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Trains: A car passes the crossing on Sheldon Road, where traffic backs up.

Funding sought for train underpass

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

A bill being considered in Washington could help solve railroad crossing problems at Sheldon Road south of M-14.

Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, has proposed that a highway underpass at the Sheldon Road railroad crossing be included as a demonstration project to be 80 percent funded by the federal government as part of a new transportation bill.

Rivers said there is an opportunity to tackle more projects in the upcoming transportation bill. That's because the House Budget Committee, on which she serves, is expected to increase transportation funding by \$200 million-\$300 million in the bill.

The bill, to cover transportation spending for roughly five years, has passed the Senate in one version and

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COMMUNITY LIFE

Who's to blame? Some of the reactions to the alleged rape of a 15-year-old student in Canton High School don't surprise a First Step specialist. They're indicative of the clash between reality and long-held beliefs about the crime./B1

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Superintendent seeks another bond



While the March 1997 bond lingers in the Michigan Court of Appeals, school district voters may be asked for another bond to build a middle school in Canton.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools voters may be asked later this year to approve a bond issue to build a new middle school in Canton.

The district will lose its lease at Lowell Middle School in Westland by Aug.

1, 2000, as the Livonia Public Schools district plans to take back the building after leasing it to Plymouth-Canton for nearly 20 years.

Superintendent Chuck Little told school board members Tuesday night he wants to build the new middle school on 21 acres of land at Hanford

and Canton Center roads in Canton.

There is no cost estimate for a new middle school, which is needed to house the 730 students who are now enrolled at Lowell. The district's housing committee will study the issue, and decide on an architect to move forward with the project.

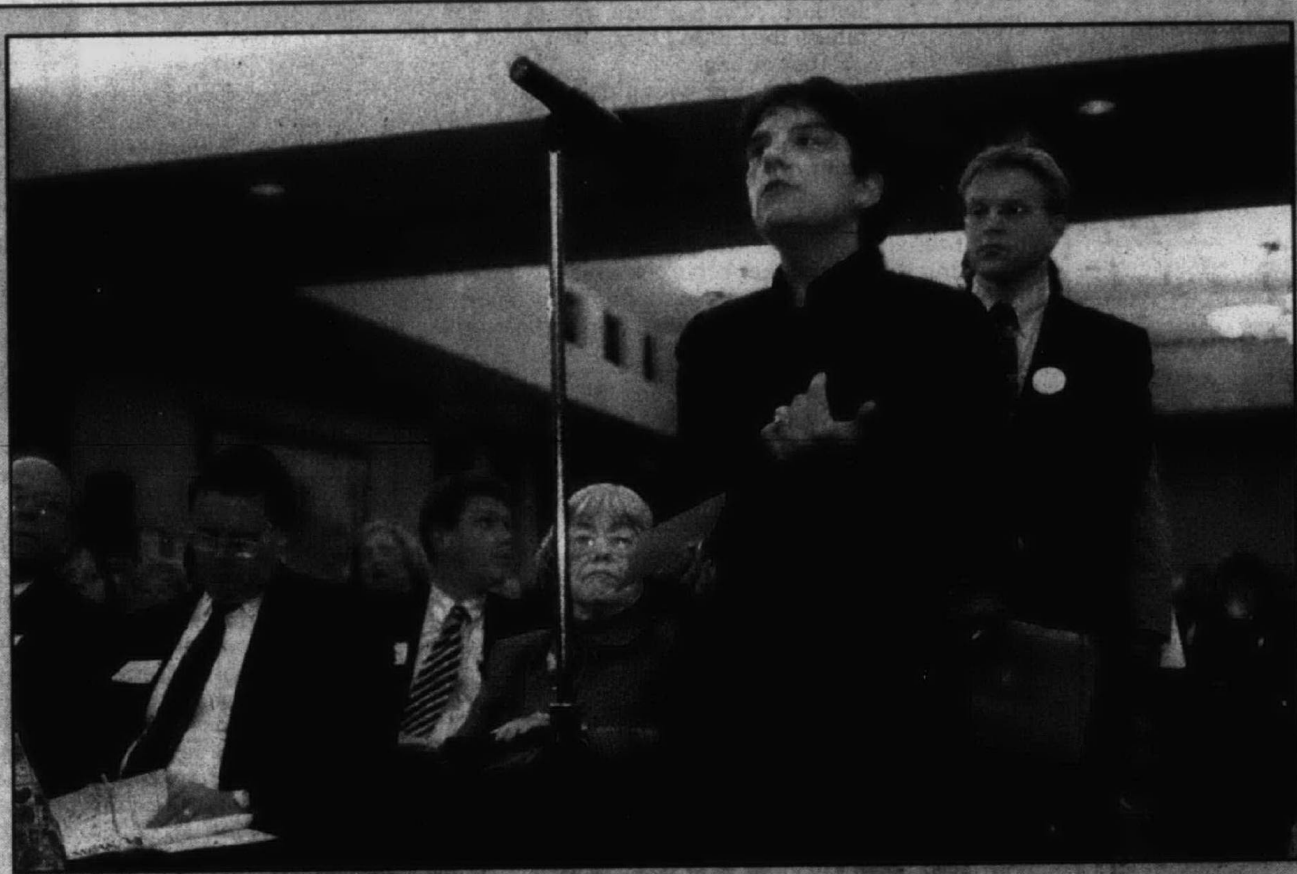
Little told the board there are election openings in October and December, and he's hoping to have the project solidified and a bond committee ready to tackle the issue of gaining support for the new school soon.

The election could come before resolution of the \$79.7 million 1997 bond issue, which was narrowly approved by voters but is tied up in court.

Former state Rep. Jerry Vorva has sued the school district because 716 ballots cast on touch-screen voting machines didn't count. The measure to build two new schools and make other improvements passed by 96 votes.

A state appeals court panel has assigned expedited status to the suit.

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What about... Susan Kopinski, chairwoman of the Bond Steering Committee in Plymouth-Canton, takes state legislators to task for the inequity in school financing, particularly how it affects Plymouth-Canton schools.

Proposal A

Tax reform takes a beating

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Proposal A took a beating from most of the nearly 600 people who attended Monday night's Michigan Summit on School Funding Equity, hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools at the Summit in Canton.

The school funding reform, designed to narrow the gap in spending among school districts while at the same time capping property taxes, was the main focus of discussion. Residents from all over the tri-county area were joined by nearly a dozen state lawmakers and three gubernatorial candidates.

SCHOOL EQUITY SUMMIT

Most all agreed Proposal A helped stop escalating property taxes and narrowed some of the spending gaps among school districts when it was approved nearly four years ago.

However, many lawmakers, educators and parents are now concerned about decreased local control, budgets

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Tax hike likely to face voters

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township voters will likely be asked whether to approve spending more money on recreation, police and facilities.

But one remaining question is when - August or November?

By a May 26 Wayne County elections office deadline, the township board of trustees must submit ballot language

for three proposals if the issue is to go before voters in August.

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy said an attorney would prepare the ballot language. But first, a citizens' committee reviewing the millage requests must be formed and its recommendations received.

"We will go with what the citizens' committee tells us," McCarthy said.

If that committee finds that the 20-

year millage requests are in order, it would be charged with heading and paying for a publicity effort. By state law, the township board can't use tax money for that purpose.

McCarthy said it must also be decided to present the millage increases during the August primary, or in November when more voters show at the polls.

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Get ready for the bang of those jackhammers

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Blended this spring with the songbirds' trill and the rustle of sprouting leaves and blossoms will be the BANG! BANG! of steel smashing pavement.

That's because the city's street improvements program, approved by voters in 1996, is back for year two.

And with some projects unable to be started last year - including road repairs along Main Street north and south of downtown - an ambitious schedule awaits the city's road contractor this year.

But streets aren't the only reason to fire up a jackhammer in the city of Plymouth this spring. The second year of a two-year sidewalk improvement pro-

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gram is scheduled. So is the second year of an ongoing sewer rehabilitation program.

City crews will identify repairs needed to sidewalks north of Ann Arbor Trail. They estimate 80,000 square feet of sidewalk will need replacing this year, nearly four times as much as the 21,000 square feet replaced last year.

Homeowners whose sidewalks required replacing last year paid \$57 per flag, or 4-by-5-foot square of side-

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Who's in charge of financial records?

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

A dispute over who keeps certain Plymouth Township financial records has sparked the attention of the township's private auditing firm.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

In performing the 1997 township audit, the firm Rehman Robson has requested additional information which is being provided, said Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy and Treasurer Ron Edwards in a joint statement Tuesday.

"A meeting is scheduled with the auditors for Thursday," the joint statement continued.

"We should remember that this is a work in progress until the final report is issued," the statement continued.

In its initial report, the auditors found that some financial records compiled by the treasurer's office did not reconcile with the township's general ledger.

Edwards stressed that all township money is accounted for, adding the problem is in the reconciliation of separate records kept by his office and the finance office.

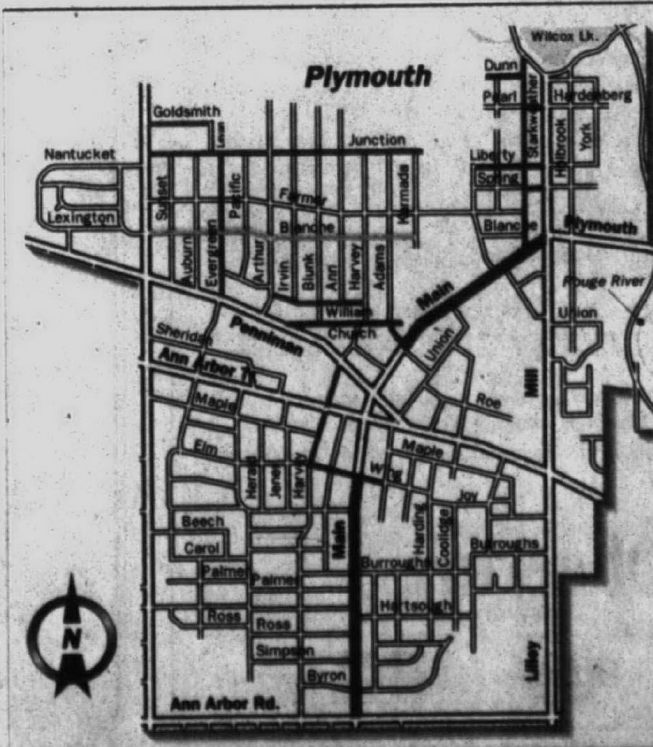
Edwards said he has reconciled records based on information available to him, but that some information available to Finance Director Rosemary Harvey has not been provided for his review.

In a March 16 letter to Harvey, CPA David Fisher with Rehman Robson cited discrepancies in the reconciliation of 11 funds. "Many of these items listed are the apparent responsibility of Treasurer Ron Edwards," the auditor wrote.

But Edwards responded that only in November was he allowed access to the township's general ledger. In a letter to the auditors, he questioned their placing of ultimate responsibility for bank reconciliations with him.

"I am prepared to submit a letter to the Michigan Board of Accountancy questioning what I feel are unwarranted political considerations becoming intrusive into an independent financial audit for a unit of government,"

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1998 Street Paving Program

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(May - June construction, under contract)

Division 2 Streets
(July - October construction, to follow completion of Division 1)

Division 3 Streets
(60 days to complete, independent of all other street construction)

Division 4 Streets
(60 days to complete, independent of all other street construction)

1998 Sidewalk Repair Program
Includes repairs to sidewalks north of Ann Arbor Trail.

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which are frozen below the inflation rate, and the continuing gaps in funding for many school districts.

"I want the legislature to keep its promise to get rid of the gap, and they haven't done it," said Mark Slavens, who organized the event. "If they aren't going to keep that promise, then they have to give back the right of local control and allow us to have enhancement millages."

Local control

And that appeared to be the theme of the night from those who attended.

"I have a passion for public education," said Paula Bowman of Plymouth Township. "I'd like to see Proposal A rescinded. A lot of people voted for it with their wallets."

"I don't think it's fair that some districts get more money than others, but they don't have to be equal," said Tyler Walker of Plymouth, a sophomore at Plymouth Salem High School. "Some districts need more money to get equal opportunity."

The host district, Plymouth-Canton, currently receives \$5,986 per-pupil from state funding and local taxes. Other area school districts include Livonia, \$7,067; South Redford, \$6,588; Garden City, \$6,145; Wayne-Westland, \$5,883; and Redford Union, \$5,677.

Plymouth-Canton school officials like to benchmark their district with Bloomfield Hills (\$10,916), Birmingham (\$10,839) and Ann Arbor (\$8,196).

While many voters may have looked at their wallets in 1994 when approving Proposal A, several in the crowd declared they now want quality put back into their schools. Many even spoke in favor of enhancement millages to raise additional funds.

"I've gone on record that if a bill comes in the Senate allowing a local enhancement millage of three mills I would vote yes on that bill," Republican Sen. Loren Bennett of Canton told the mostly local gathering. "I do have some trouble with that decision ... because if every district avails itself to that opportunity, the gap (among districts) would widen. I am concerned about that."

Bennett said a three-mill enhancement would bring an additional \$667 per student in the Plymouth-Canton district. That same three mills would generate \$778 in Ann Arbor. While in Bloomfield Hills, three mills equates to \$1,299 more per student.

Doing business

Much of the problem for many districts is directly related to state funding that is less than the cost of doing business.

received a 2.7-percent increase in state funding. He pointed out the Consumer Price Index was over 3 percent. According to Little, it's the fifth consecutive year the district has operated with state funding increases less than the cost of doing business.

"What happened, especially with Plymouth-Canton and Wayne-Westland, is that they were at their lowest level of mills as both had just lost a big millage renewal," said Democratic Rep. Eileen DeHart of Westland. "When Proposal A kicked in, they were at their low point. They got deeper and deeper into a hole. They will never get whole again because they're being punished for that one time when voters voted no on the millage renewal."

Republican Rep. Lyn Bankes of Livonia, who also serves Redford, said Plymouth-Canton and Wayne-Westland had a chance to have millage votes to catch up with other districts before Proposal A went into effect.

"Plymouth-Canton had a chance to be up with Livonia, but they chose not to go to voters with another millage," said Bankes. "I'm not sure why they didn't, unless they didn't think they could pass another millage."

Bankes said it's up to constituents to elect legislators and board members who will support changes to Proposal A, and work toward that end.

The next recession

Some of the legislators told those in attendance that Proposal A does not guarantee school funding, and there are concerns about what will happen when

the next recession hits the state.

Wayne-Westland's assistant superintendent for instruction, Dr. Sam Barresi, said he's concerned for when the economy eventually takes a dip.

"We're not having funding meet expenses now," said Barresi, of Plymouth. "It's better we address the situation on a proactive basis when the economy is going well, than wait for things to go belly-up and find out the funding isn't there."

According to some legislators, the state is actually \$500 million short in funding Proposal A. And, if every district were to get the same amount of per-pupil funding, the state would need to raise \$1 billion dollars.

Bennett doesn't see that ever happening.

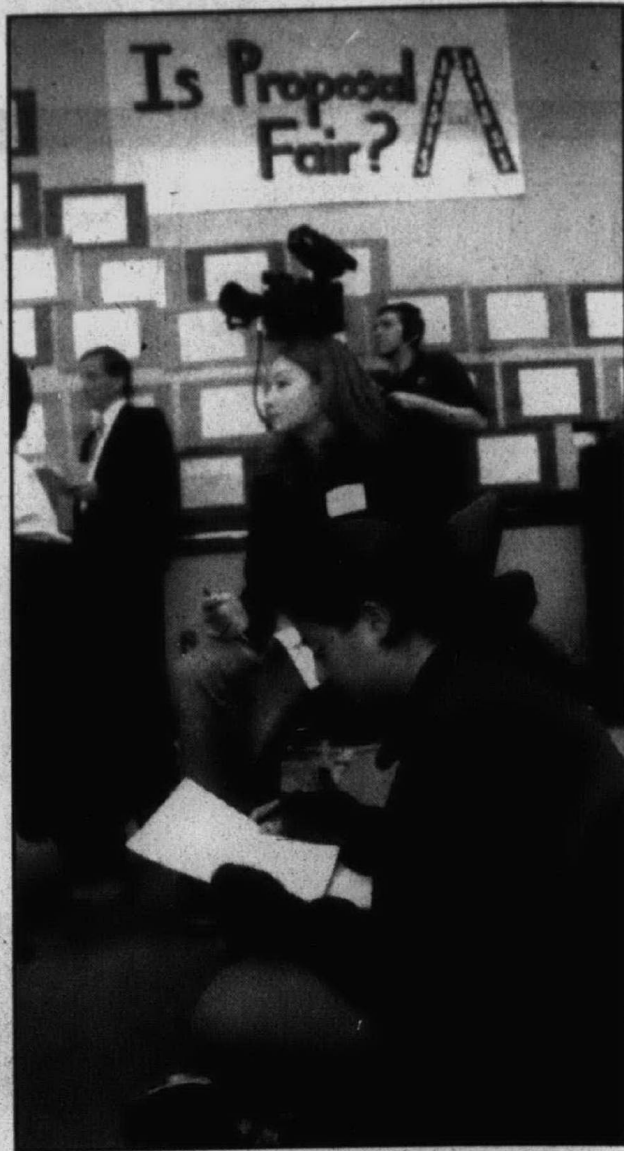
"Taxpayers couldn't afford it," said Bennett. "We would have to raise property taxes by 42 mills to gain equity. The current income tax of 4.4 percent would have to be increased to 9.7 percent. It just won't happen."

"Why don't we look at real funding?" asked Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne.

"Leave state aid at the amount it is now, and add all the lottery money to it. It's a big shell game. I think it's time for the legislature and governor to admit there were mistakes four years ago and it's time to correct it."

Wayne County Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, a Democrat who represents Westland and Garden City, says she never did like Proposal A.

"It lowered the property tax and income tax, the



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Education: Plymouth Salem High School students Kate Boboski and Dawn Funtti take notes for their government classes during the Summit on School Equity Monday night. The meeting room featured banners touting the unfairness of Proposal A.

only things besides mortgage loans we can take off our federal taxes," said Beard. "I would have preferred the money stay here for education."

At the end of the night, Little felt good about getting the message out — that current funding isn't helping many districts stay above water.

"I think Proposal A works well for most of Michigan, however it needs some tweaking to fix some of the built-in problems," said Little. "People think public education is important. It's a quality issue, and that's refreshing."

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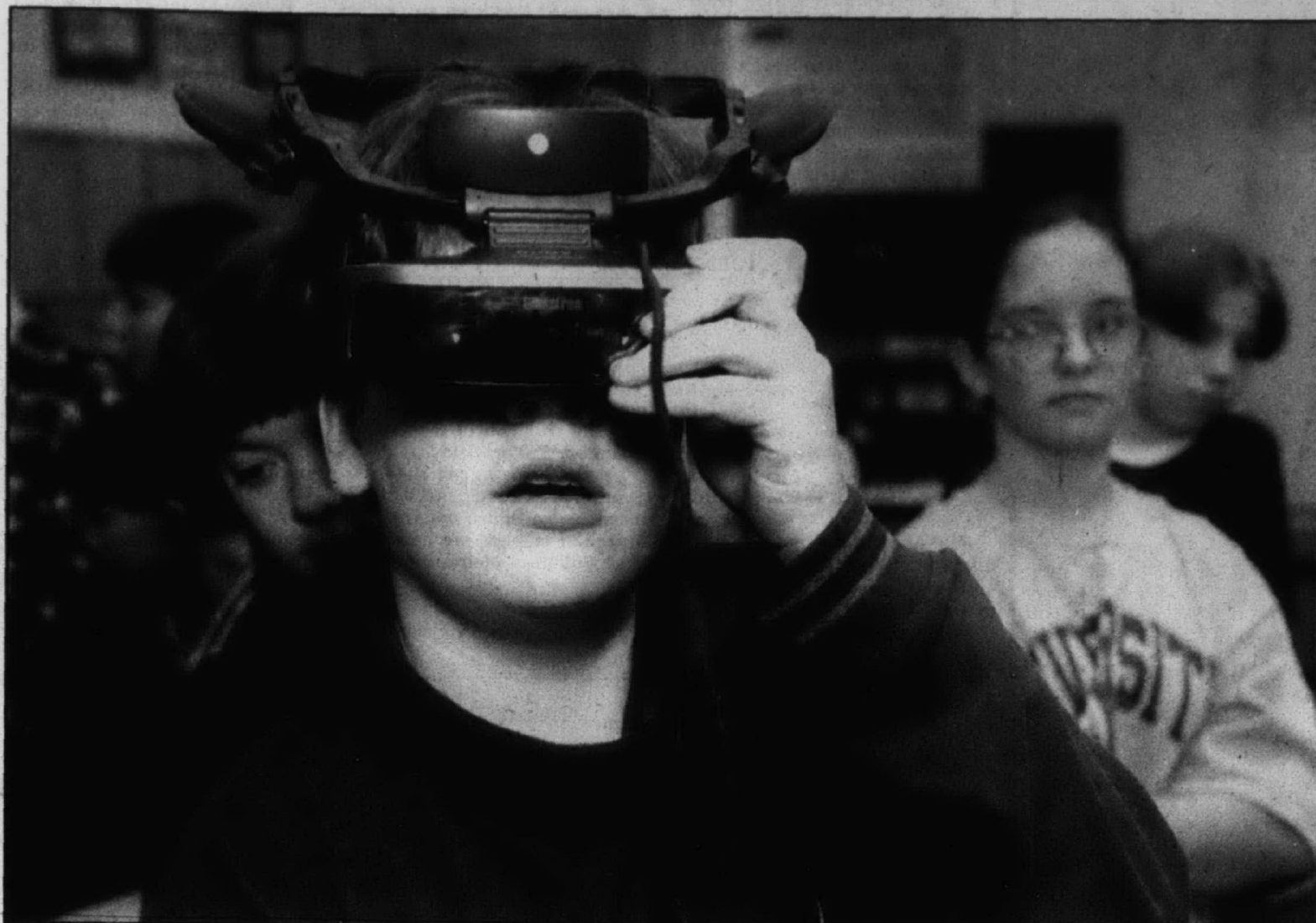
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Career choices

Central Middle School students take a peek at their futures



Wow! Student Brent Dreaver peers through virtual reality goggles used by Cyberworks, one of a number of opportunities provided to Central Middle School students at their annual Career Day, which included members of the Observer Newspapers staff. Students also got to speak with lawyers, dentists, law enforcement officers, bankers and engineers.

STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER

So, what do you want to be when you grow up?

From a nurse to a truck driver – and even a magician – Central Middle School students got a first-hand look last week at what kinds of jobs will be available to them in as they finish school in the early years of the 21st century.

While computers and other high-tech industries were well represented at the school's annual Career Day, so were more traditional professions like law and law enforcement, the armed forces, dentistry and banking.

This being Michigan, the auto industry was on hand with a contingent from GM, including Kevin Park of GM Delta Quality Control; and Susan Samuel and Maria Simons from the Tech Center's engineering staff.

Central students chose three, 45-minute sessions to attend based on careers that interested them. Speakers gave brief presentations and fielded questions, which ranged from the obvious (training, salary) to the unusual. "What's the strangest place you've ever gone to do a story?" one journalism student asked a newspaper editor.

The magician was Jason Abbott, son of school secretary Christine Abbott. Jason even provided a

'He does a good job and the kids get to see things from a teacher's perspective.'

Teacher Debra Rosenblum

few moments of light-hearted entertainment for other presenters as they gathered in the Central cafeteria before school started.

Central science and math teacher Richard Johnson gave a presentation on a career in teaching. Surprisingly, Johnson's session is always one of the more popular among students, said English teacher Debra Rosenblum.

"He does a good job and the kids get to see things from a teacher's perspective."



Here's how: Local artist Don Schneider demonstrates lampwork bead-making, while students Steve Cox, Kerry Killeen, Tanya Towne, Miranda Harvey and teacher Diane Sproull watch.

Registration for you-pay driver's education is Saturday

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Driver's education is a rite of passage for most teenagers. However, the rite of getting behind the wheel is now going to cost Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students.

As of April 1, Michigan school districts no longer will have to offer driver's education programs for free, mainly because the state has cut some of its funding.

While many districts plan to scrap their programs, the Plymouth-Canton schools will continue to offer driver's education, but with a fee.

"We feel it is a public service to our district to continue the program," said Ken Jacobs, assis-

'We also have studies that show public schools offer a much better program than private firms.'

Ken Jacobs
—Assistant principal

tant principal at Plymouth Canton High School. "We also have studies that show public schools offer a much better program than private firms."

This Saturday, March 28, is registration for students who want to enroll in the district's driver's education program. The cost will be \$163 at the time of

registration.

Jacobs says the state is funding approximately \$70 per student, and the district is kicking in another \$70 per student to keep the enrollment cost down. Last year, more than 700 students participated.

The students will be divided into two sessions. The first is June 15 through July 8, with the second July 13 through Aug. 5. The class consists of 24 hours of classroom work, and six hours behind the wheel.

Successful completion gets the student a learner's permit. After three months of successful driving with a parent, the student will get an additional six hours in the classroom.

Registration is in the Canton High School cafeteria for students who are at least 14 years

and 8 months old prior to the first day of class. Any Plymouth-Canton school district resident is

eligible for the class by showing proof of residency.

Shared services, tax issues dominate annual address

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

It may not have as a wide an appeal as the State of the Union address, but the State of the Community drew a sell-out crowd early March 18 at Ernesto's restaurant.

Sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, the program also drew community leaders, including Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Plymouth Mayor Don Dismuke, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Chuck Little and Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter.

Shared services, such as recreation, and a proposed tax increase topped McCarthy's list of big news in the township.

"We're starting to see now the five-acre land splits. The big parcels are pretty much under way," McCarthy said.

With the end of growth coming in the township, revenues will drop from building permits, thus affecting the budget and expenses. "That's a pretty serious cut on the budget," McCarthy added.

Creating a joint city and township recreation program is still in the works. "We're getting to a point where we will set up sub-committees and set how it would operate," McCarthy said.

Simply, the township doesn't have money in the budget to pay for recreation. "We have to go

out to citizens and ask for a tax increase."

In addition to a request for a dedicated tax for recreation, township officials are likely to ask for an increase in the general fund millage that will also finance police and fire services, namely the addition of new police officers and firefighters.

The dedicated police and fire millages now paid by taxpayers does not cover current expenses for those services, McCarthy said.

She also announced the installation of a clock tower at Ann Arbor Road and I-275. "It's being done without tax dollars," she said, adding that the tower will "make a good entry for our community."

Dismuke announced a breakthrough for parking in Plymouth with proposed changes in regulations, designed to encourage development and expansion in the Downtown Development District.

"Everyone knows parking has been a philosophical issue in the last 20 years," Dismuke said. In other words, parking credits are a thing of the past except for those who own them and want to use them.

Dismuke also told chamber guests that the DDA has sent packages of information to 20 developers to entice them downtown.

Superintendent Little announced the beginning of negotiations with teachers. "All

participants realize we are in a new age," he said, referring to cooperation.

As far as student scores on state tests, Little said they are good, but not great. "We benchmark against 12 other districts."

"Vigilant" and "outraged" is how Little described school officials' reaction to the alleged sexual assault at Canton High School March 5. "We won't tolerate this," he said, adding the district is in the process of taking disciplinary action and following through with its security review of the high schools.

Little had little optimism to offer about the March 1997 bond issue that has landed in the Michigan Court of Appeals. "Our schools are overcrowded," he said. "Unfortunately, it appears this is headed toward the U.N."

McCotter of Livonia, concluding his sixth year as a county commissioner, told guests that efforts are afoot to once again attempt to provide tax relief for residents.

Western Wayne County pays much more in property taxes than it gets back. "This is a political and demographic problem."

The efforts include requiring a super majority of county commissioners to pass a tax - 10 or 12 commissioners instead of the eight now required - as well as a 60 percent majority of taxpayers must agree before a tax is approved. "This can be done," McCotter said, of the bi-partisan effort.

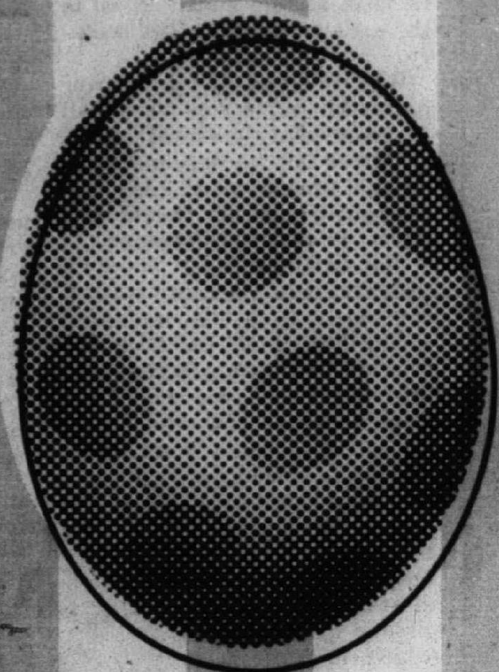
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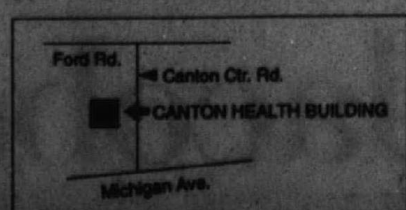
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Accused student expelled

By TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday night expelled the teen accused in the alleged sexual assault of a girl at Canton High School.

The board approved the expulsion of Christian Gerrard Armstead, 17, who is charged with one count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct for allegedly assaulting a 15-year-old student under a stairwell March 5.

Armstead had been suspended from classes since the incident. The board held a pre-expulsion hearing March 17, and gave final action at the meeting.

Armstead waived his preliminary exam March 20, and faces his next court date April 3 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

He currently is free on \$10,000 personal bond pending trial.

Police officials say Armstead could plead guilty to a lesser charge, thereby increasing his chances for a reduced sentence.

The alleged victim is currently attending school in another district.

Trains from page A1

is now being reviewed in the House.

Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters was informed of the effort last week. "It's potentially good news but it's not good news yet," he said. "We're not the only ones pursuing the remaining money. This is a real opportunity here."

Should the estimated \$7 million project win approval, the

federal contribution would likely be \$5.6 million. "There's a \$1.4 million local match implied, that would have to be negotiated between the county and the city and the (Plymouth) township, I assume," Walters said.

"At the point we got the federal money, there'd be a lot of incentive to figure out the local match. I'm sure we can work that out as a community," he

said.

Agreement between the House and Senate on a final version of the transportation bill will happen "hopefully in a couple of months," Rivers said.

"I think this is a very deserving project," Rivers said, adding that ending long waits at Sheldon Road for trains to pass would also reduce auto emissions.

Audit from page A1

Edwards wrote March 19.

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to your needs," Edwards continued.

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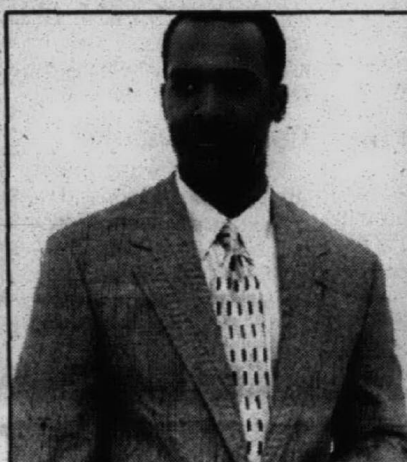
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Among area communities, the projects and state shares are:

■ **Canton Township**, Wayne County - widen Haggerty Road from two lanes to five to reduce congestion and allow truck and employee access to Yazaki North America Inc., adding 295 jobs - \$972,800 state grant toward \$1.52 million total project.

■ **Novi**, Oakland County - widen and resurface the Nine Mile-Nov Road intersection, for trucks accessing local firms, including Ingersoll-Rand Co., which is adding 75 jobs -

\$500,500 state grant toward \$1.32 million project.

■ **Westland**, Wayne County - widen Newburgh Road from two lanes to five to improve traffic flow to developments supporting 426 new jobs at various firms - \$570,825 state grant to support \$1.14 million project.

Appointments

■ **Marcella Colling**, Northville resident and director of environmental health and safety at Kettering University, to the Michigan Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Commission. The group ensures state planning and response for hazardous materials planning. Her term ends April 11, 2000.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Conference of Western Wayne officials will oppose the county jail millage - expected on a ballot this year - unless Wayne County increases prisoner space and cuts the cost of prisoner housing.

Meanwhile, Deputy County Executive Mike Duggan expects to go full steam ahead with the millage campaign - with or without CWW support.

Two police chiefs have represented the CWW, a legislative consortium of 18 communities, in ongoing discussions with Wayne County.

The CWW passed a resolution last year opposing this year's 1-mill renewal of the countywide jail millage.

Garden City Police Chief Dave Kocsis, Westland Police Chief Emery Price and Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack sit on a CWW subcommittee studying the millage.

The chiefs want Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano and the county sheriffs to act as a "central depository" for ordinance violators and misdemeanants.

"The sheriffs could contract out for that," Price said. "The sheriffs are supportive of this."

What they want

The chiefs have pushed for more than a year to obtain increased jail housing for their communities with ordinance violators and misdemeanants and a lower charge to communities for prisoners before they would support the 1-mill levy slated to be on the ballot.

A letter was mailed to County Executive Edward McNamara in February from the CWW, stating the following points of issue:

■ The CWW believes that the Wayne County Jail should be the central depository for all

Jail millage

In 1996 these Wayne County communities generated the following revenue for Wayne County jail operations under the one mill approved by voters in 1988 (figures are rounded off).

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■ Northville • \$630,000
■ Plymouth • \$1 million
■ Redford \$933,000

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■ Dearborn Heights • \$1 million
■ Garden City • \$447,000
■ Livonia • \$3.3 million
■ Northville • \$101,000
■ Plymouth • \$272,000

sentenced misdemeanants.

■ The per diem charge for prisoner should be eliminated and replaced with an administrative charge;

■ The CWW believes that the number of bed spaces and/or the availability of suburban bed spaces in the Dickerson Facility should be increased.

Contracting out?

The chiefs want county sheriffs to act as a "central depository" for ordinance violators and misdemeanants. In this capacity, the CWW believes the county could negotiate with out-county facilities for additional bed space.

The CWW believes Wayne

Millage showdown

Local officials want county to cut jail costs, increase prisoner space

County would receive a "significant economies of scale" in representing the largest county in Michigan.

"With a standardized, lower daily fee for bed space, the Conference could realize a reduction in the additional funding its communities currently spend on securing out-county bed space," stated a letter to McNamara.

In 1996, CWW communities alone spent approximately \$2 million to house prisoners in out-county facilities - above and beyond the millage collected by Wayne County.

"If Wayne County would assume the responsibility of arranging for alternative prisoner space in out-county facilities, the CWW would have no need for additional bed space in the Dickerson facility nor would it be necessary to eliminate the per diem charge with an administrative charge," the letter states.

The CWW wants communities reimbursed revenue equal to 2/10ths of a mill levied on residents.

"While retaining 2/10ths (of a) mill would not totally alleviate the ever-increasing costs borne by local units, it would provide communities with the flexibility to employ best management and fiscal practices," the CWW letter states.

6,000 inmates housed

Duggan reiterated that Wayne County's Dickerson Facility in Hamtramck housed 6,000 felons and misdemeanants from the suburbs.

"They would rather advocate that these people be released to the streets," Duggan said. "If you look at our report, you will see that 500 people from Westland, 200 from Livonia and 200 from Plymouth, Canton and Northville were held in our jail."

Duggan called the CWW posi-

tion "irrational." "Crime is down 12 percent in Wayne County since 1991, when the (Dickerson) jail first opened," Duggan said. "We had 20,000 fewer crimes committed than in 1991."

"We've done everything that we've promised."

Duggan said having Wayne County act as a central depository was an issue that could be discussed with the communities.

The charge per prisoner to communities and revenue for communities appear to be less negotiable items.

Both the CWW and the Wayne County Department of Community Justice agree that the county has inadequate jail space.

The millage issue is a complicated issue, Price said.

"They're saying they can't release the felons early," Price said. "We're not saying that they do that at all."

Price said out-county jail use to house criminals has worked for municipalities.

"If we're using these facilities as municipalities and are making these deals, why can't they?" Price asked.

The county also was spending on the jail \$16 million of county general fund money with the \$26 million generated by the millage, Duggan said. "McNamara has made it his No. 1 issue," Duggan said.

Duggan said communities receive funds through their district courts in their fines of misdemeanants and that county charges for those inmates have stood up in court.

"The law says if you get the fines, you must pay for their incarcerations," Duggan said.

County commissioners have not yet approved the millage proposal to be placed on any 1998 ballot. The millage expired in December.

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Madonna registers for new term

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Patterson seeks review of weapons permit board

County Commissioner Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, wants to hold a number of public hearings on Wayne County's Concealed Weapons Permit process.

Patterson, who introduced a resolution last month calling for a plenary investigation of the permit process, expected the resolution to be discussed Wednesday (yesterday) at a scheduled meeting of the Committee on Public Safety and Judiciary.

Patterson's resolution asks the committee to proceed in collecting data, assembling witnesses; holding public hearings and obtaining research materials as they relate to concealed weapons permitting in other states and counties. The resolution also calls for the Public Safety and Judiciary Committee to make recommendations.

The county commissioner said yesterday's meeting was the first

in many public hearings he expected to be conducted regarding this issue. Patterson has received numerous phone calls and letters from constituents interested in supplying information and giving testimony.

Patterson said anyone interested in contributing information on the Concealed Weapons

Permitting process and laws can contact his office at (313) 224-0944.

Counsel questioned

Patterson also has requested an investigation into the process used in court-appointed attorneys for defendants who are unable to afford representation.

The county commissioner's request follows a recent newspaper story that indicated the major contributors and family members of judges have received a disproportionate amount of cases and fees.

Patterson wants the Public Safety and Judiciary Committee conduct an investigation into

this issue by assembling data, calling witnesses and hold public hearings. The committee should make recommendations following this process, Patterson said.

"The courts and the judges must be above reproach," Patterson said. "We cannot permit even the appearance of impropriety. I take this matter very seriously."

Schoolcraft to host speaker on Hong Kong

Schoolcraft College's Export Resource Center presents an international dinner seminar "Doing Business in Hong Kong: The Gateway to China" 5-8:30 p.m., Thursday, April 16.

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U.S. exports to Hong Kong are up 41 percent between 1993 and 1996. Hong Kong presents a potential lucrative market for U.S. businesses and serves as the gateway to China.

Stavros is a professor of international studies at Madonna University. She serves on the board of governors of the National Association of Small Business International Trade Educators and is a member of the Michigan District Export Council and the American Marketing Association.

Following the speech, participants can talk about their personal business concerns in roundtable discussions with representatives from the Detroit Regional Chamber, the U.S. Export Assistance Center in Detroit, the Pontiac Export Assistance Center, the Michigan Jobs Commission and successful regional exporters.

A dinner featuring cuisine from Hong Kong prepared by Schoolcraft's Culinary Arts Department will be served. Tickets are \$60 and are available through the Export Resource Center (734) 462-4438.

Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

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Novice and experienced beekeepers will find much to buzz about at the 60th annual Bee School sponsored by the Southeastern Michigan Beekeepers Association.

The school, held in cooperation with the Schoolcraft College Beekeepers Club and the Cranbrook Beekeepers Club, is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 4, in the Waterman Center on Schoolcraft's campus.

Featured speakers are Gard Otis, professor of entomology at the University of Guelph in Ontario, a honeybee researcher, and Roger Hoopingarner, an agricultural specialist recently retired from Michigan State University.

Breakout sessions include a series of beginner workshops dealing with different aspects of beekeeping aimed at helping the new beekeeper get started. Additional sessions will examine honey bee diseases, hive management, queen rearing, bee sting allergy, wax working and urban beekeeping. Other attractions include a display of beekeeping equipment and crafts, a wax-weight guessing contest, a honey show, a silent auction and a package bee hive raffle.

Nonmembers must pay a registration fee at the door, and attendees should bring a dish to pass and table service for the noon potluck lunch. For information, call Roger Sutherland at (734) 668-8568 or Jim Goodrich at (248) 628-0321.

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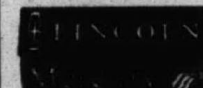
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Close-up: Alexa Zion, 5, a kindergartner at Schoolcraft College's Children's Center, gets a close look at the screech owl that Joe Rogers is holding.

SC students get close-up look at some colorful birds of prey

Children and students at Schoolcraft College enjoyed birds from screech owls to redtail hawks at a "Birds of Prey" presentation at Schoolcraft College's Waterman Center earlier this month.

Joe Rogers, a Mt. Pleasant resident, demonstrated and discussed the birds of prey with the students, who had a chance to closely examine birds. The event was sponsored by Schoolcraft's Student Activities Board and the

fraternity of Phi Theta Kappa. Todd Stowell, the college's assistant director of student activities, said the educational program was to "tune people into the environment."

Awesome: Schoolcraft college students Mike Ioanou, a freshman from Livonia and Fabiola Albert, a freshman from Brazil now living in Farmington, examine a great horned owl held by Joe Rogers.



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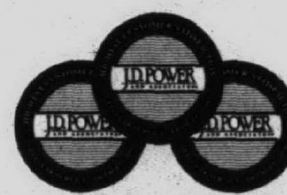
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If voters were to approve the millage increases as presented now, the township's total millage would still fall below the average of townships in Wayne County, 7.9. The township currently levies a total of 3.55 mills, lowest among county townships.

Separate issues

After talks with the township board and homeowners association presidents, McCarthy said the decision was made to separate the millage requests into three separate issues - a half-mill for recreation, 2.5 or 3 general fund mills for increased police and fire staffing, and 2/10ths to a half-mill for a new township office facility.

A joint city-township recreation committee has determined that a half-mill contribution from the township, added to a half-mill contribution from the city, would provide adequate money for a joint recreation department. The committee began studying communitywide recreation last summer, after a survey showed residents in greater Plymouth would favor paying more for recreation.

In touting a need for increased police staff, township police say the township's current 24 officers spend most time responding to calls and not enough time on patrols.

"Our homeowners associations have been telling us police are

not seen in the subdivisions enough," McCarthy said. A general fund millage increase geared for police and fire staff would add eight to 10 police, phased in by hiring an additional two per year.

This millage increase would also pay for six more firefighters.

The proposed millage for a new township office facility is sparked partly because the current township office complex at Lilley and Ann Arbor Road is in a poor location, McCarthy said.

New building

First, she said that a proposed additional lane on Ann Arbor Road for right turns at the current township office complex

'This is a valuable corner.'

Kathleen Keen McCarthy
—Township supervisor

could add to problems fire and police vehicles already have exiting the location. "This corner is going to be even worse than it is now," she said.

Another factor is the separation of buildings at the corner. Residents doing business at the corner often "go to the wrong building," McCarthy said, as it's confusing which operations are housed where. The department of public works, now on the

township's west side, could be incorporated into a new township office complex.

"Employees crisscross the parking lot to deliver mail or go to meetings," she said, adding that cuts into productivity.

Further, the main township office building once housed a factory, and lingering chemicals tend to wreck havoc with carpeting. In the three separate buildings, "we spend a lot of money on air conditioning in the summer," McCarthy said.

The township administration has begun to scout prospective sites around the township for a new township office complex. But McCarthy declines to name them, saying this could drive up

the price for property.

"This is a valuable corner," she said, adding the sale of the township's current property at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley will offset costs for a new complex - if voters approve it.

One reason millage issues are needed to pay for improvements is because some sources of money for the township are declining, McCarthy said. These include district court revenues - as much as \$300,000 per year - as the court plans to build a new courthouse.

Also, the township is nearly built out, meaning money to the township from building permits - as much as \$1 million per year - will decline sharply.

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walk, said Jim Penn, city building official. The city pays for sidewalk repairs due to sewer work or along the side of corner

lots. Penn said the bids are going out now for this year's sidewalk contract. The bids are due back

April 23, and sidewalk work will begin "probably sometime in May," he said.

Bids for the street paving program were to be opened this week. The city's engineering consultant firm Dietrich Bailey and Associates estimates construction costs this year at just over \$2.3 million.

Scheduled for work this year are:

■ North Main from Church to North Mill.

■ South Main from Ann Arbor Road to Wing.

■ Starkweather from North Main to Wilcox.

■ Dunn Street.

■ Pearl and Spring from Starkweather to North Mill.

■ Liberty from Amelia to North Mill.

■ Church from Penniman to South Main.

■ Harvey from Wing to Penniman.

■ Wing from Harvey to Deer.

■ Blanche from Sheldon to Adams.

■ Goldsmith and Junction.

■ North Evergreen from Penniman to Junction.

■ William from Arthur to North Harvey.

The street repair program was approved by city voters in November 1996. City property owners are paying 1.99 mills to pay for a range of street improvements over a 20-year cycle. Streets are scheduled for work according to most immediate need.

Sewer repairs this year are scheduled to cost an estimated

\$800,000, to come from the city's water and sewer fund.

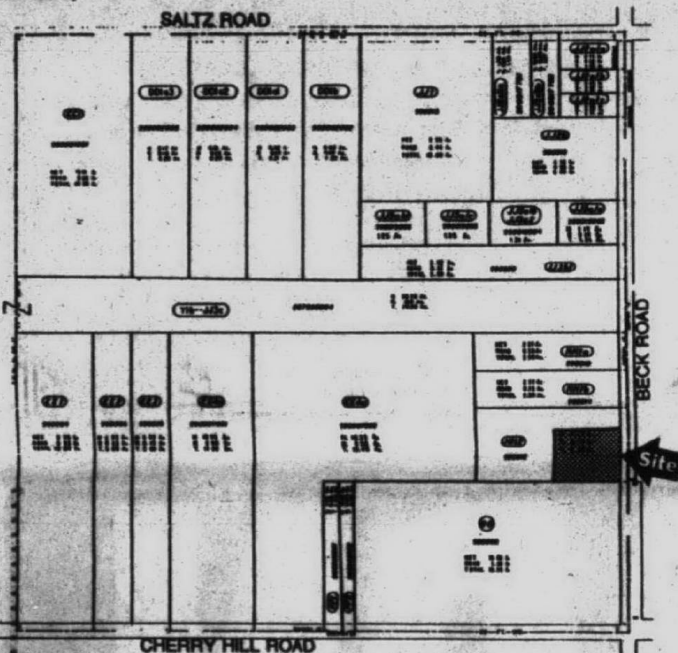
Those repairs are on Junction between Sunset and Sheldon, Evergreen between William and Penniman, the Penniman Avenue parking lot, Wing from Harvey to Main, Main at Burroughs, Evergreen from Junction to Farmer, William between Blunk and Harvey, Theodore between Main and Farmer, Main near Wing and Ann Arbor Trail at Mill.

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

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 6, 1998, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

RAY REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PART OF PARCEL NO. 068 99 0012 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the west side of Beck Road between Cherry Hill and Saltz Roads. Rescheduled from March 2, 1998.



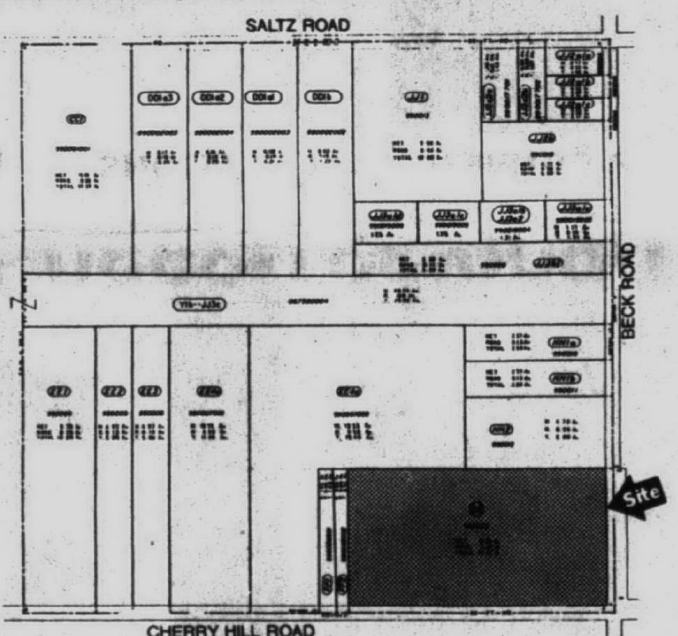
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PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B.4 FOR PARCEL NO. 068 99 0009 000. Property is located on the northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Beck Roads.

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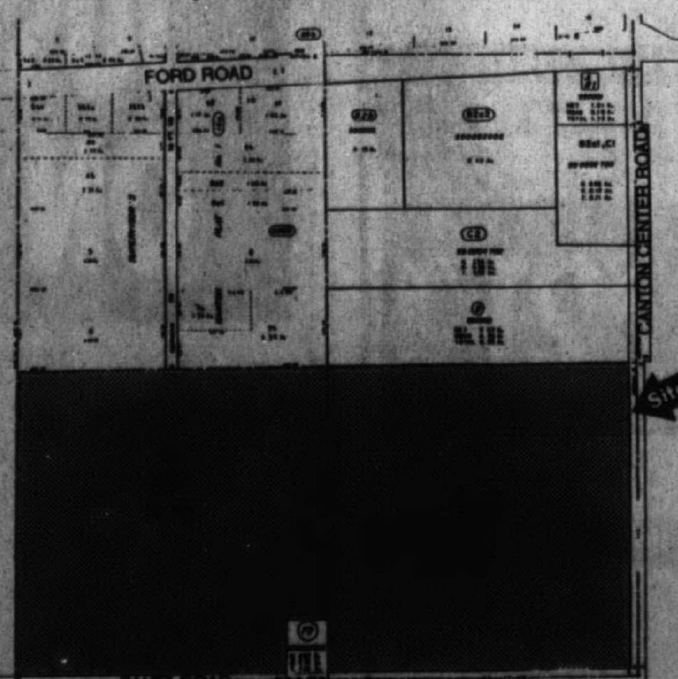
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CONSIDER A REQUEST TO ESTABLISH CAMBRIDGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCELS 061 99 0006 701 AND 061 99 0007 001. Property is located west of Canton Center Road and north of Saltz Road. Preliminary Plan-1st Public Hearing.

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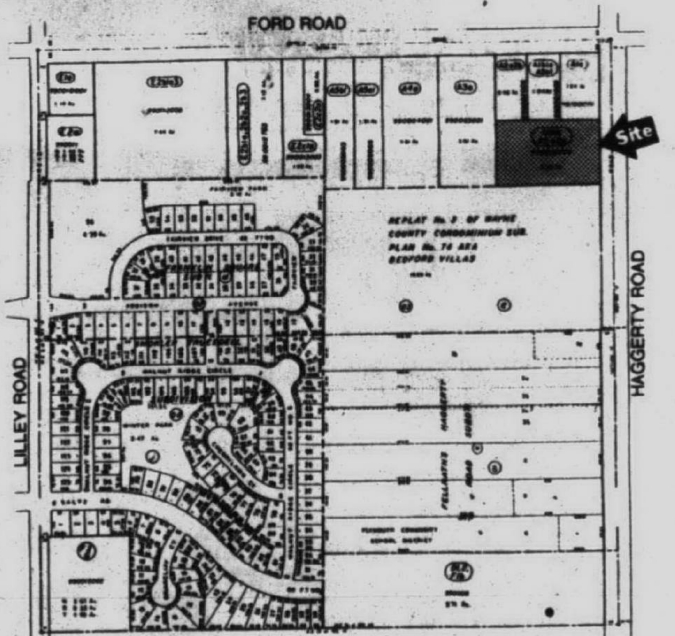
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SHURGARD OF CANTON (HAGGERTY ROAD) SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR MINI-WAREHOUSES AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.02B.12 FOR PARCEL NO. 053 99 0001 006. Property is located on the west side of Haggerty Road south of Ford Road.

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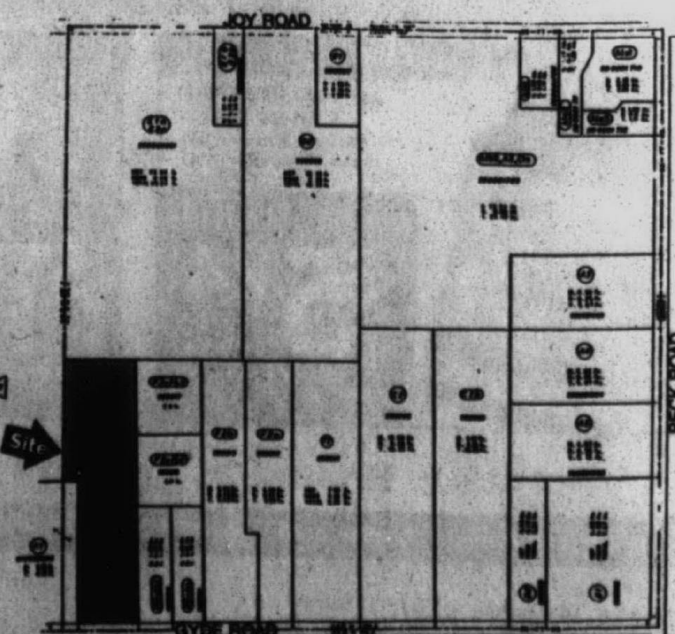
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LOCKARD/JABARA REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 017 99 0018 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the north side of Gyde Road between Beck and Ridge Roads. Rescheduled from March 2, 1998.



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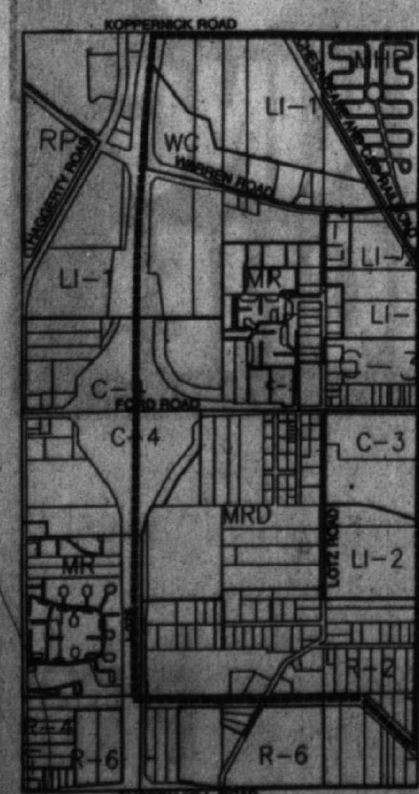
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TOWNSHIP-INITIATED TEXT AMENDMENT (98-2) - CONSIDER AMENDING ARTICLE 6, SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC USES, BY CREATING SUBSECTION 6.08, SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR THE CORPORATE PARK OVERLAY DISTRICT, TO IMPLEMENT THE FORD/LOTZ CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN. The district is located within Sections 12, 13, and the south quarter of Section 1, bounded by Koppernick Road on the north, eastern Township border on the east, Detroit Edison power lines north of Cherry Hill Road on the south, and I-275 on the west.

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BY KEN ABRA
STAFF WRITER

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Anonymous campaign flier takes swipe at candidate

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

This year's primary and general elections are months away, but the season of scurrilous campaign literature kicked off last week when someone took a swipe at a state Senate candidate for accepting a legal campaign contribution.

An anonymous person mailed a campaign flier taking to task candidate Thaddeus McCotter for accepting a \$10,000 campaign contribution, but an official at state Bureau of Elections said Tuesday that such a contribution is legal if it is made through a Political Action Committee registered with the state.

In fact, the literature itself may be in violation of state law if it originated from another candidate or a campaign worker, the state official said.

Mailed on or about March 17, the literature claims that \$10,000 was "laundered" into McCotter's campaign for state Senate. The author also calls it a "campaign finance scheme."

McCotter wasn't surprised by the literature. "I expect this in this race, and I will ignore it and focus on a positive campaign. People can expect this kind of literature — without the disclaimers — throughout the spring."

A check with the state found that the donation was proper, and that no one has filed a complaint with the state about that donation.

Two contributions — \$9,900 and \$100 — were made in September 1997 by Detroit-based Wulfmeier and Ottenwess PAC, according to McCotter's campaign finance reports filed with the Wayne County clerk on Feb. 2, 1998. The contributions were reported as PAC receipts.

Anne Corgan, director of the Michigan Department of State's compliance and rules division, said the contribution is legal for PACs. "An independent committee can contribute \$10,000 to a candidate," Corgan said. The



Thaddeus McCotter

contributions are used for candidates' campaigns and spent on campaign signs, literature and political ads.

PACs must register as a committee with the state at least six months before the election, which the Wulfmeier and Ottenwess PAC has done.

In fact, McCotter, a county commissioner representing the cities of Livonia, Plymouth and Northville and the townships of Plymouth and Northville, released his annual campaign finance report to the Observer in early February. "I released it to the papers because I'm responsible, open and accountable to the public," McCotter said.

McCotter is running for the 9th District Senate seat. The district contains the cities of Livonia, Northville and Plymouth, and the townships of Northville and Plymouth and a portion of Canton. It is currently held by Republican Bob Geake.

The accusatory literature did not list a committee name from any candidate. If it was mailed by a campaign worker or a candidate, its publication and distribution without attribution to an election committee may constitute a violation of state campaign laws.



Jim Ryan

The piece also was mailed with stamps and not a postal permit. Postal permits are generally used by candidates.

Two other Republican candidates denied any participation or role in the literature.

State Rep. Debbie Whyman, R-Canton, said she received a copy of the flier on Monday from a newspaper. Whyman denied that she had anything to do with the literature, calling the piece



Debbie Whyman

"stupid."

"No, I have the courage to put my name on my literature," Whyman said. And if any literature critical of a candidate was put out by her campaign workers, "they would sign it," Whyman added.

"I will have no problem talking about my opponent's record, but I will sign my name to it," Whyman said.

"It wasn't a particularly good

piece. It's a stupid flier."

Whyman has not officially filed for the race, but expects to by the deadline of May 12.

Jim Ryan, a former state representative from Redford, also has announced that he is running for the state Senate seat.

Ryan said he was not responsible for the piece, nor were any of his campaign supporters. Ryan said he was just made aware of the literature.

"I've always run a positive and clean campaign, and I don't believe you bring yourself up by tearing someone else down," Ryan said.

The literature itself railing against McCotter could be illegal if it was distributed by a candidate or a campaign worker, Corgan said.

"If it is a candidate, it must say 'paid for by the committee to elect' then list the candidate's name," Corgan said. "The statute requires you to list who is paying for it."

Violators can be charged with a misdemeanor and possible fines up to \$1,000 and/or 90 days

in jail.

McCotter would not comment on where the literature may have originated, but speculated the literature was anonymous so the author could not be sued for libel.

In his report of Feb. 2, 1998, McCotter collected \$68,465 in contributions and spent \$12,110.

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Zebra mussels plague inland lakes

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

It's up to boaters to halt the spread of zebra mussels into inland lakes.

Last year seven inland lakes in Oakland County and one in Livingston were infested with zebra mussels, according to Michigan Sea Grant.

The area lakes are among 19 new names on the 1997 list of lakes found to be contaminated by the mussels, which have spread through the Great Lakes.

New to the list are Lakeville, Maceday, Pine, Union, Upper Straits and White lakes in Oakland County and Strawberry in Livingston County.

Large inland lakes with a high level of transient boats are likely carriers. Boats, trailers and fishing equipment pick up clinging veligers (larvae) from infested waters, said Sea Grant manager Mike Klepinger.

"It was originally a European freshwater resident," Klepinger said. "It crossed the Atlantic in the ballast of ocean-going ships. It was found in Lake St. Clair in 1986, and by 1988 it was exploding."

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The shellfish's most immediate damage was to encrust the city water intake pipes in Monroe, which had to shut down the system. Klepinger outlined how the zebra mussel upsets the ecosystem:

■ By filtering one liter a day, each mussel clarifies the water of plankton, the lowest creature in the food chain. Thus, the mussel competes for food with native fish and disrupts the food chain.

■ The clear water admits more sunlight, stimulating the growth of lake weeds. The weeds die, decay and smell.

■ Mussel shells encrust water intakes, piers and boats. In the Great Lakes, they encrust shipwrecks and are a physical danger to scuba divers.

Most at risk, said Klepinger, are large ones with a high level of transient activity.

By identifying infested lakes, Sea Grant hopes lake managers and citizen groups will erect signs at boat launches and develop volunteer programs for boat inspections and cleanings.

Klepinger advised boaters to "be a good neighbor. Keep your boat and trailer clean. Scrub them off, remove the weeds, and dry them off."

On many inland lakes, riparian owners use lake water on their lawns. When the intake pipes become clogged, they'll find it necessary to scrape off mussel shells.

Michigan Sea Grant is a cooperative program of Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. Volunteers have done much of the sampling work. The project has produced an award-winning instructional video with illustrated handbook.

Sea Grant recruited volunteer monitors beginning in the spring of 1993. The 19 new lakes on their infested list bring the total of confirmed infestations to 65.

Volunteers are given kits with which they take samples in more than 18 feet of water. The procedure takes an hour and is repeated twice during the summer. Plankton samples are sent to a laboratory, where biologists determine whether the water contains microscopic mussel spawn.

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Medical Legal Concepts and Medical Records will be taught by Detroit attorney Richard Dimanin.

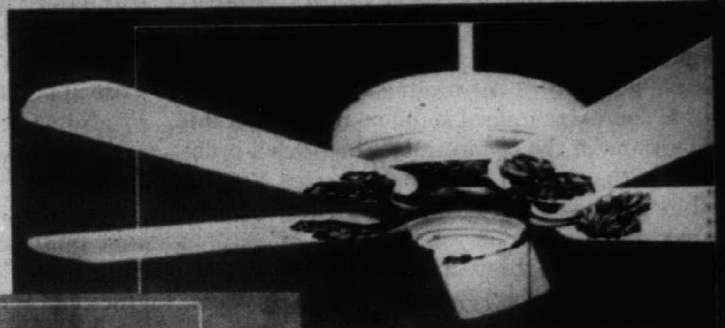
Both classes will be held from 6:30-10 p.m. Monday, beginning

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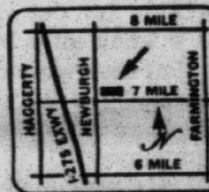


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City commission Put your house in order

If we follow the adage "where there's smoke there's fire," the recent comment made by Plymouth City Commissioner Stella Greene about her male colleagues is enlightening.

This is not the first we've heard similar comments — from a number of community members — generally in murmurs, about the male majority of the commission.

If there are indeed some men in leadership positions in the community who have a problem with women in comparable roles, it's time they got over it. Progress is here and with any luck it will continue.

Such unenlightened attitudes are disheartening because the Plymouth community has had a long tradition of women in leadership roles — Esther Hulsing, Mary Childs and Joanne Winkelman Hulce, to name a few.

Attitudes to which Greene referred recently only sully the work accomplished by these women whose names are synonymous with the history of the Plymouth community.

Yet Greene's comments indicate an equally obnoxious problem with the city commission: acrimony — for the sake of it.

It would be one thing if the disagreements among city commissioners could have the distinction of intellectual debate. That doesn't appear to be the case.

Instead, commissioners are nitpicking each other over simple decisions and housekeeping tasks.

That there can be no agreement on when Plymouth 2000 planning sessions may be scheduled is ridiculous. Yet it's indicative of a

commission whose members are bound and determined to annoy each other.

Equally disheartening — an incident that prompted Greene's recent comments — is the unnamed commissioner who told her that her input wasn't needed on board appointments because he already had enough votes to get the appointees approved.

Now that's leadership!

Dissension and disagreement among commissioners is fine if it leads to open, honest and well-thought debate on issues that affect the public and the state of the community. But the type of bickering that has increasingly plagued the commission since January is embarrassing. Or at least it should be. It's also a waste of time for the public which chooses to attend the meetings.

Let's also review the March 2 meeting where commissioners and the public were kept waiting for members to arrive — long after the 7 p.m. starting time — to ensure there was a quorum for the meeting.

It appears this commission lacks organizational abilities as well as leadership skills. Of course, a few simple lessons in etiquette and responsibility wouldn't hurt.

It is time that Mayor Don Dismuke pulls in the reins with aplomb, dignity and fairness and gets commissioners on the right road before they truly reach an impasse on something important.

The acrimony among commissioners may be designed to annoy each other. But it's only a disservice to the public.

Can't predict, so be prepared

"The first day of spring doesn't mean a whole lot to Mother Nature."

That observation came from Jeff Boyne, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service, in an Associated Press story about the winter storm (Oops! Make that spring storm) that dumped from 2 to 4 inches of snow and sleet on southeast Michigan last Friday and Saturday — the first official days of spring.

The storm shouldn't have come as any surprise to Michiganders. Snow storms are not unusual in March and April. As Boyne pointed out, on the first day of spring in 1983 the area received 6 to 8 inches of snow. And 1983, coincidentally or not, was another year when El Niño was around.

The phenomenon known as El Niño — a complicated process that involves weakening trade winds, the eastward drift of warm Pacific water from Australia to South America, the jet stream and chain reactions in weather patterns — has received so much press in recent months that it has become almost fashionable to blame El Niño for whatever weather comes along.

If El Niño brought us snow on the first day of spring, it also brought the springlike weather that resulted in a snowless February.

Meteorologists seem to refer to El Niño on just about every TV weather show we watch and even the editors of the Old Farmer's Almanac admit that yes, they considered the effects of El Niño when writing the forecasts for the 1998 edition of that classic work.

Frankly, we don't know what to make of it all. We don't dispute the prognostications of the professional meteorologists, but we also know that it's spring and it's Michigan and the weather is going to be unpredictable. Which brings us to our point.

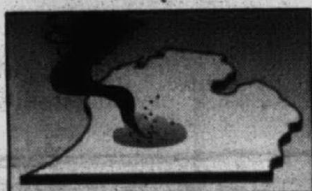
Gov. John Engler has declared the week of March 29 through April 4 as "Severe Weather Awareness Week in Michigan," citing statistics that last year Michigan experienced 19 tornadoes, 72 episodes of flooding and many thunderstorms, resulting in seven deaths, 108 injuries and property damage of more than \$150 million.

Western Wayne County seemed to get more than its share of this weather, with damage from tornadoes and flooding. The 35th District Courthouse in Plymouth burned to the ground after a lightning strike during one of those storms.

The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness is conducting a campaign to alert residents about the importance of being prepared for severe weather and to educate people as to how to react should dangerous weather conditions develop. All schools in the state are being asked to conduct tornado drills on March 31 so students can practice safety procedures.

We urge all of you to do the same. Develop a plan of action both at work and at home as to what to do should severe thunderstorms, flooding or tornadoes strike your area. Discuss the plan with your family and maybe conduct a drill or two in your own home.

You may not be able to predict the weather, but you can prepare for it when it turns bad. And if you aren't prepared, you can't blame that on El Niño.



Fixing up: Kelly VanPutten, 17, a Salem High School 11th-grader, recently spent a Saturday with about 40 other students fixing up and repainting two bathrooms near the auditorium that have been vandalized by students. The students are hoping that if these bathrooms stay in good shape, the remaining bathrooms at the school will get a similar facelift. The students should be lauded for their efforts to improve their surroundings. The students also are hoping that other kids will stop destroying the bathrooms, especially with graffiti. The Salem Executive Forum, which plans all non-athletic activities, spent about \$300 for the cleanup and paint job.

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LETTERS

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Sam McGarry
Plymouth

who has given we say thank you. May the station be part of our hearts and dreams for many more years.

Bill Keith
station manager

Don't need your help

At the risk of being foolhardy by joining the debate in the Vorva vs. the Plymouth-Canton Public Schools, I offer the following observations.

Even though Vorva and I differ on many topics politically, I often recall his steadfastness when I needed his support a few years ago. Loyalty to a person or cause can be a virtue or stubborn streak depending on one's viewpoint. Vorva's persistence in challenging the recent school board bonding election has long ago passed from a possible voter-rights issue to a "let's get even with the educational community" for their perceived anti-Vorva voting record. While Vorva clearly seems to be winning on the "getting even" level, our schools get more and more crowded. He should find a way to make his point without putting the education of our children in jeopardy.

Further, I protest Vorva's do-gooder attitude that suggests that as I enter the realm of the senior citizen (56 years) I now need assistance in order to perform my civic responsibility of voting. Frankly, I am sick-to-death of those who want to give me assistance or a handout just because I've aged. Should the day arrive when I am unable to travel to the voting booth, I still expect to be capable of requesting my own absentee ballot, thank you. Self reliance is also a virtue for the aged.

The election was held and the votes counted. Vorva would be more credible in his protest if he volunteered his expertise and energy for the next election. Both for voter education and assistance in the voting process and on the issues.

Dennis Bila
Plymouth

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A dream come true

On Feb. 14, WSDP celebrated its 26th Anniversary. For those not familiar with WSDP, we're an educational FM station owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. You can check us out by listening to 88.1 FM.

Nov. 1, we celebrated the station's 25th Anniversary with an alumni reunion at the Summit on the Park in Canton. Nearly 125 people attended, including all six station managers. Staff members came from all parts of the United States to relieve memories and see old friends. It was especially exciting to see the large turnout from the stations first few years.

Twenty founding staff members were recognized for their work to make WSDP a reality. I would especially like to thank former managers Bonny Dore, Mary Phyl Sieger, Jeff Cardinal, Andy Melin and Dave Snyder. Also thanks to former station advisor John Seidelman. You all have a special place in the hearts and minds of many people because of all you gave.

We are currently working on a written history of the station and an alumni newsletter. Interested alumni can contact the station at (734) 416-7732. In her portion of the station's history, founding station manager Bonny Dore summed up many people's feelings about WSDP. "Great things always start with a dream ... one great idea ... that a small group of people focus on, and dedicate a portion of their lives to make that dream come true ... no matter what the odds. The creation of WSDP was one of those dreams. And I read the comments of the students and community ... I know that our dream lives on, on the air and in their hearts."

Happy 26th Birthday, WSDP. To everyone

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QUESTION:

What should be done to help the schools out of their financial crunch?

We asked this question at the Summit on School Equity.



"Business and industry should get involved in education. There may be a lot of grants untapped."

Peggy Schneider
Plymouth



"We need lawmakers to become more pro-kids."

Debbie Madonna
Plymouth



"Increase funding. I don't mind paying more property taxes. Proposal A has not been kind to public schools."

Barry Mullinix
Plymouth



"More equality among school districts. We need more state funding for our schools."

Matt Heise
Canton

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Target date

If all goes according to the plan unveiled Tuesday, a completion date of the new school will come during the 2000-2001 school year. Little said since Livonia wants Lowell back at the beginning of that school year, there is the probability students will be housed in other middle schools for at least six months as they await the completion of the new school.

In his report, Little says "current and projected enrollment coupled with the need for a middle school in Canton are very strong reasons for immediate undertaking of this project."

No determination has yet been made whether the current Lowell students would be the first in the new building, or if there would be a reorganization of stu-

dents from all the middle schools. However, a majority of the Lowell students currently live in the area where the new middle school is proposed.

During discussions, there were concerns that none of the current five middle schools are located in Canton, where the majority of the district's school population lives.

The Plymouth-Canton district pays \$90,000 to lease Lowell from Livonia Public Schools, and spends about \$300,000 on costs related to the upkeep of the building.

The lease on Lowell was due to expire in 1999, however Livonia extended the lease for another year.

"The need for us to have Lowell is based mostly on our growth and other configurations in the district," said Dave Watson,

director of operations for Livonia schools. "If you look at the southwest corner of the school district, it's an area of significant growth."

Watson would not rule out the possibility of extending the lease to accommodate completion of a new middle school in Canton. However, he does note that the more concrete his district's plans get, the harder it will be to rearrange plans.

Other plans

Plans for a new middle school may not be limited to replacing Lowell.

In his Facility and Property Plan, Little calls for a study of Central Middle School, to determine if the school should be shut down, replaced, or renovated. Little says something needs to be done about Central, which

was constructed in 1919.

It will be part of a study to determine the future needs of the district ... including whether the district should have four or five middle schools, and where they should be located.

In his plan, Little calls for determining the costs of renovation, appraising the property for sale, and figuring enrollment projections to determine the number of middle schools needed in the district.

In the report, Little suggests another bond may be needed to cover some of the costs of whatever is decided.

The report indicates "part of the funding source for this alternative, upon study, could be the sale of the Central property itself. Further Miller Woods site should be viewed as an asset to either begin to underwrite costs

connected with the replacement of Central Middle and/or to make a strategic property purchase further west in the school district."

Sweeping changes in the way the school district may conduct business don't stop there.

Little is also recommending building a district service center at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. The service center would put "transportation, maintenance, warehousing, special services and preschool special education in the center of the school district." Also included would be a print shop, which Little described as a facility similar to Kinko's for the district.

To consider the proposal, the

board would be looking at such plans as selling the current E.J. McClendon Educational Center in Plymouth, selling the bus garage and maintenance facility on Lilley Road in Plymouth, and the warehouse operation on the Central site.

The proposal also calls for selling "Tanger Elementary as part of the consolidation, or fully activate it as a school site."

Little's proposal also calls for strategically buying and selling property, acquiring at least two 25-acre tracts in the western part of the district. Little also suggested trading pieces of unwanted district property for more desirable locations for a possible middle school.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, March 17, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Motion By Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to move from an open session to a closed session at 7:07 P.M., to discuss employee negotiations. Motion carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL - CLOSED SESSION

Members Present: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Santomauro

Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order. Discussion occurred regarding employee negotiations.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to return to open session and adjourn the meeting at 9:32 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on March 17, 1998. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on March 24, 1998.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor
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PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH



LINDA CONNOLLY

What to do about teens, technology

Every family with teenagers has issues with technology. Maybe your 13-year-old son plays Sega for hours after school each day, or your 15-year-old daughter ties up the phone every night after dinner, or your 17-year-old daughter listens to "grunge" tapes on her Walkman headset, which appears to be permanently affixed to her skull when you're anywhere nearby.

How do we, as parents, deal with the challenges of teens and technology? Here are some of the common problems parents face and some helpful suggestions on how best to handle them.

Spending too much time: Instead of cutting off your teen's access to the television, radio, Internet or phone, try negotiating with your teen about how much time each day is rational for both of you. Listen to your teen's reasoning, explain your own, and then reach a compromise.

You may think two 10-minute phone calls are enough, but your teen may have three good friends and lots to share with each of them. A compromised agreement could mean three 15-minute calls a night after homework is completed.

Your family might also set up a "tech-out" day or weekend. Everyone stays clear of the television, computers, radios, stereo and phone for a designated amount of days and, if the entire family is successful, the entire family goes out to dinner or on a trip to Cedar Point.

Have teens come up with the incentives, so they'll be motivated to participate. A "tech-out" weekend reminds all family members about fun, alternative ways to entertain themselves.

Avoiding other activities and/or responsibilities: Most of us are excited about our children's interest in technology and the door technology opens for them. But too much time chatting on the Internet or watching TV can end up being a distraction from homework, household chores, mental and physical exercise, or group socializing.

All technology is addictive in some way, and it's important for you to talk to your teens about resisting their reliance on technology. Let them know that too much of anything, including browsing the Web or gossiping on the phone, can be harmful.

Show teenage children that roaming a museum, mowing the lawn, walking the dog or going out for ice cream with a friend is a healthy break from hours of computer games or afternoon soap operas.

Make sure teens understand that watching television or listening to the radio is an idle activity — one that doesn't promote two-way interaction and often doesn't stimulate their minds or bodies.

Exploring inappropriate content: Parents have a tremendous fear about their children discovering inappropriate material on the Internet or on cable television. Whether or not you choose to install "blocks" on your TV or computer, you still need to talk with teens about what is appropriate for them to view or access and what isn't, and most importantly, why.

Curiosity is normal for teens, but with boundaries established, you can protect teens from repeated exposure to content you feel is inappropriate.

All technology offers benefits, but to what extreme your teenagers get involved is the question. At the core of this issue is developing a level of respect between you and your children. You may not be home after school each day, but if your children have "bought into" and respect your reasoning about technology limitations, you can trust that they'll abide by your guidelines.

Try holding a family meeting when the TV listing arrives to decide together which programs are options to watch for the week. If you are unsure about a television program,

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Something simple

American Girls' teas hark back to the basics

Little girls have a penchant for having tea with their dolls and often invite their parents to join them. But it's not make-believe anymore as area businesses invite girls to bring their dolls and their parents to a series of American Girls' teas.

By CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Kids as young as preschool are learning to use computers. Students in junior high and high schools are communicating via e-mail and playing with Sony PlayStations and Nintendo systems.

Some girls and their parents, however, are looking for something a little more simple.

Mary Denning and Joan Adis, as well as Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, are acknowledging that by hosting events based on the American Girls series of books, dolls and merchandise.

Denning and Adis, who own Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe and Paperbacks 'n' Things, respectively, in Westland, are holding American Girls teas on Sundays during April at the bakery.

"I think a lot of parents and children want to go back to the basics," Denning explained. "The tea is also coming back. People are returning to comfort foods. And they got all these dolls that tickle and laugh. People want to return to the basics."

The teas will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 5 and 19, and at a time to be determined on Sunday, April 26, at the bakery, 8036 N. Wayne Road (next to Wendy's restaurant) in Westland. Tickets are \$12 for children and \$6 for adults. For more information, call (734) 261-3680 or (734) 522-8018.

The Westland business owners are encouraging girls who attend the tea bring along their favorite doll and even dress up like her.

Upon entering the cake shop, the girls will be photographed with their dolls and take part in craft projects. Fran Chase of Canton is going to help the girls make necklaces.

"We're going to have them string beads, and make a Victorian frame to put their pictures in," Denning said. "We're going to serve tea sandwiches, fancy cookies and we'll probably give the girls pink lemonade. They probably won't want tea. We'll save that for the adults."

A Josephina doll, valued at \$125, will be given away as well as many other prizes.

Popular with kids

Adis came up with the idea for the teas after attending one last year.

"American Girls are so popular with the kids. I went to an American Girls'



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACOBFIELD

Tea time: Mary Denning, owner of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, and Joan Adis, owner of Paperbacks 'n' Things, are inviting parents and their daughters to bring their American Girls dolls to teas of the same name they will be having at the Westland bakery during April.

tea and I knew I could do one even better. I just love the dolls. The girls dress up like their favorite dolls," Adis said. "We're encouraging girls to bring their dolls. At the tea I went to, some of them brought all their dolls."

The duo is also working on a future event to "keep boys corralled for awhile."

The American Girls Collection was created as part of the Pleasant Company's mission to provide girls with "beautiful books, dolls and pastimes that celebrate the experience of growing up as an American girl," according to the American Girls Web page, <http://www.americangirl.com>.

Besides books and dolls, the Pleasant

Company also offers clothing for children and CD-ROMs. According to The Learning Company, which released the CD-ROMs in conjunction with the Pleasant Company, more than 45 million books and 4 million dolls from the "American Girls: Collection have been sold."

Sales at the privately held company topped more than \$255 million in 1996.

More elaborate events

The events at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum are a little more elaborate — and expensive. The Dearborn complex is one of six licensed museums to offer an American Girls Museum Program. "Samantha at

Greenfield Village — An American Girls Museum Program" runs April through November.

The two-hour, 45-minute program, based on the 10-year-old character Samantha Parkington, will be offered at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. April 6-10 and 13-17, May 30-31, June 6-7 and 12-16, July 10-21 and 24-28, Aug. 1-11 and 21-25, Sept. 5-6 and 19-20, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8 and 14-15.

Tickets cost \$40 each and include light refreshments. They can be purchased at the Greenfield Village entrance building or by calling (313) 982-6180. Girls are encouraged to dress up and bring their dolls for this event as well.

"In our program, three of the main characters come to life," said Faith Kerr, special events team leader, at the complex. "The girls get to meet them. We've been able to combine a lot of the good materials out of the Samantha materials and use our sites and our characters to bring our stories alive."

Designed for adults and children ages 7-12, the event has been in the works for about a year, she said.

During the program, girls will be able to experience the sights, sounds and scents of Samantha's time, 1904, and interact with characters from the books, including Uncle Gard and his fiancée, Cornelia. Samantha will not appear.

"When you're designing a program like this, the girls make believe that they are Samantha or one of Samantha's friends. That way the girls really aren't disappointed," Kerr explained.

A visit to Samantha's world begins with a walk through the village to the Foster House to make old-fashioned lemonade from real lemons. Then the girls will get to try on clothes from an old attic trunk with assistance from Cornelia.

The adventure continues with a horse-drawn carriage ride and a trip to Mrs. Cohen's Millinery Shop where they will help Mrs. Cohen design a new hat for Cornelia. The girls also will have the chance to ride in Uncle Gard's Model T.

The program will end with the girls participating in a Suffrage Rally. They will march through the village carrying banners, flags and banging tambourines, all in support of women's right to vote.

Kerr explained that the American Girls program is appealing because it offers a positive message.

"I think that they've managed to take all the good positive things about being a young girl and bring them to life," she said. "It teaches girls about self-esteem. It teaches them about history. They teach them manners. It's an incredible thing for young women."

"I think it's nice to have a positive program for young women and to have a program where adults and girls can do things together."

Sexual assault: Reality clashes with beliefs

"It seems like she did it without knowing what she got into, and that is her fault not his. He can't be blamed for her changing her mind."

"Has she considered the serious accusation she has made, because if she got into a situation she wasn't prepared for, she should be responsible."

"She physically made a choice to go to that location. Nobody held a gun to her head and forced her, did they?"

By SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The she is a 15-year-old student at Plymouth Canton High School. The he is her 17-year-old classmate and neighbor who has been charged with third-degree criminal sexual conduct in connection with an alleged rape that took place under a stairwell at Plymouth Canton High School.

The quotes are from a Plymouth Salem High School senior. The sentiments reflect old beliefs that people have about sexual assault ... beliefs like the victim asked for it by the way she dressed or where she went, that she teased or led the man on, was under the influence of drugs or alcohol or drugs or went to a certain point that she had to finish.

"Attitudes are not easily changed," said Ilene Zisk, a sexual assault awareness specialist at First Step. "Blaming the victim helps keep people safe in their own minds. If they can point to the reason why it happened and find fault, it helps them keep their image of living in a safe world and that it can't happen to them."

Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) Act

Adapted by Mary Jane Hood for First Step, 3/97

The fact is sexual assault can happen to anyone, anywhere and nothing a person can do can make himself or herself 100 percent safe from the possibility of being raped.

According to National Coalition Against Sexual Assault, one in three women will be raped during her lifetime and one in seven rape victims will be male.

The victims ranging in age from 2 months to 97 years, and an estimated 60-80 percent of all rape is date or acquaintance rape. And a woman's risk

of being raped by someone she knows is four times greater than being raped by a stranger. Typically, a rapist is someone she knows and trusts.

"Sexual assaults aren't random; they're not like that image of a guy jumping out of the bushes," Zisk said. "Most are planned, most are in a familiar setting, and most victims know their attackers."

"Ninety-nine percent of the perpetrators are male. Most are heterosexual men with wives and girlfriends."

Zisk helps provide services to the

sexually assaulted and does community education on sexual assault, specifically with adults, but has a difficult time finding adults groups who want to hear about the trauma of acquaintance rape, reducing the risk or what to do when someone you know is raped.

A "huge mailing" sent to churches, schools, parent groups, business and women's organizations drew some response, but not as many as hoped for. But when events, such as the assault at the high school happen, people start

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Penetration OR Contact PLUS	Circumstances	Equals	Degree of CSC	Maximum sentences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sexual intercourse Anal intercourse Cunnilingus Fellatio Object (anal) Object (genital) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groin Genital area Inner thigh Buttock Breast 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Victim under the age of 13. Victim is 13, 14 or 15 and Assailant is a member of the household. Victim is 13, 14 or 15 and Assailant is in a position of authority. Victim is 13, 14 or 15 and Assailant is related by blood or affinity. Another felony is committed. Multiple assailants and victim is known to be incapacitated. Multiple assailants and force is used. Assailant is using a weapon. Assailant causes personal injury and force is used. Assailant causes personal injury and victim is incapacitated. Victim is 13, 14 or 15. Victim is incapacitated. Force is used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st Degree (felony) Penetration plus any one of circumstances 1-10 2nd Degree (felony) Contact plus any one of circumstances 1-10 3rd Degree (felony) Penetration plus any one of circumstances 11, 12 or 13 4th Degree (high misdemeanor) Contact plus any one of circumstances 11, 12, 13 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st Degree = Up to life 2nd Degree = Up to 15 years 3rd Degree = Up to 15 years 4th Degree = 2 years or \$500 fine or both <p>In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a person is convicted for a second offense of 1st, 2nd or 3rd degree CSC, there is a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years (this includes convictions in other states). Assault with intent to commit CSC involving penetration is a felony with a maximum of 10 years. Assault with intent to commit CSC involving contact is a felony with a maximum of 5 years.

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watch it with your teens first. Always talk to your teen about the messages certain programs and commercials send. Many shows and ads display stereotyping, quick-fix solutions, or varying degrees of sexuality and violence; it's important that we teach children to observe those characteristics and their implications.

Encourage your children to realize that television is drama and doesn't always portray realistic situations.

Regarding the Internet, try setting up a contract with your teenagers about what sites and chat rooms can and can't be visited. Negotiate fairly with chil-

dren, and although they may not agree with all your decisions, explain your reasoning.

Be sure to outline the consequences for breaking the contract - bypassing boundaries on the Web may mean no computer access for a month.

Talking to your children about appropriate and inappropriate content also helps when you're not around to monitor them. At a friend's house, teens may be exposed to more than you would allow, but if you have discussed openly why certain content is unacceptable, teens will at least explore the content with a wiser perspective.

Finding private, unmoni-

tored space: Teenagers want their privacy, and as parents, it's important that we understand and respect that need. At the same time, we should address our own need to monitor our teen's time and selection in regard to technology.

Whenever possible, centrally locate technology, so that you can observe what your teen is watching or accessing. The family room is a great spot for the family computer, and the kitchen is a good spot for the telephone.

Cellular phones and televisions in teen bedrooms may promote too much isolation.

Scattering throughout the

house: As children grow older "scattering" is bound to take place, and technology just adds to the challenge. If your young son is always playing a video game on the family room TV, your teen daughter is always listening to the radio in her bedroom, and your teen son is always searching the Internet for information on his favorite band, your family unity can become frail.

While children do "need their own space," scattering too often becomes the norm, especially in homes where technological knowledge and interest is high.

Make a concerted effort to do activities together as a family.

This is a challenge when picky teens thumb their noses at your ideas, so get them involved in activity selection. Maybe the family has a board game night, eats meals together, or hikes weekly at a nature preserve.

While it is up to you, the parent, to create guidelines for teens and technology, always ask teens to help contribute to decision-making and learn about your reasoning.

Try to engage your children in selecting alternative activities, so that they don't always turn to the radio, television or computer games when bored. But most importantly, work every day to build respect between you and

your teens.

Mutual respect leads to trust and faith that the family will hold true to agreed upon rules for technology.... and for all other aspects of family life!

Linda Connolly has been working with teenagers and their families for 20 years at Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center. She is also the director of Inkster Youth Assistance Program, which is operated from Counterpoint.

Counterpoint is a program of Youth Living Centers, a private nonprofit organization serving children and families from throughout southeastern Michigan.

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asking questions.

"Their belief is that they are good people and they don't display such risky behavior, but whenever there's an event like this, it puts them off-balance and makes them more open to hear about sexual assault," Zisk said. "Sexual assault is the most underreported crime. One in 10 attacks go unreported."

In many instances, the victims blame themselves. They wonder what they could have done dif-

ferently or what they did wrong, especially if the attacker is an acquaintance, according to Zisk. Often, they will tell someone about the crime who doesn't believe them.

"Rape is a humiliating crime and the victim may have to tell what happened three-four times in a few hours, and in telling it and being asked questions, it's liked being raped all over again," said Karen Porter, First Step's associate director. "The key

thing is the response when it is disclosed.

"I went out on my first assault intervention 18 years ago and I see a vast difference between the response then and now. Things are done in a caring way now. You hear the police officers, the doctors say, 'I know it was difficult for you to come forward.'"

For victims, First Step offers a 24-hour telephone help line - (734) 459-5900 or 888-453-4900 - adult response advocates, trained staff and volunteers who accompany survivors to police stations, hospitals and other safe places 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, counseling and referrals.

One issue Zisk focuses on is understanding "that no means no not yes." And for good reason. The State of Michigan has one of the strongest criminal sexual assault laws in the country which in part, states that any kind of unwanted contact not

agreed upon can be construed as criminal sexual conduct.

The law's "mathematics" is penetration (the type of intercourse) or contact (areas of the body) plus the circumstances (victim's age, use of force, use of a weapon, etc.) equals criminal sexual conduct in either the first through fourth degree (first through third degrees are felonies, while fourth degree is a high misdemeanor).

"If she's not said yes to something, it's sexual assault," said Zisk. "It's an unwanted contact, and kids don't know that. That's where education is so important."

"Boys need to know that no means no not yes. Yes, we need to educate girls, but also the boys because they are the only ones that can stop this."

But saying no crashes head on into the high value teenage girls place on having boyfriends or

having boys like them.

"There's a belief that if they don't go along, no boys are going to like them," Zisk said. "Kids are making decisions that affect their lives with limited information. If they have sex with someone who is incapacitated - drunk, drugged or incapacitated - that is rape."

And with the date rape drugs, the problem is even bigger. Rape involving a date rape drug can result in prosecution for sexual assault as well as on a felony drug charge, Zisk said.

Those drugs include Rohypnol, known as Roofies, which medically is used as a sedative for surgical patients, Ketamine, or Special K, an animal tranquilizer, and GHB, the most dangerous of all because it attacks the central nervous system. It's "most alarming" because of the potential damage it can do in addition to the assault, Zisk

said.

Date rape drugs are "odorless, colorless and tasteless" and can easily be put into a beverage of the unsuspecting victim. It's one reason Zisk recommends young women take precautions when going out like using the buddy system when they go out, never accept open drinks and never leave their drinks unattended.

"They can cause an amnesia effect and the victim may wake up, bleeding, bruised and sore and not know why, but then start having flashbacks," she said. "They're easy to access, reproduce and make, and we're definitely seeing more of them among high school and college populations."

"The only way to prevent sexual assault is to stop people from raping. There are steps you can take to make yourself safer, but it's no guarantee."

CRAFTS CALENDAR

LIVONIA STEVENSON

The Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club's Spring Spectacular craft show will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 28 at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile Road. For more information, call (734) 464-1041 or (248) 478-2395.

CLARENCEVILLE

The Athletic Booster Club of Clarenceville High School will

have "A Touch of Spring" craft boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 28 at the school, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. There will be more than 150 crafters, raffle and snack bar. No strollers will be permitted, and babysitting will be available. Admission will be \$2.

FINNWEAVERS

The Finnweavers of the Finnish

Center Association will have an arts and crafts fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 28 at the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Free admission and food will be available. For more information, call (248) 546-6527.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University will have its 13th annual spring arts and

crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 28 in the Activities Center on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. There will be a bake sale and raffle, and the Easter bunny will be there noon to 2 p.m. Admission will be \$2 for adults and children under age 12 free. For more information, call the university at (734) 432-5603.



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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Powers-Lyon

R. Southwick Powers and Gillian E. Lyon were married Oct. 3 in Seattle, Wash., while on leave from Guinea on the east coast of Africa.

The bride is the daughter of Ken and Lynn Lyon, formerly of Plymouth Township.

The bride is a 1984 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and 1990 graduate of Western Washington University. She was a Peace Corps volunteer in Mauritania in northeast Africa for two years. She is employed as an administrative assistant for U.S. Aid in Conkry, Guinea.

The groom is from Holidaysburg, Pa. He is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University with a bachelor of arts degree and Harvard University with a master's degree. He is director of the Peace Corps Education program for Guinea.

Attending the ceremony were the bride's brothers, Greg of Canton and Ross of Seattle.



Wash., and the groom's sister Pamela Deis and husband Jeff of Boulder, Colo.

The couple are moving to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in April.

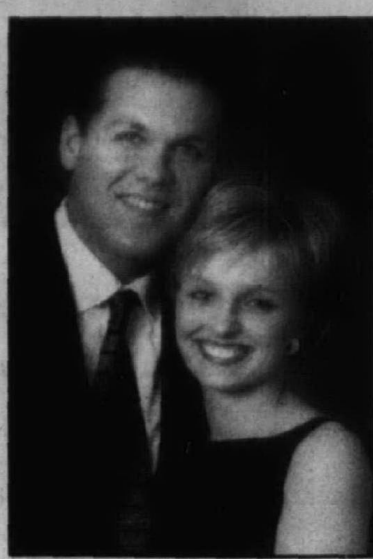
Zaborsky-Gulli

Robert and Carolyn Zaborsky of Ann Arbor, formerly of Plymouth, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Ann, to Joseph R. Gulli, the son of Giuseppe and Beverly Gulli of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1996 graduate of Miami University with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. She is employed by Masco Corp.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1993 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree. He also is employed at Masco Corporation.

A September wedding is



planned at First Baptist Church of Plymouth.

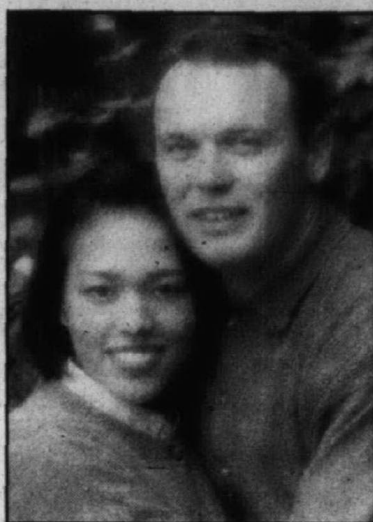
Gonzales-Sinnott

Marciano and Belen Gonzales of Plymouth of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Maria Sirikit, to Richard David Sinnott, the son of Mary Blessing of Brownstown.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 Plymouth-Salem High School graduate. She is a registered nurse at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Her fiancé is a 1985 Taylor Center High School graduate. He is a real estate agent at Remerica Hometown in Plymouth.

A May wedding is planned at St. Thomas a' Becket Church.



Marquard-Terrell

Dr. and Mrs. Robert M. Marquard of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristine Elizabeth, to William C. Terrell of Thousand Oaks, Calif., the son of the late William Thomas and Sally Terrell.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science in biochemistry. She works in the biochemical research department for Amgen in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology with a degree in electrical



engineering. He works as a computer engineer at Troika.

A September wedding is planned at Northville Historical Church.

Kravez-Doran

Bill and Chris Kravez announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracy Jeanette, to Philip Doran, the son of Mary Franklin.

The bride-to-be will complete work on a bachelor of education degree in April at Eastern Michigan University. She is working as a substitute teacher in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Her fiancé is studying business at Eastern Michigan University. He is employed at the Society of Manufacturing Engineers in Dearborn.

A May wedding is planned at St. Thomas a' Becket Church in Canton.



Matthews-Peal

Melissa Matthews of Ann Arbor and Wayne Peal of Bloomfield Hills have announced their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of John Edward Matthews of Redford and the late Betty Jean Matthews.

She is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and is an advertising representative for the Ann Arbor Observer.

Her fiancé is the son of Clayton and Patricia Peal of Fairfield Glade, Tenn., and the late Jean Peal.

He is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is the editor of the Southfield Eccentric.



An August wedding is being planned.

York-Stelovich

Tom and MaryGrace York of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Molly, to Thomas Allan Stelovich, the son of Frank and Jean Stelovich of Everett, Wash.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1993 graduate of Arizona State University where she majored in finance. She is employed as a business development specialist with Eagle Insurance Group in Seattle, Wash.

Her fiancé is a 1986 graduate of Everett High School and a 1995 graduate of Arizona State University where he majored in purchasing and logistics. He is



employed as a purchasing agent by Allied Signal in Redmond, Wash.

A summer wedding is planned.

NEW VOICES

Roy D. and Kimberly A. Reece of Westland announce the birth of **Dakota Richard** Dec. 24 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins two brothers, Joshua, 16, and Roy, 15, and two sisters, Jennifer, 11, and Rachael, 4. Grandparents are Terry A. Minnick of Westland and Toylene Reece of Detroit.

Glenn and Cathy Hunter of Canton announce the birth of **Caitlin Teresa** Jan. 19 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins a sister, Magen, 6. Grandparents are Joan and Bill Jose of Canton, Russell Uhl of Ann Arbor and Arlene and Bob Dick of Roseville. Great-grandparents are Fred Abel of Canton and Virginia Uhl of Dundee.

Kenneth Paul Firman and Lisa Lynne Peters of Westland

announce the birth of **Raven Ariel Firman** Dec. 25 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are John and Sherrie Helton of Westland, Eddie Firman of Taylor, Ricky Williams of Mirmar, Fla., and Karen Schwark of Toledo, Ohio.

Lee and Lisa Moss of Westland announce the birth of **Leah Frances** Dec. 30 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins two sisters, Courtney Marie, 7, and Katelyn Elizabeth, 5. Grandparents are Lee Moss Sr. of Arden, N.C., Edward Hall of Canton, Norma Moss of Plymouth and Jerry and Louise Davis of Canton. Great-grandparents are Burnetta Forbing of Plymouth and Silvio and Frances Recinella of Livonia.

Daryl Arnold and Dawn Mayer of Detroit announce the birth of **Mariah Elizabeth**

Arnold Dec. 26 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Jasmine, 3. Grandparents are Rex and Gail Bird of Westland, Gerry and Debbie Mayer of Redford and Joseph Arnold and Elizabeth Arnold of Detroit.

Dominic Smith and Marcia Rockwood Smith of Royal Oak announce the birth of **Abigail Christine** Feb. 15 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Les and

Beverly Rockwood of Plymouth and Melvyn and Mary Smith of Hurricane, W.Va. Great-grandparents are Dennis and Ida Basinski of Marine City, Mich., Irene Wike of Ypsilanti, Ann Convey of Dowra, Ireland, and Anne Smith of Swansea, Wales.

Christopher and Mary Kay DeBrito of Canton announce the birth of **Marianne Christine** Jan. 28 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins a sister, Renae Marie, 18

months. Grandparents are Mary and Syl Noetzel of Canton and Marcia and Joe DeBrito of Monroe. Great-grandparents are Sylvester A. Noetzel of Livonia.

Christian and Laurine Mura of Redford Township announce the birth of **Nicholas Giovanni** Dec. 27 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Allison Catherine, 4. Grandparents are Dennis and Lorraine Daly of Royal Oak and Eduardo and Vic-

toria Mura of Valparaiso, Chile.

Jeffrey and Jean Troop of Garden City announce the birth of **Joshua Michael** Feb. 16 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Roger and Susan Brittain of Lincoln Park, Janice Troop of Westland and Melvin Troop of Ocoee, Fla. Great-grandparents are Helen Smedo of Santa Maria, Calif., Iona Brittain of Gaylord and William Barnett of Clearwater, Fla.

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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

WEEKEND

WORKSHOP
■ Keller & Stein presents a "Let's Create an Herbal Vinegar" workshop at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at 42158 Michigan Ave., Canton, with guest speaker Judy Laban of Herb Depot, Dundee, Mich. Come and learn how easy it is to make your own herbal vinegars and how to enjoy them in your cooking. There is a \$10 fee, which includes all materials and your finished product. For reservations, call (734) 397-0800.

VEGAS NIGHT
■ The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees will host a Vegas Night 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 28, at 41700 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Admission is free. There will be a cash bar, craps, blackjack, roulette and much more fun. All proceeds go to the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees general fund. For more information, call (734) 761-8469.

INVITATION
■ The Iglesia Ni Cristo (Church of Christ) is extending an invitation at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the chapel located at 41390 Five Mile, Plymouth Township, for the grand evangelical mission. The event includes a video presentation, short program, and refreshment. For more information, call (313) 453-7096.

DANCE COLLECTION
■ Dance Ensemble West of Plymouth will present "Dance Collection 1998" at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Plymouth Canton High School Little Theater. The concert is an annual presentation of ballet and modern dance works. Admission is \$9.

DANCE RECITAL
■ Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers of Plymouth presents its 18th annual "Extravaganza Dance Recital" at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Claremont High School, on Middlebelt between Seven Mile and Eight Mile in Livonia, featuring the Polish Centennial Dancers and the Radomian Polish Folk Dance Ensemble. The Emil Zapalski Band will play for dancing and listening pleasure. An afterglow will follow in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door. For more information, call (734) 453-7161.

AROUND TOWN

REGISTRATION
■ Kindergarten registration for the 1998-99 school year will be held in all elementary schools the week of March 23. Children are eligible to attend kindergarten if they will be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1. While registration can be made anytime during the year, parents are urged to register their children during this period in order

to permit adequate planning for fall kindergarten classes. For more information, call Ginnie Murdoch at 416-4842.

FALL FESTIVAL BOARD
■ The Plymouth Fall Festival Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the Plymouth Township Hall Annex (formerly Friendly's). All organizations who are considering participating in the 1998 Fall Festival should send a representative to this meeting. 1998 applications will be available at this time. For more information, call Curt Lamar at (734) 453-7820.

TOWN MEETING
■ The VFW Post No. 6695 and the Auxiliary presents the fifth Tuesday town meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at the VFW No. 6695 Hall, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. Guest speaker will be Kathleen Keen McCarthy, supervisor of Plymouth Township. She will discuss taxes and township problems. This event is open to the public. For more information, call Ann Smith at 453-1529.

BENEFIT GAME
■ The Red Wing Alumni Association Hockey club presents its 10th annual benefit game against Law Auto Sales Senior Hockey team at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 27, at the Wayne Ice Arena located on Howe, at the corner of Annapolis Road, Wayne. An auction of Red Wing memorabilia and other merchandise will be held between periods. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. All tickets are \$3. A family pass (two adults and up to four children) is available for \$10. Tickets are available at the Wayne Ice Arena or can be obtained by calling (734) 722-5200.

YOUTH EXCHANGE
■ Local Rotary Clubs are currently accepting applications from students in the community and surrounding areas who are interested in spending a year overseas with Rotary International's Youth Exchange Program during the 1999-2000 school year. Participants must be between the ages of 16 and 18 when they depart and at that time may be current students or immediate graduates of high school. If you would like more information on Rotary Youth Exchange, call Dawn Rossi at (734) 420-4171.

EASTER DROP
■ Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring its Annual Easter Marshmallow Drop at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 11, at Heritage Park. Canton youngsters ages 10 and under will be divided into age groups for the exciting helicopter marshmallow drop. Children will have the opportunity to retrieve marshmallows in exchange for goodies and treats. The event is free.

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■ Blood pressure screenings are held at 1 p.m. every third Monday of the month at the Summit in Canton. No appointments are necessary, just check in at the senior desk in the Parkview Room. This free service is provided by the Senior Advantage Program of Beyer Hospice.

BEREAVEMENT SEMINAR
■ McCabe Funeral Home is sponsoring "Surviving Loss-Free Bereavement Seminar" at 7 p.m. Monday, April 6, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. Cathy Clough, director of bereavement services at Arbor Hospice, will conduct the seminars. The seminar will involve discussions on basic steps people can take to get through difficult times and cope with the death of loved ones. There will be suggestions and ideas on how to cope with a loss. For more information, call (248) 851-3993.

PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS
■ Free prescription drugs to middle-income seniors if you qualify will be available by appointment only at the Plymouth Township

Hall Clerk's Office 1-4 p.m. For more information, call 455-7526.

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW
■ The city of Plymouth Parks & Recreation Department is looking for crafters for its annual Spring Arts & Crafts Show. The show will be a one-day event and take place 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4. The cost of an 8-foot table space is \$50. Admission and parking are both free. Interested crafters should call the city of Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620.

BREAKFAST WITH BUNNY
■ Fox Hills presents breakfast with the Easter Bunny 9-11 a.m. Saturday, April 4 and 11, at 8768 N. Territorial, Salem Township. There will be a bountiful breakfast buffet with fresh fruit, breakfast pastries, cold cereals, scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage, waffles, hot chocolate and fresh fruit juices. There will be crafts, games, story time and prizes, too. Then between 10 and 10:30 a.m., colorful eggs will be dropped from an airplane, and after landing, there'll

be an Easter egg hunt. Price is \$10.50 per person. No charge for children under 2. Reservations are from 9-11 a.m. For more information, or for a reservation, call (734) 453-7272.

SUMMIT ON THE PARK
■ Summit on the Park Senior Center is offering tax counseling for seniors. This service is offered every Tuesday through April 14 in the Parkview Room. Appointments are necessary for counseling, and will be taken for morning or afternoon times. Arrangements can be made for those who are homebound. Call 397-5444 for more information. Cass Elementary School, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and east of Wayne. For more information, call (734) 462-0135.

BOOK SALE
■ The Livonia League of Women Voters is working to make this year's April book sale another successful fund-raising event. New batches of used books are always needed. Hardcover and paperback books in different categories of nonfiction and fiction for

all ages are received. The public is encouraged to donate used books by calling (734) 421-4420 or (734) 427-0222. For more information, call Esther Friedrichs at 427-0222 or Marge Gade at 261-3191.

SCHOLARSHIPS
■ The Gamma Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is offering college scholarships to Canton or Salem graduating seniors majoring in education. The scholarships provide financial assistance, promoting the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Funds are the result of community participation in the annual fall craft fair held at West Middle School. Applications are available at both high school counseling offices or at Hoben Elementary School, 44680 Salts Road, Canton.

SUPPORT GROUPS

COMMUNITY HOSPICE
■ Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. (CHCS) invites adults who have experienced the loss of someone significant in their lives to participate in the Adult Grief Support Group. The group meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30-8 p.m., at CHCS Westland office, 32932 Warren Road, Suite 100, northwest corner of Warren and Venoy. To register for the support group, contact Becky Rouse, bereavement coordinator, at (734) 522-4244.

A.I.M.
■ A.I.M., a nonprofit self-help support group for those suffering with anxiety, panic, fear, phobias and depression, meets at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. For further information, call (248) 547-0400.

LEARNING ENHANCEMENT
■ The Learning Enhancement Program helps people of all ages with visual, hearing, fine and gross motor skills. Working on concentration, motivation, comprehension and memory, and simultaneous and sequential processing. Using all types of materials from basal readers to library books, speech machines, the tape recorder and computer. Private counseling is provided. For more information, call Joel Marwil at (248) 476-8741.

EMPOWER
■ One free hour for parents or families to empower: counseling, resources and support for crisis situations, medical needs or ongoing issues. Call for an appointment, 981-3039.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS
■ The Compassionate Friends support group meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church on Newburgh.

Open to all parents whose children have died. Bereaved parents only. For more information, call (734) 462-2774.

MDDA
■ MDDA (Manic Depressive-Depressive Association) holds its meeting 2-4 p.m. the second and fourth Sundays of the month at Oakwood-Canton Health Center Community meeting room. For more information, call Nancy at (734) 455-8598.

CLUBS

MOTHER OF MULTIPLES
■ The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Call Barb at (734) 207-5224. Playgroup meets every other Tuesday; call Sue at (313) 459-9324.

CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
■ The Canton Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, at the Canton Historical Museum. Linda Strodtman, Ph.D., R.N., will narrate a slide presentation, "Preserving the History of Nursing at the University of Michigan." She will also display nursing artifacts from the Nursing History Society of U of M. Members and the public are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. Parking is available at the rear of the museum. For more information, call (734) 453-5297.

BNI
■ Business Network International will hold monthly meetings from 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday, April 2-3. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

M.O.M.
■ Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) offers guest speakers and discussion. It meets at 9:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. Baby-sitting is provided. For more information, call Kate at (734) 453-3675.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
■ The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at the Livonia Senior Citizens' Activity Center, 15128 Farmington Road, southeast corner of Five Mile and Farmington roads, behind the Golden Lantern Restaurant, Livonia. Meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. All meetings are open to the public at no charge. A beginning genealogy class meets at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (734) 425-8832 or (734) 455-1122.

TOASTMASTERS
■ Join the Oral Majority Toastmasters Club at 6:45 p.m. Sundays at the old Friendly's building, at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley in Plymouth Township. For more information, call Marc Sullivan at (734) 455-1635.

CAMPUS NOTES

Items for Campus Notes are welcome from the Plymouth community. Items should be addressed in writing to: Campus Notes, c/o Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 or faxed to (313) 459-4224. To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material, printed or typewritten, to: Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main, Plymouth Mich. 48170.

DEAN'S LIST
■ Kevin Kopenski, a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, is on the dean's list at Michigan State University for achieving a 4.0 GPA this past

semester.
Canton resident Lawrence P. Zizzo is on the dean's list at the University of Dayton. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence F. Zizzo.
Former Plymouth Township police Officer and Livonia resident Erik M. Mayernik made the dean's list at Thomas M. Cooley Law School. He earned his bachelor of science degree in 1992 from Eastern Michigan University. He is also a graduate of South Lyon High School. He is the recorder of the George F. Monaghan Council of the Knights of Columbus. Mayernik is a part-time police officer for the city of Northville. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mayernik of South Lyon.

Plymouth resident Brian M. Gould made the dean's list and was recently recognized by the Columbus College of Art and Design for outstanding academic achievement.

SYMPHONETTE TOUR
Miriam Garcellano, a Hope College senior from Canton, will participate in the Hope College Symphonette's annual spring tour through March 29. She is a 1994 Plymouth Salem High School graduate. Garcellano is a member of the National Honors Society, Mortar Board, and the National Music Honors Society, Delta Omicron. She is also active with the Chapel Choir, Gospel Choir, and Wind Symphony. She is the daughter of Tomas and

Marietta Garcellano.

SPRING BREAK
Jennifer Gibson of Canton found an alternative way to spend her spring break. Gibson, a student at Central Michigan University, spent spring break volunteering through a program called Alternative Spring Break. The program, coordinated by CMU's Volunteer and Service Learning Center, provides students volunteer opportunities throughout the nation. Gibson is a senior at CMU majoring in health fitness and psychology. A graduate of Plymouth Salem High school, she is the daughter of Tom and Loretta Gibson.

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Generations, that is: Dorothea Ross of Plymouth (bottom, right) holds young Justine Cripps who represents a fifth generation of the Ross family. Joining in a family photo were Justine's mother, Karyn Cripps (top, right), her mother Jacqueline Ross (top, left) and grandmother Janet Newman (bottom, left), holding her newest grandson, Denis Ross, born just three weeks before Justine.

Award honors child, elder care providers

Gov. John Engler is seeking nominations for the first Governor's Quality Care Awards for excellence in care for Michigan's most vulnerable citizens - children, elderly and those with special needs.

The event is sponsored in conjunction with the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, which licenses child and adult day care facilities, nursing homes, long-term medical care facilities and statewide providers of these vital services.

The awards will recognize outstanding care facilities and caregivers whose standard of care is above and beyond the ordinary.

"I am looking for those programs, people and places that go the extra mile to enhance the quality of life for our most vulnerable citizens," the governor said. "By recognizing their outstanding service, I want to make their high-care standards the standards for Michigan."

Criteria for the awards were developed in cooperation with leading Michigan child care and long-term care providers and advocates who have been active in efforts to promote and encourage the highest standards of pro-

fessionalism in Michigan's child care centers, programs for individuals with special needs, nursing homes, adult foster care, homes for the aged and other care and service networks.

"We want to showcase those statewide facilities and caregivers that emphasize quality care - whether for kids in a day care center or our elderly par-

ents, relatives or friends in long-term care," said CIS Director Kathleen M. Wilbur.

Nominations are sought from families, nursing home residents, parents or caregiver peers across the state who have experienced or witnessed the unique brand of care that enriches the spirit.

Nominations will be reviewed

in April, the Month of the Young Child, and the awards will be presented in May to coincide with nationwide senior citizen activities.

Nomination forms are available from the Department of Consumer and Industry Services by contacting award coordinator Nancy Dixon at (517) 241-9219 or at nancy.dixon@cis.state.mi.us.

Hospice offers support group

Arbor Hospice will offer a seven-week support and educational group for parents who have lost an adult child, beginning April 2.

The group is open to any parent who has experienced the death of an adult child regardless of whether the loss occurred recently or many years ago.

It will meet 4-5:30 p.m. Thursdays at Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor. A minimal donation is requested. For more information or to register, call Pat Bauer at (734) 662-5999.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SPECIAL EDUCATION LEGAL COUNSEL

The Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is requesting proposals for legal services in the area of special education. Interested and qualified companies may obtain information and proposal forms by telephoning the Personnel Department at (734) 416-4836 during regular business hours.

Bids should be returned to:

Errol Goldman, General Counsel
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
454 South Harvey Street
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Bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 1998.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest on the School District.

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Scout badge program set

St. Mary Hospital in collaboration with Madonna University will offer the "Be Your Best" merit badge program for Brownies and Girl Scouts Saturday, March 28.

Participants will learn more about health and fitness and

earn a merit badge during the program slated for 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the university, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia.

Enrollment is limited, and pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8940 or 1-800-494-1650.

PORCHES are cool!

Find out why in our upcoming Spring Home Improvement section, which features an interesting story about the all-American porch. There also will be information about back yard gardens and fences, plus much more. Look for this colorful section in **AT HOME** on Thursday, April 23, in your hometown newspaper.

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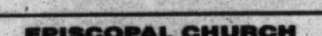
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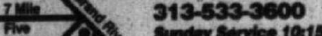
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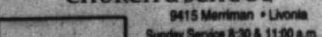
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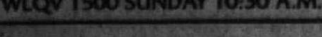
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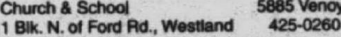
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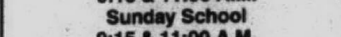
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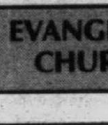
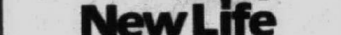
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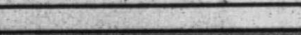
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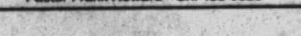
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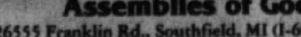
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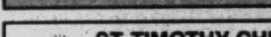
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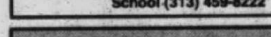
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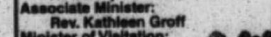
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TASTE OF TRADITION

The Interfaith Connection and Kitchen Glamour will present Taste of Tradition 2, a cooking workshop for individuals in interfaith relationships, at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at Kitchen Glamour, in the Novi Town Center in Novi. Mimi Markofsky of Mimi's Just Desserts will focus on new Passover ideas as well as demonstrate delicious recipes for the seder and the week-long holiday. There is a small fee for the workshop. For more information, call (800) 397-4876.

FREE CONCERT

The Youth and Music Ministries and Missions Conference Committee of Trinity Presbyterian Church will present a free concert, featuring Matt Beckler, at 7 p.m. Friday, March 27, at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 459-9804.

EXPERIENCING GOD

Canton Community Church continues its seven-week series "Experiencing God" with Pastor Eric Moore at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, March, at the church, 41600 Ann Arbor Trail,

Canton. "Experience Pays" will be the topic. For more information, call the church office at (734) 455-6022.

JEWS FOR JESUS

Jews for Jesus, based in San Francisco, Calif., will present "Christ in the Passover" at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Alpha Baptist Church, 28051 W. Chicago, Livonia. Using a visual display of traditional Passover items, including symbolic foods, the presentation will follow the Passover from Egypt to Calvary, examining ancient and modern Jewish customs as the background for the Christian communion. For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-6300.

SPRING MUSICAL

The Praisemakers of Memorial Church of Christ will present their spring musical, "Celebrate!", at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the church, 34575 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The program will feature praise songs and memorized scriptures by the children ages 4-5. The musical is under the direction of Mike and Shona Vincent, John and Kim Friend, Mike and Michelle Pavacik and Scott and Tammy Phillips. For more information, call the church office at (734) 464-6722.

SUNDAY LESSONS

Church of Today West has weekly Sunday lessons at 9 and 11 a.m. Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School, Mead-

owbrook Road south of 13 Mile Road, Walled Lake. The topic for March 29 will be "A New Spirituality - Father Leo Booth." The church also offers youth education at both services. A course in miracles is taught year-round at 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Other basic courses include 4T, meditation and unity basics. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit its Web site at <http://www.cotw.com>.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The radio series, "What is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 1:30 p.m. Sundays of WQBH-AM 1400. The topic will be "If Christian Science heals, why aren't people flocking to it like they flock to material medicine?" on March 29.

"The Christian Science Sentinel-Radio Edition" also can be heard at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. The conversational program discusses current public topics as well as shares healing through prayer from people all over the world.

GUEST LECTURE

The Holocaust Memorial Center will sponsor a lecture by Martin A. Lee at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 30, in Shiffman Hall of the Jewish Community Center, Maple and Drake roads, West Bloomfield. Lee will speak on "The Beast Reawakens: Resurgent Fascism and Right-Wing Extremism in Europe and the United States." For more information, call the center at (248) 661-8400.

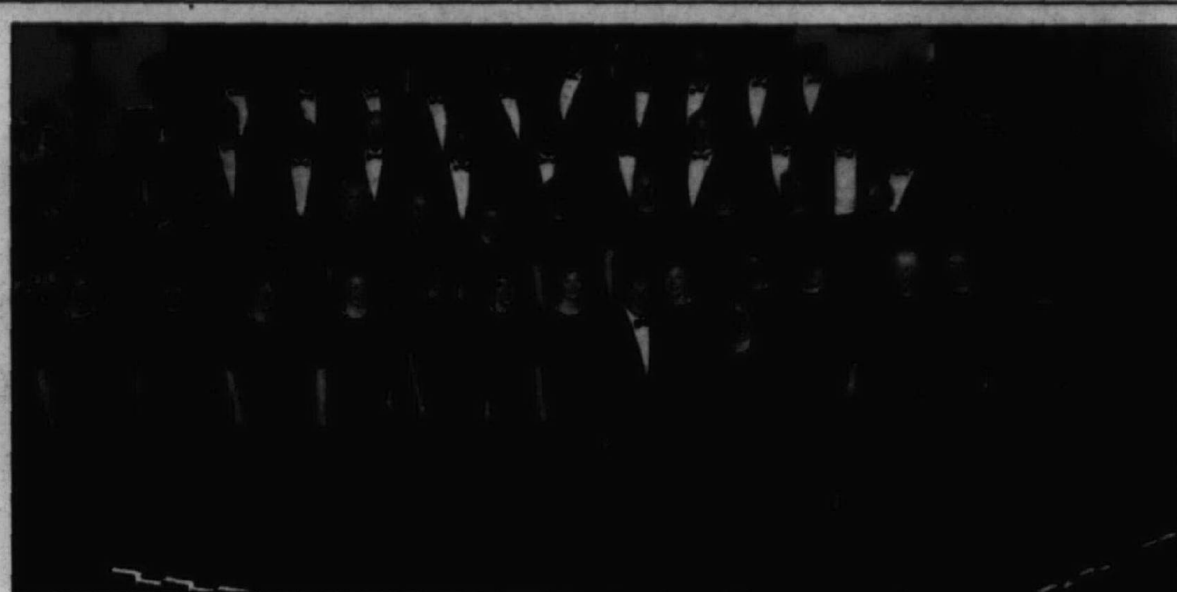
PLANET X MINISTRIES

Former Detroit Tigers pitcher Frank Tanana will be the guest speaker at Planet X Ministries' Thermonuclear program from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at Tri-City Christian Center, 39390 Michigan Ave., Wayne. The evening also includes interactive sports, pizza and a love offering. Tickets are \$3.

For more information, call (734) 326-7717 or write to planetxministries@aol.com.

LENTEN PROGRAMS

The Senior Youth for Christ at St. Matthew Lutheran Church is serving Lenten dinner 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the church, 5885 Venoy Road, Westland. Cost is \$4 per person, \$12



In concert: The Detroit Lutheran Singers will present a concert rich in sacred choral music at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The 50-voice choir will perform works by Bach (B Minor Mass), Lotti, Brahms ("Blessed They" from his Requiem), Virgil Thompson, Tchaikovsky, Durante, Bruchner, Holst, Rachmaninoff and Mendelssohn, accompanied by organist Doris Hall. Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and senior citizens, and are available at the door. For more information, call the church at (734) 522-6830.

for a family of four and \$3 for senior citizens. There also will be Lenten worship services at 7 p.m. and 11 a.m. Thursday. For more information, call (734) 422-0260.

■ Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will have mid-week Lenten services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Pastor Gregory Gibbons will preach on the general theme of "Walk with Jesus." Each service will be followed by a fellowship time. For more information, call (313) 532-8655.

■ The Lenten series, "By My Hand? For My Sake!" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at St. James Presbyterian Church's McCalmont Chapel, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. Each week there will be a different Biblical visitor. For more information, call (313) 534-7730.

■ Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church is serving dinner 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays during Lent in the school gymnasium. They are followed by a worship service in the church, 9600 Levene, north of West Chicago, Redford. The Lenten series is based on John 17 and the Lord's

High Priestly Prayers. A free-will offering will be accepted for dinner. For more information, call (313) 937-2424.

■ Rice Memorial United Methodist Church is having a Lenten potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the church, 20601 Beech Daly, Redford. Participants are asked to bring a dish or two to pass and their own table service. There will be a program and service at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 534-4907.

■ Newburg United Methodist Church's Lenten dinner/program will be 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The pot luck dinner buffet will be followed by "Portrayal of Mary" by the Rev. Laurie Plate, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (734) 422-0149.

■ St. Matthew's United Methodist Church's Lenten programs and meals will continue with a potluck salad supper and the puppet musical "Outer Space - Inner Space" on Sunday, March 29. Dinner is at 6:15 p.m. and the program at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call (734) 422-6038.

EASTER DRAMA

A multi-media dramatization of the Stations of the Cross, "An Evening of Reflection," will be presented at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, Farmington Road north of Six Mile Road, Livonia. An internationally famous religious leader will make an appearance during the presentation. Admission is free.

■ Gang Retirement and Continuing Education/Employment (GRACE) Program and St. Anne's Parish in Detroit, in collaboration with the Catholic Youth Organization, will present "Jesus in the Hood" at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 2, in Kresge Hall of Madonna University, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Reservations are necessary for the free performance. Call the university's Office of Multicultural Affairs at (734) 432-5541.

The play was created by Alex Montaner, a Madonna student and GRACE program director, as a means of helping youth deliver a message of peace. It depicts a bilingual modernization of the life of Jesus who he born in southwest Detroit. in a fun and interesting setting.

Ward welcomes Psalty to its Northville church

Psalty the Singing Songbook is coming to Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Livonia on Sunday, April 4, to conduct Psalty's Fantastic Praise Party Two!

Join Psalty and his friends for an action-packed praise party for the whole family at Ward's new Northville church at 40000 Six Mile Road at Haggerty Road. Showtimes will be 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Psalty and his friends will share an interactive praise and worship time with children. The

90-minute show features puppets, clowns, singing and praise to the Lord.

"We are so pleased to have Psalty return," said Cindy Ziemba, director of children's ministries at Ward. "He was a huge hit in 1994 when more than 3,000 children and adults attended this fun and exciting event."

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The theme was Irish and the air was filled with the sounds of bag-piper Alistair Hill of Farmington Hills, for the annual St. Patrick's Party to benefit Community Hospice and Health Care Services. Mercy mime Kristen Legg (top photo), a senior at Mercy High

School, silently entertained Charlie and Charline List of Brighton, while members of the Tim O'Hare Irish Stepdancers performed Irish dances during the evening. Enjoying the benefit were Maureen and Norm Root (top photo at right, from left) and Tim and Pat Mul-

downey, all of Livonia, and Russ and Vicki Thomas of Clinton Township who had their eye on an autographed Steve Yzerman jersey. Held at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia, proceeds are earmarked for the proposed Community Hospice Home.



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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Sarkesian All-American

Mia Sarkesian, a senior on Plymouth Salem's girls soccer team, has been named to the Parade All-American soccer team. She is one of 41 players nationwide selected by coaches, scouts, recruiters and several soccer organizations.

Sarkesian, a midfielder, led the Rocks in scoring last season with 17 goals and eight assists. She has already committed to attend and play at the University of Notre Dame in the fall.

Whalers: Round 2

The Plymouth Whalers, having disposed of the Sarnia Sting, were still waiting to see who was next on their agenda at press time. It seemed likely that they would play their next home game at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, probably against the Belleville Bulls.

To confirm this information, call the Whalers at (734) 453-8400 during business hours, or call the Whaler hotline at (734) 480-3916.

Rockers still tumbling

The Detroit Rockers kept it tight for a half against the Edmonton Drillers Sunday at Joe Louis Arena, but the Drillers owned the second half, outscoring the Rockers 8-0 in claiming a 13-4 National Professional Soccer League victory.

Jeff Gold (from Plymouth) gave the Rockers the early lead, scoring a two-point goal at 7:30 of the opening period. Tim Ernst assisted.

The Drillers rallied to take a 3-2 advantage into the second period, before Travis Roy (Livonia Stevenson) netted a two-pointer to make it 4-3, in Detroit's favor. Joe Malachino assisted.

After that, however, it was all Edmonton as Detroit lost for the 10th time in 11 games, its record falling to 12-25.

Volleyball tour

Continental Teams is currently taking applications for this summer's European Girls Volleyball Tour.

The team will travel to England, Holland, Belgium, Germany, France and Switzerland to play local club teams and to compete in various tournaments, including the London International Tournament.

The 18-day tour leaves June 28 and returns July 15. The team is open to all high school-aged girls with average or above-average skills, including those graduating this year.

Continental Teams is a non-profit organization formed 14 years ago, dedicated to promoting sports in conjunction with education and travel. For more information, or for application, brochure, trip cost and fundraising information, call (708) 848-0070, or write to Continental Teams, 804 S. Ridgeland, Oak Park, Ill., 60304.

Baseball clinic

The Plymouth Salem HS baseball team and coaching staff will sponsor a clinic on Saturday, March 28, in the Salem gymnasium.

Cost is \$20, which includes a T-shirt. The session for 11-15 year-olds will be from 9 a.m.-noon; the session for 7-10 year-olds will be from 1-4 p.m.

Checks should be mailed to: Plymouth Salem Dugout, 13900 High Ridge Ct., Plymouth, MI, 48170. For more information, call Salem coach Dale Rumberger at (734) 453-4003.

Men's golf league

A 20-week men's golf league will begin play April 22, with all rounds at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

Tee times for the league will be 5-6 p.m. each Wednesday, with a player limit of 36 golfers (Canton residents only, unless the league fails to fill up by March 27).

Cost is \$420 per golfer, which includes all league green fees, prize money, league outing and awards.

Open registration begins Monday and can be completed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Canton Parks and Recreation offices, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

There will be a league meeting at 6 p.m. April 8 at Fellows Creek to discuss league rules and regulations.

For further information, call (734) 397-5110.

Whalers eliminate Sting in 5

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Whalers proved March Madness isn't limited to the hardwood Sunday at Compuware Arena.

Looking to close out their first round Ontario Hockey League playoff series with Sarnia, the Whalers' Randy Fitzgerald scored 30 seconds into overtime to give his team a 3-2 victory. Yuri Babenko and Julian Smith assisted on the left winger's first goal of the playoffs, which came on a scramble in front of the Sting's net.

"I give the credit to those three guys," coach Peter DeBoer said. "It was a great goal."

The Whalers took the best-of-seven series, four games to one. Plymouth will likely face London (Ont.) or Belleville (Ont.) Friday on the road in the second round.

"Whoever we play," DeBoer said, "it'll be a heck of a tough series."

Sunday's game with Sarnia wasn't a picnic, either. The Sting clearly had the jump in the first period. Whalers' goalie Robert Esche turned away 13 Sarnia shots to keep the game scoreless heading into the first intermission.

"He kept us in the game," DeBoer said. "He made some big saves. Robert's playing like he has to for us to be successful."

While the Whalers did manage 10 shots on net in the first period, the coach said his team wasn't sharp in the first period.

"It was a matter of being a little flat," DeBoer admitted. "We had an emotional win in Sarnia last night. It was the first time we had won there in two years. I think there was bound to be an emotional letdown."

Plymouth showed more energy from the opening face off in the second period. The Whalers applied solid pressure on Sarnia's net the first 1:30 of the period, but were unable to score.

It was the Sting who broke through first.

Greg Willers drilled a low, hard shot from the left point after a face off deep in Plymouth's zone. Jon Sim and Darryl Knight assisted on the goal, which came at the 15:25 mark.

The Whalers continued to play a strong period despite the tally. Finally, with just more than 10 minutes gone, Sergei Fedotov put Plymouth on the scoreboard, rifling a shot past stingy Sting goalie Greg Hewitt from about 30 feet directly in front of the net. Babenko and Steve Wasylo assisted on the power-play goal, Fedotov's second goal of the playoffs.

Plymouth continued to apply pressure. Harold Druken got a good backhand shot off moments after Fedotov's tally, but Hewitt was quick enough to kick it away.

It wasn't until the third period that the 1-1 tie was broken. Both squads played it conservatively, but



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Goal-saver: Goalie Robert Esche was superb in the four Whaler wins over the Sting. He allowed just five goals in the last three games, all victories, including just two in Saturday's 7-2 triumph, the Whalers' first win in Sarnia since early in the 1996-97 season.

Plymouth appeared to take things in hand with about 11 minutes gone by when Troy Smith scored unassisted on a soft shot from the right point.

The visitors fought back to re-tie it less than two minutes later. Jeff Heerema beat Esche on a high

shot to the stick side, a shot that Esche appeared to be screened on. That virtually ended all scoring chances. Both teams appeared content to play for overtime.

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Spring is here — and soccer, too!

Salem should be more experienced — and improved

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Doug Landefeld's second year as coach of Plymouth Salem's girls soccer team was nothing like his first.

The Rocks struggled early, turned it around in the middle, and were playing well in the state district tournament when they were beaten by Plymouth Canton in overtime. Salem finished with an 8-6-3 overall record.

In his first season as coach, the Rocks posted a 15-4 mark. But that didn't get them any further in the state tournament; they lost to Canton in the district finals that year, too, and the Chiefs went on to win the state championship.

So what should be expected this year? Well, as in Landefeld's first two seasons, something a bit different.

"Last year, we lost some games early but we played well at the end," he said. "But we never quite found our rhythm. It was tough at times."

Four seniors have graduated from that team: Jodi Coyle, Lisa Bacyinski, Janell Davis and Jenny Storm. There's little doubt they'll be missed, but at the same time, six freshmen saw considerable playing time last season; as sophomores this year, they should be much improved.

"I think we're a better team than last year's, in terms of experience," Landefeld said. "We're in pretty good shape."

He can say that even though he knows he has just two seniors to call upon. But oh, what seniors: Mia Sarkesian, a senior midfielder who was recently named to the Parade All-American soccer team (one of 41 selected nationwide); and Missy Simons, a versatile and talented defender/midfielder.

"Mia is perhaps the best player in the state," said Landefeld. "The question for us is, are our people going to help her,

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRENNER

Strong senior group: Forward Lisa Reissenweber is one of six seniors on the Canton team, and is one of four of them with at least three years varsity experience.

Canton still has a strong nucleus to provide a lift

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

So: What's the biggest problem facing Plymouth Canton soccer coach Don Smith this year?

■ Finding adequate replacements for the six seniors he lost?

No.

■ Finding goal-scorers?

Probably not.

■ Finding enough players to scrimmage with during practice?

Definitely not.

■ Finding a way to beat Livonia Stevenson?

Uh, well, maybe.

In 1996, Canton stormed through the Class A playoffs to capture the state championship. Last year, the Chiefs could not duplicate their feat; two of their three losses came against Stevenson, which rolled to the state title.

Still, the Chiefs went 13-3-2. Missing from that team are Jenny Parvainen, Emilie Meier, Jill Rahnert, Emily Stachera, Beth Knight and back-up keeper Becky Haynert.

So how do you replace half your lineup without missing a beat?

In Don Smith's system, it's not a big problem. Because he uses loads of players, so most have some varsity experience already.

And those without experience who still make the varsity must be something special. And Smith has some of them, too.

"We should be in pretty good shape," Smith said. "We've got a nice group, with a lot of returnees, a lot of kids who can play."

So where, in particular, are the team's strengths? "We should be pretty strong defensively, up in front and in the midfield," he noted. "Actually, we're

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Stevenson prepares state championship defense

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Tough as it is to win a state championship in any high school sport, it's even more difficult to do it again. It's an experience Livonia Stevenson's girls soccer team will go through this season.

"We've never been in this position, with the girls," coach Jim Kimble of the Spartans said of the Class A champions. "We've never been in position to defend a state title. We've always fallen short, so there's that hunger to keep you going."

"We had a phenomenal year last year. The question is going to be, 'Do the kids want to repeat and advance on that season?'"

Stevenson played in the shadow of its more celebrated Plymouth neighbors in the Western Lakes Activities Association last season.

Until the regular season was over and the tournaments commenced.

"Last year we felt we were as good as we were," Kimble said, "but it wasn't until the middle of the season, the playoffs, that other people noticed."

No such luck this season.

Ever seen that Gary Larson (Far Side) cartoon where the two cows are standing next to one another? One has a big bulls-eye on its side. The other says, "Bummer of a birthmark, Hal."

That's sort of what the Spartans will go through this season. They've got the bulls-eye on their back.

"In '98, everybody knows we're as good as we are, so everybody's geared up to play us," said Kimble, whose team was 21-0-2 and allowed just one goal all season. "There's only one way to go when you're on top. The question is, 'Do we want to stay there?'"

"That's the question I'm going to pose to them every day at practice. If the

desire is there to repeat, yeah, we can do it."

Stevenson had three quality seniors doing the leading last year — first-team All-Area midfielder Anne Fedrigo, second-team All-Area defender Melissa Jacobs and state championship hero Nicole Tobin (who set numerous scoring records this year at Siena Heights College).

This year the Spartans come back at you with 10 quality seniors.

Three All-Observer first-team selections return led by Tennessee-bound Allison Campbell, who had 34 goals and 13 assists. Campbell, with 68 career goals, is a three-year starter.

Another top-flight returnee is sophomore defender Andrea Sied, who anchored a Stevenson defense which gave up just one goal.

Senior goalkeeper Jenny Baker posted 20 shutouts en route to a 19-0-2 record. She is 47-7-4 during her career

with 44 shutouts and a career goals-against average of .446.

Also returning are second-team picks Stacey Nastase, a senior defender, and Sarah Wittrock, a junior midfielder.

And if that isn't enough, Stevenson also has an outstanding freshman on the horizon — remember the name Lindsay Gusick.

"We'll throw the ball out there and see what happens," Kimble said.

If any team will challenge, it will be Livonia Churchill (13-4-4), under second-year coach Chad Campau.

The Chargers won their district and reached the regional championship before being thumped by the Spartans, 6-0.

Churchill lost All-Area first-teamers Lizz Szkybalo and Andrea Will, but return seven starters.

"Stevenson is the team to beat again, a team you shoot for," Campau said. "We play them early this year (Friday,

April 4 at Stevenson) and it's going to give us a good indication early where we're at and where we have to go."

"The girls are hungry and feel they have something to prove after last year's regional."

Meanwhile, another Western Division team in the WLAA, Livonia Franklin (0-12-2) hopes to avoid another winless season.

But things are looking up for coach Jerry Poniatowski at Westland John Glenn, who will field a nice young team that's just starting to come into its own.

The Rockets (7-9-1) have the misfortune, however, of being placed in the same division of the WLAA as powerhouses Stevenson and Salem, whose programs year in and year out are among the best in the state.

Meanwhile, Livonia Ladywood (2-9-3) is under new management with coach Jeff Shuk, who has led the Redford Union boys program.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Conference: WLAA (Western Division).
Head Coach: Chad Campau, second season.
Last year's overall record: 13-4-4.
Titles won last year: Class A district champions.
Scheduled season opener: 7 p.m. Friday, March 27, at home, vs. Rochester.
Notable losses to graduation: Andrea Will (first-team All-Area), Lizz Szkybalo (first-team All-Area), Lindsay Murley.
Leading returnees: Karsten Conklin, junior forward (second-team All-Area), Andrea Gallardo, senior midfielder; Jamie Scott, senior midfielder; Stacey Supanich, junior forward; Brooke Clona, senior midfielder; Tina Fischer, senior forward; Kristen Esperza, senior midfielder; Terri Owens, senior midfielder; Karen Kramer, sophomore defender; Susan Hill, senior defender; Karie Bowersdorf, senior forward; Lisa Fabrikiewicz, senior defender; Kristen Laszczynski, sophomore midfielder; Kerrie LaFerte, junior goalkeeper; Jenine Lawson, senior defender; Nicole DeDominici, senior defender.
Promising newcomers: Luca Stea, sophomore midfielder; Natalie Pickelhaup, junior midfielder; Jennifer Gibson, junior goalkeeper.
Campau's '98 outlook: "We'll be stronger defensively than last year. We didn't give up a lot of goals last year with the exception of the Stevenson game (a 6-0 regional final loss)."

"And offensively, I think we'll be even stronger. It's going to hurt losing Szkybalo and Will, but we have some good young players who will fill in nicely."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head Coach: Mary Kay Hussey, second season.
League affiliation: WLAA (Western Division).

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Last year's overall record: 0-12-2.
Scheduled season opener: 4 p.m. Friday, March 27, at Trenton.
Notable losses to graduation: None.
Leading returnees: Emily Kracht, senior; Alexis Bowman, sophomore; Jessica Decker, sophomore; Kristin Dougherty, senior; Angie D'Annunzio, junior; Dawn Vorhes, junior; Jennifer Walter, junior; Karen Black, junior.
Promising newcomers: Lisa Balko, freshman; Deby Carlin, freshman; Jamie Harb, freshman; Jessica Katinsky, freshman; Melissa Matthews, freshman; Megan Palmer, freshman.
Franklin's '98 outlook: The Patriots, winless last season, list six freshmen on their varsity roster. They will be searching for first victory under coach Mary Kay Hussey, Friday at Trenton. Hussey coached Livonia Stevenson to the Class A state title in 1990 and posted a record of 80-24-10 in six seasons with the Spartans including two regional, three district, four Lakes Division and one Western Lakes crown.
LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head Coach: Jim Kimble, fourth season.
League affiliation: Western Lakes (Lakes Division).
Last year's overall record: 21-0-2.
Titles won last year: State Class A champs, regional and district champs, Western Lakes champions.
Scheduled season opener: 7 p.m. Monday, March 30, at Walled Lake Western.
Notable losses to graduation: Nicole Tobin, forward (first-team All-Area); Anne Fedrigo, midfielder (first-team All-Area); Melissa Jacobs, defender (second-team All-Area).
Leading returnees: Allison Campbell, senior forward (first-team All-Area); Leah McGrath,

senior midfielder; Stacey Nastase, senior defender (second-team All-Area); Andi Sied, sophomore defender (first-team All-Area); Sarah Wittrock, junior forward (second-team All-Area); Brianna Roy, junior midfielder; Melissa Backus, senior midfielder.
Promising newcomers: Lindsay Gusick, freshman forward; Megan Urbats, sophomore forward.
Kimble's '98 outlook: "I think Livonia Stevenson's success will come down to attitude, the desire to repeat as state champs and, obviously, health."

"If we can get the same senior leadership from the 10 seniors that we have as we did from the three who graduated, it will be a good year."

"We should be able to contend for the Western Lakes title and possibly state honors."

"If we think we can rest on our laurels, we'll be sadly surprised."

"We have all the components, it's just a matter of putting them together."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head Coach: Jerry Poniatowski, fourth season.
League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).
Last year's overall record: 7-9-1.
Scheduled season opener: 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, at Farmington Harrison.
Notable losses to graduation: Lessa Mahoney, sophomore; Nicole Farrar, left wing.
Leading returnees: Kristen Krohn junior midfielder; Katie Krause, junior forward; Katie Hoyer, junior fullback; Valerie Kurzynski, sophomore forward; Jessica Blanchard, sophomore fullback; Noelle Swartz, sophomore midfielder.
Promising newcomer: Jessica Sanchez, sophomore fullback.

Poniatowski's '98 outlook: "With the exception of losing the best sweeper and the best left wing on our team from last year, we've got a lot of people back."

"Our people are pretty healthy. We're ready to play some decent soccer. We should play well all the way through."

"Our captains (senior) Katrina Zacharczyk, (junior) Krohn and (sophomore) Kurzynski will lead our team."

"But it's not only them. We have a lot of people who follow directions and will step up."

"We're going to try to be a little stronger on offense than we were last year and still maintain our defense."

"This is a good group which is looking to jell. We're looking forward to the season. We're in the toughest division in the state."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head Coach: Larry Brenner, fourth season.
League affiliation: Michigan Mega Conference (Blue Division).
Last year's overall record: 6-7-3.
Scheduled season opener: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at Dearborn Heights Crestwood.
Notable losses to graduation: Pam Pritch, defense; Sarah Raupp, midfielder; Missy Dumont, goalkeeper.
Leading returnees: Andrea McCall, senior forward; Kristina McCall, sophomore forward; Alena Tucker, senior forward; Leona Headland, senior midfielder; Christine Raupp, sophomore midfielder; Joselyn Nemeth, senior defender; April Smith, junior defender; Jenny Clark, sophomore defender; Natalie Garrison, senior keeper.
Promising newcomers: Jenny Young, senior forward; Tina Bradley, sophomore midfielder; Amanda Bledsoe, sophomore defender; Lori

Giordano, sophomore defender.
Brenner's '98 outlook: "We were pretty much a close-knit group last year."

"Our varsity and junior varsity worked well together — pretty much because they don't have a choice, because I'm the coach of both teams."

"We're in the Mega Blue Conference and I expect us to put on a good show this year."

"I think both our offense and defense are going to be pretty strong this year."

"The middle of the field is where we're going to be tested the most, I think."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Head Coach: Jeff Shuk, first season.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Last year's overall record: 2-9-3.
Scheduled season opener: 4 p.m. Friday, March 27, at Woodhaven.
Notable losses to graduation: Michelle Roy, Nikki Pampreen.
Leading returnees: Meryl Denton, senior defender; Annie Obrecht, senior defender; Jenny Lachapelle, senior forward; Melanie York, senior defender; Megan Reardon, senior midfielder; Kristina Stachura, senior midfielder; Traci Stewart, senior defender; Jenny Wychowski, senior goalkeeper; Emily Bauer, junior forward; Tina Lopez, sophomore forward-midfielder; Andrea Schimmel, sophomore midfielder.
Promising newcomers: Stephanie Stachura, freshman midfielder.
Shuk's '98 outlook: "We've got our goals this season, but we'll keep them quiet. They have the ability to play as a team. We've totally overhauled the program."

"Because of the weather really haven't had any time outside. We've been in the gym all


but three days. Friday's game will be a good measuring stick. I'm not worried about speed, our system doesn't call for a lot of speed."

"In September, we met with the team and started a long process of putting this team together. They're not strangers to me. It's been a big change from top to bottom. We have nine seniors so it's their last chance to make a mark. One strength is that we have a lot natural athletes, maybe not great soccer players, but athletes and that should help."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND
Head coach: Amanda Geidel, first season.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.
Scheduled season opener: 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, at Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian.
Last year's overall record: First-ever varsity season.
Top goalies: Renee Meyer, junior; Krissy Rose, freshman.
Top defenders: Jessica Anthony, junior sweeper; Christen Rae, senior stopper; Sara Burkee, junior fullback; Monica Gyorke, sophomore fullback.
Top midfielders: Sarah Voight, senior; Katie Buzcek, sophomore; Anna Rolf, sophomore; Sarah Hoffmeier, senior.
Top forwards: Mary Ebendick, freshman; Mary Kosterman, senior.
Geidel's '98 outlook: "Most of the girls have not played soccer with the exception of Voight and Buzcek, both whom have a lot of experience."

"It's been fun coaching. They wanted a team at Lutheran Westland for years. They're excited and eager to learn. They've been dynamite to work with."

"Defensively we should be strong. We have some good athletes."



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are they going to help take the attention away from her?"

With Simons, it's a matter of finding a home. "She's been all over the place: sweeper, stopper, midfielder. Every year she's moving further up the field," said her coach.

Landefeld knows what to expect from those two. Salem's fate will be decided by how much the rest of the team improves.

"We've got a whole lot of young players," he noted. "We just hope they can step up."

"It should be interesting." Indeed it should. Landefeld also has four juniors with experience to call upon: Danelle Filips, Andrea Weinman, Brooke Schupra and Kristina Seniuch.

The six sophomores who

played on the varsity as freshmen last year and should help considerably: Jessica Bucks, Jeanine Edwards, Jamie Coyle, Susie Towns, Jenny Fitchett and Christen Shull. Fitchett played goal for the Rocks last season.

Will this team be experienced enough to get off to a more positive start than last year, when Salem lost two early-season games? "I hope so," said Landefeld, adding that "we've only been outside to practice once."

"But the end of the season last year was pretty positive."

However much the Rocks have improved, it might not be enough to win their division, let alone their conference. That's because the defending Class A state champion and Western

Lakes Activities Association champ is Livonia Stevenson.

And the Spartans have nearly everyone back.

"Frankly, I'll be very much surprised if anyone challenges Stevenson," Landefeld said. "I think they've gotten better than last year. Their starting 11 might be as good as anybody's ever had in the state."

Meanwhile Landefeld, whose experience in soccer is extensive, promises a more direct approach this season, hoping to make it easier for his young team to adapt.

A lack of time to prepare adequately hurts all soccer teams. Salem opened its season Wednesday against Walled Lake Central at the Wixom indoor



Missy Sarkesian
Salem's standout midfielder

arena; on Saturday, the Rocks play at Troy.

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But it didn't take long to settle the matter in OT. The puck squirted into Sarnia's zone from the opening face off. Thirty seconds later, Fitzgerald became the hero with his clutch goal.

Which didn't come as a huge surprise to DeBoer. "Randy Fitzgerald has been great all playoffs," the coach commented. "We call him the Claude Lemieux of the OHL because he gets under everybody's skin. But those character guys come to the forefront when you need them."

After 14 games in 24 days, DeBoer said the time off between playoff series would really help his club. "We're tired," he said. "We need this break. Not starting until Friday will be great for us."

The Whalers will have a different frame of mind, DeBoer added, going into their second series.

"We gained some confidence," he said. "We were mentally

fragile coming into the playoffs. Now, I think we're on a good high."

Plymouth 7 Sarnia 2: The two teams met Saturday night in Sarnia with the Whalers picking up where they left off Thursday (a 7-1 Whaler victory), claiming an easy win — their first in that rink since the start of the 1996-97 season.

Plymouth took a 3-1 lead after one period on goals by Eric Gooldy, Wasylo and Paul Mara, then increased their lead to 5-1 with two second-period goals by Druken.

Wasylo netted his second of the game and Andrew Taylor added another in the third.

DeBoer said his team capitalized on numerous power play opportunities. Avoiding unnecessary penalties was a key factor, he added.

"We stayed really disciplined throughout the series," the Whalers' coach said. "It won us a couple of games."

Canton soccer from page C1

got a lot of talented girls."

Actually, Canton has a lot of girls, period. Smith will carry 27 on his varsity; why? Because he has 26 on his junior varsity.

While the numbers are great, making it a bulky group to practice with, the Chiefs' coach is up front with his players: Those who work hard and are the best players will play the most.

Smith still has six seniors to call upon, and three of them are in their fourth varsity season: sweeper Elisa Esper, forward Melissa Marzolf, and stopper/midfielder Angela Lebbon. Forward Lisa Reissenweber is in her third year on varsity, and both keeper Kristin Lukasik and defender/stopper Kristin Mayer have spent two years on

the varsity. Lukasik started in goal last season.

In addition, all four juniors on the squad have three years varsity experience: outside midfielder Janell Cobor, attacking midfielder Kelly Connell, defender Cheron Rice and outside midfielder Lisa Tomasso.

Christina Broda, Sarah Debiem, Emily Kaatz, Kristin Lyman, Alison Morency, Vicki Palis, Theresia Radtke and Elise Thornell are juniors who played junior varsity last season. Broda, Debiem, Kaatz, Lyman and Radtke are defenders (Broda will play midfield, too, and Debiem has keeper experience); Palis is a midfielder, and Morency and Thornell are forwards.

Three of the Chiefs' six sophomores spent some time playing defense on the varsity last season: midfielders Abi Morrell and Pam West, and defender Heather Thompson. Keepers Amy Dorogi and Amy Jachym, and midfielder Jessica Palis, are sophomores who were on the JV last season.

Despite the abundance of skilled — and experienced — players, Smith has three freshmen (Anne Morrell, Amanda Lentz and Beth Zandusky) he plans to use extensively, and with good reason. "They're good," he said.

Particularly impressive is Anne Morrell, a forward. "She's a very good ballplayer, very

intense," said Smith. "She fits in nicely with our group. But we've got a lot of kids who can play."

Of course, so does defending state champ Livonia Stevenson, and Plymouth Salem, and Northville, and Livonia Churchill. All are Western Lakes Activities Association rivals.

"Whoever can keep the other team from scoring will do well," said Smith, stating the simplest of soccer facts. "We've just got to get a good, solid team effort. We've got good senior leadership this year. We've got quality kids, a good group of kids."

Canton's season was scheduled to open yesterday at Walled Lake Western, with a 1 p.m. home match against Novi Saturday.

THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Thursday, March 26
Salem at Harrison, 4 p.m.
North Farmington at Canton, 4 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Aquinas, 4:30 p.m.

BOYS BASEBALL

Wednesday, April 1
Canton at North Farmington, 4 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at Salem, 4 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Friday, March 27

Ladywood at Woodhaven, 4 p.m.

W. Bloomfield at Mercy, 4 p.m.

Franklin at Trenton, 4 p.m.

Rochester at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 28

Salem at Troy, 1 p.m.
Novi at Canton, 1 p.m.
Farmington at W. Bloom., 12:30 p.m.

BOYS TRACK

Thursday, March 26
John Glenn at A.A. Huron, TBA.
Saturday, March 28

Huron Relays at EMU, noon.

GIRLS TRACK

Thursday, March 26
John Glenn at A.A. Huron, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 28

Huron Relays at EMU, 11 a.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Saturday, March 28
E. Gr. Rapids at Redford CC, 2 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

Saturday, March 28

Madonna vs. Tri-State
at University Park (2), 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 29

Madonna vs. Concordia
at University Park (2), 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Saturday, March 28
Madonna vs. Tri-State
at Ladywood H.S. (2), 1 p.m.

TBA — time to be announced.

Teams sought

South Farmington Baseball is seeking additional teams to participate in its first SFBI Invitational Baseball Tournament June 19-21 at Founders Sports Park in Farmington Hills.

The tournament will have a four-game, round-robin format, weather permitting, with separate house all-star and federation divisions.

There will be 10-and-under, 12-and-under and 14-and-under age groups. For information and registration forms call Steve Pelletier at (248) 476-8968.

Baseball sign-up

The Waco Wolves, a 10-and-under travel baseball team, is looking for players. The team will play a 45-50 game schedule, with trips to Sylvania, Ohio; Chicago; and Cooperstown, N.Y. For information, call Bill Hardin at (313) 562-4667.

Softball sign-up

Registration for adult softball leagues sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services — men's, women's and co-ed teams — are now under way.

New men's teams may sign up through Friday. Women's teams may register through April 3. New co-ed teams can register through Friday.

All registrations may be completed 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Cost is \$290 per men's team, \$360 per women's team (which includes a \$50 refundable forfeit fee), and \$320 for co-ed teams (which includes a \$50 refundable forfeit fee).

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Al Harrington	F	6'09"	Roselle, NJ	St. Patrick's
Cory Hightower	G	6'06"	Flint, MI	Mt. Zion
Kristoffer Lang	C	6'10"	Gastonia, NC	Hunter Huss
Paris London	F	6'08"	Memphis, TN	Hamilton
Kevin Lyde	C	6'09"	Forest Heights, MD	Oak Hill Academy
Lloyd Price	F	6'05"	Wilmington, DE	Oak Hill Academy

West All-Stars

NAME	POS.	HT.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
Antonio Gates	F	6'05"	Detroit, MI	Central
Clarence Gilbert	G	6'02"	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Dillard
Rashard Lewis	C/F	6'10"	Houston, TX	Alief Elsik
Michael Miller	G	6'08"	Mitchell, SD	Mitchell Senior
Joel Pryzbilla	C	7'00"	Monticello, MN	Monticello
Terrell Riggs	G	6'06"	Detroit, MI	Detroit Finney
Frank Williams	PG	6'04"	Peoria, IL	Peoria
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OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES

LIFE LINKS

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LAND NAVIGATION

The School of Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR) presents a class on land navigation on Saturday, March 28, at the Waterloo Recreation Area. Call Linda Burke at (248) 471-9185 for more information.

BACKPACKING

Learn the basics of backpacking during this hands-on course, which runs April 15-May 17 and is offered by the School of Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR). Cost is \$75. Call Jim Young at (810) 731-2504 for more information.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for

more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

CLASSES

HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold several hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered March 28-29, Aug. 29-30, Oct. 3-4, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. To pre-register call (313) 532-0285.

YOUTH FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will hold a Youth Fly Fishing School, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center. The school is open to youths age seven to 15 accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Admission is \$5 and includes pizza, doughnuts, pop and hot choco-

late. Call Dale Ross (734) 420-2233 or Tony Yuhas (248) 478-7461 to register and for more information.

CLUBS

SOLAR

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

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

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

BASS ASSOCIATION

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

BANQUETS

BIG GAME HUNTERS

The Michigan Big Game Hunter's Association will hold its 10th annual fund raiser and banquet on Sunday, April 26, at the Laurel Manor Banquet Center in Livonia. The event includes dinner, awards, raffles, auctions and door prizes and much more. Tickets are \$40 and doors open at 4 p.m. Call (313) 513-7471 for more information.

MEETINGS

NRC

The monthly meeting of the

state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, April 8-9, at the St. Joseph Hotel in St. Joseph. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 a week in advance.

SEASON/DATES

EXTENDED TROUT

The extended trout and salmon fishing season on designated streams is April 1-24.

LICENSES

The 1997-98 fishing and hunting licenses expire March 31.

CATCH AND RELEASE

A special catch-and-release trout season runs April 1-24 on a designated section of the Huron River at the Proud Lake Recreation Area.

SPEARS/BOWS

Spearing, hand netting and bow season for suckers, carp, gar and bowfin runs April 1-May 31 on non-trout waters south of M-46.

RABBIT

Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

PIKE

Pike season opens April 25 on inland lakes in the Lower Peninsula.

SMELT

Smelt netting season runs through May 31 south of M-72 and April 1-May 31 north of M-72.

STURGEON

Sturgeon season ends April 30 on the Great Lakes and connecting waters.

TURKEY

The spring turkey season runs April 20-May 31 by special permit in designated areas only.

TROUT

Trout season opens April 25.

WALLEYE

Walleye and sauger season opens April 25 on inland waters in the Lower Peninsula.

MUSKIE

Muskie season opens April 25 on inland waters in the Lower Peninsula.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to dusk on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Road (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Road. Call (810) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for more information.

SHOWS

WILDLIFE ART FESTIVAL

The 15th annual Michigan Wildlife Art Festival, sponsored by the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation, will take place March 27-29 at the Southfield Pavilion. The show features the Midwest's largest juried show of wildlife and environmental art; 60 nationally acclaimed artists; thousands of affordable paintings, prints, photos, carvings, etchings, sculptures, stained glass pieces, batiks, and scratchboards; exhibits by Michigan's leading conservation organizations; seminars on Michigan wildlife topics; a celebrity decoy painting contest and much more. Show hours are 4-9 p.m. March 27, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. March 28, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 29. Admission is \$6 and children under 12 will be admitted free.

STEELHEADERS

Huron Valley Steelheaders will hold its Spring Show 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, March 29, at the Southgate Civic Center. Redford's Bob Mitchel will be a guest speaker and will give a presentation on salmon trolling and Great Lakes fishing 9:30 a.m.

TOURNAMENTS

SALMON STAKES

The 20th annual River Crab Salmon Stakes benefit fishing tournament will be held Saturday, May 2, in St. Clair. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to support the Blue Water Mental Health Clinic and other programs across the state that serve troubled children, adults and their families. Raffle/entry tickets are \$10 each and enters the holder into a raffle and the fishing tournament. Raffle prizes include a four night cruise for two adults and two children in Cape Canaveral, Florida; use of a private suite at a Tiger baseball game; a weekend for two in Chicago; gift certificates, and a charter fishing trip. Tickets are also redeemable for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at any Chuck Muer restaurant. Anglers can win \$250 cash for the heaviest total catch in one boat as well as \$250

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DePorres bounces Borgess

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Redford Bishop Borgess senior guard Aaron Jessup didn't mind taking his jersey off, but giving it up was another story.

Jessup played his final high school game Friday night as the Spartans lost to Catholic League rival Detroit St. Martin DePorres, 64-49, in a Class C boys basketball regional final at Dundee.

"I want to frame it," said Jessup, who surpassed 1,000 career points earlier in the year. "I don't even want it to be washed. I'm going to miss the whole program. We always stick together, on the court and on the street. That's important."

DePorres took advantage of foul trouble to Borgess senior center Sam Hoskin, outscoring the Spartans 19-2 at the end of the third quarter and the start of the fourth to turn a 41-40 deficit into a rout.

The Eagles improved to 20-4 overall and became the favorites to win the Class C state championship with the victory. Borgess, the defending Class C state champion, bows out with a 14-10 record.

CLASS C HOOP

DePorres made 12 straight shots during its second-half explosion compared to one of 10 during the same stretch by Borgess.

Most impressive about the Eagles' surge, perhaps, was only four points came from their 6-foot-7 junior star forward Aloysius Anagnone.

David Denham, a 6-3 senior forward, had seven of his 12 points to lead the run. He also made a neat feed to 6-foot junior guard Marc Sturdivant to finish a fast break and give the Eagles a commanding 53-43 lead midway through the fourth.

Hoskin, bound for Eastern Kentucky, scored 12 points before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

"One thing we didn't want to do is stop attacking," DePorres coach Derrick Owens said. "With Sam getting his fourth foul it took away from his game. I told them to run the offense and I don't care if we have to delay because we have the lead and the clock is tick-ticking. We had

four kids in double figures and you can't key on one person."

Anagnone led DePorres with a game-high 23 points, surely impressing Michigan State coach Tom Izzo, who was in attendance. Izzo drove through a snowstorm to get home and probably thought it was worth it.

"He has all the potential in the world," Owens said. "He has size 17 shoes and he's still growing."

"It's always extra incentive when someone comes see you play, mom, dad, sister, anybody," Anagnone said.

Teremun Johnson, a 6-6 senior center, and 6-2 junior guard Calvin Hughes also finished in double figures with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

The Spartans led 18-17 after one quarter and finished the half with a 30-29 lead, thanks to a 6-0 run to end the second quarter.

Three-straight turnovers by the Eagles led to the Borgess points, all scored by Jessup, who finished two fast breaks with dunks.

"At halftime I was upset, they end the half with two momentum dunks and I'm like, 'Oh my

goodness,'" Owens said. "We've got to get some stops, some points and get the lead back."

The Spartans, who had 14 fouls called against them, were seven for nine at the free throw line. DePorres, assessed 13 fouls, finished 5-11 at the line.

Anagnone finished with three fouls and Hoskin had that many with 3:15 left in the first half.

"That hurt tremendously," Borgess coach Rosey Barnes said. "I thought we played them pretty well but didn't see the same fouls called the both ways. It took away his physical presence inside."

Kevin Jordan, who also played his final game in a Borgess uniform, scored 13 points. The other seniors on the Borgess roster, Marwan Williams, Jason Doss, James Williams, Wallace Turner and Walter Malone gave Barnes plenty of memories.

"We're going to miss them tremendously," he said. "Their sophomore year they won the league and the Aquinas Christmas Tournament, they won the state last year and the Catholic League this year. They're all winners."

Fans appreciated by Rockers in Saturday's season finale

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It will be Fan Appreciation Night on Saturday when the Detroit Rockers host the Buffalo Blizzard in the National Professional Soccer League season finale at Joe Louis Arena.

The game will kick-off at 1 p.m.

The Rockers, are in last place in the National Conference and out of playoff contention with a 12-26 record. Travis Roy, a Livonia Stevenson graduate, has been one of their bright spots, being named the NPSL's Rookie of the Year.

Fans attending the season finale will have an opportunity to win a trip for two to Cancun, Mexico, in a promotion offered by WNIC 100.3 FM, Kroger and MLT Vacations. All fans will receive a numbered WNIC keychain as they enter the arena and the winning keychain will be announced in the second quarter.

Autographed memorabilia from the Detroit Red Wings and promotional materials from the Detroit Tigers will be raffled off to lucky fans who enter their names into a ballot box near the main information table on the concourse level.

Rockers staff members will also distribute selected soccer memorabilia items throughout the game to fans seated in the lower bowl of Joe Louis.

Another highlight will be the announcement of the winning entry in the Chrysler Financial/Detroit Rockers/Fox Sports Detroit My Family Rocks essay contest. The contest asked youth soccer players to submit an essay in 300 words or less that explains why their parent (s) are the best soccer parent (s) in Detroit. The Grand Prize winner will receive a one-year lease on a Dodge Caravan mini-van (courtesy of Chrysler Financial) and will be announced in a pre-game ceremony.

Tickets are available through TicketMaster and at the Joe Louis Arena Box Office at \$16 for reserved seats and \$9 for general admission. Groups of 20 or more can be discounted and obtained by calling the Rockers' office at (313) 396-7070.

Rouge ruins DCD chances

BY MARTY BUDNER
STAFF WRITER

CLASS B HOOP

Kurt Keener and his Detroit Country Day basketball team stood in line waiting to shake hands with River Rouge shortly after losing their first state tournament basketball game in four years. They never made it.

Delirious River Rouge fans poured onto the gym floor to celebrate their team's emotional 76-65 quarterfinal triumph over Country Day in a Class B quarterfinal playoff game played before more than 6,000 fans Tuesday evening at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall.

It turned out the Panther players and fans deflated Detroit Country's Days best intentions all evening.

The hot-shooting Rouge basketball team halted DCD's dream of a fourth-consecutive state championship just like its fans blocked the Yellowjackets' effort to shake hands with the victorious Panther players.

Country Day had high hopes of defending its state championship and the sting of defeat hit the Yellowjacket players hard. The loss snapped DCD's string of 28 consecutive state tournament victories dating back to March of 1995. The Jackets ended this year with a 21-5 overall record.

"We didn't do it. We didn't get it done tonight and we're disappointed," said Keener, whose

team's last tournament loss (48-46) was in a district semifinal game to Oak Park during Shane Battier's freshman season.

"(Winning a fourth state title) was something that was real, real important to our seniors and we're disappointed for them that they couldn't end their great careers (with a championship). Mike (Manciel), Javin (Hunter) and David (Webber) had such a great run here."

"But that's part of life. I told the kids afterwards that we like to think in our program we teach lessons that go beyond basketball. And one of those lessons is sometimes no matter how hard you work, how dedicated you are and no matter how much you

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Top swimmers, top teams

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Two boys swim team dominated Observerland this past season, but every team seemed to have at least one or two outstanding individuals.

Which is why, of the 18 swimmers selected by coaches in the nine individual events, eight Observerland schools are represented.

Still, it wasn't difficult to figure which teams were best. Plymouth Salem won its sixth-straight Western Lakes Activities Association championship, with Livonia Stevenson placing second.

At the Class A state finals, Stevenson edged Salem, placing eighth to the Rocks' ninth.

The relays are another indication of team strength. Stevenson/Salem, or Salem/Stevenson, placed one-two in all three in the Observerland best swim times listings.

There's been one change to the all-Observerland team for this year — an honorary team captain. That distinction goes to Salem's Mike Kilgore.

A junior, Kilgore — one of the team's up-and-coming distance freestylers — had his final race of the season March 3. The next day, he collapsed in his room at home and died, apparently of heart failure.

Kilgore scored in both distance freestyle events at the WLAA championship meet, placing ninth in the 500-yard free (5:17.20) and 11th in the 200 free (1:54.89). He was voted Salem's most improved swimmer for 1997-98.

His abilities extended beyond the pool. He had a 3.9 grade-point average, and he had already been elected Salem's team captain for next season.

"Mike Kilgore was the type of boy every coach enjoys having as a member of the team," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "An excellent student, a hard worker at every practice, a tough competitor at meets and a teammate who knew and respected his teammates, and had both their and their coaches' respect and admiration."

As for coach of the year, well, perhaps it's time to consider retiring the trophy. And that's not a reflection on the job other coaches in Observerland have done, it's just that, against such difficult competition, Salem's Chuck Olson always gets the job done.

The Rocks won their sixth-straight WLAA championship this season and ranked among the state's best teams. Can anyone else measure up to those standards?

First team

Keith Falk, Livonia Stevenson: A junior, Falk was the WLAA champion in 500 free and placed second in the 200 free. His best performances came just when they should: at season's end. He placed eighth at the state meet in the 500 (4:42.48) and 12th in the 200 (1:46.5).

"He's a real hard worker who I'm looking forward to having another outstanding year next year," said Stevenson coach Doug Buckler of Falk, a six-time state scorer with a 3.64 grade point. "He shows he has the capability to be a world-class swimmer."

Nick Sosnowski, Redford Catholic Central: For Sosnowski, a trip to the state meet was nothing new — he'd

been there all four of his years at CC. Now a senior, he qualified individually this year in the 200 individual medley (best time: 1:58.08), the 100 backstroke (53.74) and the 500 free (4:49.30).

"Nick has been a pleasure to work with," said CC coach Dan Knipper. "He is self-motivated and knows what has to be done. He trains very hard, is a great team leader, and is our most versatile swimmer."

Sosnowski is headed to Oakland University in the fall on a swimming scholarship.

Steve Domin, Livonia Stevenson: A senior, Domin was the Spartans best sprinter and butterflyer. He placed seventh at the state finals in the 100 fly (51.47) and at the WLAA meet he won the 50 free (21.55) and the 100 fly (52.65).

A five-time league champion, Domin holds the WLAA record in the 50 free and school records in the 50 and 100 free and the 100 fly. Domin also carries a 3.78 grade point.

"Steve has been a real leader this year, in and out of the pool," said Buckler, Stevenson's coach. "We will miss him next year."

Chris Totten, Garden City: Totten, a three-year letterwinner and a junior, finished fourth at the Class A diving regional (392.85 points) and 15th at the state meet (257.4).

He is a three-time division champion in the Mega Conference, holding the record for points in both the Blue and White divisions. He also swims on the Cougars' 200-yard medley and 200-yard freestyle relays.

Because there's no diving board at Garden City, Totten works out at Wyandotte Roosevelt under the direction of Sam Randazzo.

"Chris is our best all-around athlete, a relentless worker — a lot of times his diving coach has had to kick him off the board," said Garden City coach Dale Duquette. "He's extremely focused and has steadily increased his grade point average (to 3.3)."

Mark Sgriccia, Livonia Stevenson: A senior, Sgriccia scored at state meet in three events this season, including the 100 butterfly, placing ninth (52.39). At the WLAA finals, Sgriccia was second to Domin in the 100 fly (54.09).

Another Spartan with high academics to go with superb swimming skills, Sgriccia posted a 3.84 grade point.

"Mark's team commitment and hard work will be missed," said Buckler. "He is an excellent role model for the benefits of hard work."

Nick Corden, Plymouth Salem: Besides relays, Corden — a senior — qualified for state meet in four individual events, and he scored in two of them: the 100 free (47.37) and the 200 free (1:44.50). He placed ninth in both. He also qualified in the 100 backstroke and the 50 free.

A team co-captain, Corden won the same two events at the WLAA meet.

"Without question, Nick had an unbelievable four years at Salem," said Rocks' coach Chuck Olson. "Beginning as a freshmen with limited skills and experience to become one of the best swimmers ever at Salem ... Nick winning all four of his events at the WLAA conference meet says it all."

Justin Barringer, Farmington Harrison: A senior co-captain, Barringer — Harrison's most valuable performer as a junior — qualified for state meet in the 200 and 500 free. At the WLAA championships, Barringer placed third in the 200 (1:46.93) and second in the 500 (4:51.46).

"Justin is a great trainer — he has improved so much in the last two years," said Harrison coach Lisa Collins. "He has a great attitude and is one of the hardest-working swimmers I have coached."

Dan Gabriel, North Farmington: Gabriel placed third at the WLAA championships in the 100 backstroke — but that was as a freshman. He's been the league champion ever since, winning this year in 54.15, and he has scored in the back at state meet in each of the last three seasons.

Now a senior, Gabriel placed fourth at

state in 51.75 in the 100 back. "It has been a real pleasure coaching Dan Gabriel for four seasons," said North coach Pat Dutlie. "He is a very dedicated and hard-working athlete. He is very team-oriented."

"Dan is the fastest backstroke swimmer in the 30 years of swimming at North Farmington HS."

Matt Walker, Farmington Harrison: Walker, a senior, excelled at a couple events for Harrison, his best being the 100 breaststroke. He placed second at the WLAA championships, then turned in his best time at the state finals (1:00.01), placing 12th.

Walker was also sixth in the 50 free at the league finals (23.36). "Matt is very committed and focused," said Collins, Harrison's coach. "He has improved every year. He is a great team leader and competitor."

Stevenson, 200-yard medley relay: Joe Bublitz, a freshman, combined with Falk, Sgriccia and Domin for a very formidable medley relay for the Spartans. With Mike Nemer in for Falk at the WLAA finals, they still finished first (1:39.93).

At state, with Falk filling his role, the Stevenson team went nearly two seconds faster (1:37.99), placing seventh. "It was an excellent swim, and these four swimmers will be hard to duplicate," said Buckler, Stevenson's coach.

Salem, 200-yard freestyle relay: Dan Kelly, Andrew Locke, Tim Buchanan and Corden broke a WLAA record in winning this event at the conference finals (1:28.25). At the state finals two weeks later, they did even better, finishing fifth (1:27.61) in Class A.

Locke is a junior; the others are seniors. Locke scored in the 50 free (22.61) and the 100 breast (1:05.28) at the WLAA finals, while Kelly earned points in both the 50 free (23.33) and 100 free (51.93).

Stevenson, 400-yard freestyle relay: Domin, Jacob Varty, Falk and Sgriccia ranked with the state's best. All are seniors except Falk, a junior. The Spartans went from second at the WLAA meet (3:17.84) to a fourth overall at the state finals (3:12.39).

Varty, a senior, also scored for the Spartans at the WLAA finals with a second in the 100 free (49.18) and a third in the 50 free (22.39).

Second Team

Ryan Meekins, Redford CC: A junior, Meekins was a Catholic League Meet champion in the 100 freestyle, recording a season best of 48.43 in the event. He also carried a time of 1:45.85 in the 200 freestyle, which ranked third in the area.

He was part of the Shamrocks' 200 medley and 400 freestyle relay teams, both of which took 13th place at the state meet.

"Ryan has a lot of potential inside of him," CC coach Danny Knipper said. "If he was to train year round I know he could surprise a lot of people, including himself. He's a real hard worker and team leader and we're looking for a great senior year."

Brent Mellis, Plymouth Salem: A senior and team co-captain, Mellis helped take the Rocks to the WLAA championship all four of his years at Salem. He qualified for the state meet this season in the 200 individual medley; after placing fifth in the WLAA, he turned in his best time at the state finals (2:00.96).

"When Brent Mellis began his career four years ago at Salem, one thing was clear," said Olson, his coach. "Bring your best to practice and to the meets, because if you don't Brent will let you know about it. The four conference championships were due to the desire and hard work of captain Brent Mellis."

Matt Zaid, North Farmington: Zaid, a junior, qualified for state meet in both the 50 and 100 free. He set a school varsity record in the 50 (21.88), finishing second at the WLAA meet; he was also third in the WLAA in the 100 free (49.29).

"Matt has made great improvement in his swimming, attitude and approach to training over the past three seasons," said Dutlie, North's coach. "As

a junior, Matt has become a very focused athlete."

J.T. Svoke, Farmington Harrison: A senior, Svoke placed second at the WLAA championships in diving (383.20 points) and he was 11th at the state regional diving meet. His six-dive high score for the season — 242.20 points.

"J.T. is very committed, training for both swimming and diving every day," said Collins, his coach. "He is a great competitor and asset to the team."

Tim Buchanan, Plymouth Salem: Examine Buchanan's credentials and one discovers there wasn't much in a pool he couldn't do. The senior co-captain reached state meet qualifying standards in the 50 free (22.36), 100 free (49.07), 200 free (1:49.11), 100 butterfly (53.41) and 200 individual medley (2:01.41). At state, he helped Salem score on all three relays.

"Tim has had an outstanding career at Salem," said Olson, his coach. "From his commitment to the team to his hard work at practice to his accomplishments at state meets, all were admired by his teammates and coaches."

Pete Bosler, Farmington: A senior, Bosler made the most of his opportunities at Farmington. He finished fourth at the WLAA meet in both the 100 (49.42) and 200 (1:47.77) free this season, qualifying for state meet in both.

"Pete was one of the most improved swimmers over a four-year period of time that I've ever had," said Falcons' coach Ross Bandy. "As a freshman, he swam 2:05 in the 200 freestyle at the league meet, and this year he swam 1:46.76."

"Pete was a captain this year, just a fine student. He plans to attend the Naval Academy (and swim). It was just a pleasure to have him on the team."

Brian Mertens, Plymouth Salem: Mertens represents the future of Salem swimming. A freshman, he qualified for state and finished third in the WLAA in the 500 free (4:53.87). He clocked 4:51.36 as a best time. He's also a 4.0 student.

"Brian became a very important member of the Plymouth Salem team as a freshman with outstanding performances at the MISCA meet, the WLAA conference meet and the state meet," said Olson, his coach. "But his pure enjoyment for practices and competing earned him the respect of all his teammates and coaches."

Joe Bublitz, Livonia Stevenson: Another in the up-and-coming new breed, Bublitz, a freshman, qualified for state meet in both the 100 backstroke (best time: 55.22) and the 200 individual medley (2:00.96). He finished fourth in the 200 IM at the WLAA meet.

"He contributed a great deal as a freshman," said Buckler, his coach. "To qualify for state as a freshman is a great accomplishment. We look forward to three more excellent years with Joe."

Ryan Zoumaris, Westland John Glenn: At the WLAA meet, Zoumaris, a senior, finished fourth in the 100 breaststroke in 1:03.51. Two weeks later, he trimmed that to his career best while finishing 17th at state, clocking 1:01.97. His state meet time is a Glenn school record.

"Ryan did an outstanding job this year," said his coach, Jim Daniel. "He finished at the state meet with the best time of his career."

Salem, 200-yard medley relay: Mellis, Andrew Locke, Buchanan and Dan Kelly turned in an outstanding performance at state, finishing 11th in 1:39.79. It was nearly three seconds faster than the Rocks' 200 medley relay had clocked in placing fifth at the WLAA meet.

Locke, a junior, and Kelly, a senior, both proved to be integral parts of Salem's team, both in relays and individual events. "Andrew has improved every year, from earning a spot in the varsity line-up to scoring at the conference meet to scoring at the state meet," said Olson, his coach. "Dan had a great senior year, having the ability to do his part in qualifying and scoring at the state meet."

Stevenson, 200-yard freestyle relay: Domin, Brad Buckler, Jacob Varty and Falk came through with a second at the WLAA meet (1:29.14). Buckler is a



First team 200 medley relay (from left): Stevenson's Joe Bublitz, Steve Domin, Keith Falk and Mark Sgriccia.



First team 200 freestyle relay (from left): Salem's Nick Corden, Andrew Locke, Tim Buchanan and Dan Kelly.



First team 400 freestyle relay (from left): Stevenson's Mark Sgriccia, Steve Domin, Keith Falk, Jacob Varty.



Second team 200 medley (from left): Salem's Brent Mellis, Andrew Locke, Tim Buchanan, Dan Kelly.



Second team 200 freestyle relay (from left): Stevenson's Keith Falk, Steve Domin, Brad Buckler, Jacob Varty.



Second team 400 free relay (from left): Salem's Nick Corden, Andrew Locke, Tim Buchanan, Dan Jones.

sophomore, Varty a senior.

"Jacob and Brad really came through on this relay," said Doug Buckler, Stevenson's coach. Brad Buckler also scored in both the 50 and 100 free at the WLAA meet.

Salem, 400-yard freestyle relay: Domin, Dan Jones, Corden and Buchanan gave the Rocks their best time of the season at the state finals,

placing sixth in 3:15.49. Jones, Corden, Buchanan and Mellis placed first at the WLAA meet (3:17.31).

Jones, a sophomore, was the new-comer on the relay. Indeed, he was on three relays that made state cuts. "Dan has shown the ability to do whatever he can to improve at practice and in competition so he can get the job done," said Olson, his coach.

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SEEKING LIFE PARTNER

Honest, caring, college-educated, down-to-earth SWF, 27, brown/brown, N/S, enjoys movies, concerts, theater, golf. Seeking honest, easygoing, fun, sincere SWF, 28-32, N/S. **29395**

LAST CHANCE

Pretty SWF, long hair, brown eyes, enjoys hockey, baseball, seeking nice, physically fit SM, for monogamous LTR, leading to marriage. No games. No players. **29418**

GREAT COOK

Female housekeeper, SWF, 46, attractive, tall, slim, outgoing, brown/blue, enjoys fishing, gardening, dining out. Seeks well-grounded, emotionally stable, easygoing, sensitive SWM, 43-56, for monogamous LTR. No kids. **29417**

ATTRACTIVE AND OUTGOING

DW, 51 years young, N/S, enjoys dining, movies, antiques, for 50+ yrs, travel. Seeking honest, sincere SM, good sense of humor, for friendship, possible LTR. **29416**

LOVE GABIN DREAMING

SUV owner related. Spontaneous, college-educated SF, 510's, N/S, no dependents, 39-50, enjoys nature, outdoors, up north, cabins, dogs, blue jeans, has town/country style, old-fashioned values. Serious about setting down. **29415**

FUN-LOVING, UPGRADE LADY

Attractive, honest, fit SWF, 39, 46", brown/brown, N/S, enjoys summer activities, golf, dancing, dogs, and more. Seeking attractive SWM, 34-44, 5'11", with similar qualities, interests, for LTR. **29414**

BIRMINGHAM AREA RH

Attractive DW, 45 years young, caring and sensitive; enjoys life and all it has to offer, seeks caring, educated man with a sense of humor for friendship leading to LTR. **29413**

ARE YOU LONELY TONIGHT?

SWF, 44, 5'7", brown/hazel, N/S, enjoys sports, jazz, C&W, quiet times at home. Seeking romantic, honest, family-oriented SWM, 38-54, 5'7", N/S. All calls will be answered. **29412**

GLAMOROUS BABE

SWF, 32, 5'6", blonde, no dependents, slender yet curvaceous, outgoing, great cook, educated, well-dressed, likes fine dining, cultural events, travel, stimulating conversation. Seeking SWM, 35-47, handsome, fit, professional, similar qualities/interests. **29411**

CUTE & FUNNY

Petite, attractive SWF, blonde, enjoys outdoor activities, SM, 28-36, for dating relationship. **29410**

ARE YOU MY MR. RIGHT?

Seeking SPM, 25-32, attractive, who desires genuine nice, friendly, fun, college-educated SWF, 25, 5'7", strawberry-blond/blue, pretty, full-figured (size 16), for serious LTR. **29409**

ATTRACTIVE, CLASSY PRO

Attractive, honest, fit SWF, 39, 46", brown/brown, N/S, enjoys summer activities, golf, dancing, dogs, and more. Seeking attractive SWM, 34-44, 5'11", with similar qualities, interests, for LTR. **29408**

BEAUTIFUL SUCCESSFUL DOCTOR

SWF, 55, white, slim, elegant, charming, cultured, well-dressed, likes fine dining, cultural events, travel, stimulating conversation. Seeking SWM, 35-47, handsome, fit, professional, similar qualities/interests. **29407**

ALLURING & INTELLIGENT

Tall SWF, 36, with long strawberry-blond hair, seeks LTR with an intelligent man committed to personal growth. **29406**

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INDEPENDENT MOM

DW, 32, 5'4", 106lbs, mom of two, homeowner, with healthy mind and body, seeks PM for dating, sports, travel, etc. Plymouth area. **29405**

ROMANTIC AND BEAUTIFUL

Intelligent, kind-hearted SWF, 34, enjoys working out, movies, concerts. Seeking attractive SWM, 28-39, who is looking to share friendship, possible LTR. **29404**

LIMITLESS RELATIONSHIP

Romantic, intelligent, tall, 26, 5'7", 155lbs, seeks mature WM, 30-45, who's not afraid to let his desire go. If you have a heart you wouldn't mind looking, please call. **29403**

STILL LOOKING

SWF, 28, 5'3", brown/hazel, enjoys dining, dancing, Red Wings, seeks committed, monogamous SWM, 35-35, for possible relationship. **29402**

ATTRACTIVE, OUTGOING

Fit SWF, 510", 29, enjoys traveling, sports, dining out, and laughing. Seeking tall, fit SWM, 30-42, who's looking to share friendship, possible LTR. **29401**

I'M TIRED OF THE LONELY LIFE

DW, 32, 5'5", 125lbs, brown/blue, part-time professional, mom of two children, honest, funny, friendly. Seeking SWM, 32-38, 5'10", medium build. My male friends say I'm a great catch. (too bad they're all married). **29400**

SNOWMOBILE WANTED

SWF, 28, 5'7", 118lbs, professional, Livonia area, seeks SWM, 28-34, to share snowmobiling, enjoy working out and watching hockey. If you have the same interests, you could be my right. **29399**

BEAUTIFUL, BLUE EYES

SWF, 28, enjoys music, dancing, romance, seeks SWM, teddy bear type, 27-32, for LTR only, serious replies please. **29398**

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

Holding hands, strolling, concerts, theater and dancing with you N/S seeking 30-45, tall and a night-for-sure eyes. I am 31 years young SWF 5'7" for LTR. Let's talk. Must like kids. **29397**

FUN & LOVING

SWF, 28, 5'7", who likes all outdoor sports, 4-wheeling, fast cars, snowmobiling, seeks SWM, 25-30, who likes quiet evenings and fun times. Give me a call. **29396**

MAKE ME LAUGH

SWF, 28, 5'4", likes quiet evenings and fun times, seeks SWM, 30-35, who's looking for someone like me. **29395**

ARE ALL GOOD ONES TAKEN?

Fit SWF, 32, 5'7", N/S, enjoys traveling, dining out, movies, outdoors, autumn. Seeking honest, sincere SWM, 28-38, N/S, sense of humor, for friendship/relationship. Plymouth. **29394**

FAR FROM ORDINARY

This pretty, outspoken, intelligent SWF, 29, seeks the one who will complement her. He should be spontaneous, intelligent, sincere, open-minded, N/S preferred. **29393**

BIG, BAD, AND BEAUTIFUL

Big as in 300+ lbs, of delightful curves. Bad as in sometimes naughty. Beautiful inside and out. SWF, 34, professional and educated. Seeks quality relationship. Race open. **29392**

SEEKING PROFESSIONAL MALE

SWF, 31, physically fit, enjoys swimming, working out, skiing, travel. Seeking SWM, 30-35, physically fit, with similar interests, for LTR. **29391**

SOMEDAY MY PRINCE WILL COME

If you're handsome SWM, financially secure, tired of playing games and being lonely, then call me very pretty DW, 36, slightly overweight, who's genuinely employed, single mother, enjoys casual, fun, with similar interests, for LTR. **29390**

IS CHIVALRY DEAD?

SWF, 34, seeks never married guy. Let's go to dinner or a game. Let's share fun and future friendship and more. **29389**

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

Attractive, affectionate, athletic, adventurous, educated, romantic, outgoing DW, 35, 5'0", blonde/blue, medium build, seeks gentleman, 39-47, 48-62, who's honest, N/S, enjoys the outdoors, travel, for possible LTR. **29388**

LIVONIA LADY

Educated DW, 50, 5'7", long blonde/blue, enjoys simple things in life: movies, gardening. Seeking caring, honest, down-to-earth SWM, 45-55, N/S, for friendship, maybe more. **29387**

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Beautiful SWF, blonde/blue, building a fine structure, needs an attractive SWM construction babe, 30-42, to help finish the plans. It will be worth the call. **29386**

LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE

SWF, 46, petite, long blonde/green, seeks down-to-earth, honest, sincere, decent man, financially secure, who will treat me well. No heavyweights, or bachelors. **29385**

GENTLEMAN

I'm tall, slender, pretty, very intelligent, refined, humorous, athletic, outgoing, smoker, 51, and interested in being romantically wired and dined by gent, 50-60, who's successful, classy, confident, marriage-minded. **29384**

SOMEONE TO ADORE YOU

Attractive, educated DW, 41, 5'7", slender, enjoys outdoor activities, dining out, theater. Seeking affectionate, trustworthy SWM, 37-46, N/S, HW proportionate, like a gentleman, for possible LTR. **29383**

MELTDOWN

Break the ice with this attractive, slender, 5'4", 45+ lbs, great smile, varied interests. Believes warm-hearted, humorous, secure, tall SWM, 47", with a light touch, could change the winter chill. **29382**

PEE-KA-BOO ST

Warm, sweet, sincere, slim JW, 54, 5'7", unconventional, free-spirited, ready-to-meet gentleman, physically fit, polite, cute, and fun, for friendship and all good stuff. **29381**

BLOODED BLUE IRISH CATHOLIC

Extremely attractive, successful, fun DW, 46, 5'5", 115lbs, is athletic, financially successful, outgoing, honest, positive, seeking chocolate, world traveler, similar traits. Bloomfield area. **29380**

RESTLESS SPIRIT

Flying too near the sun, seeks different path, dare show me a new one? SWF, mid-40s, 5'5", 126lbs, blonde. You are WPM, 40-50, all of your Fruit Loops in one bowl. **29379**

BEAUTIFUL, BRILLIANT...

bubbly blonde teacher, SWF, 49, 5'6", 120lbs, enjoys being, running, Medford Island, football games, rose gardens, chocolate ice cream, personal growth. Seeking active, outgoing, degreed professional, N/S, to share life. **29378**

TAKE THE BAIT

Outgoing, energetic, caring SWF, 20, 5'7", 110lbs, blonde/hazel, enjoys travel, outdoors, seeking college student, or one with college, honest SM, race open. **29377**

A BREAK FROM WORK

SWF, 37, 5'2", 100lbs, attractive, no dependents, hopelessly career-minded and romantic. Enjoys sun, water, spontaneity, seeks chocolate, world traveler. Seeking fit, slender, attractive, successful SWM, 35-43, financially secure, same interests. **29376**

KIND-HEARTED

DW, 40, brown/green, 5'5", 120lbs, N/S, no dependents, attractive, caring, enjoys movies, classic cars, nature, seeks, arts. Seeking tall, fit WPM, 36-43, N/S, 5'10", 160lbs. **29375**

51 YEAR-OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pro, successful, giving, loving, looking for her knight in shining armor. Fun, exciting, charismatic. Any sincere, successful white gentleman, 45-70, please reply. **29374**

ALL I NEED IS YOU!

SWF, 47, 5'7", 127lbs, blonde, size 18, seeks large to X-large SWM, 44-52, for dining, dancing, cozy evenings. Auburn Hills area. N/S. Serious only. **29373**

CREAM OF THE CROP

Very lovely, classy brunette, likes travel, fishing, theater, sports, shooting pool. Seeking attractive, successful male, 38-55, with humor and positive, youthful outlook. **29372**

SPARKLING, SPUNKY, STYLISH

Sensual, gorgeous, fit, 40, 5'7", 130lbs, MA degreed into baking, reading, antiquing, giggling, seeks SWM, N/S, degreed, fit, outgoing guy. **29371**

ATTRACTIVE WIDOWED WF

Attractive widowed WF, 59, with blue eyes, would like to meet SOWM, 55-65, for friendship. I enjoy the outdoors, fishing, walks, quiet times, and more. **29370**

LADY IN WAITING

Foxy, professional, BPOF, 45, 5'5", 145lbs, hopeless romantic, enjoys traveling, cooking, theater, and quiet evenings at home. Seeking SWM, 40-55, N/S, with similar interests, for friendship, possibly more. **29369**

STILL BELIEVE

SWF, young 40s, petite to medium, brown/brown, N/S, seeks caring, honest, family-oriented man who enjoys family, talks, golf, hockey, music, etc. Bowling and much more, for LTR. **29368**

PRETTY NATURE LOVER

SWF, 40-ish, 5'7", 127lbs, spiritual but not religious, into self growth, woods walking, singing, natural health, laughing, speaking truth, life. I'm spunky, unique, loving. Seeking N/S, soul connection SWM, 38-48, **29367**

DO YOU QUALIFY?

Are you a sweet, considerate SWM, 68-73, N/S, who would enjoy golfing, bowling, people, cards, walking, a little dancing, football, travel. **29366**

AN EXCELLENT CHOICE?

Attractive WF, 42, advanced degreed, very fit, romantic, fun, looking for educated, attractive man who loves animals, children, travel up north, and life. **29365**

SENSUOUS AND ATTRACTIVE

DW, 55, 5'5", 125lbs, black/blue, looking for her Mr. Right, 45+, to share romance and adventure. Serious replies only. **29364**

FUN-LOVING

Attractive, sincere SWF, 44, 5'4", 115lbs, blonde/brown, seeks good-looking SWM, 40-50, N/S, HW proportionate, to share fun, romance, monogamous relationship, and compatible partner for the future. **29363**

FROM THE HEART

Affectionate, warm, sensitive SWF, 48, N/S, enjoys movies, plays, music, dining out, sports, quiet times. Seeking young SWM, 44-58, with sense of humor, with similar interests, for LTR. **29362**

I'M READY, ARE YOU?

Can you relate to my dilemma? Attractive SWF, seeks an open, honest, physically fit, intelligent SPM, 45-50, N/S, loves life and challenges. If it fits, let's start with friendship, explore the possibilities. **29361**

PRETTY, SLENDER, SENSUAL

Sophisticated, smart, romantic, "new heart" seeks best friend/lover for life, "nice guy" good-looking, in-shape, refined, cultured, romantic, young 50s gentleman. Let's enjoy adventure, world travel, life's finer things. Got a plus. **29360**

LOOKING FOR LOVE NOT GAMES

Attractive DW, young 49, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel, and romance. Seeking attractive, honest, caring, compassionate SWM, 45-55, financially secure, for friendship, leading to LTR. **29359**

ROCHESTER AREA LADY

Very attractive, classy, adventurous, secure, caring, romantic DW, 52, 5'6", 132lbs, college-educated, enjoys golf, cards, reading, boating, camping, traveling. Seeking similar in a gentleman. **29358**

TIMID BUT PASSIONATE

Attractive, independent, honest, sensitive lady, 42, petite, enjoys dancing, music, going to shows, traveling, and romance. Seeking well-grounded gentleman, 40-50, N/S, with similar interests. **29357**

HEY GUYS!

Anybody out there looking for SWF, 53, attractive, open minded, intelligent, humorous, who enjoys weekend get aways, a good conversation, rainy nights home with a good video, and much more. **29356**

BACK INTO THE WORLD

Professional, petite redhead, 40s (dare you to guess), 5'1", 100lbs, trim and ready for romance with honest, working class, most important, 40+, age not important, attitude is, enjoys books, music, movies, theater. **29355**

DYNAMIC, BEAUTIFUL, PH.D.

Cultured, mean apple pie, golf, tennis, and skiing enthusiast. Theater addict, likes traveling. Seeking male counterpart, 34-47, **29354**

NOT A BABY!

DW, 42, 5'8", medium build, enjoys quiet times, dancing, concerts, theater. Seeking one-on-one relationship with tall, fun-loving, financially secure, intelligent, successful, 40+, who treats a lady. Garden City area. **29353**

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT

Attractive, fun SWF, 24, full-figured, single, more into romance, enjoys movies, dining, traveling, sports. Seeking SM, 28-40, N/S, NO drugs, no baggage, friendship leading to a commitment. **29352**

FEMININE IN FLANNEL/FORMAL

Attractive SWF, 57, HW proportionate, N/S, NO drugs, enjoys movies, dining, traveling, sports. Seeking SM, 28-40, N/S, NO drugs, no baggage, friendship leading to a commitment. **29351**

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good-natured, intelligent, outgoing, witty, spiritual, educated, monogamous, smart-looking, 507, and you yimp, come, dance in the kitchen or what? Let's talk! **29350**

TRUCK DRIVER WITH PH.D.

Attractive, witty, intelligent, widowed WF, 55, well-rounded, seeks strong, self-assured man, 45-60, for companionship. **29349**

WILL U COMPLETE MY LIFE?

Attractive, fit DW, 43, degreed, 5'8", N/S, enjoys music, dining out, and quiet evenings at home. Seeking degreed professional/white-collar worker, 45-52, for monogamous LTR. Honestly & stability a must. **29348**

DREAMS CAN COME TRUE

Sharp, upbeat DW, 52, smiles easily, fit, 5'6", great catch, seeks humorous, playful, dynamic, romantic dw, 5'9", fit, N/S. **29347**

GENTLEMEN ONLY PLEASE

Little lady, 45, likes dancing, blues, hockey, classic cars, weekend trips, nights, seeks patient golf partner, 40-50, under 6' N/S, moderate drinker, easy to laugh and talk with. **29346**

DO YOU SMELL GOOD?

Will you make me laugh? Are you happy? Like animals, good wine, dogs, dining out, travel? Self-aware, balanced design professional, 48, petite, N/S, seeks equal or better. **29345**

ALL I NEED IS YOU!

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SOMETHING DIFFERENT!

SWF, 24, 5'4", dark-skinned, curvaceous, feminine, seeks financially secure WM, 30+, for fun, and friendship. **29337**

ONE-IN-A-MILLION

Attractive, college-educated, petite, fit, SF, 37, long blonde hair, great smile, fun-loving attitude, seeks sweet, smart, easy SWM, for friendship, possible LTR. **29336**

ALONE BUT NOT LONELY

DW, 55, 5'5", 125lbs, black/blue, looking for her Mr. Right, 45+, to share romance and adventure. Serious replies only. **29335**

VERY ROMANTIC

Redhead, very young 54, 5'6", HW proportionate, very passionate, loving, caring, can do most anything with the right person. 44-56, 5'8", **29334**

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want it, the other person is better.

"You've got to learn to accept it and move ahead," he said.

Webber, who did all he could to erase a second-half deficit with a sensational 16-point fourth-quarter, had a tough time accepting the fact his prep career ended without a fourth state championship.

"It's probably the most disap-

pointing thing in my life," said Webber. "But Rouge was a better team. They had great players and I tip my hat to them."

Neither team came up short in a punch/counter-punch first half that ended with the teams tied 23-all at halftime.

Country Day played a slow-down game and controlled the tempo en route to a 14-10 lead after the first quarter only to

have Rouge, playing minus two team members because of a state-imposed suspension for transfer rule violations, rebound in the second quarter to force the halftime tie.

The second half was a different story.

River Rouge, which takes a 25-1 record into Friday's Class B state semifinal game, took control with a 24-14 third-quarter

scoring blitz. The Panthers were 10-10 from the field in that quarter and 3-4 from the line.

Country Day never recovered. Despite Webber's individual fourth-quarter effort, River Rouge outscored DCD by a 29-28 margin to send its fans into a wild celebration.

The Yellowjackets' normally tenacious defense was no match for the swift and talented Rouge

players. It was the most points Country Day allowed all year. Offensively, DCD never got untracked.

"I thought they were tremendously well-prepared for us," said Keener. "They took us out of some of the things offensively that we are comfortable doing."

Webber netted a game-high 27 points and Manciel finished with 24. Hunter never got into a

groove and finished with five points. Country Day made 25 of 32 free throws.

River Rouge also had two double-digit scorers, including junior guard Brent Darby with 26 points and senior forward Duez Henderson with 18. Senior center Charles Kage and senior Arnold Boyd each had nine points. The Panthers were 20-32 from the line.

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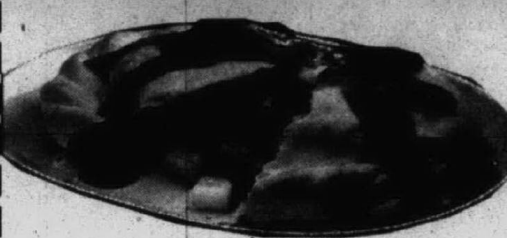
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Sandy (Olivia Newton-John) and Danny (John Travolta) star in the 20th anniversary re-release of the blockbuster musical "Grease," opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



Eisenhower Dance Ensemble presents "Power and Passion," 8 p.m. at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets \$16, adults; \$14, students/seniors, call (810) 286-2222, or (248) 645-6666.

SUNDAY



Guest conductor Robert Bernhardt leads the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in "Opera Pops," 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. Tickets \$42 to \$17, call (313) 576-5111.



Hot Tix: Illusionist David Copperfield takes audiences on a journey through the history and wonder of the "Art of Magic," with "Dreams and Nightmares" Friday-Sunday, March 27-29, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Eight performances, tickets \$29-\$46.50, call (248) 433-1515/(313) 983-6611 for show times and information.



On tour: Manley Pope and Simone in a scene from the national touring company of "Rent."

Musical helps producer pay the



BY HUGH GALLAGHER • STAFF WRITER



Jeffrey Seller

Jeffrey Seller was in the sixth grade when an inspiring teacher named Peggy Shivley introduced him to theater. He's never been the same since, despite the fact the teacher moved away over that summer and "deserted" him.

Ms. Shivley was performing with Stagecrafters (then in Clawson) at the time and the enterprising 11-year-old Seller called them up and asked if he could audition for a play. His role in the "adult" mystery, "Speak of Murder," was the first step toward a highly successful theater career.

Seller returns triumphant to metro Detroit April 8 when a touring company of "Rent" opens at the Fisher Theatre. Seller is one of "Rent's" producers. He has guided the hit musical from its inception by Johnathan Larson, through Larson's tragic death just before the off-Broadway opening to its surprising Broadway success.

The effusive producer has known what he wanted to do for a long time, even as far back as his days with the Stagecrafters' Ragamuffin youth theater group.

"I started being interested in who picks the play, who sells the tickets, who designs the posters. I was already starting to do the role of producer on a small scale," Seller said. "All of this has contributed to me becoming a Broadway producer."

Seller continued his interest in theater with the Ridgedale Players, at Oak Park High School and at the University of Michigan. But he didn't major in theater.

"I knew I would be in theater my whole life, but I wanted to study poli sci as an academic pursuit," Seller said. "Politics is my avocation. I'm a politics buff."

Politics plays a major role in being a producer. The producer picks the play, assembles the creative staff, raises the money, conceives and executes the advertising and, sometimes, even takes a hand in helping shape the production.

"The producer's job is promoting, selecting, P.T. Barnum, but it's also the nurturer. You nurture the artist to give the artist what he needs to develop his potential. To nurture the artist you create the circumstances the artist needs to survive and then hock what the artist makes," Seller said.

Seller graduated from U-M in 1986 and moved to New York City where he joined National Artists Management Co. and became a theatrical booker. In 1991 he started his own booking company with Kevin McCollum, The Booking Office. His first work as a producer was "The Real Live Brady Bunch," and touring companies of "West Side Story" and "Man of La Mancha."

Then came "Rent."

"Rent" is a musical based on Puccini's opera "La Boheme," with the setting changed from the garrets of Paris to New York's Lower East Side.

"I went to see Jonathan Larson's rock monologue, 'Tick...Tick...Boom.' I didn't know Jonathan at the time, but I was interested in the idea of a rock monologue, the juxtaposition of those ideas," Seller said.

The monologue, said Seller, was an emotional review of Larson's life as a 30-year-old man in

Please see RENT, E2

RENT

What:

Musical drama by Jonathan Larson based on Puccini's opera "La Boheme" but set in New York's Lower East Side.

Where:

Detroit's Fisher Theatre.

When:

April 8 to May 31. Performances are 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sunday and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. A special 1 p.m. matinee Thursday, April 9, has been added.

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Songwriter shares 'Legends'

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Rick Monroe loves playing music, for the sake of music, and he'll be in metro Detroit next week playing cuts from his newly released debut CD "Legends Diner."

Visualize a diner late at night, the coffee's not fresh, but stale, it's been there awhile, sitting, like the people. "They're all human ghosts that no one cares to know. Convicted of a dream they're sentenced to keep doing time..."

His music has been described as "Blue Jean rock 'n' roll, hot Southern bluesy rock, and sometimes heart-touching soul." One critic said listening to Monroe is like "shaking hands with an old friend."

So what are you? I ask. He laughs, and says it happens all the time. People want to know what his demographics are; they want to describe a style. You can feel the shrug as he answers in a telephone interview from Minnesota, one stop on a national tour of radio stations that began in January.

"Little kids love it, I have a wide range of listeners, I speak from the heart, and people relate to that. I'm a big Jimmy Reed fan. I like blues, but some of my songs have a rock/country feeling. My music depends on my mood - happy, sad, blue, country, rock. It's not linear. I never thought it out."

He met at a recording studio for a three-day jam session with Matt Laug on drums, Lance Morrison on bass (both of whom worked on Alanis Morissette's "Jagged Little Pill") and Keith Howland (lead guitarist for Chicago). "The first day we knocked out four songs. The next day four more. It just happened. I literally would start playing a song, the guys would pick it up, we'd run through it twice and lay it down, then move on to the next one."

Monroe plays and speaks from his heart. He was born in Clearwater, Fla., and grew up listening to Jim Croce and James Taylor, but lived in a lot of places including England, Kansas and Connecticut. Hollywood, Calif., is his home, but "I have a gypsy soul," he says. "I've lived in my house four days this year."

A poet and musician, Monroe doesn't separate the two. He wants people to feel his music, and they do.

"After the concerts people will remember the lyrics. It touches them,

Rick Monroe

Please see LEGENDS, E2

COLLEGE THEATER

Students line up for 'A Chorus Line'

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

For Radio City Rockette Denise Caston of Clarkston, performing on "A Chorus Line," was the perfect next step.

"It's great," she said. "My goal is to work on voice training and acting to be more marketable. If I go to an audition, and they say 'can you stand on your head and sing Hallelujah Chorus, I'll be able to do it.'"

In "A Chorus Line," continuing through March 29 at Oakland University's Varner Recital Hall, Caston plays Mary a dance coach.

"It's overwhelming. There's so much talent," she said. "I'm honored to be surrounded by so many talented people."

Caston will audition for the Rockettes on April 8, and hopes to return to the Fox Theatre this year.

ON STAGE

"A Chorus Line"

8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 26-28; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Varner Recital Hall stage, Oakland University, Rochester.

Tickets:

\$12 general, \$10 seniors, \$6 students, (248) 370-3013.

"They must listen to Christmas music all year," she said about the people conducting auditions. While she dreams of a performing arts career, Caston has an alter ego - computer engineer, just in case things don't work out.

"A Chorus Line," part of OU's "Festival of Arts Saluting the Twentieth Century," celebrates the

1970s. This production by the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance features a cast of 26 students.

"We have a long, expansive stage that augments the kick line," said Kim Fletcher of the university. "We've got solid singing and dancing professionals. We're so lucky they chose this program."

Michael Gillespie, Oakland University's associate professor of theater, is directing with choreography by Gregory Patterson, associate professor of dance, and Meadow Brook Estate director Paul Moran as music director.

"It brings all our forces together for one event," said Gillespie. "Aside from being one of the most popular musicals ever written, it captures the 1970s, the 'Me Generation' and the attempt of indi-

Please see LINE, E2



Musical: The director Zach (Steven Price) coaches a chorus line hopeful, Cassie (Meaghan Hurley) in "A Chorus Line."

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New York City dealing with relationships, work, creative desires and losing friends to AIDS. These are also the elements of "Rent," which focuses on a group of artistically creative young people, gay and straight, who deal with the many trials and tribulations of living in New York City and trying to find a break and also struggling with drug addiction and HIV/AIDS.

"Jonathan's work made me feel something," Seller said. "I was 25 and he was telling my story, and I didn't even know him. I love 'Rent' and I did it because I loved it. I hoped others would love it, too. And they have."

Seller described Larson as a man with a towering exuberance for the arts and a mission to bring younger people into live theater.

On Jan. 25, 1996, Jonathan Larson died of an aortic aneurysm, just hours before the dress rehearsal off-Broadway of "Rent," and just 10 days before his 36th birthday.

"It was probably the worst grief I ever felt. I lost my grandparents, but I never lost a contemporary like that, I never lost a friend in such a shocking way," Seller said.

"Rent" was originally produced at the nonprofit New York Theatre Workshop and then commercially off-Broadway. Originally Larson and Seller and his two co-producers saw the rock musical as strictly an off-Broadway production.

"When we saw it in performance, in front of an audience, I said it feels like a Broadway

musical. It was big - big in feelings, big in character, big in music," Seller said.

Seller's assessment proved right. The play moved to Broadway in April, 1996, to rave reviews and sold-out audiences and, along with "Bring in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk," has helped bring young people back to theater.

"Rent" swept all major theater

awards, including the 1996 Tony for Best Musical and became the seventh musical drama to win the Pulitzer Prize.

Seller is currently overseeing four companies of "Rent" and planning London and Sydney productions. He is also importing an Argentine musical for Broadway opening in spring and beginning work on a new musical.

Legends from page E1

they know them from first listen.

"Day by Day," the initial single from "Legends Diner," was a Top 40 track on the Gavin Adult Contemporary Charts. "Life Goes On In L.A." is climbing the charts.

With the music part figured out, Monroe is learning about the business "day by day."

"Legends Diner" is the first release on Monroe's independent label, Divorce Records. "I get a realistic view of what it takes to get a record done this way," he said. "Not only writing it, but seeing it all the way through, from production to packaging, to getting it in stores and out to the public. It's great knowing that something that came from my head can get on the radio and that people take the time not only to buy it, but send letters, faxes and e-mails."

Divorce was a name he

■ 'With the music part figured out, Rick Monroe is learning about the business 'day by day.'

thought of while going through a divorce. "It's severing the old to make way for the new, because with every ending there's a beginning," he said.

At Borders, you'll just see "Me and my acoustic I," said Monroe. Michigan is the first stop on a bookstore tour that will take him to Texas and California.

"It's a song showcase, and set up nicely," he said. "People are there to study, the audience will listen. It's real direct, not loud like a club."

Line from page E1

viduals to say 'here I am, to get out of the crowd.' It's about the individual finding their niche in society, and the difficulty of the arts, and discipline of dance."

Originally directed and choreographed by Michael Bennett, "A Chorus Line," which takes a behind-the-scenes look at chorus dancers auditioning for a part in a Broadway musical, played on Broadway 6,137 consecutive

times, surpassed only by "Cats" in 1997. Music by Marvin Hamlisch and lyrics by Edward Kleban make this a truly memorable show.

Gillespie says this is one of the strongest musical casts he's ever put together. Caston isn't the only student with professional experience, cast members have spent summers performing at

Disney World, Cedar Point and Universal Studios.

David Havasi of Rochester who portrays Mike, has worked as a performer in the summer at Disney World and Universal Studios.

A sophomore, Mike is a role he always wanted to play. "I've been dancing since I was in eighth grade," he said. Like the character Mike who sings - "I Can Do

That" - David is preparing for a career in the arts, doing modeling on the side. "A Chorus Line" is wonderful, it's great," he said. "It's all about people discovering where they're at, where they come from and where they're going. Like us in college."

This "Chorus Line" will be set in the 1990s, and there's a surprise ending.

Schoolcraft's 'Moon Over Buffalo' great fun

Schoolcraft College Theatre Department presents "Moon Over Buffalo," by Ken Ludwig, in a dinner-theater format, 6:30 p.m. dinner and 8 p.m. show, Friday-Saturday, March 27-28 (\$19), and as a show only, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 (\$8), at

the college, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia. (313) 462-4409. BY BOB WEIBEL SPECIAL WRITER

One could imagine staging playwright Ken Ludwig's riotous farce, "Moon Over Buffalo," many different ways.

Schoolcraft College's director, James Hartman, chose to emphasize physical comedy - and judging from the warm and sustained applause, the audience loved the comic mayhem to the max.

The time is the early 50's. The place is Buffalo. More specifically, the dressing room of a second-rate theater (marvelously created for us by Hartman's well-designed set). A third-rate acting company is presenting "Cyano de Bergerac" and "Private Lives" in repertory.

Heading the pathetic troupe of actors are George and Charlotte Hays (Brian Taylor and Brenda Lane). They get along about as well as the Bickersons. Charlotte learns George has bedded the troupe's ingenue, Eileen (Lindsay Crain). Then, thing really get testy.

An old vaudevillian axiom guarantees laughs if you beat the tar out of somebody with a

rolled up newspaper. Which is just what Charlotte does to George - and for good measure, she gives Eileen a couple of whacks.

It makes for great fun, and typifies most scenes in the show. Physical comedy always looks so simple and easy when done well. Kudos to the cast for putting in the many hours of rehearsal required to make the timing and reactions appear so comically natural.

The few slow spots in the show appear to be caused more by the script than the performers.

Brian Taylor, as George, gives an outrageously campy performance as an over-the-hill actor still hoping of one last chance at the big time. His seemingly inexhaustible supply of energy serves him well, whether as a drunk, a beleaguered husband or a bewildered "de Bergerac" in a scene where the rest of the characters are doing "Private Lives."

Brenda Lane, as Charlotte, creates an on-the-money affection and persona of an actress in the "theatre." Lane knows how to deliver a laugh line and command the stage.

Lindsay Crain has her moments as the ingenue, Eileen, but sometimes lacks the energy

of a fast-paced show.

Lisa Brawley, on the other hand, purposefully portrays a slow-moving, deaf grandmother, Ethel. Good stuff. Perhaps the most distinctive characterization of the evening.

Among many complications, the Hays' daughter, Rosalind, returns to introduce her fiancé to her parents. Tiffany Byars is very good as Rosalind. And her Joan Crawford-like outfits are a hoot.

Adam Conger is a howl as her nervous weatherman, Howard. He somehow never gets to meet her parents - until he shows up dressed as George S. Patton. The scene is sheer lunacy, as George thinks Howard is there to kill him for his indiscretions.

David Ormsby scores as Paul, the company's befuddled business/stage manager and Rosalind's former lover.

Larry Pelliconi is terrific as the company's suave, urbane attorney, Richard, who makes a play for Charlotte upon learning of the troubled marriage. Unfortunately for Richard, however, he's the only one who isn't happily coupled in the end.

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Juggling school, theater challenges producer

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Rembisz of Livonia and her friends had so much fun performing in shows at Mercy High School that they decided to keep on doing it after they graduated.

"Let's just do one," she said in 1996 while talking to friends she met through Mercy High School in Farmington who said they regretted not having a show to work on.

Their theater company, Jack-In-The-Box Productions, pre-

sents Edward Albee's two-man show "The Zoo Story" Friday-Sunday, March 27-29, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's ROC.

The cast features Christopher Cain of Redford as the "disturbed fanatic 'permanent transient' Jerry, and Bryon D. Harvey as the clean-cut suburban character, Peter.

Set in a peaceful park in New York, Jerry disturbs bookworm Peter about his recent "trip to the zoo."

Rembisz is producing, Karri Washington of Southfield is stage manager and Theresa Cisco of Livonia, lighting engineer.

"I've always loved his (Albee's) work," said Rembisz explaining why she wanted to produce this show. "He's an absurdist who

■ "The Zoo Story" - 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28; 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, University of Michigan-Dearborn's ROC. The campus is off Evergreen Road (between Ford Road and Michigan Ave.). Tickets \$5, buy two get one free, (734) 797-JACK.

■ "Speed-the-Plow" - 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 2-4 and April 9-11; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Studio Theatre, downstairs at the Hillberry Theatre on the campus of Wayne State University. Tickets \$5 to \$7, call (313) 577-2972.

attacks the moral values of society."

Rembisz, whose main aspiration is to be a lawyer, truly enjoys theater, and the challenge of juggling 17 credit hours at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and working as a sales rep for Joker's Entertainment, an agency that offers singing telegrams, magicians and other services.

"I'm having a blast," she said. "If you're going to go into the-

ater, do it because it's fun."

Rembisz said she believes theater is a good outlet for young people because it's creative.

"We're hoping to keep going with this production," she said. "We're loving it, and committed to presenting high-quality theater at prices affordable to patrons. My show is \$5, cheaper than a movie. I went to the University of Michigan-Dearborn, and still have a lot of friends there. The ROC is centrally

located, easy for patrons to get to."

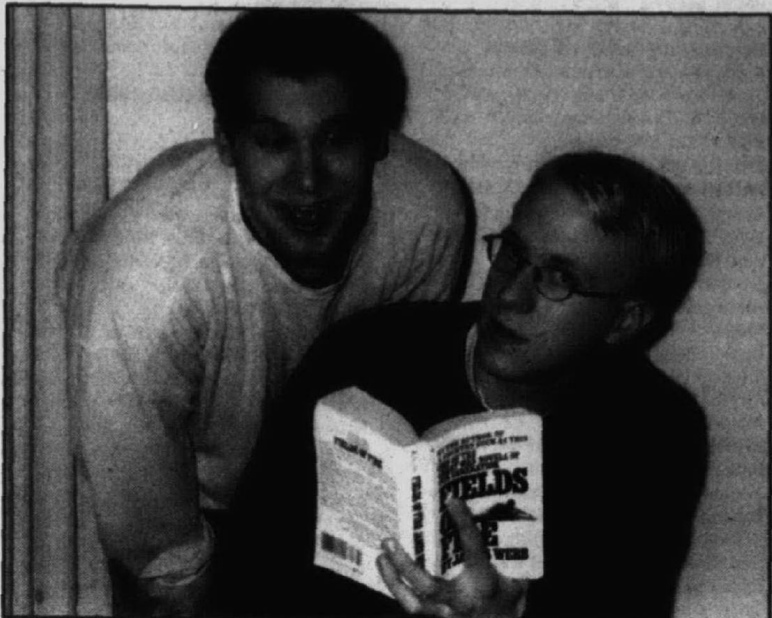
The best part, if you buy two tickets, you can bring a friend for free.

At the Studio

"Speed the Plow," David Mamet's dark comedy, opens April 2 at Wayne State University's Studio Theatre.

Mamet explores the savage underside of the American film industry as he looks at two friends (Gould and Fox) planning to pitch a new script to a major Hollywood film studio while destructively interacting with the office secretary (Karen).

"Speed-the-Plow" contains adult language and situations. The technical staff includes Shatha Faraj of West Bloomfield (stage manager).



Drama: Christopher Cain (Jerry, left) and Bryon D. Harvey (Peter) in a scene from "The Zoo Story."

Murder adventure misfires

"Murder By Misadventure" runs through April 12 at Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills. Evening shows 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Sundays; matinees 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets: \$18-\$32; (248) 377-3300.

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Waiting for the curtain to go up on Meadow Brook Theatre's current production is the first in a long line of misnomers.

A more appropriate metaphor would be "tuning in."

For its utterly checkerboard-like maneuverings and superficiality, "Murder By Misadventure" is the type of prime-time drama for the boob tube, fitting alongside formulaic TV hits like "Murder, She Wrote" and "Colombo."

As a theatrical whodunit, "Murder By Misadventure" is tirelessly clever, if not altogether loopy. (Happily, there are no insipid commercial breaks.)

Audiences who like to follow along with the well-timed clues, twists and turns and an all-too-apparent murder plot won't likely be disappointed.

Anyone who expects more - like authenticity and originality - might leave scratching their heads, wondering if they've just seen a rerun.

The bourgeois, luxurious London flat of Harry Kent is a place for a bevy of clues, apparent

poltergeist and a level of alcoholic imbibing not seen since the celebration of the end of Prohibition.

The misadventure involves Harry, a partner in an award-winning television writing team. Harry (Thomas Mahard) is the nuts-and-bolts pragmatist. Meanwhile, his partner, Paul (John Seibert), is flowing with creative ideas and a blood-alcohol level that would kill a moose.

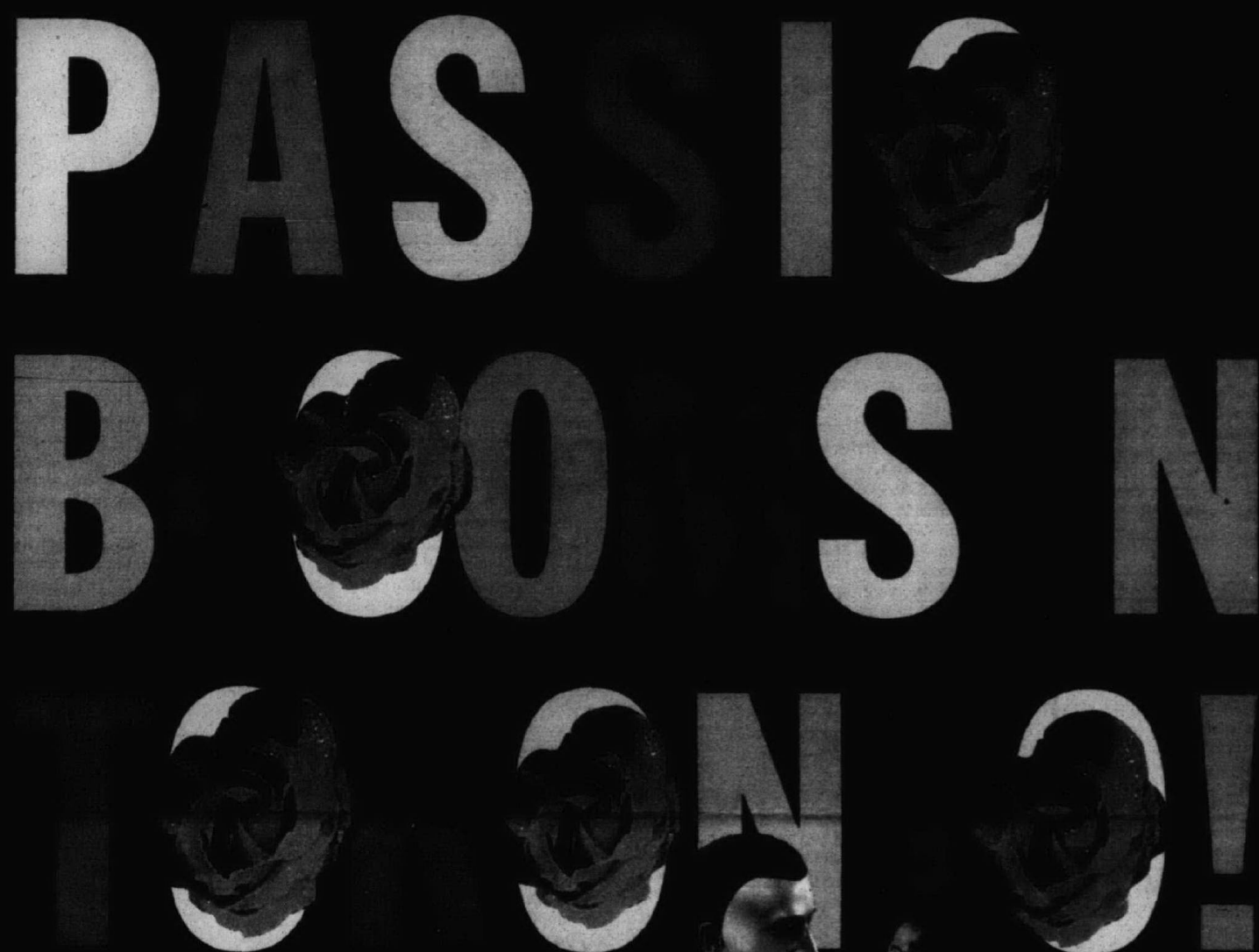
When Harry wants to split up, Paul threatens blackmail. Harry's response: "I guess I'll have to kill him."

At nearly every turn, Edward Taylor's script doesn't miss a chance for an easy laugh. Harry's wife (Denise Dailey McCauley) responds, "There must be laws against murder."

Once it's clear that committing an undetectable murder is the game, the plot resembles the story Paul has recently conceived for a made-for-TV mystery.

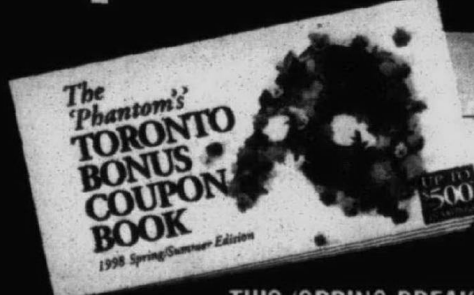
As he showed in Meadow Brook's last production, "What the Butler Saw," Seibert not only has outstanding comedic timing, but an enduring appeal.

While Seibert displays a talent to shift gears, the rest of the cast, including inspector Egan (Paul Hopper) often times gets stuck in an exasperated, frantic tone. But as a piece of contemporary theater, "Murder By Misadventure" feels more like calisthenics than compelling live theater.



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THEATER

CAPITOL THEATRE

"Artistic License," the Windsor Feminist Theatre's fifth annual Director's Project Play Festival, 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, March 26-29, at the theater, 121 University Ave. W., Windsor. Donations accepted. (519) 253-8065 or <http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol> or capitol@mnsi.net

MEADOW BOOK THEATRE

"Murder By Misadventure," a mystery-writing duo plots the perfect murder, through April 12, at the theater at Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. 8 p.m. Tuesdays (\$22), 2 p.m. Wednesdays (\$22), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$26.50), 2 p.m. Saturdays (\$22), 6 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), 8 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$22), and 6:30 p.m. Sundays (\$26.50). Students, seniors and group discounts available. (248) 377-3300

PLOWSHARES THEATRE CO.

"A Raisin in the Sun," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 6 p.m. Sundays through April 5, Museum of African American History's Dr. Charles H. Wright Theatre, 315 E. Warren (at Brush), Detroit. \$15-18, with discounts available for Plowshares subscribers, MAAH members, students with ID, and seniors ages 60 and older. (313) 872-0279

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY

"Book of Days," by Lanford Wilson, previews Thursday, April 2-Thursday, April 9 (\$15-\$20), and regular run Friday-Sunday, April 10-May 24 (\$20-\$25), at the theater, 137 Park St., Chelsea. Special benefit performance 8 p.m. Saturday, April 11 (\$500). (734) 475-7902

OPERA

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With Conductor Robert Bernhardt, soprano Nancy Davis Booth and tenor Douglas Ahlstedt, as part of "Opera Pops" featuring selections from Mozart's "The Magic Flute," Verdi's "Un di se ben rammento mi" and Puccini's "Nessun dorma," 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. With Conductor Donald Runnicles and pianist Eldar Nebolsin, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, April 3, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

COLLEGE

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

"Moon Over Buffalo," by Ken Ludwig, in a dinner-theater format, 8:30 p.m. dinner and 8 p.m. show, Friday-Saturday, March 27-28 (\$19), and as a show only, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 (\$8), at the college, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia. (313) 462-4409

U-D THEATRE COMPANY

"A Lie of the Mind," by Sam Shepard, through Sunday, April 5, at the McAuley Theatre on the Outer Drive campus of University of Detroit-Mercy. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. \$10, \$8 seniors and students. (313) 993-1130

U-M MUSKET

The University of Michigan's student-run musical theatre group presents "Pippin," a '70s pop/rock musical about the son of Charlemagne and his search for satisfaction in life, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$7 students. (734) 764-0450

U-M SCHOOL OF MUSIC, OPERA THEATRE

"The Turn of the Screw," based on the ghost story by Henry James, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 26-28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$14 and \$18, \$7 students. (734) 764-0450

WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE

"Finian's Rainbow," directed by Tony Award-winner Judy Dow Rumeihart, and a set by Broadway set designer Paul Kelly, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 2-4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the college, 4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor. \$12 and \$15, \$5 and \$7 for students. (734) 973-3623

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE

"A Woman of No Importance," by Oscar Wilde, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26, and Friday-Saturday, April 3-4; "Two Gentlemen of Verona," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, and 8 p.m. Thursday, April 2; "Of Mice and Men," by John Steinbeck, 10 a.m. student matinee Tuesday, March 31, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave. on the Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

WSU STUDIO THEATRE

"Speed the Plow," by David Mamet, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 2-4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the theater below the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATRE

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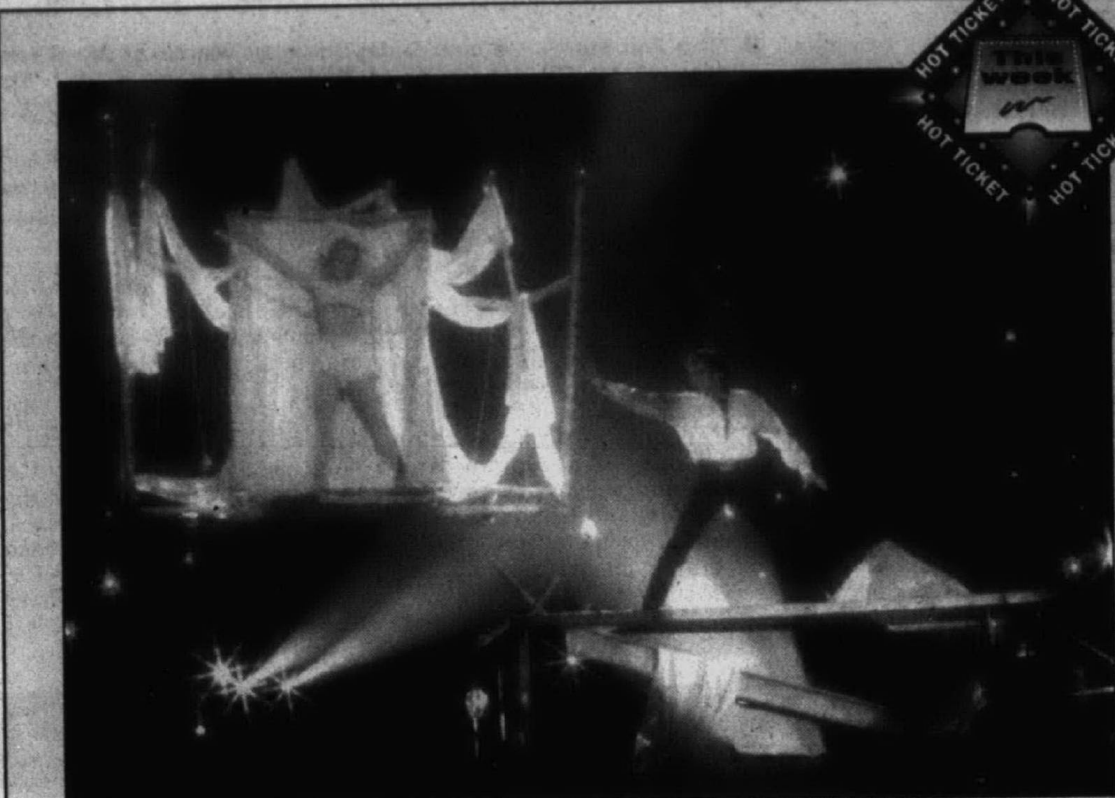
"Anything Goes," the musical, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and April 3-4, and 3 p.m. Sundays, March 29, and April 5, at the church, 1001 N. Silvery Lane (west of Telegraph Road, south of Ford Road), Dearborn. \$5.50 adults and students with ID, \$4.50 seniors and children. (313) 562-1990

JACK-IN-THE-BOX PRODUCTIONS

"The Zoo Story," by Edward Albee, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, University of Michigan-Dearborn's ROC, off Evergreen Road between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. \$5. (734) 797-JACK

NORTH ROSELAND PARK PLAYERS

"Once Upon a Mattress," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, spaghetti dinner



Magic show: Illusionist David Copperfield takes audiences on a journey through the history and wonder of the "Art of Magic," with "Dreams and Nightmares" Friday-Sunday, March 27-29, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Eight performances, tickets \$29-\$46.50, call (248) 433-1515/(313) 983-6611 for show times and information.

Friday, March 27, at the theater 18845 Scarsdale, Detroit. (248) 644-8411

SRO PRODUCTIONS

"The Sunshine Boys," by Neil Simon, Friday-Sunday, March 27-29, Burgh Site, on Civic Center Dr., between Berg and Lahser roads, Southfield. (248) 827-0701

STAGECRAFTERS

"Lend Me A Tenor" continues through April 5, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Tickets \$10-\$12, call (248) 541-6430. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26; Fridays & Saturdays through April 4; 7 p.m. Sunday, March 29; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5.

THAT BROADWAY BEAT

A musical revue featuring songs from "Evita," "Ragtime," "Chicago," and "La Cage Aux Folles," Saturday, March 28, at the Underground Theatre, 110 S. Main St. (above ACE Hardware), Royal Oak. \$10. (248) 541-1763

DINNER THEATRE

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL

"Trial By Error," live interactive comedy dinner theater, through June at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$39.95 includes seven-course dinner of soup, bread, pasta, antipasto salad, baked chicken, Italian sausage, Italian steak, vegetables and dessert, the show, tax and tip. (248) 349-0522

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

JUNIOR THEATRE

"Heidi," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 26-27, and 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. \$5 for children and students through high school, \$6 adults. (734) 994-2300

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, March 28, and April 4, 18 and 25, and Sundays, March 29, and April 5, 19 and 26, and Monday-Friday, April 13-17, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. Children ages 3 and younger will not be admitted. (248) 349-8110

MILLENNIUM YOUTH THEATRE CO.

"The Brementown Musicians," a staged adaptation of the Brothers' Grimm fairy tale, 10:30 a.m. Saturdays March 21 and 28, at the center, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield. \$5, \$4 groups of 10 or more. (248) 552-1225

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

"The Wizard of Oz," Saturdays and Sundays through Saturday, April 11, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Noon lunch and 1 p.m. show Saturdays, and 1 p.m. lunch and 2 p.m. show Sundays. \$7.50 includes lunch. (810) 662-8118

SPECIAL EVENTS

CANTON PROJECT ARTS

Spotlights the arts with two events, a performance by Empatheatre, an improvisational theater troupe from Ann Arbor, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28, and the opening of "She Be Me," a touring fine arts and fine crafts exhibition by women artists of African-American, Asian-American, Hispanic-American, and Native American ancestry, precedes Empatheatre's performance with an artists reception at 6 p.m., opening ceremony follows at 7 p.m., at the Summit on the Park, 48000 Summit Parkway, (west off of Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill), Canton. Empatheatre tickets \$10, art exhibit free. (734) 397-6450

CERAMIC DOLL EXPO

Noon to 5 p.m. Friday, April 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road, Taylor. \$4. Open competition entries accepted between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at the T&H entrance. (847) 223-8555/(734) 287-2000

COLLAGE VI

A concert spotlighting Schoolcraft

College's Chamber Singers, Community Choir, Wind Ensemble, School Jazz and School Jazz Prime, the computer-generated MATS MIDI Band, and the piano program, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, in the Radcliff Center Community Room, 1751 Radcliff Road (south of Ford Road, between Wayne and Merriman roads), Garden City. Free admission, donations accepted. (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5218

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First annual event which honors Detroit's top creative talent - Ben Moon of Moon-Kochis Productions, Shelby-Newhouse producer/director, Grace Gilcrest of WXYZ-TV, Lynn Anderson of United Way, John J. Bailey of John J. Bailey and Associates, Mickey McGuire and Jimmy Northmore of Boulevard Photographic, and Eileen Wunderlich and Gary Topolewski, both of Bozell Worldwide - with emcee Ann Delisi, Thursday, March 26, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Entertainment by Stewart Francke, magician Steve Weikell, the Totally Unhearsable Theater, and fashion designers. \$35-\$100, benefits Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. (248) 552-8842/(313) 961-5451

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY MUSIC ASSOCIATION MUSIC AWARDS

7-11 p.m. Monday, March 30, Daisy Duke's, 450 Merriman Road, Westland. (734) 728-5562

INDO-PAK CULTURAL EVENT

Fashion show exhibiting breathtaking elegant dresses, display of arts and crafts, authentic mouth-watering finger foods, noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the International Academy, 1020 E. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Free. (248) 645-4820

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NEW MORNING SCHOOL AUCTION

The pre-K through 8th grade parent cooperative school hosts a silent and live auction featuring a raffle of two-year Expedition lease, vacations, autographed items, Princess Beanie Baby, NASCAR driving, balloon ride, large screen TV, and more, 5 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at Laurel Manor, Livonia. \$55 includes dinner, drinks, hors d'oeuvres. (734) 420-3331

RECORD AND CD MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPO

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Clawson Knights of Columbus Hall, 870 N. Main St. (1/2 mile north of 14 Mile Road, 1 1/2 miles west of Oakland Mall), Clawson. \$3. (248) 546-4527

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY TARTAN BALL

Featuring The St. Andrew's Pipe Band, Scottish ballroom dancers, and a special performance by the Plymouth Players Guild with a Celtic Mystery Drama, 6 p.m. cocktails followed by 7 p.m. dinner Saturday, April 4, The Meeting House, 499 Main St. (at Ann Arbor Trail), Plymouth. \$45, reservations by Friday, March 20. (248) 349-1831/(734) 454-7689, or <http://www.detroitscots.com>

SPORTS CARD SHOW

Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 27, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 28, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road (Eureka Road and I-75), Taylor. (734) 287-2000

GREENBERG'S TRAIN, DOLLHOUSE & TOY SHOW

Featuring model railroading clinic, dealer marketplace, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi. \$6, \$2 children ages 6-12. (248) 346-5600/(410) 795-7447

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p.m. Friday, March 27, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road (between 10 and 11 Mile roads), Southfield. In addition to the prints, paintings, stone, metal, wood and batik art works, there will be live wildlife such as bats, turtles and salamanders, \$6, free for children younger than age 12, proceeds go to the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation. (517) 882-3630

EASTER

BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY

Southfield's 11th annual pancake and sausage breakfast with the Easter Bunny, for Southfield residents (fourth grade and younger) and non-residents with children attending Southfield Schools, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road (between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads), Southfield. \$8 children, \$10 non-resident children, \$3 accompanying adult. Register in person at Southfield Parks and Recreation by April 1. Entry by ticket only. (248) 354-5180

EASTER EGG HUNT

The fourth annual hunt begins with a children's musical program by Marc Thomas, 1,000 eggs (stuffed with candy and coupons for prizes) will be hidden around the cemetery office and mausoleum grounds, 1 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Acacia Park Cemetery, 31300 Southfield Road (north of 13 Mile Road), Beverly Hills. (248) 646-4228/(313) 564-5310

SWIECONKA

A Polish Easter breakfast with a performance of Polish Dance Suites, noon Sunday, April 5, American Legion Still Post, 23850 Military Road, Dearborn Heights. \$16, reservation deadline March 28. (734) 981-4365/(313) 791-2832

FAMILY EVENTS

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TINY TOTS SERIES

"Fancy Footwork," featuring conductor Ya-Hui Wang, narrator and host Rhoda Becker, and the Pointe Repertory Dancers performing a musical version of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Saturday, March 28, Birmingham Seaholm High School, 2436 W. Lincoln St., Birmingham. \$10. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

FRED PENNER

Saturday, April 4, concert at Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester, cancelled. Refunds at point of purchase. (248) 377-3300

JON ROSS'S "WITNESS THE MAGIC" SHOW

2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the club, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$7.50, \$5 children. All ages. (810) 465-5154

MAGICIAN GORDON RUSS

Presents close-up magic at your table, 6-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and 5:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Roger's Root Restaurant, 3362 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights. Free. (810) 979-7550

WADE CARNIVAL

With rides and games, Friday-Sunday, April 3-19, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road, Taylor. 3-11 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 3 p.m. to midnight Fridays, noon to midnight Saturdays-Sundays. (734) 287-2000

CLASSICAL

AMERICAN STRING QUARTET

Performs a "Beethoven the Contemporary" program, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$30. All ages. (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

ATLANTIS ENSEMBLE

8 p.m. Monday, March 30, Kerrytown

Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25 rows 1-5, \$15 rows 3-5, \$10 general seating. (734) 769-2999 or <http://www.peus.com/kch>

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FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND

Spring Symphony concert originally scheduled for March 22 will be held 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Harrison High School, 29995 W. 12 Mile Road (between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads), Farmington Hills. \$3, \$2 students and available at the door, senior citizens free. (734) 261-2202/(248) 489-3412 or <http://www.mystery.com/fcb>

MARINERS' CHURCH OF DETROIT

Presents a series of organ concerts with Kenneth Sweetman and Kevin Bysma playing the music of Bach, Brahms, Franck, and Pachelbel during Lent, 12:35 p.m. Thursdays, March 26 and April 2, following 12:10 services, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Free parking in Ford Auditorium Underground Garage at the median of Jefferson Avenue at the foot of Woodward Avenue. (313) 259-2206

URSULA OPPENS

Pianist performs a "Beethoven the Contemporary" program, 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$30. (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

OWAIN PHYFE

As part of "garb night," 9 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 26, O'Mara's Restaurant, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Double Your Pleasure" concert featuring father and son pianists Joseph and Michael Gurt performing Poulenc's "Concerto for Two Pianos in D Major," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Novi High School Auditorium, 24064 Taft Road, Novi. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students, \$6 children K-12th grade. (734) 451-2112. Afterglow at Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills.

UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR'S WIND ENSEMBLE AND CONCERT BAND

"Soundsation" show features music by Stravinsky, Barnes and Vaughan Williams, Capitol Theatre's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave., West Windsor, Ontario, Canada. \$10, \$6 seniors and students (Canadian) (519) 253-7729 or <http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol>

WARREN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With sopranos Ellen Chickering, Jan Albright and Barbara Witsale, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$17, \$15 seniors, \$5 children ages 12 and younger, \$13 groups of five or more. (810) 754-2950

POPS/SWING

BIG SANDY AND HIS FLY RITE BOYS

With Swingin' Demons and Starlight Drifters, 8 p.m. Friday, April 3, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (swing) (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.561melt.com>

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA

9 p.m. Friday, March 27, and Friday, April 3, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (swing) (734) 485-5050/(734) 996-8555

PINO MARELLI

Sings international pop standards and originals in English, Italian and Spanish, 6 p.m. Tuesdays through March, Ardo's Grill N' Chill, 27900 Hoover Road, Warren. Free. All ages. (810) 582-0800

AUDITIONS/NOTICES

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

Auditions for a male dancer to perform with the company March to May and Aug. 26 to May 1999 by appointment only, must be highly skilled in modern dance technique and improvisation and have training in ballet, auditions will take place during company classes 9:30-11 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, at Central United Methodist Church, corner of Woodward and Adams, Detroit. (313) 965-3544

MARQUIS THEATRE

Auditions boys and girls ages 8-16 for "Hansel and Gretel," 5 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., Northville. Actors will be asked to recite a short poem of their own choosing, not more than two minutes long. Performances May 8-June 6. (248) 349-8110

MICHIGAN THEATRE AND DANCE TROUPE

Open auditions now through August for dancers ages 16 and older, by appointment only 2 p.m. Saturdays. The performing arts company regularly appears year round. (248) 552-8001

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WORLD MUSIC

THE ARTICLES

9 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (Jamaican jazz/ska) (248) 543-4300

PACO DE LUCIA AND HIS FLAMENCO SEXTET

8 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$30. (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

MARTIN HAYES AND DENNIS CAHILL
Irish fiddler and guitarist perform 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (Irish) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

IMMUNITY

10 p.m. Friday, March 27, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 349-9110

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

LISA HUNTER

9 p.m. to midnight Friday, March 27, Lonestar Coffee, 207 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages; Hosts open mic night, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Gargoyles Coffeehouse, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (acoustic folk/pop) (248) 642-2233/(248) 745-9790

JAMES KEELAGHAN

With Vance Gilbert, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 2, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451

MICHAEL KRIEGER

8 p.m. Friday, March 27, Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 23501 Halsted Road (between Grand River Avenue and 11 Mile Road), Farmington. \$8, \$4 seniors and students. (248) 542-5732

JAN KRIST

10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older: 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (folk) (313) 861-8101/(248) 544-1141

DEL MCCOURY BAND

With RFD Boys, 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

CHARLIE MOSBROOK

8:10 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

BILL STAINES

7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Off-The-Wall Acoustic Coffeehouse at St. William parish hall, 531 Common, Walled Lake. \$10, \$20 family, \$7.50 student. (248) 624-1421

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

AURORA LEVINS MORALES

Brings the program, "Remedios: Medicine Stories from the Lives of Puerto Rican Women and Our Kin," 1 p.m. Sunday, March 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$5. All ages. (734) 998-7080

DANCE

ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER

Tuesday-Sunday, March 31-April 5, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 874-7850

ANN ARBOR COUNCIL FOR TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE'S INTERNATIONAL DANCE AND DINNER

An afternoon of international dancing, and live music and dance instruction by Galata (2:40-3 p.m.), and a homemade community dinner of Eastern European food (4:30-6 p.m.). Sunday, March 29, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/4 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$12. Reservations by Friday, March 20. (248) 698-9527 or rbantle@bizserve.com

DANCE ENSEMBLE WEST

"Dance Collection-1998" with performances by the company's senior and junior divisions, 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Plymouth Canton High School's Little Theater, 8415 N. Canton Center Road (at Joy Road), Canton. \$9. (734) 420-4430

MICHAEL FLATLEY'S LORD OF THE DANCE

8 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, March 31-April 3, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$60. All ages. (313) 983-6611

P.N.A. CENTENNIAL DANCERS

The 18th annual extravaganza dance recital with the Polish Centennial Dancers, the Radomianie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble, and The Emil Zapalski Band, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. \$6 in advance, \$7. (734) 453-7161

STREB: POPOACTION

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$15-\$35. (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY DANCE COMPANY

Presents "Rebounding," the 69th annual spring concert of dance, featuring choreography by Garth Fagan, Eva Power and Linda Cleveland Simmons, Fagan choreographed the Broadway musical "The Lion King," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, at the Bonstelle Theater, on campus.

Detroit. \$8 students/advanced sales, \$10 at the door. (313) 577-4273

COMEDY

JO'S ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

Open mic comedy night with MaryAnn DeMoss and Ernie Douglas "The Acoustic Terminator," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at the club, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 465-5154

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Vic DiBittetto, Derek Richards and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, March 26 (free), and Friday-Saturday, March 27-28 (\$12); Joey Kola and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, April 2 (free), and Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 (\$14), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 8 p.m. Sundays for new talent/Third Level improv. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Joe Delion, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 29 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner show package); Maryellen Hooper, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner show package), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Claudia Sherman, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26 (\$7), 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

SECOND CITY

"Down River Dance," 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$10), Thursdays (\$10) and Sundays (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays (\$17.50) and Saturdays (\$19.50), through spring, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-2222

SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER

7:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM/SOCIETY

"Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December; "A Community Between Two Worlds: Arab Americans in Greater Detroit," exhibit focusing on Arab Americans and their daily life after settling in the Detroit area, runs through the end of September, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

IMAX movies showing indefinitely include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays; and "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. a.d. 1:20 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; at the museum, 5020 John R. (at Warren Road), Detroit. \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation. \$2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. Discounts available to groups to 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or <http://www.sciencedetroit.org>

HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREEN-FIELD VILLAGE

"Family Fun Month" featuring hands-on activities such as a family radio show where they can produce and perform a radio play, classic cartoons and/or serials as part of "Automobile in American Life" exhibit's drive-in theater, "Making Do and Having Fun" with puppet-making, shadow puppetry, cat's cradle and paper airplane-making, and "Take a Trip Down Memory Lane" treasure hunt, weekends throughout March at the complex, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard (at Village Road, just west of the Southfield Freeway, south of Michigan Avenue), Dearborn. \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 seniors 62 and older, \$6.25 for kids ages 5-12, and free for children younger than 5 and members. Group rates available. Museum open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. (313) 271-1620

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

"A Communion of the Spirits: African-American Quilters, Preservers and Their Stories" exhibits featuring 175 photographs of varying sizes, a selection of the surveyed quilts, interpretive panels, and a limited amount of other artwork related to the quilters, through Sunday, June 7. The exhibit features area quilters and celebrity quilters such as Maya Angelou, Rosa Parks, Bernice Johnson Reagon, Faith Ringgold, Sonia Sanchez and Alice Walker; "The Life and Times of Paul Robeson" exhibition featuring records, photographs and paintings on loan from private citizens and from the collection of the MAAH, runs through Tuesday, June 30, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush Street), Detroit. Museum hours 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays. \$3 for adults and \$2 for children aged 12 and younger. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS

10 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110

AUSTIN LOUNGE LIZARDS

8 p.m. Sunday, March 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (goofball acoustic quintet) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

JOCELYN B AND THE DETROIT STREET PLAYERS

9 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

GEORGE BEDARD AND THE KINPINS

9 p.m. Friday, March 27, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (313) 259-2643

BUGS BEDDOW BAND

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, Bachelor's, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 682-2295

NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL STARS

9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 27, Bacci Abbracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (variety) (248) 253-1300

BENNY AND THE JETS

9 p.m. Sundays through April 26, Buck's Place, 23845 W. Warren Road (one block east of Telegraph Road), Dearborn Heights. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 274-6005 or <http://members.tripod.com/~BennyJet/>

BETTER DAYS

10 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 332-HOWL/(248) 349-9110

BIZER BROTHERS

9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday, March 27-Saturday, March 28, Pages, 23621 Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 477-0099

BLACK FUZZ

10 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (734) 421-2250

BLUE CAT WITH KEN MURPHY

9 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BLUE-EYED SOUL

With Son of Adam, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

BLUE RAYS

9 p.m. Friday, April 3, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

BRIDGE

9 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Thursday, April 2-Saturday, April 4, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3, 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

BROKEN TOYS

9 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 543-4300

BRUTAL TRUTH

With Soilent Green, 6 p.m. Friday, March 27, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT

BUBALUBA

With Six Foot Something, 10 p.m. Friday, March 27, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

BUZZOVEN

8 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, Heidelberg, 215 N. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (metal) (734) 663-7758

CHISEL BROS. WITH THORNETTA DAVIS

9 p.m. Friday, April 3, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213

MARC COHN

With Kacy Crowley, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$22.50 in advance. 18 and older. (pop) (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

THE COWS

With Vaz and The Plumb Bobs, 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7 in advance. All ages. (punk) (313) 833-POL or MajeStickC@aol.com

DETROIT BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BIG JOHN DICKERSON AND BLUE CHAMBER

9 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

JOHN DOE

With Verbowl, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

DUNGEONBEATLES

10 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Mount Chalet, 4715 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 549-2929

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY

10 p.m. Friday, April 3, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 421-2250

FOOLISH MORTALS

10 p.m. Friday, April 3, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock)

(810) 731-1750

JULIE FOUNTAIN

8 p.m. Friday, April 3, Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Free. All ages. (acoustic) (734) 416-9288

FRANKLIN STREET BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday, April 3, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

GRR

10 p.m. Friday, April 3, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110

GETAWAY CRUISER

With Velour 100 and Scratching Post, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (pop) (734) 996-8555

GOVERNMENT HONEY

9 p.m. Sundays in March and April, and Friday, March 27-Saturday, March 28, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

COREY HARRIS

9:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance. 19 and older. (blues/rock) (734) 996-8555

THE HATCHETMAN

9 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

HOWLING DIABLOS

With Gangster Fun and Seraphin, 5-8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6 in advance. All ages; With 60 Cycle Hum featuring Dana from the Motor Dolls, Jake Smith from Brothers From Another Planet, Tom Harmon and Peder Seglund, both of Down with Hatred, and Brian Smith of Black Mali, and the Nathan Whitt Band, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Magic Bag in Ferndale. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (funk/rock) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

INCUBUS

With Ultra Spank and Forge, 7 p.m. Monday, March 30, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

INSANE CLOWN POSSE

With Myzery and Twiztid, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12 and \$15. All ages. (rap) (313) 961-5451

IVY

With Steve Poltz of the Rugburns, 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (pop) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

JILL JACK

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, Smitty's, Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (roots rock) (248) 652-1600

JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION

9 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS

10 p.m. Friday, March 27, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. \$2. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 421-2250/(810) 731-1750

MIKE KING BAND

MOVIES

Trashy 'Wild Things' is reviewer's guilty pleasure



JOHN MONAGHAN

In the opening credits of "Wild Things" a swooping camera peers down on alligators wallowing in the everglades, over the aluminum roofs of trailer parks, past modest bungalows, and finally to the mansions of the rich and famous, which is where we really want to be, where we've evolved to. Or have we?

"Wild Things" compares the animal-like ferocity that leads to murder and deceit in a wealthy Florida yachting community. Directed by John McNaughton, this way-hip mix of sex, violence and bizarre plot twists is the year's first true guilty pleasure.

For the uninitiated, a guilty pleasure is the kind of movie

that you love even when common sense tells you otherwise. "Wild Things" treats its one-dimensional characters and hokey plot so sincerely that you can't help but get swept into it.

Blue Bay, Florida, is a modern-day Peyton Place where you fall into one of two categories: country club or trailer trash. Whenever these worlds collide, you know murder will result.

Here two high school girls from opposite sides of the tracks join to accuse Sam (Matt Dillon), their high school guidance counselor, of rape. The movie leaves it unclear whether he did it or not, setting in motion a chain of deception so complex that even the most die-hard mystery fan will have trouble unraveling it.

The girls are Neve Campbell (from "Scream") and Denise Richards (formerly in the ensembles of both "Melrose Place" and "Starship Troopers.")

They are a clever study in contrasts, from the former's raccoon-eyed makeup and arm-length tattoos to Richards' sexy turn as a bad little rich girl who throws herself at Sam.

To give away more would spoil what some viewers will find the most visceral film experience since "Pulp Fiction" and "Seven." Guilty pleasures? You bet.

While the young actresses have only worked in this kind of schmaltz, Dillon and Kevin Bacon (as the crusading police detective intent on busting Sam) should probably know better. Yet they play it straight, as if they're reciting James M. Cain instead of McNaughton's copy of a copy of a copy of "Double Indemnity."

You know you're getting old when Dillon and Bacon serve as elder statesmen, but there are representatives from other generations as well.

Even in her 50s, Theresa Rus-

sell obviously hasn't shied away from nude scenes (can you remember a movie where she didn't bare her breasts?). She plays Richards' witchy mother, who has her own reasons for seeing Dillon's character take a fall.

As a family lawyer, Robert Wagner represents the kind of woodenness inherent in most of Blue Bay's men, the very thing that makes the studly Sam character so popular.

You get the sense throughout the film that McNaughton is standing just outside the frame wearing a wicked smirk. He did it in his pseudo-verite "Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer" and again here, creating entertainment from the most unsettling of scenarios.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.



JON FARMER

Unlikely Conspirators: Waiting outside the Glades Motel, Blue Bay High guidance counselor Sam Lombardo (Matt Dillon) and Blue Bay outsider Suzie Toller (Neve Campbell) make unlikely conspirators in "Wild Things."

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

Detroit Film Theatre Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors)

"Mrs. Dalloway" (Britain-1997). Friday-Sunday, March 27-29 (call for showtimes). When a woman (Vanessa Redgrave) encounters a man she knew some 30 years earlier, it causes her to reevaluate the path her life has taken. Based on a novel by Virginia Woolf.

"27" (France-1969). 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 30. Costa-Gavras' thriller is based on the real-life investigation that followed the assassination of a liberal Greek politician (Yves Montand) in 1963.

"Magic Bag" 22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information. (\$2)

"The Rainmaker" (USA-1997). 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26. Another John Grisham novel hits the screen, but this time it's a pretty good one. Francis Coppola directs the story of a young lawyer ("Goodwill Hunting's" Matt Damon) who goes up against a big-time insurance company.

"The Full Monty" (Britain-1997). 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1. A group of unemployed blue-collar workers decide there's money to be made in stripping at the local pub. The only problem: their non-Chippendales' physiques.

Main Art Theatre 118 N.

Main (at 11 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students/seniors and matinees; \$3 twilight)

"Live Flesh" (Spain-1997). The latest from Pedro Almodovar ("Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown") is a well-drawn, but surprisingly ordinary, tale of murder, obsession, and unrequited love.

"The Apostle" (USA-1997). Robert Duvall served as writer, director and star in this story of a preacher who finds his personal road to salvation, helped in part by his wife (Farrah Fawcett).

"Afterglow" (USA-1997). Julie Christie topped a Best Actress Oscar nomination for this tale of two couples whose troubled marriages become intertwined. Nick Nolte co-stars. Directed by Alan Rudolph ("Choose Me," "The Moderns").

"Fireworks" (Japan-1997). A police drama written, directed and starring Takeshi Kitano. Here he plays a former police detective who hopes to tie up loose ends by attempting a daring crime.

Michigan Theatre 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 668-TIME for information. (\$6.50; \$5 students/seniors)

"General Chaos: Uncensored Animation." 7 p.m. Friday, March 27 and Sunday, 29; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 28. In the tradition of Spike and Mike, another anthology of adult-themed animation from around the world.

"The Godfather" (USA-

1972). 9 p.m. Sunday, March 29. Francis Coppola's classic account of a Mafia family still looks good 25 years later, with Marlon Brando in his signature role as Don Corleone and introducing Al Pacino as son Michael, who reluctantly takes the helm.

South East Michigan Pride - Abbey Theater, 1-75 at 14 Mile Road, Madison Heights. (\$10; advance; \$15 door)

"Lilies" (Canada - 1997). 7:45 p.m. Saturday, March 28. From Canadian director John Greyson ("Zero Patience") a gay-themed story set in two different time periods: a 1952 prison and a lakeside French-Canadian village 40 years previous. The movie explores universal themes of tolerance, love, remorse, and revenge.

Star Southfield 12 Mile Road (west of Telegraph), Southfield. Call (248) 372-2222 for information. (\$6.50; \$4.50 before 6 p.m.)

"Afterglow" (USA-1997). See Main Art Theatre listing above.

Windsor Film Theatre 2135 Wyandotte Street, Windsor, Canada. Call (519) 254-FILM for information. (\$5.25 Canadian; \$4 U.S.)

"Eve's Bayou" (USA - 1997)

7 p.m. through Sunday, March 29. A tale of magic, passion, and the power of women by first-time director Kasi Lemmons.

"Heaven's Burning" (Aus-

tralia - 1997). 9:15 p.m. through

Sunday, March 29. A shaggy dog

story about a Japanese bride in

Sidney who fakes her own kid-

napping and then gets wrapped

up in a bank robbery.

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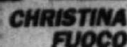
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Fastball takes the fast track on release of new album



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After Fastball finished recording the song, the Texas-based band found out that the couple's

"It's all about taking risks. This time out we were going for

Zuniga cites that experimentation and his band's influences as reasons for the success of "All the Pain Money Can Buy."

That probably factored me into continuing to play music. I went to Europe and played on the street there, played in bars, anywhere I could play. I just realized that I really loved playing music so much that I should

Fastball's website is <http://www.hollywoodrec.com/fastball>.

If you have a question or comment for Christina Fuoco write her at The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich., 48150, or via e-mail at cfuoco@aol.com.

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DINING

Reel in great eats at Flying Fish Tavern

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Area restaurant trend setter Matt Prentice and his Unique Restaurant Corp. couldn't sit on the number 13 very long. He opened Flying Fish Tavern in West Bloomfield, restaurant number 14, last week. Area foodies can reel in some great eats on Orchard Lake Road, most affectionately dubbed "restaurant row."

Architectural and design talents of Birmingham-based Marc Therrian removed any trappings of former eateries at this location. Capital infusion allowed conversion from well water, formerly serving the site, to city water that now tastes good. Bright colors from floor to ceiling give Flying Fish an up-tempo feeling. Well-placed sound breakers reduce noise when the place is going full tilt. Those clouds on the ceiling - they're acoustical tiles.

Flying Fish is about food; good food at modest prices. But it's more than that. It's a place families will enjoy. Kid Stuff has its own menu spot. Little Tavern Burger with Fries, Grilled Cheese with Fries, Chicken Tenders or Pasta Marinara are served with a bottle of root beer for kids 12 and under. A game room in back makes children of all ages happy. Sports fans won't miss a down, face-off, slam dunk or homerun. TV monitors carry Fox Sports programming.

Flying Fish is also a gathering spot, a place to kick back with friends, after work or later in the evening. There are 40 brews, eight on draft served in 16-ounce mugs, 1/2 yard or yard. Atwater Brewery has made a suds special, exclusively for Flying Fish. American-style pilsners, international lagers and ales are available by the bottle. Woodchuck Hard Cider (sparkling cherry) and non-alcoholic brews are among the broad selections.

URC's wine director Madeline Triffon has made her imprint with modest, but savvy, value-oriented wine selections.

Frequenters to Tavern on 13 in Beverly Hills may see some similarities in the menu, but Flying Fish has its unique items. Two appetizers make their debut: Lobster & Shrimp Spring Roll

Flying Fish Tavern

Where: 6480 Orchard Lake Road, (corner of Maple Road) West Bloomfield (248) 865-8888.

Hours: 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday; 3 p.m. to midnight Sunday.

Menu: Casual neighborhood family eatery serves comfort foods with special focus on fresh catches of the day.

Cost: Appetizers and dinner salads \$4-8; sandwiches and burgers \$5.50-7; pastas \$7-9; big plates, specials and catch of the day \$9-15; desserts \$2-4.

Reservations: For parties of six or more only.

Credit cards: All majors accepted.

served with ginger-garlic aioli and honey mustard sauces \$8 and Veggie Chili, billed as a chili carnivores will love. It comes topped with sour cream, scalions, Jack and cheddar cheeses \$4.50.

New on the burger scene is Whitefish Burger made with Fresh Lake Superior Whitefish served with lettuce, tomato and horseradish dill cream \$6.50. To eat light, try it instead of a turkey burger. Two sandwiches are flavorful newcomers: Grilled Garden Vegetable Wrap \$7 and Ahi Tuna Melt, prepared from fresh-grilled Ahi tuna, thick sliced tomato and melted cheddar, served open faced on grilled country bread \$7. All sandwiches are served with dills and housemade potato chips. Chips from fresh roasted thinly sliced potatoes fried in canola oil are made on-premise daily. Tossed with Chef John's seasoning, they

are addictive.

Having been trained by Matt Prentice, Detroit native Executive Chef John Arnold is a 12-year veteran of Unique Restaurant Corp. kitchens. He'll be busy because he doubles as executive chef and managing partner at Flying Fish and Tavern on 13.

"I like the tavern concept," he said. "For people on the go, we offer fast service, but not fast-food taste. The kitchen challenge is creating something inexpensive that tastes good."

Big Plates are guaranteed to be "everything larger than life - except the check." Chef John has added to his very popular Tavern on 13 Southwestern Torte, Sizzling Steak or Chicken Fajitas \$11. Also good bets are the portion-sized pastas, all served with warm sourdough bread. A cup of soup, tavern or Caesar salad can be added for \$2.

Each day, a "Flight Arrivals" board, easily noticed upon entering the tavern, announces the day's fresh catches. The "flying and flight" theme underscores the fact that the kitchen daily receives fresh seafood, flown in from the best seaports across the United States.

In the model of URC's Northern Lakes Seafood Company in Bloomfield Hills, all seafood is served with vegetable, fried rice and choice from three sauces: tropical fruit salsa, Bearnaise or roasted garlic Provencal and can be prepared broiled, grilled, sautéed, blackened or poached. But portions are downsized from those at Northern Lakes.

Special menu recognition has been given to URC's largest seafood purveyor, Foley's in Boston. So, when you see Foley's Boston Sole on the menu, you know the meaning.



STAFF PHOTO BY DAN DEAN

Fresh fish: Executive Chef/Managing Partner, John Arnold (left) and General Manager/Managing Partner, Marc Forrest present Broiled Sole inside the new Flying Fish Tavern.

"The reputation of Foley's for seafood compares to a Cadillac in the auto industry," URC's corporate chef Jim Barnett remarked. Man-up-front at Flying Fish Tavern is general manager Marc Forrest. Over the last three years, he has worked his way up from a server at Relish to a management position.

"Working tavern-style is fun because it's different every day," he noted. If you leave room, Marc will convince you that Oreo Cheesecake is the best dessert! Flying Fish Tavern's mark on the

area dining scene will be made with the freshest ingredients. Prices compete with national chains, but Flying Fish has personality on the floor, with competent and friendly wait staff, and in the food, made from scratch by Chef John and his kitchen crew.

No time to eat in? All items are available as take-outs.

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■ Hospitality Banquet Henry Ford Community College - "Yesterday's Memories and Tomorrow's Dreams," begins 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4 in the Student Center. Fund-raiser for the hospitality studies student scholarship program features appetizers, beer and wine tasting, art auction of works by HFCC students and music by the HFCC Trio. For dinner entree choices are Beef Tenderloin Wellington Bordelaise or Salmon en Croute with Dill Beurre Blanc Sauce. Entrees will be served with roasted Yukon Gold potatoes and mixed vegetables. Tickets are \$35 per person, call (313) 845-9651. The college is at 5101 Evergreen.

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