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**Roadwork:** If you're driving on I-275 to Detroit Metro Airport this weekend, you'd better bring some patience and allow for extra travel time. Air travelers will face a busy airport and construction crews working on road repairs. For the next two months, southbound I-275 traffic between I-96 and I-94 will be reduced to two lanes in some areas./A9

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## Mayflower redevelopment on the move

Efforts to redevelop the downtown spot occupied by the Mayflower Hotel are stepping up. Hotel general manager and partner Matt Karmo said Thursday, "We are basically approaching it on two fronts." First, Karmo said he's awaiting the findings of a feasibility study. The study seeks to establish what sort of hotel-retail-condo development could be possible on the property at Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street. "The study should be complete in three weeks at the most," he said. "We have two brokerage companies working on it. The bank and lenders need that in order to lend us the money." Karmo said he's also exploring a sec-

Please see HOTEL, A11

## Library pulls up stakes

It's too noisy for the new Plymouth District Library to be open.

That's because everybody knows a library is a quiet place. And this week at the two-level building that is about to become a library, one could hear radios playing, workmen calling out and more.

The library opens from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, April 26, to the general public. The day before, it will host a party for the Friends of the Library group.

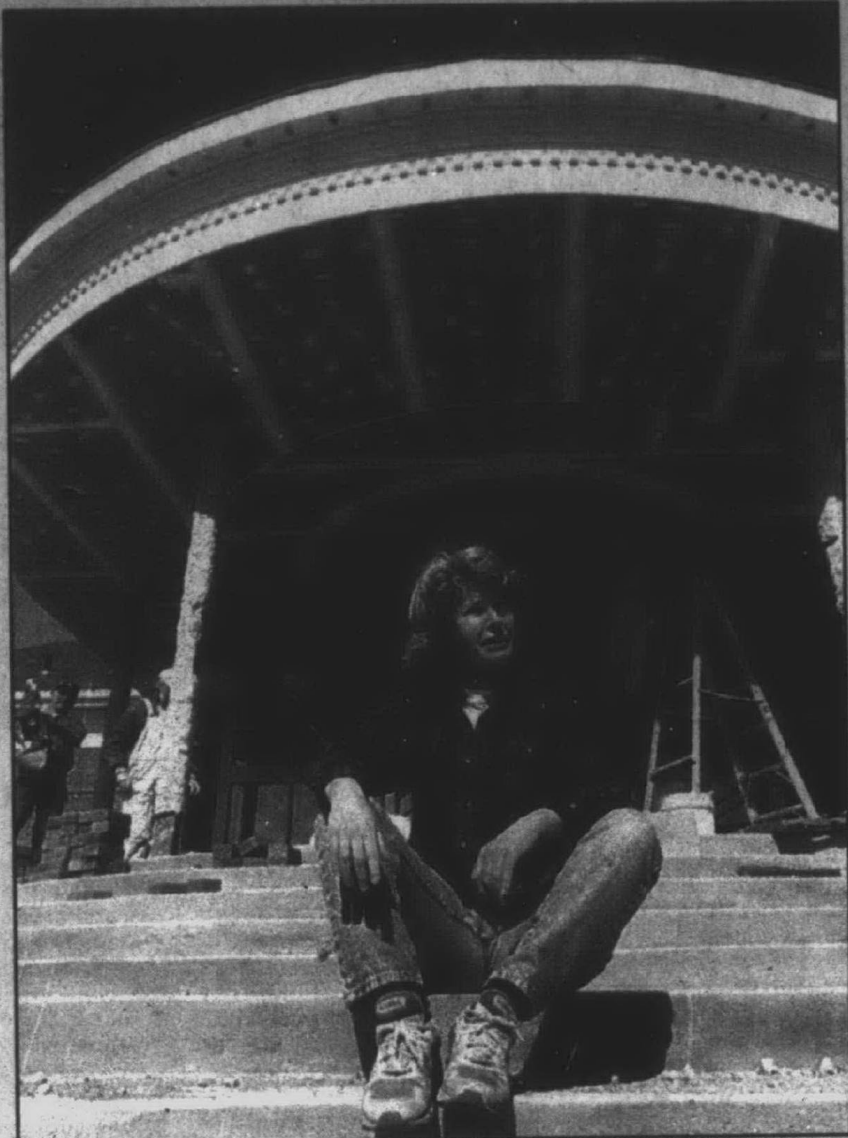
"The contractors are really scrambling to get it ready," said Library Director Pat Thomas on Tuesday.

Some finishing touches due this week included the installation of a piped water snow melting system. The black pipes were bunched at the bottom of the library steps, awaiting placement on Tuesday.

To enter, step carefully around gravel strewn about the circular front steps.

When you reach the main lobby level, watch out for workmen putting the finishing touches to brick paving stones. Some are on ladders, adding

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Ready to move: Plymouth District Library Director Pat Thomas sits down for a brief moment during the move to a new facility just south of Plymouth City Hall.

## PCEA, schools reach accord

■ A tentative contract has been hammered out between teachers and school administration, all without any hint of strife.



For the first time in recent memory, the Plymouth-Canton Education Association and the school district have come up with a tentative contract without any hints of labor strife.

The two sides met Monday night and worked into the early hours of Tuesday, coming up with a three-year pact that both agree is something they can live with.

Tom Cotner, the PCEA's chief negotiator, said the agreement calls for a 2-percent wage hike the first year, with 2.5-percent increases in each of the next two years. The pact also calls for a \$60,000 buyout for teachers at the top of the pay scale who want to leave.

"If a teacher takes the severance, the money will be put in a trust and paid out over the next eight years," said Chuck Portelli, PCEA president. "The teachers will only pay tax on a monthly basis, and at the tax rate they are at during the payouts. They will be severing their employment here, not retiring, so they can leave and work somewhere else."

Portelli said the buyouts will allow the district to hire more teachers at the lower end of the pay scale, a savings which will help pay for wage increases

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## Township eyes August ballot

It's more likely that Plymouth Township residents will have a chance to vote on a recreation millage in August.

After township trustees discussed the issue at a Tuesday study session, "It seemed to me the consensus is to go out in August for a single (recreation) millage request," said trustee Ron Griffith.

Griffith said township Supervisor

Kathleen Keen McCarthy on Wednesday was to begin trying to determine deadlines for filing ballot language with the county. The township board of trustees could take up the issue at its meeting Tuesday, April 14.

Township voters could be asked to decide on whether to approve a half-mill for recreation. City officials say that if the vote passes, they'll con-

tribute a like amount from the city budget.

Township trustees took up the issue after Plymouth city commissioners on Monday lamented slow progress on joint city-township recreation talks.

City commissioners said that if a recreation program is to continue in greater Plymouth this fall, Plymouth

Please see TAX, A4

## Election '98 SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES



Sue Davis, incumbent



Sheila Friedrich



Richard Ham-Kucharski



Judy Mardigian



Darwin Watts

## Five candidates vie for school seats

Four Plymouth-Canton school district residents have filed nominating petitions to run for two, four-year seats on the Board of Education in the June 8 election.

Meanwhile, only the incumbent has filed to run for an unexpired two-year term on the board.

Sue Davis, board vice president, will run for her second term. Davis, who is the director of the juvenile justice program at Growth Works, says she wants more time to make an

impact. "It's taken four years to really get involved and understand everything that goes on," said Davis, a Canton resident who had three children attend classes in the district. "I feel that I've accomplished some things, and there are some things I would like to see finished."

Among the issues Davis sees as important are building a new middle school, settling the current bond issue which is in litigation and hold-

ing up the construction of a new elementary, and high school, and overcrowding at the elementary schools.

The other five candidates are Sheila Friedrich, Richard Ham-Kucharski, Darwin Watts and newly-appointed board member Judy Mardigian. Timothy Greenhoot of Plymouth filed petitions, but dropped out of the race Wednesday morning.

Sheila Friedrich of Canton is a single parent who has a son in fourth grade at Eriksson Elementary. A

motivational speaker for Weight Watchers, Friedrich says she decided to run for the board to help build the best possible schools.

"I do think we need a new middle school," said Friedrich. "I also think we need stronger computer learning centers ... more computers in the classrooms, not just the media centers."

Richard Ham-Kucharski of Canton also says he decided to run because

Please see CANDIDATES, A3

## Plymouth-Canton schools seeking new bond

For the second time in a year and a half, voters in the Plymouth-Canton school district will be asked to approve a bond issue for a new school.

At stake, this time ... construction of a new building to replace Lowell Middle School.

The board of education has directed Superintendent Chuck Little to make plans for a vote on Saturday, Oct. 3. The date would have to be approved by Wayne County election officials before being officially set.

Little told the board that an accelerated schedule could result in construction of a middle school by the summer

of 2000, the same time the district loses its lease at Lowell from Livonia Public Schools.

"The optimistic plan shows that in less than two years a middle school could be constructed if the board of education was willing to do the planning in advance of the bond," Little said. "It would be likely, that with proper planning in advance, a new middle school could be open by the year 2000. That would remove some of the concerns the housing committee presented to us a week or two ago."

The 11-member Housing and Facilities Committee, believing that con-

struction of a new middle school would not be completed by the start of the 2000-01 school year, suggested splits shifts and an extended school year as short term options until a new school is finished.

"The plan bars the unforeseen," said Little. "Such as weather, and labor will be at a premium because of all the building around us. We would have to have an architect that would buy into the plan. One firm (Roy G. French Associates Inc.) is telling us they can make it. It's something that will have to take the undivided attention of the school district prior to the election."

While the board has directed Little to look into a bidding process for an architect, he's hoping to bypass the procedure and use one of the two that were chosen for the last bond election. Little believes that would speed up the process and avoid increased costs associated with split shifts and an extended school year.

"In my opinion its urgency, and as long as it's done openly, will probably be a savings to the taxpayers if we can get it completed by the year 2000," said Little.

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# Where are the signs?

"Where are the temporary stop signs we asked for?"

That's what Harvey Street residents asked Plymouth city commissioners on Monday.

About 30 residents of Harvey, north of downtown, showed for the regular commission meeting at city hall.

It was Harvey resident Jim Bouton's second appearance in the last month. Bouton and other residents say they're worried that cars speeding on the wide street could strike children.

"I'd like to know what kind of progress there has been," Bouton asked.

Mayor Don Dismuke said that the city commission would begin reviewing the proposed 1998-99 budget today.

"The issue is going to be a budgetary issue," he said.

Commissioner Colleen Pobur added that commissioners would be considering buying a radar speed trailer. The movable devices show passing drivers the speed they're traveling as they pass, to encourage compliance with speed laws.

City Building Official Jim Penn said that by state law certain provisions must be met for traffic counts and accidents. "There's a liability issue, if we put up stop signs without meeting these warrants," he said.

Penn said he'd do a traffic study this weekend. "We also can pinpoint the times and get some enforcement out there," he said.

A traffic study done in the neighborhood last year showed an average speed of 28 mph, Penn said. But some residents said cars can reach speeds of 40. The posted limit is 25 mph.

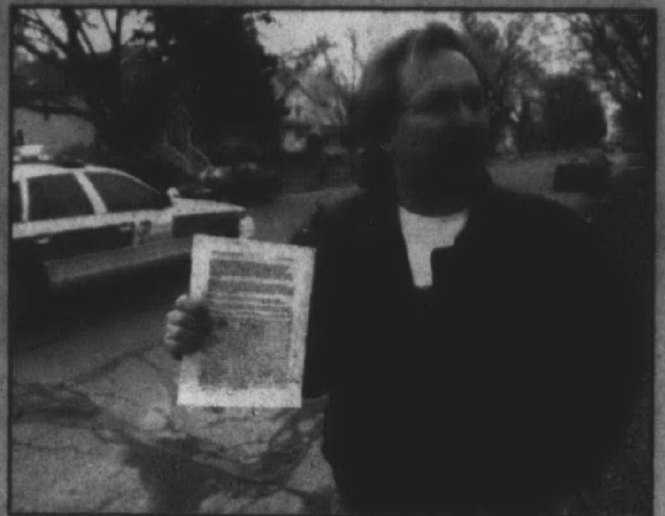
"It's weekends when the kids are out playing," said Jennifer Welsh of Harvey. "It's just frightening."

"It's like a drag race in front of my house," said one Harvey resident, adding it's dangerous to back his car out of his driveway.

Janet Zimmerman of Harvey said, "I think there is a sense of increasing exasperation and not knowing what it is that will register in the minds of city hall to get temporary stop signs."

Zimmerman said residents could raise the money for signs. "There really is a worry about small children running into the street."

Dismuke responded that the city commis-



Waiting: Harvey Street resident Jim Bouton says he and other residents are waiting for help from the city with speeding problems on their north-south residential road.

sion would await traffic counts compiled by the building department and present findings at the next commission meeting April 20.

Police Chief Robert Scoggins said police could try to step up patrols in the area, but residents in other areas of the city also ask for stop signs and increased patrols.

Scoggins said the approaching warm weather downtown cruising season also takes up significant police staff.

# Housing Bond to replace Lowell tops the list

Approximately 80 Plymouth-Canton school district residents took time to attend at least one of two public hearings Tuesday at Lowell Middle School - asking questions and giving opinions on the Housing and Facilities Committee recommendations for the future of the district.

Of all the building needs the committee is recommending, a bond issue for a new middle school to replace Lowell is at the top of the list.

Several can't understand why Plymouth-Canton officials waited until the Livonia Public Schools decided to stop leasing the building before taking a course of action.

"I'm just wondering why a lot of this wasn't done sooner," said Pam Thomas, who has students at both Fiegel Elementary and Lowell. "A growing school district shouldn't have to wait on a building for 14 years."

If a new school isn't approved by voters, options include split shifts and extended school year classes.

"I've taught at Pioneer for 30 years, and am one of the few that has taught both split sessions and extended school year," said Jim Marchio. "If there's any way possible, I wish you would survey the teachers involved in that. There were a lot of problems, and it took us five years to convince the administration."

The committee is recommending refurbishing and adding portable classrooms at the high schools as a short-term solution until a new high school is constructed.

"When I look at the high school and see a need to bring portable classrooms up to code and safety standards; that upsets me," said Jill Wheaton-Adzima of Plymouth Township,

**'Now I'm thinking I may have to move. Parents I know who are involved with the schools are thinking the same thing.'**

*Karen O'Keefe  
—Parent*

who is thinking ahead for her preschoolers. "There should be no child in the district that's being housed in a portable that's not up to safety standards. I'm seriously considering sending my children to private school."

A number of residents told the committee they moved into the Plymouth-Canton area because of the schools, and they are now inclined to move out ... because of the schools.

"We move to Plymouth because of the excellent school district," said Karen O'Keefe, who lives within the Bird Elementary boundaries. "Now I'm thinking I may have to move. Parents I know who are involved with the schools are thinking the same thing."

"We need to stress to the community they need these changes, whether they have kids or not, from a property value standpoint."

After hearing public comments, the committee will once again review its recommendations. They include redistricting elementary and middle school boundaries, a new middle school, a new high school, more portable classrooms, and the possibility of split shifts and staggered student schedules.

The final recommendation is expected in front of the board of education sometime next month.

# Township will appeal ruling in Wayne County Jail charges

Plymouth Township's government will appeal a judge's ruling that \$68,000 in jail charges must be paid to Wayne County.

Wayne County Circuit Judge James Rashid on Tuesday rejected the township's contention that jail housing charges

billed by the county are excessive.

Plymouth Township began withholding the payments in 1988. That was after voters approved a Wayne County request to tax themselves 1 mill to build, staff and operate the Dickerson jail facility in Hamtramck.

While all Plymouth Township prisoners lodged by the county were taken to Dickerson, the county still billed the township for housing prisoners. Then-

township Supervisor Maurice Breen said the billing was excessive and didn't pay.

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy said the county sued the township in 1994 for \$68,000 in unpaid jail charges from 1988-94. By that time, the county jail rate had fallen from \$68 to \$30 per day, a figure that township officials agreed to pay.

McCarthy said no timetable has been set for filing the appeal.

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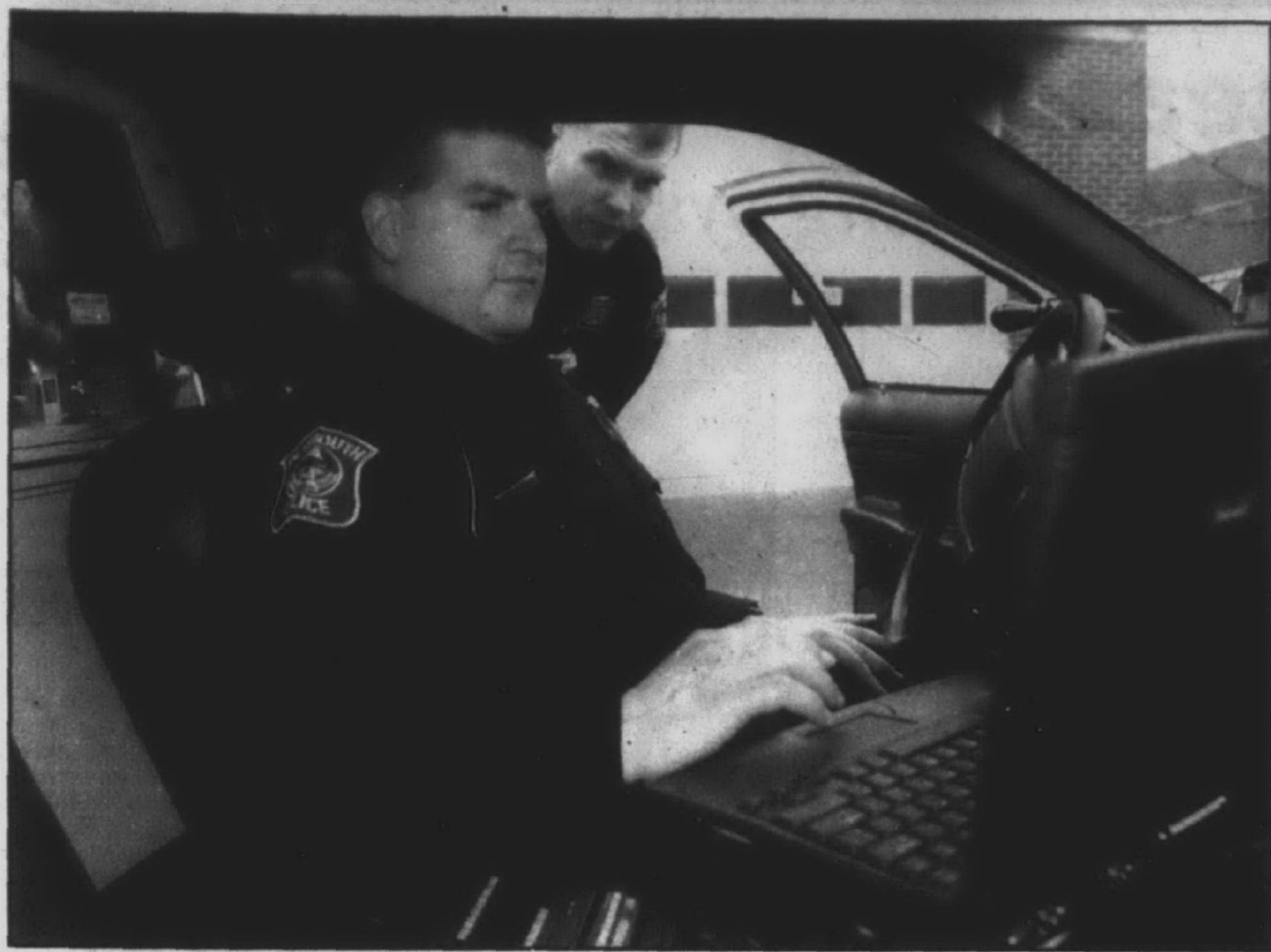
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**Technological:** Plymouth police Officers Tony Angelosanto and Jamie Grabowski work with the laptop computer mounted in a patrol car.

## Computerized City cops test new system

Plymouth police are testing an in-car laptop computer system that cuts down on paperwork.

But Police Chief Robert Scoggins said the system's biggest benefit could be eliminating inaccurate transfers of information between police and clerical staff.

"Ninety percent of police reports can be done electronically," Scoggins said, by officers entering information on the laptop computer. "No longer do you have to have the officer coming back to the station to write reports," he said.

If adopted, the system could be expanded so that officers could "write" tickets on the screen, print them out and serve them to violators.

"It makes the officers personally responsible for data entry," Scoggins said. Should the system be adopted departmentwide, more of the police department budget

could go for hiring officers as less clerical staff would be needed.

"We want to put money toward putting police officers on the street," he said.

Software for the system is available through Windows. The price for the test unit is around \$2,500.

Scoggins said the city police are the first department in western Wayne County to test the system. Last year, Ann Arbor police were the first in the area to begin using laptop computers in police cars.

Plymouth police have had the laptop computer for two weeks and will continue to test it for 45-60 days, Scoggins said.

"We'll try to work out all the bugs in the system before introducing it full-fledged to the entire force," he said.

If the laptop proves workable, Scoggins said police will

seek five or six more laptops to place in cars.

The unit now in use is mounted between the driver and passenger seats. Officers can move their finger along a small pad centered at the bottom of the unit, to act as a mouse to access various entry sections of the software.

Scoggins said the unit could eventually connect with the state's license information system, to call up information on suspected violators.

"It gives us the opportunity to do a better job," the chief said.

Among officers trained on the laptop are new Officers Jamie Grabowski and Tony Angelosanto.

Meanwhile, Scoggins said he expects to soon resume bike patrols and officer walking patrols downtown.

## Police wait for results of autopsy

Plymouth Township police continue to await a county medical examiner's report on the human skeletal remains found March 30 on the township's northeast side.

Detective David Hayes said police have had two inquiries from area departments on the case, but no significant leads on the subject's identity.

Police believe the subject to be male, based on the clothing found at the scene, west of Eckles and south of I-96 in a wooded area. A rusty handgun was also found at the scene, leading police to speculate the death was a suicide.

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 subject 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.

## Candidates from page A1

few people have stepped forward.

"Young people in the district don't seem to be participating, and that's a problem," said Ham-Kucharski, an expectant father. "We need to develop more community involvement."

Ham-Kucharski, a systems engineer for EDS, said "we need more schools and classrooms, and need to make them more secure."

Darwin Watts of Plymouth Township, the father of 7-year-old twin boys at Bird Elementary, said being a part of the school board is "one of the best ways to make a positive impact on the community."

Among Watts' priorities are "future planning of school needs, school funding priorities, and a new middle school."

Judy Mardigian, who was appointed to the board March 17 after Jack Farrow stepped down, is the only candidate for the two

**■ The annual school board election is Monday, June 8. Candidates have until 4 p.m. today to withdraw from the race.**

remaining years left in the vacated position.

"Clearly, we've got to address facility needs," said Mardigian, a Plymouth Township resident. "We also need to get more equitable funding from Lansing so we can do what other districts are already doing. Another priority is to implement a long-range plan to deal with curriculum, class size and school facilities."

Mardigian is co-owner of Health Decisions Inc., a health benefits consulting firm in Plymouth. She has two students who attend Isbister Elementary.

## Livonia man found dead from suspected overdose

A man who died of a suspected drug overdose Friday in a Plymouth hotel room was accompanied by a 20-pound stash of marijuana.

Plymouth Township police were called to Quality Inn, 40455 Ann Arbor Road, by employees. They found a Livonia man, 38, dead of an apparent

drug overdose. Also found were several small packages with traces of drugs, possibly heroin or cocaine, township police said.

Police are awaiting a toxicology report on the victim to determine cause of death. A 9 millimeter handgun was also found at the scene, police said.

## Township composting under way

As of April 6, Plymouth Township residents may start putting out yard waste for compost collection.

Acceptable containers for grass clippings, leaves, prunings and like materials are 30 gallon reusable containers with sturdy handles.

The container should be marked "compost." Paper yard bags are also accepted. Plastic bags are not accepted for dispos-

al of compost material.

All residents with solid waste pickup are required by ordinance to separate yard waste for composting from regular trash. This includes both those who are part of the township's solid waste pickup system and those with private contractors.

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# Tornado season

## Seventh siren to be added to warning system

As April begins what is known as the tornado season in Michigan, Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters says a seventh tornado siren will soon be part of the area's storm warning system.

"As a result of storm damage last July in which Wayne County was declared a federal disaster area, the city was able to apply for federal grant money," said Walters. "With the grant we'll purchase a new tornado siren, which we hope to have up within 60 days."

The money will come from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, with the \$15,000 grant expected to pay the entire cost.

There are currently five sirens in Plymouth Township, and one in Plymouth. Walters expects the new siren to go in the township, in an area south of Five Mile and west of Sheldon roads.

"It's the only area in the two communities that isn't covered by sirens now, and will give the entire area overlapping coverage," said Walters.

Plymouth Township Emergency Program Manager Chuck VanVleck agrees "that corner is not covered as well as the rest of the Plymouth community."

The township sirens are located at Pioneer Middle School, Ridge and Ann Arbor roads, Ridge Road north of M-14, fire station No. 2 at Wilcox and Schoolcraft, and the township offices at Ann

**"I've never seen a tornado, but I've been outside during gusts of wind which nearly knocked me down."**

**Patricia Cops**  
—Tornado spotter

Arbor and Lilley roads. The city's siren is located atop city hall.

Michigan averages 16 tornados a year. Ironically, that's the same number of twisters that ripped through the state last July 2, which resulted in the fire that destroyed 35th District Court.

"We get severe weather information from our state monitor, and from our officers in the field," said Robert Scoggins, Plymouth police chief. "If an officer reports a tornado, or one is spotted in the vicinity, then the sirens are set off."

Patricia Cops of Plymouth Township is one of those people who may spot and report a tornado.

Cops is a storm spotter for the township, a trained volunteer who is sent to perch in one of a number of areas when bad weather strikes.

"At the first sign of bad weather we are notified by the township dispatcher," she said. "We are given a two-way

radio, first aid kit, and a box of flares to take with us to our appointed location."

Cops sits in her car and checks in every half-hour, or sooner, depending on the circumstances.

"We have to judge how far away the storm is, watch the cloud formations and how hard the wind is gusting," said Cops. "When my car starts rocking, I figure the winds are gusting at about 35 mph."

"I've never seen a tornado, but I've been outside during gusts of wind which nearly knocked me down," Cops said.

Cops, who moved to Plymouth 12 years ago from England, said she'd been here only two weeks when the sky turned a greenish-purple color.

"My husband then told me 'I forgot to tell you, we live in tornado alley,'" Cops said with a chuckle. "I'd be interested in going to Oklahoma and chasing tornados, just like they did in the movie 'Twister.'"

Both communities test the sirens at 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month.

While most of the time the sirens go off without a hitch, VanVleck said the township did have a problem during last month's test.

"We had a power outage and found out it deprogrammed the sirens from



Another one: The community will soon have another weather siren in time for tornado season

the computer," said VanVleck. "It's a simple matter to correct, and now we are aware of how to fix the problem. That's why we have tests, to make sure we are ready for the real thing."

## Tax from page A1

Township should schedule a millage election for August or contribute some money. They passed a resolution urging the township board to act.

In a letter to McCarthy, Plymouth Mayor Don Dismuke wrote, "The city hopes the township board will place the (recreation) millage on the Aug. 4 primary election ballot."

"However, if the township would like to provide an interim subsidy while a later election date is being scheduled, the city will be happy to discuss this in more detail," Dismuke said.

### TOWNSHIP

"I think because of the city's budgetary concerns it's incumbent on us to put that forward," said Griffith, who also serves on the city-township recreation committee.

"At least we'll know once and for all what the township people want to tax themselves for recreation," he said.

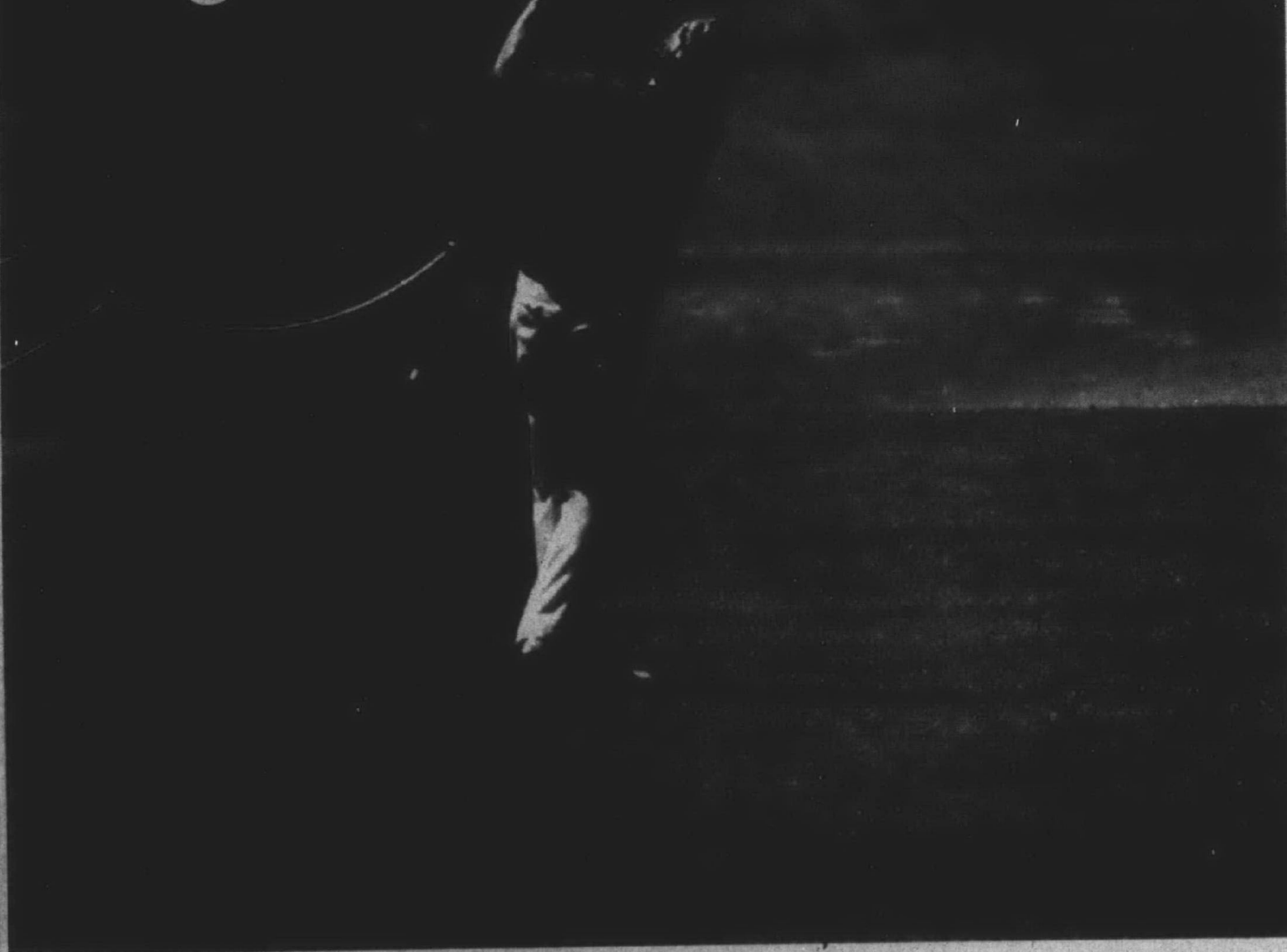
While putting together the annual budget in spring 1997, city officials said they could no longer contribute around \$200,000 to run the Plymouth Cultural Center and other communitywide recreation programs.

While some participation fees for township residents were raised, city officials urged the township to get involved financially in supporting recreation.

That request sparked a communitywide recreation survey last summer. Respondents said they favored some government support of a recreation program.

"The problem is not here, it's across Mill Street," Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury said.

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The following goods will be sold:  
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### Western Townships Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Synopsis

4:00 p.m., Monday, March 23, 1998

Regular meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.  
Present: Thomas Yack, Karen Woodside, Kathleen A. Keen-McCarthy.  
Agenda - adopted as presented.  
Minutes - regular meeting of February 23, 1998 - approved as presented.  
Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$389,829.62 - approved.  
Operations and Maintenance Monthly Report - received and filed.  
Operations Manager's Report - received and filed.  
Administrative Goals Report (FY 97/98) - received and filed.  
Job Description Drafts - distributed for review & comments.  
Addition of chemicals at the WTUA pump stations - approved.  
The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

THOMAS J. YACK  
Chairman

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

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# Secretary of state hosts Gift of Life 'Buddy Day'

Volunteers from the Gift of Life Agency of Michigan will visit 72 Secretary of State branch offices throughout the state from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, April 20, to answer questions about organ and tissue donations as part of the agency's and Secretary of State's partnership for the fifth annual Buddy Day.

Secretary of State Candice Miller said the Secretary of State's office has a long tradition

of working with the Gift of Life Agency.

"In addition to our participation in Buddy Day, we have a long history of distributing organ donor labels and information in our branch offices and with the driver's licenses we mail," Miller said.

"With the new Michigan driver's license, we have taken the initiative of making organ donation even easier. We have designed the new license and

state identification card so that space for writing organ donor and medical alert information is prominently featured on the back."

Gift of Life volunteers, also known as "Buddies," are either organ recipients, individuals waiting for an organ donation, or family or friends of a recipient or donor.

While at the branch offices, Buddies will provide organ donor information, donor reg-

istry cards, stickers, pencils and other educational materials about organ donation. Branch offices without Buddies will have information available from the Gift of Life Agency.

With the introduction of the new Michigan driver license and ID card this spring, residents will write their organ donor wishes in the space provided on the back of the card rather than on a label. Labels will still be available at all branch offices for

those with the old style driver license and ID.

More than 2,400 Michigan residents are waiting for an organ or tissue transplant. Individuals wishing to become an organ donor should first discuss their wishes with their family.

Prospective donors can indicate intentions to donate organs by signing the back of the driver license, an organ donor registry card and, most importantly, discussing their wishes with their

family. Signing an organ donor label or card does not make the decision legally binding. It is the family that ultimately makes the final decision to allow organ donation once all efforts to save a life have been exhausted.

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- **Save 50%** on Best Friends plush ducks and bunnies in adorable Easter costumes. Reg. 8.00-40.00, **sale 4.00-20.00**. In Children's D88, all stores except Downtown Birmingham (Alabama), The Summit, and North Point Mall.

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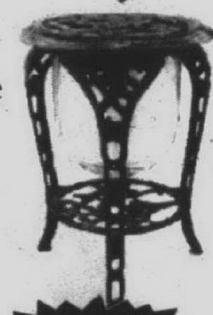
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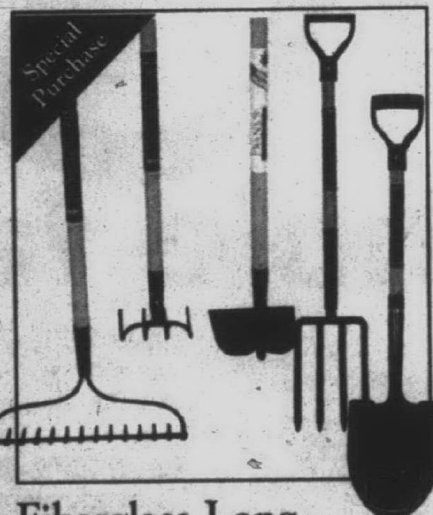


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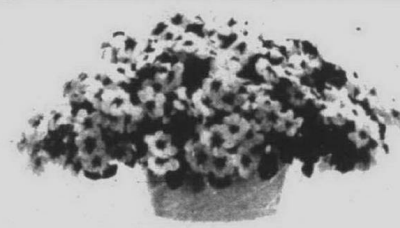
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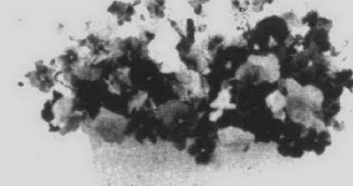
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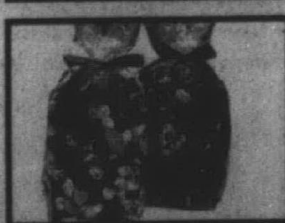


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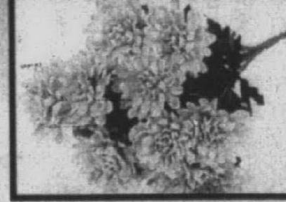
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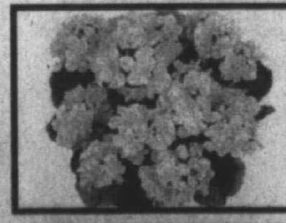
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## Communities to benefit from grant program

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara has designated April 6-12 as Community Development Week in Wayne County in conjunction with the national celebration of the grant program.

The block grant program was created through the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. It was designed as a tool to assist communities in improving the physical, economic and social conditions in their environs. Wayne County's 30 participating communities have received more than \$30 million in funding since 1987, including \$3.6 million this year.

The nine communities that make up the western part of the consortium will share \$776,000. The communities are: Belleville,

\$51,000; Garden City, \$114,000; Northville, \$50,000; Northville Township, \$90,000; Plymouth, \$61,000; Plymouth Township, \$100,000; Sumpter Township, \$82,000; Van Buren Township, \$108,000; and Wayne, \$120,000.

Since 1987, these communities have received more than \$9.1 million in funding through the block grant program.

Northville Township and the city of Northville have initiated a shared services agreement in support of their joint funding of a new senior citizens center which serves residents of both communities.

Wayne is renovating its current library for use as a senior citizen activity center and a new library is under construction.

## Auto insurance rebates examined

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

**Q. If I believe the publicity releases, both Democrats and Republicans have done me a huge favor on the "catastrophic claims" part of my car insurance. Any dissent?**

A. Some. Both parties in the House joined forces to approve, 104-3, House Bill 5491 requiring the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association to refund \$1.2 billion of the fund "surplus," or \$180 per vehicle.

All lawmakers from this area voted yes.

One dissenter was Rep. Mike Green, R-Mayville, who filed

this protest in the permanent House Journal: "This bill is nothing but political posturing. I believe we should leave this fund alone and continue letting reserves build up and not change any premiums until it is needed."

**Q. Any evidence Green was right about "political posturing"?**

A. The Democratic view, as stated by Rep. Bob Brown of Dearborn Heights: "This issue wasn't on anyone's political radar until Democrats came out with a plan to give the money back. If not for the House Democratic plan, there would be no refund."

The Republican view, from a news release: "Under pressure from Republicans and the public, Democrats crossed party line to support Gov. Engler's proposal to refund \$1.2 billion of the fund's \$2.5 billion surplus."

The facts:  
 ■ HB 5491 was Democrat Brown's bill, pushed by his caucus.  
 ■ Republicans won 90-15 approval of their amendment to deny claims to anyone convicted twice or more of drunk driving since Jan. 1, 1998. All local lawmakers voted yes. It was opposed by one Republican and 14 Democrats, including Speaker Curtis Hertel of

Detroit.  
 ■ Republicans also won 75-33 support for their amendment to cap catastrophic claims premiums at \$6 a year for the next two years. Democrats cast 32 of the "nay" votes. "Unfortunately," said Rep. Howard Wetters, D-Kawkawlin, "this proposal would place at risk the fund which pays catastrophic claims."  
**Q. So where do we auto owners stand?**  
 A. The Senate still must act on these bills, and there's no telling whether it will.

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# Committee to review SMART millage

Wayne County commissioners referred the SMART transportation millage proposal last Thursday to its Committee on Ways and Means.

Richard Kaufman, general manager of Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, sent a suggested resolution to commissioners calling for a ballot proposal to ask voters on Aug. 4 to approve a four-year, 0.33 mill.

Suburban Wayne County residents will be asked to renew a 1/3 mill for SMART's public transportation system of buses, possibly for four years. That

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property tax will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$16.65 a year.

Kaufman said SMART will seek the four-year term so election renewals will fall on county ballots and not cost taxpayers and communities more money for special elections. The current SMART millage actually reached its third year in December 1997, so it must be renewed some time this year to collect property taxes in December

1998. At the same meeting, commissioners approved, 8-7, a "super-majority" proposal asking voters on the same August ballot whether they wish to require a 60 percent support of millage increases before they are effective. If voters approved it, it would not be effective until January 1999.

The Committee on Ways and Means is scheduled to meet Monday, April 13, at 11 a.m. in

room 402 in the Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, in Detroit.

### Fees to committee

Annual greens fees for Inkster Valley Golf Course — which included a \$2 charge for users who live outside Wayne County — also were sent back to the commission's Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services.

Inkster Valley's proposed green fees range from \$20 to \$35 for nine or 18 holes on weekdays with a cart, to \$23 to \$40 for weekends.

# Buddy from page A5

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■ Livonia South: 36131 Plymouth Road, branch manager Ruth Ben, buddy volunteer Stacey Trevino. (248) 476-4538.

■ Livonia West: 19229 Newburgh Road, branch manager Ronald Dorogi, buddy volunteer Marie Van Vleck. (248) 476-4538.

■ Westland: 6090 N. Wayne, branch manager Deborah Dayton, buddy volunteers Jack Spitz and Teri Zakrian. (734) 721-3813.

# Rebates from page A7

Meanwhile, the MCCA on March 18 (one day after the House vote) announced it would rebate \$1.2 billion on its own. So it looks as if no law will be necessary to pay the rebate and hold down costs. But Democrats will claim credit for forcing the issue.

The Democratic rejoinder two weeks later was a bill requiring insurers to pay the rebates by Oct. 1.

**Q. Refresh me - what is this "catastrophic claims" issue?**

A. Sorry if the politicians and press talk in legal shorthand.

Michigan in 1972 enacted no-fault auto insurance. It required insurers to pay lifetime medical benefits - no dollar limits.

But there arose a class of losses called "catastrophic claims," more than \$250,000 and usually involving brain or spinal cord damage and years of therapy. To calculate insurance, you need defined losses; you can't "insure" to an unlimited amount. That's actuarial science.

So in 1978 the state enacted

the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) act to cover losses greater than \$250,000. MCCA is an unincorporated, non-profit association of private insurers. Its board sets rates and levies mandatory assessments against member insurers.

**Q. Democrats keep referring to a "car tax."**

A. It isn't a tax, according to the Michigan Supreme Court when the rate was challenged. "We find that the monies sought to be collected by the MCCA are assessments, and not taxes," wrote Justice Michael Cavanagh in a 7-0 opinion.

**Q. So how did the fund swell to \$2.5 billion?**

A. Catastrophic claims are hard to predict, just like earthquakes and tornadoes. When a person suffers a catastrophic injury, there's no telling if he will live one year or 50.

For some years, the board was very conservative and built up a fund to cover future claims. Con-

ventional think today is that the fund got too big.

**Q. Democrats have other bills (HB 4993-4996) to open up MCCA operations. They would expand board membership, require state audits, and make the MCCA board subject to the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Acts. What are their chances?**

A. Slender to zero. MCCA is not a state agency...

**Q. Not even if it was created by the Legislature in state law?**

A. Right. "Taken as a whole, the characteristics of the MCCA lead us to recognize it as a private association," said the Supreme Court...

Since it's not subject to the Administrative Procedures Act (center of the 1990 lawsuit), MCCA is not likely to be made subject to the "sunshine" laws, FOIA and OMA.

It's like the comic Shakespearean character, "neither fish

nor fowl." MCCA was created by law; the insurance commissioner appoints the board and serves as an "ex officio" non-voting member; and it can make assessments that insurers and drivers must pay.

But it's still not a state agency. It isn't even listed in the Michigan Manual, the so-called "red book" in every library reference shelf.

**Q. If we didn't have a catastrophic claims program, what would happen?**

A. Many families of injured people would go broke and wind up on welfare. That's why no one wants to get rid of MCCA.

**Q. What happens next?**

A. House and Senate Republicans are seeking attention for their latest round of bills to crack down on drunk drivers as Democrats raise civil rights objections. But that's another story.



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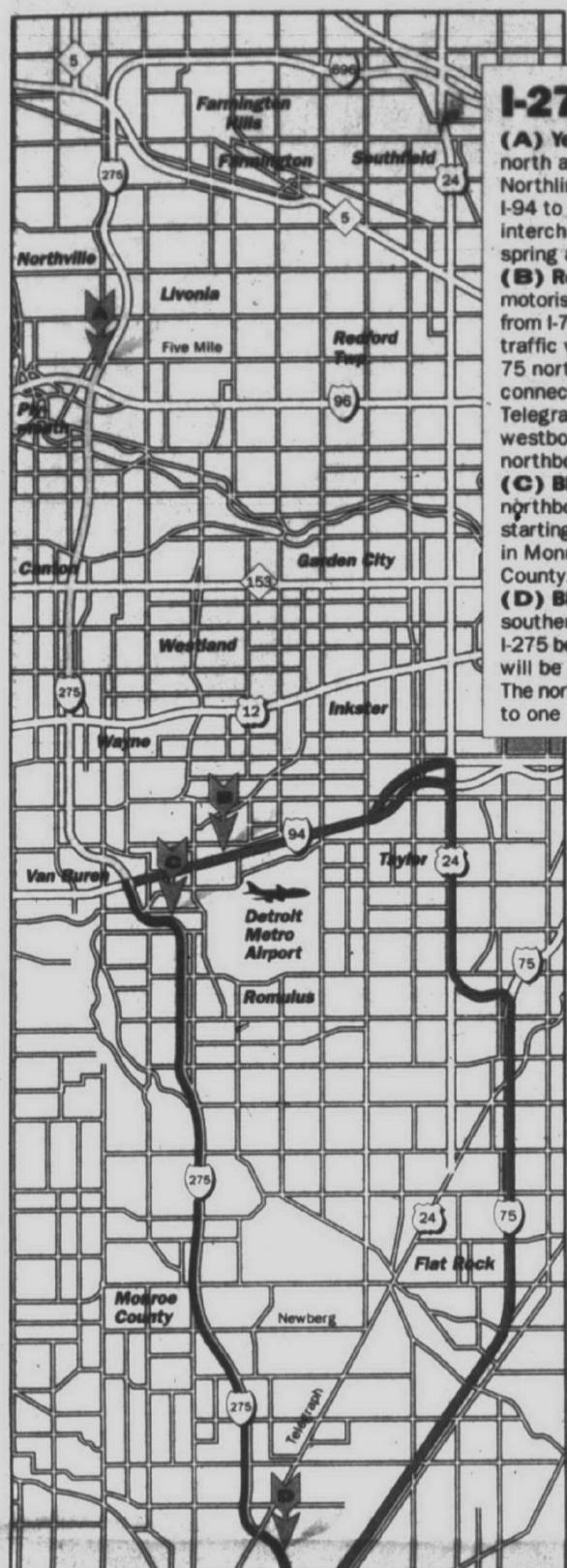
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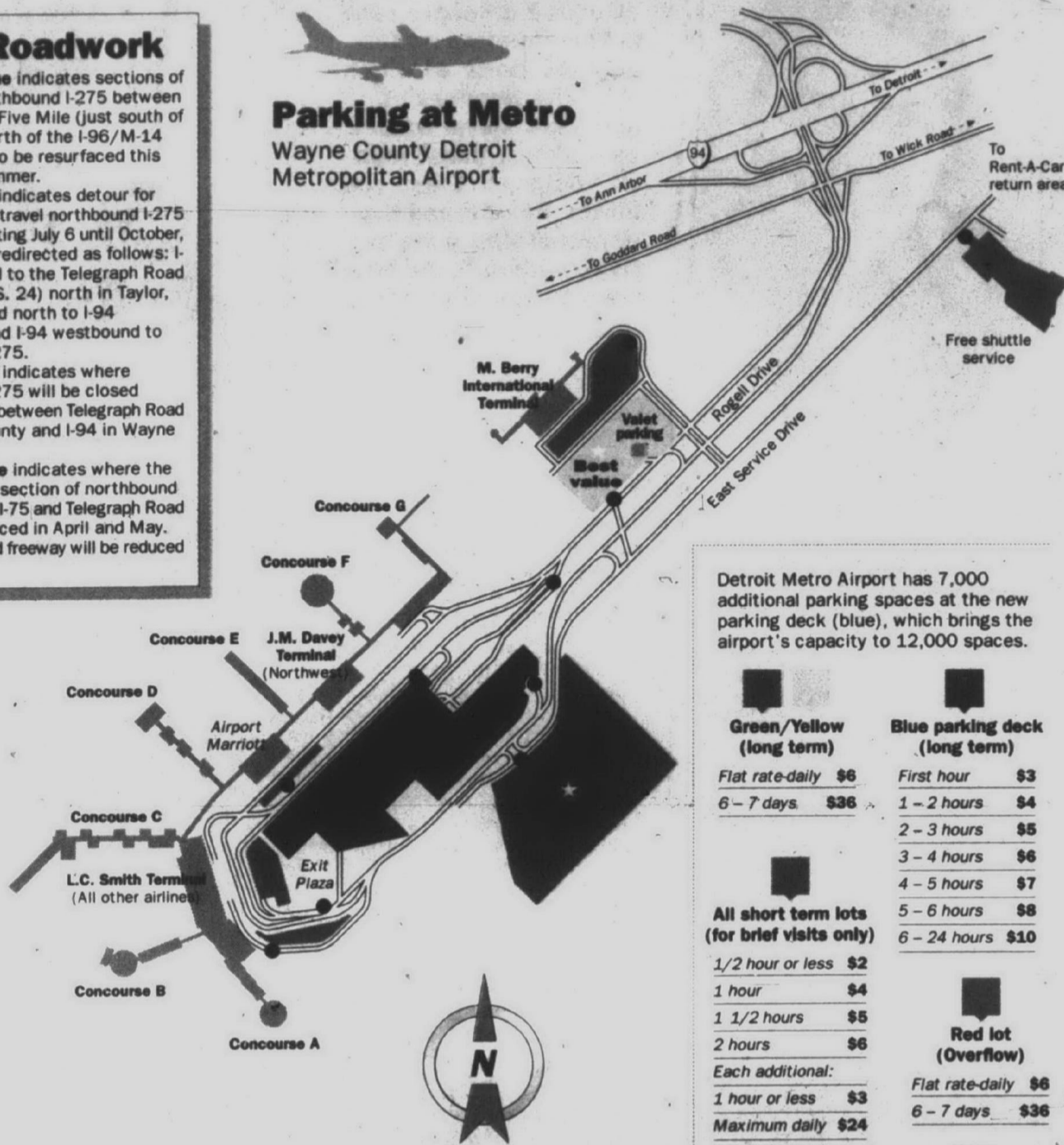
**(A) Yellow line** indicates sections of north and southbound I-275 between Northline and Five Mile (just south of I-94 to just north of the I-96/M-14 interchange) to be resurfaced this spring and summer.

**(B) Red line** indicates detour for motorists who travel northbound I-275 from I-75. Starting July 6 until October, traffic will be redirected as follows: I-75 northbound to the Telegraph Road connector (U.S. 24) north in Taylor, Telegraph Road north to I-94 westbound, and I-94 westbound to northbound I-275.

**(C) Blue line** indicates where northbound I-275 will be closed starting July 6 between Telegraph Road in Monroe County and I-94 in Wayne County.

**(D) Black line** indicates where the southernmost section of northbound I-275 between I-75 and Telegraph Road will be resurfaced in April and May. The northbound freeway will be reduced to one lane.

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Flat rate-daily \$6
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Road map source: Michigan Department of Transportation  
Airport parking map source: Wayne County Detroit Metropolitan Airport

If you're planning on driving on I-275 to Detroit Metro Airport for a long awaited Easter holiday vacation, you better bring some patience and extra travel time along.

Not only will air travelers need to deal with an airport busy with holiday and spring break vacationers, they will need to cope with construction crews on I-275 working on road repairs and resurfacing projects.

"For the next two months, southbound I-275 traffic between I-96 and I-94 will be reduced to two lanes in some areas," said Robin Pannecouk, spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Transportation. During the next two weeks, MDOT does not anticipate any work that will impact the northbound lanes, Pannecouk said.

The I-275 resurfacing project will cost an estimated \$40-\$45 million, funded through state and federal money.

Other work on the freeway is scheduled for later this spring and summer as well.

The southernmost section of northbound I-275 between I-75 and Telegraph Road in Monroe County will be resurfaced in April and May. The northbound freeway will be reduced to one lane.

Starting July 6, motorists who travel northbound I-275 from I-75 will take a detour of I-75 northbound to the Telegraph Road connector exit (U.S. 24) in Taylor, Telegraph Road north to I-94 westbound and I-94 westbound to northbound I-275.

"This year's historic \$1 billion road and bridge program is bound to affect travel in some areas, but we are doing everything we can to reduce driver inconveniences," said James DeSana, state transportation director. "A great deal of the work on I-275 will be accomplished during off-peak hours such as weekends and midday times."

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# Learning experience

## Area Close Up students visit and study Washington, D.C.

**Editor's Note:** The following is Salem High School student Jessie Lobenherz's story about the annual Close-Up trip to Washington, D.C. She also photographed her fellow students in the national Capitol.

BY JESSIE A. LOBENHERZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

Malcom Forbes once said, "The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one."

Recently, students from Salem and Canton high schools had the opportunity to enhance their minds and their education when they spent a week in Washington, D.C., over their mid-winter break.

While in Washington, students were able to see first-hand how our government works, as well as meet new people, see new things, and have new experiences.

Students were given their first-hand experience of how our government works on a day devoted to the exploration of Capitol Hill. Students could



Jessie Lobenherz, Salem Close Up student

attend House and Senate committee meetings, visit the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Supreme Court and surrounding buildings, or tour the

**In addition to meeting with Michigan's representatives in Congress, I attended a Senate committee meeting on foreign relations, at which the effectiveness of using unilateral trade sanctions against Asia was debated. I also visited the Senate and the House of Representatives, although only the Senate was in session.**

Capital.

Students were had a chance to meet with Michigan Rep. Lynn Rivers, who represents Plymouth and Canton in the 13th Congressional District. They were also given the opportunity to meet with legislative correspondents to Michigan senators Carl Levin and Spencer Abraham, as well.

Lynn Rivers posed for photographs with all of the students. Spencer Abraham, although he was unable to speak with the students as a group, did pose for photographs with some students who he met on one of the trolleys that connect parts of the Capitol. In addition to meeting with Michigan's representatives in Congress, I attended a Senate committee meeting on foreign relations, at which the effectiveness of using unilateral trade sanctions against Asia was debated. I also visited the Senate and the House of Representatives, although only the Senate was in session.

In order to visit either the Senate or the House of Representatives, you must have a pass. Before you enter either of the chambers, you must check all of your belongings and pass through metal detectors.

At the Senate, Salem Close Up teacher Bill Boyd kept setting the metal detector off, and he was asked to empty his pockets (which contained close to \$10 in quarters). Boyd also had to remove his watch before he could enter the Senate chamber. After having passed through the metal detector three times, and setting it off each time, Boyd had to be scanned by a guard with a hand-held detector. Finally, he was allowed to enter the Senate, although it was never determined what exactly kept setting the alarm off. This incident is testament not only to the security found at the Capitol and all around Washington, D.C., but also to the once-in-a-lifetime experiences that can occur on the trip.

Another great aspect of the Washington, D.C. trip is all the new people we were able to meet. At our hotel, there were students from Delaware, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, North Carolina, Texas, Washington and, of course, Michigan. Students roomed with one person of their choice from their own



Visiting: Jessie Lobenherz (at left), accompanied by Close Up teacher Al Sudia, meets with U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers during the Washington D.C. trip.

school and two people from another state. This was a great way to learn about the differences and similarities between life in Michigan and life in other states.

My roommates were from Minnesota and from them I learned a lot about their high school and their lives in Minnesota. I also had the opportunity to meet interesting people around Washington, D.C. while standing in line at McDonald's at Union Station. For example, I talked with a man from Maryland who told me about his job working at a judge's office. On Capitol Hill day, I met a reporter from Malaysia who told me about the Newseum in Virginia. I also met a Senate building maintenance worker in the elevator of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. At the Vietnam Memorial, I talked with a Vietnam veteran who was selling merchandise. And, at the National Air and Space Museum, two friends and I met some Washington, D.C. residents who told us about the city. This short list does not include all of the people I met throughout the city, or all of the other students from the different areas of the country who were on the trip and stayed at the same hotel.

In Washington, D.C., there were also many places to visit, and during the week spent in the city, the Close Up students visited almost all of them. There were museums, such as the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, the National Air and Space Museum, the Newseum, and the National Museum of American History. There were memorials, such as the Malcolm X Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, the Vietnam War Memorial, the Korean War Memorial and the Iwo Jima Memorial. There were other attractions such as Arlington National Cemetery, the Washington

Monument and the White House.

Students visited many restaurants, such as the Hard Rock Cafe and Planet Hollywood. In their workshops or assigned groups, students also visited neighborhoods, such as Shaw and Adams Morgan.

In the neighborhood Adams Morgan, I ate at an Ethiopian restaurant for the first time and discovered that you don't get silverware. Instead, you use sponge-like bread to eat your food. Also, everyone's meal is served on one giant plate, and you serve yourself from this plate.

The Washington, D.C. trip was full of once-in-a-lifetime experiences. All of the students had the opportunity to attend a performance of the humorous musical group "Capitol Steps." Students on bus three (workshops five and six) visited the Taipei Economic and Cultural representative in the United States and received an 834-page 1997 "The Republic of China Yearbook" and a soda pop. At the Capitol, I and other workshop students saw President Pro Tempore Strom Thurmond. Students and teachers watched two male students sing "Heaven" at the Close Up banquet talent show.

The Washington, D.C. Close Up trip was an excellent opportunity for all involved. It was truly a worthwhile experience. Students were taught to open their minds to new people, new places, new experiences and new ideas. Only by opening one's mind can one realize one's full potential. With an open mind, one can determine what needs to be changed and then work for that change, which is what our country and our democratic government is founded on. Working together with our minds open, we can keep democracy alive in the United States.

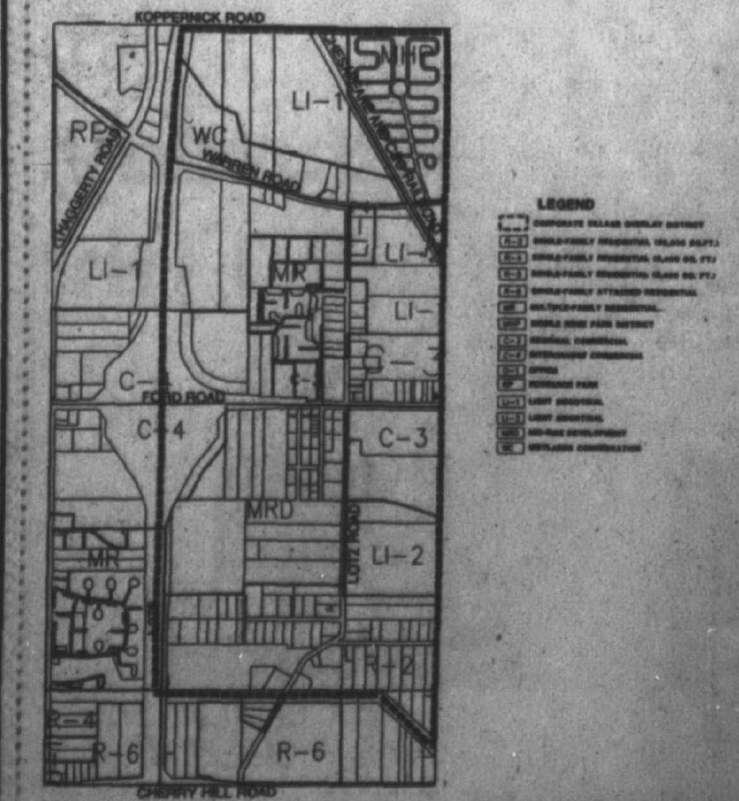


The gang: Close-Up students take a breather on the steps of the U.S. Capitol. From left to right, front row, are Rachel Brown, Mandey Ryan, second row, Liz Kraydich, Robin Beaudry, Jessie Lobenherz, teacher Bill Boyd, Peter Hoskins, and back row, Sarah Huth and Lisa Jasnowski.

Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 20, 1998 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

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

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.



VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman  
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OBITUARIES

DAVID EARLE SWISHER
Services for David Earle Swisher, 49, of Canton were April 4 at McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Mr. Swisher was born March 24, 1949, in Detroit, and died March 31 in Canton. He was a manufacturing technician for Ford Motor Co.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; son, Scott; daughter, Jennifer; and sisters, Beverly Johnson and Marie Steffes.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Washtenaw.

JOSEPH ALBERT WHITE
Services for Joseph Albert White, 74, were April 4 at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township, with the Rev. Dean A. Klump officiating.

Burial was in Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Mich.

Mr. White was born Nov. 17, 1923, in Swoyerville, Pa. He died April 2 at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. He was a millwright for Burroughs Corp.

He is survived by his wife, Bernice of Plymouth; sons, Joseph (Camille) of Canton, William (Rose) of Lake Leelanau, Mich.; sisters, Jennie Frew of Plymouth, Georgia Daley of Plymouth, Josephine Reid of Plymouth. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Elizabeth Lehr, Lottie Cole and Grace Owens. His survivors also include granddaughters, Stacy

White, Christine White, Jessica White, Emily White; and grandsons William White, Geromy White and Joseph White.

KAREN ANN MCCLAND
Services for Karen Ann McLand, 54, of Canton were April 4 at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township, with the Rev. Joel F. Beam officiating.

Burial was in Acacia Park Cemetery, Birmingham.

Mrs. McLand was born June 15, 1943, in Highland Park and died April 1 in Ann Arbor. She was a customer service representative for NBD.

She is survived by her husband, James W. of Canton; daughter, Kimberly (Douglas) Roshl of Birmingham; parents, Clarence A. and Frances Hodges of South Carolina; mother-in-law, Virginia McLand of Plymouth; sister, Bonnie Bierma of Australia; and brother, John Hodges of Lansing.

Memorials may be made to the Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48103 or the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48109-0752.

LILLIAN E. CLELAND
Services for Lillian E. Cleland, 83, of Livonia were April 5 at Newburg United Methodist Church with the Rev. Melanie Lee Carey officiating.

Mrs. Cleland was born Nov. 21, 1914, in South Range, Mich.,

and died April 2 in Livonia. She was a bookkeeper.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph Joutsu and mother, Jenny Joutsu. She is survived by her sons, Keith (Jeanine) Cleland of Plymouth and Bruce (Mary) Cleland of Milwaukee, Wis.; sisters, Anne Zitterbart of Farmington Hills and Ruth Simons of Houghton Lake; and three grandchildren, Elizabeth, Jessica and Christopher.

MICHAEL P. CAPOZZO
Services for Michael P. Capozzo, 78, of Canton were April 9 at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church, Canton.

Mr. Capozzo was born Nov. 5, 1919, in Detroit and died April 5 at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. He was a tester for automotive paint.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine C.; daughter, Frances J. (James) Shehadi; son, Anthony J. (Catherine); two brothers, Joseph and William; and four grandchildren, Jimmy, Marie, Carolyn, Michael.

Memorials may be made to the National Alliance for Autism Research, 414 Wall St., Research Park, Princeton, N.J. 08540.

JOYCE KELLY
Services for Joyce Kelly, 54, of Fulton, Ky., were April 7 at Strong Funeral Home in Hickman, Ky., with the Rev. Ronnie Sutton officiating. Burial was in Hickman City Cemetery, Hickman, Ky.

Mrs. Kelly was born Nov. 7, 1943, in Union City, Tenn. She died April 4 at Parkway Regional Hospital, Fulton, Ky. She was of the Baptist faith.

She is survived by her husband, Jackie of Kentucky; son, Jimmy Kelly of Plymouth; daughters, Lisa Kelly Combs of Kentucky; Jacqueline Ludwig of Northville; Tammy Kelly of Kentucky; brother, Rice Dewitt Pinion of Taylor; sisters, Barbara Micol of Novi, Barbara Dyer of Tennessee, Linda Yates of Westland, Jane Brockwell of Kentucky, Lucy Trierweiler of Livonia. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Rice A. and Eula Mae; stepmother, Sammie Irene Pinion; brother, Vernon Marvin Pinion; and sister, Anna Rawson.

KERRY A. MEYER
Funeral services for Kerry A. Meyer, 38, of Livonia were held April 8 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry A. Yarnell of St. Michael Lutheran Church officiating.

Mr. Meyer, who died April 3 in Plymouth Township, was born in Highland Park. He was a laborer in the construction field.

Surviving are: wife, Deanna; mother, Betty; brothers, Mark and Kevin; and a sister, Laura. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert.

Plymouth Baptist Church presents drama

Plymouth Baptist Church will present an Easter Concert/Drama entitled, "Who Do You Say I Am?" at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 9 and Good Fri-

day, April 10. The biblical characters come to life in this presentation of the Passion Week. There is no admission charge for this concert. Children under age

5 will not be admitted to the auditorium.

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Students in the fourth and fifth grades at Gallimore Elementary School created a State/City Fair March 31. The activity was the culmination of the fifth-grade unit on the 50 states and fourth-grade studies of Michigan.

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POINTS OF VIEW

Editorial disappoints

I was extremely disappointed in the recent editorial on gun bills, published April 2, 1998.

Like many other newspapers across the county in the recent past, the Observer has decided to go for the emotional outcry rather than the truth.

The truth is that states that have improved concealed carry laws for honest citizens have all seen a decrease in violent crime of all types. Improved concealed carry laws make states safer.

The truth is also that today's laws are much more "abusive" than the proposed laws. Today, it is nearly impossible for an individual to get a concealed carry permit in most counties is to have political connections. Only the wealthy, famous or politically connected are fortunate enough to obtain one.

The current law is abusive and arbitrary while the proposed laws are fair and reasonable.

The truth regarding the proposed close door sessions is hardly abusive. In fact, it is a big improvement, allowing the citizen a chance to appeal to the concealed carry board and to discuss concerns with them in private. The current law provides no appeal. The new laws remove abuse from this system.

The truth is that the new laws require more training and contain tighter restriction than the current political patronage system. The current law has no provision for alcohol abuse. The new laws are an improvement in every area.

The truth needs to find its way into the Observer. Well-respected studies in recent years have stated that guns in the hands of the honest citizen prevent crime over one million times a year across the United States. Some estimates are even higher! States like Florida have shown a continuous decrease in violent crime. States like Texas show that concealed carry permit holders are over three times less likely to be arrested than others. Ver-

mont allows it citizens to carry without any bureaucratic interference. Is Michigan, with its severe restriction on concealed carry, safer than Vermont?

The anti self-defense editorial closes with the line "... the life you save may be your own." Supporting these bills may be the best thing anyone could do to save their life or that of a loved one.

Dan Rakoczy  
Livonia

Support gun ownership

Your editorial of April 2 is full of misleading information. It is obvious that you support gun control laws. It is also obvious that you really don't think that law-abiding individuals can be trusted to act appropriately with the ownership of guns.

You state that the "shall issue" provision in the current proposed gun bills will "pose a serious public safety threat to everyone," "has a potential for misuse in a variety of situations" and "is poor public policy and a clear public safety threat." You also cite a Prosecutors Association and a Medical Association who support gun control laws. The quotes from these organizations provide no factual information whatsoever. They simply state that there is a growing incidence of firearm violence reaching epidemic proportions.

You really ought to consult FBI statistics which clearly show that in areas of this country where there are the fewest gun laws, there is also the lowest incidence of violent firearm crime. Conversely, in the areas where there are the most stringent gun control laws (take Washington, D.C., for example) violent gun crime is at those epidemic levels you so indicated.

It really doesn't take a great deal of brain power to figure out that criminals will choose as victims those people who are the most vulnerable. And

let's face it, a disarmed citizenry provides one hell of a lot of sheep for the wolves to prey upon.

You also said, "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." This is very misleading. Under current Michigan law, unless you are at the gun range or somewhere on your back 40 acres, when carrying this gun, it must be in a locked case, unloaded, and if being transported in your car, must be kept in the trunk. Tell me what use an unloaded, double locked-up gun will be when a carjacker or a rapist assaults you or your loved ones? No less than Thomas Jefferson said, "Laws that forbid the carrying of arms ... disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes ... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."

And lastly, the most important reason that individuals should be allowed to own and carry guns is summed up quite nicely in the following few quotes from some rather famous historic characters:

"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is at the last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government." Thomas Jefferson.

"Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution. They are the American people's liberty teeth and keystone under independence ... From the hour the pilgrims landed, to the present day, events, occurrences, and tendencies prove that to insure peace, security and happiness, the rifle and pistol are equally indispensable. Every corner of this land knows firearms, and more than 99 percent of them by their silence indicate that they are in safe hands. The very atmosphere of firearms anywhere and everywhere restrains Evil interference ... they deserve a place of honor with all that's good. When firearms

go, all goes ... we need them every hour." George Washington.

"Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed, as they are in almost every kingdom in Europe. The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword because the whole body of people are armed, and constitute a force superior to any band of regular troops that can be, on any pretense, raised in the United States." Noah Webster.

"(The Constitution preserves) the advantage of being armed which America possesses over the people of most every other nation ... (where) the governments of Europe are afraid to trust its citizens with firearms ... (The American people shall remain armed to) form a barrier against the enterprises of despotic ambition." James Madison, Federalist Papers No. 46.

I will leave you with this last thought-provoking question: How will you defend the right to a free press, to free speech, to freedom of religion, freedom from unreasonable search and seizure, etc. (if you in fact believe in such), if you don't have the means to defend those rights from tyrants?

Jeffrey Hartzel  
Livonia

Support gun bills

I wanted to share my experience with "right to carry" gun legislation. Seven years ago, I moved from Michigan to Indiana. Once there, I found that Indiana was a "right to carry" state, meaning if one applied for a gun permit, the only reasons for denial were conviction of a felony or a history of drug or alcohol abuse. I had my doubts that everyone would behave themselves with this sort of privilege.

Many men and women where I worked had permits to carry. I figured shortly I'd be reading horrible stories of gun mishaps. I waited and waited.

Four years ago, I became a deputy sheriff. I had never owned a gun before that time. While a deputy, I

took a police report from a woman in her 30s about an attempted carjacking. One of the bad guys pulled in front of her car on a deserted road. He drove very slowly to a stop sign and would not pull away from the sign. The woman was stuck. Sensing something was wrong, the woman, who had a permit to carry a pistol, removed her pistol from her purse.

Shortly afterward, a young man sprung from a creek that was next to her car and ran to her driver's side window. The movement attracted the woman's attention, as she had been watching the car in front of her. As she spun to face the window with the gun in her hand also pointed at the window, the attacker's facial expression changed to horror as he noticed the gun already drawn on him. He immediately turned and ran.

I'm glad to let you know that is the report I took, instead of the report that could have been taken if the woman had not had a gun. Hopefully, the bad guys would only have stolen her car, not hurt her or worse.

If the police can not protect the citizens, then the citizens should be able to protect themselves. The police do a fine job, but the criminals keep getting bolder.

Also, what happens to a criminal when the possibility exists the person he's attacking may be armed? I'd like to think maybe some will decide to get into another line of work.

To be fair, I have heard of two instances in my seven years in Indiana where the permit to carry did endanger innocent people. Both cases involved people with guns shooting at criminals that had already committed crimes.

The bill being considered by Michigan would have eliminated those shootings by requiring 12 hours of education before issuing the permit. Currently, no training is required in Indiana.

Tell your representatives to vote yes on House Bills 5551-5559.

Dave Homyak  
Plymouth

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**TEDD SCHNEIDER**

## Flora's more than haircut 9 times a year

Will I go to Hartland just to get my hair cut?

This 60-mile round-trip has been on my mind for the last couple of years, ever since Flora announced she hoped to find work closer to her family's new home in Livingston County. Every six or seven weeks it inches closer to reality. The home was finished last fall, Flora is all moved in, but so far (thank goodness), she hasn't been looking for a job in her new neighborhood.

Flora is Flora (Gomez) Sparks — and she's been cutting my hair for about 17 years, even before it started getting thin on top, in back.

In fact, I trusted my hair to Flora before I was ready to commit to a lot of other things. Like marriage or having a family, owning a home or even reliable transportation.

It goes beyond the fact that she knows her craft. Certainly, I like that she never really teased me about the black blotch (birthmark) on the side of my brown-haired head. Well, not much after the first visit, anyways, when she made sure every stylist in the shop had a chance to move in for a close look.

### Regular customer

What made me one of Flora's "regulars," I think, was the easygoing conversations we enjoyed while she snipped and clipped her way around my scalp. Ten or 15 minutes out of my day — and hers — where what really mattered was the movie you just saw or the vacation you were planning. This serious stuff of careers and relationships, that could wait until later, when a new haircut would allow a fresh perspective.



**Milestones:** Flora Sparks has shared haircuts and life's special moments with the Schneiders.

Then too, Flora and I have always been around the same place in our lives. Our relationship has been through her marriage to Kline and mine to Lori. She bought a home in Livonia around the same time we were looking in Farmington Hills. Her two children — Colleen, 9, and Logan, 6 — preceded my 4-year-old by a few years, so at least I knew what to expect.

Through the years, we've exchanged baby gifts, holiday presents and dog stories — her 8-year-old cocker spaniel vs. our 7-year-old golden retriever.

Flora is modest, another quality in short supply these days. It wasn't until I called to ask her about this column that she mentioned she cut Tim Allen's hair once or twice — before the "Home Improvement" star made it big in TV or movies. "He was doing standup and Midas (muffler shop) commercials," she said. All these years sitting in her chair and I never had a clue my hair stylist also coiffed the soon-to-be rich and famous.

### Something comforting

Although not really friends in the truest sense, Flora and I nonetheless have something tangible and

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**Clip, clip:** (Above) The barber pole is on the window on Naimola's Barber and Style Shop on Plymouth Road in Livonia, started by Mike Naimola's father in 1957. (Photo at right) Nancy Austin of Canton has been a regular of Bill Coatta at Coatta's Unisex Salon in Livonia for 30 years.



**Loyal customer:** Al Tanski has been getting his haircut at Naimola's since he was 3 years old.



# HAIRSTYLISTS

## A CUT ABOVE THE REST

A good hairstylist, it seems, is more than a talented pair of hands. He or she is a confidant(e), a sharer of good news and bad, is tolerant of clients' petty complaints, ignores their irritating habits and can boost their fragile egos to bouffant heights.

In turn, customers are forgiving of the occasional slip of the scissors, anemic perm or off-the-chart color that threatens to stretch a bad hair day into a month.

Indeed, clients are willing to follow their favorite stylists from salon to salon, city to city, pledging their undying loyalty along the way.

Nancy Austin of Canton has followed her stylist, Bill Coatta, owner of Coatta's Unisex Salon in Livonia, for 30 years. She said she'll become a "lost soul" when he retires.

"We know each other so well now, that our lives have become intertwined," she said. "We know about family weddings, funerals, births, joys, tragedies and everything else life deals us."

It's more than a great haircut — "Every hair is measured during the cut" — that keeps Austin coming back.

"That shop is so comfortable; that's where I go and hide for three hours once a month."

Every Wednesday for the last 19 years, Marty Wise of Livonia has placed herself in the capable hands of Diane Timmerman, owner of The Tangerine Room of Beauty in Livonia.

"She's just a wonderful person. I call her my miracle worker because I feel so good when I come out," said Wise.

Timmerman appreciates Wise's devotion.

"Marty is a very sweet person. She walks



**Drying out:** Arlene Turner of Canton has been a customer at Diane Timmerman's Tangerine Room of Beauty in Livonia for 14 years.

here every week, no matter what the weather."

Wise said her hair is a bit thin and Timmerman always makes sure everything is covered "just perfectly." Wise also appreciates Timmerman's knack for suggesting rather than pushing new products, like the

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## Hair-praising tales

There are plenty of "hair-raising" stories out there, stylists who won't listen and customers who won't follow advice. Our readers got right to the "root" of what makes the ideal customer and hairstylist.

### Customer from heaven:

"An ideal customer is a person who lets you style their hair to suit their face and their occupation. When you get a person like that you enjoy your job, you create."

— Joannie "I'm stylin' today" Khoury Steiger • Joannie's Hair Salon, Livonia

"One who is very social. I like to have someone talking all the time. Someone not stuck in a rut. If someone's open to change, you have a much better relationship. And, of course, loyalty."

— Christine Campbell • Rumorz Hair Salon, Westland

"Probably a satisfied customer. A customer who likes change. A customer who's dependable. We like loyalty, but we can't demand it."

— Cheryl Bias • C J's Hair Stop, Canton

"A customer who keeps an open mind. Talkative. One who's not afraid to tell us what they like. That's how we learn. One who treats us like family because that's what we're like here."

— Sue Berger • Reflections, Garden City

"Someone who's funny. Someone who's cooperative and ready to change, not afraid to dive in."

— Dennis Schuster • Headstart, Plymouth

### Stylist from heaven:

"I want them to do exactly what I want. Also, I want them to remember what they did with my hair the last time."

— Karin Keim • Canton

"When you walk out feeling happy because you had come in. When he or she doesn't deviate from your own personal image of yourself. When your hair doesn't turn orange."

— Maria Kosonski-Chestney • Plymouth

"Listening to what the client wants rather than just hearing."

— Debra Fitzgibbon • Garden City

"Someone who gives a good haircut. I don't mind the chit-chat, but I can live without it. I will talk, but I'd just as soon sit there, get my hair cut and go."

— Bill Casper • Redford

"Somebody willing to give you ideas, but listen to what you want. My hairdresser and I work together. I'll come up with an idea, but she'll say, 'No, it won't work. We'll do this.'"

— Karen Schiffman • Livonia

# Re-enactors bring authenticity to 'Lincoln'

**Extra special:** Waiting to be summoned for filming of scenes in a replica of Ford Theater for "The Day Lincoln Was Shot" were "living history background artists" Becky Turza (left) and her mother, Beth, of Canton.



Beth Turza tripped the light fantastic with Hollywood director Ron Maxwell Saturday night. Amid period music, period desserts and period clothing, she savored the chance to contra dance with the director of highly acclaimed film, "Gettysburg."

"I feel he was there scouting," said the Canton resident. "He talked in-depth about his new film, 'Gods and Generals.' The rumor mill has it that he's approached some of the stars from 'Gettysburg' to revive their roles."

The dancing was part of a special movie premiere at the Antietam National Battlefield Park Visitor Center in Sharpsburg, Md. Turza was among a group of more than 100 "backgrounders" treated to a screening of the TNT Original film "The Day Lincoln Was Shot," which premieres Sunday, April 12, on TNT.

Turza and her daughter Becky, Lynn Calil of Royal Oak, Glenna Rost Christen of Warren, Jackie Wakeling of Taylor and Elizabeth Potas of Dearborn Heights were among 35 re-enactors hired by Pat James, in charge of the film's living history casting, to work as extras for the production.

James negotiated re-enactor fee for the production and was allotted 135 slots for re-enactors

during the filming. Turza and her daughter were hired for seven days of filming in Richmond and Petersburg, Va., while the rest of the group worked for four days in Richmond.

"Pat wanted to make a difference; she talked to the director about paying a decent fee to get quality people," said Turza. "Background people or extras are furnishings in a movie, so Pat wanted to make sure the furnishings fit in with the period."

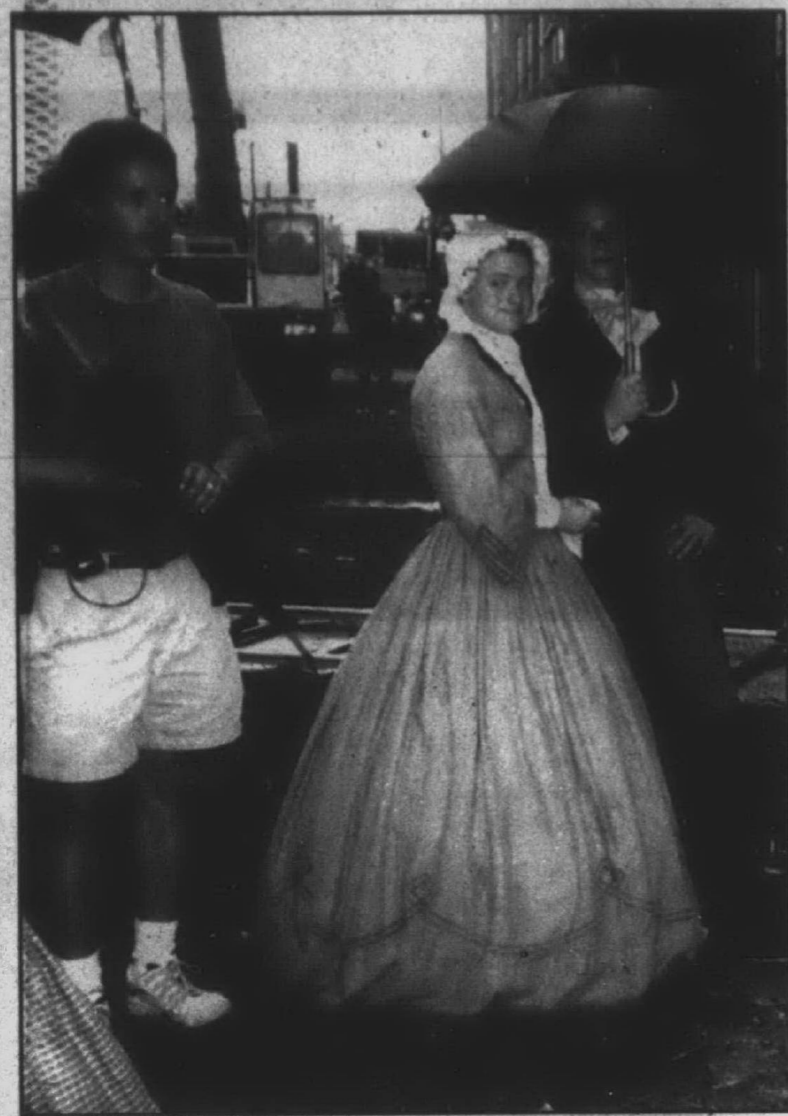
Based on the Jim Bishop's best-selling book of the same name, "The Day Lincoln Was Shot" chronicles the days and hour leading up to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln from the perspective of the president and his murderer, John Wilkes Booth.

The facade of the White House was created at the Millenium Studios in Virginia, while the interior of Ford Theater was created inside a theater in Richmond. The outdoor scenes were filmed on a street in a warehouse district in Petersburg that still has some of its original cobblestone.

"The Day Lincoln Was Shot" is the first film work for Turza and her daughter. She has been a

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Places, please: Jay Guerra (left), the second second assistant director, positions the backgrounders, including Becky Turza and Andrew Brenner, for a shot of the crowd waiting outside the house where Lincoln died.

re-enactor for 22 years and Becky got her first taste of it at Gettysburg in 1981 when her mother was seven months pregnant.

Their background work follows in the footsteps of husband Jim whose movie credits include "Gettysburg," "Glory" and "Antie-tam," an independent film currently in production. He made his "acting debut" in the television mini series, "North and South Book II."

A budding thespian, Becky just finished a stint as Frenchie in Plymouth Salem High School's production of "Grease" before taking on assistant stage manager and costumer for the Wyandotte Community Theater's production of "Camelot."

The family's penchant for acting started with the troupe and with daughter Jessica, a student at Michigan State University, who appeared in its production of "Ann of Green Gables" and in "Crazy for You" with Becky.

Told in advance what the director was looking for, Turza packed six period outfits for the filming. Her choice of a brown silk dress with a gathered bonnet landed her a seat in the front row for filming inside the theater. Becky, who wore a dark mauve silk dress with a black jacket and gathered bonnet was seated four rows back.

"The director was so pleased with the quality of the re-enactors, that they were seated in the front rows of the theater before the extras they had hired,"

Turza said. "As re-enactors, we're not as highly paid as professionals actors, but we come with our own wardrobe of period clothing. And we policed each other so we portrayed the period authentically."

There was a lot of waiting involved in the filming and the backgrounders marked time in a banquet room where one day piano playing led to dancing and complaints about their bouncing around by the "hair Nazis."

Some days started at 6 a.m. and on one occasion ran until 1 a.m. And on the fourth day, much of the time was spent in the theater as the assassination scene was shot "over and over again" before the stunt was set up for Booth's jump onto the stage.

The film stars Lance Henriksen as Lincoln, Donna Murphy as Mary Todd Lincoln and Rob Morrow as Booth. After seeing the film, Turza praised the performances of Henriksen, Murphy and Doug O'Leary who played Doctor Leale, the physician who cared for Lincoln at the theater and accompanied him to the house across the street from the theater.

"We called him Doctor Dougie; he was really friendly, a personable, nice guy," Turza said. "We didn't realize he had such a big role until we saw the film."

Her photo album includes snapshots of the work on the TNT film. There's a photograph of John Wilkes Booth (Morrow) talking on his cell phone - "I

thought it was amusing." - Becky with her movie partner Andrew Brenner, a re-enactor from Stanley, Va., and Turza check-to-check with director John Gray.

"I had a camera hidden under my shawl in the theater and on the third day I got brave enough to take some pictures during the down time," Turza said. "The director walked by and asked who had the camera and I figured I was in trouble. He took it, sat down beside me and held it out to take a picture of us."

Turza is already talking about future roles. She'd like a spot re-

enacting in Maxwell's "Gods and Generals," while Becky would like to step up to a speaking role.

And she gladly adds a few tips for watching the film. Number one, there is a gratuitous sex scene, and ...

"You can pick out Becky in the open air scenes because of her yellow bonnet, and my bonnet stands out in the theater scene."

"The Day Lincoln Was Shot" will air at 8 p.m. April 12, on TNT, with encore presentations at 10 p.m. April 12, midnight April 13, 11 p.m. April 14, 5 p.m. April 18, 1 p.m. April 19, 10 p.m. April 21 and 6:30 p.m. April 26.



Something noble? Titus Welliver (left) and Jaimz Woolvett (right) join Rob Morrow as conspirators in the plot to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln.

# Hairstylists from page B1

shampoo Wise recently started using to promote hair growth. "It's done wonders," she said.

## 'Not just a service'

When Tracey Darabon of Canton wanted a new look after her son was born five months ago, she made an appointment with Christine Campbell, owner of Rumorz Hair Salon in Westland. Campbell, who's been Darabon's stylist for five years, chopped off Darabon's long, blonde tresses.

"I love it," said Darabon. So does her husband, who first covered his eyes when Darabon came home with her new do.

Darabon just plain likes Campbell. "I like her as a person. She talks and I talk. I feel she's not just giving me a service. We've become friends. She's warm and friendly. You tell her things you wouldn't tell other people."

Mary Ann Snodgrass of Garden City most likely sets the record of remaining faithful to a hair stylist, 37 years.

"I followed her from beauty school to a shop to her home when she had children to another

shop, which she now owns," Snodgrass said of Janine Wood, owner of Charles & Co. Hair Design in Dearborn Heights. "She is very knowledgeable. She's a stylist to whom you can say do something different. I've always been pleased."

Only once was Snodgrass forced to go to another stylist. That's when Wood took six months off to have her last child. The fill-in stylist gave Snodgrass the perm from hell.

"It was terrible. I never thought it would grow out," she said. "I was a happy girl when Janine started working again."

Thirty years as a hair stylist has taught Sharon Le of Plymouth "to have fun and take life lightly." A former customer who lives in Florida has been sending Le her wigs to wash and style for 25 years.

"The clerks at the post office think the boxes are filled with air because they are so light," said

Le. For the past 23 years, Le has been the resident hairstylist at Northville Psychiatric Hospital.

"When I meet new acquaintances and they ask what I do and where do I work, I get a variety of responses," she said. "It is by far not a glamorous job, but none could be more rewarding than to motivate ladies who are depressed, neglected or need a new look to perk them up and feel better about themselves."

"The doctors tell me patients act better when they look better."

## It's a guy place

Where do guys go when they need perking up? Mike Naimola, owner of Naimola's Barber and Style Shop on Plymouth Road in Livonia, said a lot of them come to his shop. He doesn't offer them cookies and flavored coffee, just a good listening ear.

"They don't get out of here without talking - sports, jobs,

going to Florida. Not many people come in here and say, 'Shut up, I don't want to talk,'" he said.

Naimola's father opened the shop in 1957, and Naimola has been cutting hair there for 25 years. He keeps files on his customers' preferences, like square or oval backs, how much off the top and how high above the ear and collar.

"All he has to do is tell me his name. It takes the guesswork out, and I can repeat the haircut."

Naimola even makes house-calls for special customers.

"When they get sick, they call me up and I go to their home," he said. "If they offer me a cup of coffee, that's all I want."

While good communication is a part of the relationship between stylist and client, it's no secret what makes for a good relationship. And Wise sums it all up with: "I feel like she's my friend."

# Flora from page B1

comforting. We are tied to life's challenges by those eight or nine visits each year.

The bond is firm enough that I have followed her all over the western suburbs - from Southfield, to Livonia (two stores) to Novi - since that day in 1981 when I walked in to Super Clips (now BoRics) for a trim. Now Lori and our daughter,


Sarah, often come in with me. So Flora cuts our hair and is by extension almost part of our family.

Flora doesn't know this. But I used to love hearing about the endless construction delays on her new house. Oh, I would commiserate with her when I went in for my haircut. Secretly though, I walked

out knowing there would be at least one or two more visits before decision time.

You know, maybe Hartland isn't so far after all. My car gets good mileage, I can always free up some time on a Saturday ...

Tedd Schneider is the community editor of the Canton Observer. He likes his hair cut short, but not too short.




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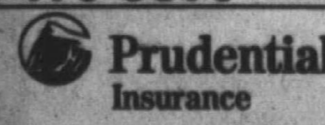
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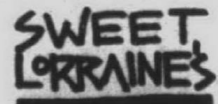
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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

**Darby-Cloutier**

Larry and Marjorie Darby of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Marjorie, to Stephen Michael Cloutier, the son of Margaret Cloutier of Ecorse and the late George Cloutier Jr.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, Bowling Green State University with a bachelor of science degree and the University of Michigan with a master of business administration degree. She is employed as a market research consultant by R.L. Polk.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Gabriel Richard High School, Wayne County Community College as a registered nurse and Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in health administration. He is employed as an advanced business analyst in health care audit



at Electronic Data Systems. A September wedding is planned at St. Thomas a' Becket Church in Canton.

**Cangemi-Fedewa**

Salvatore and Deanna Cangemi of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Joanna Marie, to James Michael Fedewa, the son of Alice Fedewa of Plymouth and Stan Fedewa of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is employed at Community Federal Credit Union in Plymouth.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School. He attended Eastern Michigan University. He is the president of Xerographic Solutions, a Xerox franchise in Plymouth and Fort Lauderdale, Fla. A May wedding is planned at



St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

**Pyzocha-Pelletier**

Lawrence Catchpole of Waterford and Marjorie Lebert of Harrow, Ontario, Canada, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracey Lee Pyzocha, to Robert Allen Pelletier, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Pelletier of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Oakland Community College with an associate's degree in liberal arts and criminal justice. She is majoring in political science at Oakland University. She

is employed by First of America Bank as a subpoena coordinator in Royal Oak.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Schoolcraft College with an associate's degree in science and Western Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration in human resource management. He is employed at Fluid Automation in Wixom.

A May wedding is planned at Newburgh United Methodist Church in Livonia.

**McElroy-Ferguson**

Sue Dodson of Canton and Lawrence McElroy of Mesa, Ariz., announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy McElroy, to David Ferguson, the son of David Ferguson of Madison Heights and the late Nancy Ferguson.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is employed by Oakland Catholic Credit Union in Troy.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed by Spartan Tube in Livonia.



A May wedding is planned.

**Mitchell-Cox**

Jacqueline Fobare of Plymouth and Allen Mitchell of Lake Orion announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne Marie, to Allen Lee Cox Jr., the son of Allen and Rebecca Cox of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is a graduate student at Central Michigan University studying human resource administration. She is employed as a branch operations supervisor for Western Staff Services in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University. He is a graduate student at Central Michigan University studying public administration. He is employed as a police officer by the City of Plymouth.



An October wedding is planned at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton.

**Kuhn-Anglulo**

Christopher Jason Kuhn of Holly and Stefanie Marie Anglulo of Canton were married Feb. 14 on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, by Jeff Gargane.

The bride is the daughter of John and Lana Anglulo of Canton. The groom is the son of Karl and Gloria Kuhn of Naubinway.

The bride is attending Schoolcraft College. She is employed as a medical assistant.

The groom is attending Michigan State University. He is employed as an investment officer with NBD.

The couple received guests at Magen's Bay Beach, St. Thomas. They are making their home in



Holly.

**Nelson-Draeger**

Linda Nelson of Plymouth and John Nelson of Ypsilanti announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly A., to Lars Draeger, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Draeger of Grand Haven.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She is a junior at Grand Valley State University, majoring in elementary/special education. She is a member of Sigma Kappa sorority.

Her fiancé is a 1996 graduate of Grand Haven High School. He is a junior at Grand Valley State University, majoring in elementary/physical education. He is a defensive lineman on the Grand Valley State football team.



A May wedding is planned at Garden City Presbyterian Church.

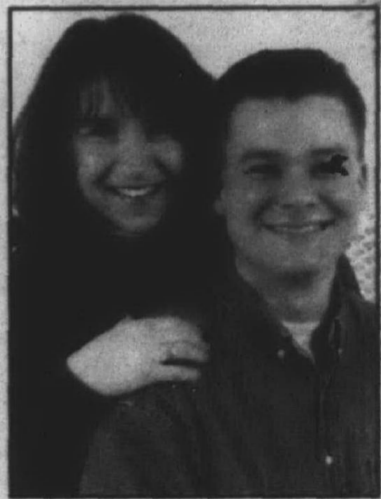
**Przywara-McGlade**

Shirley Przywara of Westland and Phil Przywara of Chicago, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Sue, to Scott Thomas McGlade, the son of Sandy Madden of Wayne and Thomas McGlade of Westland.

The bride-to-be is employed at Ford Motor Company as a project architect.

Her fiancé is employed at Platinum Technology as a regional sales manager in Bloomfield Hills.

A November wedding is planned at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne.



**Hinderleider-Abrams**

Jeffery and Lynn Hinderleider of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Anne, to Brian Philip Abrams, the son of Christina and Richard Abrams of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and a 1996 graduate of Cleary College with a bachelor of business administration degree. She is employed as a claim supervisor for Sedgwick CMS Inc.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. A veteran of Operation Desert Storm, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1989 to 1993. He is employed by Chrysler



Corp. A spring wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

6 residents elected to YW board of directors

Six area residents have been elected to the Board of Directors of the YWCA of Western Wayne County.

Marianne Talon and Maha Freij of Livonia, Terry Ahwal, Carol Steffanni and Coleen Pobur of Plymouth and Carolyn Kimbrough were tapped for the positions at the agency's recent

annual meeting.

Also elected were Nadia Berry and Joyce Ball of Dearborn, Tommie Butler of Dearborn Heights, Veronica Massey of Detroit, Marianne Riley of Taylor, Clementine Payton of Inkster, Jennifer Granholm and Karen Woodside of Northville,

Suzanne Hall and Joan Dyer-Zimmer of Southgate and Donna McEachern of Wayne.

Elected to the 1998 agency nominating committee were Kay Beard of Westland, Mary Dumas of Livonia, Margaret Glatfelter of West Bloomfield, Dr. Shereen Arraf of Dearborn

and Viola Dougherty, Margie Rose, Naomi James and Judge Sylvia James, all of Inkster.

The YWCA Volunteer Award of Meritorious Service was presented by Barbara Gepford of Livonia to Mary Ribbron of Inkster for her nearly five decades of dedicated volunteer service.

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# CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

## WEEKEND

**EGG HUNT**  
The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees will hold the annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 11, at Plymouth Township Park, Ann Arbor Trail just east of Beck. The hunt will begin at 10 a.m. Parents and children are asked to be ready to go at that time because the candy will disappear quickly. The Easter Bunny will be on hand 9-11:30 a.m., and Polaroid pictures will be available. There is no cost to this event. For more information, call the Plymouth-Canton Jaycee Hotline at (734) 453-8407.

**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. A free picture with the Easter Bunny is 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.

**BREAKFAST WITH BUNNY**  
Fox Hills presents breakfast with the Easter Bunny 9-11 a.m. Saturday, April 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.

**BEARY MAGICAL MOMENTS**  
The final show in the Youth Variety Series is set for Saturday, April 11, with magician Gordon Russ and "The Magical Adventures of Super Bear." The series at the Summit is sponsored by Canton Project Arts and the Plymouth Canton Jaycees. Saturday's show begins at 1 p.m. and is designed for children ages 10 and under. It emphasizes audience participation and the magic of puppetry. Rosco the Clown will appear before and after the show (at 12:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m.), making balloon animal sculptures and performing. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the Summit in advance or at the door the day of the show. For more information, call (734) 397-5381.

## SINGLES

**THURSDAY PROGRAM**  
Single Place presents Communion Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Northville. For more information, call the church 248-349-0911.

## AROUND TOWN

**BOY'S FOREST**  
The Plymouth District

Library is now closed until a grand opening of its new facility April 26. Patrons may use area libraries, including Canton, Northville, Livonia and Westland. The bookdrop at the Farmer Jack library location on Main Street remains open.

**CHAMBER MIXER**  
The Plymouth and Livonia chambers of commerce will meet for their April mixer and business card exchange 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 9, at Water Club Grill. Cost is \$5 plus a cash bar. For more information, call the Plymouth chamber, 543-1540.

**GARDEN MEETING**  
The Plymouth Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association will meet at 12:30 p.m. Monday, April 13 at the home of Doris Richards. The guest speaker for the meeting will be Louis Mascola of Garden Views, 202 W. Main in Northville. The meeting will focus on "Gardening Today, It's More than Bushes and Flowers." The Garden Views store is filled with accent items of bird baths, benches, fountains, and garden tools. Mascola "will bring to the garden club the newest in these accent items," said Joan Calhoun, program chairwoman. The tea chairwoman for the upcoming event is Heather Shepard, assisted by Juanita Fenkell, Pat Robinson and Janet Stuckey. Guests are welcome by calling Virginia Bake at 455-1241.

**GO TO THE MOVIES**  
The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents "Let's go to the Movies," at 6 p.m. Friday, April 17, at Laurel Manor. The evening is a Pops dinner concert and auction. For more information, call 451-2112.

**SPRING CONCERT**  
The 120-voice Plymouth Community Chorus will present its Spring Concert, "Broadway Magic," at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy. The chorus is celebrating its 25th anniversary in September. Many numbers from this concert will be included in a recording that will be made to commemorate the occasion. Included will be songs from "West Side Story," "Les Miserables," "Guys and Dolls," a celebration of Andrew Lloyd Webber's music, songs from "Man of La Mancha," "Beauty and the Beast," "Sound of Music," "Fiddler on the Roof," and "Cabaret." Tickets are \$8 and may be obtained from: Evola Music, 215 Ann Arbor Road, Side-ways Gift Shop, 505 Forest, and the Northville Record, 104 W. Main. Tickets may also be ordered, as can the 25th anniversary audio tapes and CDs, by calling 734-455-4080.

**SECRETARY'S DAY**  
The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its ninth annual Secretary's Day Luncheon noon-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at the Plymouth Manor. The luncheon will feature guest speaker K.C. Mueller, Plymouth Township trustee and Remerica Hometown Realtors. The event also will feature a drawing for the Secretary of the Day, who will receive special recognition and gifts. Each secretary will receive a flower, luncheon, door prizes and a fashion show featuring fashions from Unique Accessories, I Do Two, Sunny J's Lingerie and Motown Harley. Advance reservations are

## Jump for health



Jump by Jump: Nichole Cupo was one of about 250 Allen Elementary School students who hopped, skipped and jumped their way toward raising money for the American Heart Association.

## Students jump for hearts and health

About 250 Allen Elementary School students expended some energy recently to raise money for the American Heart Association. Jodi Ring, an American Heart Association board member and West Middle School teacher, supported the students during the events. "Our goal was to collect at least \$500," Ring said. The pledge money was collected from family members and parents.

"It's nice to see that the two can go hand-in-hand. Not only physical exercise but also community service," she said. For the fifth-grade students, the jump roping gave them a chance to apply knowledge about the circulatory system and have fun at the same time. The students got a chance to feel like they were doing something that mattered. "Students don't always get a good reputation for doing community service," Ring said.

required and may be made only by calling the chamber, 453-1540. The cost is \$17 per person.

**HONOR YOUR SECRETARY**  
The Plymouth Community Arts Council will present an appreciation continental breakfast, a flower, art rental for a month - all for \$10. The drop-in breakfast is 7:30-10 a.m. at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction. For more information and reservations, call the center, 416-4ART.

**PHOTOGRAPHER TO SPEAK**  
Kathleen Thompson of Northville, a photographer who has won national acclaim, will speak at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 23 at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady. Her topic will be "Creativity and the Camera." The talk and slide show at the library will be in the Carlo Meeting Room. There is no admission, but reservations are required by calling 248-349-3020.

**HEALTH-O-RAMA**  
Free and low-cost health screenings are available at Project Health-O-Rama 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 25 at the Canton Summit. Free health screenings include vision, hearing, glaucoma, podiatry, nutrition counseling and body composition analysis. Low-cost screenings include blood panel chemistry,

prostate cancer blood test, ovarian cancer blood test, colon-rectal cancer self-test, bone density, gastrointestinal, take-home HIV test. No registration is required. Call the Saint Joseph Mercy HealthLine for more information, 734-712-5400 or 800-231-2211.

**OPENING PARTY**  
The Friends of the Plymouth Library will host a gala opening night party, "The Tradition Continues," to celebrate the grand opening of the new Plymouth District Library Saturday, April 25. The grand opening of the library will be Sunday, April 26. The black tie-optional event begins at 7:30 p.m. and run until 10 p.m. The event includes appetizers, champagne and a scavenger hunt. A saxophone quartet of Carrie Fry, Steve McGuire, Aaron Shehon and Lisa Reissenweber will provide music. Tickets are available at Little Professor on the Park for \$25 per person, or by calling 453-7432. Those who donate \$500 or more to the library will receive two complementary tickets to the party. Just 200 tickets are available. Ticket sales end April 18.

**YOUTH EXCHANGE**  
Local Rotary Clubs are accepting applications from students in the community and surrounding areas who are interested in spending a year overseas with

service is provided by the Senior Advantage Program of Beyer Hospital.

**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.

**DOG JOG**  
Plymouth Dog Jog '98 is set for Saturday, May 9 in Kellogg Park. Registration is at noon, followed by the Dog Jog at 1:30 p.m. and "Dogmatics," the Dan Morris Canine Precision Drill Team at 2:30 p.m. Preregistration before May 1 is \$15 and on the day of the walk, \$20. All proceeds go to the Michigan Humane Society, Huron Valley Humane Society and the Plymouth Kiwanis Club, which is presenting the special event. All participants will receive a limited edition "Dog Jog '98" T-shirt and will become eligible for prizes. All participating dogs will receive a designer bandanna. Registration forms may be obtained at 9450 S. Main, Suite 101, Plymouth. Call Eric or Denise for more information, 459-7000.

**BOWLING TOURNAMENT**  
Plaza Lanes in Plymouth will sponsor a Youth 9-Pin Tournament at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 24. First-place trophies will be given in various age groups. The price is \$7 per youth bowler. Door prizes also will be available. For more information call Plaza Lanes, 42081 Ann Arbor Road, at 453-4880.

**YARD SALE**  
The Plymouth Historical Museum will sponsor its annual Yard Sale 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 30 at the museum, 155 S. Main. For more information and pick ups, call the museum, 455-8940.

**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. The nursery is in Livonia. Parental involvement expected. 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 roads, 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 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 needs more books for its April used books sale. New batches of used books are always needed. Hardcover and paperback books in different categories of nonfiction and fiction for all ages are received. To donate, call (734) 421-4420 or (734) 427-0222. For more information, call Esther Friedrichs at 427-0222 or Marge Gade at 261-3191.

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

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**COMMUNITY HOSPICE**  
Adults who have experienced the loss of someone significant in their lives may participate in the Adult Grief Support Group, sponsored by the Community Hospice & Home Care Services Inc. (CHHCS). 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 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, call Arbor Hospice at (734) 662-5999 ext. 114 or 1-800-783-5764.

**EMPOWER**  
One free hour for parents or families. Call for an appointment, 981-3039.

**MDDA**  
MDDA (Manic Depressive-Depressive Association) meets 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.

## 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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NEW VOICES

**Michael Marant and Mistie Young of Redford** announce the birth of **Raven Ashli Young** Dec. 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Steve Marusso, Tanya Young and Cindy Marant.

**Christopher and Mary Kay DeBrito of Canton** announce the birth of **Marianne Christine** Jan. 28 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins a sister, Renae Marie, 18 months. Grandparents are Mary and Syl Noetzel of Canton and Marcia and Joe DeBrito of Monroe. Great-grandparents are Sylvester A. Noetzel of Livonia.

**Kevin and Amy Radtke** of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of **Marissa Marie** Dec. 30 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister,

**Jenna Lynn**, 19 months. Grandparents are Steve and Nanette Fulayter of Allen Park and Ann and John Radtke of Garden City.

**Dan and Nancie Schaffer** of Livonia announce the birth of **Bryan Daniel** Nov. 6 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. He joins a brother, Kevin Matthew, 3, and a sister, Nicole Lynne, 22 months. Grandparents are Ed and Pauline Praizner and Dan and Joyce Schaffer, all of Livonia.

**Eric and Renee Selix** of Westland announce the birth of **Patrick Todd** Jan. 4 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Patrick and Joan Naughton and Beverly Selix, all of Westland.

**Joel and Lori Dean** of Taylor announce the birth of **Jessup**

**Aaron** Feb. 19 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a sister, Alicia Marie. Grandparents are Ronald and Grace Dean and Henry and Janet LaGrow, all of Westland.

**Andy and Maria King** of Garden City announce the birth of **Cooper Blake** Jan. 5 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Pat Evans, Jim King and Louise King, all of Garden City.

**Joel Minzey and Brenda Reed** of Romulus announce the birth of **Paiden Genae Earhart** Feb. 14 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Donald and JoAnn Earhart of Romulus and John and Genae Glover of Livonia.

**Richard Barton Jr.** and

**Roseanna Dobbins** of Westland announce the birth of **Jeremy Edward Barton** Jan. 7 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Anthony Dobbins, 3, and a sister, Kayla Barton, 1. Grandparents are Phillip Dobbins Sr. and Richard Barton, both of Westland.

**Robert and Debra McClain** of Westland announce the birth of **Sandra Jeanne** Feb. 24 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins two brothers, Sean and David. Grandparents are Sandra Pineau of Royal Oak and Bob and Phyllis McClain of Sylvania, Ohio.

**Dan Allen and Therese Ann Harris** of Taylor announce the birth of **Andrea Therese** Jan. 7

at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Amanda Marie, 6, and a brother, Dan William, 3. Grandparents are William and Charlotte Sheffer of Garden City and David and Diane Harris of Webster Springs, W.Va.

**Ricky and Dana Allison** of Belleville announce the birth of **Ricky Gene** Jan. 1 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a sister, Deanna Raquel. Grandparents are Dennis and Nancy Allison of Garden City and Carolina Miller of Southgate.

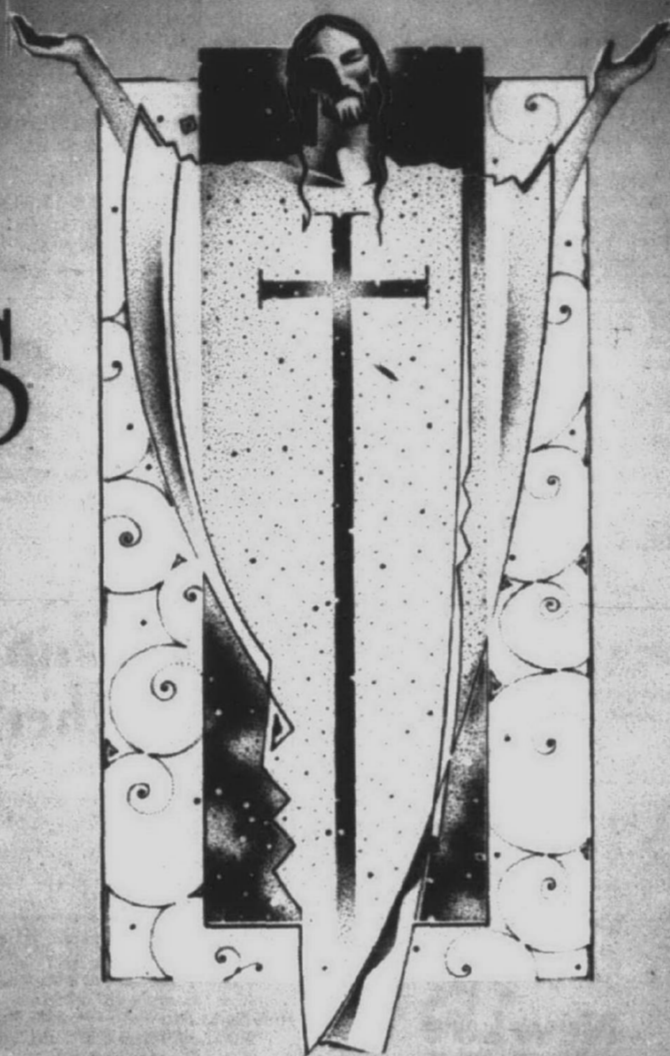
**Gary and Lori Wagner** of Canton announce the birth of **Kayle Nicole** Jan. 10 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Ryan, 7. Grandparents are Les

Klein of Canton, Nancy Klein of Dearborn Heights and Renee Wagner.

**Christopher Bouton and Michelle Hunt** of Garden City announce the birth of **Brandon Howard** March 1 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Howard and Vivienne Hunt and Eric and Brenda Bouton, all of Garden City.

**Mark and Joy Dickinson** of Garden City announce the birth of **Eric Kyle** March 18 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a sister, Angela Faith. Grandparents are George and Wanda McIntosh of Canton; Bernie and Sandy Luther of Plymouth and Bob and Carol Dickinson of Allen Park.

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**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**  
MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 9 - 7:00p.m. with Holy Communion  
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES, April 10 - 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Vigil beginning Friday Evening after the Good Friday Service at 8:00 p.m. and ending on Sunday, April 12 at 6:30 a.m.

**Easter Sunday Services**  
6:30 a.m. - SUNRISE SERVICE • 7:30 a.m. - EASTER BREAKFAST  
9:00 a.m. - FAMILY SERVICE • 11:00 a.m. - FESTIVAL SERVICE

**CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
9300 Farmington Road, Livonia MI  
Rev. Richard Martzolf, Pastor

**Easter Sunday Worship with Holy Communion**  
8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

**PEACE EV LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
9415 Merriman Rd., Livonia, MI • (734) 422-6930

**Maundy Thursday Service**  
April 9 - 7:00 p.m.  
**Good Friday Service**  
April 10 - 1:30 p.m.  
**Easter Sunday**  
April 13 - 7:00 & 10:00 a.m.

**Join us Holy Week at:**

**Faith Lutheran Church**  
30000 Five Mile Rd.  
(1/4 mile west of Middlebelt)  
Livonia 734-421-7249

**April 5th: Palm Sunday** 8:15 & 10:45 worship  
**April 9th: Maundy Thursday** 7:00 p.m. Service  
**April 10th: Good Friday** 12 noon Service  
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae  
**April 11th: Easter Vigil** 8:00 p.m. Service  
**April 12th: Easter Celebration** 8:00 & 11:00 Service  
9:30 Breakfast

Maundy Thursday worship  
10:00 am & 7:30 pm  
Good Friday afternoon worship  
1:00 pm  
Good Friday Tenebrae (darkness) service  
7:30 pm  
Easter Services 7:00 am & 10:00 am  
Easter Breakfast 8:00 am  
Our Easter service will be broadcast on WLQV 1500 AM from 10:30-11:00 am

**Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)**  
14750 Kinloch Redford, MI 48239  
(313) 532-8655  
Pastor Gregory Gibbons  
(313) 261-5422

**Risen Christ LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
46250 Ann Arbor, Plymouth, MI 313-453-5252

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** ..... 7:30 p.m.  
**GOOD FRIDAY** ..... 7:30 p.m.  
**EASTER SUNDAY** ..... 7:30 p.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Message: "Celebration on the Way"  
**EASTER BREAKFAST** will be served from 8:30-10:30 a.m. All most welcome!

**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
16360 Hubbard Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154 • 734-421-8451  
The Rev. Robert A. Clapp The Rev. Willet J. Herrington The Rev. Alan W. Brandemihl

**Maundy Thursday**  
April 9 7:30 p.m.  
Foot Washing, Eucharist  
Stripping of Alter

**Good Friday**  
April 10 Noon & 7:30 p.m.  
Good Friday Liturgy

**Easter Eve**  
April 11 7:30 p.m.  
Easter Vigil, Baptism  
First Eucharist of Easter

**Easter Sunday**  
April 12 7:45 & 10 a.m.  
Flowering of Cross, Eucharist  
Easter Egg Hunt for Children at 9 a.m.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
9083 Newburgh, Livonia 734-591-0211  
The Rev. Emery F. Gravelle, Vicar

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** - 6:30 p.m. Agape Meal & Holy Eucharist  
**GOOD FRIDAY** - 12:15 & 7:30 p.m. Prayer Book Liturgy  
**HOLY SATURDAY** - 7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil,  
Holy Baptism, Holy Eucharist  
**EASTER DAY** - 7:30 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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**Come: Where Love Abounds, Where God is Ever Present!**  
When: Easter Sunday - April 12, 1998 at 11:00 a.m.  
Where: 291 E. Spring, N. of Plymouth/Main, E. of Mill/Lilley across from Starkweather School

**Come! Worship and Celebrate Our Risen Lord with Pastor Frank Howard**

**Come Expecting... 734-453-0323**

**First United Methodist Church of Plymouth**  
(313) 453-5280

**You're Welcome At All Of Our Holy Week Activities:**

**April 9 Maundy Thursday Communion Service** 7:30 p.m.  
**April 10 Good Friday Worship Service** 12:30 til 2:00 p.m.  
(Shared With First Baptist Church)

**April 12 Easter Sunrise Service** 7:15 a.m.  
**Easter Breakfast** 8:00 a.m.  
**Easter Worship Service** 9:00 a.m.  
**Easter Worship Service** 11:00 a.m.  
(Childcare available at all services)

**RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
48755 Warren Rd., Canton, MI 48187  
734-451-0444

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK:** 9:00 a.m. Mass  
**HOLY THURSDAY:** April 9th: 7:30 Mass - Adoration until Midnight following Liturgy  
**GOOD FRIDAY:** April 10th Noon - Seven Words of Christ, 12:45 p.m. Rosary, 1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
**HOLY SATURDAY:** 1:00 p.m. Food Blessing, 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil  
**EASTER SUNDAY:** 8:30 a.m. Mass & 10:30 a.m. Mass - Church & 10:30 Mass All Saints School (Blessing of Easter Food after all Masses)

**WARD Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
Come and join us as we celebrate Holy Week at our new location in Northville  
40000 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan (248) 374-7400  
Dr. James N. McGuire, Senior Pastor

**April 5-12 Palm Sunday Services**  
8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.  
Message by Dr. James N. McGuire  
7:00 p.m. - "An Easter Worship Concert"

**Maundy Thursday**  
7:30 p.m. - Service of Shadows  
**Good Friday**  
12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m. Tye Ore Services  
"Faces Around the Cross"  
**Easter Services**  
7:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service in the Chapel  
8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m. Message "If A Man Dies, Will He Live Again?"  
by Dr. James N. McGuire  
7:00 p.m. Concert of Prayer in the Chapel

**ST. ANNE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**SOCIETY OF ST. PIUS X - TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS**  
23310 Joy Road, Redford, MI 48239 313-534-2121

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**4/9 Holy Thursday:** 7:00 p.m. - Solemn Evening Mass-Followed by the procession to Altar of Repose-The Stripping of the Main Altar - And Adoration at the Altar of Repose until midnight.

**4/10 Good Friday:** Confessions 11:00 a.m. / 12:40 p.m. & 3:00 / 5:00 p.m.  
12:45 p.m. - Stations of The Cross  
1:30 p.m. - Solemn Afternoon Liturgy, with the Latin Chant of the Passion of Christ and Solemn Adoration of the Cross.

**4/11 Holy Saturday:** 8:00 / 9:45 p.m. - Confessions  
10:00 p.m. - Paschal Vigil and High Mass of The Resurrection at Midnight

**4/12 Easter Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. / 9:25 a.m. Confessions  
9:30 a.m. - Mass of The Resurrection

**Join us for Easter dinner.**

Celebrate Easter with us. There's no better time to experience the joy of communion with Jesus Christ. And, of course, no reservations are necessary.

**New Life Lutheran Church**



RELIGIOUS NEWS

Listings for Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Religion Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

EASTER DRAMA

Plymouth Baptist Church will present an Easter concert/drama, "Who Do You Say I Am?," at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 9-10, at the church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. The biblical characters will come to life in this presentation of the Passion Week. There is no charge for the concert/drama. Children under age 5 will not be admitted to the auditorium, however, a full nursery and preschool child care will be provided. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-5534.

The Celebration Choir and Drama Ministry of Calvary Baptist Church will present the Easter drama, "Let All Heaven Rejoice!," at 8 p.m. Good Friday, April 10, at the church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. The David Clydesdale drama presents the life, death and resurrection of the Lord as seen through the eyes of the angels in heaven. The choir and drama ministry will use numerous solos, choral support, a large cast, unusual staging and special lighting as part of the production. For more information, call the church at (734) 455-0022.

The Chancel Choir of the Kirk of Our Savior will sing "The Seven Last Words of Christ," a sacred cantata by Theodore DuBois, at a 7 p.m. worship service Good Friday, April 10, at the church, 36660 Cherry Hill Road, Westland. The choir will be under the direction of music director Kathy Vanderweele and will be accompanied by Eric Filipek, organist/pianist. Soloists will be Kathy Bonath, soprano; Dick Bunnell and Jim Troutman, tenors; and Bob Taylor and Neil Cowling, baritones.

For more information, call the church at (734) 728-1088.

IN CONCERT

The Russian Orchestra will perform at 1 p.m. Good Friday,



At Aldersgate Church: The men of Aldersgate United Methodist Church will present a dramatic portrayal of the Last Supper at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, at the church, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford. As Jesus and his disciples come and gather around a table set with food for a Passover celebration, He tells his disciples one of them will betray him. Shocked by the suggestion, they all ask, "Is it I?" and freeze in the famous DaVinci pose. Once "Lord, is it I?" is sung in darkness, then one by one, they "come alive" to share their thoughts on why they may be the one who will betray Jesus. The service will close with the disciples serving communion to the congregation. For more information, call the church at (313) 937-3170.

April 10, at Covenant Community Church, 25800 Student, north of Five Mile Road, Redford. The orchestra of 25 men and women, complemented by soloists and well-known throughout Russia, is touring the United States with a musical presentation highlighting the Easter Season.

A free will offering will be received for the church in Russia. For more information, call the church at (313) 535-3100.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The Maundy Thursday, April 9, worship at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes Ave., east of Inkster Road and south of I-96, Redford, 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 breakfast at 9 a.m., followed by worship with Holy Communion, handbells, special instrument and choir music at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (313) 538-2660.

Maundy Thursday worship at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will be at 7:30 p.m. with Holy Communion at both the Livonia campus, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, and Canton campus, 46001 Warren Road, Canton. 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 rocklike, 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.

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 Gutherie Hall. The also will be worship services at 9:15 and 11 a.m. and Sunday School. For more information, call (734) 422-0149.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia, will have a service at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday. There will be a dramatic service of readings with increasing darkness, climatic moment of Jesus' death and solemn closing. 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. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-0211.

On Maundy Thursday at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, Garden City, there will be a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Tenebrae Service of Shadows and Communion at 7:30 p.m. 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. For more information, call (734) 421-7620.

At Canton Community Church, 41600 Ann Arbor Trail, Canton, 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. For more information, call (734) 455-6022.

Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile, Northville, is inviting the community to communion services at 12:30 and 7:30 p.m. Good Friday. The Rev. Otis Buchan will lead worshippers in the memorial and celebration of Christ's death and resurrection. For more informa-

tion, call (248) 348-9030.

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST

The annual Christian Men's Good Friday Breakfast will be at 8 a.m. April 10 at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton. The guest speaker will be former Detroit Lion and U.S. Football League defensive back Luther Bradley. The 23rd annual event includes a full breakfast. Tickets cost \$5 for adults and \$2 for juniors 10 years and under. Call the church office at (734) 459-3333 for tickets.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia, will be the site of a combined service at 1 p.m. Good Friday. Also participating will be 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 churches. The Rev. Chuck Sonquist of St. Matthew's will be the speaker, and an inter-church choir will perform.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will present Talk It Over at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, in Room C317/C319 of the new church, Six Mile Road just west of Haggerty Road, Northville Township. Dick Bont will speak about "Where Do We Go From Here?" Single Point's BYOS (Bring Your Own Sneakers) will take place at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at the Livonia Family YMCA, Stark Road north of Schoolcraft. BYOS costs \$6 for adults and \$2 for children 14 years and under. For more information, call the Single Point office at (734) 422-1854.

WOMEN'S AGLOW

Gloria Wyatt, a single mother of four children who is vice president of ministries for the Southeast Aglow Area Board and ministers joyfully in storytelling and song, will be the guest when Women's Aglow Westland/Canton Chapter meets 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 11, in the AutoNation USA Community

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Room, 39600 Ford Road, Canton. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m., with the meeting starting at 10 a.m. Complimentary child care will be provided for children ages 3-12. For more information, call (734) 261-5268.

**SINGLE FELLOWSHIP**  
The April meeting of the Single Adult Fellowship, a part of Newburg United Methodist Church, will be at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at Bill Knapp's Restaurant on Plymouth Road near Farmington Road, Livonia.

**EASTER PROGRAM**  
"The Glory of Easter: Doubt and Discovery" will be presented at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at Temple Baptist Church, 49555 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Tickets are \$6, \$8 and \$10. For more information, call (734) 414-3980.

**IN CONCERT**  
The Canton Free Methodist Church will present Madison Greene in concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at the church, 44815 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. A \$2 offering will be taken. For more information, call (734) 981-5350.

**EASTER SERVICES**  
On Resurrection Sunday, April 12, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia, 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. For more information, call (734) 464-6722.

At St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia, the Easter Sunday worship service will be at 10 a.m. For more information, call (734) 422-6038.

A moving and fun drama will be presented at 9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 12, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford. The children and youth will present the drama, "Jesus Was, Jesus Is," which explores the question of what is the most important attribute of Jesus.

Two more traditional services, featuring the bell choir and chancel choir and preaching by co-pastors the Revs. Bob and Diana Goudie, will be at 8 and 11 a.m. Homemade hot cross

buns will be served at coffee hours between the services. For more information, call the church at (313) 937-3170.

**New Life Lutheran Church**, which meets temporarily in the chapel at Our Lady of Providence Church, 16115 Beck Road, Northville, will celebrate Easter with a 10 a.m. Communion service Sunday, April 12. Special vocal music and brass ensemble will be featured along with a special procession by the children.

An Easter breakfast will be available 8:30-9:30 a.m., and an Easter egg hunt for children ages 2-12 will be at 9 a.m. A gift for each child after the egg hunt and during worship will be a part of the morning. For more information, call the Rev. Ken Roberts at (734) 459-8181 or (734) 207-5223.

At Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville Township, the Easter celebration will include early Easter Baptism and Communion service at 8 a.m. Easter Sunday, a free Easter fellowship breakfast at 9 a.m. and worship with music, orchestra, compelling drama and inspiring Easter message by Dr. Carl Leth at 10:30 a.m. There also will be an children's worship service, free child care and a gift for guests. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

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**BIBLE STUDY**  
The Livonia Family YMCA is starting a Bible study group designed to focus on daily successful living. The group will meet 7-9 p.m. Mondays, April 13, May 4 and June 8, at the Y, 14255 Stark Road, Livonia. The program will offer music, fellowship, prayers, devotional read-

ings, Bible readings and fun with Bible trivia. The program is free of charge. For more information, call (734) 261-2161, Ext. 3316.

**RUMMAGE SALE**  
A spring rummage and bake sale will be held 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 16-17, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt Road at Eight Mile Road. A light lunch and baked goods will be available.

The Women's Service Club of Meadowbrook Congregational Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 24, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads, Novi.

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church will have its spring rummage sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at the church, 26431 W. Chicago, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads, Redford. For more information, call (313) 937-2880.

**BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST**  
Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, will have an ice cream social at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Haggerty Road, south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township. The charge is \$5 for adults and \$3 for teens. For more information, call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

The group also meets regularly on Sundays for breakfast and Mass - 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile Road west of Beech Daly Road, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road (north of Six Mile Road), Livonia - call Val at (734) 729-1974 - for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinocle at 7 p.m. every other Friday - call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

**'SOUNDS OF MUSIC'**  
Calvin Taylor, pianist and recording artist, will appear in concert for the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, April 19, at St. Matthew United Methodist

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Taylor, who has toured throughout the world, has degrees in music from Oberlin

Conservatory and the University of Michigan. He has authored several music books, including "Spirituals for Piano" and "The Patriotic Piano."

For more information, call the church at (734) 422-6038.

The Northwest Wayne Vicariate is sponsoring a six-week "Wind and Fire" seminar at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, April 23 through May 25, at St. Edith Church Hall, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia. To register, call Chris at (734) 464-9587.

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The inspiring 30-minute interview program, produced by Lutheran Hour Ministries, can be heard locally at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, April 12, on WAAM-

1600 (Ann Arbor). Wallace's guests, Mike Brown and Erin Kramp, who has died since the taping of the program, were both told they only had a short time to live.

Throughout the interview, both guests explain what they would have done differently in their lives if they had the chance, and describe the peace they were given to live their remaining days.

"This is one of the most inspiring programs I can remember," Wallace said. "It was moving to

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COLLEGE SPORTS

# Madonna splits pair with Siena Heights

Madonna University used a strong pitching performance by Angie VanDoorn and the 3-for-3 hitting of Kristy McDonald in the first game of its double-header against Siena Heights to secure a 5-1 triumph Saturday at Livonia-Ladywood.

However, in the second game, four Madonna errors led to two unearned runs and helped the Saints (4-19 overall) gain a 6-3 victory. The split left the Crusaders at 5-5 in the WHAC.

In game one, McDonald (from Redford Thurston) had a double among her three hits, with one RBI. Christy Riopelle added a two-run single, the key blow in Madonna's five-run fifth-inning.

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VanDoorn gave up one run on six hits and a walk in seven innings, striking out four to even her record at 5-5. Kristin Heinze took the loss for Siena Heights.

In the second game, not much went right for the Crusaders — who outhit the Saints, 9-8. McDonald again led the hitters with three singles and an RBI. Jenny Krusel chipped in with two hits and an RBI, and Jamie Cook added a hit and an RBI.

Shanna Price started and lasted four

innings for Madonna, allowing three runs (one earned) on four hits and three walks; she took the loss, falling to 3-3. Janel Leschinger relieved, working the last three innings and giving up three earned runs on four hits and three walks.

Mariann Bauman started for Siena Heights and got her first win of the season (1-7); she surrendered two earned runs on five hits and four walks in 3 1/3 innings.

Leslie Keane, Jen Scherer and Jamie Hallenbeck each had two hits for the Saints, Keane driving in two runs.

Madonna 33-26, Rochester College 1-

1: Madonna's two games Sunday against Rochester College (0-3) at Ladywood didn't last as long (in innings) as one game should. Both were called after three.

Stephanie Dye worked the last two innings in the first game, allowing a run on no hits and three walks, with three strikeouts; she also got the win in the second game, pitching all three innings and giving up one unearned run on one hit and one walk, with six strikeouts.

Hitting stars were aplenty in both games. In game one, Stephanie Dick was 3-for-3 with eight RBI; Vicki Malkowski had four hits and four RBI; Shawna Greene got three hits and three

RBI, with five runs scored; Courtney Senger had four hits and two RBI; Jen Walker collected two hits and three RBI; and Angela Litwin (from Plymouth Canton HS) had a hit and three RBI.

In game two, Madonna took advantage of 16 walks issued by the Rochester pitchers. Price had two hits and Litwin one, with each driving in three runs; Stacey Pionkowski had two hits and two RBI; Senger had two hits and an RBI, scoring four times; VanDoorn scored twice and knocked in three runs; Krusel had a hit and two RBI; Leschinger had two runs scored and two RBI; and Marissa Mittleman scored four runs and drove in another.

# Crusaders come close, but lose 3 of 4 to St. Xavier

Discouraging, to say the least.

Madonna University's baseball team had a good chance to push its record over the .500 mark last weekend when it visited St. Xavier University in Chicago. At least, the Crusaders should have returned home no worse off, having split their two double-headers.

But errors led to five unearned runs in the four games and, combined with a failure to come away with the clutch hit when

**BASEBALL**

needed, it resulted in three losses and just one win.

Madonna fell to 10-14.

The Crusaders only victory came in Saturday's first game, and that one took eight innings before Mitch Jabczynski emerged with the 2-1 victory to improve his record to 3-1. Mike Darrah took the loss for St. Xavier.

Jabczynski gave up one run on four hits and three walks in eight innings, striking out six. Darrah worked all eight innings, allowing one earned run on nine hits and three walks.

Daryl Rocho kept up his double assault, hammering two two-baggers to bring his season total to 13 doubles in Madonna's first 21 games. His second produced the game-winning run.

Rocho doubled Jeff Warholik, who had singled, to third with

one out in the eighth inning. Dave O'Neill's ground out scored Warholik with the game-winner.

Rocho added a single, going 3-for-4. Eric Marcotte (from Plymouth Canton HS) had two hits.

In Saturday's second game, Xavier's Roger Munda outdueled Madonna's Mark Serra to win, 4-2. Serra surrendered four runs (two unearned) on three hits and two walks in six innings, striking out three as his record fell to 0-4. Munda tossed a three-hitter as well for Xavier, walking two and giving up one earned run, with six strikeouts, in seven innings.

Marcotte doubled in one run and scored another for the Crusaders, both coming in the opening inning.

On Sunday, Madonna lost the first game 3-2 as once again the

St. Xavier pitcher, in this case Jason Michalowicz, was just better enough than the Crusaders' James O'Connor (from Redford Catholic Central).

O'Connor, who fell to 2-1, gave up three earned runs on seven hits with no walks, striking out one. Michalowicz stopped Madonna on seven hits and three walks, striking out six in seven innings.

Rocho and Marcotte again paced the Crusader offense, each getting two hits and scoring a run; Rocho singled in Marcotte, who had a base hit and stole second and third in the fourth inning.

In the seventh, Pete Quinn (Redford Thurston) slugged a pinch-hit, run-scoring double with two out that trimmed Xavier's lead to 3-2. But Todd

Miller (Farmington Hills/Birmingham Brother Rice) grounded out to end the threat and the game.

In Sunday's second game, Xavier's LeCarlo Moore limited Madonna to two runs on six hits and four walks in his team's 5-2 victory.

Nick Newman, who started and worked the first 3 1/3 innings for the Crusaders, was victimized by his team's four errors. He allowed two unearned runs on two hits and four walks. Jason Carter relieved and gave up three runs (one earned) on three hits and a walk in 2/3 of an inning, taking the loss to fall to 0-3.

No one had more than one hit for Madonna. J.R. Taylor led with a single and an RBI.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

<b>BASEBALL</b> Thursday, April 9 Ecorse at Ply., Christian (2), 4:30 p.m.	A.A. Pioneer at Canton, 7 p.m. Salem at Troy Athens, 7 p.m. Taylor Kennedy at Wayne, 4 p.m. Churchill at Troy, 7 p.m.	Siena Hts. at Madonna, 1 p.m.
<b>SOFTBALL</b> Thursday, April 9 A.A. Pioneer at Ply. Salem (2), 4 p.m.	<b>MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL</b> (all double-headers) Thursday, April 9 Madonna at Concordia, 2 p.m.	<b>WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL</b> (all double-headers) Thursday, April 9 Madonna vs. Aquinas at Ladywood H.S., 4 p.m.
<b>BOYS TRACK</b> Saturday, April 11 Canton, Red. CC at A.A. Pioneer, 10 a.m.	Friday, April 10 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.	Saturday, April 11 Madonna vs. Cornerstone at Ladywood H.S., 1 p.m.
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play piano with them," said Tom Loncaric, the band leader and classically trained pianist.

John Bunkley and his band the Atomic Fireballs, on the other hand, weren't aware of the trend when they formed.

"I didn't know this was going on when the band got together. It was something that I thought

was going to be completely different," said Bunkley, a 1987 Oakland University graduate. The Atomic Fireballs will release its debut CD in May.

Newcomers aside, the II V I Orchestra is the elder statesman of the genre having played together for 25 years.

"I couldn't believe it when I

first started to notice that stuff. We've done the same thing since the early '70s. People have always liked it when they come to see it. Now, the whole thing is people of all ages are being more enthusiastic with it these days," said saxophone player David Swain, 44.

"It's wonderful to see all the people having a good time with it. Young people who are in peak physical condition and don't know the steps are out there dancing. Some of the oldsters who have trouble getting up the stairs, once they hear the music they're showing the kids a thing or two. It makes the old folks look young and graceful, and it makes the young kids realize they have something to learn."

The schedule of the band - which includes trombonist Tony Lorts of Lake Orion, saxophonist Harry Demirgian of Farmington Hills, and trumpeter Cary Heller of West Bloomfield - has only gotten busier since swing has moved into the mainstream.

"When we were the only kids on the block, we were sitting there kind of lonely. Now, the more the merrier. We're keeping busier now than there's 10 other bands like us in this area," Swain said.



Learning to swing: Instructor Bobby Black formerly from Westland (left) demonstrates with Jennifer Miller of Taylor steps to swing dancing at the 24-Karat Club, formerly the Mosquito Club, in Westland. Swing has become the rage within the last two years.

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## Bringing it home

The Velvet Lounge's Potter, a Rochester resident and 1996 Oakland University graduate, is often credited with starting the swing music scene in the Detroit area.

A former bartender at the neighboring Industry nightclub, Potter brought swing music here after witnessing the genre's resurgence in cities like New York and Chicago. It was apparently a good hunch. He fielded 45 calls about dance lessons in one day. The Velvet Lounge will celebrate its second anniversary in May with the opening of a second-floor dance and bar area.

Since then swing nights have popped up all over the Detroit area. The Mosquito Club, what was the home of heavy metal music, baseball hats, jeans and flannels, switched over to The 24-Karat Club and a dress code. Abandoning live music, the new format includes swing on Wednesdays, and salsa and mambo on Thursdays. Swing nights bring in about 60-80 dancers, said owner John Anton.

JD's Macomb Theatre in downtown Mount Clemens forayed into swing at the end of February. Illusions in Royal Oak also adopted a swing night. The Velvet Lounge is still one of the biggest draws in town. Rochester

**'It's wonderful to see all the people having a good time with it. Young people who are in peak physical condition and don't know the steps are out there dancing. Some of the oldsters who have trouble getting up the stairs, once they hear the music they're showing the kids a thing or two.'**

David Swain  
II V I Orchestra

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Hildebrandt there are more comedy clubs per capita in Michigan than any other state including California.

"California is where the TV

opportunities are, but the good paying live gigs are here in the Midwest," he said. "Detroit is a great place to play. The audience is a hardworking, hard partying

group. Detroit likes entertainment. People go out on weekends."

What makes people laugh? "A common denominator. Things

about work, parents, relationships," he said. "You know those messages on freeway overpasses," he asked. "I went to buy a card for this girl Glory. There was a Hallmark for \$5.50, and across the aisle a can of black spray paint for 78 cents. Do the math, what's more cost effective? It's observational comedy."

He counts Jonathan Winters and Bill Cosby among his heroes. "Bill Cosby is one of the greatest story tellers. George Carlin and Richard Pryor broke new ground."

On Sundays he runs amateur night at Joey's. He relates to the young comedians who walk up to the mic.

After going to his first amateur night every Tuesday at Main Street Comedy Showcase for six months and just watched. "One day I got up the nerve and went up, and it was horrible. I got off. It's a lot different than it looks. The manager told me the thing I said about Ypsilanti being a hillbilly theme park was funny and that I should build on it. That's what I did and it worked."

Like any business, there are rules in comedy, and if you want to succeed it helps to know them. Hildebrandt shares what he knows in Comedy Boot Camp, a class offered at Joey's Comedy Club for eight hours over two Saturdays.

"This business eats their young," he said. "There are only so many available slots, stages to perform on. It's fun imparting knowledge. When you teach you learn more yourself, I find myself saying - 'you ought to practice what you preach.'"

"It's interesting to see new comedians, even if they don't do well it's funny. Sometimes they make me cringe."

For a comedian, performing is the easy part, the hard stuff is sending out tapes, making phone calls to get booked into clubs across the country, and following up.

"Sometimes I run into people that I used to go to school with, who are not the least bit surprised that I ended up in this profession," he said. "You wouldn't believe the number of people who wrote in my yearbook, 'I never would have made it through algebra if you weren't there. I was a teaching aid, but the teachers didn't know it.'"

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# Hanneford cat tamer gets excited taming wild ones

Big cats and little cats are a lot alike - "they could care less about me," said animal trainer Lance Ramos who is coming to the Palace of Auburn Hills this weekend with the Royal Hanneford Circus.

Ramos, 29, follows in the footsteps of his father, Manuel Ramos, and represents the sixth generation in his family of circus artists. His family is known as "The Great Ramos Family of Mexico," but Lance was born and raised in the United States.

He took over his uncle's cat act when he was 16, but lions and tigers weren't exciting enough, so Lance added a few more big cats to his act.

During the Royal Hanneford Circus he performs in the ring with 11 big cats - two black leopards, two jaguars, two male lions, two Bengal tigers, two white tigers and a Tabby tiger.

"They all have different personalities," said Ramos. "They're natural enemies in the jungle

**Royal Hanneford Circus**  
When: Eight performances, Thursday-Sunday, April 9-12. Performances 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday; 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7 p.m. Saturday; 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday.  
Where: The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills.  
Tickets: All seats opening night \$4. Tickets for Friday matinee are \$5. Children 12 and under, and seniors 65 and over will receive \$2 off \$12 and \$8 tickets for all shows except the April 9 performance and 11 a.m. April 10 performance. Call (248) 645-6666. Groups of 15 or more, can call (248) 377-0100.

and would kill each other if left alone in the ring."

Would they kill him?

"It's a high, it's exciting," said Ramos explaining why he's chosen this dangerous profession. "I want to see if I can control and present these animals and come out in one piece."

He's had his group of big cats together since February. So far, "it's been smooth sailing," he said. "They had one big fight. You can't read their minds. Everything is challenging. In the beginning of our act we do a

pyramid where they sit up. They're about a foot apart from each other, and it's pretty tense."

While he's had plenty of close calls, Ramos said he's never been hurt by his cats. When they're not performing with the circus, Ramos runs them through the act once a day. He works with them one by one to teach them tricks, and gradually adds other cats. "They snarl and growl at each other," he said. "It gets a little rough."

Ramos tours with the circus for nine months, and is off

December, January and February. Home is Riverview, Fla.

Besides the cats, Ramos also trains elephants and horses. He's an accomplished acrobat, bareback rider and testerboard artist.

With the big cats he has to always be on his toes. "The cats don't feel remorse or love. I can pet them, and a couple of minutes later they'll try to bite me."

Elephants are different. "Once they get to know you, you're fine," he said. "Elephants are very intelligent. They care about the person who takes care of them, and they're excited to see me. Elephants go through their routine fine."

It's the applause that makes this job gratifying. "It makes you smile when someone says you did a great job. It keeps me going."

To people who say it's cruel to train animals for the circus, Ramos says "animals in captivity live longer and are healthier. They don't have to worry about their next meal, they're beautiful animals and in good shape."

Showcasing animals in the circus "shows the public wild animals and what ability the animal has," said Ramos. "How agile they are and how you can teach

them. People think we use them to make money. We live with them 24 hours a day. They're well cared for."

Married and the father of a boy who's 2, and daughter, 4 months, Ramos said he would like one of them to follow in his footsteps, but you never can tell.

He's looking forward to performing at the Palace. "Come out and see it," he said. "You've probably never seen an act with so many cats."

This year, the Royal Hanneford Circus presents a tribute to the Old West in a circus rodeo

featuring Turvey's Trick Riding and Roping and dozens of performers from around the globe.

Mark Karoly, the "King of Comedy," and The Karoly Riders will celebrate 300 years of equestrian excellence. Dania Kaseeva, "The Queen of the Hulu Hoops," returns with her husband, David Maas, the singing ringmaster, to present their astonishing magic. Miss Kimberly Smith, the youngest woman ever to be shot out of a canon, follows in her father's footsteps, Guinness Book of World Records holder David Smith.

## 'Rent' offers \$20 tickets

Seats in the front two rows of the orchestra will be made available for \$20 for every performance of "Rent," the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning musical, at Detroit Fisher Theatre. During the subscription weeks, April 10 to May 17, seats will be made available in the first three rows.

The \$20 tickets go on sale at the Fisher Theatre box office on the day of performance only, two hours prior to the show and are available to anyone, cash only, with a limit of two tickets per

person. Line ups begin no earlier than 6 a.m., and there is no line jumping or space saving. Interested persons should enter the Fisher Building at the south entrance on West Grand Boulevard. Failure to follow any of these guidelines could jeopardize a person's place in line.

"Rent" opens April 8 and runs through June 13. The Fisher Theatre box office is at, 3011 W. Grand Blvd. only.

For general ticket information, call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666.

## Farmington Players host barnraising party

Farmington Players invites you to join them for some "Laughter on the Ground Floor" April 18 as they scramble to raise money to build a new theater.

The benefit features a premier performance of Neil Simon's "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," opening at the theater April 24, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, live music, and afterglow reception.

No building plans have been finalized, but the Players have begun discussion with Sunrise Assisted Living, Inc. of Fairfax, Va., which plans to build a senior assisted living facility on property next to the Players Barn on 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

Farmington Players have called the white dairy barn home for 45 years, but it is in need of updating, and stands in the way of Sunrise's plans.

**Farmington Players**  
What: "Laughter on the Ground Floor," a benefit for the Farmington Players Theater 6 p.m. Saturday, April 18.  
Where: The Players Barn, 32332 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.  
Tickets: \$75, elegant attire, call (248) 553-2955.  
Farmington Players presents Neil Simon's "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25; May 1-2, May 8-9 and May 15-16; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, May 3, May 10 and 8 p.m. Thursday, May 14. Tickets \$8, call (248) 553-2955.

"In a planned unit development, the barn would be rebuilt on the other side of our property to allow Sunrise room to build their facility," said Cynthia Tupper, president of Farmington Players. "Sunrise has proposed exchanging some land with us to allow room for their building and to improve our parking space."

The two organizations have discussed their plans with the city, and site plans are being

developed. For the past year, the Farmington Players have been discussing the feasibility of either renovating their existing facility, or building a new one. The opportunity to work on a project with Sunrise is a recent and unexpected development.

"We originally planned our fund-raiser with the idea of starting a building fund," said Tupper.

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