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Resident finds skeleton in woods

■ For the second time in less than a year, skeletal remains have been found in Plymouth Township. Police expect to be able to identify the remains, believed to be a man, found east of I-275.

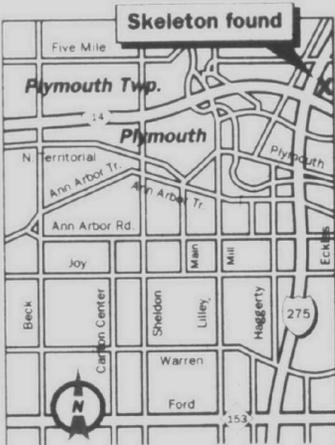


A dead man and the weathered, rusty gun likely used to end his life were found Monday in a wooded area east of I-275 in Plymouth Township.

A nearby resident called police at 7:45 p.m. Monday after finding skeletal remains and clothing "that tends to make us believe it was a male," said police Detective David Hayes.

"It was just clothing and bones," Hayes said. "The skull appeared to have a gunshot wound to the head." He declined to speculate how long the man had been dead.

"We're not ruling anything out, but it might be a suicide because a weapon was found at the scene. It was a semi-automatic of



unknown make, it's pretty rusted up," Hayes said.



Found: Plymouth Township were called by a nearby resident who found skeletal remains behind houses along Eckles, near the Plymouth Township-Livonia border.

Hayes said police will try to find a serial number on the gun. The body is being examined by the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office. Police are

also checking missing persons records.

The body was found behind houses along a strip of Eckles. The houses face

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SPRING FORWARD
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State rep runs for county seat

Call it the circle of politics. State Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, hopes to help oversee a charter she once helped write as a member of the Wayne County Charter Commission.

Bankes announced her candidacy Monday for the 10th District seat currently held by Thaddeus McCotter. The district includes the cities of Livonia, Plymouth and Northville, and Northville and Plymouth townships.

The county commission race opened up for Bankes when McCotter decided last year to run for state Senate. Bankes cannot run for re-election to the state House because of term limits. Bankes has represented Livonia and Redford Township in the state House for 14 years.

"It is something that I've always

Please see **COUNTY, A12**



Play golf!

How does it feel to spend Monday at the golf course instead of the office?

"It feels great, I waited all winter for this," said Bill Henderson of Livonia as he approached the first tee at Hilltop Golf Course.

Local golf course operators say early spring conditions are better now than they've been in years.

That's due to the early growing season sparked by unseasonably warm weather.

Because of mild weather, some golfers didn't have to wait for spring. "We stayed open all winter," Blake said.

"We had 2,000 rounds in February," said Autumn Keller, director of golf at Fox Hills Golf & Conference Center in Salem Township.

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Getting ready: Bill Henderson of Livonia loads his golf bag on a cart before playing a round at Hilltop Golf Course.

Schools address overcrowding

The future of the Plymouth-Canton schools could include redistricting of elementary and middle school boundaries, a new middle school, a new high school, more portable classrooms, and the possibility of split and staggered student schedules.

These are some of the possibilities presented to the board of education by the Housing and Facilities Committee Tuesday.

The committee, charged with taking a crystal ball look at future facility

needs, has come up with best-to-worst case scenarios for elementary, middle and high school buildings.

As expected, the committee agreed with Superintendent Chuck Little's assessment last week that the most pressing problem is replacing Lowell Middle School. The Livonia school district plans to take back control of the building in the summer of 2000, meaning Plymouth-Canton officials will need to find space for 720 students.

New bond

The committee, like Little, is suggesting a bond issue for construction of a new middle school at Hanford and Canton Center roads. The committee also suggests redistricting the middle school population to accommodate the new school.

"We need a bond for a new middle school ... which we think is fairly obvious," said committee member John Filios. "There's going to be some period of time when the new school will open

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Bzzz: Headmaster succumbs to clippers

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy headmaster Gordon Nickel woke up Tuesday morning a little lighter and a little freer.

"He just took the clippers and scalped him," said Sandra Oswald, school development secretary.

Indeed, Nickel is now sporting a buzz cut, a style he has not had since he was about six years old.

Nickel's buzz cut is a result of a promise made during an auction - the school's 8th Annual Celebration of Excellence - recently. With a goal of \$170,000, the school actually topped out at \$200,000.

"We're excited about how our auction went," Nickel said. "For that, I'm happy to have my head shaved."

But the real impetus for the buzz cut came during a portion of the auction called Giving Time during which guests are asked to donate directly to the school. The goal for Giving Time was \$20,000.

Well, Nickel couldn't sit still. He had to promise that if the goal was met, he'd shave his head.

"He made good on his promise," Oswald said. Nickel wanted to wait to have his head shaved - but only because some students were on their senior trip and he wanted the job done in front of an all-school assembly. "The students have been so helpful, especially with the mini-live auction. Each class donated a gift to be auc-



Egad! Plymouth Christian Academy headmaster Gordon Nickel sits patiently as Matt Immerfall does the honors.

tioned," Oswald said. "It is really an exciting event in our school."

Actually, Matt Immerfall, an eighth grader - who provided entertainment during Giving Time - made sure Nickel made good on the promise. Matt was the one with the electric clippers.

"I'm saving on shampoo," Nickel said, adding that the new buzz cut also saved him time getting ready in the morning for work. "My hair grows pretty well ..."



Report: Specialty retail is Old Village future

Old Village should develop as a specialty retail center emphasizing art, antiques, home products and food, according to business consultant Doyle Hyett.

Hyett's 47-page report on commercial enhancement recommendations for Old Village was released this week. Old Village Development Authority Director Steve Guile said he'll present the report in a public forum to Old Village business leaders within 60 days.

"I think they pretty much pegged what I feel are going to be the types of businesses that will be going in there," Guile said.

"A big thing is to try to instill some confidence in the people there that we won't be disturbing the residential nature of the district," Guile said.

The report centers on the Old Village commercial district, bordered by Wilcox Lake on the north, Hines Drive on the east, Main Street on the south, the CSX railroad tracks on the west.

The Plymouth city administration approved spending \$5,700 from the city's federal grant allotment to pay for the marketing study. Officials chose Hyett, as he performed a marketing study for downtown Plymouth a few years ago in conjunction with streetscape work.

"People downtown have taken

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Steve Guile
—Old Village Development Authority Director

the report and expanded the product mix and they've been very successful," Guile said.

To complete the Old Village plan, the consultant firm surveyed and interviewed Old Village business people and residents and accessed U.S. government population and economic data.

Some key recommendations included:

- Types of businesses for the area. They include most existing businesses plus a hardware store, paint-glass-wallpaper store, ice cream store, specialty

and ethnic restaurants, pharmacies, a wine-cheese store, hobby-toy-craft store and video rental store.

- Expand offices as an increase in demand should follow improvements in the look of businesses and homes.

- Maintain housing, "THE major element of the Village," according to the Hyett study. "A maximum effort should be made to maintain the largest number of existing residential structures through the Village — with the maximum level of assistance extended to owners in their efforts to renovate structures," the report found. Housing should be maintained "for all income levels."

- Maintain industrial development along the railroad tracks, but not expanding it.

- Consider bed and breakfast lodging on the edges of the district.

Hyett also recommends organizing town meetings of business people and residents to discuss improvements.

Guile said a building facade renovation program could be an important part of improving the district. He's also seeking to hire an intern to help coordinate contact with current and prospective Old Village businesses.

"We want to put together committees to discuss the report and energize the commercial and retail sector," he said.



Recreation committee cancels

A meeting of the Plymouth city-township committee studying joint recreation services was canceled for March 25, as Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy said more time is needed to establish subcommittees.

Three separate subcommittees are to be formed to review how a joint department would be run,

how it would be financed and possible facility improvements, and programs that would be offered.

The full city-township recreation committee will be reconvened to hear reports from the three subcommittees. The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees must then decide whether to ask township voters

in August or November for a half-mill to help fund community wide recreation.

Plymouth city representatives on the recreation committee have tentatively agreed to contribute a half-mill from their general fund budget to support recreation services, should township voters approve the half-mill levy.

Canton men head to trial for Kmart unarmed robbery

Two Canton men charged with robbing a 68-year-old woman outside Kmart on Ann Arbor Road will face charges in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Judge John MacDonald of 35th

District Court in Plymouth on Monday bound over Brian E. Jackson, 18, and Michael E. Smith, 21, on charges of unarmed robbery after their preliminary examination.

Both face arraignment in 3rd Circuit Court April 13. The charges carry a maximum of 15 years in prison.

The two were arrested and charged in the Feb. 12 incident. Witnesses told police the men

rode slowly in a car near Adele Gray, 68, as she was exiting Kmart after buying a locket for herself for Valentine's Day.

The purse-snatching caused Gray to break her hip as she fell to the ground.

MacDonald continued bond at \$100,000 for each man.

Both remain lodged in the Wayne County Jail, awaiting arraignment in circuit court.

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Two Plymouth-Canton students head to Geography Bee

Two Plymouth-Canton middle school students, who list atlases among their top books to read, hope their interest in geography will be rewarded with a trip to Hong Kong.

Tim Hannon, 13, from Plymouth, and Eric Varney, 14, of Canton, will represent the school district in the state competition of the National Geographic Society's Geography Bee Friday at Central Michigan University.

Hannon won the Central Middle School geography bee and qualified for state competition by completing a written test from the National Geographic Society. Varney, an East Middle School student, also won his school competition and passed a written test.

"I like to read atlases and find different places and things on the Internet," said Tim, who is also a member of the Quiz Bowl team. "I remember a lot of facts, and it's helped me know about the world."

Hannon says his family not only has traveled much of the United States, they've lived in five states. He also has spent time visiting Europe.

"I generally help with the directions when we're traveling," said Tim.

It appears Tim is not the norm when it comes to geography.

"It can be hard to get students interested in geography," concedes Central geography

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*Tim Hannon
—Central Middle School*

teacher Linda Kahn, who coordinated the geography bee at her school. "I think geography is more important today than ever before. We need to know our competition and the people we deal with, which now is the world."

Like Tim, Eric Varney has traveled a lot, which he says encouraged his interest in geography.

"I like looking at maps and atlases quite a bit — and remembering a lot of facts," said Eric. "We've been just about everywhere in the United States and have visited Canada and Mexico. We're going to Europe this summer."

"I don't think the geography tests have been real tough," said Eric, also a Quiz Bowl team member. "I think I'll do well."

Jerome Sullivan, assistant principal at East, is a former geography teacher.

"Geography is a lot more culture, a lot more interesting than when I studied it," said Sullivan. "Geography will become a big part of their studies as next

On his way: Eric Varney of East Middle School plans to travel to Europe this summer. He's also traveled throughout the United States, and visited Mexico and Canada.



Worldly: Tim Hannon of Central Middle School has traveled throughout the United States and Europe.

year fifth-, eighth- and 11th-grade students will have a section of geography on their MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) tests.

There are 103 students competing in the state competition. The winner will receive \$100 and other prizes, along with an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington with a teacher escort for the May 19-20 finals.

The national competitors will vie for three scholarships. The winner will be awarded \$25,000 and a trip to Hong Kong; the runner-up will get \$15,000; and the student placing third will receive \$10,000.

Sample Geography Bee questions

The questions below were used in the school, state or national levels of the 1997 National Geography Bee and reflect the range of difficulty and subject matter that can be expected in new questions at these various levels. Take a chance and see how you fare.

1. Which state has a panhandle — Wyoming or West Virginia?
2. Which city has built subway and light rail lines in an effort to reduce heavy freeway traffic and smog — Los Angeles or Albuquerque?
3. Which gulf experiences more hurricanes — the Gulf of Mexico or the Gulf of St. Lawrence?
4. Hebrew and Arabic are the official languages of what country?
5. Approximately one-third of Argentina's population lives in and around what city?
6. What is the term for the side of the mountain that faces away from the prevailing wind?
7. Black pepper, a spice that was once so valuable it was used as money, is native to the largest country in South Asia. Name this country.
8. The tsetse fly, by serving as the carrier of a parasite that causes sleeping sickness and often death, has slowed economic development in a large area of which continent?
9. Wall Street, site of the New York Stock Exchange, was named for the defensive wall built by Europeans in the on what island?
10. Name the only country that borders Portugal.
11. Name the most populous city in the Southern Hemisphere.
12. More than half of the world's people live on which continent — Europe or Asia?
13. The Llanos is a grassland region that extends from Colombia into what other country?
14. If you sailed north through the Bosphorus, you would enter what sea?
15. Priests called Brahmins have traditionally held the highest social

- rank among followers of what religion?
16. Name the only South American country that borders both the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea.
17. Buildings in the arctic areas must be elevated above the earth's surface so their heat does not thaw the frozen ground. What is the term for this frozen ground?
18. To escape the fighting in their homeland in March 1997, thousands of Albanians sailed west to what country?
19. In February, 1997, the U.S. government agreed to allow several U.S. news organizations to open bureaus in which Caribbean country for the first time since the 1960s?
20. The world's leading olive-producing countries all border what sea?
21. If you followed the Tigris River from its source to its mouth, you would travel primarily in which intermediate direction?
22. "Pula," a word that means "rain," is the name of the currency in a country that is covered in large part by the Kalahari Desert. Name this African country.
23. The "K" in K2, the world's second highest mountain, stands for the name of the range in which the peak is located. Name this mountain range.
24. France, Ukraine, and Russia are among the leading producers of a root crop that is used to produce sugar. Name this root crop.
25. The Sava and Danube rivers are generally recognized as marking the northern boundary of what peninsula?

12. Asia
11. Sao Paulo
24. Wall Street
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21. Southern
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3. Gulf of Mexico
2. Los Angeles
1. West Virginia
13. Brazil



Now he's going westward

Volunteering

Plymouth resident Dick Merrill had just enough time after returning home from Florida's tornado disaster a few weeks ago to attend his daughter's wedding ... before hopping a plane and heading off to tragedy in Minnesota.

Merrill, 61, is part of the American Red Cross crew helping tornado victims in Minnesota after twisters struck the area this past week, leaving a path of destruction.

"I was just getting over the flu after my daughter's wedding when they called me," said Merrill. "You've always got to be ready to help out."

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*Dick Merrill
—Red Cross volunteer*

The Plymouth man is one of the first people in the country contacted by the American Red Cross when tragedy strikes. His expertise in telephone communications, after retiring from Michigan Bell and AT&T, is a valuable asset in helping to restore communications in tragedy-struck areas of the country.

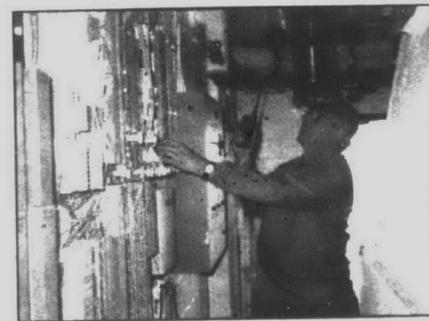
Merrill landed in Minnesota Tuesday afternoon.

and he expects to spend at least a couple of weeks in the state to help restore communications for the Red Cross.

"It usually takes us a couple of weeks, at least, to restore communications in an area to help in relief efforts," he said.

Merrill estimates that in the past 10 years, he's traveled across the country helping in nearly 50 disasters of all kinds ... including tornados, hurricanes, floods and mudslides.

"You never know when a catastrophe will strike," said Merrill. "You've got to be ready at a moment's notice to go wherever tragedy strikes."



Help: Plymouth resident Dick Merrill helps restore communications for the American Red Cross in Florida after tornados the state in February.

COP CALLS

Restocking

An Ann Arbor man was arraigned in 35th District Court and charged with attempting to steal \$158 worth of atlases from the Little Professor on the Park bookstore in downtown Plymouth.

According to police, Donald Wagman, 49, denies stealing the 15 books to restock his store, Geography Limited, in Ann Arbor.

Wagman told police he "took them to give to my friends as gifts."

Wagman is free on bond after being arraigned on a charge of first-degree attempted retail fraud, a high misdemeanor offense, which could get him one year in jail and a \$500 fine if he is convicted.

Wagman was caught by two store employees as he tried to drive away with the books Feb. 19. He tossed the merchandise out the window when manager Mary Millington stood in front of his car to keep him from speeding off.

After giving up the books, the two store employees got the license number and called police.

Cracking down

Plymouth police are cracking down on drinking by minors.

In one incident, the clerk at Mayflower Party Shoppe on Main Street reported a woman who attempted to buy beer with a driver's license that didn't match her description.

After tracing the woman through her car's license plate, police went to the home of the 20-year-old woman, who admitted to using the license of a Livonia woman.

The woman was ticketed with misrepresenting age to attempt to buy alcohol under 21, as well as using identification not belonging to her.

Meanwhile, a 20-year-old woman was ticketed for buying a case of beer from the Metro Mart on Penniman. The clerk was also ticketed for selling alcohol to a minor.

Under investigation

A vandal suspected of damaging several walls in a building under construction apparently left a cell phone behind at the scene.

Plymouth Township police found the cell phone at 7 a.m. Friday at the construction site at 14500 Beck Road, according to the incident report. Police said a truck had been driven through a wall of the building into a restroom.

Police said they also found three empty Bud Ice beer bottles at the scene. Police said the cell phone was left behind by the vandals and not by building crews.

The vandalism is under investigation.



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Woods: This is the area where a skeleton, believed to be that of a man, was found by a nearby resident along Eckles Road. Unlike a skeleton found last year in the township, this skeleton has teeth and police are hoping to be able to identify the remains. The body was found in a small strip in Plymouth Township, bordering Livonia.



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east on the road, which marks the Livonia-Plymouth Township border.

The wooded area is about a quarter-mile south of Five Mile Road and just east of a wall along I-275 just south of I-96.

A resident of nearby apartments was taking a walk in the woods when he found the remains, police said.

The dead man was wearing a blue baseball hat with a bullet hole through it, police said. The

hat had a red bill and "6K Construction" embossed on the front in silver.

The man was also wearing a red and white plaid shirt, camouflage hunting jacket, blue Wrangler jeans, brown hiking boots, and a leather belt with a belt buckle with a bear's image and the word "Bear" underneath.

The man had no identification on him, police said. They found \$11 and some change in his pocket.

This is the second time in 10 months that township police have found skeletal remains in a remote area. Last May, the remains of another man were found by the CSX Railroad tracks near Haggerty Road.

Police have been unable to determine his identity.

"This one hopefully will be easier because we found teeth, that means there will probably be dental records we can go by," Hayes said.

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and Lowell will close."

Some of the options to deal with that situation include asking Livonia for more time at Lowell, looking for classroom space outside the district, having double sessions at one of the current middle schools, and extending the school year. Double sessions could mean classes beginning at 6:30 a.m. and ending at 8 p.m.

"The other possibility would be to crowd students into all the middle schools," said Filios. "But, we would need some portables, more lockers, and have to go to three lunches which would cut down on the use of the gym."

Committee member Chuck Portelli, who is also the president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association said "... to add 200 students into each of four schools you would have a mini-version of the high school at all four middle schools."

The ideal size for a middle school, according to the committee, is 650 students. Central Middle School currently has 750 students, while the remaining four have 720 students.

"In my opinion, with the numbers we have now, the attractiveness of adding more kids to the other four middle schools is just not there," said Little.

If redistricting was done, it would be done next year and go into effect in the 2000-01 school year, and done only once.

The committee notes its proposals only consider current student population. Any increases in population due to new housing starts would put an additional pressure on middle school facilities.

The committee has come up with several proposals dealing with the two high schools, to manage an overcrowded situation for the next four years.

If the litigation concerning the \$79.6 million bond issue isn't settled to allow for construction of a new high school, the committee recommends split shifts and staggered starts as possible options to relieve overcrowded buildings.

"Our hope is that (this plan) will last us until we have a new high school," said committee member Joan Claeys, an assistant principal at Salem. "The alternatives are destructive."

Each of the high schools currently has enrollment of more than 2,300 students. The schools were built to house 1,700. And with enrollment projections for the next two years showing an increase of 170 students, the schools will be busting at the seams.

"With projected enrollment, our plan should last four years," said Claeys. "Depending on how soon new subdivisions are up and running, there could be big trouble."

Committee members did not like the options of split or staggered shifts, especially since they affect extracurricular activities, busing, maintenance, and both teacher and administration schedules. However, they do admit that without a new high school on the horizon, something will need to be done.

"If I had a choice, I would have to weigh the implications of extracurricular activities against the implications of poor instruction," school board member Elizabeth Givens told the committee. The committee suggests repairing 13 portable classrooms

at the high schools at a cost of \$70,000, as well as purchasing three new portables for \$138,000.

"Otherwise we don't think we can find enough classroom space," said Filios.

"Our portables are in deplorable condition," added Little. "They're a disgrace."

The committee did hit a home run with its proposal to redistrict the elementary school boundaries.

With all the changes reflecting future housing starts and projected increases in enrollment, only 22 students will have to be moved from their current buildings.

If the plan is adopted by the school board this year, 20 students who currently go to Galimore Elementary will be shifted to Hoben. Two students will be moved from Hulsing to Isbister.

"Anytime you only have to move 22 kids, it's a miracle," said board member Susan Davis.

District residents will be able to comment on the plan at two public hearings scheduled for Lowell Middle School on Tuesday, April 7. The one-hour sessions are slated for 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

For the most part, district residents will see a number of changes in the middle and high schools. And, depending on what happens with current and future bond issues, the end results could go from good to bad to ugly.

Little summed up the feelings of many committee and school board members when he said "We've cramped our kids as much as can be. Our facilities are wearing out."

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Engler names Talbot to state appeals court

Michael Talbot, a Wayne County circuit judge, was appointed Thursday by Gov. John Engler to the Michigan Court of Appeals, 1st District.

The following day, Engler appointed Richard Halloran Jr., an administrative law judge, to Wayne's 3rd Judicial Court to replace Talbot.

Talbot will be filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Maureen Pulte Reilly.

Engler called Talbot "one of the most experienced and respected" trial judges in the state.

"He has served with distinction at every level of our trial court system and has been a visiting judge on the Court of Appeals. There is no one better prepared to handle the challenging work of the Michigan Court of Appeals than Judge Mike Talbot."

Talbot, of Grosse Pointe Farms, has been a judge of the 3rd Judicial Circuit Court since 1991 and had served on the Recorder's Court from 1980 to 1991.

Talbot was engaged in private practice when he was first appointed by Gov. William Milliken as a judge of the Detroit Common Pleas Court in 1978. He has served as a visiting judge for the Washtenaw County Probate Court and for numerous circuit courts, including the Monroe County Circuit where he has served as a visiting judge since 1986.

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judge for the Court of Appeals on numerous occasions. For many years, Talbot presided over all drug forfeiture and public nuisance cases brought in the Wayne County Circuit Court.

Talbot has served as a member of the Board of Catholic Education for the Archdiocese of Detroit since 1992. He currently serves as a chair of the advisory board of St. John's Center for Family and Youth and is a member of the board of directors of Manressa Retreat House, the Catholic Lawyers Society and of Jefferson House, a residential drug treatment facility. Talbot also is a member of the Board of Education for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

The newest appellate judge earned a bachelor of arts degree from Georgetown University in 1967 and a juris doctor degree from the University of Detroit Law School in 1971.

Talbot's appointment runs

through Jan. 1, 1999. He will have to run for election in November 1998, in order to serve the remainder of the term, which expires Dec. 31, 2002.

Halloran, of Detroit, was appointed to the 36th Judicial District Court and in 1998 became an administrative law judge for the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. He currently is a board member of the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board and serves on the state task force on batterer intervention standards.

Halloran previously served as chair of the Wayne County Coordinating Council To Prevent Domestic Violence.

"Richard Halloran's experience as a magistrate and judge of the 36th District Court has prepared him well for the challenge of serving on the Wayne Circuit Court," Engler said. "He has been a leader in the fight against domestic violence, and his ability to address the needs of families will be a valuable addition to this important court."

Halloran received his bachelor of arts degree from Canisius College in Buffalo in 1970, and his juris doctor in 1975 from the University of Detroit Law School.

Upon receiving his law degree, Halloran became an attorney for the Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and later became a 36th District Court magistrate.

Transition

Hospice chief resigns to head Phoenix-based organization

Hospice of Michigan's board of directors has asked its chairman, Lee R. Miskowski, to serve as interim CEO while it undertakes a search to replace President and CEO Carolyn J. Cassin.

Cassin recently accepted a position as chief operating officer east for VistaCare, a national Hospice corporation based in Phoenix.

Miskowski, former vice president of the Ford Motor Co. and general manager of the Lincoln-Mercury Division, will head Hospice of Michigan's transition team during the search, the board announced Tuesday.

"We have a terrific leadership team at Hospice of Michigan," said Miskowski, who has led the organization's nine-member board since 1996. "Carolyn Cassin has a superb group of vice presidents who share her vision. Hospice of Michigan's style of participatory management means patient care services will be unaffected."

Cassin will remain at Hospice of Michigan for at least 30 days. She came to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, forerunner of Hospice of Michigan, in 1988. The board credited

her with rescuing the organization from the verge of bankruptcy.

In 1994, Cassin spearheaded a merger of Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids, and eight smaller hospice programs into Hospice of Michigan, the first statewide hospice in the United States. Hospice of Michigan is the largest nonprofit hospice in the nation.

VistaCare currently operates in Arizona, Nevada, Utah and Texas and plans to expand into other states.

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County parks plan marshmallow drop

Everyone knows that March marches in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.

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Wayne County parks will hold its annual Marshmallow Drop at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 10, at Nankin Mills in Westland on Hines Drive just east of Ann

Arbor Trail.

Marshmallows will be dropped from a helicopter, much to the delight of hundreds of waiting children, who will scramble to collect the sweet treats and turn them in for a prize-filled egg during the county's 13th annual Great Marshmallow Drop. Children will be divided into age groups in order to collect their share of the marshmallow treats.

"This isn't just an opportunity for kids to eat more candy," said Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive. "This is a chance for families to start the season by enjoying the spring air and getting plenty of exercise in the process."

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By Monday, greens and tees at local courses had already been mowed. Fairways were scheduled to get a trim this week.

"The course is in really good shape," said Hilltop general manager Shannon Blake.

"There's not going to be a lot of dormant grass," she said. The warm early spring "gives you a chance to get all the frost out of the ground and get everything drying up," Blake said.

More fairway sprinklers are to be installed this year at Hilltop, owned by Plymouth Township and managed by American Golf Corp. Paved cart paths were installed last year.

"People are happy to play golf in this beautiful weather," said Fox Hills' Keller, adding she's heard no complaints about the course being sopping wet, as is typical this time of year.

Fox Hills plans this fall to begin a reconstruction of much of its original 27 holes, including new tees, she said.

Last fall at St. John's Golf Center, "We renovated the original 18 holes," said general manager Justin Lauer.

"There is a lot of new mounding and ponds and bunkers and tees," he said. A new nine-hole course will be open in August.

St. John's will open for golf on Saturday, April 4. Lauer said he hopes to attract lunch business from nearby industrial parks, as the new Tavern at St. John's opens today.

"It's a nice modern-style restaurant with seafood, steaks and grill items. We're open lunch and dinner," he said.

"We've really taken the facility up a notch as far as its scale and its scope," Lauer said, adding junior clinics and golf schools are also

offered. Asphalt cart paths to serve all 27 holes will be started this fall.

St. John's greens fees are \$30 for 18 holes on the weekend, and \$27 during the week. Nine-hole rates are \$17 during the week and \$20 on the weekend. Cart rates are \$12 for nine holes and \$24 for 18.

Cost for 18 holes on weekdays at Hilltop is \$23 for residents. Nine holes is \$15. Hilltop weekend rates are \$26 for residents. Cart rates are \$24 for 18 holes and \$15 for nine.

At Fox Hills, the 18-hole weekend rate is \$27, weekday 18-hole rate is \$24. At the Golden Fox the weekend 18-hole rate is \$56, Monday through Thursday rate is \$52 for 18.

All courses offer discounts for twilight, junior and senior golf and other discount packages. For more information, call St. John's at 453-1047, Hilltop at 453-9800, or Fox Hills at 453-7272.

The courses have league play starting at 4 p.m. nearly every weekday.

Still muddy: Crews continue to work on cart paths at St. John's Golf Center on Sheldon Road. Last fall, the original 18 holes were renovated, allowing for new mounding, ponds, bunkers and tees. A new nine-hole course will open in August.



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 24, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
 Members Absent: None
 Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Santomauro, Rorabacher, Zerkink

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of March 3, March 10 and March 17, 1998 as presented. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdziak, to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Expenditure Recap

General Fund	101	\$115,717.95
Fire Fund	-206	21,989.23
Police Fund	207	36,977.38
Community Center Fund	208	22,818.91
Golf Course Fund	211	11,062.71
Cable TV Fund	230	53,469.30
Community Improvement Fund	246	2,262.19
E-911 Emergency Fund	261	5,460.90
Special Investigative Fund	267	717.56
Federal Grants Funds	274	2,537.80
State Projects Fund	289	80,320.66
Retiree Benefits	296	18.00
Public Improvements	245	246.50
Bldg. Auth. Construction Fund	469	2,889.00
Water & Sewer Fund	592	536,125.45
S. Haggerty Paving	815	163,690.42
Total - All Funds		\$1,055,722.96

RECOGNITION

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution recognizing Al Urbanski. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution recognizing Scott R. Chapman. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING OF NECESSITY AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 3 FOR THE KOPPERNICK CORPORATE PARK ROAD, SANITARY SEWER AND WATER MAIN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 1998-3

Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open at 7:15 P.M.

Speaking in favor of the SAD: Chuck Dimaggio, Burton Katzman Development Co.

Speaking in opposition: Bill Craig, Livonia resident and president of the Holiday Nature Preserve Association (HNPA); Dave Thomas, 43615 Candlewood; Jack Smiley, Westland Resident and Member of the Board of Directors of Friends of the Rouge; Julia Meixner, 42610 Cherry Hill; John Covert, Livonia resident and Churchill High School science teacher; Doug DiMeglio, 39756 Koppernick; Jim Britain, Plymouth resident;

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to close the public hearing at 8:20 P.M. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the Resolution No. 3 for the Koppernick Corporate Park Road Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Special Assessment District 1998-3.

Motion carried unanimously.

KOPPERNICK CORPORATE PARK ROAD, SANITARY SEWER AND WATER MAIN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

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PROPERTY	OWNER	ACREAGE	SIGNED	ACREAGE	PETITION SIGNED
071-003-99-0008-713	Burton Katzman Dev. Co.	10.5	YES	10.5	
071-046-99-0002-001	J.A.B. Investment Co.	8.1	YES	8.1	
071-003-99-0003-714	J.A.B. Investment Co.	30.6	YES	30.6	
071-004-99-0008-701	J.A. Bloch & Co.	8.0	YES	8.0	
071-045-99-0008-001	J.A. Bloch & Co.	32.1*	NO		
Total Acres		89.3			57.2

% SIGNED CALCULATION = 67.2 ACRES/89.3 ACRES x 100% = 64%

RESOLUTION NO. 3

KOPPERNICK CORPORATE PARK ROAD, SANITARY SEWER, AND WATER MAIN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 1998-3

Minutes of a Regular Board meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Township"), held on the 24th day of March, 1998, in the Township at 7 o'clock p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

PRESENT: Members Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

ABSENT: Members - None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Bennett, and supported by Member McLaughlin:

WHEREAS, this Township Board, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, and after notice to all of the record owners of land in the proposed special assessment district, tentatively declared its intention to undertake certain public improvements in the Township, as more particularly described in Exhibit A hereto; and

WHEREAS, plans have been prepared by a registered professional engineer showing the public improvements and the location thereof and an estimate of the cost thereof; and

WHEREAS, after due and legal notice, the Township Board has met on March 24, 1998 at 7 o'clock p.m. Eastern Standard Time, and heard all persons interest therein at said first hearing with respect to the proposed public improvements and the special assessment district;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Township Board hereby determines that the public improvements described in Exhibit A (attached) hereto and made a part hereof are necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the Township and that said public improvements shall be made and completed pursuant to aforesaid Act 188.

2. The Township Board hereby approves the plans and estimate of cost for the public improvements in the total sum of \$1,331,000.00 as prepared and presented by the Township Engineer. Of the aforesaid total cost of the project, the sum of \$1,331,000.00 will be spread against the hereinafter named special assessment district pursuant to the aforesaid Act 188.

3. The Township Board finally determines that said special assessment district shall consist of all of the lots and parcels of land described in Exhibit B (attached) hereto and that the existence of said special assessment district

shall be maintained until all special assessments payable on the roll hereinafter described, and any bonds issued in anticipation of such special assessments, have been paid.

4. The Supervisor is hereby directed to make a special assessment roll in which shall be described all the parcels of land to be assessed as above set forth, with the names of the owners thereof, if known, and the total amount to be assessed against each parcel of land, which amount shall be such relative portion of the whole sum to be levied against all parcels of land in the assessment district as the benefit to such parcel of land bears to the total benefit of all parcels of land in the special assessment district.

5. When the Supervisor shall have completed the special assessment roll, the Supervisor shall affix thereto a certificate stating that said roll was made pursuant to a resolution of the Township Board of the Township adopted on the date of adoption of this resolution, and that in making the assessment roll the Supervisor has, according to the Supervisor's best judgment, conformed in all respects to the directions contained in said resolution and the statutes of the State of Michigan, and the Supervisor shall report the special assessment roll, with the certificate attached thereto, to the Township Board.

6. All resolutions and parts of resolution insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and they hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Members Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular meeting held on March 24, 1998 and that the said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

EXHIBIT A PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Koppernick Corporate Park road, sanitary sewer, and water main special assessment district 1998-3 includes extending a boulevard road of 9-inch thick reinforced concrete approximately 3,000 feet south of Koppernick Road. Project also includes extending approximately 3,050 lineal feet of 10-inch sanitary sewer and 2,500 lineal feet of 12-inch water main plus boulevard landscaping and irrigation. The project includes staking, inspection, contract administration and replacement trees along with other miscellaneous items.

EXHIBIT B PARCELS

PARCELS IN DISTRICT	PROPERTY OWNER	ACREAGE
071-003-99-0008-713	Burton Katzman Dev. Co.	10.5
071-046-99-0002-001	J.A.B. Investment Co.	8.1
071-003-99-0003-714	J.A. Bloch	30.6
071-004-99-0008-701	J.A. Bloch & Co.	8.0
071-045-99-0008-001	J.A. Bloch & Co.	32.1
TOTAL ACRES		89.3

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$86,942 to the Summit Construction account to re-appropriate unspent 1997 funds for purchase of equipment for Summit on the Park in 1998. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendments in the 1998 budgets for purchase commitments carried over from 1997:

FUND	CURRENT BUDGET	BUDGET AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund	\$13,282,384	\$ 8,494	\$13,291,878
Police Fund	8,243,100	10,160	8,253,260

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Revenues:
 Fund Balance Appropriation-Encumbrances #101-000-699-1000 \$ 8,494

Increase Appropriations:
 Office Supplies-Building Inspection #101-371-727-0000 \$ 165

Transportation 101-670-860-0000 5,729

Maintenance & Repair - Sheldon School 101-803-932-3000 2,600

General Fund Total \$ 8,493.55

POLICE FUND:

Increase Revenues:
 Fund Balance Appropriation - Encumbrances #207-000-699-1000 \$10,160

Increase Appropriations:
 Contracted Services #207-301-818-000 \$10,160

PURCHASE ORDER DETAIL:

General Fund:
 Ben Weese & Associates PO#10542 \$ 165.00 Software update

Cnty Transportation Manag. PO#7473 5,728.55 Specialized Transport

Interstate Security PO#5154 2,600.00 Alarm Sheldon School

Total \$ 8,493.55

Police Fund:
 Poco Sales PO#7983 \$10,000.00 Traffic Control Devices

Staples Business Advantage PO#10415 160.00 Design Consultant

Total \$10,160.00

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund Emergency Preparedness Department for the upgrade of five emergency warning sirens:

Increase Revenues:
 Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$16,060

Increase Appropriations:
 Maintenance & Repair - Equipment #101-426-930-0000 \$16,060

This budget amendment increases the Emergency Preparedness Department budget from \$41,000 to \$57,060, and the General Fund budget from \$13,084,900 to \$13,110,960.

Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to set the public hearing for April 14, 1998 to consider the industrial facilities exemption application of Swiss American Screw Products, Inc., for their new facility located at 5740 Sheldon Road South. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to set the public hearing for April 14, 1998 to consider Speculative Building status for Canton Business Park, Building #1 located on the northwest corner of Beck Road and Michigan Avenue. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute the renewal of the 5-year lease between Canton Township and the Flying Pilgrims R.C. Flying Club. Lease will be effective April 16, 1998 through April 15, 2003. The terms are one dollar per year for five years. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the Building Authority Construction Fund for the 1998 portion

of the Fire Headquarters construction project:
 Increase Revenues \$765,782 Increase Appropriations \$765,782

This budget amendment increases the 1998 Building Authority Construction Fund budget from \$454,218 to \$1,220,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the Clerk's office - Misc. Contracted Services and authorize the expenditure of \$3,500 to Orchard, Hilt and McCliment Inc., for the purpose of creating a GIS layer on the Canton mapping system for voter precinct boundaries:

Increase Revenues
 Miscellaneous Contracted Services-Clerk 101-215-818-0000 \$3,500.00

Increase Appropriations
 Appropriations Fund Balance 101-000-699-0000 \$3,500.00

Motion carried.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the Preliminary Site Plan for the proposed Emerald Pines Site Condominiums. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the Preliminary Site Plan for the proposed Creekside Villas Site Condominiums. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the site plan for the proposed Cornerstone Baptist Church.

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to amend the resolution by deleting the second clause of the resolution that reads: "WHEREAS, the Fire Marshall has prohibited above grade construction on the site until the fire hydrants are installed and in service and the Project Sponsor, Pastor Jeff Ledbetter, has agreed to these conditions; and". Motion carried.

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to amend the resolution by deleting the clause that reads: "the elimination of sidewalk along Ridge Road". Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Yack asked for a vote on the motion to adopt the amended resolution. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, that the request from KOBMANN ENTERPRISES, INC., to transfer ownership of 1997 Class C licensed business with Dance Permit and Entertainment Permit without dressing rooms, located in escrow at 61667th Canton Center, MI 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County, from KENNYS LOUNGE, INC., be considered for APPROVAL; it is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to authorize Kucera International, Inc. to prepare aerial photography and digital orthophotography for the Township including:

-Option 2 (Film writer plots of each sectional orthophoto) and

-Option 3 (Two 1"-500" scale mosaics of the entire township @ \$1,560/each), for a total cost not to exceed \$30,838 to be charged to account #101-853-818-0000, Contracted Services - Planning Services in the 1998 Budget.

And to authorize Kucera International, Inc. To provide the additional options identified as:

-Option A (Scanning the original photos at a higher resolution) Cost \$1,185

-Option B (Locating the lakes, ponds and streams) Cost \$700

-Option C (Locating all road and railroad centerlines) Cost \$4,260,

for a cost of \$6,505, a total project cost not-to-exceed \$36,963, to be charged to account #101-853-818-0000, Contracted Services - Planning Services in the 1998 Budget.

Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to award the construction of the intersection improvements at Canton Center and Heritage Drive to Six-S, Inc. For \$117,445.00 plus a 10 percent contingency for a total of \$129,190.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to authorize an amount not to exceed \$9,783.00 made out for Wayne County permit and inspection fees. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the bid for the purchase two (2) Trailbuses 20-ton, tag-a-long, tilt trailers per our specifications from Giar & Sons Equipment at a cost of \$30,742.00. The funds for this purchase coming from account #592-000-142-0000. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid for the purchase of water meters from Etna Supplies Company, not to exceed \$200,000.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby approve the purchase of a 1998 Pontiac Grand Prix SE vehicle for Public Safety Administration from Red Holman Pontiac/GMC, using the Oakland County Cooperative Purchasing Program, not to exceed \$16,798. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby approve the hiring of Life Support Training Institute of Southfield to provide Advanced Life Support training to the Canton firefighters for \$1,750 per student. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby approve the signing of a contract for Steiger, Hurray & Associates Inc. to coordinate a radio systems upgrade for the Fire Department. The cost not to exceed \$9,500.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution to approve the submission of the grant application through the Byrne Memorial Formula Grant Program. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the proposal from Career Directions to provide a Leadership and Development Program for Administrative and Community Services in the amount not to exceed \$11,600. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve Joe Kocinski and Lee Duhl attend the Visual Basic and Object Oriented Analysis classes for an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to award the bid to W.F. Miller in the amount of \$37,476.50 for the purchase of one Jacobson High Volume Rotary Mower (HR5111). Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid for the 1998 Canton Liberty Fest rental of tents, tables and chairs to All Parties Concerned in the amount of \$6,394. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, that the Board of Trustees approve the awarding of the bid for printing the 1998 summer and winter tax bill/mailer to the successful low bidder: Printing Systems at a unit price of \$88.45 per 1000 for the three (3) part mailer and \$124.40 per 1000 for the five (5) part mailer; total value of contract not to exceed \$6,270 which represents an additional 10 percent contingency. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on March 24, 1998. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on April 14, 1998.

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S'craft hires consultants for business center project

Schoolcraft College has hired a team of an architectural firm and food services consultant to complete drawings for its new Business and Industry Training Center and the renovation of the Waterman Campus Center.

Trustees approved a \$103,858 contract March 22 with Ghafari Associates Inc. of Dearborn and E.F. Whitney Inc.

Trustees heard presentations from three different architectural/food service consultant teams on Feb. 28. They met again March 22 to hear recommendations from Butch Raby, Schoolcraft's vice president of business services, who had researched previous jobs completed by the bidders.

"All three teams were very good and very capable, but this team came across as the most organized and they had already begun to mesh," Raby said. That team also was the low bid for the design phase.

Raby visited Henry Ford Community College and University of Michigan-Dearborn to check on Ghafari's architectural work and the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village to research E.F. Whitney.

Raby was unaware of any

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work that Ghafari and Whitney had completed together as a team, but contacted officials at each of the facilities he visited, and found that most were pleased with the architect's work.

"At University of Michigan-Dearborn, they designed a building for the physical plant staff. It was a very utilitarian building, but sparse in terms of design," Raby said. "At Henry Ford, they designed a building for Nursing and Allied Health programs. Functionally, it was very well designed, but not the kind we wanted."

Raby recommended to Ghafari that Schoolcraft wanted a "groundface" block in the new facilities that was used in the corridors at the McDowell Center because it requires low main-

tenance and is more durable.

Raby was impressed with Ghafari's arrangement of a conference room at its headquarters in Dearborn, a design of what Schoolcraft would want. "The technology is hidden, but available," Raby said.

The room contained a "closet" with projection and personal computer equipment. Raby expects Schoolcraft to have rooms at the conference center with "break-out" rooms for smaller groups to use with similar equipment.

E.F. Whitney designed an inn at the Henry Ford Museum-Greenfield Village complex, which created the feel of an inn, yet accommodate the masses of people that visited whether it was a conference or groups of tourists, Raby said.

Raby suspects the two buildings will be approached as one project. "But whether or not it will shake out that way, I can't tell you," Raby said. "That's why we have feasibility studies."

Schematic diagrams will not be completed until late summer, Raby said. Depending on when state funds are approved, ground breaking could be as early as 1999 or as late as 2001.

Balanced budgets, high bond rating win praise for county

Wayne County has been awarded the certificate of achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its 1996 comprehensive annual financial report.

The certificate was issued by the Government Finance Officers Association, the highest form of recognition a governmental agency can obtain in accounting and financial reporting.

"This award recognizes the high standards achieved by the county," said Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive. "It's

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attainment represents a significant accomplishment by the county and its management."

In the last 10 years the county's financial health has improved.

The \$140 million general fund deficit from 1986 has been eliminated. In 1996, the general fund showed a \$20 million fund balance. Since 1987, the county has recorded 10 straight balanced budgets and received nine straight bond rating increases.

The county also received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its annual appropriated budget for fiscal 1996. For this award, Wayne County's budget was reviewed by a panel of judges of accountants, government officials and others.

County officials expect the recognition will help market securities to investors by informing them about the county's financial condition.

DAR offers \$1,000 scholarships for students at Schoolcraft

Schoolcraft College students with serious financial needs are encouraged to apply for the John Sackett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution scholarship.

The DAR is offering a

\$1,000 scholarship for the entire 1998-99 academic year to a Schoolcraft student who can demonstrate he or she is deserving of financial assistance.

Applications are available in the Office of Financial Aid

in room 260 of the McDowell Center. Applications are due May 11.

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

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Newburgh Lake

Project on track, November wrapup set

Wayne County officials are now saying that the Newburgh Lake restoration should be finished by late November.

Contractors and work crews are expected to complete this year the lake's excavation, the resurfacing of Hines Drive between Newburgh and Haggerty roads, fish kill and restocking and plantings of trees, according to Roger Van Omen, a chief engineer of Wayne County's Department of Public Works.

"The lake excavation is expected to be completed by Labor Day," Van Omen said. "The road and park restoration will follow that work this fall. We hope this is completed by late November."

Excavators from John Carlo of Clinton Township are removing soil and sediment contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from the lake. The soil is being transported to a landfill in Salem Township.

Most PCBs removed

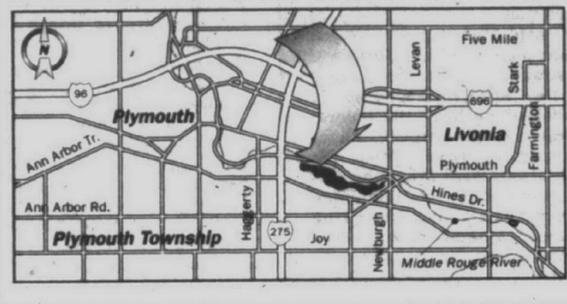
About 370,000 tons or about 95 percent of contaminated soil has been removed. About 585,000 total tons of contaminated and noncontaminated soil needs to be removed.

The excavation will make Newburgh about 8 feet deep, Van Omen said. The excavation phase is scheduled for completion by Sept. 7.

Van Omen said as recently as December the lake would not be completed until 1999, but officials now are revising that schedule. Contractor John Carlo

Newburgh Lake

Contractors and work crews are expected to complete this year the \$10 million Newburgh Lake restoration project. Wayne County officials expect completion of the lake's excavation by Labor Day, Hines Drive resurfaced between Newburgh and Haggerty roads by Nov. 15, a fish kill and lake refilled with water in September and fish restocked in October. The lake is expected to be ready for public use in late November, according to a county official.



will remove less than the expected 700,000 tons because the soil that was to be removed weighed less than was first believed.

"The contractor didn't know exactly what it weighed," Van Omen said. "As the lake is lowered, and the soil dries, it consolidates. The tonnage isn't as much as we thought." Van Omen said soil samples are being collected continually throughout this phase by the firm of Environmental Consulting & Technology of Detroit.

Van Omen said many of the contractor's costs for equipment use in dredging are fixed costs, so he was uncertain whether the

county would save money in the excavation contract.

"They've been hauling 3,000 tons a day," Van Omen said.

A busy lake

Here is a summary of the 1998 schedule:

- A new sluice gate at the dam near Newburgh Road was installed in February.

- Hines Drive between Newburgh and Haggerty roads will be resurfaced between Sept. 30 and Nov. 15.

- A second fish kill - the first was completed last June - is scheduled for September.

- The new sluice gate will be

closed to refill the lake between Sept. 25 and Oct. 10. A temporary cofferdam used at the site will be removed with a crane at the end of the project.

The site restoration is scheduled between August and October. Lake plantings and fish restocking will take place in October.

Van Omen doesn't expect a repeat of last year's fish kill when several thousand fish were killed downstream in a river impoundment, Nankin Lake, along with the ones planned for Newburgh Lake.

Rotenone, a natural pesticide, was used last year, but too much was applied too close to the dam at Newburgh Lake, which allowed less time and lake volume for workers to neutralize the rotenone with potassium permanganate. Both chemicals break down naturally depending on their concentration levels and water temperatures.

Most of those fish in New-

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Northwest to add new routes to Japan June 2

Northwest Airlines has started a new "Motown Express" service between Detroit and Nagoya, Japan, which begins on June 2.

The new route connects the two largest automotive manufacturing centers in the world.

Nagoya is in the Chubu region of Japan which has a population of more than 18 million. Toyota, Honda and Yamaha have large manufacturing facilities in the region, and there are numerous auto parts suppliers.

"The economic impact of international air service is enormous," said Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara. "When business and industry are scouting locations for headquarters, plants or branch offices, air service, especially international air service, is always near the top of the list."

Detroit Metro Airport's superior airfield, which includes runways designed for

long-haul international departures and sophisticated instrument landing systems, provides the infrastructure which allows our air carriers to take advantage of destinations such as Tokyo, Osaka, Beijing and now Nagoya. Such air service generates jobs and economic opportunity for our local communities."

Wayne County, Northwest Airlines and the Federal Inspection Services dedicated an expanded international arrivals area last month, which increases the airport's arriving international passenger processing rate from 800 to 1,200 passengers per hour. A new international departures building was dedicated in September.

Northwest will operate the Detroit-Nagoya service three times a week with Boeing 747-400 aircraft, with enough cargo capacity to ship parts and supplies, as well as pas-

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Youth prison is state's first

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Rejoice or cry?
State lawmakers did both as ground was broken for the first "punk prison" near Baldwin in Lake County.

Privately built and run, the 480-bed maximum security prison will house violent offenders under age 19. Its programs will feature drug therapy, alcohol therapy, impulse control therapy, general education and vocational training.

"It's unfortunate you have to make an occasion and a press kit out of building a children's prison," said Sen. Jim Berryman, D-Adrian, an outspoken liberal. "I think it's a sad day."

Berryman called it "a prison patterned after what, I think, is a failed adult correctional system ... Early intervention programs, prevention programs - that is the key."

Berryman also deplored that the prison was privatized, which "makes the administrators of

that facility and the guards not accountable to elected officials but accountable to a CEO."

Sen. Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham, a former police officer, said the groundbreaking ceremony last month "is not a celebration but an affirmation of the policy of the state. That policy (toward) violent offenders - be they young or old - is punishment for their actions."

Bouchard said the majority recognize the need for early intervention and at-risk programs. He saw the use of a private company "as a cost-effective means of doing business" that will free up state money for other programs.

"These children who were mentioned (by Berryman) are criminals!" said Sen. Joanne Emmons, R-Big Rapids. "They have committed crimes against the weaker members of this society. To pretend that they are only children and not criminals is missing the point."

"This is a day I have long

waited for," said Gov. John Engler at groundbreaking ceremonies for the prison, being built by Granger Construction of Lansing and managed by Wackenhut Corrections. It's due to be finished in 1999.

"It will save taxpayers more than \$33 million in construction-related costs and \$4.5 million per year in operating costs," Engler said. "Michigan now has one of the toughest juvenile justice systems in the nation, and this prison another step to keep it that way."

Sen. William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison, said the prison's purpose is to protect citizens from violent offenders.

"This prison will help citizens on the outside feel secure from the threat of violent criminals, while helping those inside to face up to the personal problems which led to their crimes," said VanRegenmorter, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee which reported out the "punk prison" bills.

'We're squeezed'

Sending Michigan inmates to a federal prison in West Virginia isn't cost-effective, so the Department of Corrections is bringing back 31.

"We're squeezed to the limit," said Ken McGinnis, director of Corrections.

He said Michigan was unable to persuade the U.S. Bureau of Prisons to accept more state inmates. After reviewing nearly 1,000 inmate files, the federal bureau accepted only 39 - all for minimum-security facilities.

McGinnis said Michigan has space only in its own minimum-security prisons, including camps, "so sending them to a federal facility is just not cost-effective."

Michigan has a prison population of 44,000. More than 42,000 need to be in secure facilities. Gov. Engler's budget proposes construction prisons to house 5,400 inmates.

Scholarship helps her spirit live on at Madonna

Julienne Hoff died March 18, 1997, but her spirit lives on at Madonna University.

A scholarship has been established in her name at the university.

Hoff came to Madonna (College) University in 1987 as the newly-appointed dean in the Division of Nursing and Health. In addition to her role as a division dean, she was chairperson of the nursing department which included both the undergraduate and graduate programs.

Under her leadership, the Division of Nursing and Health continued to excel. Each year, more than 96 percent of the nursing graduates passed the State Board Examinations on the first attempt. Previous to her position at Madonna College, Hoff was a professor and dean in the Division of Nursing at Mercy College.

Her formal education included a doctorate in academic administration of higher education from the University of Michigan. She did post-graduate study at Boston University and completed her master's degree in nursing education at Teachers College at Columbia University, New York. She received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Mercy College in Detroit.

Throughout her years as a professor and dean, Hoff was recognized on numerous occasions for her commitment and dedication to nursing and education.

Julienne Hoff resigned from Madonna College in 1990 to spend time with her husband, William R. Hoff, a 1977 Madonna University graduate, who had then



In memory: Throughout her years as a professor and dean, Julienne Hoff was recognized on numerous occasions for her commitment and dedication to nursing and education.

recently retired from his position as deputy chief of the Livonia Police Department.

"We treasured her very much," said Mary Wawrzynski, who succeeded Hoff at Madonna. "I knew her as a deeply caring woman with a supportive personality who helped people achieve their goals."

In her memory, a scholarship has been established in her name. Contributions may be made to the Dr. Julienne Hoff Memorial Nursing Scholarship, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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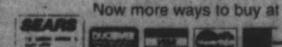
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Observer News Roundup provides a summary of headline stories throughout western Wayne County.

CANTON TOWNSHIP

DDA TABLES MEGA-PLAN

Canton's Downtown Development Authority isn't sold yet on a partnership with private backers of a \$150 million mega-development at the southeast corner of I-275 and Ford Road.

In fact, the DDA may not have the extra \$3.2 million in bond capacity to get the project off the ground.

A multiplex theater, several hotels, restaurants, retail center and apartment complex are proposed for the 124-acre site.

DDA members debated for two hours March 25 whether to kick in \$3.2 million in public assistance. Burton Katzman Development Company would use the money for an interior roadway network and waterway management system.

The issue was tabled once again, despite a recommendation from a DDA subcommittee to go ahead with the financial contribution.

"This could be the park that sets off your office and research segment of the community... it will put Canton on the map," Peter Burton told the DDA board.

Burton-Katzman Development Company and partners, Phoenix Land Development, have been working for two years on the 124-acre project, which involved assembling 17 pieces of property from various owners.

BRIDGEWORK ON I-275

Motorists may have noticed pieces of crumbling concrete on

the embankments of the I-275 bridge overpasses on Michigan Avenue or Ford Road.

The Michigan Avenue overpass is scheduled to be rebuilt this summer, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

However, the Ford Road bridge isn't on the list of repairs - at least not yet. A wood support beam has been installed on the embankment of the east-bound lanes in an apparent attempt to stop the concrete from falling onto the road.

No injuries have been reported at either location, she said. The bridges are inspected every other year by the state.

The construction is expected to cost about \$48,000 and will begin sometime around Memorial Day.

The bridge repair will be coordinated with the \$17.7 million overlay and resurfacing of I-275 from Northline Road in Romulus to Five Mile in Livonia, which is also set to begin this spring.

GARDEN CITY

MONITORING WATER METERS

In an effort to get an accurate account of water use by some homes and business, the Garden City administration has proposed hiring the Plante & Moran auditing firm to study the cost and feasibility of upgrading the water meters and automated meter reading.

"We budgeted \$100,000 last year in capital outlay for a water meter project," said City Manager Jon Bayless. "Over several years, it will probably cost \$500,000 to \$1 million ultimately. We need a cost analysis of the impact on the water-sewer fund."

Over the last several years, some exterior meter reading

devices have failed. When the inside meter, which was working accurately, was read homeowners were shocked with catch-up water bills for hundreds of dollars.

The water meter study is scheduled to be discussed further at Monday night's meeting.

LIVONIA

MEIJER EYES THEATER

A longtime Livonia landmark, the George Burns Theater, could be demolished if plans to build a Meijer store at Farmington and Plymouth take root.

Southfield-based Schostak Brothers & Co. Inc. and city officials met about a month ago to talk about redeveloping the 23-acre site for a top-of-the-line Meijer store, complete with garden center, said Mayor Jack Kirksey.

The developers are expected to present conceptual plans for the megastore shortly to the Plymouth Road Development Authority.

The building formerly housed the Mai Kai Movie Theater.

It reopened twice to live theater. Both ventures failed, and the parking lot is now used to store vehicles for Bill Brown Ford.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

BODY FOUND

A dead man and the weathered, rusty gun likely used to end his life were found Monday

in a wooded area east of I-275 in Plymouth Township.

A nearby resident called police after finding skeletal remains and clothing "that tends to make us believe it was a male," said police Detective David Hayes.

"It was just clothing and bones," Hayes said. "The skull appeared to have a gunshot wound to the head." He declined to speculate how long the man had been dead.

The body is being examined by the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office. Police are also checking missing persons records.

The body was found behind houses along a strip of Eckles. The houses face east on the road, which marks the Livonia-Plymouth Township border.

The man had no identification on him, police said. They found \$11 and some change in his pocket.

"A lot of our accidents are occurring because people are speeding and not paying attention," he added.

Other intersection rankings were:

■ No. 2: Wayne and Cherry Hill

■ No. 3: Warren and Newburgh

■ No. 4: Ford and Newburgh

■ No. 5: Wayne and Warren

■ No. 6: Wayne and Warren

■ No. 7: Wayne and Cowan

■ No. 8: Warren-Central City Parkway

■ No. 9: Cherry Hill and Merriam

■ No. 10: Merriman and Ann Arbor Trail

REDFORD TOWNSHIP

FORMER LAWMAKER DIES

Former Township Treasurer and longtime State Rep. John Bennett, a Democrat, died March 29. He was 85.

"He really was close to people. He always took time to take a phone call," said Carol Marra, his daughter.

He attended Wayne State University and Walsh College. He worked as an accountant at Ford Motor Co. In 1955 he was elected Redford Township treasurer.

He was later elected to the 34th state House seat, serving for 26 years. The district also served part of Livonia.

His accomplishments in the legislature include a law that can be used to stop hostile takeovers of small or individual businesses.

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Symphony offers its dinner concert

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents its annual Pops Dinner Concert at 6 p.m., Friday, April 17 at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

The Plymouth Symphony League will also host their annual auction fund raiser, with the silent auction to begin at 6 p.m., and the live auction at intermission.

Raffle tickets also will be sold. First prize is \$1,000, second, two airline tickets, and third, a 13-inch color television.

See any board member or orchestra member to purchase raffle tickets. Auction items are still needed if anyone would like to donate.

Music for the concert will be taken from famous movies, including Phantom of the Opera, Schindler's List, Lawrence of Arabia, Rocky, and Superman.

Tickets for the dinner concert are \$45 for adults and \$25 for children. Tables of eight and 10 are available. Advance reservations are needed. Ticket deadline is April 6.

For tickets or more information, please call (734) 451-2112.

This concert is sponsored by Target Stores and Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Bankes from page A1



In the race: State Rep. Lyn Bankes is seeking election to the Wayne County Commission, taking current Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter's seat. He is seeking election to the state House.

wanted to do," Bankes said. "I've always wanted to work in Wayne County."

Bankes, 56, of Livonia, believes her six years' experience on the House Appropriations Committee qualify her to serve on the commission. About 25 percent of the \$33 billion state budget goes to Wayne County if

school districts and road money is included, along with the \$100 million for indigent health care. Wayne County has a \$3 billion budget.

"That's a lot," Bankes said. In 1981, Bankes helped write the Wayne County charter as a charter commissioner, representing Northville, Northville Township and Livonia. As treasurer on the charter commission, Bankes helped oversee a \$750,000 budget, of which \$150,000 was not spent.

From April 1983 to April 1984, Bankes worked as a legislative aide to former County Commissioner Mary Dumas.

State-level experience

As a state representative, Bankes was involved with welfare and health care reforms as a member of House subcommittee on community health and as a minority vice chair of the Family Independence Agency subcommittee.

"I think someone (on the county commission) who wrote the legislation, someone who implemented the legislation, is a benefit," Bankes said.

Bankes credits Gov. John Engler and the Republican caucus with the revitalization of Michigan's economy.

"We cut taxes, downsized government and gave people the tools they needed to work and experience self sufficiency,"

"We cut taxes, downsized government and gave people the tools they needed to work and experience self-sufficiency."

*Lyn Bankes
—State representative*

Bankes said. These are the same issues facing Wayne County, she added.

Bankes also worked on a proposed juvenile justice block grant program with County Executive Ed McNamara, who, incidentally, is a longtime friend of Bankes. Both are 1959 graduates of Redford High School and are active board members of the school's alumni association.

The grant program is expected to allow Wayne County to handle all of its juvenile offenders, but let the state control foster care. The deal was held up recently over a disagreement with a union.

"It's a good deal for the state, and it's a good deal for the county because they have more leverage and can be more creative with their programs," Bankes said.

Road funds

Bankes hopes to work for more road money for her district, which is also McNamara's home district. She calls roads her "No.

1 issue."

She points to a need for a traffic light on Sheldon Road in Plymouth. "Wayne County was going to give us \$60,000, but we needed \$60,000 from the state."

Bankes talked with an aide to state Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus, R-Alto, and days later, the state match was available. "That's how I like to work — through coalition building."

Bankes expects to spend the next several months making herself familiar with the county budget. Many state-funded programs, such as health care and welfare, have changed for counties.

"As these programs are funded by the state, we've changed things so much, that business as usual just can't cut it," Bankes said.

What does Bankes think of McNamara?

Bankes believes McNamara has hired "good people." Bankes commended Jeriel Heard, Wayne County's director of community justice, whom Bankes worked with on the juvenile justice block grant.

Financially, the county appears in better shape than when McNamara took office, Bankes said.

"The citizens of the county are much better off being out of debt than in debt," Bankes said.

CANTON TOWNSHIP ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 2:00 p.m., April 23, 1998 for the following:

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TERRY G. BENNETT
Clerk

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"NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS" CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

TO THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OR ANY PERSON OR PERSONS, FIRM OR CORPORATION HAVING CHARGE OF ANY LAND IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON:

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan must be cut and destroyed on or before the first day of May, the first day of June, the first day of July, and the first day of August in each year and/or as needed and as often as may be necessary to prevent same from going to seed. Any owner, occupant, or person having charge of any such land must notify the Township that such weeds have been destroyed within three (3) days of such cutting. Any person failing to comply with this notice shall be liable to the imposition of the penalties set forth in Ordinance No. 64 of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the Township in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the Owner or occupant, shall be spread against the property on the next County and State tax roll or the next general Township tax roll and/or place a lien upon the property to secure the collection of such expense. The Township of Canton may notify by certified mail with return receipt requested, the owner, agent or occupant as shown on the current County and School tax roll, of any lands on which said noxious weeds are found growing. Such notice shall contain a summary of the provisions of this section of the Ordinance. Failure of the Township to give such notice shall not, however, constitute a defense to any action to enforce the payment of any penalty provided herein or any debt created hereunder.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

TERRY G. BENNETT,
Clerk

Publish: April 4, 1998

173803

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

April 9, 1998

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1998 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Roll Call: Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern, Williams
Acceptance of Agenda

1. Maas, Maas Enterprises, Inc., 5445 S. Sheldon Rd., Canton, MI 48188, for property located at 5445 S. Sheldon Road, Canton, MI 48188. Regarding Article 27, Section 05, Variances and Appeals, the applicant is appealing a decision by the Planning Commission relative to whether a specific use was permitted in the LI-2 zoning district pertaining to Article 22, Section 02, Permitted Uses and Structures. Parcel No. 136-99-0005-000 (Planning). (Tabled from November 13, 1997 meeting; Tabled from January 8, 1998 meeting; Tabled from February 12, 1998 meeting; Tabled from March 26, 1998 meeting.)
2. Frank Robesky, Jr., 46875 Creeks Bend, Canton, MI 48188, for property located at same. Appealing Article 2.09B, Yard & Bulk Regulations in Rear-Yards. The request is for a variance in order to build a wood deck. Parcel No. 111-04-0194-000 (Building)
3. John & Fran Bernard, 6050 N. Ridge Rd., Canton, MI 48187, for property located at same. Appealing Ordinance No. 110, Article 17.021, Section 2.1 (A), Pool Clearance. The request is for a variance in order to put an above ground swimming pool in the front yard. Parcel No. 031-99-0009-000 (Building)
4. Steve Seregny, 2230 Hannas Rd., Canton, MI 48188, for property located at same. Appealing Article 2.03 (D.1), Specific Requirements for Accessory Structures and Uses in Residential and Agricultural Districts. The request is for a variance to build a pole barn for storage. Parcel No. 097-99-0004-000 and 097-99-0003-000 (Building)
5. Rex & Terry Tubbs, 49639 Westminister Way, Canton, MI 48187, for property located at same. Appealing Article 26.02, Requirements for Agricultural and Residential Districts, Rear Yard Setbacks. The request is for a variance in order to add a screened in porch on top of a deck. Parcel No. 040-01-0958-000 (Building)

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 1998
Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of March 26, 1998

TERRY G. BENNETT
Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

The Charter Township of Canton will receive sealed bids in the Office of the Clerk, 1st floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 for the PARK DEVELOPMENT AT FREEDOM PARK until April 16, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern day light time, at which time and place all bids will be publicly read aloud. Bid must be enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words (Park Development at Freedom Park), name of bidder, date and time of bid opening.

Drawing(s) and Specifications may be obtained at Grissim/Metz Associates Inc, 37801 Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills MI 48331 on or after April 2, 1998. Please call (248) 347-3016 before picking up plans and specifications. A check in the amount of \$50.00 must be submitted as a deposit for each set of Drawing(s) and Specifications (Bid Package), same to be refunded upon return of Bid Package, in good condition, within ten (10) days of opening of Bids. Make check payable to Grissim/Metz Associates Inc.

The Township of Canton reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, in whole or in part and to waive any informalities therein. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion; age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT
Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 14, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request by Swiss American Screw Products, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property on a new facility located at 5740 Sheldon Road S. within the Swiss American Screw Products Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

A parcel of land being that part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 2 South, Range 8 East, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, described as the southern 259 feet of the east 429.0 feet. 2.55 acres Tax I.D. No. 135 99 0004 002

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Nursing students help scouts earn badge



Be Your Best: Madonna University nursing student Anita Williams discusses the importance of keeping your teeth clean to scouts at the "Be Your Best - Developing Health and Fitness" program at Madonna University. Amy Cronk, 7, (left) and Bethany Smith, 6, from Brownie Troop 1469 draw a picture to illustrate how to say no to drug use.

Students from Madonna University's nursing program instructed Brownies and Girl Scouts last Saturday morning on the components of the badge "Be Your Best: Developing Health and Fitness."

The components of the merit badge include: looking your best, avoiding harmful substances, physical fitness, nutrition, environmental factors and reducing stress. The 13 girls moved from session to session throughout the four-hour workshop receiving information and participating

in an activity specially planned by the nursing students. Madonna nursing school faculty and staff from St. Mary Hospital Community Outreach Department collaborated on the planning for this special program.



Lake from page A9

burgh Lake were carp, Van Omen said.

The lake will be restocked with several species of fingerlings, which are small fish less than a year old, including bluegills, largemouth bass, chan-

nel catfish, walleye, black crappie, northern pike and pumpkinseed sunfish.

The county also will restock bluegills, catfish, largemouth bass and northern pike at the Nankin impoundment of the

Rouge River, located downstream from Newburgh Lake between Stark and Merriman roads in Westland.

The fish restocking must take place within 30 days of the completion of the restoration project, according to an administrative order between Wayne County and the Michigan Department of

Environmental Quality.

Fish advisories remain in place for Rouge River fish. The state Health Department will need to lift that same advisory on Newburgh Lake, possibly in the year 2000, before any restocked fish can be caught and consumed by anglers there.

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Another bond The timing could be better

We credit Chuck Little, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools superintendent, for taking an aggressive approach to what he sees as a big problem three years from now — adequate space for middle school students. But we also have to question his political savvy.

Little announced his administration's intention to seek another bond issue by year's end as part of a sweeping package of proposed changes in the district over the next decade. The bonds would pay for construction of a new middle school in Canton designed, in part, to help offset the possible loss of space leased by Lowell Middle School. Some 730 Plymouth-Canton students currently attend Lowell, located in Westland and owned by Livonia Public Schools.

Little has said all along that voters would see additional ballot proposals as Plymouth-Canton continues to grow. In politics, though, timing is everything.

Coming back so soon after the March 1997 bond issue — approved by a margin of less than 1 percent and still facing a court challenge — could do more harm than good for Plymouth-Canton schools and for the community as a whole. A crushing defeat at the polls this time around could forever change the district's dynamics.

Last year's vote, although successful from the district's standpoint, was hardly a mandate for new school construction. Voters still have strong feelings about the fact that 720 ballots miscast on touch-screen voting machines didn't count.

Although an appeals court panel has assigned expedited status to the lawsuit filed by former state Rep. Jerry Vorva, there's a

■ Little has said all along that voters would see additional ballot proposals as Plymouth-Canton continues to grow. In politics, though, timing is everything.

good possibility the case will still be undecided when this second bond goes on the ballot.

Remember that three-fourths of the district's voting population has no direct connection to the schools. And even for likely bond supporters, there will be no tangible way to measure the district's progress in accommodating future growth.

Which brings up another point. School officials have been delivering mixed messages in recent months about Plymouth-Canton's future. Based on comments at recent school board meetings and enrollment projections released by the district, the public has to wonder:

■ If neighborhood schools are bursting at the seams, why does Plymouth-Canton need to "recruit" students from adjoining districts?

■ If portions of the district are seeing tremendous growth, that should lead to more state funding. Yet school officials have hinted of an upcoming financial crisis.

Then too, the district has known about the Lowell situation for years. Why wasn't it covered by the 1997 bond issue? Isn't the new elementary school on the 1997 bond supposed to be built so that it could be expanded into a middle school?

At first blush, a new bond proposal raises more questions than solutions. That's not the mindset you want from voters headed to the ballot box.

Gun permit bills are poor policy

Guns. Next to abortion and assisted suicide, it is one of the most emotionally-charged public issues in Michigan.

While many people are split on whether there should be more or less control on handguns, the public should be aware of an innocent-looking package of bills proposed by state legislators that threatens to do much more harm than good.

On the surface, the package of related bills, whose chief sponsor is state Rep. Alan Croysey, R-DeWitt, has some advantages. It would standardize statewide the rules for people applying for a concealed weapons permit and require that applicants complete a 12-hour firearms training course. One bill also allows government to revoke a permit of anyone with a blood alcohol level of 0.02 percent while carrying the pistol.

At present, each county has a board which reviews requests and approves them if the applicants can prove a reason to have the permit.

But the bill package in Lansing starts at the opposite end — requiring that the boards "shall issue" permits unless there are problems with the background of the applicant.

If approved, the bills will put more weapons in the hands of persons going about their daily business and pose a serious public safety threat to everyone.

While many believe that "law-abiding" citizens don't pose a threat while carrying a handgun to protect themselves outside their homes, the increase in the accessibility of handguns has a potential for misuse in a variety of situations.

The proposal to liberalize the concealed weapons permit laws, supported by a majority of the state House, is poor public policy and a clear public safety threat.

It should be rejected by the Legislature with support from the public.

There are several good reasons for opposing the bill.

One bill gives gun boards potentially abusable discretion to go in to closed-door sessions when discussing applications.

Michiganians should heed the warnings of two well-informed organizations which have voiced strong opposition to the bill.

While the bills seem harmless enough on the surface, the Observer agrees with the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan and the American College of Physicians in opposing the package of bills.

The prosecutors' association made the public policy position clear in a letter to a state representative.

"Every effort should be made to reduce the level of violence in our communities and to protect the lives and safety of our citizens," it said. "We are convinced that the move to liberalize the issuance of concealed weapons permits, if successful, can only serve to increase the number of tragedies that we witness daily from the misuse and accidental discharge of handguns," the association said.

The medical organization went one step further.

"The growing incidence of firearm violence has reached epidemic proportions. Members of the college overwhelmingly agree that firearm violence and the prevention of firearm injuries are public health issues of increasing concern and that physicians should be involved in counseling patients and support community actions to reduce injuries and deaths involving firearms."

Under Michigan law, a person with a permit to own a gun may carry that gun; he or she just may not carry it concealed. Michigan already has common-sense rules on carrying handguns. To roll back these restrictions and make Michigan a "shall issue" state would be a mistake.

The bottom line is that the life you save may be your own.

If writing to your state legislator, refer to House Bills 5551 through 5559, inclusive.

LETTER

A big thanks

We are writing to publicly thank the Huron Valley EMT and the Plymouth Community Fire Department.

Special thanks to the EMT crew and Capt. Eldridge, Lt. Haar, firefighters Mann and King of the Plymouth Community Fire Department.

On Sunday morning, March 1, 1998, they helped deliver our third baby. We appreciate the support they provided during our delivery in the most unexpected place — our Plymouth Township home.

Keith and Nicole Sanders
 Plymouth

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LETTERS

Losing touch

I was very interested to read your article on the state representative race for the 20th District, particularly the comments of Gerald Law regarding his support of the district during his tenure as state representative.

During my six years as supervisor of Plymouth Township I have had the pleasure to work with many elected officials at all levels of government. Unfortunately, Mr. Law has been conspicuously absent from almost every opportunity to meet with and address the needs of our local citizens.

I applaud Mueller's decision to raise the majority of her campaign money from individuals in the district. Good government is about representing the people in our community, and to do that we must ask them to take ownership of the process.

As supervisor of Plymouth Township, I want a state representative who knows the district, is accessible, and supports local programs and projects. K.C. Mueller has demonstrated these qualities, and I am convinced that she will represent our community.

Ms. Mueller does not need to find an issue, as Mr. Law represents in the Sunday Observer. There are many issues that Ms. Mueller has discussed over her six years as Plymouth Township trustee. The issue of losing touch with the district after seven terms in Lansing is real and should be discussed.

Kathleen Keen McCarthy
 supervisor
 Charter Township of Plymouth

Teach abstinence

On Wednesday, March 11, I had a 15-minute phone conversation with (Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Charles) Little asking why an Oakwood Hospital doctor who presents sex education, health, and abstinence issues to high school students (in an open forum, non-religious manner) was not permitted to be considered for a presentation at Salem High.

We find it especially disturbing as information about the publicized "sexual incident" at Salem came out the same day we were debating this issue with the man who oversees the education of our children.

While we totally agree, the size of P.C.E.P is out of control. I don't think that is the main reason why these kinds of incidents occur. We believe no one is too young or too old to be presented with options that have moral and com-

mon sense implications.

When we approached our son's "health ed" teacher at last year's open house about looking into having an infectious disease specialist come to make a presentation to the classes she seemed enthusiastic and asked for his name and number. She later refused, saying: "We decided not to have any special speakers."

At a later date, interestingly enough, our son and his Salem Close Up class were made to sit in, (without prior notice), on a live teleconference with a Colorado school whose agenda was to promote homosexuality and the right for students to consider all forms of sexual experimentation. When we asked for a copy of this broadcast we were told by teachers and administration that no copy was available. The principal, Mr. (Gerald) Ostoin, indicated he was not aware that this particular class had taken place.

It especially outraged us because this class occurred after we had a letter on file requesting our son's exclusion from these types of programs. (We had even received a letter from Mr. Ostoin verifying that this request would be honored by the school and the teachers.) When we went in to ask the teachers and Mr. Ostoin why this happened, we received no apology and were told: "We have to teach students about their civil rights."

What about our civil rights and our son's? Since that time, our son has been permitted to exclude himself from those types of sessions.

Basically, we wonder why school officials act surprised when "rapes" or any kind of inappropriate sexual conduct occurs at school. After all, many classrooms promote it in their instruction. Yes, Dr. Little, we did first appeal to the classroom teacher to at least give the abstinence side of the story some equal time, but we came to a dead end!

Knowing the principal's apparent slant on the subject of responsible and moral sexual conduct, we next appealed to you. In light of the publicized and non-publicized sexual incidents that occur at the high school, will you, too, ignore the request of concerned parents? Will you still refuse to give character and abstinence instruction a try?

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Emergency room visit lacks TV drama

I have to admit that I never watched hospital TV dramas. The closest I got to TV and hospitals is watching congressional committees on C-Span debate the minutiae of health care reform and its impact.

But twice in the past two months I got a closer look at the health care industry and how an emergency room operates - make that works.

The bottom line is that I gained an additional appreciation for the professionalism that ER staffers displayed as well as the smooth organization in place. While they take a bit longer than the actors on TV, they move quickly and efficiently.

On a Friday night in mid-January, I had to use the ER at Fairlane Clinic in Dearborn, part of the Henry Ford Health System.

I have to admit that the problem I was experiencing wasn't life-threatening at the time, but a doctor told me the next morning that it could have worsened to that point.

At Fairlane, I was in discomfort but not any great pain. The admitting clerk took my name, medical record number and symptoms.

The waiting room was occupied by about 15 to 20 people, ranging from small children to retirees.

Within 45 minutes, I was assigned to an examining room where a doctor and a registered nurse who I learned received his associate degree from Schoolcraft College started to take care of my medical concerns.

From what I remember from TV medical shows 30 years ago, there were plenty of sirens of ambulances rushing to the ER entrance, hurried doctors and nurses scurrying around in a wild frenzy. There was none of that in real life.

After being treated for several hours, I was told about midnight that I was to be "transported" by ambulance to Henry Ford Hospital's main campus.

During the 15-minute trip in my first ambulance trip in my 61 years, I learned the hard way that the suspension system in the vehicle could be vastly improved. In arriving at one of the busiest ERs in Detroit, I expected a continuous line of patients bloodied from family fights or barroom brawls. Maybe I have been watching too much local TV news programs.

Since I remained in a non-life threatening situation, I didn't expect to be seen by a physician soon.

While the ER had just enough space for six patients, if you placed two in a small walkway, the Detroit EMS vans and private ambulances never stopped their steady stream of

fresh arrivals.

My "neighbors" in the crowded hallway included an elderly woman with a respiratory problem, a teenager injured in an auto collision, and a woman, 40ish, rushed to the ER by her son after she fell down stairs.

The only "TV" ER case was a young man who was covered with blood after his girlfriend went after him with a broken beer bottle.

Clearly, my problem didn't seem that serious. The staff agreed.

Before I decided to try to sleep, I observed the smooth communications and professional skills of ER staffers and the people they dealt with.

I thought it was fairly busy, but a nurse told me that it's less hectic than most early Saturday mornings.

A nurse checked my blood pressure and pulse rate several times before I was taken to a small room down a



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hallway from the ER entrance.

Since it was about 2 a.m., I decided to take a nap. I was finally awakened about 8:30 a.m. - some eight hours after my arrival - to be taken to a room on the fourth floor.

I was happy with my treatment. I will also have a much better understanding of those otherwise dull congressional hearings on cable TV on reforming the health care system.

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Ameritech, fairness tough to put in same sentence

Every time I open the mail, Ameritech has a new opponent. Not just a competitor, but someone who thinks the telephone-tag company is evil.

Attorney General Frank J. Kelley has joined the fray. And if you think this columnist has been tough on Ameritech's badly-written and unreadable legal notices, you should read Kelley's attacks on the monopoly.

Next week is a big one in Judge Randall Bono's courtroom in Madison County, Ill. The judge is scheduled to approve or reject Ameritech's offer to settle a lawsuit for \$78 million. It's a class action case brought by Line Backer customers who said they were cheated.

"Plainly, this settlement is a complete ripoff for Ameritech customers," said Kelley as he objected to approval of the settlement. He cited these grounds:

■ The amount is inadequate. The original suit sought \$226 million. Ameritech is trying to settle for one-third of that amount plus the customers' attorneys' fees.

■ Ameritech isn't offering to pay cash but more of its dubious services. "Class members who are current IWMP (Inside Wire Maintenance Plans, or Line Backer) subscribers will receive a limited number of pay-per-use services (three-way calling, automatic dial back and repeat dialing), prepaid cards for Ameritech pay phones and expanded IWMP coverage," Kelley said.

■ Since customers paid cash, they should get cash back, not additional services," said the attorney general.

■ Class members would be forced to release Ameritech from liability for all deceptive practices which the company might have used since 1987. As I pointed out in an earlier column, Ameritech, even when caught and



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brought to court, refuses to admit it did anything wrong.

The attorneys general of Wisconsin and Ohio joined Kelley in objecting to the settlement. The Illinois attorney general filed a separate objection.

FYI, besides denouncing Ameritech in this column, I filed my own objection to the settlement. I asked Judge Bono to require Ameritech to re-send out notices of the settlement in the same-size headline and body type that

it used on its mailed advertising.

I also asked that the notice be written with sentences of 30 words maximum. The Ameritech notice had a sentence with 170 words and was virtually incomprehensible. I suspect Ameritech's lawyers deliberately made it unattractive and unreadable.

The knaves want you to buy more and more devices so that you have to play telephone tag rather than complete calls, but they don't want you to know about your legal rights in a lawsuit.

A second piece of mail comes from the Michigan Competitive Telecommunications Providers Association - that is, Ameritech's competitors.

MCTPA said Ameritech just jacked up some of our rates nearly 6 percent. As of March 1, when we make local toll calls (within our own area codes), the charge went up nearly 6 percent to 18 cents a minute.

"Last August it raised rates on

local toll calls - such as calls from Detroit to Mount Clemens - from 15 cent to 17 cents a minute. Interestingly, in Chicago, where Ameritech faces real competition for these calls, Ameritech charge only 4 cents a minute!" said MCTPA's president Richard McLellan.

McLellan, by the way, is a close political pal of a Republican named Engler.

McLellan goes on to detail three more places where Ameritech is jacking up rates. It is hard to explain them because Ameritech deliberately makes them difficult to understand; why else would it use such an obscure term as "intraLATA"?

One gets bruised knuckles beating up on Bob Cooper and his company's knavery, but it looks as if Ameritech doesn't want to do anything fairly.

Tim Richard's voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881. He reports on regional issues.

Modern snake oil comes to town

In the 19th century, there were traveling medicine shows. A snake-oil salesman would stand on the back of a wagon, claiming his tonic was a cure-all.

Folks living in the jerkwater towns of America sometimes believed and often bought the snake oil. Other times, the salesmen were discovered for what they were and run out of town.

But this quaint form of employment hasn't gone away in our modern age. To borrow a popular phrase used in all the up-to-date business books, they've "reinvented" themselves. They now call themselves developers.

The snake oil is Millennium Park, the proposed development for Ladbroke Detroit Race Course.

Developers claim the park will boost a booming local economy whose major problem seems to be a lack of room to expand. Just the phrase rings of claims that the tonic will cure "aches, pains, female complaints and snake bites."

But let's go further. The other claim is that Millennium Park will invigorate Livonia's older sections, particularly the Plymouth Road commercial corridor.

I live just off of what they call the "Plymouth Road corridor" in Livonia. If that corridor gets anymore invigorated I won't be able to make a turn on Melrose, my street.

The point here is that when any developer stands up and uses the right buzz words, such as "Millennium Park," "upscale restaurants," or "campus" setting, Livonia officials turn into 19th-century farmers buying snake oil.

One Chinese restaurant on the corner of the DRC property has already come and gone. It makes me wonder if Millennium Park shouldn't be called Jurassic Park.

This comes at expense of racing fans. Several weeks ago, I sat listening as two lamented the eventual closing of the race track at the end of the season. Thoroughbred horse racing in Detroit has become the victim of casino gambling.

"People just want instant gratification these days," said one fan. "You have to know something to bet on horses. It's not like playing slot machines."

He went on to blame younger gamblers for not supporting the race track.

He made a good point. The baby-boom generation, of which I'm a reluctant member, can't wait more than two minutes for anything. They clog their arteries with fast food, ignore the sport of kings - horse racing - and buy designer clothing as though for a few bucks they can instantly become a member of the upper-middle class. Even the state of Michigan cashes in on instant gratification with its lottery tickets.

Horse racing is a 19th-century activity. It's



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like baseball or classical music. All three are complicated and require that fans have knowledge and intelligence.

They also require patience. The race track is a complex symphony of odds, track conditions, the abilities of jockeys and horse breeding.

But perhaps the most beautiful and elusive part is finding a horse in which you can see the spirit in its eyes. That's one that wants to win.

It's obvious Mayor Jack Kirksey and his crew have no understanding of anything more than a tax base. The move to push DRC out of the community has been relentless.

A race track is as much of a community asset as a symphony or a baseball team.

Race track crowds are integrated ones. There are blacks and Hispanics.

One argument used is the cost of police protection at DRC. Kirksey and other city officials claim it costs the city about \$80,000 to provide police protection.

It begs a question: When the race track closes, will the Livonia police budget be reduced by that same amount?

Will my property taxes go down?

No they won't. It's a false issue. Where would the cops who direct traffic at the race track be, if they weren't there? Chances are they'd be drinking coffee at the Looney Bakery.

Livonia has lost its chance to encourage both social and cultural diversity in the community and has fallen for the Millennium Park snake-oil pitch.

Gone will be horse racing and in its place will be nothing more than another development which will clog traffic, and cause more congestion in our already-crowded community.

Millennium Park will produce more tax money for city hall officials to spend and that's about it.

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Supporters work to revive bilingual teaching

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Teachers and parents from area school districts have started an uphill battle to revive bilingual teaching in public schools.

"In Southfield, the commitment is there. We need a commitment from the state," teacher Nidahl DeCesare told the House Education Committee last month.

"There are many, many success stories of people who came here speaking Russian, Arabic, Spanish."

Rasmia Kassab, a Southfield mother wearing a Vandenberg School sweatshirt, credited bilingual classes for teaching her

English.

Professor Phyllis Noda, of the Eastern Michigan University faculty and president of the Michigan Association for Bilingual Education, said Michigan looks at bilingual teaching as a burden when it should look at bilingual kids as "a precious resource — they all have a second language. We're a free-trade zone, folks."

"We don't want that money (\$4.2 million from the state in the last year of the program). We want that mandate. The only thing that motivated some districts was the stick (state mandate)."

Bilingual education means teaching pupils in their native

language for three years or until their English proficiency is great enough to allow mainstreaming. Michigan mandated it for more than 20 years until 1996 when the School Code was revised to eliminate as many rules as possible.

Michigan spent \$4.2 million a year for bilingualism's last 11 fiscal years, with no inflation adjustment. With the new School Code, the money was folded into the school aid budget. The money is there, but school districts have no mandate from Lansing to continue bilingual instruction.

Rep. Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, is sponsor of a bill to restore bilingual instruction.

"There is an allegiance to the flag that includes all persons. There is no better way to give them an opportunity than this," she told the panel.

Scott's bill would require a school district with 20 or more children of "limited English-speaking ability" in grades K-12 to operate a bilingual instruction program. If fewer than 20 had limited English in a district, the county intermediate district would determine whether to operate a countywide program.

Education chair Sharon Gire, D-Macomb County, took testimony but hasn't scheduled a vote.

Committee members prodded Professor Noda about costs. "If we mandate it," said Rep. James

McNutt, R-Midland, "we have to fund it."

Noda said "nebulous estimates" placed the number of eligible students at 56,000 to 75,000 statewide. At \$289 per pupil, the minimum cost would be \$16 million a year.

Deborah Vargas, a Rochester Hills resident teaching in Pontiac, recalled that when her parents came from Puerto Rico, "I couldn't speak a word of English. After kindergarten, I was looked at for special education because they thought I was dumb."

Now in charge of bilingual education in Pontiac, Vargas said a second language should be looked at as an asset.

Javier Garibay, a Detroit

father, said, "My wife and I have made a decision to teach our children in Spanish. This (bill) will protect bilingual education." He estimated 9,500 Detroit children have limited English proficiency.

The battle is uphill because the mood in Lansing is against writing mandates into law that may contain growing costs down the road.

No one spoke against the bill — a sign that many education lobbyists saw no need to fight a bill that probably isn't going anywhere.

Refer to House bill 4196 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, PO Box 30014, Lansing 48909.

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Pride gets in the way sometimes

John and Sue were in the car, driving to a party on the other side of town. As they got closer to their destination, John realized that he wasn't exactly sure about where he was going.

Sue noticed his hesitancy and piped up with, "John, if you don't know where you're going, why don't we stop and ask?" This infuriated John.

"I know exactly where I'm going," he shot back.

Why did her question make John so angry? What gets in the way of our taking a suggestion?

That ugly old four-letter word called pride does. Pride can get in the middle of more relationships than we can count, wreaking havoc on them. A client came into the office several years ago and could not stop raving and ranting about how her husband never took her advice.

"He just won't listen to me. Just yesterday he was trying to fix the garbage disposal. I tried to tell him that he was using the wrong tool, but his pride got in the way and he'd sooner shoot the messenger than do it the right way. I don't get it."

As John Gray points out in "Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus," men have a need to be autonomous and achieve on their own. This proves their competence and gives them power. When they hear someone giving them advice it makes them feel like, "You don't trust me... you think I'm incompetent." Then their prideful nature takes over. "I won't succumb to her... I'm going to do it my way."

Does this mean women are exempt from being prideful? No, it's an equal opportunity ailment. Women's possessiveness to their principles can also override truth, as in the lady who insists on driving 60 miles per hour in the left lane. "I have a right to drive in the left lane."

Pride can be boastful. Pride can be arrogant, self-righteous. As Webster's Dictionary says, "pride makes one feel like they possess a high and unreasonable opinion of their own excellence."

Can it be good?

Can pride ever be good? Yes, when you speak with pride about how your child won the soccer tournament. Yes, when you passed that extremely hard test. Yes, when you conquered something that took massive willpower like losing weight. But pride can also eat at your relationships with family and friends.

If you're serious about having meaningful, fulfilling, productive relationships you can't afford to let the "bad" pride get in the way. You know pride has reared its ugly head when self-defensiveness and self-protection emerge. You know your prideful self has come out when you've done something wrong and you cannot admit to it. That darn old pride just gets in the way of eating crow.

Sammy was a 12-year-old boy. When he arrived in the counseling office, he looked like an average sixth-grader, though he acted quite brash and cocky. The therapist suspected that he might be on the verge of getting into trouble.

His suspicions were confirmed when he heard Sam's latest escapade. He told stories to the therapist about how he started smoking cigarettes when he was 11, and how last weekend he and his friends had stolen beer from the party store and downed all 12 beers in rapid succession.

When the therapist later shared the information with mom, recommending a drug assessment be done on the boy, he suspected appearance was everything to that mother.

"Well," she commented, "you know how boys experiment with all kinds of things. I really don't think a drug assessment is necessary. I'll just tell him I won't tolerate that behavior"

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Parents get pointers on parenting



Dispelling the myths: Ray Guarendi, a clinical psychologist specializing in parenting and childhood, told his audience that "discipline without love is harsh" and "love without discipline is child abuse." Listening closely to what was said by the Parents' Day keynote speaker was Barry Levine, who gave his daughter, Jessica, a hug.



They may have been there because they're considerate and involved or being eaten up by their kids, but parents found plenty of information at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Parents' Day '98.

While rumors swirled of a tornado in Livonia, a whirlwind captured the attention of parents visiting East Middle School in Plymouth on Saturday.

Enthusiastic Ray Guarendi darted across the stage and alternately raised and lowered his voice as he told humorous stories about parenting at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Parents' Day '98.

Laughter filled the cafetorium as Guarendi, a clinical psychologist specializing in parenting and childhood problems, kicked off the 4 1/2-hour seminar with his talk on "You're a better parent than you think."

He guessed that there were one of two reasons why the 300 parents came to the event, co-sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

"You're either loving, considerate, involved parents or your kids are eating you up," he said.

That comment introduced the participants to his talk which was

focused on parents and anyone else who works with children who "are having their confidence, peace of mind and authority undercut by a number of widespread myths that have been pushed upon them by the experts, the media and almost everybody else," his literature reads. "Victimized by these false notions, many parents and educators are plagued by groundless worry, guilt and frustration."

Guarendi's talk identified several of these myths.

The Canton, Ohio, resident said discipline is the No. 1 problem he sees as a psychologist.

"What a struggle discipline has now become for American parents. Why are so many big people frustrated with so many little people?"

Guarendi said he doesn't understand why adults, who are much larger than children, let their kids do what they want. He explained that discipline is an integral part of morals and character.



"If you love the boy and you're his mother, discipline comes with a soft landing," he said. "If we don't discipline them now, automatically we're turning it over to the people out there and it's hard. If you're standing in front of a judge and you say 'I'm the middle child, I have an identity problem and I'm left-handed,' do you think he's going to say, 'Did you tell the prosecutor that? I'm sure they'll drop the case.'"

"Discipline is a loving, durable gift. Discipline without love is harsh. Love without discipline is child abuse."

Psychological correctness

Parents who are lax in disciplining their children, he said, suffer from "psychological correctness." They worry too much about what the experts deem to be correct way of handling children. As a psychologist, Guarendi said he sees doctors and child psychologists as clients who are concerned about that.

"They're up on all the child development theories and their children are eating them up alive," he said.

Other parents, he said, come up with creative ideas on how to get their points across. One mom, Guarendi explained, gave her son a road map when he threatened to run

away. Another parent told her son to take off all his clothing before he left.

"You came into the world naked, you're not leaving with my stuff," he recalled the mother telling him.

Parents, he said, should not "parent by consensus." If a child says, "Well, everyone else in school gets to watch television," stick to your guns.

"Go to parent-teacher conferences all the way to the 12th grade," he said. "I am convinced that if you are going to be a great parent and raise great kids, you are very often going to feel alone," he said.

Manners are one of the easiest things to teach children, he explained.

"The procedure is simple; the repetition will kill you," he said. "Manners make parents look good in public. That's why they don't use them. Don't take them out in public. Invariably they will pull some stunt that is embarrassing. If people know you're a shrink, the pressure is worse."

He shared stories of the nine children he and his wife have, all of whom are adopted.

"You're out with your spouse for the first time alone in four years; all you want is peace," he said. "Then you look at the door and you see me"

Please see PARENTS' DAY, B2

Holy Week: God's people ready for Easter

Palm Sunday, April 5, marks the beginning of Holy Week as area churches celebrate the passion of Christ. His journey to the cross begins with this festival and continues through to His resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 12.

The Christian life is a journey of faith in God's love through Christ. The season of Lent - "springtime" in Middle English - is a time for growth in faith that is a work in love.

During the 40 days of Lent, Believers make their own journey to Jerusalem with Jesus, determined to leave behind the "old self," equally determined to put on the "new self," to borrow terms from St. Paul.

Traditionally, this journey has included such practices as fasting, giving up personal pleasures, giving extra time to prayer and special services of worship.

During Lent, Jesus beckons people to join Him as He travels towards death and resurrection. With that journey in mind, local churches are putting the finishing touches on their Holy Week and Easter observances.

St. John's Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes Ave., east of Inkster Road and south of I-96, Redford, (313) 538-2660

Holy Week at St. John's will begin with Palm Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m.

On Maundy Thursday, April 9, worship will be at 7:30 p.m. The service will include the ritual foot washing, Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar, while worship on Good Friday, April 10, will be a candlelight Tenebrae service at 7:30 a.m.

An Easter Vigil will start at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11, and include music, Holy Communion and a prelude to the Resurrection.

Easter Sunday will start off with an Easter break-



fast at 9 a.m., followed by worship with Holy Communion, handbells, special instrument and choir music at 10:30 a.m.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, and the Canton Campus, 46001 Warreh Road, Canton (734) 522-6830

Festival Palm Sunday services will be at 8:30 and 11 a.m. The Christ Our Savior Choir and handbell choirs will perform "All Glory Laud and Honor," while the Cherub, Choristers, Handbells, Brass and Christ Our Savior choirs will join in singing "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" by Timothy Mayfield. Palm crosses will be distributed to all worshippers.

Special music will highlight the 9:30 a.m. service at Christ Our Savior-Canton, and each worshipper will receive a palm cross.

On Maundy Thursday, worship will be at 7:30 p.m. with Holy Communion at both the Livonia and Canton campuses.

Special music from the Christ Our Savior Choir and Woodwind Choir will enhance the Livonia worship, and there will be a drama, "Rock Like," in which a remorseful Peter, whose faith was rock like, denies Christ but is remembered by Him. As part of the service, the altar will be stripped of all cloths, candles and furnishings in preparation for Good Friday.

The Good Friday service of the cross will be at 12:30 p.m. in Livonia with special music. There also will be a drama involving the Roman Centurion who nailed Christ to the cross and then realizes He is truly the son of God.

At the Livonia campus, a Tenebrae service of "The Deepening Darkness" with scripture and music will unfold the story of Christ's crucifixion and death.

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walk in with nine children under 11. You don't say to yourself, 'Is this precious or what?' You say, 'Oh, dear Lord. How did they get past security?'

Impressive turnout

Guarendi, who also has appeared on "Oprah" and "CBS This Morning," was impressed with the number of fathers who showed up for the seminar.

"My compliment to the numbers of fathers that are here. We're not as versatile as moms. Moms have to go to Lamaze classes to learn how to be moms. So dads must go to Lapaze classes to learn how to be dads."

Guarendi used that as a segue to tell guy jokes.

"You know you've approached middle age when your wife gives up sex for Lent and you don't notice it until the Monday after Easter," he said to laughter. "If a man is in the woods all alone and there's no women there to hear him speak, if he speaks is he still wrong?"

During his hourlong talk, Guarendi explained that unlike this generation, he would never cross his father. "My father loved me desperately. When my dad said, 'Ray, I asked you once to leave your sister alone,' I couldn't conceive of getting up. I knew something bad would happen."

Guarendi takes his father's beliefs one step further with his children.

One of his adopted sons put up a struggle when it was time for bed. Guarendi responded by firmly holding his son in his bed until he gave up fighting. That took only a couple minutes, he explained.

He also has "blackouts" when children are only allowed the



Hard choices: Even with her husband there, Darlene Symons of Canton had to admit that it was hard to attend all the Parents' Day's break-out sessions that they wanted to.

basic necessities - no phone, television, computer, transportation, etc.

After Guarendi's talk, the parents split up into break-out sessions. Kathy Gardner, a mother of two from Canton, chose to attend "An Intro to Gangs and Other 'Unsavory Characters'" with Officer Mike Steckel who works with gangs in Canton.

For the second session, she visited "Sex, Drugs and Rock 'n' Roll" with Brian Spitzbergen of Growth Works in Canton to learn the signs of alcohol and drug use.

"I have an eighth-grader who is going to high school next year," she said. "I hear lots of stories. I want to be aware of what's going on."

Local folk legend Josh White Jr.'s voice resonated through the

halls as he and storyteller Gillian Eaton of Detroit StoryLiving of the Detroit Historical Museum stressed the importance of using arts to maximize learning. They explained how song can be used to teach subjects such as slavery and the Underground Railroad.

"My daughter is involved in the arts and they showed how we can use that," said Gwobaw Wu of Canton.

In between sessions, Larry and Pat Watson of Plymouth, the parents of a 12-year-old, stopped by the sponsors' booths. They attended "I Hate It When That Happens!" with Peggy Schneider, who discussed how to help your child cope with frustrations at school, develop confidence-building and problem-solving strategies.

"This one had a lot of hand-outs; she helped with getting homework time in and the importance of family dinners," Pat Watson said. "I work afternoons so we might develop a family breakfast. It's always great to get good information."

Darlene Symons had a hard time choosing which break-out sessions to attend.

"I'm a parent here trying to learn as much as I can. We need twice as much time here. Even with two people here - my husband is here, too - it's still hard to go to all the sessions we want to go to," said Symons of Canton, whose children range in age from 11 to 28. "I do know that Ray Guarendi is an outstanding speaker and had a lot to offer. I hope they bring him back next year."



New strategies: Pat and Larry Watson learned some new ways to help their 12-year-old with frustrations at school, develop confidence-building and problem-solving strategies in "I Hate It When That Happens!"

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any more." The therapist could tell that the mother's prideful nature was going to keep her from acting responsibly. He saw that she feared that her child might get labeled as a "druggie" which would imply somehow that she had not done her job. Pride can get in the way of doing the right

thing for our children. Pride by contrast to humility keeps us stuck in our principles when they may be ill-founded. Your principle might be: I can always figure it out myself and never have to ask for help.

This erroneous motto may keep new employees from asking

for help when they become overwhelmed with a work project. It may keep a child from telling the truth when the parent tells them they're lying. It keeps spouses at arm's length when they cannot admit that they are wrong.

So think of it this way. Pride may goeth before a fall, but it goeth a lot quicker after one.

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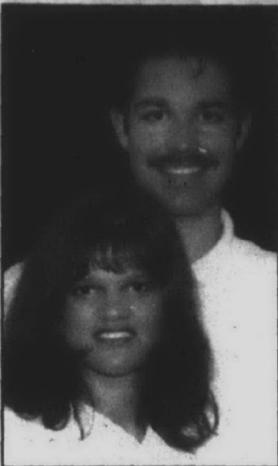
Luty-Whyte

The parents of Linda R. Luty and James A. Whyte announce the engagement of their children from Livonia and Redford.

The bride to be is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She works in management for a major car rental company.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Thurston High School in Redford. He is an automobile sales representative at a local Ford dealership.

A May wedding is planned.



Wescott-Farren

John and Carol Gambotto of Redford and John and Karen Wescott of Hale announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Wescott, to Frank Albert Farren, the son of Francis and Nancy Farren of Naples, Fla.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Redford Thurston High School and Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic. She is in practice at Wescott Chiropractic in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Bentley High School and Control Data Institute. He is employed by U.S. Web.

A July wedding is planned at St. Aidan's Catholic Church in Livonia.



Sunderman-Demko

Dan and Jeanne Sunderman of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Marie, to Richard Edward Demko, the son of Tom and Nancee Demko of Highland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is completing work on an office administration degree at Schoolcraft College. She is employed by Hines Park Ford Mercury in Milford.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Lakeland High School. He is employed by Stu Evans Lincoln Mercury in Garden City. An October 1999 wedding is being planned.



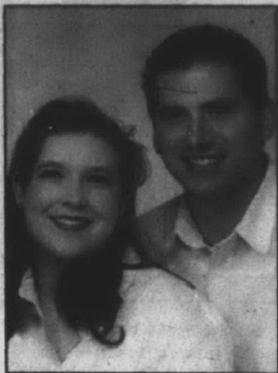
Isaac-Quenneville

Larry and Sally Loser of Holland, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Kay Isaac, to Mark Thomas Quenneville, the son of Bob and Phyllis Beusterien of Plymouth and the late Thomas Quenneville.

The bride-to-be is an accounting assistant for Uniform Color Company in Holland.

Her fiancé is an apparatus salesman for River City Electronics of Grandville.

A May wedding is planned for Dimment Chapel in Holland.



Dishmon-Richter

Lou Ann Richter and Banks M. Dishmon Jr. were married March 20 at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Livonia by the Rev. Emory Gravelle.

The bride is the daughter of Rosella Cox of Southgate. The groom is the son of Banks and Patsy Dishmon of Frisco, Texas.

The bride is an administrative assistant for the Enhanced Media Department for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. The groom is publisher of the Observer Newspapers.

The Dishmons, who proudly boast of being the parents of six, asked their children - Amanda Richter, Amber Dishmon, Ashley Richter, Joshua Dishmon, Andrew Richter and Jonathan



Dishmon - to serve as their attendants.

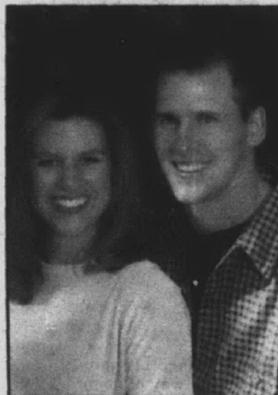
Poirier-Pace

Lynn M. Cullen of Livonia and Harold A. Poirier of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee L., to Karl A. Pace, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pace of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is a senior at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School. He is employed by Browning-Ferris Industries.

A May wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth.



Kravez-Franklin

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



Swift-Churchill

Lowell and Yvonne Swift of Lowell announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy, to Jeff Churchill, the son of Al and Audrey Churchill of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lowell High School and Michigan Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. She is employed by Dow Corning of Midland.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Michigan Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering. He also is employed at Dow Corning of Midland.

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

WEEKEND

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.

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. 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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The VFW No. 6695 Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast 9 a.m. to noon, Sunday April 5, at the VFW No. 6695 Hall, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. Cost is \$3.50. This event is open to the public. For more information, call Ann Smith at 453-1529.

AROUND TOWN

SPEAKER

Kathleen Straus, president of the State Board of Education, will speak at noon at the Tonquish Creek Economic Club, at the Plymouth Manor, 345 N. Main. Tickets are \$20 and available by calling, 455-1166.

REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 1998-99 school year is being held in all elementary schools. 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. Registration for kindergarten will be held from 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 6, at "Tanger Kids" Time Office, 30260 Five Mile, Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 420-7040.

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.

YMCA

The Plymouth YMCA is now taking registration for Spring T-ball, Coach Pitch, Youth Softball League and Spring Soccer League. Other programs being offered are Preschool sport classes, Aerobics, Camp Tonquish, Camp Jelly-beanz and much more. Call the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904 to register or for more information.

EASTER BUNNY

The Easter Bunny will make an appearance 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at Keller & Stein, 42158 Michigan Ave., Canton. Be sure to stop in and receive your free picture with the Easter Bunny compliments of Keller & Stein.

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.

GOLF LEAGUE

The "Sundowners I" women's golf league still has openings for play at 5:15 p.m. Mondays at Hill-top Golf Course in Plymouth. Golf begins April 20 and runs 18 weeks. For more information, call Kathy Santos at (734) 453-5929.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

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 Hospital.

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

RELOCATING TO PLYMOUTH

Chuck Costanza has joined Blue Line Distributing, a division of Little Caesar Enterprises, Inc., as senior vice president and general manager, and is relocating from Temple, Texas, to Plymouth.

In his new position, Costanza will oversee 17 regional distribution centers that serve Little Caesars, Mrs. Field's and Northwest Airlines, among other customers.



Costanza joins the Little Caesars family with more than 20 years of experience in the distribution business. He most recently was senior president of the Plains region of the McLane Company (a wholly owned subsidiary of Wal-Mart), the nation's largest grocery distributor to convenience stores. In addition, Costanza spent 14 years with the distribution group of the Southland Corporation which owns 7-Eleven convenience stores. He also worked for the federal government in both the Food and Drug Administration and the National Security Agency.

Costanza is a West Point graduate, and he has a master's degree and a Ph.D. from George Washington University.

PLYMOUTH Faces

RE-ELECTED TO BOARD

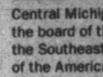
David A. Brandon, chairman and CEO of Valassis Communications, Inc. has been re-elected as chairman of the board of trustees of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. This will be Brandon's second year as chairman.

The Plymouth Township resident is responsible for the strategic planning and day-to-day operations of Valassis Communications, Inc., a Fortune 500 company.

A 1974 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts degree in speech communications, Brandon joined Valassis more than 19 years ago after working in sales and management for Proctor & Gamble.

Brandon serves as chairman of the board of trustees of the

Central Michigan University, and is on the board of the Purple Rose Theatre, the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.



Brandon

will 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.

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.

SCHOOL OPENINGS

Livonia Little People's Co-op Preschool has openings for the school year in the 3- and 4-year-old classes. The preschool is at 8820 Wayne Road, just north of Joy. For more information, call 422-1176.

Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings now in all classes 18

months through 5 years old. Located in Livonia bordering Canton, Plymouth and Westland. Quality education offered with parental involvement. Low tuition. For more information, contact Michelle at (734) 421-6196.

Henry Clay Preschool Cooperative in Marshall Elementary School, 33901 Curtis, Six Mile and Farmington, Livonia, is accepting applications for the

1998-99 school year for 3-4-year-old classes. Morning and afternoon sessions are available. For more information, call Judy at (734) 953-9728.

New Morning School has new student openings. Openings exist for fall 1998 students in full and half-day kindergarten through the fifth grade at New Morning School. Mid-year openings are available for upper elementary students. New Morning School is a state-certified and licensed nonprofit school. For more information, call (734) 420-3331.

Fairlane Christian School is having open enrollment for preschool through grade 12 at 24425 Hass, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call

the school office at (313) 565-9800 or the preschool at (313) 565-9873.

Garfield Cooperative Preschool is having open enrollment for children 18 months to 5 years old. Registration is located at 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 finan-

cial 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 Saltz Road, Canton.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SOUNDINGS

Soundings is a Center for Women and offers a variety of career programs, professional development and personal growth classes and workshops. The center is at 4090 Packard Road in Ann Arbor. There is a job resource room, financial counseling, job hunters and numerous support groups. Call (734) 973-7723 for further information.

COMMUNITY HOSPICE

Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. (CHHCS) invites adults who have experienced the loss of someone significant in their lives to participate in the Adult Grief Support Group. The group meets 6:30-8 p.m. the third Monday of the month at CHHCS 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.

ARBOR HOSPICE

Arbor Hospice is offering a free seven-week grief support and education group from 7-8:30 p.m., starting Saturday, April 7, at the Northville Senior Citizen's Center. This group is recommended as a "first step" for people who have experienced a loss of any kind, a spouse, parent, sibling or close friend, whether the loss occurred recently or years ago. For more information or to register, please call Arbor Hospice at (734) 662-5999 ext. 114 or 1-800-783-5764.

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.

CELIAC SPRUE

For persons who have celiac sprue and dermatitis herpetiformis, their families and friends. Monthly meetings at the Southfield Presbyterian Church, 21575 W. 10 Mile in Southfield. For more information, call (248) 988-6996.

HIV/AIDS TESTING

The HIV/AIDS Resource Center (HARC) offers free walk-in testing at a variety of locations throughout Washtenaw, Livingston and other counties. Call (313) 572-9355.

LIFE MINISTRIES

Have a problem? Want to talk? Call Life Care Ministries at (313) 427-LIFE 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Confidential. No charge.

LEARNING DISABLED

Joel's Group is a group for the learning disabled and the educable mentally impaired that is looking for members. The group meets for social and educational activities Saturday nights. Call Joel Marwil at (248) 476-8741.

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.

SUBURBAN WEST

Suburban Nights presents a consumer-run drop-in center open to persons with psychiatric disabilities (18 years and older) who want to meet new people. The program is open from 4:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 12:30-9 p.m. Saturdays. For information, call before 4:30 p.m. at (734) 425-3777. The club is located at 27595 Schoolcraft, Building Three, Livonia.

VOLUNTEER WORK

CANCER SOCIETY

Your local American Cancer Society is in need of help. Opportunities for everyone, as your schedule allows. Call (248) 557-5353. Ext. 336.

ALZHEIMER'S

The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers to provide companionship to people experiencing memory loss. Those who volunteer receive an excellent orientation that provides them with the information and skills to brighten the life of someone with Alzheimer's. To learn more or to volunteer, call Adam Sterling, (248) 557-8277.

CALENDAR FORM

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

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Use additional sheet if necessary

CAMPUS NOTES

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

Eastern Michigan University has commended 3,907 undergraduate students for being named to the EMU dean's list for fall semester of the 1997-98 academic year. This includes Plymouth resi-

dents: Julie Marie Antoun, Ellen Louise August, Kristen Diana Baranowski, Judith Lynn Bogdon, Stacy L. Britt, Karl A. Buglione, Jeanne Madeline Cady, Stephanie Lynn Cionca, Kathleen E. Currier, Brian Lee Darling, Melanie Cathleen Davis, Jill E. Dennison, Jeffery Joseph Dillon, Marlene Catherine Erxleben, Jason samuel Fowler, Jennifer Lynn Galda, Heather Marie Gentry, Karen Y. Giles, Emily R. Giuliani, Leslie Ann Gotta, Tara Lynn Griffith, Linda G. Hatcher, Benjamin Stuart Hendricks, Brian Thomas Holbrook, Jamie L. Hus-

bler, Blythe Tyler Jahr, Jennifer J. Jaworowski, Sharon L. Leo, William A. Lincoln Jr., Jennifer E. Lock.

Also on the dean's list are Lance Gerard Loiselle, Rachel Anne Luedtke, Christalyn Danielle Mitcham, Amy Rose Morris, Jessica Mary Nehring, Benjamin Michael Nelson, Robert Joseph Opatry, Kari Diane Plesco, Loraine Joann Potochick, Lisa Michelle Pratt, Sandra Kathleen Raymond, Janice Anne Reissenweber, Stephen

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Family trip puts pioneers' treks West in perspective

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VIRGINIA PARKER

Twenty-five years ago, we took an extended family trip out West. At the end of each day, six of us plus our dog, Dandy, piled into our cozy, self-contained trailer. We traveled in relative luxury compared to the pioneers whose

basic trail we followed.

The first leg of the trip - Michigan, Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska - was a long haul, especially the drudgery of Nebraska's flat terrain. Everyone was tired of traveling and we had not yet even reached Colorado and Wyoming. "Imagine how weary the pioneers must have been by this point," we kept saying.

Each of us was awed when we finally approached the foothills of the Rockies. They rose in mag-

nificent contrast to the tiresome landscape around us. Our first thought was again of the pioneers. "Think how they felt, having come this far - then to see the Rockies loom up before them and realize, 'Now we have to cross those mountains!'"

I have since read many pioneer journals and diaries. Every time, I recall our trip. It gives me a frame of reference to fix their experiences in my mind.

I thought of Nebraska when I read about a woman who settled in the bleak western half of Kansas. She lived in a soddy - a dwelling that gave real meaning to the saying, "Sleep tight, don't let the bedbugs bite." She had not been away from the desolate prairie in two years. Finally, she accompanied her husband to the nearest town east of them. It was a considerable journey, undertaken only once every six months.

I can only imagine this poor woman's isolation when I read that she hugged a tree and wept

because it was the first one she had seen in two years!

Fraught with danger

No matter where the wagon train was bound, the westward trek was fraught with danger, discomfort and grief. The sojourners lacked protection from the summer's blazing sun and intense heat, winter's snow and numbing cold and nature's fickle unleashing of rainstorms at times in between. A good day's travel was 20 miles. For most people, that meant walking across the entire country beside the wagon.

Accounts from the Donner party tell of traversing the mountains in snow so deep that mules fell in their steps. Women, exhausted from carrying children, could not go on. One mother laid a buffalo robe on the ground beside the fire for her children, and then spread something over them. By morning, the makeshift bed was covered with a foot of snow. The road

was now totally impassable, so the party had to set about building cabins to last out the winter.

Burdened by breakdowns, many pioneers unloaded their belongings beside the trail to lighten their load. Many also buried their loved ones there, children and spouses alike. Diarists commonly noted the passing graves dug by earlier travelers. Each must have been a grim reminder of the newcomers' own vulnerability.

Rivers took a fair share of lives. Not infrequently, wives and children were left to their own devices after the trauma of watching their men drown, often while trying to retrieve cattle that had swum to the other side.

Such losses were oft times recorded in tandem with daily notations about the weather. Occasionally, however, the grief and trepidation spilled forth.

Elizabeth Dixon Smith holed up in a shed in Portland, Ore. - with two widows and their chil-

dren - while she tended her dying husband. Soon, the others moved on and left Smith alone to fend for her family in what she called their "leaky concern." The flimsy lean-to, tacked onto a cabin, admitted enough rain to put out their fire.

Smith's husband was so debilitated that she could only move him by lifting each corner of the sheet. For six weeks, she never even changed her clothes to sleep. The demands of parenting in the midst of this crisis must have been frizzling because, she wrote, in addition to all the sickness, she had to contend with an irritable baby.

Finished the journey

After the sad task of burying her husband, like pioneer widows before and after, Smith continued on. She was penniless and friendless, but Smith packed up her seven children, the belongings they could manage and finished the harrowing journey.

Personally, I don't think I could have been a pioneer. Still, circumstances have a way of shaping one's choices. Adventure drew some westward - women included - but it was desperation and hope for a better future that drove the majority of settlers. Most had no idea what they were getting into. Somehow, though, these resilient people did what they had to do when faced with adversity. I marvel that any were able to survive the hardships.

Following part of their trail 25 years ago gave me strong and lasting images. These allow me, in some small measure, to relate to where our pioneer ancestors went and what they saw. That experience helps bring the pages of each pioneer diary I read to life.

Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation. She lives in Canton Township.

ANNIVERSARIES

Arrington

Robert and Bonnie Arrington of Plymouth will celebrate their 50th anniversary with family and friends in Kansas City, Mo., in April.

The couple married March 26, 1948, in Osawatimie, Kansas. She is the former Bonnie Showman.

They have one married daughter, Deborah McLaughlin and husband James of Plymouth.

He retired 15 years ago from Ford Motor Company, and she retired from Hallmark gift store five years ago.

They are active members of Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia.



Rogers

Gerry and Patricia Rogers of Bad Axe celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a family dinner on Dec. 6 at Bill Knapp's in Livonia.

The couple graduated from Franklin High School in Livonia in 1969. She is the former Patricia Waling.

They have two children, Jason, 18, and Clayton, 15.

He is employed as a police officer for the Bad Axe Police Department while she works as a secretary in the pathology department at Huron Memorial Hospital.



Prosyk

Michael and Doris Prosyk of Plymouth Township celebrated their 25th anniversary at a small gathering of family and friends.

The couple married March 16, 1973, at Newburgh Church of Christ. She is the former Doris J. Guindon.

They have three children - Barbara, Mike and Karen - and three grandchildren.

He has been employed as a quality analyst at Delphi Chassis for 30 years. She is employed as a word processor for the law firm of Wood, Kull, Herschfus, Lay and Kull P.C.

They are members of the First Methodist Church of Plymouth and are active in the American Legion. They also enjoy hunting, fishing, camping and growing old together.

ERA advocate speaks to Farmington OWL

Laura Callow, the Michigan ERA representative to the ERA Summit, will be the guest speaker when Farmington OWL (Older Women's League) meets at 7 p.m. Monday, April 6, at the Farmington Community Library, 23500 Liberty St.

Callow will report on the latest activities in the ongoing struggle to gain constitutional equality for women.

The Livonia resident served as chairwoman of the Michigan Reamer from 1976 to 1988 and was an advocate for the Equal Rights Amendment and other women's rights issues on WJR Radio's "Point of View" program for eight years.

She is a founding member of the Northwest Wayne County Chapter of the National Organi-

zation for Women and was honored by Detroit NOW with the Alice Paul Award in 1977.

Callow also is a member and past president of the League of Women Voters of Livonia, and the American Association of University Women and a recipient of the Livonia AAUW branch's annual Salute to Women Award in 1978.

She also is a member and past chairwoman of the Livonia Human Relations Commission, and since a Livonia City Council appointment in 1996 has served on a committee charged with drawing up an Ethics Ordinance for the city.

Callow also is a member of the Women's Advisory Board of Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center.

Arbor Hospice sponsors grief support programs

A new young adult grief support group will begin meeting 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, at the Arbor Hospice Resi-

Scouts 'scout' for donations

Local Boy and Girl Scouts will once again conduct the "Scouting for Food" drive in selected neighborhoods Saturday, April 25.

Scouts will distribute food collection bags April 20-24 and return on April 25 to collect the canned food and other non-perishable goods.

Suggested canned donations include soups, vegetables, beef stew, chili and fruit. Other donations can include dry food, baby formula and personal care items.

All food donations will go to local agencies that feed families and individuals in need.

For more information call Scouting for Food chairwoman Linda Owczarzak at (734) 429-5108, Dave O'Leary at (734) 664-2843 or Dean Williams, Exploring executive for the Great Sauk Trail of the Boy Scouts of America, at (734) 971-7100.

dence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, across from the Ice Cube, Ann Arbor.

The six-week recovery group will deal with the process of loss and offer young adults an opportunity to share their experiences with sadness, guilt and anger with others who understand.

The group is for young adults, ages 18-25, who have experi-

enced a loss of any kind - loss of parent, sibling or close friend.

For more information and upcoming summer sessions and dates, call Arbor Hospice at (734) 662-5999 and ask for Fariba.

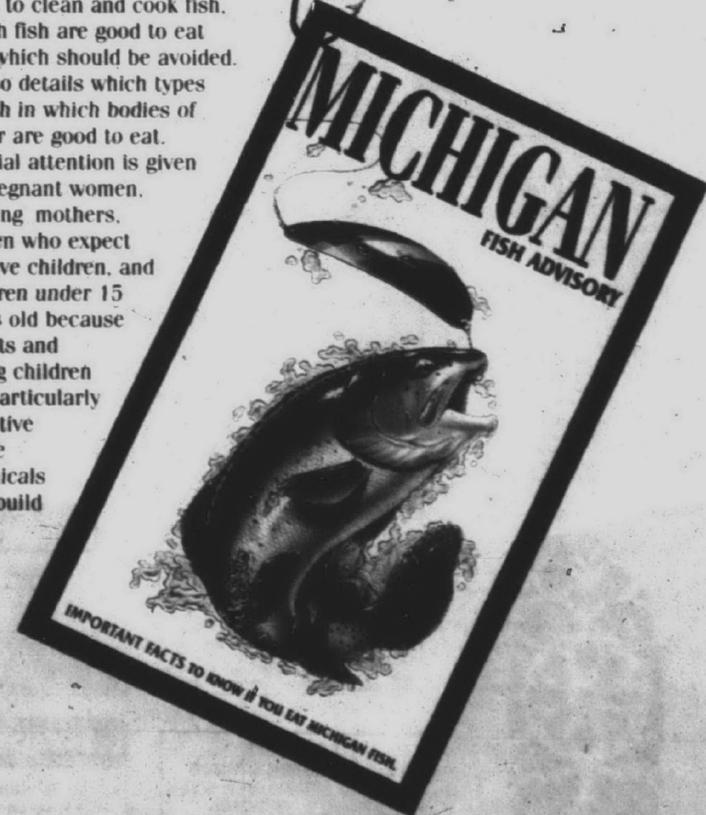
Arbor Hospice also is offering seven-week grief support series, beginning in April, in Northville, Wayne, Ann Arbor, Saline and Allen Park.

The groups are recommended as a "first step" for men and women who have experienced a loss of any kind - a spouse, parent, sibling, child or close friend, whether the loss occurred recently or not.

For more information, call Arbor Hospice at 1-800-783-5764 or Arbor Center in Northville at (248) 348-4980.

Catch this.

If you like to fish or if you eat fish, you might want to catch this FREE booklet. It contains information about the health benefits of eating fish, healthy ways to clean and cook fish, which fish are good to eat and which should be avoided. It also details which types of fish in which bodies of water are good to eat. Special attention is given to pregnant women, nursing mothers, women who expect to have children, and children under 15 years old because infants and young children are particularly sensitive to the chemicals that build up in fish.



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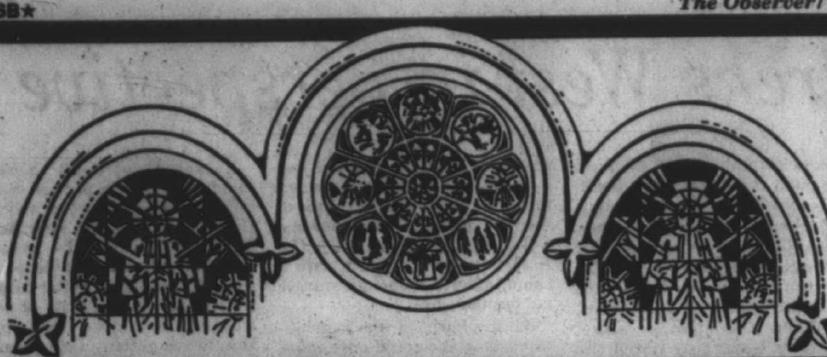
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Holy Week from page B1



Featured will be the Christ Our Savior, Cherub and Chorister choirs and congregational singing the church's commissioned choral piece, "There Is a Green Hill Far Away" by Charles W. Ore.

Easter Sunday will be celebrated at the Livonia campus with a 6:30 a.m. sunrise devotion and festival Communion services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. The Christ Our Savior, Cherub, Choristers, Handbell and Brass choirs will join together in performing "On the Third Day" by Allen Pote at each festival service. A staffed nursery will be available throughout the morning.

An Easter breakfast will be served by the church youth 7-10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children 4-10 years and free for children 3 and under.

Special music will highlight the Easter festival service at 9:30 a.m. at the Canton campus. An Easter brunch will be held after the service.

Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, (734) 422-0149

Palm Sunday services will be at 9:15 and 11 a.m. The Cantabile Bells, Cherub, Children and Youth Choirs will perform special music.

On Maundy Thursday, the Tennebrae service will be at 7:30 p.m. and include a dramatic portrayal of the Last Supper and Holy Communion. The Good Friday service will be at 12:15 p.m. Music for both services will be by the Chancel Choir, and child care will be provided.

On Easter Sunday, the sunrise worship service will be at 7:30 a.m. at Newburg Church at Greenmead Historical Village. A sunrise breakfast, sponsored by the United Methodist Men, will be served 7:30-10 a.m. in Guthrie Hall. The also will be worship services at 9:15 and 11 a.m. and Sunday School.

Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-6722

The celebration of the resurrection of Jesus will begin at 7 p.m. Good Friday with a service focused on the events of that

day. There will be singing, led by the Rev. Les Hardin, a message by the Rev. Mark McGilvrey on Golgotha, and an opportunity to participate in the Lord's Supper.

On Resurrection Sunday, the high school youth group will lead a sunrise service at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium. A continental breakfast will be served in the main foyer after that service and those at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-0211

The Passion history, choirs and a palm procession will be part of the Palm Sunday services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. And at 7:30 p.m., the Adult Choir and Trinity Bells with Chamber Orchestra will present the original 1893 version of Faure's Requiem. The Bells also will perform Faure's Pavane.

On Holy Wednesday, a healing service with lessons, meditation, prayers and individual anointing with oil for those who desire it will be conducted at 7:30 p.m., while on Maundy Thursday the 7:30 p.m. Communion service will include individual absolution and a stripping of the altar.

On Good Friday, Holy Trinity will join the St. Matthew's United Methodist, Church of the Savior, Reformed, Nativity United Church of Christ, Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian, St. Edith Catholic, St. Paul of the Cross Monastery and St. Timothy Presbyterian for a combined service at 1 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church. The Rev. Church Sonquist of St. Matthew's will be the speaker, and an interchurch choir will perform.

Good Friday evening there will be a dramatic service of readings with increasing darkness, climactic moment of Jesus' death and solemn closing at 7:30 p.m.

There will be three festival Communion services, with choirs, instrumentalists and a joyful Eucharist, at 8, 9:45 and 11:30 a.m. Easter Sunday

Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, (734) 421-7620

The Holy Week observance will begin with Palm Sunday worship services with Communion will be at 9:15 and 11 a.m.

On Maundy Thursdays, there will be a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Tennebrae Service of Shadows and Commu-

nion at 7:30 p.m., while an ecumenical service will be held noon to 3 p.m. Good Friday at Garden City Presbyterian.

On Easter Sunday, there will be a sunrise service at 7 a.m., followed by breakfast at 10:15 a.m. Worship services also will be conducted at 9:15 and 11 a.m.

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia, (734) 422-6038.

The Palm Sunday service will be at 10 a.m. The Sunday School children will grace church goers with palms.

On Maundy Thursday, there will be a 9:30 a.m. breakfast, followed by a 10:15 a.m. service. Marsha Woolley, associate pastor of the Ann Arbor First Methodist Church, will speak. The soloist will be Kathy Roseanne with accompanist Mickey Fiegl. Tickets are \$4 and are available in the church office.

The Easter Sunday worship service will be at 10 a.m.

Canton Community Church, 41600 Ann Arbor Trail, Canton, (734) 455-6022

The Palm Sunday services will be at 9:15 and 11 a.m. and feature a modern-day re-enactment of the Last Supper, while the Good Friday service will be at noon and feature a dramatized version of the folk tale, "The Tale of Three Trees."

Easter will be celebrated in song and drama at 9:15 and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 422-1470

A Maundy Thursday communion service at 7:30 p.m. will feature the one-man play, "Pontius Pilate" with Ron Smeenge.

Good Friday services will be noon to 3 p.m. Participants are invited to stay for the entire service or drop by and leave at any time.

Easter Sunday services will be at 7, 8:30 and 11 a.m. A pancake breakfast will be served 7:45-11 a.m. with proceeds benefitting the St. Paul's Habitat for Humanity mission trip to Americus, Ga.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville, (248) 348-7600

Holy Week at First Church will begin at the 11 a.m. Palm Sunday service when the orches-

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The Easter celebration will

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Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile, Northville, (248) 348-9030

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Title game run

Hope College's men's basketball team reached the NCAA Division III championship game before losing, 69-56 to Wisconsin-Platteville in Salem, Va.

Mark Bray, a 6-foot-2 sophomore guard from Plymouth (Plymouth Canton HS), appeared in 27 games for the Flying Dutchmen, who finished 26-5 for the season. Bray scored 53 points (2.0 a game), making 19-of-39 floor shots (48.7 percent).

OT game-winner

Jeff Gold knocked in the game-winning goal 6:52 into overtime Saturday to enable the Detroit Rockers to beat the Buffalo Blizzard 17-15 at Joe Louis Arena.

The victory ended a streak of 11 losses in 12 games for Detroit, which finished its season at 13-27. Buffalo slipped to 21-18.

Gold, from Plymouth, got the game-winner on an assist from Dennis Brose, who scored three goals himself — one of them assisted by Gold.

Gold finished the season with 14 two-point goals and 11 assists for 39 points.

Impact champions

The Canton Impact under-13 boys soccer team finished on top in their age division at the Sonny Therrien Memorial Tournament March 28-29 in Cincinnati.

The Impact, coached by Tom Masters and assisted by Bob Klump, held their opponents goalless (scores were 1-0, 1-0 and 4-0) to win their division. Against Team Cincinnati in the championship game, the Impact prevailed by a 3-1 margin.

Brad Westlund scored for the Canton team 13 minutes into the title match, but Team Cincinnati came back to tie the score before half time. Westlund scored again five minutes into the second half, and the Impact put the game away after Brent Clodgio's direct kick was mishandled by the Cincinnati keeper and Evan Baker, following the shot, pounded it into the back of the net.

Members of the Canton Impact are Evan Baker, Iain Bryant, Brent Clodgio, James DeLos Reyes, John DeVries, Kyle Grenfell, Justin Hajduk, Steve Kacala, Brian Klump, Mike Masters, Tim Oswalt, Jeff Packard, Tim Strabbing, Brad Westlund, Matt Wielechowski, and Steve Cox as a guest player, all from Canton; Charlie Carlson from Plymouth; and Paul Giordano from Westland.

Stingrays win league

The Plymouth-Canton Stingrays Midget AA hockey team followed their state championship run with a victory in the Little Caesars Amateur Hockey League playoffs Monday at Joe Louis Arena.

The Stingrays blanked both the Midland Stars and the Flint Icelanders in earlier playoff games. That advanced them to Monday's championship game against the Grosse Pointe Bulldogs. It didn't end in another shutout, but the Stingrays prevailed 4-2.

Goals came from Brad Feiler, Matt Krupa, Mike Deschaw and Matt Hosch. Krupa, who was named player of the game, and Hosch also had assists. Jesse Jones stopped 19 shots in goal for the Stingrays, who are in Anaheim, Calif., for the National Midget AA Hockey Championships this weekend.

Chief football boosters

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday (April 8) in Room 165 of Plymouth Canton HS.

Fund-raising goals for the 1998-99 school year will be discussed. All parents of Canton football-players, or parents of freshmen who wish to play football at Canton this fall, are encouraged to attend.

For further information, call Anne Sicilia at (734) 397-3046.

Adult softball

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services still has a few openings for its men's adult softball leagues. League play begins late this month.

Cost is \$290 per team. Sign up at the Parks and Recreation office (located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton) or call (734) 397-5110 for more information.

OT win gives Whalers 3-0 series lead



The Plymouth Whalers have quite apparently turned it around.

Through the end of the regular season, the Whalers had problems holding onto leads in the third period — a concern a team does not want to be saddled with going into the playoffs.

Well, the Whalers don't have to worry about that any longer. Last night in Belleville, Plymouth upended the Bulls 4-3 in overtime.

That gives the Whalers an almost insurmountable 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven playoff series. They can

wrap it up — and move into the Ontario Hockey League semifinals — with a victory over the Bulls Friday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Although the Whalers have a lead that seems unbeatable, it should be noted that they have outscored Belleville by just three goals. That's correct: All three games have been decided by one goal (scoring for Wednesday's game was unavailable).

Before 2,867 fans Tuesday in Belleville, the Whalers took a 2-0 series lead with a 3-2 victory.

Goalie Robert Esche, the game's first star, stopped 40-of-42 Bulls' shots.

It was 1-1 after one period, with Belleville's Jim

Midgley scoring first and Plymouth's Paul Mara tying it with a power-play goal.

Jesse Boulerice's goal 8:54 into the second period put the Whalers ahead, but this time the Bulls tied it, with a goal 1:43 later by Dan Cleary.

The game-winner came from Randy Fitzgerald just 2:05 into the final period. Yuri Babenko earned his second assist of the night on the goal.

Esche made 16 saves in the third period. Steve Wasyloko and Eric Gooldy also had assists for the Whalers.

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Returning ace: Gretchen Hudson was 16-3 for the WLAA champions last season, with a 0.90 earned run average.

Aiming to repeat Chiefs hopes rest on new cast

Looks like trouble for Plymouth Canton's softball team.

Lose 12 seniors from a team that won 31 games the previous season and you can't expect a heckuva lot — can you?

Well, don't count the Chiefs out quite yet. Sure, they have just four starters back, but they're four pretty good ones. This team could rebuild very quickly.

What would lead anyone to such a conclusion? How about this: 16-3, 0.90 earned run average.

Those are the numbers posted by Gretchen Hudson, Canton's pitching ace. A junior, she returns to give the Chiefs' hopes a major boost.

But as important as it is to have solid pitching, a team still needs defense and some hitting to be successful. Canton coach Jim Arnold, who guided the Chiefs to the Western Lakes Activities Association championship and a state district title last season, figures his team will have the latter. The former — defense — is another question.

"Our pitching is good, and

we're good at the corners (first and third base)," Arnold said. "The other positions are getting there, but still got a ways to go."

Elizabeth Elsner, a junior who played outfield last season, will be at first base. Sarah Freel, a senior, will be at third base.

Erica Hanzc, another senior who played at third last season, moves to catcher to fill one of the many holes Arnold has in his lineup.

"There are a tremendous amount of holes," he said. "But the young ladies are working very hard. I'm very pleased."

"I don't know if we'll win our division again, but we'll give it a shot."

Among the missing are outfielders Jenny Sikora (now at Henry Ford CC) and Amber LaGrow; shortstop Nikki Kovachevich (also at Henry Ford CC); second baseman Angela Litwin (now at Madonna University); and catcher Amy LaGrow.

Elsner's move to first base means all three outfield positions must be refilled.

But there are plenty of pos-

sibilities. Shortstop/outfield possibilities are sophomore Paula McKernan, who will also play centerfield ("She's a real good athlete — I've got a lot of confidence in her.") and junior Melissa Brown; at second, Carrie Kovachevich; another junior, will get the first shot.

Other outfield prospects are juniors Becky Mize, Kathy Mokienko (who will also see action at catcher), and Shelly Priebe, and senior Julie Price (she'll play second base, too). Kristy Even, a senior, will play some first base; Marie Cochran, a junior, will play catcher; and Lisa Baker, a sophomore, will be at third base.

Patty Snook, a senior, and Jenny Fisher, a junior, will back up Hudson at pitcher.

Although most of the team has no varsity experience, the offense has looked strong thus far. "Right now, for the beginning of the season, they're hitting the ball real well," said Arnold.

And weaknesses? "Our defense, maybe in the first part of the season," he said.

See CANTON SOFTBALL, C2

Pitching is the key for Salem

There are two major losses on Plymouth Salem's softball team for last year: shortstop Kara Best and center-fielder Kristan Los.

There's something else from last year the Rocks wouldn't mind losing — free passes.

An inexperienced pitching staff resulted in a team-record 283 walks. That won't be repeated, according to coach Bonnie Southerland.

The reason is the pitching returns. Shannon Coultas is back, but now she's a senior, with an additional year of experience.

"Our pitchers have a lot more confidence," said Southerland, including sophomore Amanda Sutton. "It's definitely improved. Shannon's developed some new pitches she didn't have last year. They both worked very hard dur-

ing the off-season."

Which is terrific, because if Salem can get its staff in order, the team could take off this season. That 14-19 overall record of a year ago, which included an eighth-place finish in the Western Lakes Activities Association, could be altered drastically.

But when Salem softball is the subject, the conversation should start with Stefanie Volpe. Now a senior, the catcher is coming off her "worst" season, at least as far as batting average is concerned. Volpe hit for a mere .500 average last season, with eight doubles, three triples, four home runs and 41 runs batted in.

As a sophomore, Volpe batted .573; as a freshman, she hit .512. That makes her career average at Salem .527, with 16 homers and 116 RBI. No

wonder the University of Michigan was quick to sign her.

One other key stat from last season — Volpe did not strike out. Not once. She walked 25 times.

"She's got it all," said Southerland. "I haven't seen anyone hit like Stefanie in all my years of coaching."

The Rocks have four other seniors: Karen Prosyk (.265, seven RBI), who will play first base and outfield; Jill Schmalhurst (.290, 28 RBI), who will share first base and the outfield with Prosyk; Becky Esper (.351, a team-high 50 runs scored, four triples, 26 RBI) at third base; and Katie Gaglead at second base and some pitching.

Two other returnees are juniors Maureen Buchanan, a utility player who was 4-1 as a pitcher and hit .287

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Among the best: Stefanie Volpe has already accepted a scholarship to U-M.

Spartans stop Canton

A misleading score? No other way to define Wednesday's early-season match between two of the state's best girls soccer teams.

For example: Match coaches with teams. One team scored three goals. The other team was shut out.

One coach wasn't entirely pleased. The other coach wasn't entirely displeased.

If you figure this to be a trick question, then you're absolutely right. Defending Class A state champion Livonia Stevenson owned the scoreboard, blanking visiting Plymouth Canton (the 1996 state champ) 3-0.

"We're happy with the win — don't get me wrong," said Stevenson coach Jim Kimble. "Anytime you come away with a win against Canton, you've got to be happy."

"But we're not happy with the way we did it. We're going to have to cut down on the number of opportunities we're giving up."

At the other end of the field, Canton coach Don Smith didn't like the way his team surrendered two first-half goals to the Spartans.

"They had two scrappy goals down there," Smith said. "They just kept coming. We were scrapping, but they just outscraped us."

But did Stevenson outplay the Chiefs? The scoreboard indicated yes; Smith said "no, not at all." And his counterpart, Kimble, concurred.

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Indeed, the Spartans were struggling a bit defensively against the hard-charging Chiefs in the first half. With freshman Anne Morrell applying relentless pressure up front, it seemed only a matter of time before Canton got on the board.

But as it turned out, that time never arrived. Which, ultimately, was the difference in the contest; the Chiefs couldn't finish their offensive opportunities.

And the Spartans? Well, they have Allison Campbell and Lindsay Gusick. 'Nuff said.

With the first half nearly half over, Gusick retrieved a free ball near the left corner and angled a pass to the front of the net. Campbell appeared to be marked, but as Canton keeper Kristin Lukasik charged out after the pass, Campbell slid past the Chiefs' defender and tipped the ball into the net, making it 1-0.

It was a defensive breakdown, and it wasn't the only one in the game for Canton.

With less than eight minutes left in the half, Gusick outfooted several Canton defenders and put the ball past Lukasik to make it 2-0 with 7:21 remaining. Campbell drew the assist.

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BOYS TRACK

Rocks prove best at Huron Relays

Now that's the way to open a season.

Yeah, sure, the weather's been great. As Plymouth Salem boys track coach Geoff Baker noted, all his guys were anxious to get out and run.

But you gotta figure other teams were just as eager. So the Rocks stirring start is due to much more than blue skies and warm temperatures.

Salem's first dual meet, at home Tuesday against Dearborn Divine Child, ended with a 70-54 score favoring the Rocks. But if that was impressive, it paled in comparison to their championship at last Saturday's Huron Relays in Ann Arbor.

More than 75 teams, from Ohio and Indiana as well as Michigan, were represented at the Huron Relays — adding that much more prestige to Salem's victory, which came by the narrowest of margins.

And as Baker will admit, with a bit of good fortune, too.

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Chiefs seek better fortune

The numbers are improved. And so, too, will Plymouth Canton's fortunes in boys track — or so coach Bob Richardson hopes.

There's a solid nucleus of returnees for Richardson to call upon, but then again, it must be noted that the Chiefs finished 10th out of 12 teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association last season. Still, with 75 out for the team, bolstered by a strong group of freshmen and sophomores, Richardson is confident his team will move up in the standings.

"Every year you think maybe this will be the year we make the big jump," said Richardson. "We lost some good seniors from last year, some sprinters and hurdlers. So right now we're looking for the right combinations (in those events)."

"We're hoping to at least be in the top six (in the WLAA) this year."

If Canton is to make a major move up in the league standings, it will require a strong season in its two strongest elements: distance running and field events.

Shaun Moore, one of the team's senior tri-captains, leads a distance group that returns everyone from last season but Adam DeGiorgio, who graduated. Moore placed 22nd in the state in cross country last fall.

He'll be joined by seniors Jerry Reynolds and Bryan Boyd, juniors Steve Blossom and Jason Rutter (who missed last season with an injury), and promising freshmen Marty Kane and Jon Mikosz.

In the sprints, the absence of Kwaku Dankwa, who suffered a knee injury in football, further depleted the Chiefs in an area hurt from the loss of Dave Koshizawa and Bill Iler, who graduated. Dankwa's availability for this season remains in question.

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Top returnee: Kevin Keil leads a strong discus group for Canton.

Senior co-captain Eric Larsen does return, however. Joining him in the sprints are seniors Larry Anderson and Jason Falardeau, junior Pete Andreoli, sophomores Nathan Howe and Gary Lee, and junior Udoka Nolim, a transfer student from Toronto who figures to see plenty of action in several events. Sophomore Clint Harris and freshman Jerry Gaines are also promising.

With the graduation of B.J. Page, Jeff Soash and Mike Zdziebko, Canton needs hurdlers. Aiming to fill the gap will be senior Wally Stang, junior Brian Kulczycki, sophomores Steve Haradon, Jim O'Brien and Harris, and freshmen Chris Kalis and Gaines.

There are plenty of possibilities in all the field events. Senior Kevin Keil, another tri-captain, was second in the discus at the state regional meet and fifth at the WLAA meet. He'll be joined in the throwing events by senior Mark Popejoy and juniors Pat Holland

and Jared Chapman.

Nnolim, Larsen, Kalis, Gaines and senior Josh Brunskole are candidates in the high jump; Larsen, Nnolim, Lee, Gaines, Harris and freshmen Jordan Chapman and Ugo Okwumabua are all possible long jumpers.

One more thing: The Chiefs won't be just giving away points this season. They will, indeed, be competing in the pole vault. Freshmen Jordan Chapman and Brian Page, and sophomore Mike Carpenter, are current vaulters.

"We do appreciate the opportunity," said Richardson. "We may not score, but at least we have the chance."

Ken Costantino will be the assistant coach handling vaulters for both Canton and Plymouth Salem, joining the Canton coaching staff that includes Paul Bedford, Jeremy Rheault and Terry Barnhart.

Last year, Westland John Glenn — the team the Chiefs open their season against, today at 5:30 p.m. at Canton — won the WLAA championship, with Farmington Harrison second and Salem third. Richardson figures those three will again challenge for the title, although the finish is likely to be altered.

"Most people are thinking Salem will be up there," he said. "John Glenn always finds a way to beat people, and Harrison has all those sprinters. Livonia Franklin will be in there again, and Walled Lake Central is coming on, too."

So where will Canton fit in? With so many new faces, and question marks in the sprints and hurdles, it's difficult for Richardson to accurately predict. But after a 10th place finish in the WLAA last year, there seems only one direction open to the Chiefs.

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Salem scored 37 points in the Relays, edging runner-up Grand Ledge by a half-point. And the closeness didn't end there.

Eight teams were jammed within seven points of first place. A half-point behind Grand Ledge, in third, was Traverse City Central with 36, followed by Lima (Ohio) Senior and Fort Wayne (Ind.), tied for fourth with 34 points. East Lansing was sixth (33), with Kalamazoo Loy Norrix seventh (32) and Detroit Mumford eighth (30).

"There were some pretty good teams there," said Baker. "And for once, finally, we got a break at the end that got us the win."

The Relays didn't start that way. Baker wondered why some of his relay teams were seeded in a slower heat than teams they beat easily. Had the Salem squads been seeded in a faster heat, they might have placed higher and scored better.

But if some schools took advantage of the system by submitting inaccurate seed times, so they could get into a faster heat, well — it all evened out in the end.

In the final race, the 4x400-meter relay, any of the top half-dozen teams could have won the meet. Salem's victory came in one of the unlikeliest of scenarios.

Grand Ledge led going into that event, with Fort Wayne right behind. But a Fort Wayne runner knocked down a Grand Ledge runner during the race; Fort Wayne was disqualified and Grand Ledge's chances were crippled by the mishap.

Salem's foursome of Andy Briggs, Mark Sheehan, Scott Kingslien and Ian Searcy finished fifth in the race (3:34.9). When Baker went to the officials' table to get the final results, he was astounded

when he was informed. "We didn't know we'd won, he said. "We were flabbergasted."

The Rocks' best previous score at the Huron Relays was last year, when they totaled 14 points. They came close to tripling that number.

The best finish for a Salem relay was a second in the 4x800 (8:12.6), by Briggs, Matt Anderson, Bobby Cushman and Searcy. The sprint medley team of Kingslien, Chris Mason, Mike Shull and Searcy was third (3:40.9).

Other scoring finishes for the Rocks: the distance medley relay team of Briggs, Sheehan, Cushman and Anderson, fifth (11:16.0); the 4x200 relay team of Shull, Sheehan, Kingslien and Searcy, seventh (1:37.4); and Jon Little in the open 3,200 meters, fifth (10:02.6).

Such an uplifting start to the season could not be derailed by Divine Child in Tuesday's dual meet.

The Rocks had one double-winner in individual events: Ryan Thomas, who was first in both the 110-meter (16.02) and 300-meter (43.8) hurdles.

Other individual event winners for Salem were Searcy in the high jump (6-foot); Karl Brandenburg in the shot put (42-0); Shull in the 100 (11.57); Briggs in the 1,600 (4:42.5); Theron Stinar in the 400 (56.6); and Donnie Warner in the 3,200 (11:08.0).

Shull, Dave Clemons, Kingslien and Searcy combined for a first in the 800 relay (1:34.7), and Briggs, Matt Fair, Trevor Davis and Kingslien teamed for a win in the 1,600 relay (3:42.4).

The Rocks open their Western Lakes Activities Association dual-meet season at 3:30 p.m. today at Livonia Churchill. On Saturday, they travel to the Pioneer Invitational in Ann Arbor.

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with 24 RBI; and Heather Sonntag, a left-fielder who hit .278 with eight RBI.

There are a half-dozen newcomers who are counted on to blend in at some key positions — like freshman Katie Kelly, who will take over for Best at shortstop. "She's got big shoes to fill, but I think she can do it," said Southerland. "She's got the knowledge, she knows her area. And she's very quick."

Dawn Allen, another fresh-

man, will be much like Buchanan — a do-everything type of player. Three sophomores help make Salem's depth one of the team's strengths: Jessica Chapman in the infield, Shae Potocki in the outfield and Julie Gowan at second base ("She'll be doing a lot of baserunning — this kid is fast," said Southerland of Gowan).

Bea Ferguson, a junior, will also see playing time in the outfield.

All in all, Salem is solid and deep everywhere but on the mound, where Coultas was just 5-14 with a 6.81 ERA last season. If those numbers improve, so will the Rocks.

"Our offense is probably the strongest" element on the team, said Southerland. "And we've got a lot of depth this year. I know I can call on anyone and they'll perform. Our leadership is good, too."

"If we can put it all together, if

our pitching comes through, if they can put it over the plate this year, we'll do all right."

The teams Salem will be chasing in the WLAA (or vice versa) are defending champ Plymouth Canton, Livonia Franklin and Walled Lake Central.

Should the Rocks match last year's .320 team batting average, if the defense is solid and the pitching is as improved as Southerland thinks, this could be a turnaround year.

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"But as we work together longer, once I get them set in their positions, I think they'll come on late in the season."

"We are going to have to improve our defense a little more, we'll have to be more aggressive on the basepaths and we'll have to jell as a team. They're learning, and they're

eager to learn."

How quickly they learn and jell may make the difference. Arnold sees several tough teams in the WLAA: Farmington, Walled Lake Central, Livonia Franklin and Livonia Stevenson all have potential.

But then again, so does Canton.

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COLLEGE SPORTS

Madonna scoring surge ends 3-game losing skid

Finally — bustin' out. Madonna University's baseball team hasn't had much trouble scoring runs. In their last four games, the Fighting Crusaders scored 35 runs (for the season, they're averaging nearly eight runs a game).

But they lost the first three in that string before breaking out with 20 runs in the fourth, beating Concordia College 20-1 in the second game of a double-header Sunday in Ann Arbor.

The problem with Madonna has been pitching and untimely errors. The Crusaders have given up 23 runs in those four games, five of them unearned (they have committed six errors). For the season, they have a 5.81 team earned run average, but they have also surrendered 42 unearned runs (on 42 errors), an average of 2.33 per game.

Last Sunday at Concordia, Mitch Jabczynski improved to 2-1 with the win in the second game, tossing three scoreless innings; he allowed one hit and no walks, striking out one.

J.R. Taylor led the offensive assault with a double and a single, scoring four runs and driving in four more. Brandon Jaskolski added three hits, scoring three runs with one run batted in; Neil Wildfong (from Plymouth Canton) and Todd Miller (Farmington Hills/Brother Rice) contributed two hits and three RBI apiece; Bob Hamp had a double and three RBI; Dave O'Neill had two hits and two RBI; and Mike LaPointe had two hits.

BASEBALL

The win gave Madonna a 7-11 overall record.

In Sunday's first game, the Crusaders rallied with a run in the top of the seventh to tie it at 4-4, but the Cardinals got the game-winner in the bottom of the frame to collect a 5-4 triumph.

Jason Carter (Livonia Churchhill), pitching in relief of starter James O'Connor (Redford Catholic Central; 4 2/3 innings, two earned runs, two hits, three walks), took the loss for Madonna, slipping to 0-2. He surrendered a run on five hits and a walk (with three strikeouts) in 1 2/3 innings. Scott Heron was the winner for Concordia.

Kevin Foley led the Crusader attack with a double and two RBI.

Aquinas 9-8, Madonna 5-6: Last Friday in Grand Rapids, Madonna was beaten twice by Aquinas. Mark Serra (0-3) gave up nine earned runs in five innings to absorb the loss in the first game; Bob Mason (1-3) took the loss in the second, allowing six earned runs in six innings.

Jeff Warholik had two hits in each game, driving in four runs in the second game with a double and a home run. He scored two runs in the first game.

Eric Marcotte (Plymouth Canton) had two hits and two RBI to lead Madonna in the first game.

Salem holds off Mustangs

Things are different this year. And Plymouth Salem soccer coach Doug Landefeld is glad of it.

A year ago, the Rocks stumbled at the start of the season; included in that beginning was a 3-0 loss to Northville.

On Monday at Northville, Salem got off to a rocky start again, allowing the Mustangs to draw first blood. But the Rocks recovered quickly, scoring twice before halftime and then repelling all second-half efforts by Northville to knot it as they posted a 2-1 victory.

The win raised Salem's record to 2-0 (the match scheduled at Troy last Saturday was postponed).

Lori Carbatt opened the scoring, getting a goal early in the match for Northville. But the Mustangs couldn't make it stand up; Missy Simons, moved to an attacking position by Landefeld, got the equalizer for Salem.

The game-winner came before halftime, with Kristina Seniuch knocking it in with an assist from Jami Coyle.

Two factors helped Salem take control of this match: Simons' offensive presence, and an improved defense that allowed Landefeld to keep his senior co-captain up front.

In the past, Simons has played several positions — but they were always defense-oriented.

"Now we've got her playing up front and she's playing great," said Landefeld, noting

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Simons' team-leading three goals scored in two games. "She's dangerous. We're attacking with less numbers, but we're hoping Missy and Mia (Sarkesian) can create opportunities. And it works."

Landefeld has gone to a more aggressive, somewhat simpler style. But it's an improved defense that's helped most.

"We start a lot of young people," he said, "but they're a year older and more experienced."

Against Northville, the key was neutralizing Bridget Bodell. That job went to junior Danelle Filipis, a task she handled well.

Also, the play of sophomore Kristen Shull at sweeper proved a plus. The Mustangs got few true chances to score the tying goal in the second half.

One that did get through, with 18:50 left in the second half, went off the post and was smothered by sophomore keeper Jenny Fitchett.

The best of the rest of the scoring chances belonged to Salem. With 8:15 remaining in the match, sophomore Jennine Edwards got in behind the Northville defense, which was forced to push forward in an attempt to get the tying goal. Edwards put her chance right at Mustang keeper Stephanie Myers, however.

It turned out another goal wasn't needed. The Rocks had enough to collect the win, their second-straight in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Canton 9, W.L. Central 0: A scary start to the season last Saturday may have served Plymouth Canton well Monday against visiting Walled Lake Central.

Janelle Cobor, Anne Morrell and Vicki Palis combined for seven of the Chiefs' goals in the lopsided victory, which raised their record to 2-0 (1-0 in the WLAA).

Cobor had three goals and an assist to lead the assault. Morrell contributed two goals and three assists, and Palis had two goals.

Melissa Marzolf chipped in with a goal and an assist, and Kelly Connell added a goal for Canton.

Kristen Lukasik started at keeper for the Chiefs.

Canton 3, Novi 2: Complacency and carelessness go hand in hand.

The Chiefs found that out in their season-opener Saturday against visiting Novi. Canton scored twice in the first half, then had to hang on when faced with a second-half Wildcat comeback.

Freshman Anne Morrell led the assault for the Chiefs with two goals. Vicki Palis got one goal, with Janelle Cobor collecting two assists and Abi Morrell getting another.

THE WEEK AHEAD

LIVONIA-WESTLAND SPORTS CARD PREP BASEBALL
Thursday, April 2
Redford Union at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Taylor Truman, 4 p.m.
Luth. W'sid at SF Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 3
Ply. Canton at Northville, 4 p.m.
Ply. Salem vs. W.L. Central (at W.L. Western), 4 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Farmington at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 4
(all double-headers unless noted)
Redford Union at Stevenson, 11 a.m.
Berkley at Churchill, noon.
Notre Dame at Redford CC, 2 p.m.
Thurston at Wayne, 2:30 p.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 2
Franklin at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
Thurston at Wayne, 4 p.m.
SF Christian at Luth. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 3
Northville at Ply. Canton, 4 p.m.
W.L. Central at Ply. Salem, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Farmington, 4 p.m.
N. Farmington at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Ladywood at Mercy (2), 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 4
(all double-headers unless noted)
Ply. Canton vs. Grosse Pointe South.
Canton vs. Grosse Pointe North.

Canton vs. H.W. Regina; at Grosse Pointe South
Stevenson at Redford Union, 11 a.m.
BOYS TRACK
Thursday, April 2
Salem at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Harrison, 3:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Thurston, 3:30 p.m.
Country Day, S'Field Christian at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 4
Canton, Salem at Pioneer Invit., 10 a.m.
GIRLS TRACK
Thursday, April 2
Churchill at Salem, 3:30 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Central, 3:30 p.m.
Harrison at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
Country Day, S'Field Christian at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 4
Spartan Relays at MSU, TBA.
GIRLS SOCCER
Friday, April 3

John Glenn at Dearborn, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Grosse Ile, 4 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Fairlane, 4:30 p.m.
Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Northville at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 4
Ply. Canton at Troy, 1 p.m.
Novi at Ply. Salem, 1:30 p.m.
COLLEGE BASEBALL
Saturday, April 4
Madonna at St. Xavier (2), 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 5
Madonna at St. Xavier (2), 11 a.m.
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 2
Madonna at Cornerstone (2), 3 p.m.
Friday, April 3
Madonna at Concordia (2), 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 4
Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Ladywood H.S. (2), 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 5
Madonna vs. Rochester College at Ladywood H.S. (2), 1 p.m.
TBA — Time to be announced.

ROUNDUP

Spring hockey
Registration is now under way for recreational Adult Spring Hockey Leagues. The Plymouth Rockets (over 20), Plymouth Masters (over 40), Golden Eagles (over 50) and Lady Rockets hockey leagues are now accepting sign-ups. Games will be played at the Plymouth and Suburban Training Center (in Farmington) arenas. There will be 12 games over six weeks. To register, call John Wilson at (248)471-0658. Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may fax them to (313) 591-7279.

Crusaders get split

She deserves better.

Angie VanDoorn has emerged as the pitching ace for Madonna University's softball team, even if her won/loss record doesn't indicate it. She has given up just seven earned runs in her team-high 48 innings pitched, giving her a 1.08 earned run average.

Unfortunately, that's translated into a 2-4 record. Last Sunday against visiting Tri-State University, VanDoorn allowed two runs (one earned) on six hits and no walks, but took the defeat in a 2-1 Madonna loss.

The Lady Crusaders bounced back in the second game, posting an 8-3 triumph to improve their record to 9-6-1 overall. Tri-State is 7-6 overall.

Rachel Steffner was the winning pitcher for the Thundering Herd in the first game, allowing six hits. Stephanie Dick had two of those, driving in Madonna's only run. Shawna Greene also had two hits.

In the second game, Janelle Leschinger improved to 4-1, allowing two runs (one earned)

SOFTBALL

on six hits and a walk in six innings. She struck out five.

The Crusaders collected 12 hits, with Kristy McDonald (from Redford Thurston) getting two hits, one a double, and three runs batted in, and Christy Riopelle slugging a two-run home run.

Jamie Heins and Stacey Piontkowski each had two hits and an RBI, and Vicki Malkowski had two hits.

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Salem tops Observer team

Observerland's top two volleyball teams were once again state Class A quarterfinalist Livonia Ladywood and regional runner-up Plymouth Salem.

Ladywood (53-9-1) won its seventh straight Catholic League playoff title and repeated as regional and district champions. The Blazers were ousted in a thrilling three-game match in the state tournament by eventual champion Temperance Bedford.

Salem (47-6-1) completed a perfect season in the Western Lakes Activities Association and went on to win a district title.

This year's All-Observer girls volleyball team reflects the strength of those two schools, each landing three on the first team.

It was also a breakthrough season for Livonia Franklin (26-16-7), which captured the Western Division title in the WLAA under coach Ann Hutchins.

The Patriots also pulled a surprise by knocking off WLAA runner-up Livonia Stevenson in the district semifinals.

For her efforts this year, Hutchins, who just completed her seventh season, came away with Observerland Coach of the Year honors.

Introducing the 1997-98 All-Observer Girls Volleyball Team as selected by the Observer sports staff.

FIRST TEAM

Sarah Poglits, Sr., Livonia Ladywood: The 6-2 Poglits, a repeat All-Area selection, gave Ladywood power on the right side as well as setting.

She paced the Blazers with 771 total assists and a kill efficiency of .438. She also had 75 total blocks and 106 aces.

Being left-handed and 6 feet, 2 inch-

es tall made her an offensive threat on the first, second or third touch," Ladywood coach Tom Teeters said.

"This, along with her ability to hit from the back row, gave Ladywood the edge necessary to win the regional."

Poglits, an All-Catholic League selection who played on four league championship teams, is headed to Loyola (Ill.) University on a volleyball scholarship.

Jenny Trott, Sr., Plymouth Salem: Perhaps the most telling moment regarding this 5-foot-9 outside hitter's value to the Rocks came when she wasn't in the lineup.

In the first game of the state regional tournament against Farmington Hills Mercy, Trott twisted her knee when she stepped on the referee's stand. She suffered a major knee injury, which will require surgery later this month.

With Trott out of the lineup, Salem managed to get past Mercy, but the Rocks were no match for Livonia Ladywood in the regional final.

Her greatest value to the team, according to Salem co-coach Allie Suffety, was "her leadership. I thought that was pretty indicative against Ladywood. She was the guts and glue that kept things together."

"When she went out, the team didn't adjust very well. She's one of the best athletes I've ever coached."

Trott, a second team all-state selection who's accepted a scholarship to play at Central Michigan, led Salem in serve reception, handling opponent's serves 48 percent of the time. She also served at 96.4 percent with 39 aces, had a team-high 304 digs, 29 blocks and 261 kills (second on the team).

"She deserves the opportunity to play (at CMU)," said Suffety. "Jenny is very motivated. She'll come back and play if she's physically able."

Jenny Young, Jr., Livonia Ladywood: Developed this season into one of the area's most dominating attackers leading the Blazers with 3.68 kills per game.

The 6-1 Young was one of the main reasons Ladywood reached the state Class A quarterfinals and finished 53-9-1 overall. She was also named to the All-Catholic League squad.

Young had 450 total kills hitting at a .301 clip.

"Jenny is a leader by example and has developed defensively as well as offensively," Teeters said. "Jenny has a bright future ahead of her. Her role at Ladywood will change as more responsibility is added."

1997-98 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Sarah Poglits, Sr., Liv. Ladywood
Jenny Trott, Sr., Ply. Salem
Jenny Young, Jr., Liv. Ladywood
Amanda Abraham, Sr., Ply. Salem
Stephanie Dulz, Jr., Liv. Stevenson
Brooke Hensman, Sr., Liv. Franklin
Angie Sillmon, Jr., Ply. Salem
MaryLu Hemme, Sr., Liv. Ladywood
Erin Fitzgerald, Sr., F.H. Mercy
Heather White, Sr., Red. Thurston

SECOND TEAM

Katie Brogan, Sr., Liv. Ladywood
Danielle Wensing, Sr., Liv. Franklin
Jackie Kibiko, Sr., Liv. Clarenceville
Michelle Berry, Sr., Liv. Clarenceville
Krista Kelley, Sr., F.H. Mercy
Jenny Lachapelle, Sr., Liv. Ladywood
Irena Bicankova, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
Christie Koester, Sr., Red. Thurston
Jessica Sherman, Sr., Liv. Churchill

THIRD TEAM

Stephanie Chefan, Sr., Ply. Canton
Anna Schweske, Jr., Luth. Westland
Chrissy Chavez, Jr., F.H. Harrison
Andrea Kmet, Soph., Liv. Franklin
Katie Callahan, Sr., N. Farmington
Kelly Street, Sr., Ply. Salem
Lindsay Pfeifer, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
Kari Flynn, Sr., Ply. Salem
Kase Mathena, Sr., Redford Union
Jamie Barker, Sr., Westland Glenn

COACH OF THE YEAR

Ann Hutchins, Liv. Franklin

HONORABLE MENTION

Livonia Ladywood: Natalie Rozell, Tracey DeWitt, Leslie Orzech; Plymouth Salem: Laine Sterling, Ellen Stemmer, Andrea Pruetz; Livonia Franklin: Jackie Ziem, Sarah Gush, Nicole Boyd, Tara Morrill, Lyndsay Sopko; Livonia Stevenson: Katie LeBlanc, Sarah Wittrock; Livonia Churchill: Jenny Duncan, Jennifer Laidlaw, Susan Hill, Lisa Fabirkiewicz, Beth Rutkowski; Westland John Glenn: Noelle Swartz, Jessica LeTourneau; Livonia Clarenceville: Agnieszka Palarz, Melissa Berry, Kristina Skrela; Lutheran Westland: Sarah Hoffmeier, Kristen Rae; Westland Huron Valley Lutheran: Stephanie Graves, Stacie Graves, Rachel Zahn; Farmington Harrison: Becky Vosler; North Farmington: Diana Gustkey, Rita Hinde; Farmington: Emilie Villemonte, Kelly DePotter; Farmington Hills Mercy: Mary Gignac, Amy Miller, Carrie Brankiewicz, Shayla O'Mara, Liz Dillon; Redford Union: Debbie Christensen, Jamie Matesic, Shannon McCuean; Redford Bishop Borgese: Eleisha Charles, Tanique Brunfield, Eshe Moody; Redford Thurston: Renee Montagano, Lisa Moore; Redford St. Agatha: Carrie Shinske, Katie Miller, Christina Fenbert; Garden City: Kelly Stone, Julie Fahner and Crystal Young; Plymouth Canton: Angie Germain, Amy Plagens, Elizabeth Elsner, Christy Even.



Stephanie Dulz
Livonia Stevenson



Amanda Abraham
Plymouth Salem



Angie Sillmon
Plymouth Salem



Jenny Young
Livonia Ladywood



MaryLu Hemme
Livonia Ladywood



Sarah Poglits
Livonia Ladywood



Erin Fitzgerald
Farmington Mercy



Brooke Hensman
Livonia Franklin



Heather White
Redford Thurston

season." Dulz was All-Western Lakes, team MVP, All-Academic for the region and nominated for the All-State team.

Amanda Abraham, Sr., Plymouth Salem: Although she led one of the best teams in Observerland in kills, Abraham will not receive a scholarship to play volleyball at the next level. That's because she's already accepted one to play basketball, at Holy Cross.

The 6-foot-2 middle hitter led the Rocks in kills (299) and blocks (88 solo, 79 block assists). She also served at 91 percent with 34 aces and had 126 digs.

"I wouldn't be at all surprised if (volleyball) wasn't something she went into later," Suffety said. "Amanda was a great player to coach, an amazing athlete. She's always been that way."

"She's really very coordinated and she works very hard to become better.

She always took it as a challenge to be a better player."

Abraham was a first-team all-WLAA selection.

Brooke Hensman, Sr., Livonia Franklin: The 5-10 middle hitter was a three-year varsity starter.

She won several honors this year including All-Western Lakes Activities Association, All-Region (Wayne County) and All-University of Michigan Dearborn Tournament.

Franklin's top offensive player racked up 293 kills in 103 games played (2.85 per game) with an attack percentage of .325.

She also averaged 1.18 blocks per game and finished with 139 total digs on the year.

"Brooke has been a major factor in the success of Franklin volleyball," Patriot coach Ann Hutchins said. "She was a very unselfish player with a very

mature presence.

"She excelled in the front row and had the ability to dominate the net and thus a match. She led the team in many attacking categories as well as being a tremendous captain to her teammates."

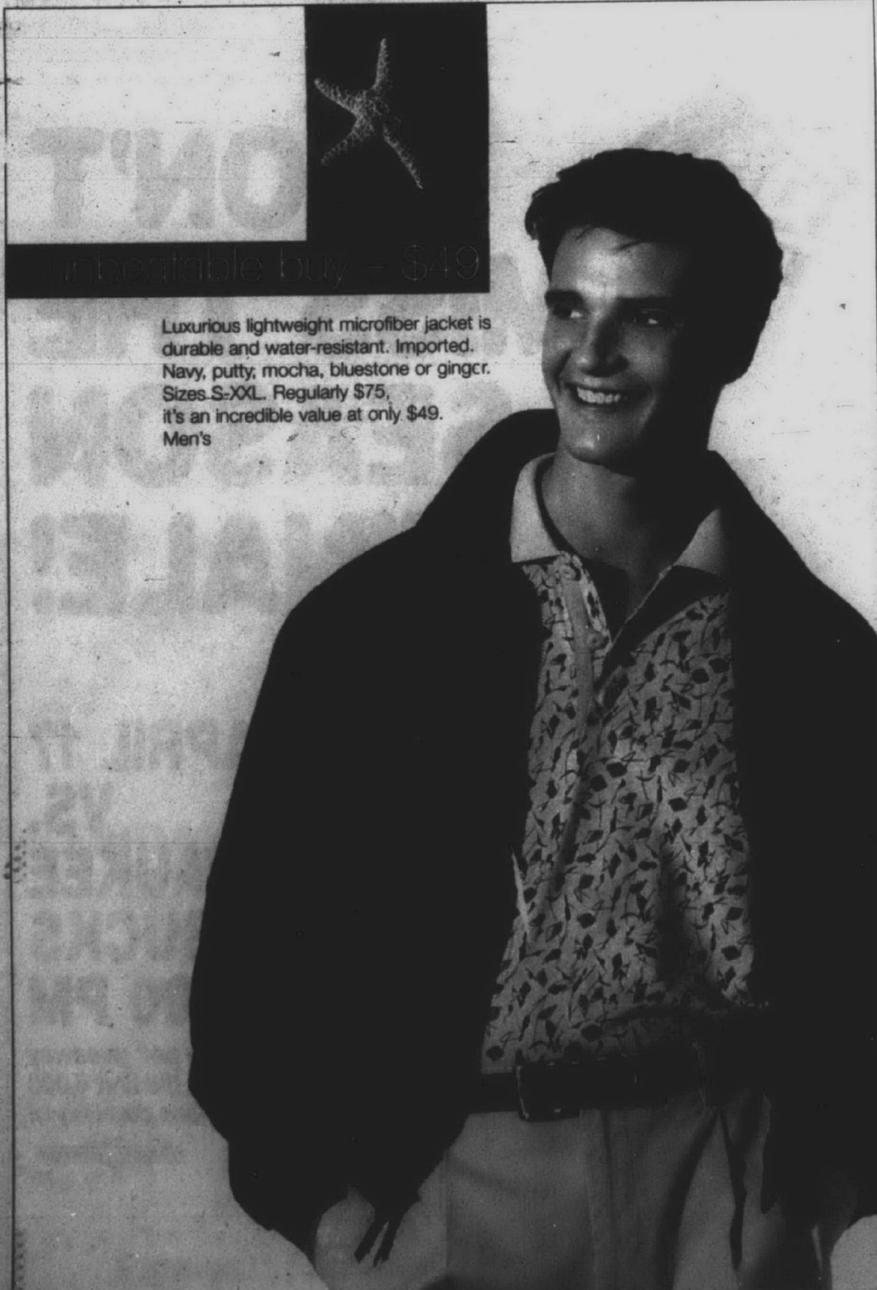
Angie Sillmon, Jr., Plymouth Salem: Sillmon did not post the same kind of numbers her teammates, Trott and Abraham, did. But that didn't stop her from drawing more attention.

"She is a great, great athlete," said Suffety. "And I think she'll be a great volleyball player. Whoever gets her will be very happy."

"She's incredible."

Although she has a year left, Sillmon is already atop Western Michigan University's recruiting list, and several other NCAA Division I schools — like Michigan State, Auburn, Ball State and Penn State — have shown interest.

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"She's got a lot of people's attention," said Suffety.

Sillmon was third among the Rocks in kills with 205, and ranked second in blocks (52 solo, 52 block assists). She also had 154 digs (third on the team) and 26 service aces.

"She came in as a ninth grader, never having played volleyball before," said Suffety.

Sillmon, a 5-foot-11 middle hitter, was also a first team all-WLAA selection.

MaryLu Hemme, Sr., Livonia Ladywood: Hemme was often the heart-and-soul of a talented Blazer squad.

A 5-foot-10 middle hitter, she was second on the team in solo blocks, third in passing and in digs. The Madonna University-bound Hemme hit a .232 clip with 88 total kills.

"I am very proud of MaryLu for the way she handled her role as co-captain and team motivator," Teeters said. "Her contributions in these areas and her ability to be a primary passer and middle hitter as a combination gave our team a player essential for its success."

Hemme was also an All-Catholic League choice.

Erin Fitzgerald, Sr., Farmington Hills

Mercy: The 5-foot-7 senior outside hitter was the most consistent and best all-around player for the Marlins, who won their ninth consecutive Class A district championship this year.

Fitzgerald was Mercy's percentage leader in serving (95.56) and serve-receive (89.98). She was third on the team with 254 kills and had a 21.78 kill percentage. Fitzgerald also had 48 aces out of 461 total serves.

"She's the kind of player who probably wouldn't stand out if you watched her for just one game," Mercy coach Ed Moeller said. "But, if you watched her over 10 games, she would realize she

was a standout player for us.

"She's extremely quick to the ball, one of the quickest I've coached. She has excellent jumping ability; she's the best jumper on our team."

Fitzgerald was a team captain, an excellent defensive player and a vocal leader who demonstrated strong leadership on the floor, according to Moeller.

"She was always rallying the girls for the big games," he said. "At the end of the season, we came up big in some games due to Erin's leadership. She was very, very consistent. I can say she had no more than two bad games the whole

year."

Heather White, Sr., Redford Thurston: Current Redford Thurston varsity coach Laura Gruenwald was the Eagles' freshman coach in 1994-95, the year White was a freshman.

Gruenwald knew she had no chance of coaching White at that level.

The 5-foot-8 outside hitter was a four-year member of the varsity and she was part of the starting lineup almost from Day 1. Thurston won four districts and one regional in White's career - a feat made more remarkable when it's noted that the Eagles have had three coaches during that stretch.

This year, White excelled all-around, averaging 3.5 kills per game, receiving at an 85 percent and serving at 89 percent. A 3.3 student, she will play at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"I can't say enough about her," Gruenwald said. "She's an all-around player, not just athletically and skilled, but smart player. She's an all-around nice person, very easy to coach. She's improved her court sense, knows where to put the ball, when to tip, doesn't always try to hit the ball hard. She's played for three coaches in four years and the fact she made it through that is pretty impressive."

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES

SWAP MEET
The Oakland County Sportsman's Club will hold its annual Sportsman's Swap Meet, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, at its clubhouse and grounds in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

CLASSES

BACKPACKING
Learn the basics of backpacking during this hands-on course, which runs April 2-May 10 and is offered by the School of Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR). Cost is \$75. Call Mike Banks at (313) 235-8129 for more information.

ROCK CLIMBING
Learn the basics of rock climbing during this course, which is offered by SOLAR and begins April 15. Call Jim Young at (810) 731-2504 for more information.

DUCK & GOOSE CALLING
West Bloomfield Community Education will offer a class in duck and goose calling beginning at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 27. Taught by noted waterfowl guide Lyman Burgess, the class will meet for one hour each week for four consecutive weeks, at the Orchard Lake Middle School. Registration fee is \$35. Call (248) 539-2290 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.

YOUTH FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will hold a Youth Fly Fishing School, 9a.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 chocolate. Call Dale Ross (734) 420-2233 or Tony Yuhas (248) 478-7461 to register and for more information.

HUNTER EDUCATION
Oakland County Sportsman's Club will hold a hunter education class beginning Thursday, April 30, at its clubhouse in Clarkston. The class will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m. on April 30, May 4, 5, 6 and 7 as well as 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9. Registration fee is \$6 and participants must be 12 years old by Dec. 31, 1998. Class size is limited. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

MORE HUNTER EDUCATION
Wayne County Sportsman'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 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.

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 Clarencville 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 banquet and fund raiser beginning at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Laurel Manor Banquet Center in Livonia. Tickets are \$40 each in advance and \$350 for a table of 10. Tickets will be \$50 at the door. To order tickets add for more information call (313) 513-7471.

DUCKS UNLIMITED
The Birmingham-Bloomfield-Troy Chapter of Ducks Unlimited

will hold its 21st annual Sportsman's Dinner on Wednesday, May 13, at the San Marino Club in Troy.

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.

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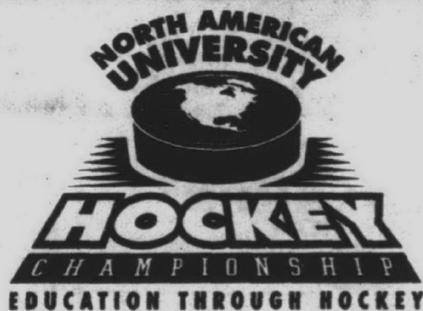
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Despite losses, CC will be tough in track

Redford Catholic Central has 130 boys on its track team and only 10 are seniors. That's the usual scenario at CC, where the team seems to be top heavy with underclassmen year in and year out. CC coach Tony Magni would like more to stick around for four years - but it's usually just wishful thinking. Even without a big senior class, the Shamrocks always rank among the Catholic League's best and challenge for one of the top three spots at the

Class A regional. "We have a lot of freshmen, unfortunately, we don't keep all of them," Magni said. "If they give it a chance a lot could contribute by the time they're seniors." The Shamrocks lost a handful of state qualifiers to graduation: Brian Teehey, John Griffin, Chris Laney, John Faunce, Brian Douglas and Dan Dominguez. The top individual returning appears to be senior Dave Popiel, a first-team All-Observer choice

in the high jump. He has a chance to qualify for the state meet, clearing 6-foot-5 in a recent indoors meet. Other top returnees include senior long distance runners Joe Hubert and Matt Shannon. Hubert has run the 1,600 meters in 4:35 and Shannon has run a 10:20 3,200 time. Senior Tim Finnerty runs the 100 and 200 dashes and is a valuable member of the 800 relay, running a 55.0 split. Brigea, a senior, is a strong 800

meter performer, while junior Chris Woehlke has run the 110 hurdles in 15.3 and junior Brent Barrick has jumped 19-10 in the long jump. Senior Don Slankster runs the hurdles. The Shamrocks are usually strong in the throwing events but experience is lacking. The top returnees are sophomores Mike Morris and John Kava. Junior Nick Brzezinski has come out for the team for the first time.

Canton soccer from C1

The Spartans came very close to adding another goal to their total with 2:20 to go in the half, but Deanna McGrath's hard shot from the left side rattled off the crossbar. "The difference tonight," said Kimble afterwards, "was Campbell and Gusick."

The Chiefs kept attacking throughout the second half, with the Morrells - Anne and her older sister, sophomore Abi - each coming very close to putting a shot past Stevenson keeper Jenny Barker.

Anne twice outlasted the Spartan defenders and got off shots on goal - once from the right side, once from the left - that got past Barker but went just wide of the far post. Abi came even closer, taking a direct kick from 25 yards out, to the right of the Stevenson goal. Her hard drive went over both the Spartan wall of defenders and Barker before slamming off the crossbar with

21:20 left in the match. The game's final goal was simply a spectacular play. Gusick got possession on the Stevenson side of midfield, on the left wing; she spied Campbell breaking towards goal on the right. Gusick sent a sharp pass that split the Canton defense and hit Campbell in stride, behind the Chiefs. Lukasik rushed out to challenge, but Campbell could not be stopped. Her goal, with 28:01 left, upped Stevenson's advantage to 3-0.

Which proved to be an unassailable lead, although the Chiefs remained aggressive - much to Kimble's dismay. "We're not as cohesive defensively as we'd like to be," he said. "We need to jell as a team." That will happen. And there's a good chance these two teams will meet again later in the season, with higher stakes.

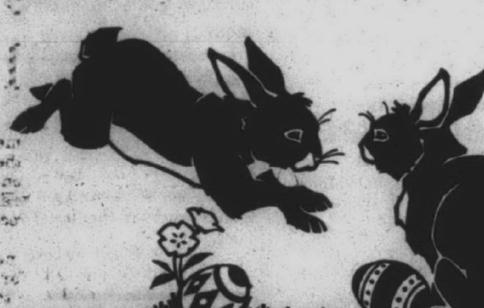
Whalers from page C1

WHALERS 6, BELLEVILLE 5: The Whalers should have been better rested. They should have been ready and raring to go. And yet, they had to battle back from behind to beat Belleville Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena in the best-of-seven series opener. Certainly Andrew Taylor and Fitzgerald did their share offensively for Plymouth. Taylor scored three first-period goals, the first two on-power plays, both assisted by

Nik Tselios. He scored his third goal with five seconds left in the first period; Harold Druken got the second of his three assists in the game. But the Bulls also scored three times in the first, with Joel Trotter and Ryan Ready getting a goal and an assist each in the period. The Whalers' third power-play goal of the game, this one by Julian Smith, came 3:09 into the second period. Midgley tied it 42 sec-

onds later, and 27 seconds after that Trotter scored for the second time in the game to put the Bulls in front, 5-4. Fitzgerald brought the Whalers back, scoring the tying goal with 10:23 left in the second, then getting the game-winner with just 28 seconds to go in the period. David Legwand got his second assist of the game on the winning score; Mara also had two assists in the game. Esche made 32 saves for the Whalers.

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Chief of State Board of Ed to speak

Kathleen Straus, president of the State Board of Education, will speak to the Tonquish Creek Economic Club at noon Wednesday, April 8, at the Plymouth Manor, 345 N. Main.

Straus, a Democrat from Detroit, was elected to the State Board of Education in November 1992, beginning an eight-year term on Jan. 1, 1993. She served as secretary to the board, 1993-94.

Straus has a long record of community activism, including work with the Michigan Constitutional Convention of 1963, which redefined the role of the State Board of Education. Until her retirement in 1991, Straus was president of the Center for Creative Studies, an arts education institution.

She was also director of government relations for the Michigan Association of School Boards, and served as staff direc-



Kathleen Straus

tor of the Education Committee of the Michigan Senate. Straus was the executive director of PRO Detroit (People and Responsible Organizations for Detroit), a community coalition of business, labor, civic groups and schools established to assure that court-ordered desegregation would be implemented smoothly and peacefully. She also worked in the administration of Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh, and for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Straus served on the State Board for Public Junior and Community Colleges for 10 years before her election to the State Board of Education. She also was one of Michigan's representatives to the Education Commission of the States, appointed by Gov. William Milliken and retained by Gov. James Blanchard.

Straus began her career as an economic analyst for the U.S. Treasury Department in Washington, D.C., and also worked as an economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

She earned her bachelor of arts degree in economics from Hunter College in New York. Straus is the mother of two adult children and has four grandchildren.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$20 and may be obtained by calling the Tonquish Creek Economic Club, 455-1166.

Sanitary sewer work affects roads

Motorists are advised that sanitary sewer work is underway along some Plymouth streets.

The majority of work on Wing Street, between Main and Harvey, is now complete. The sanitary sewer has been replaced and the road is currently being put back as a gravel road, which requires caution when driving, said Paul Sinecock, Plymouth assistant city manager.

Work also was expected to begin Monday on the Church Street sanitary sewer. This work will affect the intersections of Church and Adams, as well as Church and Harvey. Local access to homes will be maintained and residents should contact the inspector from Wade-Trim who will be on the job site should they have any questions regarding access to their homes.

The following streets will be closed with local access up to the construction site: Church Street,

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Main to Harvey; intersection of Church and Adams; intersection of Church and Harvey; Harvey Street, Penniman and William; Church Street, Blunk and Harvey.

The repair will involve the replacement of the sanitary sewer line on Church, between Adams and Harvey, with work into the Harvey Street intersection.

Construction is expected to last approximately seven to 10 days. If you have questions, call Paul Sinecock, 802-1808. Emergency Service Crews are advised to tour the site and become familiar with construction zone and plan alternate routing into and around the site.

MILITARY NEWS

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

TRAINING EXERCISE

Marine Sgt. Steven C. Sullivan, a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, recently participated in a training exercise while on a six-month deployment to Okinawa with 2nd Battalion 6th Marines, homebased at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Sullivan's unit is part of the Unit Deployment Program (UDP). UDP units based in the United States go to Okinawa for six months to train. From Okinawa they can deploy to mainland Japan, Korea and many other Pacific countries. He joined the Marine Corps in June 1991.

Marine Capt. Kerry J. Block recently participated in a training exercise while serving with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. The 1982 graduate of Livonia Stevenson

High School of Livonia, joined the Marine Corps in October 1988. Block is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, with a bachelor of science degree.

OPERATIONS

Marine 1st Lt. Douglas W. Smith, son of Nicholas and Joan E. Smith of Plymouth, has arrived in the Arabian Gulf with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Guam Amphibious Ready Group (ARG). President Bill Clinton ordered the ARG to the area in response to rising tensions there. The 1989 graduate of Chesterton High School joined the Marine Corps in November 1988. Smith is a 1993 graduate of Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., with a bachelor of arts degree.

GRADUATED

Army Pvt. Phillip N. Jeffers has graduated from One Station Training (OSUT) at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The train-

ing combines basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT). Jeffers is the son of Phillip W. Jeffers and Debra M. Norman of Canton. He is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Marine Capt. Kerry J. Block, whose wife, Janet, is the daughter of Harold B. and Dorothy Palmer of Plymouth, recently participated in a Special Operations Capable qualifications exercise while serving with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), forward deployed to Okinawa, Japan. The exercise was designed to train Block's unit in amphibious operations and combat hand-gunning, close-quarters battle, sniping, reconnaissance and surveillance. The exercise was held off the coast of Okinawa aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Belleau Wood.

The 1982 graduate of Livonia Stephenson High School of Livonia, Mich., joined the Marine Corps in October, 1988. Block is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti with a bachelor of science degree.

AWARD

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Mark P. Douglass of Canton recently received a Letter of Appreciation while assigned at Naval Air Reserve Activity, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mount Clemens. Douglass was recognized for his superior performance of duty. Displaying remarkable dedication and initiative, Douglass consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner.

ENLISTMENTS

Paul Justice of Canton has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Westland. The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$40,000 toward a college education. Justice, a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., for basic training June 11. He is the son of Michael J. and Lorraine Justice of Canton.

Township audit to be finalized end of April

The Plymouth Township treasurer and finance director met for more than five hours Friday to reconcile discrepancies about the keeping of township finance records.

"Everything's going great, everything's balancing out, said Treasurer Ron Edwards on his work with Finance Director Rosemary Harvey.

In an initial 1997 audit report,

the auditors found that some financial records compiled by the treasurer's office did not reconcile with the township's general ledger, kept by the finance director.

Township officials stress no money is unaccounted for. Edwards said he'll continue to meet with Harvey and present information to the auditor-in-time to complete a final report by the end of April.

Stone School to open

The restoration of the old Jarvis Stone School at the corner of North Territorial and Curtis roads is open for public viewing.

The Salem Area Historical Society has mounted an exhibit

of unusual maps in the restored school room.

The exhibit will be open to the public 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, April 5.

Library closes April 6

On Monday, April 6, the Plymouth District Library will close to the public to move to the new building at 223 S. Main. The library will be closed from Monday, April 6, until a grand opening on Sunday, April 26.

There will be a grand opening at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 26, with a ribbon cutting by the community at Main Entrance on Union

Street.

The library board and staff invites everyone to come and celebrate this realization of the dream for an enlarged, modern library for the community. There will be refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library; storytellers and a treasure hunt after the ribbon cutting.

Students donate to library

Students in the Salem Executive Forum, under the direction of Gerda Burnside, recently donated over \$1,000.00 in books and reference materials to the

Salem High School Library.

A new printer was also donated for the library's internet access computer.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ORDINANCE NO. C-98-03
SUMMARY OF
AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE
(CHAPTER 60)
NO PROOF OF INSURANCE/NO INSURANCE**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 60, UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, BY ADDING SECTION 5.70b TO PROVIDE THAT THE OPERATOR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE MUST HAVE INSURANCE AND SHOW PROOF OF INSURANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE SURRENDER OF THE OPERATOR'S LICENSE IN THE ABSENCE THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SUSPENSION OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES IN THE ABSENCE THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR NON-RENEWAL OF THE REGISTRATION PLATE OF THE VEHICLE; PROHIBITING FALSE EVIDENCE OF INSURANCE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING MATTERS AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. ADDITION TO THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE (CHAPTER 60).

Section 5.70b of Chapter 60 of the Charter Township of Plymouth Code of Ordinances, the Ordinance adopting by reference the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships, and Villages, is hereby added to read as follows:

Section 5.70b Production of Evidence of Insurance; Certificate of Insurance; Violations and Penalties; Renewal, Transfer, or Replacement of Registration Plate; Points; Exemptions.

- (1) This subsection requires the owner/operator of a motor vehicle to have insurance and carry proof thereof.
- (2) This subsection provides that a certificate of insurance is proof of insurance and describes its contents.
- (3) This subsection provides for surrender of the operator's license, fees and suspension of driving privileges for an operator who violates subsection (1).
- (4) This subsection provides for non-renewal of the vehicle registration until insurance is secured.
- (5) This subsection provides that false evidence of insurance is a misdemeanor.
- (6) This subsection provides that a violation causes points to be entered on the driving record.
- (7) This subsection provides that this Ordinance does not apply to vehicles registered in other states or countries.

SECTION 2. PENALTY.

This Section provides that violation of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor and provides for penalty for any violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

This Section provides that the Ordinance is severable, and if any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain valid.

SECTION 4. REPEAL.

This Section provides for the repeal of all conflicting Ordinances.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This Section provides that the adoption of the Ordinance does not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Section provides that the Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

This Ordinance was duly adopted and/or considered by the Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting held on the 24th day of March, 1998 and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law, copies of the complete Ordinance are available for inspection from the Township Clerk at the offices of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
MARILYN A MASSENGILL
Clerk**

Publish: April 2, 1998

**1994 PA 188 PROCEEDINGS
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING
Charter Township of Plymouth
Wayne County, Michigan**

TO: TO RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose frontage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes a road paving improvement on Ridge Road and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

That further, such road improvement project shall be undertaken in accordance with a contract with the County of Wayne whereby the County of Wayne shall contribute Eighty (80%) percent of the project costs, and the Charter Township of Plymouth shall contribute Twenty (20%) percent of the project costs and the Township is creating a Special Assessment District for the recovery of its Twenty (20%) percent share.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

The project consists of approximately 3,600 feet of existing gravel road along Ridge Road from Ann Arbor Road to Powell Road to be paved with bituminous material, consistent with Ridge Road north of Powell Road and Powell Road between Ridge and Beck. The project commences at the north right-of-way line of Ann Arbor Road and proceeds northerly along Ridge Road to the southerly right-of-way line of Powell Road.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvement and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed.

The district limit for front consists of parcels with Tax ID Numbers 045-99-0001-000 (A1a), 045-99-0002-000 (A1b), 045-99-0005-001 (B1), 045-99-0005-002 (B2), 045-99-0005-003 (B3), 045-99-0008-000 (D1b), 045099-0009-702 (D3b, E1b, Q2b) located in the northeast 1/4 of Section 31, and 048-99-0009-000 (Q1a1a, BB1a), 048-99-0010-000 (Q1a1b, BB1b), 048-99-0011-000 (Q1a2, BB2), 048-99-0012-000 (Q1b), 048-99-0014-000 (S1a), 048-99-0015-000 (S1b, S2) located in the southeast 1/4 of Section 31. The district also includes Lot 277 through Lot 295, inclusive, of Ridgewood Hills Subdivision Number 3 as recorded in Liber 101 Page 29 to 32, Lot 306 through Lot 318, inclusive, of Ridgewood Hills Subdivision Number 4 as recorded in Liber 102 Page 1 to 3, and Lots 1 through 33, inclusive, of Pine Ridge Estates Subdivision as recorded in Liber 104 Page 44 to 47, of T.1S., R.8E., of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on April 14, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall in the Township of Plymouth located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and the assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance of protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

The improvement shall not be made without Petition of the property owners within the proposed District, if the record owners of land constituting more than Twenty (20%) percent of the total road frontage of this proposed road improvement district file their written objections to the Township Board of Trustees at or before this Public Hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications, and estimates of cost of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$120,000.00.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic re-determination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

**MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth**

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**NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**

Please take Note: On or before May 1, 1998, it shall be the duty of every owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the Township of Plymouth, Michigan, to cut and destroy noxious weeds before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from perpetuating themselves or becoming a detriment to public health, or shall cause the same to be done. Failure to comply with this notice and Section 32.050 of the Plymouth Township Ordinance means that the Township will enter upon such lands and mow the weeds and bill the property owners for the service, as provided in Section 21.070 of the Plymouth Township Ordinance.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will begin mowing all unmowed lots or plots of land on May 15, 1998, without further notice to the property owners.

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**PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1998**

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 1998 at 7:00 p.m., in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

**SITE PLAN APPROVAL
BOX BAR & GRILL
777 W. ANN ARBOR TR.
ZONED: B-3, GENERAL BUSINESS
APPLICANT: LAUREN & JOHN FALCUSAN, JR.**

In accordance with the Americans with disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
(313) 453-1234, Ext. 206

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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OBITUARIES

LENORE D. KITE

Services for Lenore D. Kite, 91, of Plymouth were March 31 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Richard Bont officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East, Clinton Township.

She was born April 19, 1906, in Granite, Tenn. She died March 28 in Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1996 from Tennessee. She originally was from Anderson County, Tenn. When she married she moved to Detroit. In 1968 she moved back to Tennessee and returned to Michigan again in 1996.

She loved to read, work in her flower beds, and watch western movies. She was an avid letter writer among family members. She loved to travel and play the piano. She was a caring person and worked with for a Detroit doctor for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dewey Jennings Kite, and her son, George Dewey Kite.

Survivors include her five grandchildren, William Cronk of El Paso, Texas, Sharon (Jerry) Anthony of Plymouth, Robert (Roseanne) Kite of St. Clair Shores, Kevin (Chris) Kite of Plymouth, Corrine (Jimmy) Kenney of New Haven, Mich.; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48107.

HOWARD W. BEST

Services for Howard W. Best, 81, of Tice, Fla. were March 27 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

He was born Aug. 21, 1916 in Delphos, Ohio. He died March 24 in Ft. Meyers, Fla. He was a molder in a foundry. After they moved to Florida he owned and operated Spud Nut Donut Shop. He retired from the donut shop five years ago. He came to the Tice, Fla. community in 1968 from Howell. He lived in Howell from 1943-1968. He belonged to the American Legion. He served in the Army during World War II in the European Theater. He loved doing crafts and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Beatrice of Fla.; two sons, Gene (Cassandra) of Plymouth, Jerry (Irwina) of Madison Heights, Mich.; four grandchildren, Tyler (Michele) Best of Greensboro, N.C., Brent (Heather) Best of Roseville, Calif., Derek Best of Rochester Hills, Jason Best of Madison Heights, Mich.; two great-grandchildren, Andrew Best of Greensboro, N.C., Ashley Best of Greensboro, N.C.; four brothers, Richard (Sharon) Best of Lafayette, Ind., Clarence Best of Auburn, Ind., Norman (Lois) Best of Indianapolis, Ind., Eugene Best of Albion, Ind.; and one sister, Martha Garrison of Garrett, Ind.

Memorials may be made to American Heart, American Lung or American Cancer Association.

VINCENT B. KLUGER

Services for Vincent B. Kluger, 90, of Dearborn were March 31 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph S. Mallia officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights, Mich. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born Aug. 17, 1910, in Rock Island, Ill. He died March 26 in Plymouth. He was self-employed. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Benedict Frederick and Anna Dorathea Kluger. Survivors include his daughter, Joni Heyman of Lake Oswego, Ore.; one son, Brian (Laura) Kluger of Plymouth; three grandsons, Brandon Kluger of Plymouth, Russ Heyman of Lake Oswego, Ore., and Randy Heyman of Oakland, Calif.

Memorials may be made in mass offerings or to Heartland Hospice, 28588 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, Mich. 48034.

RONALD J. CLEMENTS

Services for Ronald J. Clements, 60, of Plymouth were April 2 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Nancy J. Zeran officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

He was born Feb. 13, 1938, in Ottawa, Ill. He died March 30 in Plymouth. He worked for Ford Motor Company as a development engineer in the heating and cooling field. He worked in Dearborn. After 34 years of service he retired one year ago. He came to the Plymouth community 34 years ago from Ottawa, Ill.

He was a member of the Signet Star Lodge No. 555 of Detroit. He was a Master Mason, a member of the Knights Templar, and a member of the Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780. He graduated from Illinois College with a degree in physics. He graduated from Ottawa High School in Ottawa, Ill. where he played basketball.

He was preceded in death by his son, Christopher. Survivors include his wife, Linda L. of Plymouth; one son, Scot (Kristen) Clements of Milford; two brothers, Fran (Wendy) Clements of San Diego, Calif., Keith (Janine) Clements of San Diego, Calif.; one niece; and two nephews.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association.

BRADLEY JAMES SKAGGS

Services for Bradley James Skaggs, 34, of Westland were March 7 at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Arthur C. Magnuson officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township.

He was born May 14, 1963, in Ypsilanti. He died March 2 in Westland. He was a member of the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include his wife, Kristine R. Skaggs of Westland; his parents, James E. and Lila M. Skaggs of Plymouth; two sons, Christian Skaggs of Westland, Andrew Skaggs of Westland; one daughter, Sarah Skaggs of Westland; one sister, Susan (Tony) M. Ragains of Georgetown, Ind.; two grandmothers, Lucille Skaggs of Licking, Mo., Geraldine Good of Plymouth; and in-laws, Craig (Sharon) Umbaugh of Canton.

Memorials may be made to Bradley Fund (make checks payable to the church), Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

JAMES L. GOTHARD

Services for James L. Gothard, 87, of South Lyon, formerly of Plymouth, were March 24 at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church with the Rev. Peter Berg and the Rev. Paul Schaefer officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

He was born Aug. 11, 1910, in Manchester, Tenn. He died March 21 in South Lyon. He retired in 1980 from C.J. Rogers Construction Company of Detroit. He was a superintendent. He came to South Lyon one year ago from Cheboygan. He resided in Cheboygan for seven years, before that he lived in Plymouth for 56 years. He was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Plymouth. He loved to hunt.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irma. Survivors include his five sons, Gary of

White Lake, Mich., James of Laguna Beach, Calif., David (Barb), of Plymouth, Scott (Mary Sue) of South Lyon, Mark (Lori) of Birmingham; two daughters, Nancy (Doug) Schleede of Black River, Mich., Sandy (Gary) Griep of Hollidaysburg, Pa.; 17 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Martin Luther Memorial Home, 700 Reynold Sweet Parkway, South Lyon, Mich. 48178.

SAMUEL L. JOHNSON

Funeral services for Samuel Johnson, 73, of Westland were Monday, March 30, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Officiating was the Rev. Robert KinCannon. Burial was at Ft. Custer National Cemetery, Battle Creek.

Mr. Johnson, who died March 25 in Westland, was born in St. Louis, Mo. Prior to moving to Westland, he was a Plymouth resident. He worked at Schoolcraft College in the maintenance department with building and grounds, retiring in 1985. He came to the Plymouth community in 1944 from Missouri. Mr. Johnson served in World War II, receiving the Victory Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon W/2 Bronze Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon W/1 Bronze Battle Star, three Overseas Service Bars and Good Conduct medal. He enjoyed riding his bike.

Survivors include his wife, Lorene "Tinnie"; son, Jim Johnson of Canton Township; daughter, Brenda Marker of Westland; brother, Howard Johnson of Westland; eight grandchildren;

and 11 great-grandchildren.

DOROTHY MAE HENNING

Services for Dorothy Mae Henning, 73, of Westland were March 13 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with Capt. Mark Welsh of the Salvation Army officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia.

She was born May 7, 1924, in Port Huron, Mich. She died March 9 in Garden City. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Everett S. Henning; two daughters, Susan Grant of White Lake, Sandra Zelonis of Philadelphia, Pa.; one son, James (Roberta) of Adrian; three brothers, Ross (Vivia) Murdock of Canton, Ernest Murdock of Ohio, Ronald Murdock of Kansas; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield 48075.

BRUCE J. WOTASZAK

Services for Bruce J. Wotaszak, 41, of Lansing, Ill., were March 11 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township.

He was born June 22, 1956, in Ludington, Mich. He died March 7 in Lansing, Ill. He was a labor relations officer for Amtrak.

Survivors include his wife, Joanie J. Wotaszak of Lansing, Ill.; his father, Lawrence (Mary Jane) Wotaszak of Canton; three daughters, Rachel Wotaszak of Lansing, Ill., Sarah Wotaszak of Lansing, Ill., Hannah Wotaszak of Lansing, Ill.; and three sisters,

Gal (Vahe) Rostamloo of Dearborn Heights, Julie (Ken) Jones of Plymouth, and Linda (Warren) Jones of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to Bruce Wotaszak Daughters' Education Fund.

LORRAINE L. DALY

Services for Lorraine L. Daly, 79, of Plymouth were March 13 at Our Lady of Good Counsel with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Burial was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

She was born July 8, 1918, in Detroit, Mich. She died March 10 in Northville. She was a teacher. She was a member at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. She lived in Plymouth since 1976.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Marie Clara Meyer. Survivors include her son, Dan LeBlond of Plymouth; and two grandsons, David (Maritel) LeBlond of Plymouth, Christian LeBlond of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to Capuchins, 1740 Mt. Elliott Ave., Detroit 48207-3496 or Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 16170 Templer Circle, Southfield 48075.

JOSEPH WASLEK

Services for Joseph Waslek, 78, of Canton were March 13 at Divine Savior Catholic Church with Rev. Alexander Kuras officiating. Burial was at Assumption Grotto Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by the Neely-Turovski Funeral Home, Canton.

He was born March 14, 1919, in Poland. He died March 10 in Plymouth Court Nursing Home. He was a heating and cooling

engineer.

He is survived by his wife, Sophie.

FLORA KATHERYN FARQUHARSON

Services for Flora Katheryn Farquharson, 79, of Plymouth were March 13 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Mike Frison officiating. Burial was at Arbor Crest Cemetery, Ann Arbor.

She was born Jan. 20, 1919, in Alabama. She died March 8 in Alabama.

She was an executive secretary to the plant manager of the Willow Run Assembly Plant for General Motors. She retired in 1979 after 30 years of service.

She came to the Plymouth community in 1971 from Ypsilanti. She was a part-time resident of Florala, Ala. She was a member of the Liberty Hill Assembly of God Church in Florala and she was a member of the Forest Avenue Baptist Church in Ypsilanti. She was a member of the GM Retirees group; she served as secretary of the group. She loved to give to others, she was devoted to her family, she loved to entertain family and friends. She also enjoyed yardwork and was proud of her flowers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman "Bud." Survivors include her son, Dave (Marcia) Farquharson of Livonia; her daughter, Karen Southward (fiance Timothy Grosshans) of Ypsilanti; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Liberty Hill assembly of God Church, the American Heart Association, the Karmanos Cancer Society.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 1998, commencing at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of considering the Single Family Clustering Option for property located on the east side of Beck Road, south of North Territorial Road, and north of Ann Arbor Trail containing 4.84 acres, more or less. Legal description of the property is:

Beginning at the West 1/4 corner of Said Section 28, thence North 2 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds East along the West Section Line of said section 28, 212.4 feet to a point. Thence South 84 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds East 1031.87 feet to a point. Thence South 2 degrees 17 minutes 30 seconds West 212.4 feet to a point. Thence North 84 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds West 1031.43 feet to the point of beginning.

Tax I.D. No. R78-034-99-0023-000.

Public Hearing is required by Ordinance No. 83 and/or Subdivision Ordinance No. 32, of the Charter Township of Plymouth. (Application No. 1514/0298)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The application review and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 46665 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 734-453-4372. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address of Township Hall is 46350 Ann Arbor Road.

MARCIA SAYLES, Secretary Planning Commission

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1998 REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR ILMOR ENGINEERING, INC.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 1998, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Ilmor Engineering, Inc. The new facility is located at 43939 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Township, County of Wayne, Michigan.

The request of Ilmor Engineering, Inc., is on file in the Clerk's office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, April 14, 1998, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meeting. Telephone number 453-3840 X 224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the City of Plymouth 1998 Sidewalk Repair Program will be received by the City Clerk, City of Plymouth, Michigan, 201 S. Main Street, until 2:00 P.M. Local Time on Thursday, April 23, 1998, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read:

Major Estimated Quantities are:
 4" Concrete Sidewalk or ramp 80,000 S.F.
 6" Concrete Sidewalk or Driveway Approach 12,000 S.F.
 Concrete Curb Opening at Sidewalk Ramp 2,000 L.F.
 3/4" Expansion Anchor Hook Bolts 250 EA.

Specifications may be examined and obtained from the City of Plymouth Building and Engineering Department, 201 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan for a non-refundable charge of \$15.00 per set. Bid documents will be mailed for an additional charge of \$5.00.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid, payable to the Owner, as security for acceptance of the contract. A bid bond in the Michigan Standard Form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a Certified Check. No bidder may withdraw his proposal within 60 days after the date set for the opening thereof.

The right is reserved by the Owner to reject any or all proposals, either in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities therein.

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REAL ESTATE UPDATE
 by John Goodman
 Coldwell Banker Preferred

STAY LOOSE

It is a week before you are supposed to close on your new home. You have arranged for the movers, the utility companies have set up an orderly transfer of your telephone, electric, water, and gas accounts. Now you feel completely organized about the move and plan to take a few days off. Good!

Remember that closing dates aren't set in stone. Lenders, appraisers, title attorneys, credit check services, and anyone who is involved in the transaction can delay the closing for one reason or another. Keep this in mind as you make your arrangements so that you can minimize the cost and inconvenience due to a delay.

As the closing date approaches, the real estate agent will stay on top of the situation and keep in touch with everyone involved to prevent any unnecessary delays.

For professional advice on all aspects of buying or selling real estate, contact John Goodman, one of the top 9 sales agents internationally out of 60,000 Coldwell Banker agents for 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1997. Call 810-908-2799.

THIS WEEK'S FEATURED LISTINGS

Country living in the city! Situated on over 1 acre. Gorgeous refinished oak floors to, 2 way fireplace, finished walkout basement. \$249,900

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Wayne State University's Studio Theatre presents "Speed the Plow," by David Mamet, 8 p.m. at the theater below the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$5 to \$7, call (313) 577-2972.

SATURDAY



18th century composer George Frederic Handel comes to life in "Hallelujah Handel! Angels in the Opera House," a Detroit Symphony Orchestra Young People's Series Concert 11 a.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$18 to \$7, call (313) 576-5111.

SUNDAY



Junior Actors of Ridgedale present "Where is Spring?" 1 p.m. at the Ridgedale playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. Admission \$6.50 includes meal, show, and visit with the Easter bunny. Reservations essential, call (248) 988-7049.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: Youtheatre at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, presents "Tales of Beatrix Potter," Melikin Puppet Theatre's salute to spring 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5. Tickets \$7 (advance) and \$8 (at the door). No one under the age of 3 admitted to theater, call (313) 963-2366.



Magical musical: Dorothy, portrayed by Birmingham-native Jessica Grove, in a scene from "The Wizard of Oz."

FROM BIRMINGHAM TO OZ

Dorothy

FOLLOWS THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Birmingham-native Jessica Grove, 16, is having no trouble slipping into Dorothy Gale's ruby red slippers. She didn't need any special preparation.

"I didn't have to do a lot. I'm a girl from Michigan and Columbus, Ohio, which has lots of farm land around it. And going to New York was like going over the rainbow for me, a place I've always dreamed about," she said.

Grove (pronounced Grow-vay) played the role last May at New York's Madison Square Garden in a stage version of the MGM classic musical "The Wizard of Oz." Roseanne played the Wicked Witch.

Now Grove is in New York rehearsing for a yearlong national tour with Mickey Rooney as the Wizard and Eartha Kitt as the Wicked Witch. The show comes to Detroit's Fox Theatre April 10 for a two-week run.

Grove was born at Beaumont Hospital and lived a year in Birmingham before her father was transferred to the Columbus area. She has already accumulated an impressive resume including performances in Columbus in "Really Rosie," "The Sound of Music" and, her favorite, a musical version of "The Diary of Anne Frank," "Yours, Anne." She has also toured before in a production of "Oliver."

And she had experience playing Dorothy. So she was ready when her agent called to have her fly to New York last year with her mother.

"They had me sing and read some scenes. I felt good about it, so Mom and I went to Macy's to cele-

The Wizard of Oz

What: 90-minute stage adaptation of the classic MGM musical based on L. Frank Baum's children's books.

Where: Detroit's Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., downtown Detroit.

When: April 10-26, 7:30 p.m. April 10; 11 a.m., 3 and 8 p.m. April 11, 18 and 25; 2 and 5 p.m. April 12; 2 and 7:30 p.m. April 15 and 17; 1, 4 and 7 p.m. April 19; 7:30 p.m. April 21 and 23; 12:30 and 7:30 p.m. April 22 and 24; and 1 and 4 p.m. April 26.

Tickets: \$17.50 to \$45.50, on sale at the Fox, Joe Louis Arena and all Ticketmaster locations. To charge by phone, call (248) 433-1515.

brate," she said. "I called my agent from Macy's and she talked to Julie Hughes, the casting director, and she said they wanted me to come back right away because the producer wanted to see me."

The young actress is excited about coming to Detroit, which she has only seen a couple times since her family moved away. And she's excited about performing with such seasoned performers.

"It's really a wonderful experience, I know not a lot of girls my age get to have," she said. "Lara Teeter, the actor who plays the Scarecrow, said to me, how many kids of my generation will be able to say they worked with Mickey Rooney. I know that's true because he's getting on in years, but I know he'll keep performing as long as he can."

Rooney, 77, is a true American icon. In the late 1930s and early '40s his face and personality defined the youth of his time in the same way that Elvis and the Beatles would for later generations.

Through numerous Andy Hardy movies and Mickey and Judy musicals, Rooney and Judy Garland were presented by MGM as the ideal of American youth.

When Garland was making movie history as the most famous Dorothy of all in "The Wizard," she and Rooney were also making Andy Hardy comedies. Their friendship began in childhood and ended with Garland's early and tragic death in 1969.

"We talked a little about her, but he gets choked up talking about her. He really had a love and respect for her," Grove said. "But he complimented me a lot and that means a lot from him. He had Judy in the back of his mind, but he says I bring my own individuality to the role."

Rooney called his young co-star "marvelous," and said she was a true professional who needed no advice from him.

The veteran troupier was curtly polite, barking answers in his familiar voice over the telephone from his room at the Waldorf Astoria in New York. Maybe it was because he was rehearsing his best Frank Morgan gruffness as the Wizard or maybe it was because he had just come from being on radio with Howard Stern, enough to unnerve anyone. In any case, he wasn't interested in giving long answers.

But then, when you've been performing since you were a toddler and your career spans practically the history of American movies, what's left to say. Rooney began appearing in movies when he was 6 years old in a series of "Mickey

Please see DOROTHY, E2

What: "Play By Play," a 12-hour marathon of short plays presented by Heartland Theatre Company

When: Noon to midnight Saturday, April 4

Where: Millennium Center, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield

Tickets: \$20, all-day; \$5, per hour; (248) 988-1094

Proceeds go to Heartland Theatre Company, a nonprofit arts organization

Actors go distance for marathon

Every once in a while, Beverly Hainault-Buzinski gets to do some real acting. Something more than a restrained interpretation of a housewife for a sanitized industrial training film.

Yet for the first time in years a smile and a sense of relief spreads across her face when talking about opportunities in local theater.

Hainault-Buzinski of Rochester Hills will perform in "Leaving the Baggage Behind," one of the many short plays in the second annual "Play By Play" fundraising marathon presented Saturday by Heartland Theatre Company at the Millennium Center in Southfield.

"We're bringing the theatrical community together under one roof," said Jan Radcliff, executive director of Heartland. "No one really knows what anyone else is doing."

The prototypical American "have it your way" play festival showcases more than 50 actors and 29 playwrights, mostly from the metro area.

"Play By Play," a 12-hour theatrical deluge offers a steady flow of slice-of-life stories from five to 20 minutes, including monologues, skits, dramas and comedies.

"I thought the quality of plays last year was a fluke, but this year it seems even better," said Radcliff of Birmingham.

If one play doesn't catch your fancy, sit tight. In a few minutes another one will be on its way.

Ultimate networking

The format of continuous short plays is well suited to the contemporary attention span and remote-control sensibilities.

But in many ways, "Play By Play" is the ultimate insiders festival.

"We don't serve an audience as much as the artists in the theater community," said Radcliff, who organizes annual acting workshops with legendary thespian Uta Hagen, and a summer festival of new plays.

At "Play By Play," up-and-comers are given their due alongside the established names. And overall, the local theater community revels in a cathartic networking bliss.

"The only drawback is deciding whether the best place to socialize is in the theater or the lobby," said Gillian Eaton of Plymouth, who'll perform and direct her playlet, "Bread and Marge."

Please see ACTORS, E2



Rehearsing: Kirk Hanley of Farmington rehearses for Heartland Theatre Company's "Play by Play."

MUSIC

Suicide Machines rages at a furious speed

The Suicide Machines subscribe to the belief that many albums suffer untimely deaths. They aren't satisfying all the way through.

"There's too much filler, not enough killer," singer Jay Navarro said.

On the punk band's latest album "Battle Hymns" (Hollywood Records), The Suicide Machines put up a tough fight against that theory. The album is a 22-song, 28-minute lesson on the band's thoughts on racism ("Hating Hate," "Black and White World"), friendships gone sour ("Give," "Pins and Needles"), war ("Confused"), the environment and pesticides' effects on it ("DDT"), and trust ("Empty Room").

With the help of racing guitars and machine-gun drums, The Suicide Machines quickly got to the point.

"We can put all the elements of a song into a small amount of time. Not very many bands can do

Who: The Suicide Machines
What: Perform with special guests Telegraph
When: Friday, April 17. Doors open at 7 p.m.
Where: Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac.
Why: To celebrate the release of its sophomore album "Battle Hymns," on the Disney-owned Hollywood Records, due in stores Tuesday, April 7.
How: Tickets are \$8 in advance for the all-ages show. For more information, call (248) 333-2362 or visit <http://www.961melt.com>, Hollywood Records' website is <http://www.hollywoodrec.com>.

OTHER EVENTS

Fans of The Suicide Machines will also get the chance to dunk singer Jay Navarro on 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at Record Time, 27360 Gratiot Road, Roseville. When someone buys a CD or cassette copy of "Battle Hymns," he or she gets a shot at Navarro in the "punk tank." Call (810) 775-1550 for more information.

that," guitarist/vocalist Dan Lukacinsky said. The tirade leaves listeners with one of two feelings, Navarro explained.

"You either want more or you're satisfied. Both reactions are good."

"Battle Hymns," which hits stores Tuesday, April 7, is much more political than The Suicide Machines' debut "Destruction By Definition" (Hollywood Records).

"I had a lot more to say about things in general," said Navarro, a Berkley resident who attended Livonia Franklin and Churchill high schools.

"The lyrics got more personal, and we admit that when it comes to screwed-up politics. Being from Michigan, we all write from that local perspective. The factory down the river spills out pollution,

Please see MACHINES, E2



Celebrating release: The Suicide Machines - from left, vocalist Jay Navarro, guitarist/vocalist Dan Lukacinsky, drummer Erin Pitman, and bassist/vocalist Royce Nunley - celebrate the release of its sophomore effort "Battle Hymns."

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unregulated and unconcerned; we see a lot of racial tension, a lot of hate groups. Our surroundings affect us personally and in our songwriting," he added.

Lukacinsky, a Farmington Hills resident, added that those issues inspired the album title "Battle Hymns."

"It has nothing to do with violence. Instead, it's more about battling ignorance and racism. The music is therapeutic - it's a good way to get stuff out of our system. I hope that when people listen to the album they get the messages. But even with the seriousness of the music, we're definitely not trying to be preachy. We try to always keep sight of the fact that this band is mainly about having fun," he explained.

Weaving back and forth between ska, punk and hardcore, the music of "Battle Hymns" keeps the mood of the album upbeat.

"The issues that we bring up are depressing, but the music counteracts that. It makes it fun," Navarro said.

The album was recorded in December with producer Julian Raymond, who also produced "Destruction by Definition," and mixer Chris Lord-Alge. Lukacinsky described the album as "a lot less produced. There's no second guitar parts, no horns, no keyboards. But sonically, this record is phat."

Lord-Alge's influence gave "Battle Hymns" less of a pop sound than "Destruction by Definition."

"Chris is a different mixer than Jerry Finn (who worked on 'Destruction by Definition'). He was into more of a pop sound. This guy is into more of an in-your-face phat mix," Lukacinsky explained.

Quick success

The Suicide Machines - which also includes bassist/vocalist Royce Nunley of Redford and drummer Erin Pitman of Dearborn - formed in 1991 and soon thereafter opened for the Mighty Mighty Bosstones at the band's second Detroit show.

Its reputation as an energetic live band led to gigs opening for Rancid in Detroit in 1993 and 1994. The Suicide Machines, a former Observer and Eccentric Newspapers' Band of the Year,

organized its own tours in 1994 and 1995.

After releasing two self-produced recordings, The Suicide Machines made its major-label debut with "Destruction By Definition" in 1996. Named "one of the best American pop albums of '96" by Alternative Press magazine, "Destruction by Definition" has sold more than 200,000 copies and landed at No. 15 on Soundscan's 1997 ranking of alternative new artists.

Besides touring with the U.S. Warped Tour, The Suicide Machines played its music to audiences in Eastern Europe and Japan.

"Prague is the most amazing city. Honestly if I were to move to any city in the world, that's one of them," Navarro said.

With "Battle Hymns," The Suicide Machines is hoping to expand its touring schedule to include Australia.

"We want to take the music to as many places as we can. Those people want to hear our music too," Lukacinsky said.

The Suicide Machines will kick off its U.S. tour Friday, April 17, with an all-ages show at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac.

Touring, Lukacinsky explained, helps the band hone its sound.

"The real growth comes from live shows. I can see from the last album that the music has come a long way. The music, the songwriting, you can really see the progression," he said.

"Destruction by Definition" is what it is. It's a different record.

It has more of a pop type of sound. The next album might be a collection of love songs."

"This is what The Suicide Machines is all about. This is the pinnacle of what we've been doing for the last seven years. I want people to understand that we're not going to make the same album every time," he added.

The bottom line, according to Navarro, is that the band is satisfied with "Battle Hymns."

"We're happy with the way it came out. A lot of albums you can't listen to the whole thing," Navarro added saying his album is different.

"We're not shoving our ideas down anyone's throats. You can take it or leave it."

Actors from page E1

While the work of actors, directors and playwrights appear as a smorgasbord, there's a unmistakable camaraderie.

The general attitude is that artists have to create opportunities for themselves.

Coming together

For Hainault-Buzinski, a founding member of the mid 1970s theater group Roadside Attractions - the precursor to the Attic Theatre - on-stage performances have been infrequent since her days a decade ago performing Shakespeare.

It's the same story for many actors across metro Detroit who patch together free-lance acting assignments to support their insatiable yearnings as serious thespians in search of a compelling script, stage and audience.

As anyone bitten by the theater bug can attest, theater might be the ultimate artistic laboratory to appreciate human motivations, but it's a lousy place to make a living.

"Part of being an actor is thinking on your feet, creating your own work," said Kirk Hanley of Farmington, who will perform in three short plays, "Labor of Love," "Hypothetical Situation," and "Paternity Ward."

A self-described "struggling actor," Hanley said he often has several auditions per week for industrial films and voice-over work.

"(Play By Play) is a way to get your work out there," said Hanley. "You can see the process of how a play comes together."

In fact, "coming together" is also an appropriate description

for the theater community.

For many of the participants in "Play By Play," there's a hope that the marathon is both a catalyst and a microcosm of the

changes ahead.

Local participants

Kitty Dubin, Loretta Higgins, Jan Radcliff, Joyce Uzelac of Birmingham; Marshall Zweig of

Bloomfield Hills; Shirley Benyas of West Bloomfield; Steve Dombrowski, Dean Vanderkolk of Clarkston; Kirk Hanley of Farmington; Sarah Kamoo of Lathrup Village; David MacGregor of

Livonia; Elaine Kaiser of Novi; Gillian Eaton of Plymouth; Beverly Hainault-Buzinski of Rochester Hills; Chris Guyotte of Southfield; Diane Pickert of Troy; P.W. Henry of Westland.

Dorothy from page E1

McGuire" shorts two years before the Detroit Fox Theatre opened (in 1928). He was the No. 1 box office attraction for three years in 1938-40, has been nominated for three Academy Awards, honored with two special Oscars and won the Golden Globe and Emmy for his performance in "Bill." He has also been a hit on stage in the long-running "Sugar Babies."

He wouldn't name a favorite film.

"After 360 pictures what are you going to say. I enjoyed doing a lot of them," he said.

He also didn't want to talk about this production ("It's fine, great for the kids") or the original "Wizard" and its star.

"I don't believe anyone knew what it would become, it's one of

those cult films," he said and then reeled off the names of the film's famous stars (Ray Bolger, Jack Haley, Bert Lahr, Frank Morgan, Margaret Hamilton) as the reason for its endurance.

He said he can't wait to come to the Fox and has good memories of Detroit from performing here in "Sugar Babies" at the Masonic.

He has a practical approach to show business.

"I enjoy getting a check every week. I love it. No, really I love the business, I'm happy to be performing," he said.

Rooney recently completed filming on "Babe in Metropolis" featuring the talking pig and scheduled for Thanksgiving release.

'I'd really like to do a show on Broadway and stay a few months, originate a role, make a cast album because that's really the best way to become known.'

Jessica Grove
Dorothy in 'Wizard of Oz'

Jessica Grove still has more starry views of show business and a set of goals and ambitions.

"I'd really like to do a show on Broadway and stay a few months, originate a role, make a cast album because that's really the best way to become known," she said.

And when this tour is over?

"I just got my driver's license and I can't wait to drive," she said.

Meanwhile, for the next year or so, she'll be dancing down the yellow brick road with Scarecrow, Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion.

Wayne State hosts conference on dance

Michigan Dance Archive is co-sponsoring "Dance Preservation in Michigan for the 21st Century," a conference on the campus of Wayne State University Friday-Saturday, April 24-25.

For registration information, call the Wayne State University Dance Department at (313) 577-4273.

Dance resources and information are becoming readily acces-

sible through the Internet, CD-Rom information storage and retrieval, and digital imaging technology.

The conference offers a series of "getting started" presentations and networking opportunities to Michigan dancers and archivists.

Guest speakers include Carolyn Adams (artistic director of the New York State Summer School of the Arts, School of the

Dance; curator at the American Dance Legacy Institute, co-director of Harlem Dance Foundation, and principal dancer with Paul Taylor from 1965 to 1982) and Leslie Kopp (executive director of Preservation, Inc., New York, and editor of Afterimages, the newsletter of performing arts documentation and preservation.

Will Smith (technical director of the Ohio State University Multimedia Dance Prototype

Lab) will give an in-depth discussion and demonstration of CD-Rom technology.

On the evening of Friday, April 24, a dance concert featuring the Detroit Dance Collective, Karen Prall's Artistry in Motion, Dance Gallery/Peter Sparling and Co., and the Wayne State Dance Company will be presented in the new Maggie Allesee Studio in the Wayne State Dance Department.

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'Charlotte' spins a delightfully humorous web

"Charlotte's Web" continues through April 26 at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., downtown Northville. Show times 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays until April 26. Weekday performances 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 13-17. Tickets \$6.50, call (248) 349-8110.
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SPECIAL WRITER

The classic story "Charlotte's Web" has warmed the hearts of many, so will the Marquis Theatre's latest production of this familiar tale. Twenty smiling faces, wonderful scenery, and lots

of audience participation will keep most of the youngest theater-goers entertained throughout the entire performance.

Once the lights have gone down, and the overture has ended, the audience is welcomed by the humorous and amusing rat, Templeton, played by Steve Tadevic.

Tadevic is such as natural, and immediately loved by all, although his character probably would hate to have anyone feel such a strong emotion for him.

Wilbur, the "radiant and humble" pig, is portrayed by Chris

Kirouac. Also a crowd pleaser, Kirouac has exaggerated gestures and some terrific movements. Not only is he some pig, but also some actor.

Charlotte, the sweet, yet strong spider, is performed by Kathleen Coleman-Lozelle. Her elegant and graceful moves, along with the aid of her costume, truly turn Coleman-Lozelle into a willowy spider.

Barnyard friends, the Old Sheep, portrayed by Jackie Marna, and the Goose, portrayed by Emily Wilk, add a light-hearted touch which mixes well with

the music and choreography. Wilk, along with her Goslings, Elyanne Rosenthal, Jamie Somerville, and Jessica Menyhart, do a snappy little number, showing off how talented these cast members are.

Some other fine performances can be seen with Ken Haering portraying Uncle Zuckerman, Stacie Guerreso portraying Fern, Justin Wilk portraying Lurvey, the Indian Chief, the Fair president, and the gifted Children's Chorus.

Zuckerman's Barn has been created with precision and cre-

ativity. The web spun by Charlotte is cleverly crafted and serves its purpose well. The fair scene, a painted backdrop, takes the audience to a realistic state fair with a ferris wheel and ticket booths. Both are nicely constructed and transform the Marquis from a theater to a rural area.

Probably the best aspect of this musical is the audience participation. Dialogue, as well as lines, in the music draw everyone into the action on the stage, along with the action in the aisles. Not only does this grab

everyone's attention, but sustains it for over an hour. No one should be bored during this theater production.

If you are looking for a great performance with a meaningful story line, energetic actors, and lots of fun, plan to attend the Marquis Theatre's performance of "Charlotte's Web." Everyone will have a terrific time.

Libby Prysby, a junior at Groves High School in Birmingham, has been involved in community theater for over 10 years.

Redford singer performs Requiem

Dramatic soprano Julie Rose of Redford will be a featured soloist with the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra in the Verdi Requiem 3 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at St. Clare of Montefalco Church on Mack at Outer Drive.

Tickets are available at the door for \$12 adults, \$10 seniors and \$5 students. For more information, call (313)885-0744.

Rose has toured Europe seven times, giving more than 40 concerts in Germany, Austria,

Switzerland, England, Italy and Poland. She has also performed as a guest soloist with many local orchestras. She is soprano soloist and cantor at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit and has often appeared in the popular Cathedral Culture Series. She has also sung as a chorister with the University of Michigan Choral Union and the Michigan Opera Theatre Chorus.

Rose has performed in Fan-shawe's "African Sanctus" at

Wayne State University, Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas" at Ford World Headquarters and Fauve's "Requiem" at Blessed Sacrament. Upcoming performances include the Mozart "Coronation Mass" in Salzburg, Austria in July.

Rose is also a master gardener, author of several textbooks and a chemistry teacher at Easter Michigan University. She lives in Redford with her husband, Mark.

Rockettes looking for a few good legs

Radio City Productions will host an open casting call for all qualified performers including Rockettes Wednesday, April 8 at the Wayne State University Dance Department, 3317 Old Main Boulevard, third floor, Detroit. For more information, call the Audition Hotline (212) 632-3630.

The Radio City Rockettes are looking for dancers to join the troupe of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular which returns this holiday season to the Fox Theatre. In 1997, the legendary show was seen by a record 1.7 million people in New York, Chicago, Detroit, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and Missouri. The Detroit production, presented by Hudson's, was completely sold out.

Radio City Productions is looking for more Rockettes, more dancers, more singers, and more children to perform in this year's holiday extravaganza. All Rockettes, dancers and singers must be at least 18 years of age. Call backs will be held the day after audition, Christmas Spectacular rehearsals begin in mid-October with performances running from mid-November to December.

Auditions for Rockettes, who must be between 5 feet 1/2 inches and 5 feet nine inches, start at 10 a.m. Performers must be prepared to learn tap, ballet and jazz combinations.

Auditions for male dancers begin at 1 p.m., followed by female dancers at 2 p.m. Dancers should be prepared to learn ballet and jazz combinations. If you

also sing, bring music. All female dancers must work on pointe and have their pointe shoes with them to audition. There is no height requirement, though some costumes limit vision.

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FOR THEATRE
"The Wizard of Oz," with Mickey Rooney as The Wizard, American Music Classics host Bob Dorian as Uncle Henry and the understudy to The Wizard, Eartha Kitt as the Wicked Witch of the West, and Jessica Grove as Dorothy, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, April 11, 18 and 25, 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 12, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, and Friday, April 17, 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 19, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, and Thursday, April 23, 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22, and Friday, April 24, and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$45.50 (main floor and mezzanine), \$32.50 and \$17.50, with school and group discounts available. (248) 433-1515/(313) 596-3211

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"Play By Play," a 12-hour marathon of 10-minute plays written by local and regional writers, noon to midnight Saturday, April 4, Millennium Center, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield, \$20 for all-day passes, \$5 per hour, benefits Heartland's "Playscape '98." (248) 988-1094, ext. 1.

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"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-Thursdays (\$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

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COLLEGE

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
"Moon Over Buffalo," by Ken Ludwig, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, at the college, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia. \$8. (313) 462-4409

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY THEATRE
"Children of a Lesser God," a love story by Mark Medoff, Thursday-Sunday, April 7-9, Varner Lab Theatre, Oakland University, Rochester. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19, student matinees 10 a.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, April 7-8, sign interpretation 8 p.m. Friday, April 17, \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. (248) 370-3013

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"Antigone," Sophocles' powerful Greek tragedy set in Kenya during the 1930s, Thursday, April 2 to Sunday, April 12, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, April 5 and 12, at the Trueblood Theatre, inside the Griez Building at State and Huron streets, Ann Arbor. \$14, \$7 students with ID. (734) 764-0450

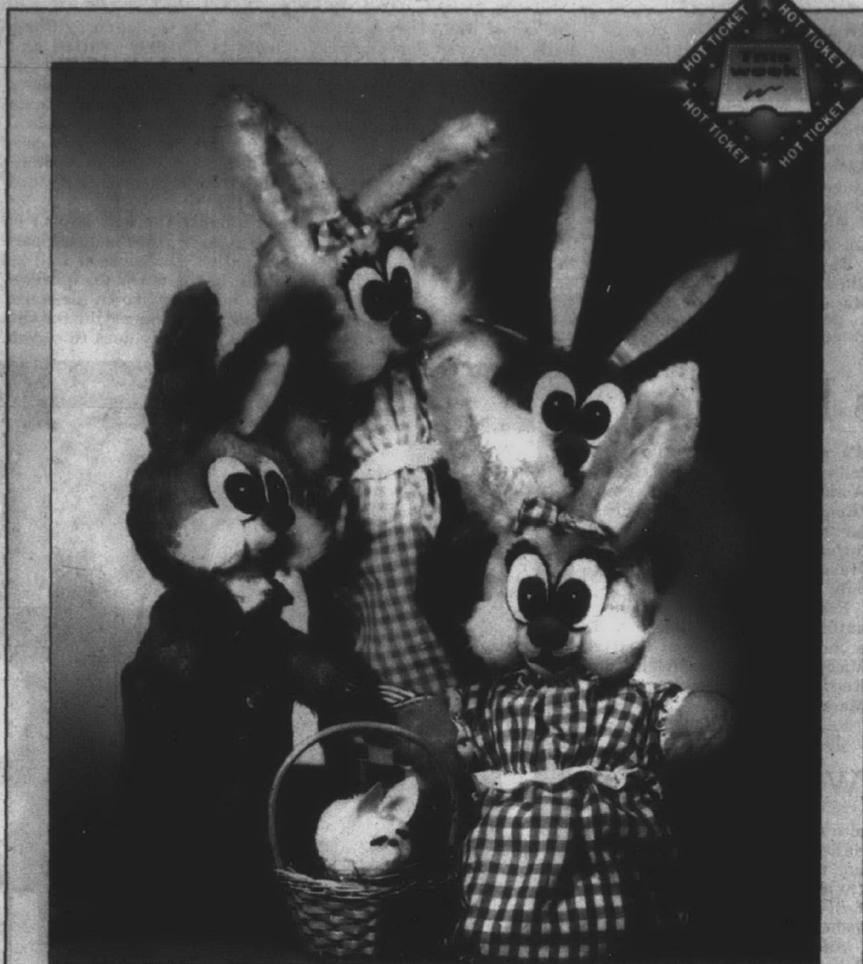
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"Finian's Rainbow," directed by Tony Award-winner Judy Dumelhart, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 2-4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the college, 4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor. \$12 and \$15, \$5 and \$7 for students. (734) 973-3623

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"A Woman of No Importance," by Oscar Wilde, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4; "Two Gentlemen of Verona," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 2; "Three Sisters," by Anton Chekhov, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 10-11, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., on the Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

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"Anything Goes," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, and 3 p.m. Sunday, 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) 582-1990

STANISLAWSKY
"Land like a Fisher" continues through April 5, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S.



Family show: In a festive salute to the spring holidays, *Youtheatre at Music Hall, 350 Madison, Detroit, will present Chicago's Melikin Puppet Theatre's "Tales of Beatrix Potter," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5. Parents should bring their cameras and plenty of film as the young theatergoers will be greeted by live costumed characters, including Youtheatre's Bunny Mother, in the lobby before and after each performance. Tickets \$7 (advance) \$8 (at the door). No one under the age of 3 will be admitted to the theater. Call (313) 963-2366.*

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"Murder Italian Style Part 3," an audience participation murder-mystery comedy, 6:30 p.m. Saturdays through May 16, at Fiorelli's Restaurant, 26125 E. Huron River Dr., Flat Rock. \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door, includes dinner, show, tax and tip. Non-smoking dinner theater. (313) 782-1431

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EMU THEATRE
A theatrical adaptation of "Arm in Arm," a children's book by written and illustrated by Remy Charlip, recommended for ages 5 and up, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 and 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 4-5 at the Sponberg Theatre on EMU's campus, Ypsilanti. \$7 Thursday, \$12 Friday-Saturday and \$10 Sunday, \$5 children ages 5-12 all performances. (734) 487-1221

MARQUIS THEATRE
"Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, April 4, 18 and 25, and Sundays, 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

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

CERAMIC AND 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 TAN entrance. (847) 223-8555/(734) 287-2000

COLLAGE VI
A concert spotlighting Schoolcraft College's Chamber Singers, Community Choir, Wind Ensemble, SCool Jazz and SCool 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

COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY SHOW
With new and used computers, hardware including modems, printers, keyboards, CD-ROMs, scanners, shareware, and computer furniture, noon to 9 p.m. Friday, April 10, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 11, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road, Taylor. (734) 287-2000

DRUM CLINIC
With Sponge drummer Charlie Grover, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 5, McCourt's Music, 20 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free with advance registration. (488) 334-5150

GREENBERG'S TRAIN, DOLLHOUSE & TOY SHOW
Featuring model railroading clinic, dealer marketplace, operating layouts from tiny Z scale to big G gauge, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Novi. \$6, \$2 children ages 6-12. (248) 348-5600/(410) 795-7447

HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOW
With more than 100 exhibitors featuring the latest technology, products and services for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, remodeling, furniture, spas, decorative accessories, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances, 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 2-3, 2-10 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 2-7 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr. (at I-96), Novi. \$4, \$3 children ages 6-12, free for children younger than age 6. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children available at Farmer Jack for \$9. (248) 737-4478

"MARTINI AND MARGARITAS"
Tremors' spring cigar social with an all-you-can-eat gourmet hors d'oeuvres, sampling of Stovill flavored martinis, margaritas with Don Julio tequila, wine and two premium hand-rolled cigars of choice, and jazz, swing and retro lounge music, 5-8 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Tremors in the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr., Livonia. \$25 in advance for men, \$20 in advance for ladies. (734) 462-2196

"VIVA LAS VEGAS"
As part of the Capitol Theatre's Faux Fest '98, featuring Lou Nelson as Tom Jones, Lee Tisonne as Engelbert Humperdinck, and comedian James Kirkham, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the theater, 121 University Ave., West, Windsor, Ontario. \$15 (Canadian), includes G.S.T. (519) 253-8065 or http://www.msnl.net/~capitol or e-mail capitol@msnl.net

EASTER

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

MR. BUNNY EGG HUNT
Children, ages 3 1/2 to 10 years, will search for eggs hidden by Mr. Bunny, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, bring your own basket, finders of 12 golden eggs will receive a basket full of candy and prizes, sponsored by West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation, at Marshbank Park, on Hiller Road north of Commerce Road, West Bloomfield. \$5 West Bloomfield residents, \$7 non-residents. Tickets must be purchased by April 3. (248) 738-2500

FAMILY EVENTS

AMERICAN GIRLS TEA
2-4 p.m. Sundays, April 5 and 19, Mary Denning Cake Shoppe, 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland. \$12 children, \$6 adults. (734) 261-3680

"BIRDING AT HAVEN HILL"
Nature walk, 9 a.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Goose Meadow parking lot at Highland Recreation Area, 5200 E. Highland Road (M-59), White Lake. State motor vehicle permit required for entry. (248) 685-2187

"FROGS AND TOADS OF MICHIGAN"
Slide presentation introduces visitors to frogs and then they get to see the amphibians up close during a walk, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at Annex parking lot at Proud Lake Recreation Area, 3500 Wixom Road, Milford. State motor vehicle permit required for entry. 9248) 685-2187

MAGIC'S ROUNDBALL CLASSIC
6 p.m. Sunday, April 5, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$9 reserved, \$5 general admission. Superfan seating available. Children ages 12 and younger and seniors ages 65 and older receive \$2.50 off \$9 and \$5 tickets. Groups of 15 or more receive \$2.50 off all seats. (248) 377-0700 or http://www.palacenet.com

FRED PENNER
Saturday, April 4, concert at Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester, cancelled. Refunds available at point of purchase. (248) 377-3300

ROYAL HANNEFORD CIRCUS
Opens 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9 and continues through April 12 at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$12 and \$8 reserved, \$5 general admission. Children ages 12 and younger, and seniors ages 65 and older receive \$2 off \$12 and \$8 tickets for all shows except 7:30 p.m. April 9, and 11 a.m. April 10 shows. Opening night tickets \$4. Friday matinee tickets \$5 (groups of 15 or more \$3). Free parking. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

MAGICIAN GORDON RUSS
Presents close-up magic at your table, 6-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 and 5:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Roger's Root Restaurant, 3362 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights. Free. (810) 979-7550

PASSOVER STORYTIME
9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 8, intergenerational storytime, from 10 a.m. to 6

p.m. everyone is invited to try their hand in making Charoset (a traditional fruit and nut mixture eaten for Passover), recipes will be provided, at the Jewish Community Center, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT
The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents "Hallelujah Handel" which is filled with more than 12 excerpts of Handel's music and dramatic storytelling, 11 a.m. Saturday, April 4, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$18 to \$7. (313) 576-5111

CLASSICAL

"CLASSICS ON THE LAKE"
With flutist Alexander Zorjic and pianist Dave Wagner, formerly of WQRS, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Shrine Chapel of St. Mary's College, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. \$12 and \$20 with an afterglow reception. (248) 683-1750

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
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, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111

"HARP HEAVEN"
University of Michigan music students perform as part of the "Croissant Concert," 11 a.m. Saturday, April 4, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$12 rows 1-5, \$9 general admission. (734) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kch

JONATHAN LEATHWOOD
British virtuoso six- and 10-string guitarist performs 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25 rows 1-2, \$15 rows 3-5, \$10 general admission. (734) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kch

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
"Good Friday" concert features the St. Genevieve Interdenominational Festival Choir performing Rutter's "Requiem," 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, at St. Genevieve Church, 29015 Jamison Ave., (one block south of Five Mile, east of Middlebelt), Livonia. \$12.50. (248) 645-6666/(734) 421-1111

MADONNA UNIVERSITY STUDENT RECITAL
Featuring Melissa Radwoni of Garden City and Karla Fischer of Farmington, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the university, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Donation to the music scholarship fund. (734) 432-5715 or http://www.munet.edu

MARINERS' CHURCH OF DETROIT
Organ concert with Kenneth Sweetman and Kevin Bylsma playing the music of Bach, Brahms, Franck, and Pachelbel during lent, 12:35 p.m. Thursday 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

OWAIN PHYFE
9 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 2, and with the New World Renaissance Band, 9 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 9, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (renais-sance) (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 the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills.

SUSANNE MENTZER
Mezzo-soprano Mentzer and pianist Craig Rutenberg perform 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Michigan League, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$15 and \$25. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

"PALM SUNDAY MUSICALS"
With soprano Deborah Frantczak and pianist Edyta Doroba-Jaros, 3 p.m. performance followed by dinner, Sunday, April 5, American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Road, Troy. \$25 suggested donation, \$15 students, \$12.50 children. (248) 689-3636

POPS/SWING

BIG SANDY AND HIS FLY RITE BOYS
With Swingin' Demons and Starlight Drivers, 8 p.m. Friday, April 3, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$8 in advance, 18 and older. (swing/rockabil-ly) (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA
9 p.m. Friday, April 3, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 19 and older. (swing) (734) 485-5050

AUDITIONS

HADISON SQUARE GARDEN PRODUCTIONS
Auditions children ages 8-14 and "little people" for roles as Munchkins for "The Wizard of Oz" at the Fox Theatre, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, in the theater's grand lobby, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Participants must be no taller than 4 feet 10 inches. (313) 596-3288

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) 582-5001

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
Wednesday, April 8, Wayne State University Dance Department, 3317 Old Main Boulevard, third floor, Detroit. Rockettes, dancers and singers must be at least 18 years of age. Rockettes auditions at 10 a.m.; male dancers 1 p.m.; female dancers 2 p.m.; singers 4 p.m.; children 5 p.m. (212) 632-3630.

SANDEE RAGER
Holds auditions for five men and five women ages 18-45 her original play "Silent Thoughts," 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, April 8-9, Adray Auditorium, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. Performances June 18-21 and 25-28. (313) 513-8995

SECOND CITY
Looking for actors to join Second City-Detroit's mainstage, touring, business or the new Children's Theatre improvisational casts. Actors can be non-equity or equity and should have extensive stage and performance experience. Strong writing skills, singing ability and an improvisational background are a plus. Auditions by appointment only, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday, April 13, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call Julie Clement at (313) 965-2222 before Tuesday, April 7, for an appointment.

TROY COMMUNITY CHORUS
Seeks a chorus director for its new season beginning in September. Candidates must be available for Tuesday evening rehearsals from 7:30-9:30 p.m., two formal concerts in May and December, and various other local community engagements. Candidates should send their resume and salary requirements to the chorus, P.O. Box 165, Troy, MI 48099. (248) 879-0138

JUNIOR ACTORS OF RIDGEDALE
Auditions for "Charlotte's Web," m. Thursday, April the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. Need youngsters ages 10-18, call (248) 988-7049.

CHORAL

CANTATA ACADEMY
"Mozart Requiem," co-production with the Detroit Archdiocesan Chorus, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, 9844 Woodward Ave. (at Belmont), Detroit. \$12, \$9 students, only in advance. (248) 546-0420

JAZZ

DWIGHT ADAMS TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 2, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (trumpet/bass/piano trio) (248) 645-2150

GEORGE BENSON TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 3, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

SEAN BLACHMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD
7 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, Colangelo's, 2 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. ("gypsy jazz") (248) 334-2275

HENRY GIBSON TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 4, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

ALEX GRAHAM QUARTET
8 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$15 rows 1-5, \$10 general admission, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kch

CHARLES GREENE
7:30-11:30 p.m. Fridays, April 3 and 10, 7-11 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (jazz pianist) (248) 399-6750

HEIDI HEPLER & NICHELE RAMO
8:30-10:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Java Master, 33214 West 14 Mile, east of Farmington Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 626-7393; 7-10 p.m. Fridays, at Cafe Cortina, 30715 West 10 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 474-3033; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River, Novi. (248) 305-7333

KIMMIE HORNE
7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Somerset North, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge Highway, Troy. Free. All ages: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Cover charge, 21 and older. (248) 816-2075/(248) 852-0550

ISABELLA
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 10-11. Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600

KATHY KOSINS TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 10, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

SHEILA LANDIS AND RICK MATLE
9 p.m. Friday, April 3, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600

LORI LEFEBRE AND THE JIMMY LEE TRIO
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 10-11. Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

PHILIPPE LEJEUNE AND JEAN-PIERRE GERTRAND
5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Sam's Pizzeria and Cantina, 2215 Wyandotte West (at Randolph), Windsor, Ontario. \$12 (U.S.) in advance at South Shore Books, 164 Pitt St. W., Windsor, Ontario. (519) 253-9102/(519) 944-9798

KEVIN MAHOGANY
Vocalist in the movie "Kansas City," 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, April 5-9, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 or http://www.961melt.com

MATT MICHELS TRIO
With guest guitarist Steve Carrier, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, and guest

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trombonist Ron Kischuk, 8-11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 9, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner (served until 8 p.m.) plus a \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

CARL MICHEL
With Michael Graye, 8-10 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Espresso Royale, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages; With his group, 1-2 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Borders Books and Music, 612 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838/(734) 668-7652 or PlayOnRec@aol.com

JEANNINE MILLER
Vocalist and flutist performs with pianist Vince Shandor, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursdays, and 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. (734) 453-2002

RANDY SCOTT
7 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Somerset North, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge Highway, Troy. Free. All ages. (248) 816-2075

HARVEY THOMPSON TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 9, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 845-2150

TRANSMISSION
With Poignant Plecostomus and DJ Bubblicious, 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (acid jazz) (734) 996-8555

TRUE STORIES
8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 4, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave. (at Center Street), Royal Oak. Free. 25-cent surcharge on drinks during live entertainment. (248) 546-1400

PAUL VORNHAGEN QUARTET
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

WORLD MUSIC

IMMUNITY
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, April 4, Woody's Diner, 208 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 543-6911/(248) 360-7450

LOS FABULOSOS CADILLACS
With Cherry Poppin' Daddies, 6 p.m. Friday, April 10, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15 in advance. All ages. (Latin/swing) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

PINO MARELLI
7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, and 8 p.m. Friday, April 3, Luciano's, 39031 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. Free. All ages; 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, Ardo's, 27900 Hoover Road, Warren. Free. All ages. (English/Italian/Spanish pop standards and originals) (810) 263-6540/(810) 582-0080

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

ANN ARBOR COUNCIL FOR TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE
Hosts an open jam for string band musicians, 4-6 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 662-3371

LISA HUNTER
9-11 p.m. Friday, April 3, Cafe Zola, 112 W. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages; Hosts open mic night, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Gargoyles' Coffee House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (folk/pop) (734) 769-2020/(248) 745-9790

JAMES KEELGAHAN
With Vance Gilbert, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 2, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

JENNIFER KIMBALL
Formerly of The Story, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

JAN KRIST
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 10-11, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 861-8101

STRING CHEESE INCIDENT
With Keller Williams, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (bluegrass) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

"GRAND WAYZGOOSE"
Featuring short readings by poets and fiction writers from Michigan and Ontario, 1 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Capitol Theatre's Joy Family Theatre, 121 University Ave., Windsor. Free. All ages. (519) 253-8065 or http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol or e-mail capitol@mnsi.net

DANCE

ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATRE
Through Sunday April 5, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 874-7850

ANN ARBOR DANCE WEEKEND
Three-day spring music and dance party featuring contra, swing, squares, Scandinavian, English country, Scottish, singing, jamming, and a concert by Live at Five, Friday-Sunday, April 10-12, Scarlett Middle School, 3300 Lorraine, Ann Arbor. \$7-\$20. (734) 665-8963

DANCE ENSEMBLE WEST

"Dance Collection-1998" with performances by the company's senior and junior divisions, 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4, the Plymouth Canton High School Little Theater, Canton Center and Joy roads, Canton. \$9. (734) 420-4430

FIRST SATURDAY CONTRA DANCE
With the Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance, and music by Dave Orin and co., 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/4 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$6. (734) 769-1052

MICHAEL FLATLEY'S LORD OF THE DANCE
8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 2-3, 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

STREET: POPOPATION
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

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Joey Kola and Joey Bielska, 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
Maryellen Hood, 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
Billy Ray Bauer, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2 (\$9), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080/741-0022

SECOND CITY
"Down Riverdance," 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; "Seven Knives for Seven Lovers," a performance by The Second City's Training Center graduates, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5 (\$4), 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 or http://www.a2ark.org

JOHN WITHERSPOON
As part of FM 98 WJLB's CoCo's House of Comedy, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$27.50 in advance. 21 and older. (248) 546-7610

MUSEUMS AND TOURS
DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM/SOCIETY
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9 p.m. Friday, April 10, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

THE BACKDOORS
7 p.m. Saturday, April 4, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. \$7 in advance. 18 and older. (Doors tribute band) (810) 778-6404

GEORGE BEDARD AND THE KINGPINS
9 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (734) 451-2213

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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; 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 10, Corradi's, 1090 Rochester Road, Troy. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 682-2295/(248) 588-3471 or http://www.bugsbeddow.com

NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL STARS
9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 27, Bacci Abracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (variety) (248) 253-1300

BENNY AND THE JETS
9 p.m. Sundays in April, 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/

THE BEVIS FROND
With Brother J.T., and Vibiblox, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7, The Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (psychedelic) (313) 833-6873

BETTER DAYS
10 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110

"BIG TOWN BARN DANCE"
With Eddie Jackson and the Swingsters, Whistle Stop Junction featuring Gino Fanelli, formerly of The Del-Kats and Gino and the Long Valley Boys, Tip Top Daddies, and the Big Barn Combo, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7 in advance. 18 and older. (rockabilly) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

THE BIZER BROTHERS
8 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays in April, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (pop) (313) 567-4400

BLACK BEAUTY
9 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (248) 644-4800

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
10 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

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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

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THE BURROS
10 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Mount Chalet, 4715 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (roots rock) (248) 549-2929

BRIDGE
9 p.m. Thursday, April 2-Saturday, April 4, and Thursday, April 9, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

CHISEL BROS. WITH THORNTON DAVIS
9 p.m. Friday, April 3, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213/(313) 581-3650/(248) 543-4300

CHROME
Featuring Helios Creed, with Silver Apples and DJ Greg Baise, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Redford. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (noise rock) (313) 833-POOL or MajeStick@aol.com

ERIC CLAPTON
8 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$62.50 and \$45. All ages. (rock) (248) 377-0100

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

DANNY COX
8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 544-1141

DICK DALE
With The Paladins, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (instrumental surf/rockabilly) (313) 833-POOL or MajeStick@aol.com

DIAMOND DUKES
9 p.m. Friday, April 3, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

DISCIPLINE
With Space Nelson, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (prog rock/rock) (313) 875-6555

DIVESPIRE
With Sunday Afternoon Trio and Nailing Petty, 9 p.m. Friday, April 10, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

EARTHMOVER
With Suburban Delinquents and 20 Dead Flower Children, 5 p.m. Sunday, April 5, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5 in advance. All ages. (punk/rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

GLEN EDDIE
9 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

MARK EITZEL
Formerly of American Music Club, with Sue Garner of Run On, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (singer/songwriter) (313) 833-POOL or http://www.99music.com

EXTORTION
8 p.m. Thursday, April 9, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERY
10 p.m. Friday, April 3, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 421-2250/(248) 349-9110

FEEDER
With Addict, 6 p.m. Saturday, April 4,

The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS
9 p.m. Friday, April 3, and Wednesday, April 8, Captain Tony's, 30919 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 288-6388

5 TON CREEK
10 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock/funk) (248) 332-HOWL

FRIENDS OF BOB
With Twist of Fate, 9 p.m. Friday, April 10, JD's Entertainment Center, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$6. 18 and older. (rock/cover bands) (810) 465-5154

FOOLISH MORTALS
10 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, April 3, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (734) 421-2250/(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

4TH FUNKTION
With Pork Barrel Salamander, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

FRANKLIN STREET BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

FUNKTELLEIGENCE
With Uncle Booby, 9 p.m. Friday, April 10, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk) (734) 485-5050

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10 p.m. Friday, April 3, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 4, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110/(248) 683-5458/(248) 543-4300

GOVERNMENT HONEY
9 p.m. Sundays in April, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

THE GRUESOMES
9 p.m. Saturday, April 5, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

JOHN HAMMOND AND LITTLE CHARLIE AND THE NIGHTCATS
7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance, \$18 day of show. All ages. (blues) (734) 761-1800 or http://www.99music.com

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 or http://www.99music.com

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS
9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 455-8450

HOWLING DIABLOS
With Universal Stomp and 20 Dead Flower Children, 5 p.m. Friday, April 10, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (funk/rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

HUFFALOOSE
With Jill Jack, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$7 in advance. 19 and older. (roots rock) (734) 996-8555

INSANE GLOWN 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

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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
10 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older; 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; With The Rivermen and Jo Serrapere, 8 p.m. Friday, April 10, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (roots rock) (248) 332-HOWL/(248) 544-1141/(248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAME THROWERS
10 p.m. Friday, April 10, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 421-2250

JAMPACT
With Charles Allen Martin, 9 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

ROBERT JONES
7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave. (at Eight Mile Road), Farmington Hills. \$10 donation. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 532-0546

MIKE KING
Acoustic performance, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; With his band, 10 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older; With his band, 10 p.m. Friday, April 10, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 544-1141/(810) 731-1750/(248) 683-5458

LEO KOTTKE

7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (acoustic guitarist/songwriter) (734) 761-1451

KUNG FU DIESEL
9 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rockabilly) (734) 485-5050

JOHN D. LAMB
9:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic pop) (248) 349-9110 or http://www.jdlamb.com

ADRIAN LEGG
8 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$12 in advance. 18 and older. ("acoustic finger-style guitarist") (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

THE LOOK
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 360-7450

MAJOR WOODIE
9 p.m. Friday, April 10, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

MEDICINE HAT
10 p.m.-2 a.m. Wednesdays in April, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

METRO BLUES EXPERIMENT</

MOVIES

'Lost in Space' needs someone at the helm

TICKETS PLEASE



JOHN MONAGHAN

I spent way too much of my young life parked in front of the television set watching reruns of "Lost in Space." I liked it better than "Star Trek." It had more monsters.

them is Don West, the fighter pilot who grumbles about hauling the family across the galaxy. Enter the evil Dr. Smith, a resistance-led saboteur who programs the Robinson's robot to crush, kill, and destroy them shortly after takeoff.

the first "Brady" movie, had a fondness for the material and knew how to poke fun at it while still being somehow reverent. There's no doubt that the forces behind "Lost in Space" (namely writer Akiva Goldsman and director Stephen Hopkins) genuinely like the show, but they never have a grasp on what made it special.

creature that looks even sillier than the Irwin Allen TV version (and that was just a dazed chimp with antennae glued to its head). The performances run the gamut, from Gary Oldman, desperate to camp it up even more as the fussy Dr. Smith, and William Hurt, steadfast in the role of patriarch John Robinson.



Family adventure: Jack Johnson (left to right), William Hurt, Mimi Rogers and Lacey Chabert star in "Lost in Space."

free-fall from a ghost space ship and attach to the Jupiter 2. And there's a nifty cryogenics tube that freezes the family in flight. The whole project ultimately goes the direction of the old series. What starts out as something genuinely cool panders more and more to the kiddie audience by the end. Still, when

the electronic version of the old "Lost in Space" theme song rolls over the closing credits, I know I'll be back for the sequel. 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.

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GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Grid of movie listings for various theaters including General Cinemas, HUSH, U.S. MARSHALS, TITANIC, BLUES BROTHERS 2000, etc.

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).

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, April 3. "BARNEY'S GREAT ADVENTURE" Fun-filled musical adventure stars America's popular and lovable dinosaur. "LOST IN SPACE" Based on the popular TV series, the space traveling Robinson family wanders from planet to planet in their quest to return home.



Great adventure: The search for a magical egg lands Barney and his friends Marcella (Kyla Pratt), Abby (Diana Rice) and Cody (Trevor Morgan), in the middle of the Apple Valley parade.

"3 NINJAS: HIGH NOON AT MEGA MOUNTAIN" An action comedy about the unstoppable Ninja brothers. They're on vacation to Mega Mountain amusement park and find themselves up against the evil bandit queen Medusa when she takes over the park and holds it for ransom. "THE OBJECT OF MY AFFECTION" Romantic comedy about a woman who leases a room in her apartment to a gay man and then finds herself falling in love with him.

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STREET SCENE

Songwriter Marc Cohn returns from family break

Introspective singer/songwriter Marc Cohn earned a Grammy in 1991 for "Best New Artist," and had a hit single with "Walking in Memphis." Two years later he followed it up with "The Rainy Season" but realized that there was something much more important than music.

His children. "I took four years off because I wanted to be with my children and have a little bit of my life as opposed to just life on the tour bus," Cohn explained. "Part of why I took such a long break is that's all I did was tour. I toured almost non-stop for almost 14 months."

His marriage also fell apart. All those elements inspired "Burning the Daze," his third effort which hit stores Tuesday, March 17.

"Being with my kids, it certainly had an effect on me. There's no songs here specifically about them. But I spent most of

my time with them, that impacted me in every possible way. This record would have been different had I not (spent time with them)," he said.

The confessional, emotional album tracks Cohn's need to find salvation and to understand love. On the album, he is joined by a variety of artists including Roseanne Cash ("Olana"), Patty Griffin ("Healing Hands" and "Already Home"), and T-Bone Wolk ("Valley of the Kings.")

"I met them (the guest musicians) all different ways. Roseanne is a friend of mine and married to my producer and best friend. There was kind of a family atmosphere there. Patty was just somebody that I really admired and thought was a great singer. I was looking for a specific sound and Patty was that sound. She was nice enough to fly down and do it," he said.

In a rare move, he collaborated with someone to write a song.

"Turn to Me" was written with Kevin Salem.

"That's the fun part of the process. Songwriting for me is a pretty solitary process. I don't collaborate often. When you get into the recording stage of things, that is really a collaborative effort. I have the most fun doing that."

Although he worked with a family of musicians on "Burning the Daze," he will be joined only by a guitarist at his show Thursday, April 2, at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac.

"That's always been the way I've liked it the most. It's the most intimate way to present the songs. In a way, it shows people a more authentic view of the song. It's as close as the way it sounded when it was written."

Ironically, this is his first performance in the Detroit area, he said. "It's probably nothing person-

al," Cohn said with a laugh.

"Sometimes you go to a place and there's a certain radio station that's really been supporting you. Maybe there's not an appropriate venue on the night that you're nearby. You kind of have to set up a tour to find which places work on. I've never played Nashville either, which is a major music mecca."

For this album, however, he's hitting as many cities as possible.

"It exceeded everyone's expectations," he said about the album. "I'm committed to really giving this record everything I have."

Marc Cohn with special guest Kacy Crowley perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets are \$22.50 in advance for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 333-2362 or visit <http://www.961melt.com>.

The Livonia-based rock band Space Nelson plays Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck, on Saturday, April 4, in support of its debut CD "Cutting Edge Pinball." Opening the show is the local prog rock band Discipline. For more information on the show, call (313) 875-6666. Those who can't make it to the show, can hear tracks off of "Cutting Edge Pinball" on radio station CIMX's "Homeboy Show" at 10 p.m. Sunday, April 5.

"OzzFest" will make its way to Pine Knob Music Theatre on Thursday, July 23. This year's lineup includes Ozzy Osbourne, of course, Tool, Megadeth, Coal Chamber, Incubus, Kilgore, Limp Bizkit, Melvins, Monster Machine, Sevendust, Snot, Soulfly, System of a Down, Two featuring Rob Halford, and Ultraspank. Look for ticket information soon.



He's back: Marc Cohn spent time with his family and now he's back performing.

'Antigone' raises old themes in new setting

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

reference encompasses only the most recent sliver of the timeline of human existence. Eavesdrop over breakfast at a Bob Evans some time. You can actually hear patrons claim that any story that can ever be told has already been done by "I Love Lucy" That may be true, but something had to have happened before Lucy started babalooing or she wouldn't have had any stories to tell.

This week on Backstage Pass on Detroit Public Television, we're stretching both ends of the cultural timeline. At the old end, we'll look at some classical Greek tragedy, which was probably based on something even older, like *The Honeymooners*.

We sent our own Gary Anderson to the Trueblood Theatre on the University of Michigan campus to check out the Theatre and Drama Department's production of "Antigone." I asked for some background for those of us who didn't retain our Cliff's Notes. "Antigone" is a major classic, over 1,000 years old, written by

Sophocles, one of the oldest playwrights known to man."

So, what's it about? "The title character, Antigone, seeks to bury her brother, Polynices." How did he die? Gary had to really remedial me here. "Antigone is the third play in the Oedipus trilogy. Oedipus is both Antigone's father and brother. In the first play, "Oedipus Tyrannus," Oedipus killed his father, the king, and married his mother, the queen, thereby assuming the throne. Only he doesn't know that they're his mother and father at the time. When he finds out what he's one, he blots his eyes out and leaves the throne and becomes a wanderer.

"In the second play, "Oedipus at Colonus," we see Oedipus later in life, ready to die. He wants to find a resting place, but because of his tragic - and in some people's minds jinxed - past, he's not allowed to have rest. After some doing, he's finally buried at Colonus.

"In 'Antigone,' Polynices builds an army to destroy Creon, who replaced his father on the throne. He loses the battle and dies. Antigone brings her brother to the city gates of Thebes to be buried, and Creon refuses. Antigone fights the system." (Wasn't this an episode of 'My Mother the Car?')

Handy history lesson, but what does it mean now? "The play has relevance to modern days, especially in this production, which explores the relationship of women to power. The

director, Glenda Dickerson, has even added an element of the death of Princess Diana, and the way Diana was perceived while she was alive. In the prelude to the play, Antigone is mentioned as "the people's princess."

"The director had updated the interpretation. The play is set in 1930s Kenya, during British colonialism. In this setting, Antigone has become westernized in her speech patterns, dress etc. When she fights for the cause of burying her brother, she becomes more African - more in touch with her past, her ethnic culture. This play is a great opportunity. Glenda is forcing many of these students to aspire to something greater. The artistic vision is strong. It's very engaging theater."

From an ancient play, we move to the contemporary movement

of Elizabeth Streb. Though referred to as a contemporary dancer and choreographer, she's uncomfortable with the terms, according to Backstage producer Katherine Weider. "She prefers the term 'PopACTION,' because it's very popular action-oriented. It doesn't tell a story. It's about the pure physical action - bodies through space and time - and exploring the limits of that."

Also on the Big Show, we'll get in-studio performances from the Arianna String Quartet and singer/songwriter Mark Cohen. That's on Backstage Pass, tonight at midnight on Detroit Public Television, repeated tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

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DINING

Creative new chef makes a 'Landing' in Plymouth

Plymouth Landing has been around for a long time, but it's not the same since January when Chaz West left New York to take over as executive chef.

He and owner Jim Plakas, former mayor of Garden City, met through mutual friends. West left his job as executive chef for Ramada, moved here, and bought a house in South Redford.

Plakas has given West the license to "be as creative as he wants to be," and West is having a blast.

"We are here, and we're out to impress and give good service. I'm here, fresh out of New York," said West. "It's very creative cooking, something new. This is my first restaurant and I'm having a good time. It's a change of atmosphere, a slower life."

An animated chef, who enjoys making people laugh as much as he enjoys cleaning and cooking, West has a favorite saying - "Old is Gold."

The Plymouth Landing is located in the Markham Building, the oldest commercial building still in use in Plymouth. When the building was built in 1882. It's been a restaurant for 20 years, and Plakas is the second owner. He's operated it for the last nine-and-a-half years.

West begins his day at 5 a.m. cleaning. "I hate grease," he said. "You can eat off the floor, my kitchen is so clean."

Plymouth Landing reminds West of the first restaurant he ever worked at, a supper club in Niagara, New York.

His family lived near the club and West kept bothering the owners to hire him. "I went up to the door and said 'I want to be a chef.' I was 13, and the owners said I was too young."

He told him he could wash dishes, and when he turned 15 they hired him. A classically trained chef, West completed internships at hotels in Switzerland and Paris, and has won numerous awards for his cooking and presentations.

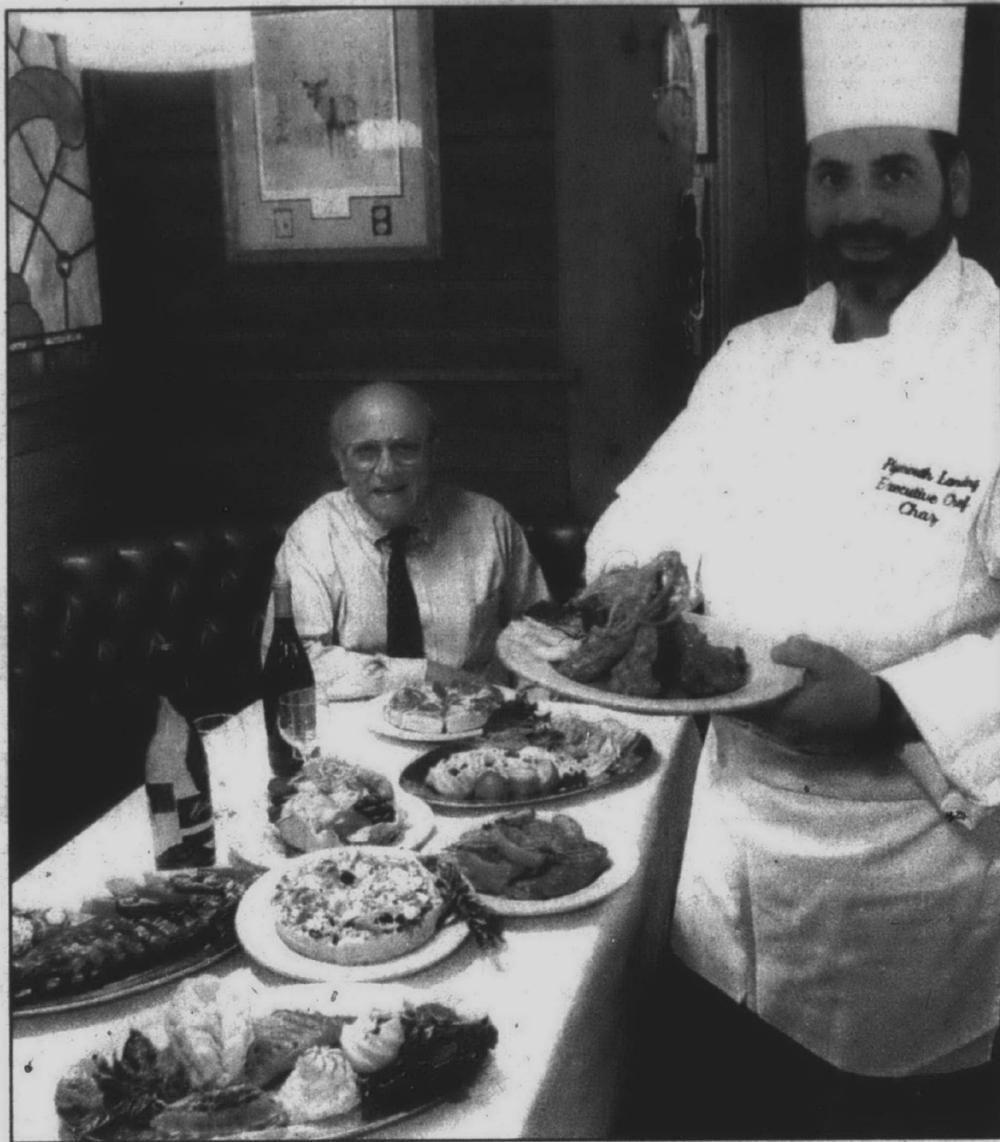
Cooking is an art, and West views every plate as a canvas. He recently made a peacock from a watermelon.

"Whatever our customers want, we have on hand," he said. "We can accommodate special dietary requests. Everything served is made fresh, with the highest quality ingredients. West uses fresh herbs and vegetables, and makes everything including desserts and soups from scratch."

For lunch, dinner, or just a snack, Plymouth Landing aims to please with an extensive dinner menu, which includes prime rib, seafood, veal, steaks, and pasta.

The lunch menu features a variety of sandwiches, salads, and lighter entrees such as Honey Lemon Chicken Linguini, Spinach Cheese Pie, and Orange Roughy Fish & Chips. Try the Greek Pizza, or a cup of Plymouth Landing's Signature Three Onion Soup. Be sure to ask about the daily specials, three are offered each day.

Customer favorites include prime rib, Jim's Whitefish, and Veal Frangelico served with



Fabulous fare: Jim Plakas (left), owner of Plymouth Landing, and Executive Chef Chaz West, present some of the new, creative dishes the restaurant has to offer.

Plymouth Landing
Where: 340 N. Main St., Plymouth, (734) 455-3700
Hours: 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday (bar stays open until 1 a.m., limited Casual Fare menu after 10:30 p.m.); 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, brunch served until 2 p.m.
Menu: Creative cooking with Greek, Italian and French flare, American fare also.
Cost: Lunch ranges from \$6.50 to \$12.95, dinner \$7.95 to \$21.95; brunch \$10.95 adults, \$5.95 children ages 5-10; no charge children age 4 and under.
Reservations: Recommended
Credit cards: All majors accepted
Banquet Room: For up to 50 people
Special event:
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salad and choice of baked potato, rice pilaf or garlic red skins and fresh vegetable of the day. Flaming "Opal" cheese is a popular appetizer.

There's also a Casual Fare menu with sandwiches and appetizers, such as Open Face Prime Rib Sandwich, Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich, Traditional Shrimp Cocktail, Wild Wings or Buffalo Wings that's available later in the evening.

West's baby back ribs are also popular with customers, and will be added to a new menu now in the works.

"He's involved, he's a chef and a teacher, and it's made a big dif-

ference," said Plakas. "He instills confidence in everyone around him."

Metro Detroit seems an

unlikely move for a chef with West's experience, but he has found much to like since moving here in January.

"Your prices, everything is much cheaper here than in New York," he said. "I like the people, they're not plastic. They are real, wholesome people."

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Just in case you missed it, or lost the paper. Here are some of the restaurants we've recently visited:

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.

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.

Wood-Ruff's - Where: 212 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak, (248) 586-1519. Hours: Monday through Saturday 4 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sundays 4-9 p.m. Menu: Modern culinary twists on classics such as steaks, chops, duck and seafood served in a highly stylized, adult supper club atmosphere where jazz is king of sound. Cost: Starters \$3-7. Entrees \$14-24 accompanied by salad, starch as appropriate and vegetable garnish. Reservations: Recommended. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

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Mesquite Creek - Two locations, 45250 Ford Road, Canton (734) 414-0100; and 7228 Ortonville Road, Clarkston, (248) 620-9300. Open 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Menu: Steakhouse fare with great seafood. Mesquite Creek takes a Tex-Mex spin on everything they do, and uses Certified Angus Beef. Reservations: Sunday-Thursday for parties of eight or more. Credit Cards: All majors accepted. Cost: \$5-\$12 lunch; \$9-\$27 dinner. Children's menu available. Entertainment: Canton location - 7-11 p.m. Wednesdays, The Hits plays soft pop rock favorites.

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