results?

At the top of the board's agenda is its search for a new executive director following last week's forced resignation of Ryan Ambrozaitis. While the parting was handled in a professional and amicable manner, it's no secret that there were problems on both sides of the fence. Perhaps much of that can be attributed to Ambrozaitis' youth and inexperience. At 30, the Canton job was his first true managerial role, although we recall the chamber has previously thrived with young directors before, notably Carleigh Flaharty, who preceded Ambrozaitis.

If the Canton chamber is to move to the

next level, it will likely require more experienced leadership. That means a considerable boost in salary and benefits for the executive director's position. And a solid commitment from the board to make the kind of investment in the interview and hiring process that will yield solid results, not vague promises. Chamber President David Griffin acknowledged as much last week when he said the organization's goals and the white-hot economy will set the tone in its search for a new director.

Board members too have an obligation to set direction and get out of the way, allowing the director to manage day-to-day operations. Too often in the past, this hasn't been the case. We note that individually, chamber board members are some of the most capable and dynamic people in Canton. As a group, however, they must move past the kind of social club, small-circle mentality that served the chamber well in its formative years but is out of place in today's Canton.

Attracting top-notch speakers to its monthly luncheons and putting on a successful golf outing every year are part of the chamber's mission and we are encouraged at recent efforts in those areas. However, those items are window dressing when compared to the backbone goals of building membership, providing solid service to members and having a true impact on life in the township.

The Canton chamber has the potential to become a heavyweight advocate for local business and an integral part of the Canton community. The next chamber director—along with the board's selection and interaction with him or her—will go a long way in determining whether that potential is met.

Helmets a must for sledding

It isn't possible to make sense out of tragic accidents, like the one that killed 7-year-old Joseph Michael Mounikel of Livonia on Jan. 22. Trying to make something good come from their son's death, the parents are trying to e-mail their message around the world. It's a simple message, marked with their tears of experience, and one that bears repeating: If you go sledding, put bicycle helmets on your children and yourself.

Back when many of us were kids, we didn't seem to worry as much about safety. For years, few Americans wore safety belts. Decades of death, injury and heartache taught people that they were safer with seatbelts on, and laws followed aiming to ensure safety and reduce the public health costs. Later, bicycle helmets moved into the forefront of the public, again through statistics and stories of injuries and deaths. Those are still optional, but strongly recommended for safe bicycling.

When it comes to bicycling or sledding, people will say, "We didn't wear helmets when we were kids and we survived." Others will say, "We can't put our kids in a bubble and protect them from everything." Both points are true. But we can learn from experience and we can still enjoy the fun of something like sledding with a minor precaution that can, perhaps, save a life.

But don't take our word, listen to the words of Dianne and George Mounikel: "On January 25, 2000, we buried our 7-year-old son; our baby, our angel, our heart. He wasn't sick, he didn't have some horrible disease or tumor. He was, as most 7-year-olds are, a happy child full of life and love for everything and everyone. "So how did he die? It was a horrible acci-

dent doing something that most kids love to do. He was sledding down a snow-covered hill when the sled veered off course and went straight into a tree. He flew off the sled and his poor little head slammed into the tree. In a little over an hour our little boy lay lifeless on a table in a nearby emergency room.

"Now then, why are we sending this e-mail? "We're trying to spark a reaction, a reaction that will spread fast and wide so that no other family, for that matter no other community (his church, his school, the YMCA and the many fathers and sons at that camp that were there that day, his friends, our friends, etc. this tragedy has touched so many here) will never face and feel what we are feeling now. The feelings at the loss of a child cannot be described unless you have lost one yourself. We hope you never do. So here is the reaction we're looking for:

"Joseph's death could have been prevented if he had only been wearing a bicycle helmet or some kind of protective helmet on his head. We realize the news media has just started talking about accidents that happen while sledding and how many children and people are hurt every year, but unfortunately sometimes it takes a tragedy to get the point across.

"So we're asking everyone ... forward this e-mail to everyone you know, we want the message to spread across the world. Please make sure that your children are wearing their protective helmets when they're riding their bikes, rollerblading, skate boarding and please, please when they are sledding too! And parents, your children love you and they need you, wear your protective helmets too."

It's a message worth thinking about.

Geof Brooks



LETTERS

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Denial was undeserved

Passion ... Education ... Children ... It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter. On Jan. 10, my ever-so-optimistic family arrived at the Canton Township administration building. We were going to be there when the Canton Planning Commission approved our new charter school. It was not to be.

In January of 1999, I attended a meeting hosted by National Heritage Academies. I left full of excitement and a sense of renewed enthusiasm for my children's education. That sense of excitement and enthusiasm was reinforced again and again. The more parents, grandparents and administrators from National Heritage Academies my husband and I spoke with, the more we wanted this opportunity for our children and the children of our community.

We were not alone! The January 1999 meeting was attended by many people (standing room only) that I knew from all facets of my life: the public school my oldest daughter attends, my church, the grocery store, my neighbors. They were all there and all excited. Five hundred people have completed and returned applications to National Heritage Academies, waiting, hoping, and waiting and hoping.

Apparently, our children are to be denied this opportunity. Why? The property being considered is zoned appropriately for a school. National Heritage Academies met the site criteria as required by law. National Heritage Academies has worked diligently with the staff planners of Canton Township. In fact, the staff planners recommended that the planning commission approve the application.

Yet, the planning commission denied the application. A commissioner even stated that although National Heritage Academies has met the requirements for special use approval, she was voting against the project. Doesn't the law matter anymore?

Now that we have allowed all this growth in our community, are we not responsible for the infrastructure needed to support it? Charter schools are public schools. However, they pay property taxes and are built without an additional tax burden to the community. Our community is missing a great opportunity to improve our schools and add sorely needed capacity, without an increase in our taxes.

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— Philip Power

When the news turns grim, we still have a job to do

As a journalist, these are the days you hate to love. Lots of breaking news, pushing deadlines and stretching resources to get as much as possible into each edition of the newspaper. And the stories were compelling. Of course they usually are when the subject is someone's untimely death, brought on by criminal acts or tragic accident.

There was no shortage of this kind of news in suburban Canton the last 10 days. The recap sounds like the teaser to the 11 o'clock news. On a busy night. In New York or Chicago.

On Jan. 22, Kinnari Sutariya, a native of western India in the U.S. for 12 days, was arrested in the stabbing death of her new husband by an arranged marriage, Ramesh Sutariya, in their Canton apartment. She has been charged with open murder and faces a preliminary examination Monday in 35th District Court. It was the first homicide in Canton in more than two years.

On Jan. 25, William Ramone Hope, 66, died in a fire at his home in the Royal Holiday Estates mobile home park.

The next day Charles Frederick Carlson, 63, of Ypsilanti died when his minivan veered off Ford Road and crashed into a tree near the new Kroger supermarket at Canton Center Road. Police believe Carlson may have suffered a medical problem just prior to losing control of his vehicle.

On Thursday, Mazin Naim Khoury, 32, of Canton was killed when a car driven by his 35-year-old brother collided with a train at a crossing on Warren Road east of Lotz. Ziad Naim Khoury was seriously injured in the accident.

"We have no regrets as parents. We loved him fully and deeply and he knew it."
— Jeff and Pam Bolger

One by one, they edged toward the microphone, taking center stage for a few brief moments in a tragedy they can't understand but are forced to accept.

One by one, they spoke in halting, grieving tones, not wanting to say goodbye but determined to do it right, to do him justice.

More than a thousand people crowded into the auditorium at North Ridge Church Tuesday to pay their respects and celebrate the life of 16-year-old Mark Jeffrey Bolger. Bolger died suddenly Friday night after being stricken during half time of a Plymouth Salem basketball game.

Hundreds of the visitors were kids, just like Mark, classmates and friends

bound together by feelings, by circumstances they couldn't control. Nearly 300 of them turned out Monday for a candlelight vigil, gathering in the wicker cold, warmed by memories of the friend they had lost, of the love they had gained.

Some of the memories poured out at Tuesday's funeral. John Little, a 1999 Salem grad and a two-year teammate of Mark's told of his friend's confidence, of his sagacity, of his gifts. Moments of levity lifted spirits, if only briefly.

"He was the best dressed kid I ever met," Little said. "Before I went to college, Mark and I went to the mall.

ground checks on the candidates it did suggest were inadequate.

Second—and this is an informed guess on my part—it looks like the majority of the board decided to play an early game of chicken to see if Murray would blink. He didn't. Now the board can get on with its work with a clearer understanding of whose spine is stiff.

The third factor has to do with Detroit deputy mayor and school board chair Freeman Hendrix. Hendrix is smart, energetic and ambitious. It's no secret that he's interested in taking Mayor Dennis Archer's place when the time comes. And the highly publicized events and complex racial politics surrounding the search for a new CEO for the Detroit schools are a perfect place for a smart, ambitious politician to do his stuff.

In a radio interview after the vote, Gov. Engler charged Hendrix with being too narrowly focused on trying to find an "African-American" CEO. Hendrix responded that the law giving the governor's representative veto power over the board majority was the equivalent of former Alabama Gov. George Wallace standing in the schoolhouse door. Score one for Hendrix in publicly standing up to Gov. Engler.

Last week the board in a relatively sane and productive meeting decided to conduct a new search, using a new search firm. "We're back on track," said Murray, who added that "I believe" that being African American would give a candidate a substantial advantage in being an effective CEO. I would expect that the final results would yield an African American leader for the Detroit schools.

So score two for Freeman Hendrix in setting the stage for a unanimous vote of the board he chairs to hire a (presumably) capable school CEO whose ethnicity is a plus with the voters in the city he hopes to lead.

It isn't bad that it looks like on the surface, but it's not bad for a couple of weeks' work.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION: What was your favorite commercial during Sunday's Super Bowl?

"The Budweiser commercial where the dog is the star actor."
Ralph Sabatini, Canton

"I liked the cat-herding commercial."
Chad Leggo, Canton

"I liked the one with the monkey and two guys. I think it was one of the dot com commercials."
Jeremiah Hensom, Brighton

"The one with the monkey and two old men. They said 'we just dropped \$2.5 million on this commercial. What are you doing?'"
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New program sends smoking teens to the 'dog house'

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Some 21 teenagers from several Wayne County communities began learning this past weekend that "if you smoke, you might go to the dogs."

So says Sheriff Robert A. Ficano, whose department is conducting "Operation Dog House," a program aimed at reducing teen smoking by discouraging youths from buying cigarettes and thereby breaking the law.

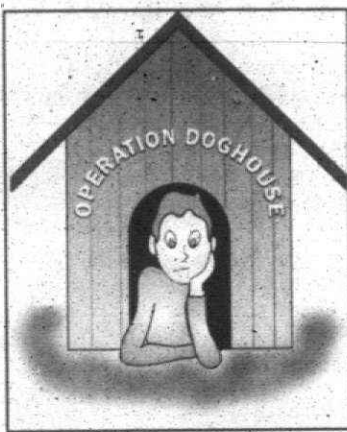
Under the program, teens caught buying smokes by undercover deputies are given a choice: Go to court with their parents, pay a fine and possibly have a juvenile record, or attend

a smoking cessation program and do some community service with the Michigan Humane Society.

The 21 teens who chose the latter were among 25 from Livonia, Garden City, Plymouth, Redford Township and Taylor caught buying cigarettes since the undercover operation began Dec. 13, according to Ralph Kinney, sheriff's department deputy chief of staff.

They were caught by undercover deputies who were staking out retail stores near high schools five days a week, either Mondays through Fridays or Wednesdays through Sundays, Kinney said.

On Sunday, they began the Operation Dog House alternative, attending an eight-hour tobacco cessation program sponsored by the Wayne County Health Department and performing 16 hours of community service by cleaning the dog kennels at the Humane Society,



Ficano said. "Parents love" Operation Dog House, said Kinney. "Most parents are shocked" to find out their child is smoking. They also find out their offspring come up with some interesting excuses, Kinney said. "One told officers he was given the cigarette by his parents, but

that he had to go outside to smoke," said Kinney. "His parents said that was not true."

"Another told his parents he was 'only holding the cigarette,' that it wasn't lit," Kinney related. "But when his parents asked, 'So why were you holding it?,' he said he didn't know."

Some parents are even coming down with their kids for the community service portion "to emphasize the importance of it all," Kinney added.

The "parents are not happy to be having to do that on a Saturday," but they're doing it anyway, he said.

Operation Dog House is a pilot program by Ficano's department, which is the lead unit in a seven-county task force called Operation Nic-Net (Nicotine Net).

The task force, operating under a federally funded, state administered grant enabling sheriff's deputies from Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lenawee,

Washtenaw, Monroe and Jackson counties to concentrate on retailers selling tobacco to minors, found retailers wanted the sheriffs to "look into youths smoking cigarettes, so we have been looking at places where kids are smoking cigarettes and try to get them into cessation programs," said Ficano.

"With children, (our intent is) to rehabilitate them and let them see how dangerous smoking is," the sheriff said.

Tobacco is "a legal product for adults and nobody is going to infringe on that," Ficano said. "But at the same time, it's a health issue for teens and eventually it becomes a health issue for insurance and everything else on down the line."

Although it's a \$50 misdemeanor for a minor to buy cigarettes, "We're not trying to build up (arrest) records, we're trying to educate youngsters, and this (Operation Dog House)

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is a much more compelling way to do it," Ficano stated.

"Parents seem to be enthusiastic about" the alternative because "it doesn't create any (juvenile) record for youths, but at the same time it has a positive reinforcement of the consequences of their actions," the sheriff said. "If you smoke, you might go to the dogs."

Ficano added that one phase of Operation Nic-Net educates merchants about selling tobacco to minors while another phase covers enforcement, with undercover deputies going into stores with underage decoys who attempt purchases.

"At one time (non-compliance by merchants) was as high as 70 percent in Wayne County," the sheriff said. "Now it's close to 40 percent."

Program will answer questions about teaching programs

Persons interested in teaching as a career should plan to attend a meeting of the Future Teachers' Club at Schoolcraft College 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Representatives from five area

colleges will explain their programs and answer questions. Students currently enrolled in the programs will share their perspectives.

The colleges are: Madonna University, Eastern Michigan

University, University of Michigan, Dearborn, Wayne State University and the University of Detroit Mercy.

The session will be held in McDowell Center, room 200 and light refreshments will be

served.

The meeting is free and open to anyone in the community interested in teaching. For information, call Sylvia Vukmirovich at (734) 462-4400, ext. 5203.

Golf outing set for June 26

The Sixth Annual St. Louis Center Celebrity Golf Outing will take place 1 p.m. Monday, June 26, at the Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.

Golfers will play on the Golden Fox Championship Course. The

cost is \$350 per golfer or \$2,500 for hole sponsorship which includes 18 holes of golf for four people, lunch, dinner and prizes. For more information, call the St. Louis Center at (734) 475-8430.

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JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Excess and access mix

My daughter has been traveling across Asia this last year, enjoying the lush countryside of Vietnam and Cambodia, the emerald green waters off Thailand and the majestic splendor of Nepal and Mt. Everest. And, as a bonus, she's become acutely aware of how little it takes to thrive, and thrive happily.

Upon her arrival last May, she quickly saw that she needed to pare down her lifestyle to the bare essentials, if she planned to trek around through the various countries. Her backpack seemed twenty pounds lighter after she discarded extra sweaters, blue jeans, tennis shoes and even her towel. The reformed but super-improved pack now carries a dish towel (for drying off) two pairs of shorts, one pair of long pants, two shirts, a poncho, sandals and hygiene necessities. Her luxury was a minj-C.D. player until a monkey in India grabbed it and threw it off a rooftop. But even that she doesn't miss.

And what she carries on her back is even far more than most people have, she reports. But to her amazement, they seem happier than their counterparts here. Is less better? Why is it that in this country, when we have access and excess, we don't seem to be a generally content population?

As I sit here wondering how many work days it will take me to pay off my Christmas bills, access and excess seem glaringly out of whack. Any item you want can now be bought on the Internet. E-Commerce made access to most anything easy this holiday season. At Christmas, after my niece and nephews flew through no less than 30 gifts apiece, the excess seemed blatantly decadent.

"He didn't even look at the computer game I bought him," I thought.

The adage, the more we have, the less we value, came to mind. I admit that my children grew up with too many things, themselves. I watched how they took care of their toys and became increasingly annoyed at their nonchalant attitude. This is why so many of their things were taken to the Salvation Army.

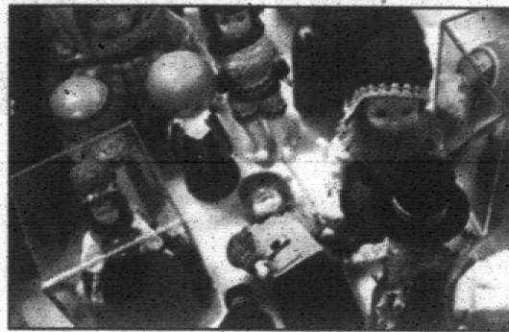
It wasn't until I started giving away their so-called valued toys that they began to change. It wasn't until then that they began to put clothes away and toys in their place. But in retrospect, I wish I had been more frugal about how much I had given them in the first place.

Busy filling our lives with "stuff," we have forgotten the true meaning of why we are here. Are we happier because of all the stuff we have? In the Far East, where life is free of the gizmos we take for granted (phones, pagers, computers, stereos, microwaves, etc.), many people live simple lives, with the goal of enjoying

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A doll story

Collector shares love of international figures



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Rigmor Cuolahan looks for the beauty in life. She's found some of it in the art of collecting dolls.

"I used to play with dolls a lot when I was little," she said, standing behind an array of detailed dolls from around the world. "Maybe that's how I got started (collecting). I don't know. Dolls are pretty... In anything in life, you can find something pretty."

Cuolahan, dressed in an intricately detailed Norwegian costume which was embroidered for her by her aunt, looks like something of a doll herself. Her gentle voice and sweet sense of humor brought life to this look at her favorite possessions. While she admitted to not being an expert on the subject, she relayed stories and fables with interesting detail and light-heartedness. Imagine a trip around the world in 30 minutes, guided through the eyes of a doll.

Born, raised and educated in Norway, Cuolahan became a world traveler. It was a trip to Chicago at age 28 that made her destined to live in the United States. On her way back to Norway, she met a man she knew would become her husband. She refers to it as a "shipboard romance." Four years later, she wed the Lansing native, and later moved to Wayne County. Cuolahan lived in Livonia for 28 years before moving to her current home in Northville.

Through all of her travels, to all corners of the world, Cuolahan has collected dolls as souvenirs. From those tinier than a fingertip to some several feet high, each doll carries a personal story and a history of its homeland.

She showed about one-third of her extensive collection Friday, Jan. 28, at Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center Luncheon Series.

"There's a certain connection with all the countries through the dolls," said Cuolahan, who has served on the board of directors for Detroit's International Institute. For example, most countries have a "harvest doll." Some of her "corn" dolls are thought to have been

made at the beginning of harvest season to preserve the spirit of the harvest for future years.

Other dolls in the collection were created in the image of figures like Duke Ellington, Henry VIII and Napoleon. Some represented Sami (Norwegian nomads), trolls and angels. Materials included stone, clay, terra cotta, porcelain, wool, paper, glass and even banana fiber.

And each has its own meaning. Cuolahan owns what she believes is the smallest nativity scene ever made, and a doll she found while traveling in Iowa, which happened to have been made in her small hometown in Norway.

What draws little girls into owning and collecting dolls? The mother instinct, said Cuolahan. She remembered when her mother would sew clothes for her dolls, that is, until her younger brother destroyed many of them while playing "surgeon." The rest of her early collection was given away during the German occupation of Norway, when no dolls were being sold. Her mother convinced her to give them to children who did not have any.

She's more than made up for those she lost. "You can learn so much from them, history, culture and so forth," said Cuolahan.

When Marlou Groudt of Livonia found out Cuolahan would be speaking at the luncheon, she spread the word to her friends at St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.

"I just think it's fabulous," she said of the presentation. Though Groudt's husband is Norwegian, she learned some things about the culture she never knew.

"I still have my childhood doll,



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Unique: Rigmor Cuolahan displays one of several dolls she has collected over the years from around the world. She recently spoke at a luncheon at the Women's Resource Center lecture series at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Becky," said Groudt. "They're just a friend, a companion." Like so many other children, she remembered talking to her dolls as a child, whenever she was sad.

Nancy Remick is a peer counselor at the Women's Resource Center and a Plymouth resident. She was looking forward to the luncheon because her daughter makes dolls. She thought it was most interesting to see the different costumes the dolls wore, representing different cultures.

Collecting, said Cuolahan, is a way of learning more about an object and its history. "If you're interested in something, you might look it up and read about

it." That's practically her motto. "I don't collect expensive dolls," she added. "Anyone can start collecting."

Sally Oas of Novi learned something at the event. "I have all sorts of dolls, I didn't know where they came from until now," she said.

Groudt said she wished more people knew about the Women's Resource Center luncheon series because "it's right in our backyard."

"I just think this is very informative," she said.

The next two Women's Resource Center presentations in the series will be "The Daybreak Gray and Dim," on the Civil War and 19th century medicine, Friday, Feb. 25, and "Museums Past and Present and Their Role in Society" with Mary Louise Majewski, Friday, April 7.

Seating is limited for the series and pre-registration is required. Luncheons cost \$14 and are held at 11:30 a.m. at Schoolcraft College's Waterman Campus Center, Haggerty Road south of Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443 for information.



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Interest: Donovan Rhead, 7, and his mother Linda inspect a table filled with Rigmor Cuolahan's doll collection.

Dance marathon benefits recovery efforts

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Dan Ott plans on staying up all night Saturday, Feb. 5. He'll be on his feet for at least 30 hours, he said, and it's for a good cause.

Ott, a Livonia resident, is just one of hundreds of University of Michigan students preparing to participate in the third annual Dance Marathon, "Making Kids Smile Maize and Blue Style." The marathon benefits children who have suffered life-threatening illnesses to help them recover physically, mentally and socially.

The money raised is donated to programs at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor and Royal Oak's William Beaumont Hospital. Last year, more than \$86,000 was raised from this event alone.

For Ott the dance marathon means more than just those facts and figures.

"My brother had cancer and was treated at Mott," he said. Now it's his time to return the favor and help other children in need.

Last year Ott participated as a "moraler," working shifts to keep the dancers going.

"From a moralers perspective, you can kind of tell that the dancers get a lot out of it." This time around he'll hit the dance floor and won't stop moving until Sunday evening.

"I'm sure I'll be a little uncomfortable at some point," said Ott. But he's more concerned about being well-rested and having enough time to prepare for upcoming midterms.

No experience necessary

Fellow Livonia native Beth Peterson is also in her second year at U-M and ready for her second run as a dancer in the marathon. While she said she hasn't any formal dance experience, and sometimes feels uncoordinated, she wouldn't pass up the chance to dance for charity.

"Different student groups come in," said the

Stevenson High School graduate. "Last year the Indian American student group taught some dances and (there was) country line dancing. They do have moralers and they get three-hour shifts." Moralers motivate dancers with massages or by jumping in on the dance floor. Even the school's marching band stops by to pep up the crowd.

Peterson said she really starts getting tired around the 26th hour of the marathon, but by the end she's gotten back her second wind.

"It's great to see the kids you're helping," she added. Some of the children visit during the event. "It's neat to see how much it makes a difference."

Sophomore and Livonia resident Ani Shehigian said it's gratifying to complete 30 hours of dancing. Having danced last year, she knows how important it is to stretch weeks before the marathon. Last time she was pretty sore after the marathon. But she's proud to say the event is fully student-organized and student-run.

"It's just amazing to see," added Shehigian. Mark Sgriccia, a second-year junior at U-M and a Livonia native, agreed. He said in his three hours of catering the event last year, he was inspired to try dancing this year. He called it a spectacle that has to be seen to be believed.

"It appeals to a number of student organizations because it's for a good cause," he said. The marathon brings U-M students together.

Bring in the band

PJ Jacques, bassist for the band Olupus, is excited that his band will be performing at this year's

The University of Michigan's 3rd Annual Dance Marathon

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marathon. Olupus will play a late set to help keep everyone's feet swaying. This is his first experience with the event.

"I'm not much of a dancer," admits the Farmington Hills resident.

The band takes the stage at 1 a.m. and is expected to perform its "Wildside" cover medley, a 35-minute musical rendition with a "good groove to it."

Dancers must raise about \$200 each, but past participants said it's not as difficult as it sounds. Activities throughout the year help them raise the money and foster relationships with the kids involved. A Charity Ball, dating auction and other events help with funding.

Shehigian has been raising her portion of funds on her own, receiving a lot of support from family and friends. She said it's not too hard. "It depends on how much support you get and how involved you are."

Participants agreed on one aspect of this event: It's a wonderful cause. Peterson recalled that "30 hours goes by pretty quickly. Anyone can do it."

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Music series to feature renowned U-M organist

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia will continue its yearly music series with an organ concert by Michele Johns, who holds a doctorate in fine arts, representing the University of Michigan Organ Department faculty. The concert will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 at 14175 Farmington Road (north of I-96) in Livonia. Johns has specialized in historic keyboards and their music literature. Her 22 European tours have resulted in multimedia lectures covering more than 100 historic and modern organs. Organ solo appearances in North America and abroad feature music of the 18th century as well as music of the 20th century. She is the author of "Hymn Improvisation" (Augustus Fortress) which has received critical acclaim and continues to enjoy popularity with organists at all levels of experience.

The Feb. 6 concert on the Casavant organ will feature music of the season of Epiphany. A "Renaissance to Rag" section will highlight many of the features of this new and exceptional pipe organ as well as giving honor to the great composer, J.S. Bach. The audience will be invited to join in the singing of various hymns creatively accompanied by Johns at the organ. Charles-Marie Widor's famous Toccata from his Fifth Symphony will close the concert. The event is open to the public and admission is complimentary. Refreshments will be served. For information please call (734) 522-6830.

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relationships. As you travel into more affluent areas, you see that they, too, are busy buying up things. Every fourth person on the street in Tokyo has a cell phone in their ear. When children see that life is only made up of accruing loot, they're going to have an empty life, void of the important things in life. Their goals will center around making more money to get more things. You can believe that I find the bumper sticker, "He who dies with the most toys, wins!" very annoying. What do our elders find important? My father-in-law captured it very succinctly when he said, "The most important things in my life today are my family, my community and God... what else is there?" I leave you with this profound anonymous statement, that I wish I'd written myself: Happiness can be thought, taught, and caught—but not bought.

WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS 4:00 P.M., MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2000 Regular meeting called to order at 4:10 p.m. Present: Thomas Yack, Kathleen A. Keen-McCarthy, Karen Woodside. Agenda - adopted. Minutes of regular meeting of December 20, 1999 - approved. Minutes of special meeting of January 6, 2000 - approved. Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$627,723.29 - approved. Operations & Maintenance Report for December 1999 - received and filed. Operations Manager's Report for January 2000 - received and filed. WTLUA Audit: FY ending 9/30/99 - approved. OMI Annual Report - received and filed. Amendment: Miss Dig Membership Agreement - approved. Request For Bids: Alarm System maintenance and Monitoring - approval to advertise for bids. WTLUA Business plan update - approval to continue negotiations with YCUA. The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m. Chairman, THOMAS J. YACK

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2000 7:00 P.M. A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following: SITE PLAN APPROVAL ADDITION TO EXISTING BUILDING - Plymouth Historical Society 155 S. Main St. Zoned: O-1, Office Applicant: Virgil Krueger & Sons, Inc. In accordance with the Americans with disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following: Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator 201 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170 (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206 All interested persons are invited to attend. Publish: February 3, 2000

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Cheal-Ripperda

Robert Cheal and Sharon Barbara of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Gina Barbara, to Terence Vaughn Ripperda of Mountainview, Calif. The bride-to-be is a University of Michigan senior majoring in cell and molecular biology. She works at the Kresge Hearing Research Institute in Ann Arbor. Her fiancé, son of Christine Ripperda of Warren and Timothy Ripperda of Austin, Texas, is a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in computer science. He works at Silicon Graphics Inc. in California.

A January wedding is planned in 2001.

Schwesing-Batchelder

Ron and Leslie Schwesing Jr. of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Joanne, to Jason Andrew Batchelder. The bride-to-be is a graduate of the Detroit College of Business and works as an area supervisor at Kohls Department Store. Her fiancé, son of Marg Shields of Fort Wayne, Ind., has an associate of criminal justice degree from Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia. He works for GKN Center Metals in Romulus.

A June wedding is planned at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia.

Zarza-Puda

S. Ann Zarza of Livonia announces the marriage of her daughter, Terese Ann, to Joseph K. Puda of Livonia. The bride is a 1993 Madonna University graduate who is pursuing her master's degrees in nursing and business. She works as clinical manager at Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit. Her husband, son of Harry and Marie Puda of Oakton, N.Y., graduated from Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y., in 1987, and from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. in 1989. He works as a mechanical engineer at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn.

The couple wed on Oct. 16 at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia before the Rev. Gerald K. Flannery. Susan Platt was the matron of honor and bridesmaids included Kathryn Baughman, Margaret Hoban, Tammy Fox, and Flower Girl Alyssa Selasky. The bride's brother, Rob Zarza, escorted her down the aisle.

Kimmet-Zaske

Jim and Kate Kimmet of Ypsilanti announce the marriage of their daughter, Michele Christine, to Matthew Robert Zaske. The bride is a 1997 graduate of Western Michigan University. She works at B.F. Goodrich Aerospace in Grand Rapids. Her husband, son of Robert and Carolyn Zaske of Livonia, is a 1996 graduate of Western Michigan University and also works at B.F. Goodrich Aerospace in Grand Rapids.

A November wedding was held at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia before Pastor Luther Wirth. The matron of honor was Beth Seiler, and attendants included Charleen Long, Christine Coleman and Lillian DiGiocomo. The groom's brother, Todd Zaske was best man and his attendants included Brian Kimmet, Scott Mackerecher and Michael Oleskowitz.

Stuebben-Hughes

Ronald and Margaret Stuebben of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Coleen Rita, to Thomas George Hughes. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Franklin High School and is employed at Comerica Bank. Her fiancé, son of Burton Hughes of Westland and Janet Chapman of St. Clair Shores, graduated from Lutheran High North and Macomb Community College. He is employed at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

An October wedding is planned at Faith Lutheran Church.

Bargowski-Van Horn

Donna and Richard Bargowski of Canton announce the wedding of their daughter Jennifer Leigh Bargowski to Matthew John Van Horn. May 8, 1999 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia. The ceremony was officiated by the Reverend Dennis M. Bux. The groom is the son of Ronald and Gail Van Horn of Petoskey and Clark and Cathy Keller of Northville.

The bride asked Crist Blue-Wickens to serve as matron of honor and Carolyn Bill, Nicole Drake, Kendall Geesei, Sue Knight, Jill Mouton, Melissa Napolitano, Julie Oberhansly, Amanda Reuther and Amanda Van Horn as bridesmaids. Megan Reuther was the junior bridesmaid and Kelli Bargowski was the flower girl. Brian Van Horn served as best man with Jim Anderson, Christopher Bargowski, Craig Kowalski, Dennis Bargowski, Jeffrey Bargowski, Rich Bargowski, Greg Brown, Neil Carter, Steve Novak and Nate Scudieri as groomsmen. Richard Bargowski and Nicholas Bargowski were ring bearers.

Knapp-Hebert

William A. and Susan Knapp of Grand Rapids announce the engagement of their daughter Laurie J. to Scott Patrick Hebert of Gladstone, Mich. The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1998 graduate of Grand Valley State University. She is currently working as a tournament assistant for the senior PGA Foremost Insurance Championship in Grand Rapids. Her fiancé, son of Joe and Mary Hebert of Gladstone, is a 1987 graduate of Escanaba High School and earned his bachelor's degree from Ferris State University in 1992. He is a professional golfer employed by Fairways Only, Inc. in Gladstone.

An August wedding is planned in Leland, Mich.

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

WEEKEND

VARIETY SHOW
 The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters present their 35th annual Variety Show 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 4-5 at Phase III in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. The show features students from Plymouth-Canton schools. Tickets are available at the door and are \$6 for adults and \$4 for seniors.

AROUND TOWN

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

BIBLE STUDY
 "Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People," will be held from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday nights for 10 weeks beginning Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, located at 45801 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Each week we will explore down-to-earth answers for problems related to making things right with others, forgiving those who hurt you, conquering impure thoughts, winning the battle with pride and selfish ambition, learning to be totally honest and transparent, helping fallen Christians back to a relationship with God. For more information, call the church office at (734) 453-1525.

WORKSHOPS
 Financial consultant Paul Leduc presents a free "Advanced Living Trust Workshop" 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Northville Public Library, 212 W. Cady, Northville. Call (248) 540-8710.

OPEN HOUSES
 Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-Op is hosting an open house from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6. A second open house will be held from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 5. Applications will be accepted for fall enrollment. Plymouth Children's Nursery is located on Sheldon Road, north of Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 455-6250. St. Michael's Christian School is holding open enrollment from 4-6 p.m. for preschoolers Wednesday, Feb. 16, and from 4-6 p.m. for K-fifth graders Friday, Feb. 18. St. Michael's Christian School is located at 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton. For more information, or to schedule a tour, call (734) 459-9720.

BLOOD DRIVE
 The American Red Cross will be accepting blood donations from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8, and Wednesday, Feb. 9, in Madonna University's Science Wing Lobby. The process is safe, simple and takes only a short time. To make an appointment, call the office of student life at (734) 432-5428. Walk-in donors are also welcome. Eligible donors must be at least 17 years old and may donate every eight weeks or no more than five times per year. The Red Cross will distribute all donated blood to the 75 area hospitals in

al programs. Available are half-day sessions, full-day sessions, summer camp and extended hours for working parents whose children attend the school are available. For more information, call (734) 420-0924.

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS
 The breakfast will take place 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at the St. Thomas a'Becket Family Life Center, 555 Lilley, Canton. This night will feature danceable music, a flower corsage, refreshments and a gift so dad and his date will remember the evening. If dad has more than one date, how about inviting an older brother, uncle or grandpa, so each girl will have a partner? Girls 3-13 may celebrate this memorable evening. Tickets will be available after all Masses at St. Thomas a'Becket or by calling Ralph at (248) 344-1956 or Mary at (734) 397-1359. Tickets are \$12 per couple and \$16 for dad and two dates. Space is limited.

SOFTBALL REGISTRATION
 There will be girls fastpitch softball registration, southeast Michigan. Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road, Livonia.

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE
 Celebrate Valentine's Day by attending the Canton Knights of Columbus ninth annual Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance. The dance will take place 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at the St. Thomas a'Becket Family Life Center, 555 Lilley, Canton. This night will feature danceable music, a flower corsage, refreshments and a gift so dad and his date will remember the evening. If dad has more than one date, how about inviting an older brother, uncle or grandpa, so each girl will have a partner? Girls 3-13 may celebrate this memorable evening. Tickets will be available after all Masses at St. Thomas a'Becket or by calling Ralph at (248) 344-1956 or Mary at (734) 397-1359. Tickets are \$12 per couple and \$16 for dad and two dates. Space is limited.

East scores double win in Rotary competition

One school, one teacher, two winners. That's how it worked out for the Plymouth Rotary Club, which presented the winners of its annual Middle School Four Way Test Essay Contest at its Jan. 21 meeting at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

East Middle School students Logan Bitter and Ya Ya Tang were the top two vote-getters in the contest, during which essays are judged for grammar, structure and content. The contest asks four questions, which should be used when making a decision: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

All public and private middle school students in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district were eligible to participate. Bitter picked up a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond as the first-place winner, while Tang earned a \$50 bond for her second-place effort. Both



are students of middle school teacher Karen Fry, who also received an award. "In school there are the three 'Rs', reading, writing and arithmetic," said East Middle School Principal Ellison Franklin. "We need to add one more — respect. We need to teach respect for others, their feelings and concerns." Franklin cited one example of today's lack of respect when she told of a local sportscenter who repeatedly showed a video of a player

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M.T.I.
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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.

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 Courtiers. Entrées include beef tenderloin, stuffed chicken and orange roughy. Tickets are \$55. Call (734) 416-4278.

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

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

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

NEW BEGINNINGS
 St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia offers a year-round grief support group and this new Thursday speaker

to five graduates at commencement. Stewart earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Management with a concentration in accounting, and graduated with high distinction. She received UM-Dearborn Honors twice, the Undergraduate Excellence Award twice and placement on the dean's list one semester. She was named the 1999 UM-Dearborn Honors Scholar for accounting and received four scholarships while attending the university. Stewart is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, the honor society of the AACSB, the International Association of Management Education.

NEW VOICES

Wayne Peal and Melissa Matthews-Peal of Bloomfield Hills announce the birth of their son, Matthew Wayne, on Dec. 19 at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. His grandparents are Clayton and Patricia Peal of Fairfield, Tenn., and John Matthews of Redford Township.

Julie and Michael Weaver of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter Melissa Beth, born June 1, 1999 at Providence Family Birthing Center in Southfield. Melissa joins siblings Jessica, 14; Kristina, 12; Amanda, 10; Andrew, 7; Hannah, 4; and Benjamin, 2. Grandparents are Marilyn and Gene Weaver of Dearborn Heights and Carole and the late Abraham Karam of Warren.

Amy and James Harkins of Canton announce the birth of their daughter Olivia Rose Marie, Oct. 1 at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital. Grandparents are Kathy and John Harkins of Livonia and Sharon and Douglas Hoyer of Livonia. Great grandparents are Rita Harkins of Plymouth and Juanita Mott of Calif.

Don and Tracy Halbritter of Westland announce the birth of their daughter Savannah Lynn, Jan. 12 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Savannah joins siblings Tylder, 4 1/2; and Tressa, 3. Grandparents are Bernie and Becky Pintar of Wayne and Marie Halbritter of Taylor.

James and Amanda Duvall of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter Emily Victoria, Jan. 11 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Emily joins sister Margaret Anne, 16 months. Grandparents are Dennis and Diana Brunsinski of Westland and Nancy and Jim Merriman of Plymouth.

Stephen and Sheila Maloney of Redford announce the birth of their daughter Niambi Anna, Jan. 10 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Niambi joins siblings Sinead, 8; and Brona, 2. Grandparents are Thomas Maloney of Co. Mayo, Ireland and Anna Victoria of Redford.

Jason and Amy Highland of Westland announce the birth of their daughter Ashley Marie, Jan. 9 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Ashley joins sister Alicia Nicole, 1 1/2 years old. Grandparents are Joe and Eraina McMillan of Canton, Linda Highland of Livonia and Dave Highland of Livonia.

Matthew and Kristen Yule of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter Makona Alyssa, Jan. 6 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Don and Judi McLellan of Livonia and John and Evelyn Yule of Livonia.

Randy and Deanne Richter of Westland announce the birth of their son Mitchell Scott, Jan. 5 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Mitchell joins siblings Heather, 15; Ryan, 12; Colin, 11; Samantha, 4; and Jaelyn, 3. Grandparents are Marcy Grabiec of Westland and Ron and Kathleen Richter of Lincoln Park.

Sarah Nicole Renner of Redford announces the birth of her daughter Lexus Monique, Jan. 5 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Lexus joins sibling Dajia Janay Bosman, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Michelle Renner of Elk Rapids.

Chad and Kathy Grunewald of Garden City announce the birth of their son Colton John, Dec. 31, 1999 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are William

and Mary O'Nan of Livonia and Linda Grunewald of Green Bay, Wis.

Wendy Stachowski and Jeff Allen of Westland announce the birth of their daughter Faith Olivia Allen, Dec. 29, 1999 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Jim and Margaret Allen of Westland and Judi and Joseph Stachowski Jr. of Westland.

Michael and Kelly Salter of Westland announce the birth of their son Ryan Perry, Dec. 21, 1999 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Jack and Sally Salter of Garden City and William and Florence Majeke of Sterling Heights.

Jeffery and Bobbie Griggs of Canton announce the birth of their son Brennan Allen, Dec. 21, 1999 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Brennan joins siblings Miranda, 6; and Courtney, 4. Grandparents are Bob and Helen Chaffee of Livonia and Bob and Bette Wicker of Westland.

Michele Buford and Erik Kallio of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter Shannon Marie, Jan. 19 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Shannon joins siblings Cheryl Ann, 19 months; and Brandy Lynn, 17. Grandparents are Tanya Kallio of Livonia; and Cheryl Wilston of Florida.

Hugh and Michele Griffin of Van Buren Township announce the birth of twins Meghan Elisabeth and Drew Alexander, Jan. 7. Grandparents are Jeanne Guilfoyle of Westland; Thomas Daniel of Farmington Hills; and Ronald and Catherine Griffin of Waterford.

Matt and Sue Winther of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter Emily Susan, Dec. 31, 1999 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Emily joins siblings Mary Elizabeth and Steven Winther. Grandparents are Bill and Esther Green of Estes Park, Colo., and Ed and Marilyn Bossard of Oxford.

Ron and Angie Rousseau of Coffeyville, Kansas, announce the birth of Gabrielle Grace, Dec. 14, 1999 at Jane Phillips Hospital in Oklahoma. She joins Whitley, age 6.

Grandparents are Fred and Jeannette Rousseau of Redford and Linda Hamgan of Coffeyville, Kansas. Great-Grandparents are Charles and Grace Clemons and Evelyn Rousseau, all of Farwell, Mich.

Rick and Lisa Rousseau of Redford announce the birth of their daughter, Laura Jean August 15, 1999 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She joins sisters Rebecca, 10; Jessica, 8; and Melissa, 4. Grandparents are Fred and Jeannette Rousseau and Richard and Wanda Lyskawa, all of Redford. Great-grandparents are Charles and Grace Clemons and Evelyn Rousseau, all of Farwell, Mich.

Doug and Kathi Darden of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter Ashley Laura, Jan. 17 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Dan and Madeline Wyrsta of Plymouth and Betty Darden of Lomita, Calif.

Heather and Timothy Goodchild of Canton announce the birth of their son Ethan Jacob, Dec. 23, 1999 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are Ellsworth and Mary Stout of Ann Arbor and Keith and Susan Goodchild of Canton.

SINGLES MINGLE

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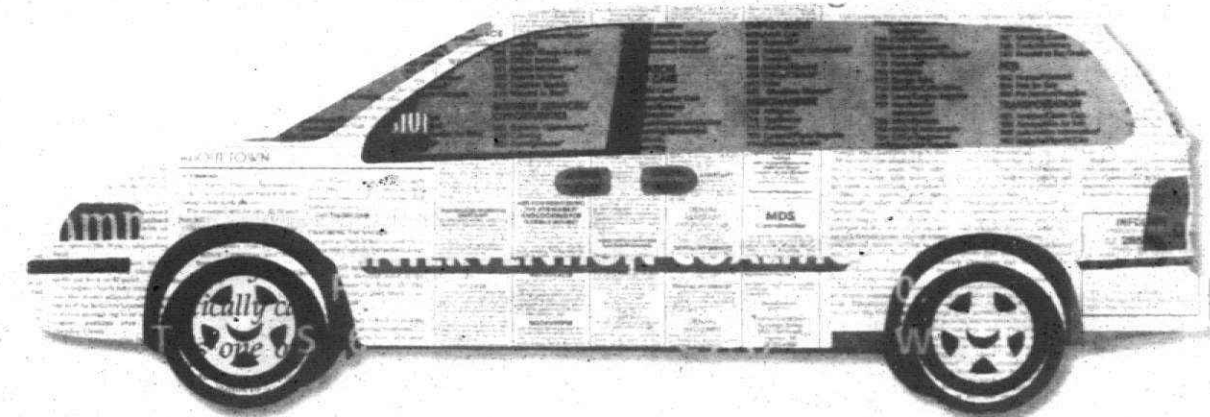
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GRADUATES
 Chun-Mei Lee of Canton and Matthew Rich of Plymouth were awarded Ph.D. degrees from Eastern Michigan University.

Laura L. Standen of Plymouth received her associate degree from Washtenaw Community College.

Jason A. Danely of Canton received his BA Degree in religion and Asian studies from Western

Michigan University. He is the son of Richard and Rebecca Danely of Canton.

HONORS PROGRAM
 Daniel B. Holland of Canton was accepted this fall into the Honors Program at Albion College. Holland is a first-year student at Albion College. He is the son of Brian P. and Carol L. Holland of Canton. He is a graduate of Canton High School.

Dand E. Lobelle was accepted this fall into the Honors Program at Albion College. Lobelle is a first-year student at Albion College. She is the daughter of Donald E. and Joan C. Lobelle of Hudsonville, Mich., and a graduate of Canton High School.

KAPPA DELTA PI
 Jamie Spaulding of Canton was inducted into the fall initiation ceremony for Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education. To be a member of this honor society, a student must have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or better; at least 12 semester hours of course work in education; and worthy education ideals, leadership potential, commitment to education and desirable personal qualities.

CHANCELLOR'S MEDALLION
 Mary Stewart of Canton has received the Chancellor's Medallion for outstanding academic achievement. The University presented the award

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Event:

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9:30
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Religious News from page B5

Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia.

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 and 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) 237-4688.

9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in Knox Hall in Ward Church. Ministries Showcase 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Sanctuary at church. Hear Phillips, Craig and Dean, a free concert. Offerings accepted; Single Parenting Ministry meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the parlor, room C317 and C319, at the church. A free meal is served before the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Speakers or open discussion in a friendly, supportive and encouraging atmosphere. Free child care provided; Lighthouse Cafe, a coffee-house setting, is offered 7-10 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month in Knox Hall. The cost is \$5; all events provided by Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville, Call (248) 374-5920.

HEALING SERVICE
The Church of the Risen Lord presents a healing service at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the church, 821 N. Newburgh Road, south of Ford Road, Westland. The service, led by the Rev. Gary Seymour, is part of the series of healing services, "Rise and Come Forward." For more information, call the church office at (734) 397-7132.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
Garden City Presbyterian Church is offering a contemporary worship service at 9:15 a.m. the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the church, 1541 Middlebelt Road, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads, Garden City. The contemporary service offers upbeat music and an informal atmosphere.

CHURCH FUND-RAISER
Clarenceville 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.

REMARKED GROUP
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THRIFT SHOP
The Thrift Shop, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, has opened a new location at 494 N. Mill St., one block north of Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call the store at (734) 459-1250 or e-mail the church at fpccp@juno.com.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DAY
Church Women United of Suburban Detroit-West will host International Student Day, with a carry-in casserole luncheon 12:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard Road in Livonia. International Students will speak about their homeland. The program is sponsored by the Livonia Rotary Club. Bring one casserole for each three persons attending and paper products for the First Step Program. Call (313) 537-5251.

BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN
This is a Bible Study for women who want to live holy lives and are always on the lookout for help to spiritual maturity. "Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People" will be offered from 7-8 p.m. for 10 weeks (started Feb. 2) at the Plymouth Church of Nazarene located at 45801 Ann Arbor Road. Each week we will explore down-to-earth answers for problems related to making things right with others, forgiving those who have hurt you, conquering impure thoughts, winning the battle with pride and selfish ambition, learning to be totally honest and transparent. Call the church office at 463-1525.

VEGAS NIGHTS
St. Edith Church will sponsor Las Vegas Nights, 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5 at the church, 15089 Newburgh road, Livonia. Admission is \$1 and maximum payout will be \$500, under license number F23263. Proceeds go to general fund. Call (734) 464-1222.

ST. Theodore Parish will host its Las Vegas Nights 6 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5 at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road in Westland. Admission is \$2. Parking is free. Beer, food and refreshments available. The program is presented by St. Theodore Men's Club & Confraternity of Christian Women, under the license number F23265. Play Black Jack, Easy Craps, Roulette, and the Money Wheel. Maximum win is \$500 per person. Call (734) 728-0607.

WOMEN'S RETREAT
Calvary Baptist Church will have a women's retreat, "Choosing to Be God's Woman," Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, at the church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Sessions include "Choosing to Be God's Woman," "Choosing to Trust," "Choosing to Be What God Wants Me to Be" and "Sharing Christ in Familiar Places." The retreat will be held 7-9:15 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The \$20 ticket price includes all of the seminar sessions, snack, continental breakfast and a boxed lunch. To register, call (734) 455-0022.

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Technology can be very useful in learning about different denominations

SPREAD THE WORD



PASTOR CARLA THOMPSON POWELL

If you feel like you're missing something in your life these days, maybe you are. Many people describe their lives as endless repetition of the "same stuff" - different day - or as a roller coaster that won't stop.

We all need to take time from the hustle and bustle and connect with a spiritual or religious center, worshipping God in whatever way we find meaningful. Today's technology has provided a unique opportunity to explore issues of religion, spirituality, and faith before we even step foot in a church, synagogue, mosque or temple.

One of the broadest religious sites available today is www.beliefnet.com. It includes information on all major religions including Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism. Although it's thorough, it might be a little overwhelming if you don't know what to look for.

Two sites could act as launching pads for a whole host of topics:

www.crosswalk.com ("Where faith intersects with life")

www.tbcl.com (The Best Christian Links - "a Christian directory to the best Christian Web sites")

Both offer e-mail, chat forums, movie guides and news. Crosswalk offers a web filtering program to screen you children's Internet experiences. TBCL features web hosting, free digital postcards and cartoons. Both offer channels for every aspect of Christian life and search engines for anything related to Christianity.

Another place to start is www.sharingfaith.org. This site

is hosted by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (E.L.C.A.) and contains information for people seeking faith. Sharing Faith has answers to basic life questions; stories of faith from individuals, ways to get involved in exercising your faith, public bulletin boards for youth and young adults, daily devotions, Bible study and a link to ELCA's homepage.

The American Bible Society offers www.forministry.com "equipping the church online." It has a directory of congregations

and denominations in the United States. Not all congregations are listed, but all major denominations are itemized and most have congregation locator tools.

Wealth of resources

If you are looking for details about a particular Christian denomination, check out their official sites. Some examples include:

- www.ecusa.org (Episcopal Church in the USA)
- www.elca.org (E.L.C.A.)
- www.Ids.org (The Mormons)

www.pcusa.org (Presbyterian Church : USA)

www.umd.org (United Methodist Church). Most offer outlines of what they believe, directories of congregations, faith statements and links to official ministries.

Many congregations today have Web sites that outline their ministries, programs, mission statement and upcoming events. Most include information about the staff and frequently include upcoming or previous sermons. Some ever offer general help or

spiritual inspiration. The Web site Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia maintains can be found at www.timothylivonia.com. You'll find all of these features plus weekly devotions, newsletter and a special section for families, kids and teens. What a congregation chooses to put on or leave off their Web site can tell you a lot about the atmosphere there.

Once you've done some online investigating, don't stop there. Faith and spirituality are meant to be shared and experienced in

community. Your personal religion can only take you so far. After exploring online, choose a place to attend and find out all you can to prepare yourself. Do some soul-searching on your own and then get out and try it. Your soul is worth it!

Pastor Carla Thompson Powell has been with Timothy Lutheran Church (E.L.C.A.) of Livonia since September 1996. She and her husband, Darryl, and their child make their home in Livonia. She can be reached via e-mail at tlclivonia@netzero.com.

Professor to speak on imaging God

Professor J. Richard Middleton of Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y., will present "Created in God's Image: A Biblical Perspective" at Trinity Church in Livonia. A professor of Old Testament Interpretation, Middleton will speak from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Trinity Church.

Middleton will explore issues in three parts. The morning ses-



Middleton

sion, "Imaging God ... in the World-view of Genesis 1," will be followed by an extended time for discussion. A f t e r lunch, the topics "Imaging

God ... in Exile" and "Imaging God ... as an Ethical Calling" will be considered.

Middleton will also preach on "The Feast of Fools" 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the church. The sermon is open to the public.

Middleton is currently working on a book titled "The Liberating Image" on humanity as the image of God. He and co-author Brian Walsh completed "The Transforming Vision: Shaping a Christian World View" (InterVarsity Press, 1984) and "Truth is Stranger Than It Used to Be: Biblical Faith in a Postmodern Age" (InterVarsity Press, 1995). The latter won a 1996 Book of the Year Award from *Christianity Today* magazine.

Tickets for the conference cost \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

Students and members receive a \$5 discount. Groups of 10 or more may purchase tickets in advance for \$12 each. Lunch is not included.

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1st-place finishes

Oakland University's women's swim team completed the home portion of its dual-meet season by beating Kenyon University 171-118 last Friday. The win improved OU's record to 10-4.

Among those to earn an individual first-place finish for the Golden Grizzlies was Yvonne Lynn, a Plymouth Salem graduate. Lynn captured top honors in the 100-yard backstroke in 58.13.

Lynn also combined with former Salem teammate Kellyann Williams in the 200 medley relay, which was a winner in 1:49.03.

Fast-pitch softball

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

The 14-game season begins June 1. Girls 12-and-under, 14-and-under and 16-and-under are welcome to register; tryouts will be this spring, when weather permits.

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

T-Ball registration

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will conduct registration for its 5-6 year-old T-Ball League from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. April 3-21 at the Recreation office, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center (525 Farmer).

Birth certificate is required. Children must be born between July-December 1993; January-December 1994; January-July 1995.

The season runs from June 24-Aug. 12 (no games July 1).

For more information, call the Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620, or check the web at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Hockey clinic

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

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

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

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

Winterfest Run

The Riverview Winterfest, a four-mile run sponsored by the Downriver Runners, will be 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Seitz Junior High in Riverview.

The \$14 entry fee (before Feb. 6) includes pancake breakfast, long-sleeve shirt, raffle, awards and mailed race results.

Late registration (Feb. 7-12) is \$15 at Total Runner in Southgate. Race day registration is \$18 at Seitz, located on the corner of Williamsburg and Kennebec (between Pennsylvania and Sibley, and Allen Road and Fort Street).

Prize money will be awarded to the top three male and female finishers, along with the top two male and female masters runners.

Last year's champions were Keith Stopen in the men's (20:03) and six-time women's champion Laurel Park (22:55).

Booster club meeting

The Canton Football Boosters Club will have its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, in Room 165 at Plymouth Canton HS.

All parents of Canton football players, and parents of incoming freshmen who plan to play football, are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Dan Murphy at (734) 416-8117.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor, C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Salem nudges past Churchill

BY C.J. RISAK
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Make that five straight. Plymouth Salem's volleyball team remained unbeaten in the Western Lakes Activities Association, but it was by the narrowest of margins as they survived a strong challenge from Livonia Churchill, winning 16-14, 16-14 Monday at Salem.

The Rocks improved to 21-6-1 with the victory, their seventh in their last eight matches. Churchill is 16-5-2 overall and 4-2 in the WLAA.

It wasn't the steadiest of performances by Salem. Serving, normally a strongpoint, was erratic. The Rocks did have nine service aces, led by Liz Gizicki with three.

"But it was our downfall, too," noted coach Tom Teeters. "We had four errors per game. We missed the game-point serve in both games, and we missed serves after timeouts."

"In doing so, we couldn't take advantage of their weakness, which was serve reception. And (Churchill) did very well on defense, which is what you expect from a Mike Hughes-coached team."

"They hustled well and were able to block us."

What kept Salem a notch ahead was the strong play of senior Amanda Suder — again. A team strength all season, Suder paced the Rocks with 10 kills, with a .450 kill percentage. She also had two service aces, serving nine times without an error.

Others who proved instrumental, according to Teeters, were Michelle Ginther, who served 10 times without an error; Mary Lou Liebau, who provided some strong play in the middle (three kills in three attempts), and setter Jill Dombrowski.

Dombrowski, another of those the Rocks have come to count on, finished with two kills, 15 assists to kills and eight digs, and also served eight times without an error.

"The players we have to depend upon really stepped up," said Teeters. "For us, we squeaked it out."

Other key contributors were Denise Phillips with three kills, two aces, three digs and four blocks, and Kelly Jaskot with two kills and seven digs.

Colleen Guardiola served 15 points for the Chargers, while Amy Cadovich contributed eight kills. Corey Mack added four kills.

"Both games we were tied 14-all and Salem was able to win both," Churchill's Hughes said. "It was a very tough match. I thought our team blocked very well."

This weekend will provide a stern test for the Rocks. They will be one of 32 teams competing at the 27th Annual Schoolcraft College Volleyball Invitational Saturday.

The tournament is divided into eight four-team pools. The top two teams in each pool advance to the 16-team championship round of play.

Teeters, who also serves as the Schoolcraft coach, didn't exactly make it an easy road for his Rocks. In their pool are Livonia Ladywood (where Teeters coached prior to taking the job at Salem last year), Livonia Franklin (also unbeaten in the WLAA) and Redford Thurston, one of the better Mega Conference teams.

"Salem could get knocked out (in pool play) easily," he said. "Anyone who wants to flip a coin as to who comes out of there, go ahead."

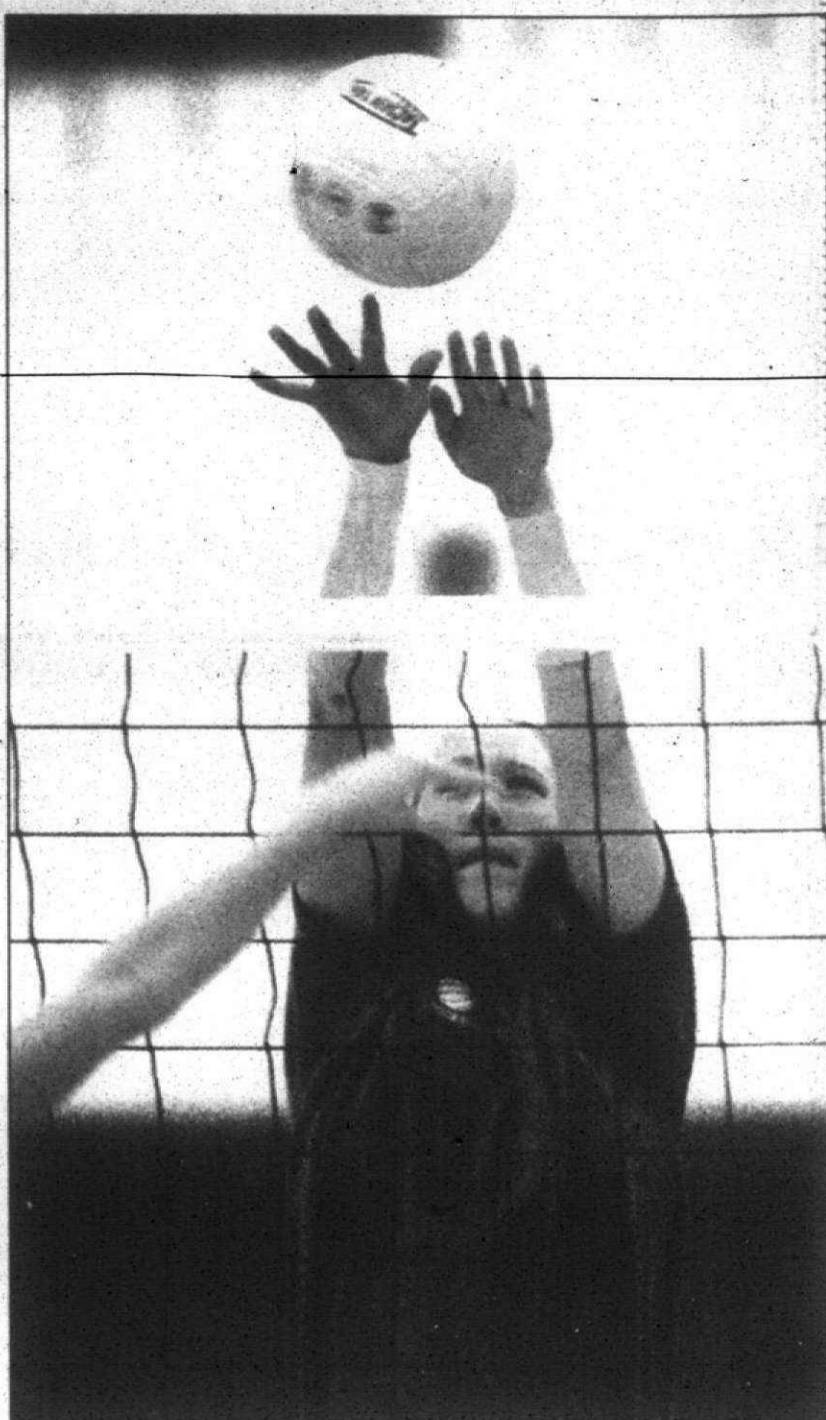
"I hope it's us."

To reach the point of contention for a tournament title, Salem "is definitely going to have to beat a Livonia Franklin and a Livonia Ladywood. If we don't win our pool, it's going to be tough to do because we'll draw a very tough team right away (in the round of 16)."

"It won't be impossible, but it will be much more difficult."

Any one of a dozen teams has a chance to reach the finals. At the top of

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Big at the net: Denise Phillips was instrumental at the net in Plymouth Salem's win over Livonia Churchill Monday. Phillips had four blocks as the Rocks edged Livonia Churchill. The victory kept them unbeaten in the WLAA.

Closing run dooms Canton

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

With just over four minutes remaining and the score tied, 43-43, Tuesday night's Farmington High-Plymouth Canton basketball game had "down-to-the-wire, buzzer-beating finish" written all over it.

That is, until the Falcons got their erasers out.

Energized by a full-court press that forced Canton into committing 23 turnovers, Farmington outscored the Chiefs 12-3 down the stretch and went on to post a 55-46 victory in Canton's gym.

The triumph boosted the Falcons' record to 10-2 overall and 5-1 in the

BASKETBALL

Western Lakes Activities Association. Canton fell to 4-8 overall and 3-3 in the WLAA.

Farmington coach Denny Mikel singled out a change in defensive strategy as the primary reason his team was able to overcome a deficit that had reached seven points midway through the third quarter.

"We started out the game in a man-to-man defense, but Canton was beating us off the dribble and getting a lot of easy baskets," Mikel said.

"At halftime, we realized they

weren't hitting many outside shots, so we switched to a zone defense and a box press. I think it may have got them out of sync a little bit, and we were able to get back into the game."

Forced to turn to their perimeter game when the Falcons packed in their zone, the Chiefs connected on just two of 14 fourth-quarter shots after shooting a sizzling 55 percent (15-of-27) from the floor in the first three quarters.

"I told the kids we had a great chance to win this game, but we just couldn't get the ball to go down in the fourth quarter," Canton coach Dan

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Determined Eagles win

The future is always difficult to predict, but in three months time this game's significance may skyrocket off the charts for Plymouth Christian Academy.

The Eagles came into the season brimming with confidence, and with good reason: They'd reached the Class D regional final while winning 21 games last year, and they had the bulk of their starting lineup returning.

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Double winner CC wins 2nd straight; Chiefs 4th

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Redford Catholic Central's team victory Saturday in the Ninth Annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament was especially significant for the Shamrocks. CC achieved a record fourth championship and became only the second school to win back-to-back

titles since Livonia Stevenson did it in 1994-95.

"This tournament is a highlight for us," CC coach Mike Rodriguez said. "I never realized how much this means to the boys, to be in their own backyard and to win something where everybody knows you instead of going down to Ohio."

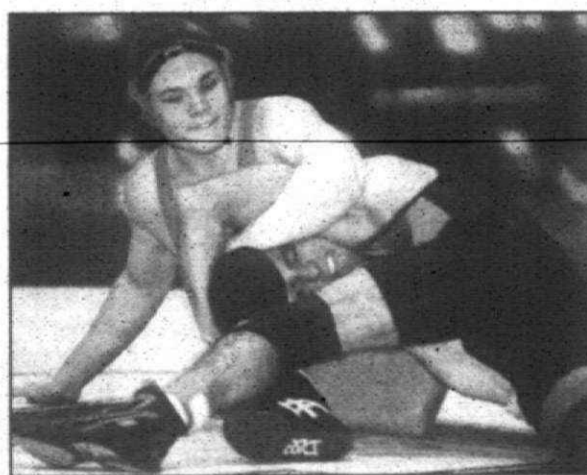
It's the first tournament the Shamrocks have won this season, and they're hoping to use it as a springboard to greater success.

"We're looking to go up to state and make some noise," Rodriguez said. "The well has been dry too long. This will give us a boost to get ready for states."

With five wrestlers in the championship finals, the Shamrocks had a 24-point lead over Livonia Stevenson, 211-187, and the title virtually locked up before the individual bracket winners were decided.

CC finished with 231 points and Stevenson 199. Plymouth Canton had its best showing since being the 1992 runner-up, finishing third with 195 points. The top five included Plymouth Salem (161) and host Livonia Churchill (124).

"I think we wrestle the toughest schedule in the state of Michigan," said CC senior Mitch Hancock, who won his second-straight title and was named the most valuable wrestler in the upper weights (160-275).



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Runner-up: Canton's John Pocock beat Garden City's Josh Fee in the 140-pound semifinals.

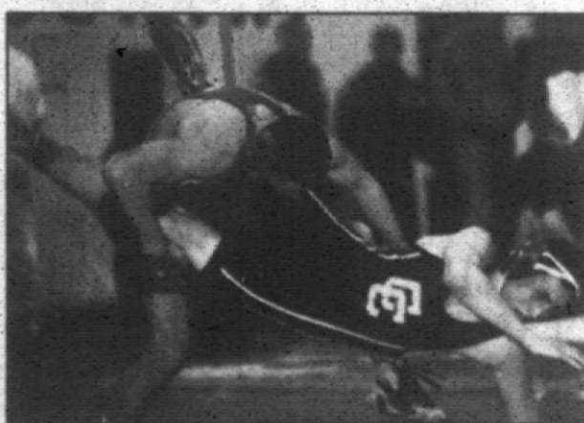
"This is a big stepping stone. The guys realize as a team we can come through and do anything. We knew we were going to win it. We've worked hard and we're peaking at the right time going into the long stretch."

In addition to Hancock, CC had three other champions — junior heavyweight Aaron Parr, 135-pound senior Jeff Wheeler and 171-pound junior Ryan Rogowski.

Parr was seeded second and pinned No. 1 Josh Rose of Clarencville in the final. Parr also pinned his first two opponents in less than two minutes.

"He's just starting to come around," Rodriguez said.

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A winner: After beating CC's Jay Abshire, Salem's Josh Henderson won the 140 title.

Ottawa nips Whalers

Talk about tough back-to-backs. The Plymouth Whalers went up against the Windsor Spitfires — and was in a heated battle with the Whalers for second last Friday. Plymouth emerged with a big 4-0 win.

But there was no time to relish the victory. On Saturday, the Ottawa 67's came to town. The team that leads the OHL in points. The team that is stop the league's toughest division, the East. The team that had more wins (32 at the time) than any other in the OHL.

It was, as anticipated, a rough-and-tumble affair, with a total of 20 penalties called — including a pair of 10-

minute misconducts. Ultimately, a goal with 5:14 left to play by Dan Tessier was the game-breaker, giving the 67's a 2-1 win.

The Whalers slipped to 26-17-4, second in the OHL's West Division. Ottawa improved to 33-12-3, first in the East. Ottawa drew first blood in the game, getting a goal from Joe Talbot (Josh Tatarov assisting) 1:50 into the second period. Plymouth's Nate Kiser knotted it at 1-all with 9:17 elapsed in the second. Shaun Fisher and Tomas Kurka assisted.

Tessier's game-winner came off a play started by Kavin Malcolm and Luke Sellers.

Rob Zepp made 26 saves in goal for the Whalers. Levente Szepes made 25 stops for Ottawa.

Ambassadors split
Craig Kowalski earned his third

shutout victory of the season as the second half of the North American Hockey league got underway favorably for the Compuware Ambassadors, thanks in great part to Kowalski.

A goal by Christopher Sad proved to be enough, as the Ambassadors blanked the Chicago Freeze 1-0 Saturday at Compuware Arena. Kowalski had 25 saves in the game, which was Compuware's fourth-straight win.

The Freeze ended that victory roll the next day, beating the Ambassadors 3-2 in a shootout Sunday at Compuware. Craig Piscopink and Eric Przepiora scored in the shootout for the Freeze, while Chicago goalie Jason Bacashihus stopped all four Ambassador tries he faced — and made 42 saves as well.

Compuware continues to lead the NAHL's East Division with a 25-11-3 record. Chicago is 17-17-2, in fourth in the West Division.

Division	W	L	T	Pts.
East Division				
Ottawa 67's	33	12	3	70
Kingston Frontenacs	29	13	5	65
Bellefleur Bulls	29	16	1	59
Peterborough Petes	23	20	5	51
Oshawa Generals	22	21	3	48
Central Division				
Barrie Colts	23	14	5	51
Sudbury Wolves	22	21	3	50
North Bay Centennials	19	22	6	45
Toronto St. M. Majors	14	32	2	31
Miss. Ice Dogs	5	39	1	12
West Division				
SSM Greyhounds	26	19	4	60
Plymouth Whalers	26	17	4	57
Sarnia Sting	24	19	7	55
Windsor Spitfires	26	20	1	54
London Knights	12	27	6	33
Midwest Division				
Elle Otters	24	23	1	51
Brampton Battalion	18	23	7	46
Guelph Storm	21	21	2	45
Kitchener Rangers	19	24	4	45
Owen Sound Platers	14	30	4	36

BASEBALL NEWS

Baseball school

Philadelphia Phillies minor league hurler Mark Rutherford (Livonia Churchill) will help assist in winter and early spring skill sessions in velocity improvement, power hitting and field at the Bernie Carbo Baseball School.

For more information, call Gordie Rutherford at (734) 421-4928.

Skills clinic

The Plymouth Salem Dugout Club, together with the Salem baseball coaching staff, will conduct a Baseball Skills Clinic for youngsters 7-15 years old.

The second of two sign-up sessions will be Feb. 12 at 9 a.m. at the Summit in Canton. Cost is \$20.

For more information, call Bill Styles at (734) 453-1679.

Chiefs, Rocks better

It was a nice way to prepare for what figures to be one of the best invitational of the gymnastics season.

Plymouth Canton didn't win Monday when it hosted Northville/Novi. But the Chiefs did post their best score of the season — a 135.55, which was still far from what the Mustangs put up, 140.00.

Canton slipped to 8-4 in dual meets.

Despite the defeat, Chiefs' coach John Cunningham was very pleased. "It was our strongest performance of the year," he said, noting it was also their highest score. "Getting solid performances on all four events is a very positive step."

Liz Fitzgerald paced the Canton effort with a top score of 35.9 in the all-around. Fitzgerald placed first in the balance beam in vault (8.65), second in uneven parallel bars (8.85) and third in floor exercise (9.25).

Amy Driscoll also posted some top scores. Driscoll was first on bars (8.95), fourth on vault (8.5), fifth in floor (9.0) and had a 7.8 on beam for an all-around total of 34.25, the fifth-best score.

Kristen Schik was next best for the Chiefs with a 32.95 all-around. She was sixth in beam (8.3) and had scores of 8.55 on floor, 8.15 on bars and 7.95 on vault.

Maggie Bett tied for sixth in floor (8.4) and had scores of 8.1 on vault, 7.95 on beam and 7.55 on bars for an all-around score of 32.00. Jill Rakovitis posted an 8.0 on vault, 8.2 on floor, 7.05 on beam and 7.55 on bars for a 30.8 all-around, and Jackie Benning-

GYMNASTICS

Salem got exceptional meets from April Aquino and Bethany Bartlett. Aquino was second all-around with a 36.00 total, winning beam (9.5), taking third in floor (9.3), placing fifth in bars (8.7) and finishing sixth in vault (8.5).

Bartlett was third in the all-around with a 35.9; she tied for first in vault (9.0), was second in bars (9.15), tied for fifth in beam (8.6) and finished fifth in floor (9.15).

Other solid scores for the Rocks: Kelsey Ensor, tied for fifth in beam (8.6) and an 8.55 in floor; Ashley Heard, 8.3 in bars and 7.95 in both vault and beam; and Kara Dendrinis, 8.05 in floor.

For Canton, Liz Fitzgerald placed fourth in the all-around with a 35.6 total. She was third in both vault and beam with an 8.9, took fourth in bars with an 8.75 and placed sixth in floor with a 9.05.

Amy Driscoll, who had been nursing an injured knee, returned to all-around action with a flourish, placing sixth with a 34.65 total. She was third in the bars (9.0), fourth in both the vault (8.75) and floor (9.2), and scored 7.7 in beam.

Other good scores for Canton: Lauren Christianson, 8.95 in floor; Maggie Bett, 8.5 in floor, 8.1 in vault and 8.0 in bars; and Kristen Schik, 9.05 in floor and 8.2 in vault.

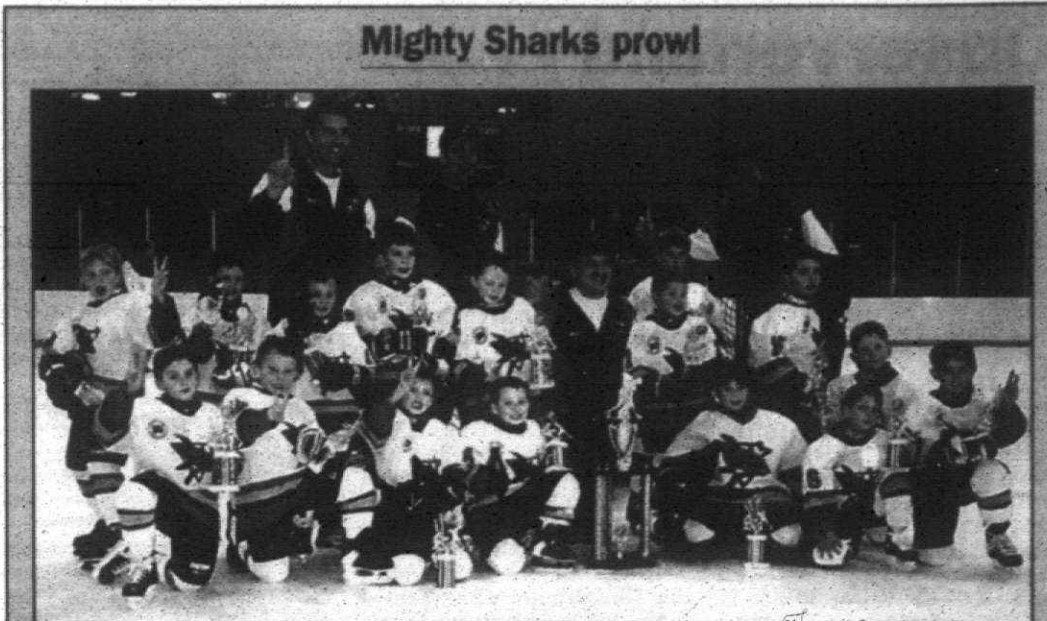
Salem travels to face state-ranked Hartland at 6 p.m. Thursday at Village Elementary, while Canton hosts the Plymouth Canton Invitational starting at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Troy Athens' Ravin Raleigh posted a 37.15 all-around total, best in the meet, winning the uneven parallel bars (8.4), tying for first in the vault (9.0) and placing second in both the balance beam (9.4) and floor exer-

cise (9.35).

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL	ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE	AT LAKELAND ICE ARENA, 5:20 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 4	Friday, Feb. 4	Canton vs. Salem
Harrison at Churchill, 7 p.m.	Whalers at Sault Ste. Marie, 7:30 p.m.	at Ply. Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.	Saturday, Feb. 5	Redford Unified vs. River Rouge at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Stevenson, 7 p.m.	Ply. Whalers vs. Guelph at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.	Farm. Unified vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.
Salem at Farmington, 7 p.m.	PHIP HOCKEY	Girls Volleyball
N. Farm. at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.	Thursday, Feb. 3	Thursday, Feb. 3
Wayne at River Rouge, 7 p.m.	Redford Unified vs. Carleton at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.	Liggitt at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.
Garden City at Allen Park, 7 p.m.	Friday, Feb. 4	Luth. North at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Trenton at Thurston, 7 p.m.	Redford CC at Alpena Tourney, TBA.	Ladywood at Mercy, 7 p.m.
Woodhaven at Redford Union, 7 p.m.	Salem at South Lyon, 6 p.m.	St. Agatha at Det. Urban, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Luth. North, 7 p.m.	Churchill vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.	St. Alphonsus at Borgess, 7 p.m.
S. Field Christian at PCA, 7 p.m.	Farm. Unified vs. Northville at Farm. High Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.	Huron Valley at Fairlane, 7 p.m.
St. Alphonsus at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.	Canton vs. W.L. Western at Ply. Cultural Center, 8 p.m.	Friday, Feb. 4
U. Jesuit at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.	Saturday, Feb. 5	W. Highland at Agape, 6:30 p.m.
Brother Rice at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.	Redford CC at Alpena Tourney, TBA.	Saturday, Feb. 5
Huron Valley at Warren Zee, 7:30 p.m.	Ladywood vs. H.W. Regina at State Fairgrounds, 1 p.m.	A.A. Pioneer Invitational, 8:45 a.m.
W. Highland at Agape, 8 p.m.	Franklin vs. W.L. Central	Schoolcraft Invitational, 8:45 a.m.
W.L. Western	Madonna at Indiana Tech, 3 p.m.	Greenhill Invitational, TBA.
W.L. Western		TBA — time to be announced.



Holiday champs: The Plymouth-Canton Mighty Sharks earned first-place honors at the Hockey Town Holiday Classic Tournament Dec. 27-30 at the Troy Sports Center. The Mighty Sharks beat the Mount Clemens Sabers, 3-0, the Troy Red Wings, 7-1, the Mount Clemens Red Wings, 8-1, and the Novi Tigers, 4-1. Pictured above (from left to right) are: (front row) Brandon Wyatt, Kenny Durham, Ryan Cigile, Garrett Berg, Steven Oleszkowicz, Jeremy Cigile, Ryan Sartorius; (middle row) Z.J. Doyle, Taylor Currier, Nicholas Riley, Matthew Hull, Sean Coffney, head coach Rich Cigile, Timmy Schaefer, J.R. Hope, Will Romanowski; (top row) assistant coaches Ken Gaffney and Jim Haburne, Stevie Haburne, assistant coach Vince Doyle.



Title time: Michigan United, an under-11 boys select soccer team, won the title at Wixom Total Soccer's 11u11 Holiday Tournament, beating the Ann Arbor Timberwolves, Canton Red Oaks, Livonia Wings and Michigan Wolves by a combined score of 14-0. Team members are Grant Anderson, Brooks Behart, Adam Brown, Keith Campbell, John Farmer, Brian Hale, Joey Harris, Parker Laabs, Austin Poirier, Ryan Quinn, Scott Schrimsher and Max Vaughn of Canton; Daniel Robinson of Plymouth; Alex Cabildo of Westland; Nicholas Lloyd of Wayne; Carl Roll of Garden City; Ryan Whittum of Redford; and Chris Dolinski of Monroe. The team is coached by Steve Schrimsher, Ralph Cabildo and Tim Bleivins.

Defense is key to Madonna win; SC stops Macomb

Madonna University's women's basketball team certainly knew how to finish against Concordia College Saturday at Madonna.

The Crusaders capped a superb defensive effort with an 8-3 run over the last seven minutes of the first half, then ended the Cardinals hopes for a comeback by scoring the game's final 11 points over a four-minute span in a 62-47 victory.

The win improved Madonna's record to 9-11 overall, 3-5 in the Wolverine-

WOMEN'S HOOP

Hoosier Athletic Conference. Concordia is 11-9 overall, 3-5 in the WHAC.

Defense was the difference for the Lady Crusaders. They limited the Cardinals to 15-of-54 shooting from the field (27.6 percent), including a paltry 5-of-21 in the first half (23.8 percent). Madonna made 23-of-53 from the floor (43.4 percent).

Ambassadors split
Craig Kowalski earned his third

Concordia also committed six more turnovers, resulting in a 17-8 Crusader advantage in points off turnovers.

Michelle Miela was red-hot for Madonna, making 7-of-9 floor shots, including 3-of-4 three-point tries. She scored a game-high 22 points.

Chris Dietrich added 11 points, six rebounds and two blocked shots; Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton HS) had 10 points and 10 boards, and Carissa Gizicki totaled five points, seven rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Kristy Bilbie topped Concordia with 18 points, nine rebounds and three blocks. Sandi Reynaert added 10 points.

Schoolcraft sinks Macomb

A solid first half, followed by a 10-2 run midway through the second, allowed Schoolcraft College to subdue Macomb CC 59-40 Saturday at SC.

The win improved the Lady Ocelots' record to 5-3 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference; they are 6-9 overall.

Macomb fell to 3-6 in the conference; 4-13 overall.

SC pulled away from a 32-27 halftime lead by limiting the Monarchs to 13 second-half points. Janelle Olson led the Ocelots, who had 11 three-pointers in the game, with 19 points, including four threes; she also had five assists.

Antone Watson contributed 17 points (five threes), nine assists and five rebounds, Carla Saxton had 10 points and six boards, and Carly Wright gathered nine rebounds.

Ocelot depth proves too much for Macomb; Crusaders slip

The plot remains the same, with an occasional alteration in lead characters.

Last Saturday, Schoolcraft College hosted Macomb CC in a Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference men's basketball game. Once again, the difference proved to be the Ocelots' superior depth, as they wore down the Monarchs in posting a 99-65 victory.

SC improved to 16-4 overall

MEN'S HOOP

with its 10th-straight win, including nine in a row without a loss in conference play. Macomb fell to 4-14 overall, 2-8 in the conference.

Since the Christmas break, the Ocelots have been nearly unstoppable (for everyone but Mott CC, which SC edged by four). The reason was apparent against

Macomb: Nine players scored in the first half and 11 of 12 in the game.

Seven of those 11 scored eight or more points. Formatting a defense to stop so many weapons converging at different times from different directions is almost impossible.

The Monarchs did manage to slow down two of SC's bigger offensive guns during the opening half. Robert Brown and Lamar Bigby combined to score just one basket between them (Brown did go 7-of-8 from the line while Bigby scored four points).

But there are so many other options for the Ocelots. Quentin Mitchell and Chris Colley each scored eight points in the first half and Nick Evola netted seven as SC opened up a 42-23 lead by the intermission.

After that, it was just a matter of how much the final margin of victory would be. Evola led five Ocelots who scored in double figures with 17 points. Mike Williams added 16 (14 in the second half), Brown and Colley scored 13 apiece, and Mitchell finished with 10.

Macomb got a game-high 23 points from Reno Thompson — 18 in the second half, when the outcome was no longer in doubt — and 18 from Joe Kohl.

Free throws played a key role for the Ocelots. They made 14-of-16 from the line in the first half (87.5 percent) and 27-of-32 for the game (84.4 percent). The Monarchs were 8-of-11 from the line (72 percent).

Triple pain for Madonna

Really, a cursory examination of the halftime stats of Satur-

day's Madonna University-at-Concordia College game might have led one to believe the game was still fairly close.

Not so. Sure, the Cardinals had just four more baskets than Madonna. And three more free throws. But pushing their advantage at the break to 54-37 was their 10-of-22 three-point shooting; Madonna was only 4-of-11.

It didn't get any better in the second half. Concordia, behind Brandon Beikus' sharpshooting from three-point range, pulled away to a 92-75 victory.

Concordia improved to 7-17 overall, 4-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. The Crusaders fell to 3-21 overall, 1-7 in the WHAC.

Beikus lit it up from three-point land against Madonna, nailing 10-of-15 triples to finish

with a game-high 36 points; he also had five assists and two steals. Dave Behnke collected 28 points and 11 rebounds, and DeOndre' Head totaled 12 points and eight boards.

Madonna was paced by Mike Massey with 27 points. Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) had 20 points and six rebounds, and Dan Kurtniatins added nine points, four assists and two steals.

The Cards attempted an incredible 46 three-pointers, making 16 (34.8 percent). The Crusaders were 7-of-21 from three-point range (33.3 percent). Madonna hit 52.8 percent of its shots (28-of-53) compared to Concordia's 46.5 percent (33-of-71), but 17 Crusader turnovers (the Cards had nine) led to a 23-8 Cardinal advantage in points off turnovers.

It took a 1-0 lead on Brett John's first period score, on which Moreau assisted along with Rick Buttery.

Clarkston tied it later in the period but CC took a 2-1 lead in the second period on Eric Giosa's goal from John Perkovich and Mike Ratigan.

Ryan Yost and Jim Spiewak assisted on Moreau's game-winner. Ben Dunne went the distance in goal for the Shamrocks. Buttery scored twice and had two assists while Ratigan, Dave Mogs and Jared Ross added single goals.

CC never trailed in either game.

CC icers gain 2 victories

Redford Catholic Central bull-rushed Grosse Pointe North, 9-6, Saturday night but needed a late goal Sunday afternoon to shade Clarkston, 3-2.

Joe Moreau put on a weekend scoring show that led the Shamrocks. Moreau scored four times and added an assist Saturday, then notched the game-winner Sunday after assisting on the first CC goal.

The Shamrocks are now 15-1 and retain the top ranking in the state.

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adding Parr was pinned by Rose in an earlier meeting. "I knew, if he got a second shot at him, he might do better."
"Working with (former two-time state heavyweight champ) Casey (Rogowski) is starting to pay off. He started out slow and little by little he started winning some matches."

Katsuhiko Sueda and Dan Seder, both at Michigan now, and Churchill's Brandon LaPointe. Hancock, who was a state runner-up last year, hasn't made a college commitment yet.
"Tim wide open right now," he said. "I still have a state championship to win, and that's what is on my mind right now."

Stevenson had the other two MVWs for the second year in a row. Senior Josh Gunterman won that honor again in the lower weights (103-130), and junior Imad Kharbush was recognized by area coaches in the middle weights (135-152).
"It was nice to do it again," said Gunterman, who repeated as the 112-pound champ. "I was fairly confident I was going to win it. I wasn't sure I'd get MVP; that was an added bonus."

A year made a big difference for Gunterman, who came out of nowhere to win last year but was the obvious No. 1 seed this year. "Last year it was a surprise," he said. "Last year I beat a few kids I wasn't supposed to beat and won it. This year (CC's Chris O'Hara was the only one I hadn't wrestled.)"

Gunterman faced O'Hara, who knocked out No. 2-seeded Dan Tondreau of Clarenceville, in the final and won a 10-4 decision over the taller wrestler. "It's hard to turn a kid like that, because you can't really get leverage on him," Gunterman said. "That's why it was tough riding him. I pinned the other two, but the final match was pretty tough."

Gunterman is 26-0 and hoping to repeat his state-meet success of a year ago. His Observerland victory was a springboard to an eventual state championship in 1999. "I'd love to be an undefeated state champion," he said. "That's my plan; my goal. Last year, after I won (at Observerland), my confidence was way up. It really got me going. This was pretty much the spark last year."

Spike from page C1

the list has to be East Kentwood, the defending champ and a team that has beaten Saline twice this season, and Temperance Bedford, Class A state champ in 1998 and winner of five of the last seven Schoolcraft titles. Other possibilities are Birmingham Marian, Hillsboro, Farmington Hills, Mercy, Fenon, Churchill, Walled Lake Central (a tournament finalist last year), Northville, Franklin and Ladywood.
"There may be others, but Teeters admits he doesn't have scouting reports on every team — which is why he likes hosting this tournament."

Canton falls from page C1

Young said. "We had open looks down the stretch, but we had a couple go in and out and Farmington made his shots. We couldn't buy a three (point basket) in the fourth quarter."
Young said his team's 23 turnovers was the result of the Falcons' in-your-face defensive pressure. "You can't turn the ball over that many times and expect to beat a good team like Farmington," Young reiterated. "But (the Falcons) were the reason we turned the ball over so much. They're quick and they have long arms, which makes it difficult."

Senior forward Chad Seaborn engineered the Falcons on the offensive end of the court, scoring 16 points, including three triples. Justin Milus was Farmington's go-to guy in the paint, racking up 14 hard-earned points inside along with a team-high six rebounds. "I was especially pleased with the job Justin did defensively against (Jason) Waidmann," Mikel said. "He made (Waidmann) work for everything he got."

BEST BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING PERFORMANCES

Table listing swimming and diving performances for various schools and athletes, including names like Ben Dzialo, Aaron Shelton, and Devin Hopper.

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But a slow start to the 1999-2000 campaign, punctuated by a 15-point loss to Adrian Lenawee Christian — the team that eliminated PCA from the state tournament last season — left the Eagles struggling.
Things have started to turn around recently. On Tuesday, PCA hosted its nemesis again, fourth-ranked Lenawee Christian, in a non-league game. And this time, the Eagles soared.

period and cruised from their Monday in a game played at Westland Stevenson Middle School. The win boosted Agape's record to 7-3; the Crusaders are 0-10.
Paul Anleitner turned in a strong all-around game, collecting 23 points, seven rebounds, seven assists and seven steals. Julian Wettlin added 16 points and 10 rebounds, and Mike Johannes and Mike Wargowski accounted for six points apiece.
Macomb got 21 points from Joe Nothdurft.

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Charlie (Liam Neeson, left) an undercover DEA agent, is suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome and finds relief with Judy Tipp (Sandra Bullock, right) in "Gun Shy," a dark comedy opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



Phil Hadley (left to right), Jim Jernigan, Mike Carraway, Jim Snideman and Missy (the dog) are featured in "Of Mice and Men," presented by the Farmington Players, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Curtain 8 p.m., tickets \$12, call (248) 553-2955.

SUNDAY



Howard Paige serves up samples of delicious food noon to 4 p.m. at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn during the museum's celebration of Black History Month, weekends through Sunday, Feb. 27. Call (313) 271-1620 for information, or visit the Web site, www.hfmgv.org

Never reaching the end:

Rock band continues successful journey

Graeme Edge's quick British wit comes as a surprise. The Moody Blues' drummer lost his father in early January, and has been caring for his mother who has Alzheimer's.

It's the ability to balance personal lives with their musical career and write songs about those experiences that have made the Moody Blues popular with generations for the last 35 years.

"I'm not really sure why we've continued to be popular," said Edge during a phone interview from his Florida home. "We've never been arrested for anything and we've always sung in tune."

With "Strange Times" the Moody Blues will continue as one of the best-selling recording groups of all times. The new CD goes back to the roots of Moody Blues sound blending orchestral, spoken word and rock. It marks several firsts for the group, including the fact that it was recorded at Studio Mulinetti in Genoa, Italy.

On Sunday, concert goes at Hill Auditorium will be treated to tunes from "Strange Times."

Please see **MOODY BLUES, E2**

WHAT: The Moody Blues perform songs from new as well as old favorites.

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6.

WHERE: Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor.

TICKETS: \$39.50 and \$29.50. Call (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666.

THE Moody Blues

STORY BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN



On tour: The Moody Blues are returning to the Detroit area to play songs from their new CD, "Strange Times," and some old favorites.

POPULAR MUSIC

Olupus aims arrows at Valentine's Day

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Beneath the bronze glow of Xhodos Cafe's luminescent sign, with left-over holiday icicle lights dangling above their heads, four musicians take the small coffee shop stage before a crowd of fans and friends who've huddled into the cozy space. What brings them all to the Ferndale hang-out on this night isn't the cappuccino, it's the music.

Olupus, an alternative folk-pop quartet whose members live in Wayne and Oakland Counties, knows how to evoke a response from their audience. The

WHO: Olupus, with special guests Psyfunk

WHEN: 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11

WHERE: 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac

TICKETS: \$10.

Call the Cupid's Night Out Hotline at (248) 848-0366 for more information.

Tim Berlinghoff in high school. By 1996, bassist P.J. Jacokes had joined in and the newly-named Olupus wrote and recorded their first CD "Passing Ships."

Almost four years later, there's one thing to expect from an Olupus show — unpredictability. That might have something to do with Jacokes' experience with improvisational comedy on the Second City stage in Detroit. The Farmington Hills native's sense of humor translates into randomly cracking jokes and imitating Muppet voices in song. But he said, it's the band's stage presence that keeps the audience entertained: "I've been told that we really seem to know how to relate to the audience as a whole. We are up there to play our music, but we try and make sure that everyone enjoys themselves. I think a lot of bands have solid music, but they get into trouble expressing it live.

"Plus we write pop gems, which is helpful."

'Romance is going out of your way, for really simple things. Like picking out a bouquet, rather than buying what Meijer's already had prepared ... It's honesty. Real feelings. It's time alone — spent together. It's catching the other person off guard with an "I love you" or a gift. Any fool can buy flowers February 14th, but buying them June 10th, that's romantic.'

— Pj Jacokes
Bassist, Olupus

Those gems will convert into a virtual shower of musical valentines during the second annual Cupid's Night Out, a festival featuring Olupus and guests Psyfunk Friday, Feb. 11. All it took was one song, "My Favorite Valentine," to spur the idea. "We wrote the Valentine's song and we decided we wanted to do a huge show on Valentine's Day for the song," said Davidson, a Redford resident and Bloomfield Township native.

Miller, also a Redford resident, added: "Every other holiday had songs to go with it. We wanted to do something to go with ours." And so they have succeeded. It's a night out for cupids and anti-cupid's alike, set to a soundtrack of freewheeling love songs.

Please see **OLUPUS, E2**

Baritone makes music come alive

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Erik Chalfant chats nonstop about his recital on Sunday at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills as if it were the most important one of his career.

The New York baritone likes to fuse a variety of musical styles into his programs to expose audiences to as many cultures and life experiences as possible.

During his recital on Sunday, Feb. 6, the audience will hear everything from Brahms' "Lower Rhine Folk Song" in German to

Please see **BARITONE, E3**



Erik Chalfant

"Songs of Night & Day"

WHAT: Erik Chalfant sings works by composers ranging from Faure to Sondheim. Admission is free.

WHEN: 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6. A light reception precedes the concert at 2:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

WHERE: Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, west of Mid-dobert, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860 for information.

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Olupus

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the Moody Blues' first new recording since 1991, and classics such as "Nights in White Satin" and "I'm Just a Singer (In a Rock 'n' Roll Band)." The Ann Arbor concert is part of a tour that takes the Moody Blues through the U.S. and England until the end of April. A legend in pop history, the group is in high demand. Members will be lucky to have one day off a week during stops in the Midwest.

"None of us really live in England anymore though we maintain homes there," said Edge. "We were turning up in Soho (London) and making albums like a bunch of Troglodytes when one of us went to do some work on someone else's album at Studio Mulinetti. It was set on a cliff and (studio engineer) Danilo Madonia's mother made us great Italian food."

Like the old days

"It was more like the old days. And it was the first time we produced ourselves. We were conscious of not putting strains on the bands. We worked in two to three week stretches of time over the last two years with regards to our waistlines. For our last album we went in and worked three months straight. Another first was whoever wrote the song got to produce it. The rest of us could throw in ideas and they were used or not. It didn't bother us if they weren't because you

realized when it was your song, you'd get to produce it."

Nothing changes

The Hill Auditorium audience will hear Edge's poem "Nothing Changes" in the second half of the program along with oldies like "Your Wildest Dreams." Edge had been carrying the poem around for some time before he arriving at Studio Mulinetti in Italy. Ominous lyrics speak of winter's war and a dark future if we do not change.

"We've got the toys now to screw things up," said Edge. "We're standing at the crossroads. I have an optimistic heart, but a pessimistic brain. The Internet is breaking down the barriers. The positive side is we'll be a mono-culture."

Musical family

Born in Birmingham, England, Edge grew up listening to everything from Chopin to Caruso so it came as no surprise to his parents when he chose a musical career.

"My father was an untrained opera singer who used to sing in Music Hall as it's called in England. You know it as Vaudeville here in the States," said Edge. "Mom was a pianist, mostly for silent movies. At age 11, I heard Bill Haley and the Comets play "10 Little Indian Boys" and got interested in rock 'n' roll from there. In my early days, I played

snare in a marching band (at church) then my parents bought me a drum kit and put up with it."

Edge moved to London at age 22 to play with the R & B Preachers, and the Silhouettes until joining with Ray Thomas and Mike Pinder to form the Moody Blues. Justin Hayward and John Lodge joined them shortly thereafter. Released in 1966 their ground-breaking album, "Days of Future Passed," remained on Billboard charts for more than two years. Recorded in stereo and with a symphony orchestra, it was one of the very first concept albums.

"I started playing for \$25," said Edge, who during the Moody Blues' four-year sabbatical in the mid 1970s recorded two solo albums — "Kick Off Your Muddy Boots" and "Paradise Ballroom." "You don't gradually work your way up. You get a break or not. I've been with the Moody Blues 35 years, but worked as a profes-

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'We try and make Cupid's night out a very interactive experience.'

*P.J. Jacques
Bassist, Olupus*

day to be bitter about defunct relationships, so we play a fair share of love-gone-wrong songs." There's something for everyone. But those who dare sit in the front row, better be fans of Barry White-style crooning and close contact; Davidson draws his energy from the audience, giving those off-stage a chance at the limelight. "I love our audience," he said. "I love fans. There, that's the performance high," he said, pointing off-stage as the lights fade.

To my mind, the musical theater I'm singing is much more suited

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Stephen Sondheim's "Tomorrow from "Annie." Midway through the first half of the program, Chalfant will follow with an opening prayer by Charles Gouod with Charles Ives' dissonant "Sunrise." The audience will receive translations for the songs sung in Italian, German and French.

"Ives may sound strange after hearing Gounod, a 19th century French romantic," said Chalfant. "Ives is an American 20th century rough and tough, angular sound."

The title of the program, "Songs of Night and Day," comes from the theme of the repertoire and from Chalfant's approach to recital singing.

"I want to invite someone familiar with classical and art songs to hear musical theater and to those who like musical theater, to reveal to them poems about night and day in art songs. To my mind, the musical theater I'm singing is much more suited

to a classical singer. Porter and Rodgers and Hammerstein were written for piano and voice and have the same kind of impulse as an art song — a poem and a lyrical melody."

Ties to metro Detroit

This is Chalfant's second recital at the church. He first appeared there in June after his aunt, Martha Chalfant, suggested he perform in the church's music series. Erik visited metro Detroit often as a boy.

"My aunt was instrumental in my early development," said Chalfant. "We always went to Cranbrook and to see productions in Detroit. We visited the museums. I loved it."

Linette Popoff-Park will accompany Chalfant on piano for a second time at the church. Violinist Vekida Kelly is also joining them for the recital.

"One of Erik's many talents is to design a varied program from arts songs to Broadway," said Popoff-Park, chairman of the music department at Madonna University in Livonia.

The son of a Protestant preacher, Chalfant had plenty of opportunity to sing in church and church theater. He learned to sing and play piano at a young age. His mother was a pianist who began instructing her son at age five.

"My father was in front of people all the time," he said. "I learned from him to communicate to an audience."

Childhood

A native of Chicago, Chalfant grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a piano major in college until attending Tanglewood Institute where he met noted American soprano Phyllis Curtin. Chalfant moved to New York four years after completing graduate studies with Curtin at Boston University. It was Curtin's prompting that led him to New York from Boston, where he'd been teaching voice and had a faculty appointment at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Mass.

"She told me if he wanted to perform, I'd have to move to New York to find opportunities for recitals," said Chalfant. "She also told me that while she enjoyed her career making a living off dead composers, we have a responsibility to give the composers of this day their voice."

Chalfant's followed both pieces of advice. He has premiered songs of Boston composer Brian Cobb at the Berklee School of Music, and Sara Doncaster's six "Biblical Sonnets" with orchestra on the New Music at Brandeis University Concert Series.

Recital singing

Chalfant prides himself on being a recital singer, equating it to the "big art form of opera but instead of all the flamboyant costumes and props there's one person standing there in the curve of the piano."

"An audience member may be more familiar with a Beethoven Sonata and not as familiar with a Brahms song or Gabriel Faure. You have to have the ability to be involved with the poetic essence and have an honesty with the material at hand and be familiar with the music and literature. That's what brought me to recital singing. Well-performed music is something not being done by rote. You have to put intention and meaning into what you're singing. You have to make music come alive to people."

Honesty is the reason Chalfant traveled to the Paris Conservatory for private dictation coaching and to refine those aspects of his singing that would be detected by a Parisian ear.

"It all goes back to my theme of honesty. I have to be as profi-

cient as possible with the language and that includes not only French but Italian and German. I have a fascination with French culture but it goes back to maintaining an honesty in my singing," said Chalfant, who also has a degree in French literature. "When I sing a recital I have to be polished. When we go to another country, we don't expect to ask for the bathroom in English. You have to make an effort. It involves active listening. That's part of the joy. It's like going to France and Germany with these three or four poems. The more they travel, the richer the experience. By exploring something different, you learn humanity is all the same. Listening to a love song in German as English. It's all about a boy and girl finding each other and falling in love."

In the future, let's remember artists who tell our story

Washington and Abraham Lincoln will be remembered this month, but we aren't getting the full story unless we gain a perspective of the people and issues of their times. Imagine the obstacles in developing an accurate history of African Americans.

Against the backdrop of centuries of oppression and poverty, we wonder how many stories of achievement and courage have not been told.

The whole story

Walter Allen Bailey has devoted much of his life to research of the black experience, from the pre-Revolutionary War period to the present. Although the depth of his studies could fill many textbooks, it is the power of Bailey's art that effectively tells the whole story.

On the next edition of Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS series, to be aired 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, producer Alex Kimbrough takes viewers to the African Heritage Cultural Center and Museum, where Bailey's permanent exhibit of thirty

gather items that reflect your family experience at the turn of the century. The hitch is that if the item is practical, you're still using it and probably don't wish to tuck it away now. If trendy, you don't consider it significant enough to be preserved. I'm not sure I want to saddle my ancestors with the responsibility of trying to figure out Pokemon when I don't understand the craze myself.

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much of our studies during Black History Month involved the noteworthy achievements of men such as George Washington Carver and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The research, talent and passion of Walter Allen Bailey is now making the whole story available, not just for students,

but for us all.

A Detroit area turn-of-the-century time capsule might include corporate headquarters, a new stadium of two, and even a casino.

Let's make sure it also makes space for the work of Walter Bailey and other artists who vividly tell our story.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

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This temporary display showcases a portion of the museum's African collection, including objects used for daily activities as well as those intended for special occasions. Through March 5.

SUNDAY BRUNCH AND SCIENCE LECTURE SERIES
Descendants of an African Tradition: Examining Ethnographic Relationships Between Yoruba and African-American Art Production
Sunday, February 13
Guest Speaker: Jon O. Lockard, Adjunct Lecturer, The University of Michigan Center for Afro-American and African Studies. Lockard introduces the basic principles of Yoruba art, a product of the dominant West African culture, and its relationship to contemporary African-American art. 11am brunch, noon lecture. For ticket prices and registration call 248 645.3210.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SCIENTISTS WEEK
Monday, February 14-Friday, February 18, 11:00am-4pm
Hands-on activities and take-home projects based on the work of African-American scientists of the past and present. For elementary age students; free with museum admission.

GOSPEL CONCERT
Saturday, February 19, 6-8pm
The Institute and the Gospel Music Hall of Fame and Museum present A Gospel Showcase: History and Music. Tickets are \$10 per person and include museum admission and strolling light supper. Reservations required; call 248 645.3210.

OTHER EXHIBITS & EVENTS
New long-term exhibits: *Every Rock Has a Story*, *The Motion Gallery*, *Reading Objects and Life*, *Life*.
New traveling exhibits: *Take My Picture Please: A Festival of Cultural Snapshots* opens February 5.

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DINING EVENTS

Valentine's Day Dinner Dance — Saturday, Feb. 12, Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The evening begins 7 p.m. with dinner — tomato bisque, salad, rock Cornish game hen, twice baked sweet potato and asparagus, and Bavarian apple cheese cake for dessert. Then dance the night away to the music of Johnny Trudell. Tickets are \$37.50 per person, call (734) 462-4417 for reservations.

Old Country Buffet — is offering a free lunch or dinner to couples who have been 50 years or more on Monday, Feb. 14. Bring your marriage license to redeem your free meal. You can also pose with your loved one for a free photo, which can be picked up later.

Visit Old Country Buffet in Canton Township at 5854 N. Sheldon Road, (734) 207-8737 or in Westland at 6539 N. Wayne Road, (734) 595-8201.

Mardi Gras Brewers Dinner — 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 at Bonfire Bistro & Brewery, 39550 Seven Mile Road, Northville. The cost is \$50 per person, all tables reserved, call (734) 735-4570.

Chef David Platzer and brewer Ron Jeffries are teaming up to present a five course meal and a pre-selected beer per course. The entire is a Rustic Cornish Game Hen served with andouille sausage and crawfish corn bread stuffing over red and yellow pepper coulis.

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EMU THEATRE: "Dames at Sea," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5 and 11-12 and Thursday, Feb. 10, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, on campus, Ypsilanti. \$8 Thursdays, \$13 Fridays-Saturdays. \$11 Sunday. Call (734) 487-1221 for information.

WSU HILBERRY: "Some Americans Abroad," through Saturday, Feb. 5; "Breaking the Code" opens Thursday, Feb. 11, at the theater, Detroit. \$11-18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: Present colonial Norm Stutz with master of ceremonies Jesse James Tunny, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, at the theater, Clarkston. \$12. (248) 625-8811

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Perform John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, Feb. 11-12, 18-19, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 13 and 20, at the Farmington Players Barn, Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. \$12; 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 performance is a benefit for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, tickets are \$50 and includes a theme dinner after the show. (248) 553-2955

MT. ZION THEATRE: "The Celestial Helix and Other One-Act Plays," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5 and 11-12, interpretation for the deaf Feb. 4, at the Mt. Zion Center for the Performing Arts, Waterford. \$8 advance, \$10 at door, \$7 students/seniors/groups of 20 or more. (248) 673-5432

MORRISCO ART THEATRE: "The Lady's Not for Burning," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 3-5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Ann Arbor Civic Theatre. \$15, \$12 students/seniors. (734) 996-2549

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY: "A Soldier's Play" opens 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 (\$10) and continues through Sunday, Feb. 27, 30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 6 p.m. Sundays, at Detroit's Holistic Development Center. \$15-\$18. (313) 872-0279

STAGECRAFTERS: "Cinderella," through Feb. 8, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays (except Thursday, Feb. 3), and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. \$14-\$18. (248) 541-6430

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM: "Oliver," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, at the theater, Birmingham. \$14, \$12 students under 18 and under. (248) 644-2075

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

LITTLE PEOPLE PLAYERS: "The Frog Prince," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Novi Civic Center Stage. \$10, \$8 advance. (248) 347-0440

MOSEAU YOUTH THEATRE: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5 and 11-12, at Planet Art Theatre, Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 365-9498

SPECIAL EVENTS

BOAT, SPORT & FISHING SHOW: 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Pontiac Silverdome. \$7, \$3 children. www.ShowSpan.com

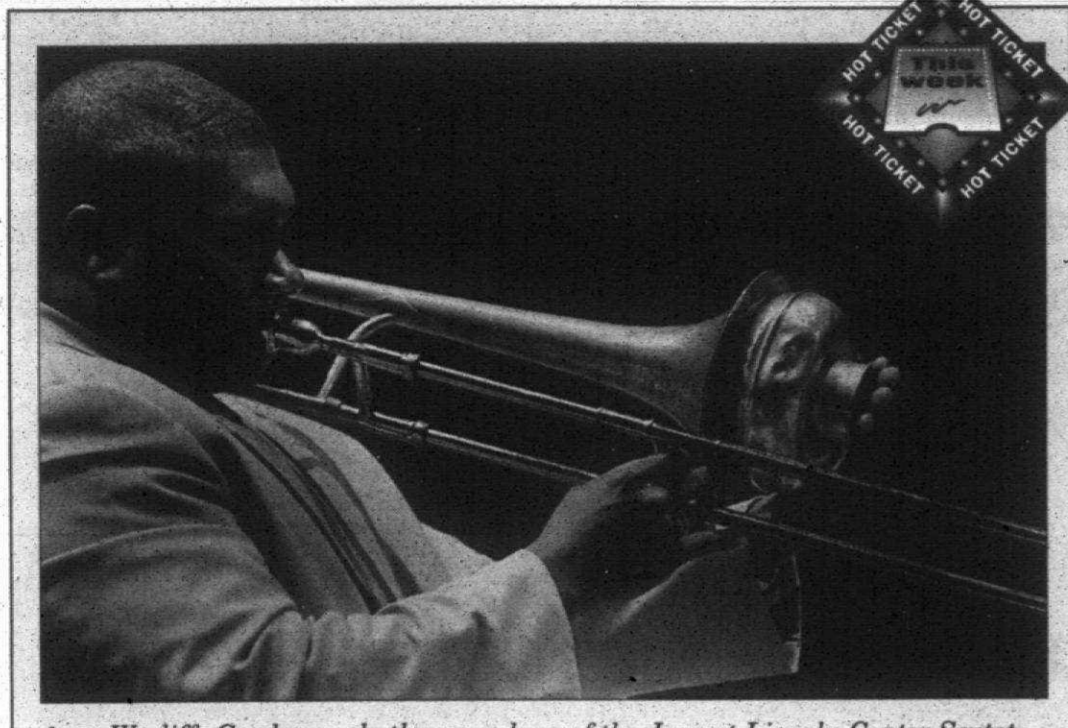
DADDY DAUGHTER DINNER/DANCE: Dance 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 (\$6), dinner 5:30 p.m. (\$7), at the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, Feb. 2 (248) 354-9603

DAVID COPPERFIELD: "Journey of a Lifetime" Tickets on sale now for five magical performances, March 24-26. Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$45. Call (248) 645-6666

FOUR FRESHMEN/ROCHESTER SYMPHONY: Greater Oriona Performing Arts Council presents The Four Freshmen with the Rochester Symphony, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, Lake Orion Performing Arts Center. Tickets \$14, (248) 993-5436

HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOW: 2:10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 3-4, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, until 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Novi Expo Center. \$6.50, \$4.50 seniors, \$3.50 ages 6-12. (248) 862-1019 or www.builders.org

VISIONS TO REMEMBER ANTIQUES SHOW: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, in the Activities



Jazz: Wycliffe Gordon and other members of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Sextet will perform music ranging from Ellington to Monk and Jelly Roll Morton 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. \$18-\$36 for the Feb. 4 concert; \$20 adults, \$10 children for the family performance on Feb. 5. Call (734) 764-2538 or visit the Web site at www.umsa.org

Center at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Grosse Pointe Shores. \$6. Preview Party 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 to benefit the visually impaired. (313) 824-4710

WALLED LAKE ICE FESTIVAL: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, until 4 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, on the grounds of the Walled Lake Community Education Building. (248) 926-9004

WESTLAND WINTERFEST: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, activities begin at noon, fireman breakfast, concert by Harpeet, Magik Puppet Theater, magician Jack Ben Spritzer, and arts and crafts.

VALENTINE'S DAY

DINNER DANCE: Featuring the Farmington Community Band, Friday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m., buffet dinner followed by dancing until midnight, at Glen Oaks Country Club, Farmington Hills. \$40. (734) 261-2202/(248) 489-3412

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: And guest conductor Jerzy Semkow perform symphonies by Mozart and Bruckner, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at Orchestra Hall. \$14-\$50. (313) 576-5111

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "Deja Vu: I Love You," 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, in the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium. \$10. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741

REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY: 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Hilbert Junior High School, Redford. Free.

SOUTHFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Concert featuring classical compositions by African-American composers, and the Brazeal Dennard Chorale, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$12, \$9 students/seniors. (248) 557-2085

HARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Concert singer Erik Chaffin, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the church in Farmington Hills. Light reception precedes concert at 2:15 p.m. (248) 476-8860

POPS/SWING

MUSICAL REUNION: Tom Saunders Surfside Six and Eric Manninger's Imperial Jazz Band, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Monaghan K of C Hall, Livonia. \$10 advance, \$12 at door. (248) 476-2674/(248) 476-8383

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

ALTURO SHELTON: The musical impressionist sings "A Motown Tribute," voices include Stevie Wonder, Sammie Davis, Jr., Redd Fox and Nat King Cole, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Pontchartrain Hotel, Detroit. No cover. (313) 965-0200/(248) 354-1194

AUDITIONS

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE: Auditions for West Side Story 6-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11 and 4-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the

Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 12-13, at the theater, Grosse Pointe. Performances May 4-20, (248) 594-9673/(313) 884-0196 or www.gpt.org

JAZZ & SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE: Auditions 3 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 5 and 12, and 11 a.m. Sundays, Feb. 6 and 13, at the Northwest Activities Center, Detroit. (313) 862-0966

SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION: The Bohemians Club (also known as The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), hosts its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college students ages 16-22), must submit performance tape by April 1. For application, e-mail CoLinks@aol.com

STAGECRAFTERS: Youth auditions for "The King and I," noon Saturday, Feb. 5 (registration begins at 11 a.m.), at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. For performances May 12-14, 18-21, and 25-31 and June 2-4. (248) 541-4832

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA REDFORD: Is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Dale, across from the Township Hall in Redford.

VOCAL COMPETITION: Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan is looking for entrants for its sixth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School Students, finalists will be selected from cassette audiotape auditions of each contestants singing submitted through their respective high schools, deadline for entry is February 19. Each of the 10 finalists perform before a live audience at a concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at the Italian-American Cultural Center in Warren. (734) 455-8895

CHORAL

MEASURE FOR MEASURE: Presents a concert 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at First United Methodist Church, Plymouth. \$8, \$5 students/seniors, and will be available at the door 30 minutes before the concert. For advanced ticket sales or more information about this concert or other concerts in the Noteworthy Concert Series, call (734) 453-5280

TODD CURTIS: Thursdays, at Ellie's, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

YAMNARD FERGUSON: And his 10-piece band Big Hop Nouveau perform as part of Detroit Symphony Orchestra's jazz series 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$16-\$62. (313) 576-5111

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

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

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With trumpeter Bill Lucas 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, with vocalist Barbara Ware 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. \$5

cover. Reservations recommended for the Jazz Room. (734) 762-7756

ROBERT PENN: 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 and 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

STRAIGHT AHEAD: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, in Kresge Hall at Madonna University, Livonia. Free. (734) 432-5541

JANET TENAJ TRIO: Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

PAUL VENTIMIGLIA: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

ED WELLS: The pianist performs 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

WILL DANFORTH: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at Green Wood Coffee House, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8558

LONESOME AND BLUE: Perform as part of Folk Vespers 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at First Baptist Church, Birmingham. (248) 644-0550

THE MOLLYS: Play a mix of Irish, Mexican and American folk music. 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$11. (734) 763-1KTS/(248) 645-6666/(734) 761-1451

MUSTARD'S RETREAT: 8 p.m. Saturday, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-1KTS/(248) 645-6666/(734) 761-1451

JACKIE ROUSH: The punk-folk artist performs 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Coffee Studio, Plymouth, Free.

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: Offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS: First Friday activities include the music of Peru, serafic fabric paintings, drawing in the galleries, ceremonial mask carving demo, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at the museum, Detroit. Recommended donation \$4, \$1 children. (313) 833-7900

DETROIT ZOO: Mosaic Youth Theatre performs works about amphibians 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays through March 25 in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery Theater at the zoo, Royal Oak. \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students. \$4.50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: Celebrates Black History Month, at the museum, Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Valentine's Dinner Saturday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m. reception and tour of the hall, and 8 p.m. dinner (\$65); tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Mattie Dogie Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her

second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sundays, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM: "A Stitch in Time" quilt exhibit continues through Saturday, Feb. 26, at the museum, 1005 Van Hoosen Road at Van Hoosen Farm, Rochester Hills. \$3, \$2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663

U-M MUSEUM OF ART: 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, lecture by Marshall Wu, curator of Asian art at the University of Michigan Museum of Art on "The Orchid Pavilion Gathering," an exhibit of 60 Chinese works spanning nearly 900 years continues to Sunday, March 26; Chinese Lantern Festival features hands-on activities and performances to celebrate Chinese art and culture 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Free, but a \$5 donation is suggested. Call (734) 764-0395 or visit the Web site at www.umich.edu/~umma/

LIVE MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and over (blues)

LORI AMEY: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Borders Books and Music, Utica. (810) 726-8555, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Espresso Royale, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-2707; 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Borders Books and Music, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-7652

CARL CRAIG & KENNY LARKIN: With the 4-turntable tag team, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

ROBERT CRENSHAW: 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

THE GRO-MAGS: With All Out War and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT

CUBANISMO: 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$25 advance. (248) 645-6666

LISA CUNNINGHAM: 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. Free Thursday, 55 Friday and Saturday performances. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856

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THE JAZZ MANOLIN BAND: Featuring Jamie Masefield and Jon Fishman, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, 7th House, Pontiac. \$15. (248) 645-6666

JILL JACKER BAND: With Give, Tripper, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6 cover.

JOCELYN B: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. \$5, 21 and older.

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MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: Offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS: First Friday activities include the music of Peru, serafic fabric paintings, drawing in the galleries, ceremonial mask carving demo, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at the museum, Detroit. Recommended donation \$4, \$1 children. (313) 833-7900

DETROIT ZOO: Mosaic Youth Theatre performs works about amphibians 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays through March 25 in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery Theater at the zoo, Royal Oak. \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students. \$4.50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: Celebrates Black History Month, at the museum, Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Valentine's Dinner Saturday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m. reception and tour of the hall, and 8 p.m. dinner (\$65); tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Mattie Dogie Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her

second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sundays, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM: "A Stitch in Time" quilt exhibit continues through Saturday, Feb. 26, at the museum, 1005 Van Hoosen Road at Van Hoosen Farm, Rochester Hills. \$3, \$2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663

U-M MUSEUM OF ART: 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, lecture by Marshall Wu, curator of Asian art at the University of Michigan Museum of Art on "The Orchid Pavilion Gathering," an exhibit of 60 Chinese works spanning nearly 900 years continues to Sunday, March 26; Chinese Lantern Festival features hands-on activities and performances to celebrate Chinese art and culture 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Free, but a \$5 donation is suggested. Call (734) 764-0395 or visit the Web site at www.umich.edu/~umma/

LIVE MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and over (blues)

LORI AMEY: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Borders Books and Music, Utica. (810) 726-8555, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Espresso Royale, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-2707; 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Borders Books and Music, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-7652

CARL CRAIG & KENNY LARKIN: With the 4-turntable tag team, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

ROBERT CRENSHAW: 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

THE GRO-MAGS: With All Out War and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT

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MOVIES

'Angela's Ashes' evokes spirit of McCourt's best-seller

BY MARY McDONOUGH STAFF WRITER

Within the pages of Frank McCourt's immensely popular memoir, "Angela's Ashes," emanates the musty dampness, smell of stale whiskey and scent of lukewarm tea, which never quite chases away the ever-present chill of the poverty of mid-20th-century Ireland.

McCourt's father Malachy, a Protestant from the north with "the odd manner," are evoked with great detail from the best-selling book. The film, however, offers a somewhat sanitized depiction of the day-to-day torment of the life in the lane.

"Angela's Ashes" is hardly a film about the triumph of the human spirit. As the opening narration points out, the triumph of the story is that young McCourt survived his childhood at all.

Immediately, we are introduced to the hunger and sorrow that is a way of life for the McCourt family with the death of the newborn baby Margaret. The death of the second McCourt child, shortly thereafter, sends Malachy to the pub for consolation, where Frank finds him using his brother's coffin as a table to rest his pint upon.

As Frank struggles to survive illness, the depths of poverty and the tyranny of the Catholic Church, embodied by his ever-loyal grandmother, we are left to hope, "Will it ever get better for this family?" It doesn't.

There is no Hollywood happy ending, no lesson learned, no joy in Frank's eventual escape from the chains of poverty. But true to the memoir, the film is dark and haunting with bits of comic relief mostly centered around the



Pensive: Emily Watson (Angela) and Robert Carlyle (Malachy) portray Frank McCourt's mother and father in the film based on the author's memoir 'Angela's Ashes,' which opens Friday.

church's rules and rituals. Missing from the film is the literary description of the slices of life that seduce readers into thinking in the same lyrical tones as the Catholic wives "tsk,tsk-ing" by the fire. Also absent in the film is the genuine and hilarious bewilderment of the rules of the church, as interpreted by a child. "Jesus is in my backyard," cries Frank's grandmother, after Frank vomits up his First Communion breakfast. She promptly takes him to confession twice — once to confess vomiting up the body of Christ and a second time to ask whether it should be washed away with regular holy water.

As he grows up, ambivalent young Frank comes to idolize his

father, despite the fact that "the drink" leaves him unable to keep a job and unable to feed his family. Frank seems determined to keep his faith, unlike his martyred mother, Angela. In one scene, she complains to her husband about the lack of opportunities for the Irish working class, saying that God hasn't been seen lately in the lanes of Limerick. When Malachy reminds her that she could go to hell for saying something like that, she replies, "what if we are already there?"

"Angela's Ashes" is worth watching for those who enjoyed the book and anyone of the Irish, particularly the Irish Catholic persuasion. They will identify with the family bonding ritual of telling embellished stories 'round

the fireplace and the wait for imminent doom after impure thought or deed. Many will identify with the culture of alcoholism, the proud but guilty hard-drinking man, and the nervous, scornful woman it makes of many Irish husbands and wives. Non-Irish folk may leave the film thankful for the comfort of their lives.

Calling all metal-heads: Hip-O Records remembers how much those '80s power ballads meant to the listening public. That's why they've released a collection "Heart of Metal" containing 12 selections that will make sentimental fans bang their heads once again. The collection includes Cinderella's "Don't Know What You Got (Till it's Gone)," L.A. Guns' "Ballad of Jayne," Extreme's "More than Words," and Meat Loaf's "I'd Do Anything For Love (But I Won't Do That)." Rock away.

Reel Big Fish has a real big announcement: the band is releasing "Everything Sucks," the first hard-to-find recording. The album was originally released independently in May 1995. The re-released version includes two "lost" recordings "Superhero #5" and "I'm Her Man." This should satisfy Reel

Big Fish fans until they begin the follow-up to the 1998 release "Why Do They Rock So Hard." Just in time for Valentine's Day Hip-O Records has released "Heart of Soul: Classics" with songs like Montell Jordan's "Let's Chill," Brian McKnight's "Your Love's Supreme," and Boyz II Men's "50 Candles." Grab a copy, light some candles and find out what it means to be romanced on the most lovable holiday of the year.

Moonshine Music has a lot to talk about these days. The label will release progressive trance albums for DJ Micro and Christopher Lawrence. DJ Dara and Dieselboy will release new drum n' bass CDs. And DJ Dan is set to give fans a follow-up CD titled "Another Late Night" in March. For more about Moonshine check their site at www.moonshine.com.

The Push Stars bring sparkle back to 7th House



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

For anything that Chris Trapper can't conjure up images of in his mind, he has songs. For all he's dreamt about while gazing out of his window, he has music.

The singer-songwriter and guitarist of Boston-based trio, the Push Stars, writes expressive lyrics and music draped in vivid imagery. Complemented by the creativity of Ryan MacMillan on drums and Dan McLoughlin on bass and keyboards, the Push Stars are beaming with praise of music industry moguls, critics and fans alike.

Countless references to "the next big thing" were tossed around three years before their Capitol Records debut, "After the Party," was released last May. And the album, produced by Jack Joseph Puig (The Verve Pipe) and Gavin MacKillop (Toad the Wet Sprocket), has already generated two distinct singles: "Any Little Town," and "Drunk is Better Than Dead."

"Everything truly seems to be shining for this band. Despite nearly non-stop touring for eight months, Trapper had a few days off when he called from his Boston home on the evening of Monday, Jan. 24, just before the band's return to Pontiac's 7th House. The Push Stars headlined a show there

last November. "It was a casual night as I recall," said Trapper. "I had no idea what to expect. People actually came out."

Those humble words come from a man whose music has materialized from the dressing rooms of Gap stores, to George Clooney's final episode of "ER" on prime time television, to the mega-successful film "There's Something About Mary."

Perhaps the Push Stars sound finds its way into popular culture so easily because it speaks to the common person. But it does so with a certain elegance. Lyrics like "So smash all your mirrors/And look into me/Cause you're the most beautiful thing/I'll never see" ("Too Much Pride") reveal the delicate beauty in the band's music.

To think it all started in Trapper's New York home. He began writing songs at age 14. His brother taught him how to play the "Batman" theme song on his sister's acoustic, which she hardly played. He was first inspired to write his own song when picked on in school. Many songs and a college degree later, Trapper moved to Boston seeking

stardom with another band. "There was a big scene. We crumbled very quickly." So he took a job at a hotel, but continued to write songs — sometimes on wine boxes in the storage room of the hotel. With the encouragement of his parents, Trapper decided to give music one more shot and began performing at coffee houses, open mike nights and poetry readings. At one of those gigs, he met MacMillan. All it took was one promise from the drummer — "If I play with you, I'll get you a major label (deal) in two weeks" — and they were a team.

Enter Dan McLoughlin, whom Trapper met through a college friend. McLoughlin worked at Dreamland Studio and agreed to fill in on bass for a few songs on a recording. The result came to be known as the Push Stars.

The name itself alludes to the bandmates' perseverance in pushing to attain their dream. While Trapper said he feels they are three "nice guys in a cut-throat business," the Push Stars music reflects his sentiment of "choosing a dream and dreaming about where it's going."

Most songs on "After the Party" were written before Trapper had ever toured, written while sitting in his room fantasizing about the lives of different people. "I'm an escapist at heart," he mentioned. "All people are. All people wish they could be richer ... making the most of their daily life and personal relationships."

"Every song captures a major realization, a point in my life," he added. A writer, he said, is someone who "sits in the corner and watches the party go on." "After the Party" flaunts that polished insight with evocative style.

That sensitive, story-like songwriting deserves to be showcased on stage, where the band emanates an approachable style — something like watching your friends perform. And what a stellar performance it will be.

Listen for The Push Stars single "Drunk is Better Than Dead," during the opening credits of "Gun Shy," a film starring Sandra Bullock opening Friday.

Chris Trapper Push Stars



Stellar: Chris Trapper, Dan McLoughlin and Ryan MacMillan are pushing for the stars.

Kevin Foxe, Producer, "The Blair Witch Project." "The board will add tremendous legitimacy to the StreamSearch.com vision of maximizing the Internet's potential as a powerful entertainment medium," says Robert Shambro, CEO of StreamSearch.com.

Online film, music festival reaches industry moguls

PRNewswire — A diversity of prominent entertainment industry managers, producers, directors, actors, agents and entrepreneurs will serve on the Advisory Board for the StreamSearch.com Internet Film and Music Festival, Sunday, Feb. 20-Monday, March 20, 2000.

The first-of-its-kind online festival will allow participants worldwide to view and vote on a combination of full-length feature films, short films, animated features and music titles from new and established artists.

The Advisory Board appointments signify powerful support from prominent film and music industry leaders for StreamSearch.com's objective of creating unparalleled entertainment events to demonstrate the potential of audio and video streaming.

Each member will help guide the launch and implementation of the Internet Film and Music Festival, serve on the primary Selection Committee for video and audio entries, participate in informative consumer-oriented online chats during the event, and recommend future improvements.

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GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

A large table listing movie titles, showtimes, and theater names across various locations like National Amusements, Showcase, Star Theatres, etc.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

A table listing upcoming movies such as 'The Matrix', 'The Matrix Reloaded', 'The Matrix Revolutions', 'The Matrix Online', etc., with showtimes and theater information.

STAY TUNED

A collection of advertisements for various music releases and events, including 'Heart of Metal', 'Moonshine Music', and 'Fantasia 2000'.

GREAT IDEA!

A large advertisement for the movie 'Angela's Ashes' featuring a DVD cover, promotional text, and a 'One Month Free!' offer.

DINING

Romantic restaurants

Play Cupid, woo your Valentine with a lovely dinner

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
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Roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet ... but not as sweet as dining with you!

We've spared no expense (yours) to find the most romantic, fine-dining spots in town to wine and woo your favorite Valentine. If the atmosphere doesn't seduce you, the food will. All you have to do is make reservations quicker than a heart-beat.

■ **Cafe Bon Homme** - 844 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 453-6260. **Cost:** Four-course prefixed dinner, \$45 per person. **Dinner hour:** Begins 5 p.m. (last reservation 9 p.m.)

Owner Greg Goodman promises to "pull out all the stops" for Valentine couples dining in his comfortably elegant little restaurant, which he describes as a "chic, upscale, Left Bank bistro."

Goodman doesn't know all the delights Chef Jeff Condit will prepare for the Valentine Day weekend, but they will have a French influence with lots of "shoot-from-the-hip" American imagination. Dessert will definitely be chocolate enough to cause heart palpitations.

■ **Cafe Cortina**, 30715, W. 10 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 474-3033. **Cost:** About \$100, excluding wine. **Dinner hour:** Begins 5 p.m.

Good cooking is like love, simple yet divine, said Adrian Tonon, who co-owns the restaurant with his mother, Rina.

Since 1976, lovers have wined and dined at Cafe Cortina, especially in the fireplace room. "It's very cozy, warm and welcoming.

There's something in the air that's so romantic," says Tonon.

Tonon suggests starting with an antipasti of bruchetta, a portabella mushroom au poivre, and sliced zucchini with fresh mozzarella and tomato. For pasta, maybe something with fresh tomato, cream and a hint of goat cheese. For the main entree, why not a braised leg of lamb sliced at your table? Dessert, of course, will be chocolate.

■ **Emily's** - 505 N. Center, Northville, (248) 349-0505. **Cost:** Appetizers, \$7-\$18; dinners, \$19-\$35. **Dinner hour:** Begins 5:30 p.m.

Small and intimate, Emily's is in a Victorian-style house. There's room for just 50 diners, some of whom will be lucky enough to sit by the fireplace. "We're a romantic restaurant with really, really wonderful French-inspired cuisine," said owner and chef Rick Halberg.

Suggestions: An appetizer of champagne lobster ravioli with butter-poached scallops, an arugula salad with cured foie gras, and an entree of roast duck with vanilla-flavored sweet potatoes. For dessert? A chocolate truffle tart with macadamia praline and a port wine caramel.

■ **La Bistecca Italian Grille** - 39405 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 254-0400. **Cost:** About \$100 for two, excluding wine.

Dinner hour: Begins 5 p.m.

"The atmosphere is really conducive to a special evening because of the food and our extreme attention to detail and service," said owner Jerry Costanza. La Bistecca specializes in Piedmontese beef, considered by many chefs to be the most tender.

Suggestions: Gamberi con Asparago (a shrimp-and-asparagus appetizer for two) followed by a sampling of homemade ravioli and an entree of fillet mignon, lobster or a surf 'n turf. Dessert must be tiramisu, made from the chef's own heart-throbbing recipe. Top it off with a cappuccino

■ **Marco's** - 32748 Grand River, downtown Farmington, (248) 477-7777. **Cost:** Entrees \$15-\$27. **Dinner hour:** Begins 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

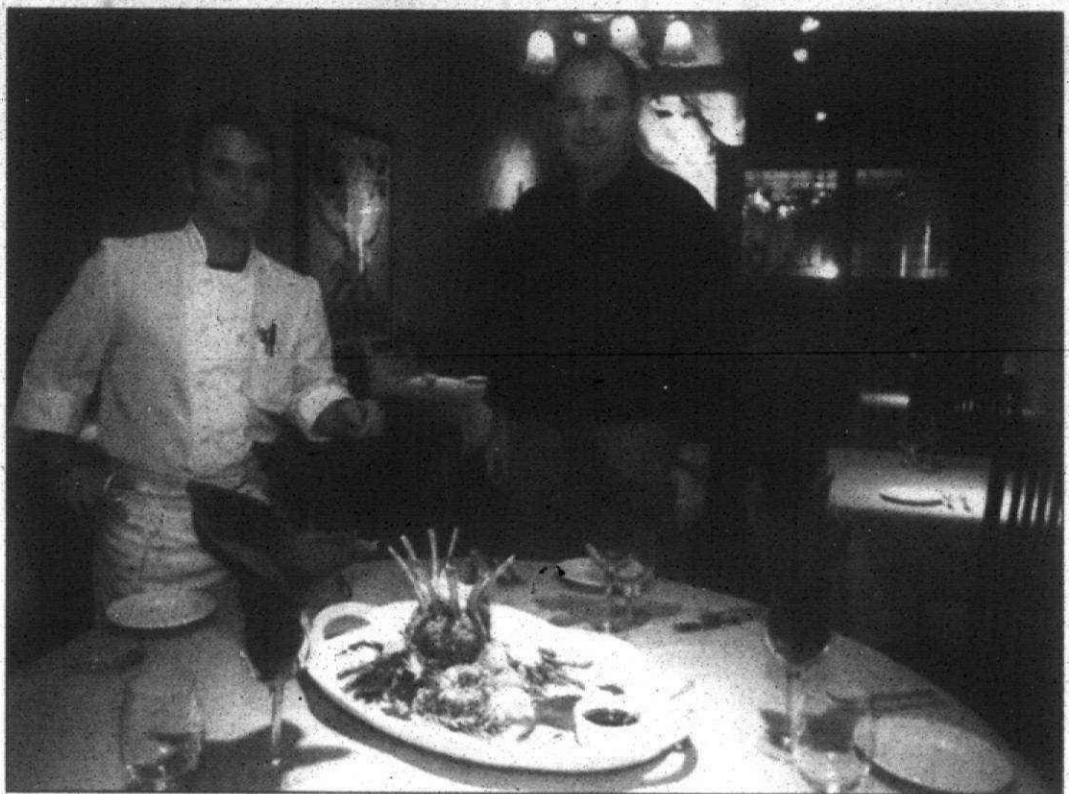
Marco's is small, just 20 tables for up to 80 lucky diners. "It's a very romantic place - candle-light, white linen tablecloths and fresh flowers all over the place. It's very intimate, dimly lit, with soft music in the background," says owner and chef Marco Conte.

Conte suggests teasing your appetite with pan-sautéed calamari tossed with lemon. Next, try the Fillet a la Gargonzola or Cherry Hazelnut Chicken, a succulent breast sautéed with Michigan dried cherries and a splash of Frangelico. For dessert, it's definitely the heart-shaped creme brulee with fresh strawberries.

■ **MacKinnon's** - 126 E. Main, Northville, (248) 348-1991. **Cost:** \$100 for two. **Dinner hour:** 5-10 p.m.

For 20 years, the restaurant's brick walls, lace curtains and Tiffany lamps have charmed countless diners. "We are a small, romantic family-owned restaurant in a quaint Victorian town," says owner Tom MacKinnon.

Suggestions: The appetizer



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Irresistible: Bon Homme chef and owner Greg Goodman (right) and chef de cuisine Jeff Condit present the perfect dinner for two - crown rack of lamb with pistachio crust and golden chanterelle mushroom risotto.

platter for two, which includes crab pasta, French tacos, escargot, the house pate, shrimp cocktail, oysters and crab-stuffed mushrooms. Next, an entree of rack of lamb with black currant sauce. For dessert, there are choices: A towering chocolate mousse with fresh strawberries, chocolate sauce and a chocolate roof or Banana Wellington, a puffed pastry with caramel sauce, walnuts, brown sugar, and

rum.

■ **Fonte D'Amore** - 32020 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 422-0770. **Dinner hour:** 4-10 p.m. **Cost:** \$12-\$25, regular menu.

Could lovers go wrong at a place whose name means "fountain of love"? Impossible, said owner Luciano Delsignore. The setting is dark and soft-colored with cozy booths and a fireplace.

"We kind of theme on romance."

Del Signore suggests a shrimp scampi appetizer, followed by Fillet Marino, a pan-roasted center-cut tenderloin with shallots, mushrooms, Marsala, brandy and cream. You might also try a little rigatoni with fresh tomatoes in a basil sauce with fresh mozzarella. For dessert, nothing other than a house-made tiramisu.

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