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No Parking: Mike Belvitch practices an hour a day on a dance floor built by his father in the family garage.

His day

Irish dancer reels as world champ

Michael Belvitch was taken by it from the start.

As an 8-year-old, Belvitch and his family saw a performance by the Tim O'Hare School of Irish Dance at the Plymouth Fall Festival. Soon afterward, his mother, who is of Irish descent, enrolled Michael into the school.

"It only took the first day of class to get hooked. There's never been a day when I said I didn't want to go to dance class," Belvitch said.

Now, eight years later the Plymouth Salem High School sophomore is the world champion in the

senior boys' division, and his friend, 17-year-old Paul Cusick, topped the junior men's division at the World Irish Dance Competition in Ennis, Ireland, Wednesday, April 8.

"There's nothing bigger or harder to win. It's my biggest accomplishment by far," Belvitch said.

His father, George Belvitch, the principal at Tonda Elementary School, is proud of Michael and Paul.

"He's been dancing since he was 8, and he's always wanted to win the world championships. This was his year," he said of his son.

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Slight tax hike eyed

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

A slight increase in the tax rate, an increase in the costs of refuse collection, a proposed joint city-township municipal services department, and a cloudy picture of State Shared Revenues are among some of the highlights of the proposed 1998-99 city of Plymouth budget.

"Our tax base shows some limited growth," said City Manager Steve Walters at an April 9 budget session, the first of a number scheduled leading up to the new budget's adoption June 1.

The next budget session, including

discussion of the city's recreation program and a future for a joint city-township program is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23.

While the state equalized value of residential property increased some 7 percent, it's really the taxable value of property that is the issue. In other words, the 1994 Proposal A limits the increase to about 2.7 percent, the inflation rate, Walters said. For the city as

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Lesson learned: Five students suspended

Five Central Middle School students who violated the school district's drug policy are finding out the penalties are etched in stone.

Each student was suspended five days for passing around a rock they claimed was crack cocaine.

"The student who had the rock didn't actually claim it was cocaine, but didn't deny it was when other students assumed it was," said Barbara Church,

Central principal. "We were really scared for a few hours, thinking we had a problem when some students sniffed the rock."

Church said the incident was revealed last Thursday, at the end of the school day. She called students and their parents back to school to explain the situation and then waited for test results from Plymouth police.

"We were really scared for a while,

thinking we actually could have a drug problem," said Church. "There were four students who sniffed the rock, so we were very concerned."

But "the rock tested negative for crack cocaine and tested positive for being a rock," according to the police report.

"There is a district procedure for dealing with drugs, and it's the same whether the drug problem is real or

something passed off as a drug."

The policy meant all the students, including those who thought they were sniffing a drug, had to be suspended.

"We don't want children to ever think drugs are cool, so we jump on it pretty hard," said Church. "We also want to point out the seriousness to those who sniffed the rock. They didn't know what they were really sniffing, and it

Please see SUSPENDED, A4

Rec advocates state support for ballot issue



Advocates of joint Plymouth city-township recreation efforts descended on the township board Tuesday night and were assured there will be a request for a half-mill on the August ballot.

Backers of joint Plymouth city-township recreation talks were told Tuesday the township will seek to place a recreation millage on the August ballot.

"The board did concur we would proceed with that," Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy told about 30 area residents. They attended the regular trustees meeting to state their support for an August ballot issue.

McCarthy said trustees agreed at an April 7 study session to seek Wayne County approval to place a half-mill proposal to fund joint city-township recreation on the August ballot.

That translates to 50 cents per \$1,000 of a house's taxable value, half of market value or less.

She said ballot language is being developed, to submit for county elections approval. "It will be before this board the next meeting (April 28) or

the meeting after that (May 12)," McCarthy said.

Once ballot language is approved by the township board, it would be sent to the county for approval. The deadline for submitting the ballot proposal to Wayne County is May 26.

"We are forming subcommittees to see what a joint recreation program would look like," McCarthy told recreation supporters. "It's easier to sell voters on something if they know what they're buying," she said.

Residents addressing the board on recreation included township activist Bill Joyner. "I'm glad to see you addressing the issue," he said. Joyner encouraged the township board to allocate \$50,000 this summer for a neighborhoods recreation program.

Chuck Skene, former Plymouth

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Teachers lobby to change school site

Constructing a third Plymouth-Canton high school that isn't within walking distance of the current high schools is not a good idea for both teachers, students and the community.

That's according to a group of nearly 200 Plymouth-Canton high school teachers, which is lobbying the board of education to abandon plans for a third high school at the corner of Joy and Beck roads.

While the board of education insists the high school bond issue called for a structure to be built at that corner, the teachers believe location wasn't specified. They want the new school built within walking distance of the other two, allowing for students to interact and curriculum to be distributed equal-

ly. While plans call for a separate school that will operate on its own academically, Salem English teacher Cynthia Burnstein says "it's not a complete high school ... it has no pool, no auditorium, and no plans for duplicating specific kinds of things like auto tech, culinary arts and Close-Up labs. The idea is that the kids will share the current facilities."

Teachers' concerns

And many high school teachers don't believe it can work.

More specifically, teachers don't want distance learning via cameras and television monitors, the rotation of teachers among several buildings, the rotation of classes offered among buildings, and transporting significant numbers of students between buildings.

"The superintendent (Chuck Little) says it can work if we bus the students," said Burnstein. "I tried to explain to him there's too many students to transport them by buses."

"The other possibilities are rotating teachers between buildings for classes that have low enrollment," said Burnstein. "Anybody who does scheduling would tell you that would be a nightmare at best, if not impossible."

Kathy Huyck, a Spanish teacher, says transporting materials from school to school is not an option.

"Much of what we have is from our personal libraries, our own 25-30 years accumulation that we share," said Huyck. "We can't imagine having equal offerings and having that stuff transported back and forth from building to building."

"The other suggestion is distance learning (with cam-

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Concerned: Salem English teacher Cynthia Burnstein (foreground), Effie Lucas, Kathy Huyck and Brenda Belanger discuss the practicality of plans for the proposed third high school.

Township cop invents rest for marksmen

Plymouth Township police Sgt. Jeff Felts has invented a rifle rest that he's advertising in sportsmen's magazines.

Felts said he hopes a big company will buy the rights to his Sharpshooters Rifle Rest, for which he's seeking patents.

In the meantime, he's running ads for the product in magazines including "Varmint Hunters" and "Varmint Masters."

A desire to invent runs in the family. "My uncle invented an arrow rest for bow hunters," Felts said.

A member of the Western Wayne County Swat Team, Felts said he got the idea in 1993 for the rifle rest on the job. "I always had to stand up to shoot unsupported," he said.

Swat team members also must typically move furniture around to prepare themselves for a shot, or find a way to set to shoot over retaining walls on roof tops.

Felts produces the rifle rest in two versions. One allows the shooter to rest the gun on a small platform placed on top of a camera tripod. The deluxe model also provides arm rests, to give a shooter an even more stable

foundation to line up a shot.

A clamping device on the gun rest allows shooters to lock their weapon on a target so their hands are free for other tasks.

The rest is machined from aircraft grade hard anodized aluminum. The basic model weighs 2 pounds, and the deluxe model five pounds. Both models can be set up in two minutes, and will accept nearly any rifle or pistol. The rifle rests can be used in sitting, kneeling or standing positions.

While Felts said he viewed the Sharpshooters Rifle Rest as a useful tool for swat teams, some friends who are small game hunters encouraged him to develop the idea.

"I kind of let them talk me into it," he said, adding he's not a hunter.

With his uncle who has a manufacturing firm, Felts developed



Testing: Plymouth Township Sgt. Jeff Felts tries out a rifle rest that he is advertising in sportsmen's magazines. The prototype is being used by the Western Wayne Swat Team.

'I always had to stand up to shoot unsupported.'

Sgt. Jeff Felts
—Plymouth Township police

a prototype. It's being used by the Western Wayne Swat Team, and has been tested by other police swat teams.

In recent months, Felts began advertising it to the public. "I'm just going to do it in magazines right now," he said.

Felts said he'd like to sell the idea to a bigger company

because he doesn't have the time to properly advertise the rifle rest.

"I have a new found respect for small business. It's a big-time learning experience," he said.

Cost for the complete rifle rest is \$226; the basic model is \$84. Tripods and other accessories are also available. Both models have two-year warranties.

The Sharpshooters Rifle Rest can be ordered by contacting Center Mass Inc., 6845 Woonsocket, Canton, 48187. Information or orders can be phoned to 416-0047 or faxed to 416-0654.

Plymouth man greets Clinton as he visits Peace Corps in Africa

President Clinton visited with about 30 Peace Corps volunteers in Ghana on March 23, the first day of his historic 10 day trip to Africa.

The first U.S. President to visit Africa in more than 20 years, Clinton will meet with the Peace Corps volunteers and

review their projects.

Stuart Levenbach, 23, of Plymouth was one of those volunteers to meet the President. Levenbach has been in Ghana since September, 1996, working as a community forestry extension agent. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan.

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eras and television monitors," said Burnstein. "The dynamics of this is more than the board is explaining."

The group of teachers believes students may end up with classes taught by television, with a paraprofessional in the room who is not responsible for grading students or knowing the subject.

Classes teachers say won't happen if the new school is built too far away from the present high schools include some art, business, foreign language, music, science and technology education classes.

"It's these classes that makes education interesting to kids, motivate them to succeed," said Don Daniels, a Salem teacher. "Using a delivery system presumes the student has internal motivation to be attentive and successful... and that's not always the case."

Personal touch

Many educators feel they'll lose that personal touch with distance learning.

"How will I do parent-teacher conferences?" wondered Brenda Belanger, a Spanish teacher. "I guess I'll have to say 'Oh, yes, your kid is the one with the Bulls cap on.' I like to have that personal touch with my students in the hallway. When a kid comes in upset and watery-eyed, what am I going to do over a video screen?"

The teachers believe large screen TVs can't do a basic function: Read people.

"For the most part, kids don't tell you when they don't understand something," said Gloria Logan, an English teacher. "You have to look at their body language, look at their face to determine that."

"It also assumes these children are getting adult interaction at home, when we know that isn't the case," said Billie Lomas, who teaches Spanish. "Sometimes the only positive adult interaction they have is with the adult supervision at school."

While the teachers are voicing their concerns to the board of education, many trustees say a final decision on perceived problems haven't been finalized, yet.

"Just because we're talking about things, it doesn't mean it's the direction we're going," said board member Carrie Blamer. "He's (Little) got to prove to me it makes sense and will improve the quality of education."

Trustee Elizabeth Givens, who has used distance learning on the college level, wants to keep an open mind.

"There are many ways to deliver education, and I want to stay open and flexible as we plan," said Givens. "I also want to keep the personal interaction... I think we're looking for a balance of the two."

Board member Roland Thomas, who works for Ford Motor Co., said he's used the most extensive distance learning system in the world.

"I think it's very viable in certain circumstances," said Thomas. "However, it doesn't mean that you throw out classroom instructors."

Trustee Judy Mardigan cautioned both sides to remember those who voted for a new school, presumably at Joy and Beck.

"We need to think very carefully on how we can deliver," Mardigan said. "We've got to be creative. We can't lose sight of what our customers are looking for."

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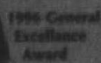
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Heritage: Darcy Pugsley, 34, was on hand to see the opening of the new Weldon Petz exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum in February. Pugsley is a descendant of Lincoln. Her Ypsilanti home has a number of Lincoln artifacts, including paintings, plates and even a perfume bottle bearing his likeness.

Lineage

Cousin values Lincoln heritage

Being a descendant of Abraham Lincoln is a source of great pride to Darcy Pugsley.

Pugsley, 34, was on hand in February to view the opening of the new Weldon Petz exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

"I loved everything," she said. "I like right when you go in, those statues of Lincoln. I like the piece of hair they had, and they have some flowers left from the funeral of Lincoln."

But it was a trip to Lincoln's hometown of Springfield, Ill., that was most moving.

"I cried when we saw the tomb. Something came over me to finally be close to him there," she said.

While growing up, Pugsley knew she was a descendant of Lincoln, but didn't think much about it. It wasn't until she was married 11 years ago — her husband, Jim, is into Civil War re-enactments — that she became fascinated with Lincoln.

Several prints of Lincoln paint-

ings are on the walls of her Ypsilanti home. She also has plates with Lincoln's likeness, and even a perfume bottle with Lincoln's likeness she found for \$2 at a flea market.

Her collection of Lincoln items is to be shown soon in an exhibit at the Ypsilanti Public Library.

The couple's first date was at a Lincoln re-enactment at Somerset, Mich. They've attended others since.

"We just dress up, he has his uniform. My son's (James, 5) in it too."

Pugsley is related to Lincoln on her mother's side. Her maternal grandfather was Clarence Lincoln. His father was Ralph Lincoln, son of James Lincoln, who was son of Josiah Lincoln.

Josiah Lincoln's brother, Thomas, was Abraham Lincoln's father. That makes Pugsley a fifth cousin of the former president.

"My mom used to tell me not to tell people because they'll just laugh and some won't believe

you," Pugsley said. But several do believe her, she added.

Handed down through her family are the three-volume Lincoln biography from 1888 titled "Herdon's Lincoln" and the 1901 book, "Abe Lincoln's Yarns and Stories."

Pugsley said she also values her lineage "because Abraham Lincoln was such a compassionate man. That's the way I am, I'd help anybody, even people who are mean to me," she said.

"My mother used to tell me I have his long feet, and I have long fingers," she said.

Pugsley said her three sisters, brother and cousins aren't as into their Lincoln heritage as she is. She said she'd like to contact other Lincoln descendants, to find out what they've done in their lives.

Pugsley has communicated by letter with Petz and another Lincoln scholar, Robert Dondero, to whom she sent a list of her family's Lincoln descendants.

"He was really thrilled to find I was a fifth cousin," she said.

Badges irritate city commissioner

City Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury claims the badges purchased for Mayor Don Dismuke and Mayor Pro Tem Joe Koch are a waste of taxpayers' money.

But Dismuke said the badges are needed, as they provide identification in an emergency for the city's top two executive officers.

"If you think back to the courthouse fire, I was the only city official on the scene," Dismuke said. "But I couldn't get past the police line until the chief recognized me. You're not real effective as the chief execu-

tive officer of the city if you don't have the identification to show who you are in an emergency."

In the mid-1980s, all city commissioners and city department heads had such badges. Badges are common in other cities, Dismuke said, adding Shrewsbury "is trying to raise petty concerns that are not relevant."

"It's an effete vanity for them to have badges," Shrewsbury said, adding the cost — \$176 for both badges and cases — is "a useless frivolity."

"It's a small cost compared to the importance of it," Dismuke said.

Voters may comment at election hearing

The Plymouth-Canton school district has a date later this month with Wayne County officials in an effort to secure Oct. 3 for a bond issue to build a new middle school in Canton.

The Election Scheduling Committee has already determined the Saturday vote won't conflict with any other local elections. The next step is a hearing on April 27 to determine the need for a referendum, and listen to any objections to the vote.

If all goes well for district officials, Plymouth-Canton voters will decide the fate of a new

building to replace Lowell Middle School. Lowell is being taken back by Livonia Public Schools after the lease with Plymouth-Canton expires in the summer of 2000.

Without a new middle school, school officials say they may have to use split shifts and an extended school year to house the nearly 720 students at one of the four other middle schools in the district.

Other alternatives include dividing the students among the four middle schools, or finding another school building to lease.

WSDP offers Big Band music

"Somewhere in Time," a nostalgic big band music program, has begun its second year of broadcasting on WSDP, 88.1FM.

The syndicated Big Band program is hosted by Tom Wilson and Sarah Swanson and airs at 11 a.m., Wednesdays. WSDP's

broadcast is sponsored by the Canton Community Foundation.

WSDP has also begun producing a program in cooperation with the Canton Seniors. Lemonade is produced and hosted by Betty Smith.

COP CALLS

Police confiscate cash

Plymouth Township police have confiscated more than \$7,000 from a Northville man searched after a traffic stop Friday on grounds the money came from illegal drug sales.

The man, 28, was driving his 1987 Honda at 4:55 p.m. when police stopped the car for a loud exhaust and a cracked windshield. After the car was pulled over, the driver got out, dropped a clear bag filled with a leafy green substance and kicked it under the car, according to the police report.

Police found 2.5 grams of marijuana in the bag plus 16 pills in the car. Both were sent to a lab for testing. The Canton K-9 unit was called out and detected the scent of narcotics on about \$1,000 on the man's person and around \$6,000 bound with rubber bands in the car, police said.

The man was arrested then released pending the results of tests on the pills found in the

car, police said. Police said they will seek forfeiture proceedings on the money and car in civil court, as they maintain they came from drug profits.

Cleaned out

Plymouth police are looking for several renovation experts who really cleaned-up at a home in the 1200 block of Fairground.

Authorities say after having renovations done to his house, the homeowner discovered \$15,000 in jewelry missing. Items taken included diamond earrings and necklaces.

Dog bites child

Plymouth police say a 2-year-old boy received several stitches after being bitten in the face and cheek by an Akita. He was treated at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor.

While the dog did have up-to-date shots, the owner put the animal to sleep because of its aggressive nature.

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could have been harmful to them.

"These students are basically good kids who made a mistake." "Sometimes teens want to look cool, which many times takes precedence over good judgment."

Church said after meeting privately with each student and a parent, the adults were support-

ive of the policy and the consequences.

She said the last time there was a problem with drugs at Central was about two years ago when someone brought in a marijuana cigarette. Like the rock incident, word spread and the situation was dealt with accordingly.

"Students treat drugs as a big

deal," said Church. "Hopefully it's abnormal enough that it makes kids uncomfortable."

In this latest case, no one was harmed. And, school officials hope it will make kids think twice.

"If they never get involved with drugs, the suspension is a small price to pay for life-long wisdom."

Recreation from page A1

recreation director, said the group interested in recreation is excited the township is moving forward.

In reviewing who would run a new recreation department, a joint city-township recreation committee has focused on the YMCA heading it, with city commissioners and township trustees sitting on an expanded YMCA board. "We would like to

make sure you look at both proposals," Skene said.

A second proposal before the joint recreation committee would have the city and township operate the department independent of the YMCA.

Fred Stafford, president of the Plymouth Soccer Club, said soccer participation has increased by 200 this spring. That brings the number of players to 1,300,

and 83 percent are from Plymouth Township, he said.

He said that considering the number of parents involved, "That's a sizable number of voters in this township."

Stafford said Canton's support of its soccer program "makes Plymouth look ill by comparison." He urged trustees to secure more space for soccer fields.

Other citizens speaking in support of the recreation millage said an opportunity for soccer or other recreation activity is a positive alternative for kids. "You'll see less of them out on the streets," said township resident Richard Teeple.

The city is proposing a contribution of a half mill from its budget to match the proposed township contribution.

Budget from page A1

a whole, the taxable value is at \$299.5 million compared to an SEV of \$323.1 million.

Proposed in the new budget is a slight tax increase from 14.89 mills in 1997-98 to 15.02 for the coming budget. The increase is due largely to the expected increased costs of refuse collection, based on three-year contract bids received by the city. For example, in 1997-98, 1.26 mills were devoted to refuse collection compared to the proposed 1.40 mills for the coming budget year, Walters said.

A homeowner with a house with the average taxable value of \$63,690 (considering the 2.7 inflation rate cap under Proposal A) would pay total city taxes of \$2,306 - \$1,723 in summer and \$582 in winter. This does not include school, county, intermediate schools, jail or other levied taxes outside the city jurisdiction.

Last year, that same homeowner whose house had a taxable value of \$62,020 (with a 2.8 capped rate) paid \$2,297 in city taxes.

Looking ahead

While the budget does not yet reflect it, a joint city-township municipal services department is expected to be created soon, though it won't be a big

money maker for the city. However, it is expected to provide a better use of equipment and the sharing of administration and overhead, Walters said.

"We're pretty much ready to propose a merger to the two governments," Walters said. "There is a savings to the city in a dollar sense."

The city would take over the municipal services operations for the township, saving at least \$50,000 in net operating costs. The city could then take advantage of a large staff of municipal services employees, Walters said.

In the 1998-99 budget, Walters also has proposed adding two employees to take over work for which the city is now contracting. Creating a separate assistant city manager's job also is expected to be discussed.

Much of the discussion during the first budget session involved revenues to the city, including State Shared Revenues, on which local governments rely.

The current formula for State Shared Revenues - comprised of state sales tax, single business tax, liquor license fees and gas and weight taxes - will expire Sept. 30. Gas and weight taxes must be allocated

to the major and local street fund budgets. Gas and weight taxes - under Act 51 - also expire Sept. 30.

"This year it's possible that between now and October there will be some significant alterations in the formula (by the state Legislature)," Walters said. "So we will be taking a gamble with the budget in that regard."

For the city, State Shared Revenues account for 20 percent of revenue, second only to revenues generated from property taxes. Walters said the budget is prepared based on current revenues remaining constant.

But City Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury asked if the city would be better off projecting a smaller pot of State Shared Revenues. "We're already doing that," Walters responded.

Court costs

The city also expects to receive half of what it usually gets from 35th District Court revenues because of the need to rebuild the courthouse that burned July 2, 1997.

"At this point, the budget is drawn up hedging the court will be the larger facility," Walters said.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON JOINT PROCEEDINGS BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND PLANNING COMMISSION

A joint meeting of the Board of Trustees and the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, April 7, 1998 at 11:50 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL - BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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

Members Absent: None

ROLL CALL - PLANNING COMMISSION:

Members Present: Gustafson, C. Johnson, Lieberman, McLaughlin, Sullivan, Wade, Zarbo

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Machnik, Casari, Dingeldey, Karil, Kelly, Folsom, Goulet, Newman, Quinn, Weyer, Wrubleski

ITEM 1. CANTON COMMUNITY WATERSHED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Director Machnik gave an overview of watershed management strategy. Mr. Machnik said that the project's directive was to find strategies to clean up the Rouge River; manage storm water detention/retention; and to head off potential water issues such as dumping, run off, septic and discharge issues into streams. Mr. Machnik highlighted the component pieces of the project. He said that if the watershed management strategy was validated, we would ultimately see an attempt by all of the Rouge communities to be able to do something with storm water before it goes into a stream or river, leading to improvement in the quality of the Rouge. Mr. Machnik introduced Tom Casari, Township Engineer, and Kelly Kelly, Project Engineer. He commended the engineering staff for their high quality work. Their concerns have contributed to the whole organization taking on improved attitude regarding the environment.

Background Storm Water Management

Tom Casari presented a background on the history of storm water management and the Federal Court Case joining 48 communities to the restoration of the river. Mr. Casari said that the MDEQ had required certain communities, including Canton, to obtain a General Storm Water Permit by the year 2001. Mr. Casari reviewed the three components of the General Storm Water Permit - 1) a storm water drainage map; 2) illicit discharge elimination plan; and 3) a public education program. He said that the risk in applying for a permit is that once we apply, the community must comply and that noncompliance could mean potential fines. Mr. Casari identified Canton's past and present involvements with restoration efforts of the Rouge. Mr. Casari said that drainage patterns and the types of pollutants were significantly different between agricultural land and developed land. Developed areas have more pollutants and storm water run off. Historically, the strategy has been to collect rain water and get rid of it as soon as possible, but this created downstream flooding and erosion. As a result, detention/retention strategies were developed over the last 10 years in order to leave trees in place. Mr. Casari introduced Kelly Kelly to give her presentation on Storm Water Management Strategy.

Storm Water Management Strategy

Kelly Kelly explained the components of a project funded through the Wayne Co. Rouge Program Offices (RPO). The focus of the grant was to develop a storm water ordinance, conduct a detention basin inventory in both Canton and Plymouth Townships, develop new detention basin design standards in new developments, and implement and develop a public education program for residents and businesses.

Canton developed the Storm Water Ordinance in March 1997 and it requires both the developer and the builder to pay \$150 per lot in residential projects and also to collect \$150 per parcel for industrial commercial projects. Since we adopted the ordinance, \$180,000 has been collected. The funds from this ordinance will allow for the purchase of a street sweeper used as part of this project and possibly in the neighborhood improvement project.

Ms. Kelly said that the new storm water management requirements promote innovative practices that address water quality such as incorporating basins with features that can be integrated into natural landscaping, minimizing disturbances to creeks, floodplains, wetlands and forested areas. Ms. Kelly explained the sediment forebay technique used to manage first flush pollutants. The forebay is a combination of a wet pond and wetland basin. This type of combination detention basin takes up less area. Ms. Kelly used the layout of the Huron Ridge South project as an example of using innovative ways to manage storm water run off.

Ms. Kelly said they would be working with the Chamber of Commerce conducting workshops for businesses on lawn care, maintaining paved area, and using and storing deicing chemicals. Wayne County also has a Rouge Friendly Business Program. Ms. Kelly said that they had developed some interactive water quality activities for use in the schools. Friends of Rouge have a program called the Storm Drain Stenciling Program where children stencil "Dump No Waste, Drains to Rouge River." This helps to inform residents about not dumping pollutants down the storm drain. Field Elementary School has received more than \$20,000 from a Media One grant to conduct water quality activities along the Truesdell Drain. Nickelodeon will be video taping some activities at Field Elementary School for their show. Tonda Elementary School has been involved in a stream naturalization project that began last year.

Homeowners' Associations will be offered a Subdivision Transition Process which includes biennial workshops. Workshop topics will include Detention Basin Maintenance, Lawn Care, Car Washing, and Recycling. The Rouge Friendly Neighborhood Program is a program similar to the Rouge Friendly Business Program will recognize neighborhoods that conduct environmentally friendly activities.

Ms. Kelly said that we were working with communities in the Lower 1 and Middle 1 Subwatershed in applying for the General Storm Water Permit. Planned activities include the Subdivision Transition Process, Street Sweeping and the Pheasant Run Golf Course Grant. Ms. Kelly said that they had received a grant from the Rouge Program Office (RPO) to implement certain features on the GIS such as utility coverages, wetland coverage and the ability to track public education activities. She noted that the Federal Court was looking at Watershed GIS as a key component to help manage storm water and improve the quality of the Rouge River.

Discussion

Discussion occurred over jurisdiction and available grant money. Director Machnik noted that we had not developed to the point of realizing who pays for each of the component pieces of storm water management. Mr. Machnik said that some road commissions tended not to realize or admit that they may potentially have some responsibility for the road drainage system.

Other

Supervisor Yack advised having a potential future joint meeting with the Downtown Development Authority regarding plans for the I-275 and Ford Road corridor. He also invited interested Planning Commissioners to the April 21, 1998 study session for a major presentation on the roads issue. Supervisor Yack adjourned the meeting at 9:15 P.M.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on April 7, 1998. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on April 28, 1998.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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"I guess both just kind of got it going in the right direction at the same time."

After competing in the world championships four times, Belvitch beat out 49 other dancers from Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand to earn a trophy, belt and a medal.

Since the world championships began in 1973, just six Americans have won. Now not only have two more Americans won, but they're from the same city - Plymouth.

"I'm sure that has never happened before," Belvitch said. "It was amazing...unbelievable."

Belvitch and Cusick each won

their first two rounds doing the treble jig and the round reel. They were called back to the third round where Belvitch and Cusick finished with the ace deuce and planxty drury, respectively.

"Everyone has to do the treble jig and the reel. It's the same music but what you're doing with your feet is different," Belvitch explained. "Then the top third gets called back for the final set."

He explained that the secret behind his success was relaxation.

"Some of the judges didn't like me," said the modest Belvitch. "This year I was much more relaxed. I used to have a lot of

problems with nerves. I was able to relax. When you're on edge, you can't do your best. I tried to be as laid back as possible," he said.

Cusick, a junior at Catholic Central High School, is touring Ireland and will return Sunday. Last February he also won the All-Ireland Championship.

From here, Belvitch hopes to win the Junior Cup in Chicago in June and compete in the Great Britain's in Birmingham, England, this summer.

"It's not as prestigious as the worlds, but it's one of the five major competitions," he said.

Hard worker

The season for Irish dancing runs from spring to fall, but he doesn't get a break in the winter. He dives competitively for Salem High School.

"The amount of hours that you put into that is a lot. I've never put in so many hours for something,"

Diving, he said, influenced him to increase his dance practice time to an hour a day.

"There's been times when I'm not as diligent as I usually am," he said.

Belvitch hopes to be a dance

teacher someday and is earning experience as a teacher by letting kids come over and practice with him on the stage his father built in their garage. Beth Hool of Livonia, whose daughter Caitlin, 13, and son Michael, 8, said that her children have learned "sharpness, detail and everything that it takes" from Belvitch.

Soon, however, he may be practicing on bigger stages.

"There's a lady from 'Riverdance' who is interested in Paul and I. They're holding try-outs in Orlando after the North American championships July 4, and she wants us to make sure we're there," he said.

"It would be a lot of fun to travel all around, but I want to finish high school first. That seems to be the best thing. I'd like to do it between high school and college. I know someone who quit high school to tour. But I don't think that would be a good choice."

In his immediate future, Belvitch hopes to reclaim the title next year.

"I'm going to try to defend it next year, but I wouldn't really be upset if I lost. I'm satisfied now."

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Sealed bids will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerks Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 2:00 p.m. Local Time, May 12, 1998 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

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Fox finds respite in local park

A Plymouth Township woman says she "was just so shocked" to see a red fox cross her path last Saturday morning at McClumpha Park.

"I saw it right away when I drove into the township park," said Kathy Nordstrom, who was taking her 3-year-old daughter Keliisa for some fun at her favorite play place. "I just followed it into the parking lot, drove near him, put the window down and took some pictures."

The park is on Ann Arbor Trail between Beck and Sheldon roads in Plymouth Township.

Nordstrom said the fox acted like it didn't even know she was there.

"He pranced in front of my car like he owned the park," added Nordstrom. "He looked at me like it wasn't a big deal, then looked across the road and nonchalantly walked away."

Nordstrom expressed concern about a fox walking so closely to a playground where children were playing.

However, it really isn't all that unusual, and generally nothing to be alarmed about.

"We have reports of fox in many areas of western Wayne County, including all along Hines Drive," revealed Carol Clements, a naturalist at Wayne County's Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. "We're also getting many reports of fox living in the Holliday Nature Preserve from Canton to Westland."

According to Clements, it's unusual for a fox to stroll into areas where there are people, indicating it may have been ill and disoriented.

"They mostly are out in the early morning dark hours, or during dusk," said Clements. "They generally are afraid of



Spotted: Kathy Nordstrom frequently brings her daughter, Keliisa, to Plymouth Township Park to play on the playscape. On a recent visit she spotted and was able to photograph a red fox.

people and will stay away unless they are provoked."

A state official agreed.

"It's not unusual, but certainly a rare occurrence, to see a fox," said Tim Payne, a

wildlife biologist in the Livonia office of the Department of Natural Resources.

Payne says the fox Nordstrom saw could be ill, or friendly because it was once a pet. He notes there are some places in the Birmingham and Bloomfield areas where fox are used to people and walk the open fields during the day.

"However, it would be very hard to get a fox to attack unless you cornered it," said Payne.

"The fox is being pushed around by all the development in the area," noted Payne. "In fact, in some areas of Plymouth Township you'll also find coyotes."

Airport passenger traffic up

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport ended 1997 with a 3.2 percent increase in passenger traffic, the sixth consecutive year of growth. Passengers arriving at or departing from Detroit Metro Airport totaled 31,588,281 - more than three times the state population.

December 1997 posted a 6.3 percent increase over December 1996. Detroit Metro has broken passenger records in 51 of the past 53 months.

After a 15 percent increase in 1996, international passenger

traffic dropped 2/10ths of 1 percent. Landings and takeoffs were up over 3 percent for December, but down 1/2 of 1 percent for 1997.

Geneva-based Airports Council International (ACI) is expected to release 1997 worldwide airport rankings next month. In 1996, Detroit Metro ranked 14th in the world and ninth in North America in passengers.

Detroit Metro was sixth in the world in aircraft landings and takeoffs.

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Appliance dropoff to mark celebration of Earth Day

In the spirit of Earth Day on April 22, a Livonia business owner hopes to do his part to help protect the Earth's atmosphere.

Jim Gray, owner of Air-Care of Livonia, is offering his business location as a free dropoff site during the month of May for residents to leave very small refrigerators that are the "college-dorm style," window air conditioners and dehumidifiers. All units must be whole.

Residents must call Gray first to make arrangements for the dropoff.

Gray is accepting the appliances to help residents dispose of them without releas-

ing freon and other refrigerants into the atmosphere.

That will help the environment, because those refrigerants contain carbon fluorocarbons (CFCs), which are destroying the ozone layer. R-12 refrigerants are banned by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The program helps residents get rid of an item that generally costs \$40 to \$60 to dispose, Gray said.

Gray is troubled by the number of appliances he sees set out by residents as garbage, as many of these units have cut hoses, which releases CFCs into the atmosphere.

"The CFCs attach themselves to oxygen molecules, and it creates holes in the ozone layer over Antarctica," Gray said. Scientists believe those holes will expand unless world production and use of CFCs are curbed.

The EPA has enacted laws banning the production of R-12, but not R-22, refrigerants. R-22 is slated to be banned in the near future but it is still available.

Gray's phone number is (734) 425-0074. His business is at 30870 Schoolcraft, on the northeast corner of Schoolcraft and Warner Court, between Middlebelt and Merriman roads.

Power play

Lawmakers use funding issue to force SMART, DDOT talks

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Detroit legislators are trying a power play against SMART, the suburban bus service, to halt its perceived competition against Detroit Department of Transportation buses.

SMART general manager Richard Kaufman, however, says the issue is whether SMART is getting Detroiters and suburbanites to suburban jobs.

"If Al Martin (DDOT manager) thinks there's duplication, he can stop a few of his buses. I don't have any extra out there," Kaufman said.

Detroit's point man is state Rep. Keith Stallworth, a freshman Democrat. Stallworth got himself appointed chair of a special House appropriations subcommittee on public transit.

Stallworth talks of pulling the plug on SMART's funding if Kaufman doesn't halt competition with DDOT. He appears to have the backing of House Speaker Curtis Hertel, D-Detroit.

"I want consolidated service. If we have to use the appropria-

tions process to get these two young men to talk ... " Stallworth said in a recent interview.

The interview with Stallworth, Martin and Kaufman is scheduled to be broadcast Sunday (April 19) at 12:30 p.m. on Channel 7's "Spotlight" program.

Mission: jobs

Kaufman, a former Wayne County circuit judge, doesn't discuss coordination with DDOT schedules. He sees SMART's mission as getting 200,000 passengers a week - half of them Detroit residents - to jobs in western Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

SMART stands for Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation.

In 1967, downtown Detroit had more than 130,000 jobs. By 1995, downtown employment had shrunk to fewer than 65,000 jobs.

"Our purpose is quality transportation for the entire Detroit metropolitan region," Kaufman said. "The only place we both have buses is in Detroit. But SMART buses come a lot less

frequently than DDOT. My buses are running out to the far reaches of the suburbs.

"I don't think there's any duplication, but if there is, I can't stop the SMART buses which come every half-hour or every hour for those people who need to get from Detroit to the suburbs, or from the suburbs to Detroit. If Mr. Martin thinks there's duplication, he can stop a few of his buses. I don't have any extra out there."

'Duplication' hit

DDOT's Martin does indeed think there's duplication. He says DDOT and SMART run buses one or two minutes apart on eight routes - including Woodward, Grand River and Greenfield. "There is increased competition in the city," said Martin, a former SMART and state public transit administrator. "We need to coordinate."

Stallworth agrees. He wants the two systems to produce a coordinated plan by May 10 for the Woodward corridor. If not, then the Legislature may dictate

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Millage question in committee

Merge or lose funding.

That is what the Wayne County Commission's Ways and Means Committee wants the area's two public transportation providers to do or else one could lose all its millage funding.

Commissioner Bernard Parker said if SMART, (Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation) and the Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT) don't consolidate routes, cutting SMART's funds is the answer.

"The merger would allow citizens to use a transportation system that meets the needs of the city of Detroit," Parker said.

"I will not support renewal of the millage unless there's some dialogue between the two providers," he added.

Committee chair George Cushingberry agreed.

"I believe it's important for us to recognize transportation as a complete system," he said.

Parker and other committee members are upset the two

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION

transportation providers haven't consolidated routes.

SMART and DDOT aren't duplicating any bus routes, according to both Richard Kaufman, SMART general manager and Floyd Best, who heads the SMART bus drivers Union Local 1564.

Past attempts to merge were thwarted by DDOT, not SMART, both men contended.

SMART's millage is up for renewal Aug. 4, and commissioners have until May 14 to decide whether the issue will go on the ballot. The Ways and Means Committee meets at 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 28, to further discuss the issue. The meeting will be held in room 402 of the Wayne County building at 600 Randolph Street in Detroit.

The millage provides SMART with about \$6 million per year.

Suburban Wayne County residents in Livonia, Westland, Red-

ford and Garden City, will be asked to renew a four-year 1/3 mill for SMART's public transportation system of buses. Plymouth and Canton townships along with the city of Plymouth opted out of the SMART system.

Clifton Sharpe, representing SORT, Supporters of Regional Transportation, said a good transportation system should be one of the area's top priorities - along with police, fire and education.

"We are the motor capital of the world," Sharpe said. "We should have a bus system second to none."

A merger could be the answer.

"I personally think that SMART and DDOT should get together to pass a resolution and make sure it goes forward. We need to follow what (SMART's) name says," Sharpe said, referring to the word "suburban."

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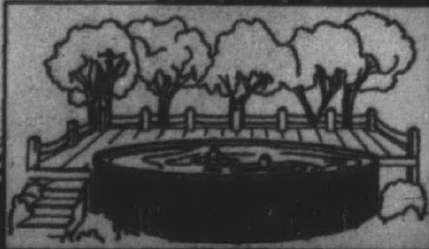
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Wayne County Parks and Recreation has announced that 6 miles of Hines Drive will be closed 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every Saturday between May 2 and Sept. 26 to vehicle traffic. The drive will be closed from the Warrendale Picnic Area (west of

Outer Drive) to the Nankin Mills Area (Ann Arbor Trail).

At the May 2 kickoff in the Hines Park-Nankin Mills area, special events will include a moon walk, orotron, an in-line skate mobile and organized games for children.

Other events and activities planned throughout the year include:

■ 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16, a fishing derby at

Northville's Hines Park-Waterford Bend Area. Anglers should bring their own equipment and bait. To register, call (313)261-3285.

■ Saturday, June 6, an area-wide Rouge Rescue event. For sites and times, call (313)961-4050.

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

■ 8 a.m. Friday, June 12, the Friends of Wayne County Parks Pro-Am Celebrity Golf Classic, at Warren Valley Golf Course. Threesomes can hook up with either celebrities or local pros. Proceeds go toward Wayne County Parks. Cost is \$100 per amateur, including lunch. Call

(313)261-3285 for information.

■ June 29 through July 2, Detroit Senior Olympics on Belle Isle. The Wayne County Park System, the Detroit Recreation Department and several other sponsors are teaming up to present various competitive events for participants age 50 and older.

■ 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 20, the 12th annual Wayne County Senior Citizens' picnic in

the Hines Park-Warrendale Area in Dearborn Heights. Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara will be on hand for an afternoon of food, entertainment and prizes. For tickets, call (734)326-4736 or (734)326-4444.

■ 9 a.m. Saturday, June 20, Nursery School Olympics in Trenton's Elizabeth Park. events

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Newburgh Lake restoration may lift fish advisory - DNR

A state official believes a fish consumption advisory for Newburgh Lake will be lifted in two years.

Mark Oemke, the state's project manager overseeing the \$10 million Newburgh Lake restoration, said recently that if everything goes as planned, the Department of Natural Resources will return in 2000 to

check fish for any contamination from polychlorinated biphenyls.

But he expects the fish to obtain a clean bill of health as nearly all the PCBs have been removed from the lake. A second fish kill is expected in September, followed by a restocking of fish in October.

"We'll wait two years, because

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include marshmallow shot put, paper plate discus, diaper derby, toddler trot and more. Pre-school children ages 3 to 5 with parents or guardians. Co-sponsors are McDonald's, Michigan Recreation and Park Association and Trenton Parks and Recreation.

■ 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 7 is "Mud Day" at Hines Park-Perrin Area in Dearborn Heights. Two hundred tons of top soil and 20,000 gallons of water will flood the park and "Mr. and Ms. Mud" will be crowned.

■ Noon to 9 p.m. July 11-12, Polka Fest in Hines Park-Warrendale Area in Dearborn Heights. Wayne County Parks will present the stylings of Big Daddy Lackowski and his La-

Dee-Das and other popular area polka bands. Ethnic dancers in authentic Polish costumes will perform and feast visitors can sample Polish cuisine. Call (313)261-3285 for a schedule.

■ 2 p.m. until dark Aug. 8 and 9, "Jazz on the River" at Elizabeth Park in Trenton. The event is sponsored by Smooth Jazz V 98.7 and corporate sponsors. Call (313)261-3285 for a schedule.

■ 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20 at Elizabeth Park in Trenton, "Somewhere in Time," featuring antique auto displays, trolley and riverboat rides, musical entertainment and refreshments. The event, co-sponsored by Trenton Parks and Recre-

ation, will celebrate how the park looked during the Roaring 20s.

■ Date to be announced, a "Friends of Nankin Mills Wine and Cheese Reception" will be held at Nankin Mills in Westland. This fund-raiser will help purchase displays for the new Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. Tickets will be available at the parks office.

■ 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, the Friends of the Rouge Pedalfest along the Middle Rouge Parkway in Westland. The fund-raising event's proceeds will go toward preserving the Rouge River. For an entry form, call (313)961-4050.

■ 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, a

Halloween festival featuring costumed characters, games, entertainment, hay rides, a candy hunt and more at Hines Park-Nankin Mills in Westland. Call (313)261-3285 for details.

■ 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, the second annual Wayne County Lightfest and 8K Fun Run/Walk at Hines Parks's Merriman Hollow Area in Westland. To register, call (313)261-3285.

■ During the 1998 holiday season, four miles of Hines Park will be aglow for the Wayne County Lightfest, the Midwest's longest drive-through light display. Call (313)261-3285.

For information on all events listed above, call (734)261-1990.

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a schedule in the boilerplate of the state appropriations that go to DDOT and SMART, he said. Stallworth also talked of shifting some SMART money to DDOT.

SMART has a total budget of \$60 million. It gets \$35 million from the state and about \$10 million from the farebox. The rest comes from a fraction of a mill of property tax voted in 1995 in Macomb, most of Oakland and suburban Wayne counties.

That millage, Kaufman said, is up for renewal Aug. 4. From a ridership point of view, Kaufman said SMART is a success story that deserves voter sup-

port.

Chamber reverses

The DDOT-SMART conflict came to light about six months ago when the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce threatened not to support SMART's renewal millage unless there were better coordination with DDOT over routes. But it apparently has had a change of heart.

"Last month the executive board of the Detroit Regional Chamber endorsed the SMART millage and committed to raising \$100,000 to get the information out," Kaufman said.

He added, "I've got the solid backing of my bosses for any plan that helps the rider." He said the federal government rated SMART among the seven "most progressive transportation systems in the country in terms of getting people to jobs."

DDOT has a total budget of \$150 million. Martin said about 25 percent of its revenue comes from the farebox (\$37 million) and \$65 million from the state, with the rest coming from the city's general fund.

"SMART has made progress," said Martin, "but we're not realizing coordinated transit network." He called cooperation

between them "loose."

Despite the tough talk about "coordination" versus "getting Detroiters to suburban jobs," the two agencies have cooperated in other areas. SMART's recent report says:

■ They use the same linehaul scheduling software.

■ They have compatible radio and vehicle locator systems.

■ They accept each other's tickets and transfers.

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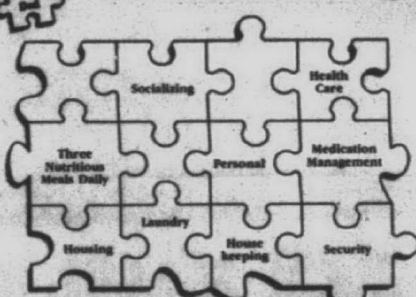
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Bipartisan group pushes package of gun bills

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Q. Now that the Legislature is on Easter break, bring us up to date on all the gun legislation. Is there another package of gun control bills rolling around in Lansing?

A. Sure, but let's get our terms straight. We're not talking about hunting rifles and shotguns. We're talking about pistols and permits to "carry a concealed weapon," or CCW.

Michigan's Constitution is stronger on gun ownership than the U.S. Constitution. The state constitution says: "Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state."

Q. OK. Let's start with the Cropsey bill that was being argued two years ago.

A. It's dead. Rep. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, proposed that Michigan do away with its 83 county gun boards that award CCW permits. He wanted Michigan to become a "shall issue" state - if you meet the qualifications, the state shall issue you a CCW permit.

Cropsey held that many county gun boards issued permits only to police officers and ex-cops, denying them, without reason, to others.

Gun owner groups were strongly in support, but the law enforcement caucus and others were vehemently opposed.

Q. Isn't Cropsey part of a new group ...?

A. Right. A bipartisan group of state representatives is pushing a package to create uniform standards for issuing a concealed weapons permit. Other key members: James McNutt, R-Midland, a former sheriff; Candace Curtis, D-Swartz Creek; and Howard Wetters, D-Kalamazoo.

It adopted the "shall issue" policy. You would be entitled to a CCW permit once you met a list of qualifications.

Q. And that was a pretty long list, wasn't it?

A. All applicants must be at least 21 years old and be a resi-

dent of Michigan for more than a year (versus six months eligibility to vote).

It requires a 12-hour training course.

You may not have been convicted of a violent felony, felony, violent misdemeanor, or a misdemeanor which carries a potential sentence of more than a year in prison.

You may not have been acquitted of a crime by reason of insanity.

You may not be under a court order of legal incapacity or involuntary commitment.

If a cop suspects you of drinking while carrying a pistol, he or she can order a blood analysis. If you test 0.02 percent blood alcohol content (BAC), this would be reported to the county gun board, and your license could be revoked. By the way, 0.02 is one-fourth the BAC for drunken driving. In other words, the bill creates a "zero-tolerance" for drinking while carrying a concealed pistol. Wetters is sponsor of that bill.

One bill makes concealed weapons carried in violation of law subject to seizure and forfeiture.

Another would amend the Open Meetings Act to allow county gun boards to consider applicants' mental health, substance abuse and juvenile crime records behind closed doors.

Q. That's a pretty long list of hurdles. Will the gun owners buy that?

A. Some think Cropsey sold out. Others say he had to trim his sails to get any change.

Q. Any response from the Senate?

A. A big one. Newly-elected Sen. Dave Jaye, R-Macomb County, is chair of a newly-created Hunting, Fishing and Forestry Committee. His approach keeps the gun boards but is called the "Gun Owners' Rights" package. His committee is considering these bipartisan measures:

■ Revamps the gun boards to put non-law enforcement people in a majority. The prosecutor and sheriff still would be on, but

the State Police representative and township supervisor would be gone.

The new members would be a person who teaches pistol safety but isn't a law enforcement officer; two others would represent the general public. The three would be appointed by the county executive (in three counties) or the board of commissioners in the other 79 counties (SB 969, 970, 973 and 983 - Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford, and John Cherry, D-Clio).

■ Requires that gun boards conspicuously display time and location of CCW meetings. Gun boards must meet at least twice a month for four hours during the evening (SB 985, Loren Bennett, R-Canton).

■ Requires Michigan to adopt Florida's CCW standards (SB 987, Jaye).

■ Requires county to pay legal costs if a denied applicant wins approval on appeal (SB 984, Virgil Smith, D-Detroit).

■ Limits police fee for processing fingerprints to \$5. Limits time to five business days, plus five-day extension. Requires police to pay applicant a \$10-per-day fine for processing delays (SB 970, John Cherry, D-Clio).

■ Requires Michigan to honor other states' CCW permits (SB 967, Art Miller, D-Macomb).

■ Allows voter registration wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold (Joe Gougeon, R-Bay City).

Bills being drafted in the Senate:

■ Permits 18-year-olds to purchase pistols from either licensed dealers or other individuals (Jaye).

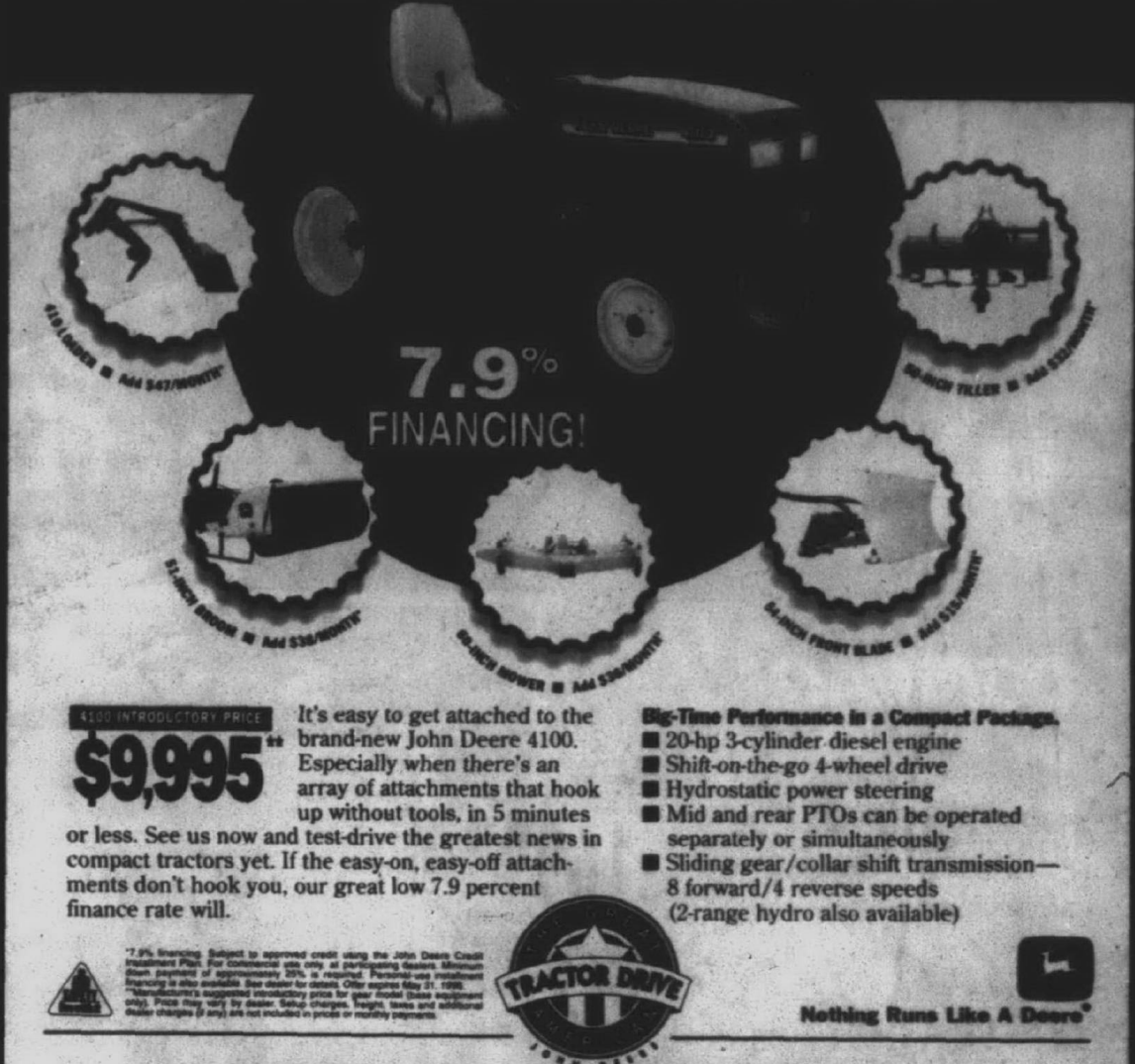
■ Makes gun boards subject to the Administrative Procedures Act due process requirements.

Jaye's overall thrust is to enhance gun owners' rights to obtain a CCW permit and curb arbitrary powers of law enforcement people.

Q. Any predictions?

A. A stalemate, with the House passing one package and the Senate another, is a distinct possibility. Two teams of horses are pulling in different directions.

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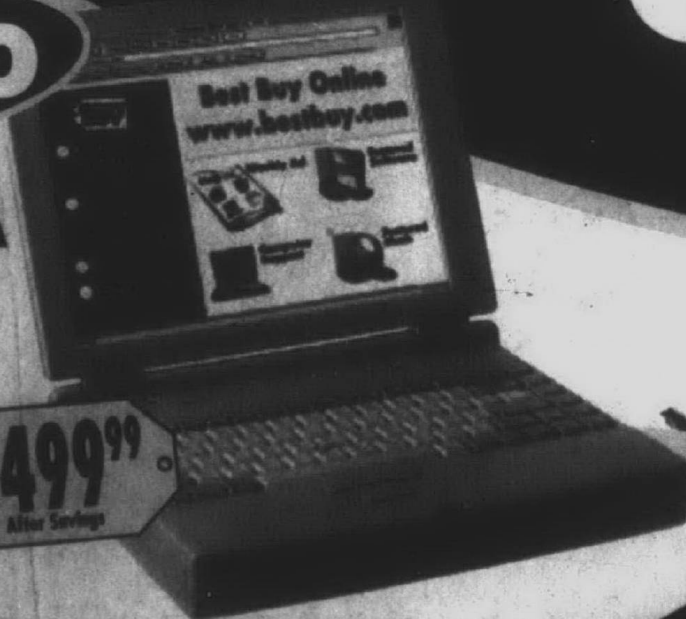
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Dogs, owners will jog for good cause

Last year's Plymouth Dog Jog was a hit, so it returns Saturday, May 9 with prizes for participants.

"Last year was fun. I had a good time," said Eric Colthurst, a Plymouth attorney who organizes the event on behalf of the Plymouth Kiwanis Club.

This year the Dan Morris Canine Precision Drill Team, the "Dogmatics," will appear at 2:30 p.m. in Kellogg Park, right after the jog.

The team, which performed in Plymouth's July 4 parade, features 15-20 dogs of different breeds.

The Plymouth Dog Jog '98 benefits the Michigan Humane Society, Huron Valley Humane Society and Plymouth Kiwanis Club. Participants are asked to register before race day for \$15 or on the day event for \$20. Forms are available at 9450 S. Main, Suite 101, or by calling 459-7000.

Registration for the Dog Jog will be at noon and the jog at 1:30 p.m.

Participants are asked to get pledges from family, friends or co-workers, toward their participation in the two-mile jog. The jog begins and ends at Kellogg Park downtown.

All registrants get a "Dog Jog '98" T-shirt. Dogs get a designer bandanna.

Dog joggers will head south from the park to Wing Street then west across Main to

Hough Park, then complete the circle around the new library and back to Kellogg Park.

The top three pledge money-raisers will receive prizes. Pet photographer Jill Andra Young will do a studio photo for the dog belonging to the owner with the most money pledged. Prizes are also awarded for top three male and female finishers with the fastest times, the biggest dog, longest tail, best owner-dog look-alikes and smallest dog.

At registration, owners need to bring vaccination records (vaccinations must be up to date). Dogs must be on leashes no longer than six feet.

Also on hand to provide entertainment at the park will be a Young Country-FM DJ.

Event co-coordinator Denise Chapman reported Monday that 18 dogs are registered.

Those without pets can also participate.

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Get ready: Last year's Dog Jog attracted 125 participants. The event returns this year on Saturday, May 9, with prizes and the "Dogmatics", a canine drill team. The event, which begins in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth, benefits the Michigan Humane Society, Huron Valley Humane Society and Plymouth Kiwanis Club. To register, call 459-7000.

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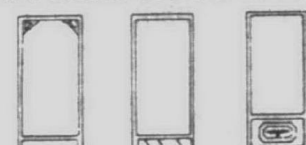
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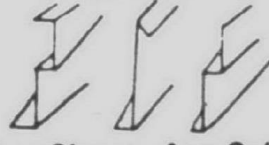
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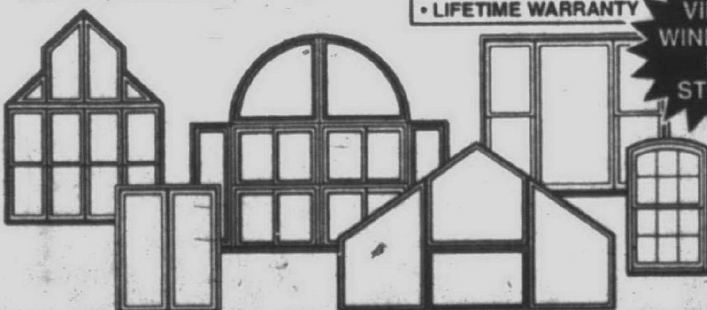
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CANTON

COMMUNITY POLICING

Community policing in Canton Township started out as an experiment to see how well the police department could work with the community and help prevent crime.

It's worked out so well that a second phase is being planned.

Canton Police are preparing to put a full-time police officer to work in three of southeast Canton's mobile home parks and the surrounding areas. This officer's duties would be similar to those of a "beat cop" who residents, business people and others know by name.

The intent is to provide proactive rather than reactive police service, according to John Santomauro, Canton Public Safety director. That means, when possible, stopping crimes before they start rather than arriving on the scene after they're out of control.

GARDEN CITY

DOWNTOWN FACELIFT

A bid for \$2.8 million in streetscape and water main improvements to be constructed in the Central Business District over the next two years was awarded by the city council Monday.

The contract award to Wayne-Oakland of Canton is contingent on the sale of bonds which will fund the Downtown Development Authority project.

The council also agreed to move ahead with the planned bond sale subject to council debt allocation schedule regarding the water main work.

Other than some planter boxes located on Middlebelt, most existing streetscape will have to be removed to accommodate irrigation equipment and pedestrian lighting.

The first year of the project will focus on Ford Road between Brand and Garden. The second

phase, the work will be on Middlebelt between Beechwood and John Hawk.

LIVONIA

CITY WINS LAWSUIT

The city of Livonia has won favorable rulings from two courts in a lawsuit filed by the West Livonia Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

The church claiming the city had violated its constitutional right to practice its religion, filed the suit following a 1996 city council vote that blocked the church's plans for a new building.

Citing the strong position local governments occupy in the courts when it comes to land-use issues, a federal judge last fall dismissed two of the suit's three counts.

The remaining count, an appeal of the council's vote to deny a zoning waiver, was dismissed by a Wayne County Circuit Court judge last month.

Congregation members could not be reached for comment.

The congregation, based in a building on Seven Mile that members said they have outgrown, had wanted to put up a church of 5,032 square feet on 2.39 acres of land on Merriman near Norfolk.

The Jehovah's Witnesses wanted to build a one-story building that would be more easily accessible by the handicapped than the current church.

PLYMOUTH

HIGH SCHOOL LOCATION

Constructing a third Plymouth-Canton high school that isn't within walking distance of the current high schools is not a good idea for both teachers, students and the community.

That's according to a group of nearly 200 Plymouth-Canton high school teachers, which is lobbying the board of education to abandon plans for a third high school at the corner of Joy and Beck roads.

While the board of education insists the high school bond issue called for a structure to be

built at that corner, the teachers believe location wasn't specified. They want the new school built within walking distance of the other two, allowing for students to interact and curriculum to be distributed equally, approving a

REDFORD

CRIME DECREASES

Crime decreased in Redford Township last year for the third successive year, and local law enforcement officials credit an increased presence of officers due in part to federal grant money.

The size of the police force is not expected to decrease when the grant money runs out.

Police officials are applying for more grant money to help pay for civilian police and fire dispatchers and to buy computer equipment to eliminate some paper work.

The money to pay for the officers comes mostly from property tax increases and more revenue sharing money, said Redford Supervisor Kevin Kelley.

WESTLAND

RECREATION PLAN

A second ice rink for Westland Sports Arena tops a preliminary wish list of city recreation enthusiasts.

More ice for hockey and figure skating programs ranked No. 1 on a newly-released report stemming from a community brainstorming session, which sought residents' views on Westland parks and recreation needs.

Rounding out the six biggest needs identified in the report are:

- A new recreation complex offering an aquatic center.
 - A new baseball/softball complex.
 - A new soccer complex.
 - Playground equipment for Corrado Park.
 - A new park in the Middlebelt-Avonedale area.
- The top needs are listed in a report that Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski has given to the Westland City Council.



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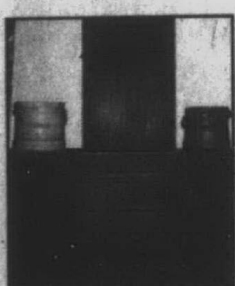
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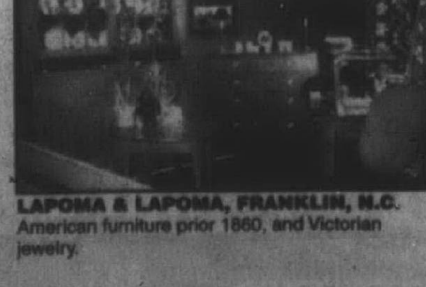
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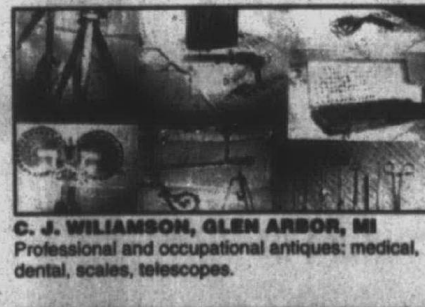
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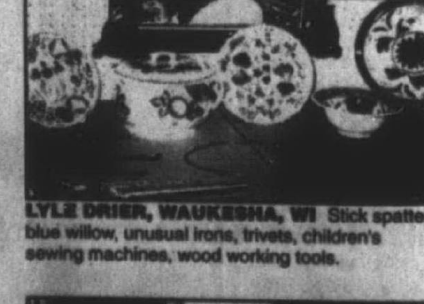
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County agency audit

Inadequate controls blamed for mounting debt

Wayne County may not be able to collect as much as \$17 million owed to it by mental health service providers.

The agencies which contract with the county have carried outstanding balances for several years, according to an operational audit of the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency by legislative county Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy.

But an official with the Detroit Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency told the Wayne County Commission's audit committee earlier this month she expects a \$40 million budget shortfall to be reduced to about \$3 million.

Jarold Ann Adams, the agency's executive director, said the county's largest mental health contractor is owed \$15 million in federal Medicaid payments and a possible state bailout may bring that shortfall down to about \$3 million. The agency is expected to discuss the issue with state officials.

Debts owed

The agency is overseen jointly by Wayne County and the city of

Detroit. In 1996 it served 59,342 residents with mental illness or developmental disabilities. (See related story.)

The agency has 82 service providers that owed money as of Nov. 30, 1996, 38 of which had an outstanding receivable balance with the county that was at least one year old. Eight owe \$500,000 or more. The largest debt owed, \$17.3 million, is due from the agency's largest service provider, Wayne Community Living Services.

Agency officials also "may have exceeded their authority by authorizing advances that appear to be loans" to various service providers without the documented approval of the board or the Wayne County Commission, Dunleavy stated in the report.

In 1992, one provider received a \$5.2 million advance that was categorized as a Medicaid expense. No repayments were received until 1995, as the agency has collected \$5 million of the debt by deducting amounts from the provider's subsequent program advances. More than \$200,000 was still outstanding at the time of the audit.

Inadequate monitors

Since 1992, the money owed Wayne County by its mental health service providers increased to \$82 million as of November 1996.

"Although \$38 million of this amount is in Medicaid and current year balances, the remaining balance is overdue and has accumulated for several years for various reasons," Dunleavy said.

Agency officials believed the delay in compliance audits by outside auditors and "post-audit" cost settlements contributed to the growing receivable balance, to which the auditor general concurred, but challenged the agency's actions.

"Our audit confirmed that compliance audits are running behind schedule and have just recently been completed through the 1993-94 fiscal year," Dunleavy said. "In addition, the service provider with the largest receivable balance failed to have the required financial audit for several years."

Auditors found that providers' agreements with the agency

were not current, and that advanced program payments were not held in a trust account by the service providers as is required in the service providers' contract.

"Inadequate monitoring by the board, the Wayne County Department of Health and Community Services (Health Department) and the County's Department of Management & Budget appears to have also contributed to the current crisis," Dunleavy said.

Under the agency's agreements with service providers, the agency can withhold a portion of the provider's monthly allocation to offset any balance due, but many providers are nonprofit organizations with limited sources of revenue. "As such, any reduction in their current payment could result in a reduction of services provided or, depending on the amount withheld, the closure of a providers' operation," Dunleavy said.

If that happened, the county has an obligation to the state to ensure that services would continue to be available to program

Please see **AUDIT**, A15

STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES

Watercraft rules

The state Senate and House have passed similar bills regulating personal watercraft, the generic name for Jet-skis.

The bills require personal watercraft (PWC) users to be at least 16 years of age (instead of 12). They require operators between ages 16 and 19 to attend a boating safety course. And they prohibit liveries from renting to anyone under 19 unless he or she has completed a safety course and displays a certificate.

House action came March 25; the Senate voted a day later. All votes were overwhelming.

The Senate passed two tie-barred bills, meaning both must be enacted for either to become law. Senate Bill 830 prohibits renting to a 16-year-old unless he has a boater safety certificate or the livery operator himself trains the teen.

The House bill carries a fine of up to \$1,000 for a first offense. The Senate bill has a fine of \$100 to \$500 and up to 90 days in jail for a first offense.

The bills are likely to wind up in a joint House-Senate conference committee to work out differences.

Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, voted for the bills but objected to "age discrimination" in them. "Young riders are not the major problem on the lakes," he said, quoting Oakland Sheriff's marine safety officers. "Young riders are safer than the adults, mostly because of the marine safety courses that they're already required to take."

Now, despite these facts, they (12- to 15-year-olds) will be punished simply because of their age and not able to ride until they're 16."

Tornado drills

Gov. John Engler has signed a bill by Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, to require state-supported schools and colleges to conduct two tornado safety drills a year, besides the current eight fire drills.

Public Act 45 was signed March 30 during Severe Weather Awareness Week. Law noted a majority of tornadoes strike between noon and 6 p.m.

Senate passes

The state Senate has approved:

■ A bill requiring thumb imaging of applicants for cash assistance. "This attempts to identify fraud in the welfare system and correct it," said Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, sponsor of SB 957.

■ A bill prohibiting hospital strikers from threatening patients or people caring for them. "This bill protects patients' rights by making sure they have a safe environment," unimpeded," said Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, sponsor of the measure which passed unanimously.

■ "MICHild," a program to provide health care to some 156,000 children whose parents earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to

Please see **CAPSULES**, A16

How mental health board operates

The Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Board was created under the Michigan Public Act 54 of 1964. Six are appointed by the city of Detroit and six are appointed by Wayne County.

The board provides mental health and related services to Wayne County residents. It is a quasi-independent agency of Wayne County and is a unit within the Wayne County Department of Health Community Services.

The board operates through its agency, the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency.

The agency contracts with service providers to administer services to Wayne County resi-

dents.

Each service provider has a contract amount, which is based on the estimated total cost of services to be rendered less the amount expected to be received from Medicaid, Medicare, private insurers and others.

Service providers receive a monthly advance from the agency representing 1/12th of their annual contract amount. At the end of the contract period, service providers submit a final report.

Based on this report, the agency begins a two-stage cost settlement process. The pre-audit settlement process consist of comparing the amount of money advanced versus the service provider's reported expenses.

If contract expenses exceed advances, the agency owes money to the service provider.

If amounts advanced exceed contract expenses, the service providers owe money to the agency. The service provider has 30 days to repay the agency or enter into a repayment agreement.

Compliance audits are performed to determine advanced money received and the amount of expenses incurred in connection with the contract.

After all the compliance audits are complete for a given year, the agency reallocates money from one provider to another. This occurs because some ser-

vice providers underspent their contract amounts, creating a pool of money. That pool can be reallocated to those service providers whose audit reveal they rendered services above their contracted amount.

As of Nov. 30, 1996, the county was owed \$82 million from its mental health providers, with \$38 million related to current balances and Medicaid money. The remaining \$44 million has accumulated over the past five years, according to Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy.

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JA to honor business leaders at hall of fame dinner

Four individuals who made their names in a wide variety of business endeavors will be honored as laureates tonight by Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan.

The sixth-annual black tie dinner and induction ceremony takes place at 6 p.m. tonight at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Dearborn.

Among the honorees are William Pulte, Irma Elder, Peter Karmanos Jr. and Philip Caldwell. Florine Mark, a 1997 laureate, will also be recognized because a family tragedy kept her from attending the 1997 ceremony.

Pulte began his career in 1950 as a self-employed builder. Six years later at age 24 he incorporated his business and 14 years later, Pulte Home Corp. went public. The \$2.3 billion Birmingham-Bloomfield based company became the largest residential builder in the United States in 1996, according to Builder and Professional Builder magazines. Pulte Home Corp. is now building custom homes in 25 states as well as Mexico and Puerto Rico.

Elder, who owns three Michigan car dealerships, took over Troy Ford after her husband's death in 1983. She has since acquired the Jaguar-Saab and Aston Martin Lagonda of Troy and Signature Lincoln-Mercury



Phillip Caldwell

Jeep-Eagle of Owosso. Elder also works with 25 boards of directors throughout the state and was named Michigan Women's Foundation "Entrepreneur of the Year" in 1994.

Karmanos is chairman, chief executive officer and co-founder of Compuware Corp. in Farmington Hills. Under Karmanos' direction, Compuware has become Michigan's fifth largest exporter, offering more than 60 software products to customers in dozens of countries. Karmanos also co-owns the Carolina



Irma Elder

Hurricanes of the National Hockey League and co-owns the Plymouth-Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League.

Karmanos founded the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in his late wife's honor in 1995 with a \$15 million gift. The center combines the resources, research and treatment capabilities of several of Michigan's top medical organizations.

Caldwell is the former chairman and chief executive officer of Ford Motor Co. A farmer's



Peter Karmanos Jr.

son, he grew up in South Charleston, Ohio and majored in economics at Muskingum College. He later enrolled in Harvard business school but received his commission to the Navy in 1942, when he was sent to the Pacific in January, 1944. He joined Ford in 1953 and participated in one of the greatest corporate turnarounds in history. By the time Caldwell retired, Ford's U.S. market share had increased from 16 to 19 percent.

Mark is president and chief executive officer of the WW



Florine Mark

Group Inc., the largest franchise of Weight Watchers International. Her Farmington-Hills based company employs 2,500 people, all successful Weight Watchers members.

Mark conducted her first Weight Watchers meeting in a Michigan school auditorium in July, 1966. Now, Mark operates franchises in eight states and Canada and Mexico. She also sits on several boards of directors in Michigan, including the Renaissance board and the American Red Cross.



William Pulte

Junior Achievement, a non-profit organization, was founded in 1919 by Horace A. Moses, president of Strathmore Paper Co.

The program has grown and changed over the years to meet the needs of students in grades K-12. JA of Southeastern Michigan is the ninth largest JA in the nation, reaching more than 66,000 students.

Observer area communities participating in JA in 1997-1998 include Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland.

County gives weather-alert radios to schools

Wayne County has taken the lead to distribute tone-alert weather radios to schools and medical facilities with hopes of reducing the likelihood of injury and loss of life that result from severe weather conditions.

County officials say last July's storm made it evident that the devastation could have been more extensive had the storm hit a hospital or while children

were in school.

These radios can prevent a catastrophe by providing school and hospital staff with extra time to protect students and patients. They are activated by the National Weather Service when severe conditions are forecast. A loud signal followed by a message alert school and hospital personnel to life-threatening weather conditions.

"We are taking steps to make sure that people have a chance to protect themselves against devastating weather," said Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive. "Being warned and ready is the best prevention against human loss."

These radios will be purchased with a \$21,000 grant received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Hazard Mitigation

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Agency's response

Adams concurred with the report that a contracted auditor failed to complete audits in a timely fashion. "Additionally, the state has acknowledged that they have not completed five years of cost settlements for one of our providers," Adams said. Adams expected a response on a cost settlement report in excess of \$14 million within 60 days.

The agency also disagreed that the advances were "unautho-

rized" and that the advances were classified as "loans."

"The advances were made to assist with cash flow problems for the providers involved and to assure ongoing client services," Adams wrote in her response.

Adams said the agency has provided monthly reports to its board since June 1996, completed the outstanding audit of the noncompliant vendor in August 1997 and entered into a contract with Pierce, Monroe & Associates to assist in reconciliation.

A contract is being prepared

for an outside accounting firm to assist the agency in reviewing internal controls and policies, while a working committee of representatives of the agency, the agency's board of directors, the Department of Management and Budget, Corporation Counsel and a service provider to establish agreement on repayment plans.

What's next

Dunleavy recommended the agency, its board, the Department of Health and Community

Services, Management and Budget, and affected service providers work with the state Department of Community Health to determine the receivable balance for reallocation and a time frame for this process.

The Mental Health Board and Wayne County Commission should pass ordinances prohibiting agency officials from advancing service provider funds in excess of the contract amount "without the expressed and documented approval" of the board and commission, Dunleavy said.

Without timely actions, the receivables and county liability will continue to grow.

Dunleavy expected the issue and the report will be revisited in a few months by the commission's Committee on Audit.

"That report was very effective to get people to come to the table and take action," Dunleavy said. "The result is the state and the county are trying to resolve this problem."

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Vietnam exhibit comes to area

A smaller version of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., will be making a one-week stop in Trenton. The half-scale, 252 foot-long Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall will be displayed at the Chrysler Trenton Engine Plant April 19-26.

The names of the 58,202 members of the armed services who died or are missing in action in Vietnam are etched into the Wall's aluminum panels. The display will be open to the public 24 hours a day in a field adjacent to the Chrysler plant.

The Moving Wall travels throughout the United States. The Trenton visit was initiated and organized by the Trenton Local 372 Veterans Committee, which is seeking donations and volunteers to ensure the project's success. The project costs approximately \$12,000.

For donations of \$250, \$350, \$500 or more, donors will receive a bronze, silver or gold plaque. All donations are tax-deductible.

Many community tributes have been planned for the week, including a continuous reading aloud of the names etched on the wall. More than 400 statewide union members are expected to participate in UAW day on April 26, according to George H. Turner, chairman on Local 372 Veterans Committee.

For more information, contact George H. Turner, (313) 676-9060, Fax: (313) 526-1652, Pager: (313) 589-3406 or James L. Edwards of Livonia after 4 p.m. at (248) 471-4873.

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it wouldn't make much sense to test them right after they've been restocked," Oemke said. That group of fish will be checked for "residual" contaminants.

A report will be made to the Michigan Department of Community Health. That department is responsible for the fish advisory and must decide whether to lift

it after the restoration project. Soil samples will be collected by environmental consultants throughout the project. Most of the PCBs had been removed by November, Oemke said.

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

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

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

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

The excavation will make Newburgh about 8 feet deep.

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Recreation

Get moving on definite plans

Some things bear repeating. In this case, it's recreation and the need to move on a detailed proposal for a joint program with the city and township.

So far, Plymouth Township officials are saying "it's likely" a half-mill request for recreation will be on the August ballot. Meanwhile, the Plymouth City Commission has begun its deliberations for the 1998 budget — one that's begging for help with recreation.

We agree with city commissioners who have lamented the slow progress on joint city-township talks.

Apparently the wait is now on forming subcommittees to review how a joint department would be run, how it would be financed and possible facility improvements, and programs that would be offered. Creation of these subcommittees was discussed earlier this year ... and still we're waiting.

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

We certainly urge township officials are willing to do the same should the final decision on when a recreation vote will take place is actually the November general election and not the August primary election.

In addition to considering the budgeting sit-

■ In other words, the recreation issue already has plenty of competition for each taxpayer's dollar.

uation faced by the city, township officials must consider what else is happening in the community. Namely, the fact that taxpayers in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are already committed to one bond issue — despite its lingering in the Michigan Court of Appeals. And school district taxpayers also will be faced with yet another request for a bond later this year to build a middle school.

In other words, the recreation issue already has plenty of competition for each taxpayer's dollar.

We urge the township and the city to get together immediately and plan a recreation program. That means what programming residents will receive with the joint program and what they won't, especially if the township's millage does not pass.

The time has come to take action. Plenty of people are waiting, including the Plymouth City Commission, and not to mention scores of kids in team sports, as well as other residents eagerly awaiting a true recreation program full of choices and opportunities.

Don't get driven to distraction

You've seen it. Maybe you've done it. A woman, driving down the freeway on her way to work, rearview mirror twisted toward her face while she applies her eye makeup. Her male counterpart, driving in another lane, left hand on the wheel, his right hand guiding a battery-powered shaver over his face.

We've seen drivers in such animated conversation that they take both hands off the wheel to gesture at their passenger and only occasionally seem to take their eyes off the passenger to check the road.

The mother, adjusting her child's car seat, while pulling onto the freeway. The teenager, drinking a pop and eating a hamburger, after pulling out of the fast-food drive-through into city traffic.

Then there's the dog lover with his pet hanging out the window — on the driver's side while sitting in the driver's lap.

"People have too much to do in a car," says Westland police Sgt. Peter Brokas. "They're using cell phones and fiddling around with CD players. Men are shaving in the car and women are putting on makeup."

Brokas is head of the Westland Police Department's traffic bureau. He was commenting on a study that showed traffic crashes in that community had risen from 2,094 to 2,234 during a two-year period.

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

Based on our observations, more and more people ARE paying attention — but to things other than driving. Topping the list of distractions is the cellular phone.

A study on "Cellular Telephones and Traffic Accidents," published last year in the New England Journal of Medicine, concluded that using a cellular telephone while driving quadrupled the risk of a collision. At least one Canadian insurance company has added an

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*Sgt. Peter Brokas
—Westland police*

extra \$50 a year to the premiums of drivers who have cellular telephones in their cars. And in Australia, Brazil and Israel, it is illegal to talk on a phone while driving.

Cell phones, however, aren't the only distractions. A letter writer, responding to the journal article, reporting being passed on I-95 in Maryland by a male driver holding a Styrofoam cup and a cigarette in one hand, a cell phone in the other and what looked like a newspaper propped on the steering wheel — all at 70 miles per hour.

And in a traffic safety crackdown in Ontario last year, provincial police stopped 50,000 motorists for, among other things, drinking coffee, reading books, shaving, eating cereal, having their legs out the window and playing the drums.

It isn't surprising in an age when automobile reviewers rate cars not only on their performance and safety features but on the quality of the stereo system and how many cup holders are built in. One manufacturer doesn't even call its product an automobile anymore. It's "the ultimate driving machine."

Call it what you will, but no matter how good the stereo or how many cupholders are included, the machine doesn't drive itself. That's still the job of the person in the driver's seat, with both hands on the wheel and both eyes on the road.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

Research thoroughly

Recently, I attended the Plymouth City Commission meeting because of a rumor I heard eliminating the city of Plymouth's recreation programs.

Boy, was I shocked. What are we doing? I moved here because of the quality of life Plymouth has to offer, which includes recreation. What happened to the democratic process about gathering information from our community before any decisions are made?

What is going to happen to Plymouth Soccer? The soccer program is run by the city of Plymouth Recreation and has 1,200 township and city children playing in the program. Of those, 763 of are township residents. The Soccer Club represents the largest youth recreation in the community. We are all volunteer coaches, assistant coaches, managers and parents.

I'd first like to ask why our program has no representation on a committee that is deciding the future of recreation in the community and who will be running it? Also, why isn't Tom Willette, the city's recreation director, on this committee, or at least a recreation professional from another community for input?

Can you give me an example in the state of Michigan where this type of agreement with a YMCA has worked or is working? In communities where there is a YMCA, the Y is a complement to a community recreation program, thus providing more recreation opportunities for residents. Has anyone from the committee contacted Mike Maisener, executive director of the Michigan Recreation & Park Association, for advice or assistance?

It's my understanding that there are two proposals. One from the YMCA, and another outlining a joint recreation programs run by the township and city. Why isn't this other proposal being looked at? Shouldn't both proposals be evaluated at the same time? Then the pros and cons of each program be weighed evenly against each other?

I would hope that the committee's decision will not be rushed into and that both proposals are researched. I would also hope that the participants of all recreation programs have a voice in this decision because these are the people this decision will affect.

*Richard Teeple
Plymouth Soccer Club treasurer*

Defends Salem volleyball

Iam enraged that Mr. James would label the Salem volleyball coaches as immoral because his daughter did not get what he felt was sufficient playing time ("Coaches' approach wrong," Letters, April 9 Observer). Sounds more like sour grapes to me.

How sad to attack the best volleyball coaches in Plymouth Salem history. His lack of volleyball knowledge is evident in the bold statement that "all the talented players are graduating." Angie Silmon, Laine Sterling and Amanda Suder are just a few of the talented girls who will be returning to Salem in the fall.

Winning at the cost of many girls' spirits? No, because of many girls' spirits. The coaches taught the girls to set goals and strive to achieve them. Look in the showcase at Salem. Look at every trophy, every picture. The smiling faces speak for themselves.

While this is not the pros, this is competitive volleyball. You do not study for a test to fail, as you do not practice for a game to lose. And to compare freshman volleyball to the varsity level, or even JV, is absurd. (Nothing against the fine coaching of Kristie at Canton and Courtney and Kimberly at Salem.)

The hard work, dedication and numerous achievements of Mr. and Mrs. Gilles and Mr. Suffety should be recognized and celebrated. They are the heart of Salem volleyball and they will be very difficult, if not impossible to replace.

*Julie McGurrian
proud Plymouth Salem volleyball alumna
Class of '95*

Not endorsed

Irecently read an article in your Livonia and in your Plymouth newspapers regarding the candidates running for election.

It was stated by state Rep. Jerry Law that he is endorsed by the Realtor Association. I was very surprised by this statement, since the Local Association and the State Association have yet to endorse any candidate.

I would hope that if the endorsement went to another candidate, that you would publish very prominently the true endorsement if indeed different. It is troublesome that the statement was made and even more troublesome that no verification was made, although it was a quote by the candidate. I would appreciate a written response to this very unfortunate situation and if possible, to report the same in your newspapers.

*John G. McArdle
president
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"Favorite is math, least favorite is Spanish."

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POINTS OF VIEW

Let's talk noise

Since the April 6 Plymouth City Commission meeting, we have done additional investigation on noise ordinances and are presenting that information to the commission prior to the next meeting (April 20).

We believe this data provides valuable perspective on the new ordinance that many city residents may be very interested in knowing as well. It shows, statistically, that the night time noise level proposed for the new noise ordinance (55 dBA) is significantly higher than most communities adopt. We believe that it would be a public service for your paper to communicate this to the general public before the April 20 meeting where a final vote could take place.

Many people probably do not realize that the new ordinance is very lenient as far as night time noise levels are concerned. The following text summarizes our objective study:

■ The World Health Organization has published guidelines that recommend a 45 dBA noise level in residential areas at night during normal sleeping hours. (Source: www.noise.org/resource/activist/ord/ordguide.htm)

■ The current proposal was based on ordinances from other communities considered to be similar to Plymouth in some respect. We have learned that those communities were: Traverse City, Crystal Falls, Ann Arbor, University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Boyne City, Westland, and Beverly Hills, Calif.

■ It has been made clear in which respect those communities are similar to Plymouth, but they do seem to be distinctly different in that most are either "party" towns or resort communities. The dBA levels specified by those cities should be made available, and we request the commission to provide copies of those ordinances to the public.

■ It does not seem appropriate to limit consideration to such a small sample of communities, and it seems unnecessary to limit it to communities "like" Plymouth.

Any particular level of noise is the

same no matter what community you live in, and any ordinances attempting to specify a particular criteria provide useful perspective. Citizens of Plymouth are not necessarily less affected by noise than those of Livonia, for example.

Dean and Terri Kariniemi
Plymouth

Giving thanks

We would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Legislative Action Committee to thank the more than 600 people who attended the first Michigan Summit on School Equity at the Summit in Canton.

In particular, we would like to thank the two speakers on school funding, Sen. Daniel Degrow and Rep. Jim Agee, for their insight and analysis.

We also would like to thank the state senators and state representatives who took time out of their busy schedule to attend the Summit. These included Loren Bennett, Alma Wheeler Smith and Daniel Degrow and Jim Agee, Lyn Banks, Liz Brater, Eileen DeHart, Thomas Kelly, Kirk Profit, Andrew Raczkowski and Andrew Richner.

Further, we would like to thank the gubernatorial candidates who took time off of the campaign trail to attend the Summit. They were Dr. Gary Artinian, Edward Hamilton and Doug Ross.

Every state representative and state senator in the tri-county area was invited to this event and these were the representatives and senators who took time to discuss the issues with regard to our children's future. In addition, the governor and all gubernatorial candidates were invited to this Summit.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Legislative Action Committee, which includes Christina Bair, Tracy Brooke, Judy Evola, Carl Fan-

ning, Lucy French, Earl Harrington, Mark Horvath, Pat Kiczewicz, Joann Lamar, Dr. Charles Little, Judy Mardigian, Judy Mersch, Coralee Ott, Gayle Piwowar, Chuck Portelli, Leslie Rowe, Darice Schubatis, Catherine Seay-Ostrowski, Dian Slavens, John Stewart, Martha Trafford, Mary Uhl and John Wallace.

There were over 30 different school districts which were present at this Summit.

We would also like to thank Bill Ballenger of Inside Michigan Politics for the wonderful job he did as the moderator of this event.

If you are interested in becoming involved in upcoming events or being put on our mailing list please feel free to contact Judy Evola at 415-2755, John Wallace at 416-4269, Judy Mardigian at 451-2230 or Mark Slavens at 421-5210.

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Mark Slavens, chairman of
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Armstead defended

It was the first day of second semester. Everyone was excited to graduate and finally begin the rest of our life. Students filed into foreign seats of their new classes, waiting to see which one of their friends would come walk through the door.

Among these familiar faces there was a new one. He walked in with a pleasant smile and already made me feel comfortable. The student's name was Chris Armstead, a transfer student from Detroit. As a transfer student myself, I was relieved to find someone in the same position. For the first month and a half, he made the class humorous, joking around with the teacher making the class more enjoyable.

One day, Chris wasn't in class. Days passed and he still wasn't there. Then rumors started flying around about a reported rape within the

school. Rumors continued and I learned that they surrounded my classmate, Chris. I was unable to believe that Chris was capable of harming anyone.

As I left school that day, I noticed a "News 4" van outside Plymouth Canton High School. When I walked up my front porch, I glanced at the front page of the paper and there was already an article concerning the rape at the high school. No names were presented at the time but the possibility of Chris being the assailant was growing. After that article, my classmates were quick to judge, as was the rest of the school.

Following the article I read in the newspaper, I was left to wonder what was happening to the victim and why we had not heard from her since Chris had been accused. Is she going to be left innocent? Perhaps one of your reporters should come to the school and talk to her or one of her friends.

Even though the matter at hand is very sensitive and everyone wants to know what actually happened, some important questions needed to be asked. Was it really consensual? Or was someone searching for a scapegoat? I think there are more questions to be asked and the answers should come not from teachers or parents but from the actual persons involved. Although the parents should be the first people concerned about their children, the truth will only come out from the students. At this point we have not established a true personality for both victims. I say both are victims because no one has been proven guilty yet and as of right now I think the innocent lay guilty because of society's standards.

Evolution has proven us to be a learned culture. I would think that we learn from our mistakes. Kind of like the boy who cried wolf. But in this case the wolf has female-like characteristics.

As a classmate of Chris Armstead, I believe that he got himself involved with a student who knew what she was doing. In my opinion, the blame should not lay with the male. As we changed our wrong ways through evo-

lution, I think we should start to change our ways in the court system. We should stop assuming the appearance of the accused is a probable cause to have a preconceived notion on the final decision. Instead, we should look at the innocent and see the misconstruing flaws falling out of their story.

Leigh Sauchak
Plymouth Canton High School
student

Laughable

Canton trustee Melissa McLaughlin's suggestion about how the Holliday Nature Preserve might be protected was regrettably disingenuous.

As an assistant to Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson, McLaughlin knows that the Wayne County parks millage was offered to fund specific functions and programs. Her suggestions that opponents of the Koppernick Corporate Park contact Wayne County, was a deliberate, albeit misguided effort, to shift the focus away from her vote approving the Koppernick project.

The suggestion is laughable when considered in light of Commissioner Patterson's general disdain for changing a policy or program already approved by the voters.

Preservation of natural areas and other environmental concerns have been an afterthought for too long in the rush to create a larger tax base. Officials in Canton as well as those in other townships and municipalities in western Wayne County must take a long and close look at what they are sacrificing in the name of "progress and development." Elected officials are obligated to offer "real" solutions to legitimate concerns of their constituents and not simply shift the focus from their decisions to other governing bodies.

Brian D. Broderick
Plymouth

Watch schools

State law requires anybody teaching at any public school (charter or not) to hold a state teaching certificate. If a school can't find a teacher certified to teach a given subject, it can hire teachers with emergency or one-year permits.

Responding to a complaint, the state Department of Education started investigating teacher certification credentials at charter schools (also called "public school academies"). Targeted were the 45 schools chartered by Central Michigan University, by far the most active university overseeing 107 charter schools in Michigan.

State Superintendent of Education Arthur Ellis was going to present the department's report to the State Board of Education at its meeting on April 1. But the Detroit Free Press got hold of the report and broke the scoop.

The story claimed that the investigation concluded that 132 out of 695 teachers were not fully certified. Some had been denied a permit, some were awaiting certification, and a lot were teaching with emergency one-year certificates.

Critics jumped in, asking why CMU had allowed schools to open for business without first verifying certification of all teachers. "If they didn't, they should have," said state Rep. James Agee, a former public school administrator.

Six days passed before the State Board of Education put out its own handout under the headline, "State Board of Education Members Applaud Central Michigan University Charter School Oversight." The press release asserted that of the 132 teachers investigated, only five held questionable certificates.

"Among the reasons that higher numbers were reported in the Detroit Free Press and elsewhere was that some teachers' Social Security numbers were not known by Department of Education staff, which prevented the department from locating them in the certification database."

The release quoted only three State Board members, all Republicans. Clark Durant, former board president, said, "The Democrats on the board have been on a witch-hunt. They want to make political hay out of the fact that five charter school teachers had not filled out certification paperwork on time while ignoring that on any given day one out of every seven teachers in Detroit is a substitute who lacks a state certificate."

In my view, the whole thing turned out to be a tempest in a teapot. But the underlying issues are serious and deserve a careful look.

They have to do with the energy, professionalism and integrity by which Michigan public universities carry out their responsibilities for the public school academies they charter.



PHILIP POWER

Lots of universities do it. In addition to CMU, the most active institutions include Eastern Michigan University, Oakland University, Grand Valley State University and Saginaw Valley State University.

Lots of money is involved. Universities get paid 3 percent of the "state foundation grant" for each student at a charter school. There are some 107 charter schools enrolling around 20,000 students, each of whom gets a \$5,500 foundation grant from the state.

That makes a total of \$110 million going to charter schools in Michigan. And it means that overseeing universities are getting a little more than \$3 million for their work.

The obvious question is: Just what are these universities doing for the \$3 million? Herb Moyer, a former school superintendent now on the Board of Education, isn't sure. "It's now just a matter of laundering 3 percent out of every dollar. Charter schools are a \$110 million experiment. I think we owe the taxpayers a very significant report of what's going on."

Such reports are hard to come by. When in 1997 the state auditor general conducted an audit of CMU's procedures and finances, the university refused to turn over 34 documents, claiming attorney-client privilege.

The same audit showed CMU also failed to catch other abuses in charter schools: Some schools were not doing criminal records checks on teacher applicants they hired. Some failed to offer special education services as required by law. Some had board members with conflicts of interest. Some did not conduct proper lotteries for admissions. And some failed to post meeting notices as required by the Open Meetings Act.

Charter schools are an experiment that might turn out well and might turn out badly. Having an oversight system vested in state universities, whose boards are politically appointed by a governor who has made charter schools an important part of his platform, puts at risk the integrity of this important experiment.

This abuse cries out for legislative remedy. Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@oeonline.com.

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County parks summer series focuses on family entertainment

Wayne County Parks and Recreation's Summer Family Entertainment Series kicks off in June with an event featuring live reptiles, hay rides and birds of prey.

The series kicks off 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 13 at Hines Park-Nankin Mills park in Westland. Featured events include live entertainment, clowns, hay rides, a birds of prey who and a live reptile exhibit. Families can round out the day with a nature walk led by county naturalists.

Participants can bring a picnic lunch or buy food from the concession stand.

Other events in the series include children's concerts 6:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings at various locations. Here is a listing of the concerts:

■ Ben's Un-Bear-Lievable Show June 16 at Hines Park-Warrendale, located east of Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights. Ben Spitzer and sons will juggle and perform various

magic routines during this interactive show.

■ Ging Family Dino-Dixie Revue, June 23 at Bell Creek Park at Inkster and Five Mile roads in Redford.

■ Tini Lau and the Tahiti Wahines, June 30 at Hines Park Nankin Mills on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Participants, encouraged to wear Hawaiian shirts, can learn to do the hula and see actual fire dancers.

■ Marc Thomas and Max the Moose, July 7 at Nankin Mills. Marc will perform popular music and ventriloquism with "Max the Moose."

■ The Spoon Man, July 4 at Hines Park's Waterford Bend area on Northville Road, north of Six Mile Road in Northville. He will perform various routines with spoons.

■ Chautauqua Express, July 21 at Trenton's Elizabeth Park, east of I-75, south of West Road off Jefferson. The musical trip

will be presented by Guy Sferlazzo of Chautauqua Express.

■ Red Rug Puppet Theater, July 28 at Hines-Park Waterford Bend. Beth Katz will present her one-woman walking puppet stage for an old-fashioned "Punch & Judy" style audience-interaction puppet show geared toward children of all ages.

■ The Mystery of the Lost Dinosaur, Aug. 11 at Hines Park-Warrendale. Participants will help solve the mystery of a missing dino buddy in the show presented by magician Gordon Russ.

■ The Magic of Mark St. John, Aug. 18 at Trenton's Elizabeth Park.

Movies in the park are planned June 26 at Elizabeth Park, July 17 at Nankin Mills, July 31 at Waterford Bend and Aug. 28 at Warrendale. Participants should bring chairs, blankets and picnic baskets. Refreshments will be sold at the concession stand.

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afford private or group insurance. Pronounced "my child," the program will receive \$92 million in matching federal funds, said Sen. Geake who guided passage.

License bill moves

The House approved a bill raising penalties for dangerous drivers. Sponsored by Rep. Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, House Bill 5123 awards up to 15 years in prison and \$5,000 in fines for people who drive with a suspended or revoked license and cause the death of another person.

The bill was reported out of the House Judiciary Committee and sent to the House floor.

Pay first

A public body from which you have requested information may require that you pay a copying fee prior to delivery, Attorney General Frank Kelley has ruled.

"However, a public body may not refuse to process a subsequent Freedom of Information Act request on the ground that the requester failed to pay fees charged for a prior FOIA request," he added. Reason: FOIA provides a specific list of exceptions, and failure to pay a previous bill isn't among them.

Where the cost will exceed \$50, the public body may require a good faith deposit of up to half the copying, and it "may refuse to process a FOIA request if the requester fails to pay a good faith deposit" properly requested, the attorney general said.

If a person who has ordered

copies of documents fails to pay, the public body may sue to recover. Statute of limitations, under the Revised Judicature Act, is six years.

Source: Attorney General Opinion of April 1, 1998, at the requests of Sen. Jon Cisky and Rep. Michael Hanley, both of Saginaw.

Appointments

Gov. Engler has appointed: Nancy Hillegonds of Plymouth Township to the Michigan Board of Medicine, which examine and licenses people entering the practice of medicine. Hillegonds is a former executive assistant in the Department of Consumer and Industry Services. She will represent the general public.

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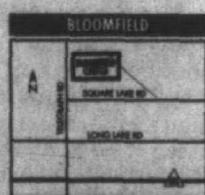
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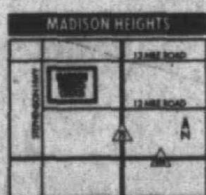
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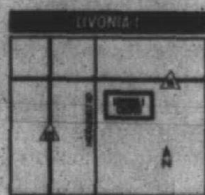
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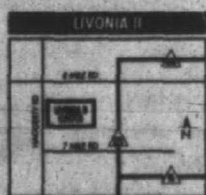
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Being held prisoner by your feelings

What do you do when you think of the adjective desperate? Have you ever seen yourself as desperate?

The definition of desperate is reckless or dangerous because of despair or urgency. Mostly, we'd like to think of ourselves as in control of our lives and not out on a limb looking desperate ... you might even conjure up a picture of someone who looks rather pathetic when desperate. It's not a label we necessarily like.

It was 10 p.m. She was famished. The soup for dinner had not filled her up. It was day No. 3 of a seven-day soup diet. Discomfort had been minimal until this point but now, though a quiet had settled over the house, a distress call came from her stomach. That tummy needed more food.

It was beginning to cry out to her and tell her she'd pay a BIG price, if it didn't get some food into it. She said to her husband, "I don't think I can go any further on this diet. I'm feeling miserable. This is hopeless; I'll never lose this weight ... I gotta have something sweet to eat."

Is she unique? Absolutely not. Her desperation to eat might easily be replicated by you when you don't get what you want. Try going three days without:

- Turning on the television set.
- Watching a sporting event.
- Reading the newspaper.
- Drinking your morning coffee.
- Driving above the speed limit.
- Betting or buying a lottery ticket.
- Smoking your cigarettes.
- Imbibing your favorite alcoholic drink.

Dr. Dean Ornish wrote in his book, "Love & Survival," that many of us are suffering from emotional heart disease. He believes that a great number of people are in pain (emotional) and to kill the pain, we distract ourselves by numbing out.

The numbing out is done through behaviors that eventually we can't stop. "But," he says, "the pain is the messenger. And instead of doing something about it, we clip the wires to the fire alarm." It's just so much easier to sit back and reach for whatever immediate gratification you want.

The National Institutes of Health report that this year, unhealthy behavior will account for 1 million deaths - nearly half of the total U.S. deaths.

Are we being good role models for our children? Of course we're not. Let's look at three things we can change that Dr. Arnold Lazarus of Rutgers University, author of "The 60-Second Shrink: 101 Strategies for Staying Sane in a Crazy World" (Impact, 1997), wrote in his book:

■ In our moment of desperation, when we think we just cannot go another minute without ...

Stop and reflect on why it is so important to have it. If I don't have it, will I die? Not likely. If I don't have it for a little while, I'd be accomplishing something positive. And then tomorrow when I struggle with the same issue, I might be able to go longer without it. Change happens over time with repeated attempts.

■ Keep a log. Even the smallest successes should go into it. Write in it about times when you made positive changes and how you did it.

■ Be proactive. If you're dieting and didn't bring lunch to work and now the office is swimming in pizza boxes because everyone decided to order out today, shame on you for not planning ahead. Redesign a schedule so you can avoid pitfalls that get you into trouble.

■ Reward yourself for working on your habit. Just remember that the "reward" should come in the form of a treat which is outside the habit. If you are trying not to eat junk burgers, buy yourself a new CD or tickets to a game. Don't hit some other fast

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OFF FOR PLANET X

■ Thernonuclear Tuesdays? Planet X? You won't find them on cable TV's SciFi Channel, but at the Tri-City Christian Center which is reaching out in an unchurchy way to young people.

Kevin DeVries of Planet X Ministries really doesn't like "churchy" events.

With their in-your-face religions tactics, those events are sometimes threatening to those considering a relationship with Christ, he explained. DeVries' goal is to produce events that appeal to everyone and subtly share God's message.

"We make our events palatable to non-church and church persons," DeVries said. "A lot (of other organizations) are into developing subcultures. I don't see that as biblical. Christ, if I'm understanding his ministry correctly, is not about imitating culture and he's not about isolating anyone."

"He was about infiltrating cultures. He was comfortable hanging around people at parties."

The Canton-based organization offers a variety of activities from

interactive sports and basketball tournaments to ska concerts and outdoor adventures.

Once a month, Planet X Ministries, an interdenominational youth outreach, holds Thernonuclear Tuesdays (TNT) at the Tri-City Christian Center in Wayne, which hosts the event.

The evenings, which run 7-9:30 p.m. and cost \$3, begin with such interactive sports as bungee run, jousting, bouncy boxing, sumo wrestling, bull pull, trampoline and three-point basketball contests before moving on to guest speakers and a pizza snack.

DeVries' "non-churchy" theory is reflected within the guest speakers and performers that he has scheduled. Bronco McKart, the International Boxing Association's junior middleweight champion, is scheduled to speak on April 28. The versa-



What a blast: Mandy Robinson (above), 12, of Plymouth gets pulled back in the bungee run at the Tri-City Christian Center's recent Thernonuclear Tuesday, while Carrie Briscoe (left) and Melissa Stone (photo below, right), both are ninth graders at Garden City High School, try out sumo wrestling.

tile athlete Charlie Ward is set for June 30.

Ward, the 1993 Heisman trophy winner, was drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers in 1993 and the New York Yankees in 1994. He is the starting guard for the New York Knicks.

Buck, Nester's Bad Habit, Tone Fatty 5 and The Felluz, bands who play ska music, a fast form of reggae, will hit the stage May 19.

Most duplicated

Since its inception two years ago, TNT has become "one of the largest and most duplicated mid-week youth outreaches in the entire Great Lakes area," according to DeVries.

That's exactly that he hopes to accomplish with the entire Planet X program.

"I want to provide an organization that models programs that people can mimic. If it works, let other people use it."

Planet X Ministries also hosts the "Acoustic Cafe" program at the Coffee Studio in Plymouth. Performers have included the folk/rock duo

LoveBucket, acoustic modern rock artist Clayton Ring and the modern "radio rock" trio Felix Culpa.

Ron Moore, a solo acoustic folk/alternative singer, brings his show to the coffeehouse from 7:45-9:30 p.m. Sunday, April 19.

In scheduling the acts, DeVries looked at "grassrootsy, folksy, not dorky, unplugged artists."

"The whole object of the night is not to have a mosh pit," the Westland resident said. "You can grab a cup of Joe, sit back and enjoy the music."

"I wanted to create a non-preachy, non-threatening evening. (The ministry) is in more of a story format."

Planet X Ministries is a division of Tri-City, for which DeVries has been organizing youth events for 3 1/2 years. He adopted the name Planet X Ministries on Sept. 11, 1997, for two reasons.

"One, it has more to do with Generation X, and 'planet' is popular these days with Planet Hollywood and I think there's a restaurant in California called Planet X, which is a

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Putting an X on music, adventure

Canton-based Planet X Ministries is offering several events in the area and a series of outdoor adventures.

For information on any of the following events, call Planet X Ministries at (734) 326-7717 or e-mail them at planetxministries@aol.com.

■ International Boxing Association junior middleweight champion Bronco McKart will be the guest speaker at the ministries' Thernonuclear Tuesday program from 7-9:30 p.m. April 28, at Tri-City Christian Center, 39390

Michigan Ave., east of I-275, Wayne.

The ska bands Buck, Nester's Bad Habit, Tone Fatty 5 and The Felluz perform on May 19.

The 1993 Heisman trophy winner Charlie Ward, a starting guard for the New York Knicks, brings an outdoor 3-on-3 tournament June 30.

The TNT evenings also include interactive sports like bungee run, jousting, bouncy boxing, sumo wrestling, bull pull, trampoline, 3-point basketball contests, pizza

and a love offering. Tickets are \$3.

■ The ministries is also promoting a series of outdoor adventures. The ministries' Ambassadors in Mission trip to Costa Rica, Aug. 11-22, is open to any Christian student or young adult ages 15-29.

The revival offers team members the opportunity to minister in the streets, schools, churches, mountain villages and cities through translated dramas, puppets, personal testimonies, music, preaching and distribution of "The Book of Life." The cost is \$1,100.

Understudies show their loyalty to Hilberry

"Loyalty" is a word that Understudies members frequently use to describe their group which raises funds for Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre.

Wendy Evans, promotion director of the Hilberry and Bonstelle theatres, said she's fortunate that the group which limits itself to 80 members is so dedicated to the theater. Last year, the Understudies raised \$176,013 for the graduate theater.

Understudies President Sue Nine, who describes herself as "the past president of more than half the groups in town," explained that this particular organization rises above the others.

"The warmth and commitment of these people is more than I find in almost any other group," said Nine, a Bloomfield Hills resident and WSU graduate. "While it's a Wayne State University project, interestingly enough, many of them do not necessarily have a university connection except for this."

"They're people interested in fine theater. I think I've been impressed knowing and understanding the loyalty of the Understudies. In a state where the Big 10 schools get incredible dedication and devotion, I find it amazing that we have been able to attract the esprit de corps and enthusiasm of the members that we have."

Grand opening

The Hilberry Theatre opened Jan. 14, 1964, with the gala President's Preview, an invitation-only performance of "Julius Caesar," hosted by the late



Well-known: The edifice of the Hilberry Theatre is as recognizable as its neighbor, Old Main, on the campus of Wayne State University in Detroit.

Clarence B. Hilberry, then-WSU president. Hilberry solicited donations himself to turn the former First Church of Christ Scientist into an open-stage theater. The theater was created as a performance center for the nation's first graduate repertory company.

Before the second season opened, Hilberry recruited two women to form a women's committee to launch a fund-raising drive. They raised \$25,000 toward the support of the 1964-65 company.

The Understudies group has remained an organization for women, described by Evans as an "extraordinary group," most of whom are in their early 50s.

"These are some of the most active and influential women in the Detroit area. They are an active volunteer force in so many different places - the DIA (Detroit Institute of Arts), MOT (Michigan Opera Theater) and Wayne State University," she said.

With a raucous laugh, Nine said there aren't any men in the organization because there hasn't been a man who has applied to join.

"(That's) maybe because the original request from the president went out to women. At that time, it was women who were the primary volunteers," she said. "That's not true today. I know that. If there was a nice man who was really interested and enthused, he's welcome."

The only requirement for Understudies members is they must raise \$150 in donations annually.

"We also think it's wise that they've been to the theater and know what the (Hilberry) program involves," Nine said.

Thousands of graduate students apply annually for positions within The Hilberry Theatre, a company of 45-50. Students who make the cut receive full school

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St. Agatha's ready to celebrate golden anniversary

Former and current parishioners, pastors, students and alumni will have plenty of reasons to celebrate at St. Agatha Catholic Church in Redford this year and they can begin the festivities in style.

This is St. Agatha's 50th year in the community and the half-century celebration will begin on Sunday, April 26 at the 11 a.m. Mass, celebrated by Cardinal Adam Maida.

Immediately after Mass, there will be a reception, held throughout both school buildings and the church.

"I'm real excited about it," said current pastor, the Rev. Thomas Slowinski. "We were hoping to be able to come up with an idea, and I think we did, that would be as unique as the celebration."

According to Slowinski, the party will be a one-of-a-kind, befitting the special nature of the occasion. There will be a jazz combo, a harpist, a pianist and a string quartet for entertainment.

"Wherever you walk throughout the buildings, you'll hear music; there'll be food, champagne, beverages and hors d'

hours," he said, adding the event will be catered by Opus One.

The parish was founded in 1948, but services were held in various locations until the building on Pembroke and Beech Daly was completed. It was built with the intention of converting it into a gym as part of the school project, according to Slowinski.

"One of the last buildings built was the church," said Slowinski. He said the cornerstone on that reads 1956.

The complex was completed around 1960 except for a two-story additional wing that was

later added to the high school.

There are currently 500 students in preschool through 12th grade at the schools. One of the things Slowinski hopes to do is to establish a more active alumni association at St. Agatha.

"It is a great opportunity to seize the moment," said Slowinski of the anniversary celebration. To that end, he said the church has hired a development director. Slowinski hopes 1998 will be the year to look to the future and establish a viable alumni association.

Susan Jacoboni, publicity

chairperson for the 50th anniversary event, is a St. Agatha alumna. A 1981 graduate, Jacoboni began her St. Agatha education in the sixth grade. She said the planning committee of about 20 parishioners began preparing for the momentous year last fall.

The April 26 event is just the beginning of the summer of celebration.

"The next huge event for us is our annual festival which is the last weekend in May," said Jacoboni. The festival, which runs May 28 through 31, "has really grown to be quite an

event."

Closing out the celebrations will be a dinner-dance at the Western Country Club in Redford, according to Jacoboni.

The committee is trying to locate as many alumni and former parishioners as possible. They are anticipating an attendance of around 500.

Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased after Mass on April 18 and 19 and at the door on April 26. For more information, call (313) 531-0371.

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arships, a \$15,000-per-year stipend and health insurance. After the three-year program, most of the students earn master's degrees or doctorates in fine arts or theater.

"Right now, each package that somebody gets per year is worth over \$16,000. The university contributes some money for that, but we're responsible for the rest through ticket sales and donations," said Evans, who is also a professor and head of the graduate program in theater management.

Feeling proud

Nine isn't shy when she describes the Hilberry Theatre's mission.

"The Hilberry Theatre, we brag, we think, probably has the finest training program in the country and that's a big statement," she said. "We say that because we have the best track record of placing people in jobs."

This year's company includes

box office assistant manager Angela Keller of Livonia; properties designer Fred Florkowski of Redford; actress Sara Wolf of Rochester Hills; actor Mark Finnell of Farmington Hills; costume designer Kathleen Crosby of Rochester; and lighting director Brian Boyer of Gaylord, whose resume includes electrician work with the Birmingham Theatre, The Palace of Auburn Hills, Pine Knob Music Theatre and Meadow Brook Music Festival.

Besides performing for subscribers, the actors and actresses also perform for students. Canton resident Pamela Yockey, an Understudies member since 1993, encourages Hilberry students to visit her classroom at West Middle School in Taylor.

"Last year I had four of the members of the crew come in and do a mini play for my athletic banquet. I've had the opportunity for them to come in and talk to the students one-on-one," said

Yockey, who teaches history.

The benefits of the visits are twofold.

"It gives them (the students) a reality check on the fact that they don't just go to New York and become famous," Yockey said. "They see that some decided to teach drama, work on scenery or do other things. It's fun to see it from that standpoint. It also brings the (arts) world closer to each one of the students."

It also shows the middle school students that you don't need to be wealthy to enjoy the arts, she explained. For example, students enthusiastic about the visits by the Hilberry company have started their own theater group at the school.

"They're going to do everything from song and dance. It's an opportunity for the kids to do little mini-showcases. That's a start for a community, which is very nice."

Expanded role

The Understudies' major act is its annual fund-raising drive which began Sunday, March 1, in conjunction with the season ticket renewal campaign, and runs through September.

The Understudies members recruit donors through letters and try to woo prospective donors by taking them to see plays.

"My husband always likes to call it a glamorous ponzi scheme that does good," Nine said with a laugh.

At the annual "Dinner with the Director," members invite prospective donors to have a meal with the director of the evening's play. This year, they will have dinner with director James Thomas, chairman of the theater department, and then see the play "Three Sisters" on Thursday, April 16.

The Understudies group meets several times a year - the fund-

raising campaign meeting in February, its annual campaign meeting in June, and in September the members greet and welcome the new students.

"One of the highlights of the Understudies year is when you get to come in and meet the students," Evans said.

The first Saturday in October the Understudies celebrate the opening of the season with a President's Preview, a black tie event that includes dinner at the Whitney restaurant and a play at the theater.

Like most organizations, the Understudies' role has expanded since its formation. They have also raised funds for the endowed Lily Tomlin Scholarship Fund, named after the

actress/WSU alumna and given to an undergraduate student working at the Bonstelle Theatre. Recently, the group started a babysitting program to allow spouses of the Hilberry actors and actresses to see their performances.

"We're very, very fortunate to have a group like the Understudies," Evans said. "We feel lucky. They've given us such generous and continuous support for all these years."

People interested in joining Understudies can call Sue Nine at (248) 644-4747, Wendy Evans at (313) 577-3010, or write the Understudies at Wayne State University, Department of Theatre, 4841 Cass Ave., Room 3225, Detroit 48202.

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food restaurant instead.

I propose that the bulk of the American population is desperate, and to quell our desperation, we indulge in maladaptive behaviors. Let's try not to be held prisoner by our feelings.

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them anytime ... I know, I know, they sure like to rule the roost, don't they?

If you have a question or comment for Jacque Martin-Downs, a special projects coordinator for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and private therapist, write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Pavlik-Keller

Deborah Pavlik of Pontiac announces the engagement of her daughter, Sally Corne, to Donald John Keller III, the son of Donald Keller of Plymouth and Janice Keller of Canton.

The bride-to-be is working on her doctoral degree in applied developmental psychology at the University of Maryland.

Her fiancé also pursuing a doctoral degree in molecular and cellular biology at the University of Maryland.

A May wedding is planned at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.



Hatsios-Chapman

Beth Ann Chapman and Michael John Hatsios were recently married at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Troy by the Rev. Nicholas Harbatis with the Rev. James Livingston assisting.

The bride is the daughter of Roy and Nancy Chapman of Plymouth. The groom is the son of John and Angie Hatsios of Warren.

The bride is a graduate of GMI Engineering and Management Institute with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering and is pursuing a master's degree in engineering management at the University of Michigan. She is employed at Visteon-Powertrain Controls Systems Division.

The groom is a graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering and is pursuing a master of business administration degree at the University of Michigan. He also is employed at Visteon-Powertrain Controls Systems Division.

The bride asked Amy Chapman to serve as maid of honor with bridesmaids Heidi Davis, Kathryn Padilla, Jeri Richards,



Wendy Schulz and Julie Was. Jan and Tom Peronis were the kourbarie.

The groom asked Chris Raggio to serve as best man with groomsmen Roy Chapman, Thomas Hatsios, Steve Meyers, George Stavros and George Theodorakakos.

The couple received guests at the San Marino Club in Troy before leaving on a honeymoon trip to St. Lucia. They are making their home in Plymouth.

Myrick-LeTourneau

June Myrick of Woodbury, Ga., and Mel Myrick of Greenville, Ga., announce the engagement of their daughter, Libby Carol, to Craig Michael LeTourneau of Savannah, Ga., the son of Pat Spinali of Redford Township and Bill LeTourneau of Mount Pleasant, S.C.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Flint River Academy High School and Georgia Southern University. She is employed as a social service case manager for Chatham County.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Redford Union High School and a 1995 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in occupational therapy. He is employed as an occupational therapist at Effingham



Hospital in Georgia. An October wedding is planned in Savannah, Ga.

Murphy-Smith

Bud and Mary George of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Christian Murphy, to Christopher John Smith, the son of Jim and Sharon Smith of Hamburg, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1996 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of business degree in marketing.

Her fiancé also is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and 1995 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in exercise science. He plays professionally for the Tulsa Oilers.



A June wedding is planned at Martha Mary Chapel in Greenfield Village.

Hare-Raymond

Dr. William R. Hare of Williamston, formerly of Romeo, announces the engagement of his daughter, Wendy E., to Christopher J. Raymond, the son of Richard Gerard and Mary Jo Raymond of Honor, formerly of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late Jeanette C. Hare, is a 1990 graduate of Colorado State University. She is attending the Chicago Medical School for a degree in nutrition. She is employed as a territory manager for Nestle Clinical Nutrition in Deerfield, Ill.

Her fiancé is a 1984 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, a 1988 graduate of Michigan State University and a 1995 graduate of the University of Chicago with a master of business administration degree. He



is employed as a marketing manager for Baxter Healthcare Corp. in Deerfield.

A May wedding is planned at St. Clement's Catholic Church in Chicago, Ill.

Goodchild-Forrester

Donald and Joyce Forrester of Plymouth announce the engagement of their son, Jason, to Melissa Goodchild, the daughter of Keith and Sue Goodchild of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy. She is employed by Hamilton Hallmark Electronics.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Ferris State University. He is employed by the Ford Motor Company.



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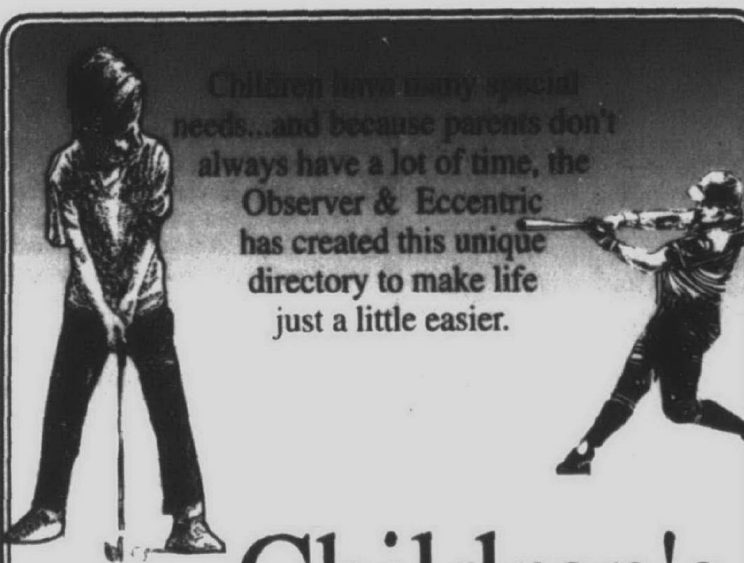
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WEEKEND

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■ 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.

VEGAS NIGHT

■ The St. Linus Men's Club is having a Vegas night from 6 p.m. to midnight, Friday and Saturday, April 17-18, at the St. Linus Activity Center, west of Telegraph and north of Ford Road at the corner of Hass and Gully in Dearborn Heights. Free admission. State law: Winnings limited to \$500.

HEALTH-O-RAMA

■ Free and low-cost health screenings are available at Project Health-O-Rama 10 a.m. to 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 advance 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. Saturday, April 25, and runs 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 complimentary tickets to the party. Just 200 tickets are available. Ticket sales end April 18.

SPRING CONCERT

■ The 120-voice Plymouth Community Chorus will present its Spring Concert, "Broadway Magic," at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy, Canton. 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, Sideways 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.

STANDOUT

■ My Friends Care is sponsoring a steakout for cancer patient Lynne Jendrusina 1-6 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the Civic Club of New Baltimore, 36551 Main. Admission is \$20 and includes a steak dinner with all the trimmings. The band Spiraldanse will be performing and a silent auction of items donated by local businesses and organizations will be featured. Radio personality Joe Gior-dano of WMUZ AM 560's "Making Sense of Your Money" show will be the celebrity host for this event. For more information, call Mary Schrage at (810) 725-2279, or to contribute a donation, make checks payable to: My Friends Care, P.O. Box 721505, Berkley, Mich. 48072.

WILDFLOWER WALK

■ There will be a wildflower walk in Miller Woods from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 25, on Powell between Ridge and Beck. Guided walks take about 30-40 minutes. There will be many varieties of woodland flowers. For more information, call Joyce Holmes at (734) 453-8457.

RAFFLE

■ There will be a 1998 Hospice Raffle benefiting Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc. hosted by the Canton Newcomers and sponsored by Canton Community Foundation. The raffle will be held 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, at the Sunflower Clubhouse. Tickets are on sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays at the following locations: Plymouth Kroger, April 18 and May 2; Canton Kroger on Sheldon, April 25 and May 2; Canton Kroger on Canton Center, April 25 and May 2. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Maureen at 397-3924 or Laura at 453-1533.

GARAGE SALE

■ The Plymouth-Canton Civitans will hold their annual garage sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Gathering next to Penn Theatre. The Plymouth-Canton Civitans are also in need of donated items for the garage sale; call Barbara at 464-1129 or Pauline at 981-1259 for prompt pickup.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

■ A bloodmobile will be set up for donations at the Canton VFW, 42764 Woodbridge (Community Center), Canton, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 25. For appointments, call (313) 785-6653.

AROUND TOWN

DON'T FORGET

■ 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.

SECRETARY'S DAY

■ The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its ninth annual Secretary's Day Luncheon noon to 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 Realtor. The event also will feature a drawing for the Secretary of the Day who

On the move



Moving: While mover Benjamin Reed helps pack up the library, formerly housed at the Farmer Jack building, 705 S. Main, others are planning parties and events to signal the grand opening of the new library, just south of Plymouth City Hall. For starters, the library will host a garage sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at the Farmer Jack site. For sale will be desks, tables, chairs, counters, paperback racks and plenty more. On Saturday, April 25, the Friends of the Library will host a gala opening party, "The Tradition Continues," to celebrate the grand opening of the new library. Guests will celebrate 7:30-10 p.m. a scavenger hunt in the new building is on tap. Tickets at \$25 per person are available at Little Professor on the Park book store. Those who donate \$500 or more to the library will receive two free tickets. Only 200 tickets are available to the party. Sales end April 18. Tickets also are available by calling 453-7432.

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 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. Wednesday, April 22 at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction. For more information and reservations, call the center, 416-4ART.

SHOE RECYCLING

■ Allen Elementary School students will hold a shoe recycling project with 2nd Chance Shoes April 22-28. The students are collecting shoes to help people in Third World countries who need shoes. They will also develop an awareness of the importance of recycling in conjunction with Earth Day.

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.

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 Rotary International's Youth Exchange Program during the 1999-2000 school year. Participants must be 16-18 when they depart and at that time may be current students or immediate graduates of high school. If you would like more information on Rotary Youth Exchange, call Dawn Rossi at (734) 420-4171.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

■ The VFW Number 6695 Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a "Senior Citizens Luncheon" at noon Thursday, April 23, at the VFW Number 6695 Hall, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. There is no charge for this event, but donations are appreciated. For more information, or for reservations, call Mildred Drake at 453-3586 or Tillie LaFave at

416-0518.

HANDBELL RINGERS

■ If you are a handbell ringer and/or director and would like to be a part of the 1998 Plymouth July 4th Parade, organizers would like to hear from you. They are again trying to organize a handbell choir from Plymouth and the surrounding communities to take part and march in the parade. All ages are invited. If you are interested and would like more information, contact Fran Loiselle at (313) 459-4263.

ADULT SOCCER

■ The Canton Soccer Club is accepting registrations for its Men's Over 30 Soccer League. For more information, call Craig Cox at (734) 454-9072.

BEANIE BABY SHOW

■ R.R. Promotions Inc. presents a Beanie Baby Show 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Admission is \$4, kids 4-12, \$2. For more information, call (734) 455-2110.

YMCA

■ The Plymouth YMCA is taking registration for Spring T-ball, Coach Pitch, Youth Softball League and Spring Soccer League. Other programs being offered are preschool sport classes, Aerobics, Camp

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GOLF LEAGUE

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

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

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

THREE-PERSON SCRAMBLE

■ Fox Hills will be holding their annual spring scramble 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, April 19. Prizes for low scores are awarded in the form of gift certificates to pro shops. Cost for the tournament is \$150 per team and includes green fees, one cart, a hot dog and beverages at the turn, and the team's contribution to the prize pool. There is a 56-team maximum. For more information or for reservations, call (734) 453-7272.

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.

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 bandana. 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. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at the museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth. For more information and pickups, call the museum, 455-8940.

BOOK SALE

■ The Livonia League of Women Voters is holding its annual Used Book Sale Thursday through Sunday, April 23-26, in the Wonderland Mall near Montgomery Wards in Livonia

at Middlebelt and Plymouth Road. The hours are: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 23; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 24-25; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 26. The prices are: hardcovers, \$1; paperbacks, 50 cents; romance novels, 25 cents; Sunday bag sale, \$4; and special books are individually priced. Donations of books are being accepted until Thursday, April 16. For more information, call (313) 421-4426 or (313) 427-0222.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SOUNDINGS

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

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.

CLUBS

MOTHER OF MULTIPLES

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

BNI

■ Business Network International will hold monthly meetings 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday, April 16-17. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

M.O.M.

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

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

TOASTMASTERS

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

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Helping out: Eight years ago, Mattie Lynch decided to use some of her free time once she retired to help out at Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center.

Luncheon honors S'craft volunteers

Mattie Lynch estimates she has helped 1,500 people over the eight years she has donated her time and talents to the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College.

"Two or three stories I have heard have never left me," said Lynch. "You help just by listening and trying to show people they have different options. We never tell them what path they should take, but what paths are open to them."

The college is honoring Lynch and other volunteers at a luncheon today as part of National Volunteer Recognition Week this week.

The approximately 100 volunteers at Schoolcraft perform a myriad of jobs from tutoring students in the Learning Assistance Center to helping the Beekeepers Club maintain the bee hives on campus. They range in age from teens and early 20s to the late 70s and 80s.

"I have no plans to stop being a volunteer," Lynch said. "You get out of it just what you put into it. There is such a wonderful group of people there, I almost can't do without them."

Road rally is MADD benefit

The Wayne County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving will hold a road rally fund-raiser Saturday, April 25.

The fun begins with registration at 6 p.m. at Kirk of Our Savior Church, Cherry Hill Road west of Wayne Road, Westland.

The rally starts at 6:30 p.m. Participants will receive clues that will lead them to dinner and a celebration at the final destination. All locations are in western Wayne County.

More than 40 volunteers, including SADD students and a police officer, are helping with the road rally.

The cost is \$40 per couple, and tickets and further instructions are available by calling the MADD office at (734) 721-8181.

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Hospital lists parents' top 10 mistakes

No matter how hard we try to keep up with the current news on what's good for our kids, there is always a controversy left unturned. It's hard to make time for kids and keep up with the latest parenting news.

Children's Hospital of Michigan is trying to keep parents in the know about what's good for their kids and what parenting tactics should be avoided.

"Every mom and dad is different," said Dr. Herman Gray, vice chief of pediatric education at Children's Hospital. "Parents know their kids better than anyone else, but sometimes we need a little guidance."

For some, the controversies are generational. Many parents say they'll never do what their parents did, and others plan to do it all over again. Regardless, Gray advises getting answers from a qualified resource.

"No matter what the question, issue or controversy, ask your pediatrician," he said. "Chances are he or she has heard it before and can help. There is no such thing as a dumb question when it comes to parenting."

In hopes of clearing up some parenting mysteries, and settling some controversies, Gray suggests taking steps to correct some common parenting blunders. It is important to remember, however, that while these missteps happen frequently, most parents have the best interest of their child in mind.

Gray recommends examining the following missteps to dispel some of the mystery behind parenting.

Coming into the pediatrician's office unprepared.

Fever is a common occurrence among children. But when parents visit the pediatrician with no record of when their child's fever spiked or whether or not the child even has a fever, the doctor is at a disadvantage. A parent cannot determine whether a child has a fever by touching the child's forehead.

Making a child eat when the child is "full" or not hungry.

Often times mealtime is a battle between parent and child. The bottom line: the child will eat when he or she becomes hungry. Keep in mind what and how much a child eats at six months is not appropriate at 12 or 18 months.

Failing to vaccinate children.

Consult with your pediatrician about the age-appropriate immunizations your child needs.

With the exception of a few monsters under the bed, frightening lightning and an occasional scary movie, children should sleep in their own bed.

Not finishing the prescribed antibiotic.

Even if your child is feeling, acting and looking better, the infection may not be gone. It is crucial for children to finish the entire course of antibiotic prescribed by the pediatrician.

Smoking in the house or around children and pregnant women.

Research shows that second-hand smoke and women who smoke while pregnant can increase the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), low birth weight and asthma as well as increased ear, sinus and bronchiole infections.

Improper isolation rules.

When a child has a highly contagious disease, it is very important not to expose other children or vulnerable adults (pregnant

women or elderly adults) to the disease. For example, if you suspect your child has the chicken pox, call your pediatrician's office before you arrive, so they can make special arrangements for your child to enter through a back door and not expose the other children.

Allowing children to sleep with parents.

With the exception of a few monsters under the bed, frightening lightning and an occasional scary movie, children should sleep in their own bed. Parents need to recognize that kids need their own space and should enforce some rules that acknowledge separate sleeping areas for parents and children.

Rewarding bad behavior.

Parents must remain consistent when disciplining their chil-

dren. Set clear limits with your child, be cautious not to give a child mixed messages about what a good behavior and what is not.

Avoiding regular check-ups.

That's a cardinal sin in both adult and pediatric medicine. Your child should be seeing a pediatrician on a regular basis, not only when the child is sick.

Misunderstanding the common cold.

Colds are caused by a very common virus that cannot be cured by medication. Parents need to let colds run their course. A normal cold will last 10-14 days with symptoms like a runny nose, headache, congestion and sore throat. However, symptoms that persist should be addressed with your pediatrician.

Children's Hospital of Michigan is a private, nonprofit, 245-bed hospital that has been treating children for 110 years. It is a member of The Detroit Medical Center, the academic health center for Wayne State University.



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American Girls parties benefit juvenile diabetes research

C.S. Mott Children's Hospital is inviting girls and their mothers, relatives and friends to step into the past and experience 19th century New Mexico at "Welcome Josefina - An American Girls Event" Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17.

"Welcome Josefina" will be held 10 a.m. to noon and 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 16, and 1-3 p.m. Sunday, May 17, in the

cafeteria of Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road, Novi.

Proceeds will benefit C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and go toward research for juvenile diabetes.

The fundraising event will celebrate the arrival of Josefina Montoya, the newest fictional heroine in the popular American Girls Collection of books, dolls and accessories.

Josefina is a 9-year-old Hispanic girl growing up in northern New Mexico in 1824. Through the on-screen presentation, girls and their guests will travel back in time to see what life was like in the 19th century New Mexico as the Santa Trail pushed America west.

The program reflects the sights, sounds, celebrations and daily activities that Josefina and

her family would have experienced living on their ranch outside Santa Fe.

In addition to the show, the girls will hear lively music, create colorful paper flower decorations called ramilletes and learn how to embroider using the traditional colcha stitch. Guests also will enjoy a taste of traditional New Mexican refreshments.

Girls are encouraged to bring their favorite doll. Each girl will take home her handmade crafts and free party favors, including a keepsake Memory Book to record her special remembrances of the day.

The cost is \$20 per person (\$10 of which is tax deductible) and includes refreshments, an on-screen presentation, craft materials and party favors. Tickets

are available by sending a check to American Girls Event, care of Lisa Barton, 23083 Farmington Road, Farmington 48336.

Tickets for a raffle, featuring products and accessories from the Josefina Collection as prizes, cost \$2 and are available in advance. For more information, call Barton at (248) 344-4182 or Nancy Wagner at (248) 380-2849.

ANNIVERSARIES

Viers



James Arthur and Claire Frances Viers are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a Mass at St. Bernadine's Church and a small party at their Westland home.

The longtime Westland residents exchanged vows on April 3, 1948, at St. Brigid Church in Detroit. She is the former Claire Frances Viers.

They have six children - Darrell Viers, Karen Eshbaugh and husband John, Daniel Viers and

Fran Kliza, Susan Viers, Elizabeth Adams and husband Mark and John Viers Jr. They also have 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

They are both retirees of Michigan Bell Telephone. He also is a member of IBEW Local 58.

Their interests include their family, church and vacation home on Whitefish Bay in Paradise, Mich.



Reaume

Lawrence and Florence Reaume of Northville are celebrating their 50th anniversary with renewal of their vows at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville and dinner at Giovanni's Restaurant in Detroit as well as a stay at the Bed & Breakfast Winery in Traverse City.

The couple married Feb. 7, 1948, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Detroit. She

is the former Florence Parpenelli.

They have three married children - Denis and wife Nancy of Livonia, Karen Rushlow and husband Michael of South Lyon and Christopher and wife Diane of Novi. They also have six grandchildren.

Retired for eight years, they are members of the Italian American Club and enjoy wine tasting, gardening and golf.

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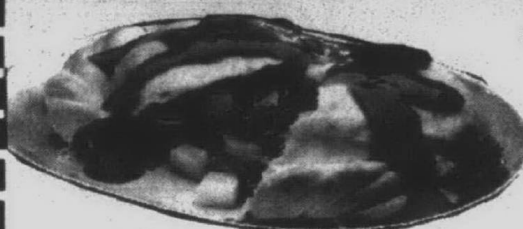
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"spinoff of Planet Hollywood," he explained. "Also, it's all-inclusive. 'Planet' means all of the things that are inside of that."

Governed by a board of directors, Planet X Ministries is incorporated as a Domestic 501(c)3 Christian nonprofit youth and young adult organization. The ministries is a dream come true for DeVries.

"This unique opportunity has

allowed me the privilege to pursue my dream - to serve a local church while also impacting the church of Jesus Christ at large," he said.

Besides assuming the production and promotion of TNT and the Acoustic Cafe, Planet X Ministries works with other organizations as well.

"We promote in-house events and produce other people's

events as well," DeVries said. "It's a platform for other members to promote their ministries as well."

Planet X is partially supporting itself through Planet X Entertainment, which rents amusement attractions to various organizations. DeVries explained he is following the example of the Apostle Paul, who made tents to support him-

self.

"We always have to think about fundage. Rather than put pressure on people to make donations, we have an honest service-related project."

DeVries and Planet X Ministries are targeting Generation X which he defines as kids who are just entering middle school through adults aged 33. School-

age children are most important to him.

According to DeVries, there are one million junior and senior high school students, many of whom have not heard or do not understand the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He says "it is time to stop complaining about the winds of our culture or simply expect it to change."

"Even though each denomination has its own opinion, there's a lot about the church of Christ that we can find in common," he said. "So let's get the message of Christ out there and invite people to have a relationship with Christ."

"It's like the old axiom, we can do much more together than separately."



Take that: C.J. Warmolts, 14 of Westland (left) and Jesse Saavedra, 13 of Westland (right) try out jousting during a recent Thermonuclear Tuesday at the Tri-City Christian Center.

UM-D center holds open house

The University of Michigan-Dearborn Child Development Center will have an open house for its kindergarten, preschool and toddler programs 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, April 22.

The open house, which is intended for prospective students and their families, will be held in the administrative office of the Child Develop-

ment Center, Room 1031, on campus.

The fall 1998 enrollment for the kindergarten program is open to all children who will reach the age of 5 before Dec. 1. The toddler and preschool programs are available for children ages 1 (who are walking) to 5.

Early childhood program teachers and staff members

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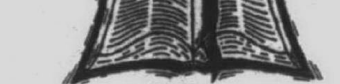
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EARLY REGISTRATION

Christ Our Savior's Early Childhood Program is accepting registration for its fall program at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Preschool and day care is available two-five days a week for children 2 1/2 through 5 years of age. The program offers a play-based curriculum with plenty of hands-on learning activities and field trips. The program has state-certified teachers and low ratio classrooms. For more information, call director Wendy Niska at (734) 513-8413.

RUMMAGE SALES

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 at Eight Mile. A light lunch and baked goods will be available.

The United Methodist Women of Garden City United Methodist Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at the

The community is invited to come and praise the Lord in a worship celebration with Clinton Dunn at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, April 19, at the Riverside Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Dunn is the worship leader and ordained minister of music and worship arts at the First Church of God in Eaton, Ind. He directs the sanctuary choir, worship ensemble, worship band and church orchestra, leads the keyboard team and ministers as a vocal soloist.

Dunn also serves as a clinician to church music workshops and has performed as a vocalist with the Ball State Symphony, Ander-

son Symphony and Muncie Symphony. He also has performed with many symphonic chorales and the Northern European Opera Company in Lille, France.

He has been a guest artist at the Praise Gathering in Indianapolis and the Hosannah Music Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

He is a member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing and holds a bachelor of arts degree in music education and a master of music degree in vocal performance.

Nursery care will be provided for children up to age 4.

For more information, call the church at (734) 464-0990.



Clinton Dunn

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 Mile and Nine Mile, 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.

SCIENCE LECTURE

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Farmington will sponsor a lecture by Mark Swinney, a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The topic will be "Christian Science: The Case for God's Love in Your Life." Child care will be provided.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have an ice cream social at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Haggerty, south of Five Mile, 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, 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.

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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." He also records for Master Disc Records and his composition, "Intermezzo," has been performed by several symphony orchestras. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-6038.

SUNDAY LESSONS

Church of Today West-Unity will offer the first lesson, "Creating the Field" in a seven-week series of "Serving an Awakening World," given by Barbara Clevenger, minister, as its weekly Sunday lesson at 9 and 11 a.m. April 19 at Meadowbrook Elementary School, Meadowbrook Road south of 13 Mile Road, Walled Lake. Mindy Liteman will be the soloist.

The church also offers youth education at both services. A course in miracles is taught year-round at 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Other basic courses include 4T, meditation and unity basics. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit its Web site at <http://www.cotwest.com>.

"WIND AND FIRE"

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, Livonia. To register, call Chris at (734) 464-9587.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will present "Talk It Over" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, in Room C317/C319 of the church, Six Mile just west of Haggerty, Northville. Dick Bont will speak about "Where Do We Go From Here?" looking at gender differences and helping each other to be their best.

Single Pointers will be biking on Hines Drive to Northville on Saturday, April 18, and Hines Drive to Plymouth on Saturday, April 25. Meet at 11 a.m. at Haggerty Field. For more information, call the Single Point office at (734) 422-1854.

SPRING DANCE

St. Damian Parish will have a youth dance 8-11 p.m. Friday, April 24, in the community room of the church, 3055 Joy Road, Westland. There will be a live DJ, limbo contest, Name that Tune contest, prizes and refreshments. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call the church at (724) 421-6130.

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MOM'S SALE

St. Edith Parish's MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) will have a Mom's Sale, featuring gently used children's clothing, toys, books and furnishings as well as maternity clothes, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 25, in the parish hall of the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. For more information or to rent table space, call Susan at (313) 427-6214.

ORGAN RECITAL

Timothy Lutheran Church will host an organ recital by Frank Kuhlmann at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. A reception will follow, and a freewill offering for the new piano will be accepted. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-2290.

COMMUNITY CONCERT

St. Thomas a' Becket, Resurrection and St. John Neumann parishes will present a community concert of contemporary Christian music, "Joyful Songs of Praise," at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren Road, Canton. The cost will be \$3 for children, \$5 for adults and \$10 for families. Proceeds will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the churches' youth groups. For more information, call St. John Neumann at (734) 455-5910.

FELLOWSHIP DAY

Church Women United of Suburban Detroit West will have its May Fellowship Day at 9:15 a.m. Friday, May 1, at Redford United Methodist Church, 22400 Grand River, Detroit. The program will be "Reach Out of Your Comfort Zone to Others Different from Yourself," presented by Carol Shemetulskis, outreach

Please see RELIGION, B10

St. Paul's Preschool accepting enrollment

Enrollment registration is currently being accepted for St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Preschool for the 1998-99 school year.

The preschool, fully licensed by the state of Michigan, will be in session Sept. 14 through May 28, 1999.

Preschool/kindergarten classes meet 9:15-11:45 a.m. and 12:15-2:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. They are open to children who will be 4 years old on or before Dec. 1, 1998.

A 3-year-old preschool is open to children who will be 3 years old on or before Dec. 1 and who

are completely toilet trained. The class meets 9:15-11:45 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

A combination 3-4-year-old class is open to children who will be 3 years old on or before Dec. 1 and completely toilet trained or 4-year-olds between July 1 and Dec. 1 and who have not been previously enrolled in a preschool program. The class meets 12:15-2:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For tuition fees or more information, call the church at (734) 422-1470. St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is at 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

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'Puzzle Club' finds spot on Internet

Beginning this month, families around the world can listen to and read anew value-based mystery novel on their home computers, courtesy of the Internet and Lutheran Hour Ministries.

A new feature, now available at the Puzzle Club Web site (<http://www.org/puzzleclub>), is providing "listeners" the opportunity to hear the engaging children's mystery, "The Puzzle Club Counterfeit Caper," online as told by RealAudio by Puzzle Club author Dandi Daley Mackall.

The Puzzle Club is a worldwide multi-media ministry program developed by Lutheran Hour Ministries. The program encompasses animated television specials, and online family activity center on the Internet and a children's book series, written by Mackall, to help share positive, family-oriented message about the importance of forgiveness, hope, friendship and family.

"Counterfeit Caper" reveals how the four main characters met, became friends and formed The Puzzle Club. It is among several 80-page adventure novels in the series, with more to be released this coming summer and fall.

"This is a very exciting and unusual project for me," said Mackall who began writing the adventure novels for Lutheran Hour Ministries in 1997. "I've always loved storytelling, and this was a rare opportunity to share the Puzzle Club story with a very unique and diverse audience."

In addition to hearing the story in RealAudio, visitors to the Web site can also order a free copy of the book, play interactive games and learn more about the characters in The Puzzle Club.

For nearly a year, Lutheran Hour Ministries, a worldwide media ministry organization, has

been using the innovative Internet technology of Real Audio to help deliver the "good news" to millions of Web "listeners" around the globe via home computers.

The Puzzle Club also has turned up on the television with its "The Puzzle Club Christmas Mystery," recently receiving a Silver Angel Award in the television/video category from the Excellence in Media organization.

Excellence in Media recognizes those who promote positive values in media through print, radio, television, video, motion pictures, stage and Internet.

"The Puzzle Club Christmas Mystery" was broadcast throughout the United States and around the world during the 1997 holiday season and is slated for broadcast again in 1998.

"We are thrilled and honored to be recognized by the Excellence in media organization of

"The Puzzle Club Christmas Mystery" program," said Roger Hebermehl, executive director of Lutheran Hour Ministries. "It is our hope that God will continue to give us the opportunity to create high quality, family-oriented programs that will open doors for us as we seek to share the gospel with the new generation."

Lutheran Hour Ministries, a service of the International Lutheran Laymen's League, a volunteer organization of 150,000 members, also produces the popular radio programs, "Woman to Woman" and "The Lutheran Hour" and the syndicated television program, "On Main Street."

The league is an auxiliary of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and Lutheran Church-Canada.

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coordinator of the Wayne Metropolitan Community Service Agency. A continental breakfast will be available for \$2. For reservations, call Edith Warson at (313) 538-7060 by Monday, April 27. Participants should bring their love pillows for Children's Hospital.

REVIVAL SERIES

The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan is hosting a revival series on "Resurrection," Sunday through Wednesday, May 3-6, featuring well-known evangelical preacher, the Rev. Antoine Campbell, rector of St. James Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas.

The preaching mission will be at four different churches - 7 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills; 7 p.m. Monday, May 4, at St. Andrew's Church, 306 N. Division St., Ann Arbor; 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, at All Saints Church, 800 Abbott Road, East Lansing, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, at Cathedral of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Campbell, who hails from Gary, Ind., characterizes his preaching style as evangelical. His church is committed to outreach. It repairs housing for the elderly and operates an art camp for at-risk children as well as a medical van that provides health services to the community.

The former vicar of Holy Cross/Faith Memorial in South Carolina when it was named the 613th Point of Light by President George Bush, he is a former athlete and naval pilot who once refused nomination as bishop. For more information, call the Rev. Dean Bancroft, dean of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, at (313) 831-0471.

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. Monday, May 4 and June 8, at the Y, 14255 Stark Road, Livonia. The program will offer music, fellowship, prayers, devotional readings, Bible readings and fun with Bible trivia. The program is free of charge. For more information, call (734) 261-2161, Ext. 3316.

NEW BEGINNING

New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia, continues with its monthly speaker series at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7, with "Physical Effects of Grief," presented by Jeanne Hess, a registered nurse.

The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

CHASTITY SPEAKER

St. Damian Parish in Westland will present chastity speaker Pam Stenzel at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7, at the church, 30055 Joy Road, Westland. Stenzel will speak on "Sex Has a Price Tag." Pizza and pop will be served at 6 p.m. Cost will be \$2 for youth. For more information, call (734) 421-6130.

PLEA MARKET

Rice Memorial United Methodist Church will have its annual flea market 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. Saturday, June 6, at the church, Beech Daly at Eight Mile, Redford. There will be more than 40 booths, bake sale and lunch will be available. For more information, call John Frith at (313) 537-7865.

EXERCISE FUN

The Merriman Road Baptist Church Fitness Bunch meets 6:15-7 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The program consists of low-impact light aerobics, perfect for toning and shaping muscles. For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-0472.

CONFIDENTIAL HELP

Life Care Ministries of Livonia offers a free, confidential Christian telephone listening service 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday by calling (734) 427-LIFE.

HISPANIC CHURCH

The Hispanic Pentecostal Church conducts worship services at 2 p.m. Sundays at the Open Door Church, 33105 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. The



Real good time: The students of Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School in Redford found out recently that an entertainer can be captivating at Jerry Jacoby's "Real Character Is No Accident" assembly. The kindergarten through eighth-grade audience learned about respect, honesty and responsibility from the guitar-playing Jacoby.

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Gymnasts excel

The Michigan Academy of Gymnastics of Westland, coached by former 1988 and '92 Bulgarian Olympian Dian Kolev, earned several high places in the state meet held March 28-29, at Michigan State University's Jenison Fieldhouse.

In Class I, Conan Parzuchowski of Dearborn Heights, a candidate for the national team, took first in the all-around after finishing first in still rings, vault and high bar. He also took second on floor, pommel horse and parallel bars.

In Class III, Michigan Academy's team of Dan Rais (Livonia), Nick Hitchcock (Plymouth), Mike Assenmacher (Dearborn) combined for a third-place finish.

Rais, sixth all-around, finished third on parallel bars. Hitchcock was third on high bar.

In Division IV, Michigan Academy won the team title.

Canton's Chris Bosworth led the way with a second-place finish in all-around after a first in vault; second, high bar; third, floor and still rings.

Teammate Bobby Hornschemeyer of Plymouth took eighth in the all-around highlighted by a second in still rings. Ryan Cunningham of Canton was second in vault.

In Class V, the Westland club again won the team title.

Cody Stafford of Livonia and Ben Muylaert of Canton each finished second in the all-around.

Stafford finished first in parallel bars; third, floor and still rings. Muylaert also took first in parallel bars and still rings, along with a pair of thirds on vault and pommel horse.

Andrew Starnes of Garden City, sixth in the all-around, took second on still rings and third on floor.

Martin Vecchio of Livonia added a 10th in still rings, while John Furcean (South Lyon) and Andrew Petrovich (Dearborn) also contributed to the first-place team award.

In Class VI, Nathan Phillips (Canton) was third all-around highlighted by a second-place finish on high bars.

Crusader honored

Madonna University lefthander Mitch Jabczynski was named Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) pitcher-of-the-week for the week ending April 12.

A sophomore from Novi, Jabczynski threw a complete game three-hitter, striking out five in Madonna's 5-1 win over conference rival Siena Heights. He improved to 4-1 on the season.

The Crusaders are 15-17 overall, 7-5 and in fourth place in the WHAC.

Michigan Indians

The Michigan Indians 13-year-old Sandy Koufax team will hold tryouts for pitchers only on April 19 at 2 p.m. at Floden Park. The Indians play in the Little Caesars Baseball League and will compete in five tournaments. For more information, please contact Jeff Lajoie at 981-0864 or Bill Lajoie at 981-6681.

Soccer champs

The Michigan Hawks girls under-12 Premier Soccer Team opened its outdoor season on a winning note earlier this month when it traveled to Louisville, Ky.

The Hawks won the championship at the Louisville '98 Invitational Spring Classic. Competing against teams from Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana, the squad went undefeated.

Members of the team include: Colene Brockman, Nicole Cauzillo, Kathryn Cummings, Erin Doan, Melissa Dobbyn, Jordan Falcusan, Whitney Guenther, Nikki Hermann, Lindsay Hill, Jill Kehler, Deanne Dubas, Kelly McMann, Sophia Naum, Jamie Poole, Marissa Sarkesian and Jennifer Szymanski.

The Hawks are coached by John Buchanan and Tiffany Graves.

Adult tennis lessons

Canton Parks and Recreation is offering adult tennis lessons beginning the week of April 27. The course runs for four weeks on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Griffin Community Park. Players 16-years-old and up are eligible.

The course is \$30 for Canton residents and \$35 for nonresidents. Register in person at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit on the Park in Canton.

Rocks' volleyball coaches step down



It was an impressive coaching tenure for Salem's Allie Suffety, Candi Gilles and Brian Gilles. Successful, too — in all competitive categories, at least. But whatever the accomplished on the court never seemed to matter.

For nine years, the trio of Allie Suffety, Candi Gilles and Brian Gilles controlled the fate of Plymouth Salem volleyball.

That era has now, officially, ended. The question is: Can their successors match their success?

Those three guided a program from the depths, a team that was struggling

just to reach respectability, to championship status. The Rocks dominated the Western Lakes Activities Association over the past six years, collecting three league titles while going undefeated in conference regular-season matches four times.

In the last six years, Salem posted a 63-3 record in WLAA regular-season

matches. Can't do much better than that.

Leaving after nine such seasons of coaching should be done with a load of fanfare. But that hasn't happened.

In fact, Brian Gilles admitted he and his wife — Candi coached Salem's junior varsity — might have stayed another year had their disillusionment with the administration not been so prevalent.

"We brought this program to this position, we developed a program," said Suffety, who shared the varsity head coaching position with Brian. "We wanted to make it consistent, where

everybody was learning the same things. We wanted to give them something they could have pride in."

But, despite their efforts and their on-court successes, Suffety and the Gilles felt they never got the support their program warranted.

"Those kids got very little respect and neither did we," Suffety said.

One thing all three coaches wanted to be known: This was not a case of their retiring now that the cupboard is bare. Rebuilding is not necessary.

"The program is there," said Brian

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Storm thunders by Whalers

This is no time to go into a slump. Not when you're in the Ontario Hockey League semifinals. Especially when your opponent is the league's best team during the regular season.

But that's just what the Plymouth Whalers have sunk to. In their first home game of the best-of-seven series, the Whalers were outplayed from start to finish, losing 5-1 to the Guelph Storm Monday at Compuware Arena.

Which gives the Storm a 2-0 series advantage, with the third game to be played at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Guelph. Game four will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Compuware.

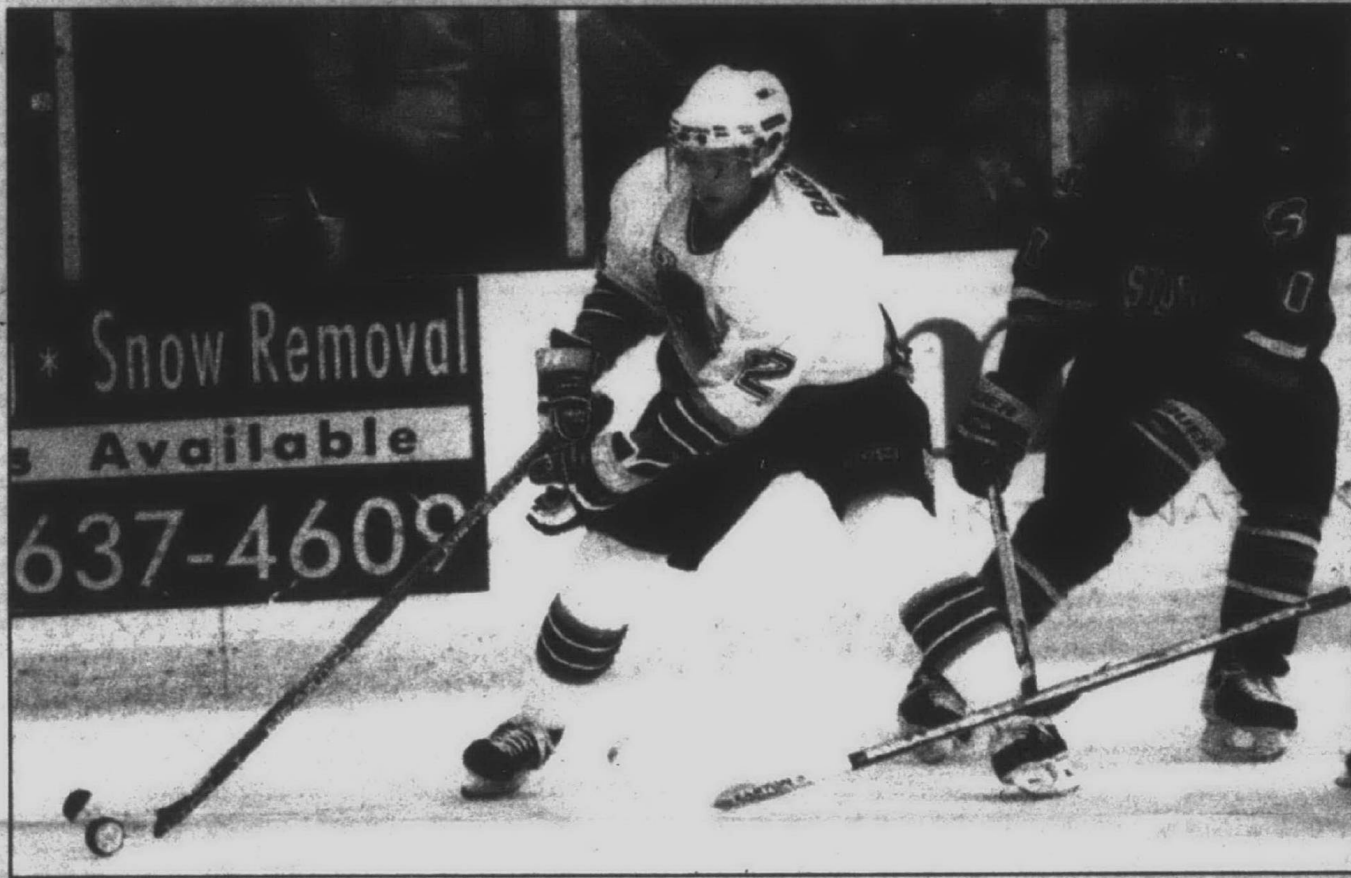
Was the score a true reflection of the game? Well, perhaps not. Guelph actually could have, and probably should have, won by an even larger margin.

After all, the Storm had two goals called back, one for one of their players being in the Whalers' crease when the puck went into the net and another after a penalty was called against them. And although he let five shots get past him, Plymouth goalie Robert Esche did stop two clean breakaways and had several other big saves.

Meanwhile, the Whaler offense continued to flounder. In the first period, they outshot the Storm 9-8 — but still trailed 1-0, thanks to a goal scored by Nick Bootland just 81 seconds into the game.

After the first, Plymouth would have no offensive advantages. The Whalers managed just eight more shots in the rest of the game, giving them a total of 17. Guelph had 26 shots in the game.

"Yeah, it was (disappointing)," said Whaler coach Pete DeBoer. "But we are in the OHL semifinals, and



No room to operate: All of the Whalers found it difficult to evade the close-checking tactics of the Guelph Storm, just as Yuri Babenko (above left) did against Guelph's Mike Velinga (right). In two games, the Storm has surrendered just two goals to the Whalers.

they're a good team. And they seemed to beat us all over the ice.

"I think we got frustrated. It wasn't a matter of composure. We just need to get some rest and play with more energy."

If DeBoer does find the needed ele-

ment, the first application should go to his top-scoring line of David Legwand, Harold Druken and Andrew Taylor. Coming into this series, all three were listed among the OHL's top 10 playoff scorers.

Guelph, on the other hand, had no

one listed in the top 20.

But thus far, it's Guelph's defense that has dominated. Legwand, Druken and Taylor have been held without a single point in the series.

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The bats are back

Offense helps get Salem a split

Joe Rizzi and Kurt Berlin combined for seven runs batted in to help propel Plymouth Salem past Redford Union 17-7 in the second game of a non-league baseball double-header Tuesday at home.

Playing at home, the Rocks scored eight runs in the first inning as Rizzi cranked a two-run homer to lead the way. The game ended after five innings due to the state mercy rule.

"It was nice to see us hit the ball," Rocks' coach Dale Rumberger said. "We just kept swinging and hitting all day long."

Salem pounded out 17 hits in five innings.

Despite the barrage, Redford Union did its best to make a game of it. The Rocks led 8-1 heading into the third, but the Panthers rallied for four runs to cut the deficit to three.

Salem, now 3-2 overall, put the game away in the bottom of the inning. Berlin, who went 4-for-4 with four RBI, capped a six run explosion with a two-run single.

Other Salem hitting stars in the game included: Tony Bernhardt, Mike Hoben and Geoff Bennett. The trio combined for seven hits and six runs batted in.

Jason Cox was the beneficiary of all the hitting. He pitched four innings for the win allowing all seven Redford Union runs while surrendering five hits and striking out five. Brandon Bray pitched a scoreless fifth inning for the Rocks.

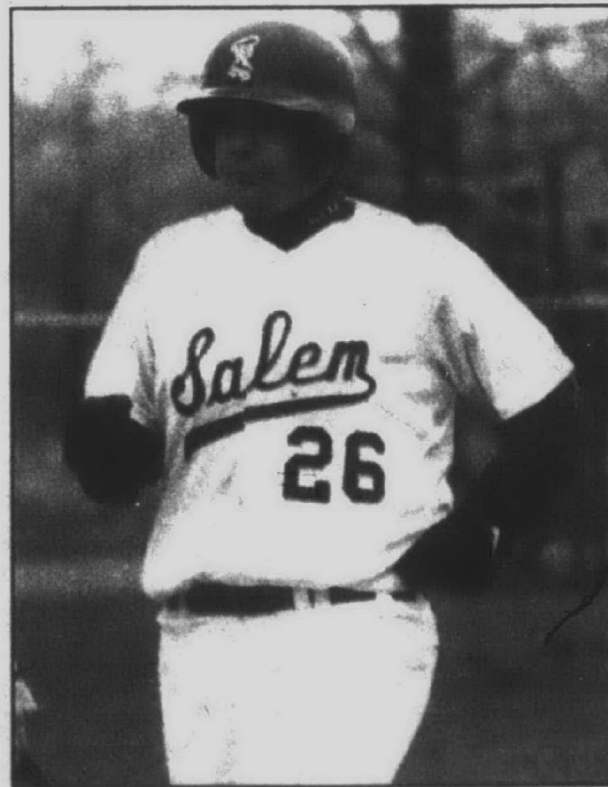
The loss was Redford Union's first of the season. The Panthers are now 5-1.

Redford Union beat the Rocks 8-4 in the opener. A six-run fourth inning was key. Most of the damage was done with two outs in the inning.

Jason Lukasik started and took the loss for Salem. He allowed six Redford Union runs and struck out eight. Scott Hay pitched three innings in relief and allowed two runs.

Rizzi and Jason LaGrow each had two hits for Salem. Hoben had a two-run homer in the fourth.

"I thought we played pretty well against them," Rumberger said. "We certainly played them evenly."



Home-run trot: Mike Hoben heads on home after slamming a two-run homer against Redford Union Tuesday.

Canton 12-5, U-D Jesuit 3-3: Plymouth Canton collected its first two wins of the season Tuesday by sweeping a doubleheader at the University of Detroit Jesuit.

Canton took the opener behind the bat of Dave Kwiatkowski, who led the attack with four hits,

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GOLF PREVIEW

Canton's coach has high hopes

Last season was, in the words of Plymouth Canton golf coach Dan Riggs, an "average year" for the Chiefs.

"This year I think we'll do a lot better than we have," Riggs predicted.

The Canton coach hasn't any hard proof to base such a prognostication. No Meg Mallons have transferred into the school system; there are no miracles on the horizon.

But maybe none were needed. The Chiefs played fairly well last season, but they did finish eighth at the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament, beating out only Livonia Franklin. Still, four of their top six scorers from that tournament return.

What prompted Riggs' optimism was their improvement. "They've had solid practices," he noted. "And really, their scores are as low as they've ever been — and we've only just started."

Leading Canton are a pair of seniors, Sandra Pavlo and Lindsay Miller. They were the Chiefs' second- and third-best scorers at last season's WLAA Tournament. Others to watch are junior Stephanie Koppe and sophomore Julie Dziekan, two more WLAA Tournament scorers.

Among those who figure to be in a position to score for Canton are senior Jodi Kochomoros, junior Lauren Campbell, and promising freshman Christina Slupek, whose 59 was the Chiefs' third-best total in a tri-meet against Ann Arbor Pioneer and Plymouth Salem last Wednesday (April 8).

Riggs is hopeful enough to believe Canton can challenge for the top spot in the WLAA's Western Division. "One of our goals is to win our division and go on from there in the conference," he said.

"Northville and Walled Lake Western will be tough (in the division), and right away we have to play Western when we come back (from spring break), and then we have Salem. So we'll find out

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COLLEGE SPORTS

Crusaders swept after sweeping

The Madonna University baseball team got a taste of its own medicine Monday.

After sweeping a double-header from Siena Heights over the weekend, the Crusaders traveled to Adrian Monday only to get swept by the Saints in a pair of tight games, 4-3 and 12-11.

In the opener, Siena jumped out to a 3-0 lead off Bob Mason. The big hit was a two-run homer by Siena's John Hill.

Mason (3-4) settled down and lasted 5 2/3 innings, scattering nine hits while walking five and fanning five.

The Crusaders, now 15-17 overall and 7-5 in the WHAC, collected seven hits off the Saints' Rob Redmon (2-2). Bob Hamp had two of them, including a run-scoring double.

In the nightcap, the Saints led 8-1 after three innings and held on for the win as the Crusaders' rally fell short.

Madonna's bats came alive in a 16-hit attack. Leading the way was third baseman

BASEBALL

Daryl Rocho who was 4-for-4, including his 18th double of the season, to go along with two RBI.

Jeff Warholik added three hits and two RBI, while Todd Miller, Kevin Foley (two RBI) and Aaron Shrewsbury chipped in with two hits apiece.

The Saints hit three home runs, including one by Eric Justice (Redford Catholic Central), who was 4-for-4 with three RBI. Ce grad James O'Connor (2-2), the first of three Madonna hurlers, took the loss. He was roughed up by the Saints, who scored eight times in his 2 2/3 innings of work.

Tye Golden, a sophomore formerly of Westland John Glenn, improved to 2-3 with the win in relief.

It was a different story Saturday as Madonna swept a doubleheader from the

Saints, 13-1 and 5-1. The two losses ended a five-game Siena winning streak.

In the opener, Shrewsbury went 3-for-4 with four RBI, including a double and a home run. Foley and Rocho also had their bats in high gear, each collecting three hits and driving in a pair of runs.

Mark Serra (1-4) picked up his first win of the season, going the distance and allowing six hits while striking out four and walking only one batter. Ryan Gaines accounted for the only run off Serra with his third homer of the week.

Sophomore Mitch Jabczynski (4-1) equaled Serra's performance in the second game, as he pitched a complete game three-hitter, while striking out six with two walks.

The bottom of the lineup provided some punch as Pete Quinn and Delano Voletti each belted a homer. Voletti and Shrewsbury had two hits apiece in the nine-hit Madonna attack.

Canton continues its impressive showing

BOYS TRACK

No scores were kept, but Plymouth Canton's boys track team sure got a lot out of its quad-meet against Ann Arbor Pioneer, Pinkney and Redford Catholic Central last Saturday at Pioneer.

The Chiefs came away with four first-place finishes and a whole bunch of top-six placers, despite missing some of their best athletes, including distance runner Shaun Moore and throwing specialist Kevin Keil.

Indeed, it was good enough to reinforce Canton coach Bob Richardson's pre-season claim. "I told you then, this is the best team we've had since 1993, our championship year," he said. "We've got great depth, we're better in the field events than we have been in recent years, we've got good senior leadership and we've got a lot of good underclassmen."

The Chapman brothers, Jordan and Jared, collected two of Canton's firsts. Jared, a sophomore, won the discus with a throw of 124-feet, 11-inches; Jordan, a freshman, was first in the pole vault with a leap of 9-0. Jordan was also fourth in the long jump (17-5 3/4), an event won by the Chiefs' Eric Larsen (18-2 3/4).

Other winners for Canton

were Larry Anderson in the 400 (53.3) and the team of Nate Howe, Anderson, Jerry Gaines and Larsen in the 800 relay (1:37.3).

The Chiefs also had four second places and five thirds. The seconds were by Chris Kalis in the high jump (5-9); Larsen in the 200 (23.7); Steve Haradon, Jim O'Brien, Dave Alexander and Kalis in the shuttle hurdles relay (1:16.7); and Gary Lee, Gaines, Karamjit Singh and Howe in the 400 relay (47.3).

The thirds were by Larsen in the high jump (5-6); Kalis in the 300 hurdles (43.1); Howe in both the 100 (12.0) and 200 (24.3); Marty Kane in the 800 (2:06.9); and Gaines, Jack Tucci, Jason Rutter and Anderson in the 1,600 relay (3:45.8).

Other top-six placers for Canton: Pat Holland, fourth in the discus (120-0); Lee, fourth in the 100 (12.1); Anderson, fourth in the 200 (24.5); Udoka Nnolim, fifth in the high jump (5-3); Brian Page, fifth in the pole vault (6-6); Lee, fifth in the 200 (24.8); and Steve Blossom, fifth in the 800 (2:14.3).

Madonna takes 2 from Cornerstone

The Madonna University softball team swept a doubleheader Saturday at Cornerstone College in Grand Rapids, 11-0 and 6-4.

The difference was the pitching of Angie VanDoorn and the effectiveness of the top of the Madonna batting order.

First, the pitching. VanDoorn hurled hitless ball for the first four innings of the opener, before giving way in the fifth to Shanna

SOFTBALL

Price with an 11-0 lead. Price did allow a hit, but retired the rest of the Cornerstone batters.

Catcher Vicki Malkowski had three of the 12 Madonna hits. She also drove in a pair of runs.

Shawna Greene, Stephanie Dick (two RBI), Courtney Senger and Jamie Heins each added two

hits in the rout.

In the nightcap, VanDoorn wasn't perfect, but improved to 8-6 as she survived a four-run, fourth inning by Cornerstone. VanDoorn scattered seven hits, walked three and fanned three in the complete-game effort.

Most of the damage on offense was by Madonna's first two batters in the lineup. Greene was 4-for-4 with four runs scored and

three stolen bases from the lead-off spot. Christy Riopelle was 3-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored.

The Crusaders had led 3-0 before the Cornerstone rally. Trailing 4-3, Madonna came back by tying the game with a single run in the top of the fifth inning and later taking the lead for good with a two runs in the seventh inning.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL

Thursday, April 16
Ypsilanti at Salem (2), noon
Wayne at John Glenn (2), 11 a.m.
Friday, April 17
Luth. East at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 18
(all double-headers)
PCA at Clarenceville, 10 a.m.
Canton at W. Bloomfield, noon
Dear. Fordson at Salem, noon
Redford CC at Brother Rice, 11 a.m.
John Glenn at Belleville, 11 a.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Friday, April 17

Clarenceville at Luth. East, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 18

Canton, Salem, Franklin, Wayne Memorial at Taylor Tournament, 9 a.m.

BOYS TRACK

Saturday, April 18

Canton, Salem at Elks Relays, 10 a.m.

Salem at Mansfield Relays

GIRLS TRACK

Thursday, April 16

A.A. Pioneer Invitational, TBA.

Saturday, April 18

Lady Chief Relays at Plymouth Canton, 10 a.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

SEMIFINAL PLAYOFFS

(Best-of-7 series)

Thursday, April 16

Whalers at Guelph, Ont., 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 17

Ply. Whalers vs. Guelph Storm at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 19

(If necessary)
Whalers at Guelph, Ont., 6:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

(all double-headers)

Friday, April 17

Indiana Tech at Madonna, 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 18

Spring Arbor at Madonna, 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 19

Aquinas at Madonna, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL

(all double-headers)

Tuesday, April 14

Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.), 3 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday, April 18-19

Madonna at College of St. Francis Tournament (Joliet, Ill.), TBA.

TBA — time to be announced.

Elsner's blast boosts Chiefs

Long gone!

That was the cheer at Plymouth Canton last Wednesday as Elizabeth Elsner belted a two-run homer over the fences at the Canton field to lead the Chiefs to a 15-5 rout of Westland John Glenn.

Elsner, a junior first baseman, became the second Canton player to hit the ball out of the park (Danielle Mortiere did it twice).

Elsner's dinger capped a 3-for-3 performance in which she drove in three runs. Becky Mize was 2-for-4 with two RBI in the 16-hit Canton attack.

SOFTBALL

The Chiefs (2-3) took control of the game with a seven-run second inning. Canton needed only five innings to complete the mercy.

Patty Snook (1-1) scattered six Glenn hits over the five innings as she struck out five without walking a batter.

Katie Foran struggled for the Rockets, walking 10 and fanning two. She wasn't helped by the Glenn defense, which committed 15 errors.

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Coaches from page C1

Gilles. "It's in place. A lot of great kids are coming back."

"That's not the reason we're leaving. We would have been retiring at the end of next year anyway."

Their retirement was prompted by several issues. First, there was the league's move last season from a best-of-five-games format to a best-of-three games. Such a switch, without advance consultation, enraged the Salem coaches. To other WLAA teams with fewer players, the move was a good one. But for Salem, less games meant less playing time for many of the Rocks.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association measures the volleyball season in playing dates, not number of matches. In other words, a Saturday tournament in which a team plays 10 matches counts the same as a

best-of-three-games match between two WLAA rivals — as one playing date.

The Salem coaches didn't mind the best-of-three format so much, but they wanted to combine WLAA matches into double-duals (or even triple), to preserve playing dates so that teams that wished to could play more tournaments.

"We felt we had taken this program as far as we could take it," said Brian Gilles. "With us being locked into a 12-team league, and we took this team to a top-five ranking (in the state)."

Not that they were satisfied with that. "I'm not interested in just settling to be league champions," Gilles said. "Our goals changed over the years."

Problem was, the equipment needed to upgrade a program did not change. While the boys bas-

ketball team practiced on the main floor of Salem's gymnasium after school, the volleyball team was relegated to the section behind the bleachers — a tiled floor that often needed to be mopped by one of Salem's coaches before it could be used.

"You know, they're redoing the rest of the gym (next year)," said Gilles. "But not the upper level. Is that right?"

For Suffety and the Gilles, that seemed just one more slap in the face at a school where certain sports matter, and others — well, who cares?

"We took this program from where it was to where it is today," said Suffety. "I have no regrets. It's just sad that it has to end in such frustration."

No accolades, not even many thank yous — an end with little in the way of appreciation. That is, indeed, sad.

Canton golf from page C1

right away how good we are."

The Chiefs play Western Monday and Salem Wednesday, both at Hilltop. Their match against Northville won't be until May 7, at Northville's home course.

Making a run at the division championship is one thing; trying to challenge for the league title is another. Defending champ Livonia Stevenson figures

to be extremely hard to beat.

How hard? The Spartans are scoring under 200 in dual meets, more than 30 strokes better than Canton (or Salem).

"Stevenson, as usual, is steady and strong," said Riggs. "But I think in our division it will be a three-horse race (between Canton, Northville and Western)."

For the Chiefs to win that race

will depend on "our top two seniors coming through and getting those scores down," said Riggs. "Plus, we have that freshman (Slupek) who's looking real good. You always need something like that, something unexpected."

Now, if only the Chiefs can climb as high as Riggs' expectations.

Baseball from page C1

including a pair of doubles, and four runs batted in.

Brent Kossick was also sharp with three hits and a pair of RBI and Kevin Tomasaitis had a hit, an RBI and scored two runs.

Ben Tucker went the distance on the mound. He allowed seven

hits while striking out five.

The Chiefs took a 5-3 decision in the nightcap. Ahead 3-2 in the fifth, Canton added a pair of runs to put the game away.

David Winter was outstanding at the plate with three hits and a pair of runs batted in. Oliver

Wolcott and Mike Crudele each had a hit and scored a run, with Wolcott also driving in a run.

Tomasaitis pitched a complete game for Canton. He allowed six hits and walked seven while striking out 10.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Softball signup

Canton Softball Center will begin the spring season for men's, women's and coed squads starting April 13. Teams can register for \$595 (plus umpire fees) for 16 games including single

games and doubleheaders. Game balls, USSSA Registration and first and second place sponsor and individual awards for each league are included in the registration fee.

Register in person Monday through Friday from 3 to 7:30

p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A \$100 deposit is required. Teams can also register over the phone by calling (734) 483-5600, Ext. 2 or 3.

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SC coach recruits kids for fun run

Nancy Gavoor loves kids, competition and five-kilometer runs.

On Sunday morning, Gavoor will be sparked by all three as she competes in the 5K Run/Walk at the annual West Bloomfield Half-Marathon, 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run.

Gavoor, recently named women's cross country coach at Schoolcraft Community College, will have company when she lines up for the 5K at 10:30 a.m. at West Bloomfield High School. A physical education teacher at Orchard Lake Middle School, Gavoor has recruited many of her students at OLMS to run or walk the 3.1-mile course with her and to raise pledges for Kaleidoscope Kids Hospices of Henry Ford Health System.

Kaleidoscope Kids is a hospice that provides support and care for children in the last phases of incurable illnesses so that they may live as fully and comfortably as possible. The special fund was initiated last year in memory of Miriam Kaptur, a long-time employee of West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation and a past race director who died of inflammatory breast cancer in 1996.

"I'm hoping to get 100 kids to enter the

RUNNING

race," said Gavoor.

The students have been enthusiastic about the event from the first time Gavoor approached them with the challenge of participating.

"They were overwhelmingly positive. My entire first hour class wanted to either walk or run it," said Gavoor. "That made me very excited. (The parents) were also very supportive and several of them will be participating in the race themselves."

Gavoor has been helping her students prepare for the 3.1-mile challenge by leading them through four minutes of running every day in gym class as well as calisthenics, jumping rope and other cardiovascular intensive exercises.

"The kids are aware that they don't have to run the entire way," said Gavoor. "A lot of them will walk rather than run. The point isn't to set world records. They can go as fast or slow as they want."

Over 1,000 runners and walkers are expected to participate Sunday in the 22nd

running of the West Bloomfield Half-Marathon, 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run. A portion of each entry fee will be donated to Kaleidoscope Kids Hospices of Henry Ford Health System in memory of Miriam Kaptur. Donations can also be made at the run and should be made payable to Kaleidoscope Kids.

All events begin at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road and all registered participants will receive a t-shirt.

The itinerary for this year's race is as follows: 5K Run/Walk begins at 10:30 a.m. and the registration fee is \$16; Kids Fun Run begins at 11:30 a.m. and the registration fee is \$12; the Half-Marathon begins at 12:45 p.m. and the registration fee is \$20.

West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation and Henry Ford Medical Center - West Bloomfield co-sponsor the Half-Marathon and the 5K Run/Walk. West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation and Henry Ford Health System's Maplegrove Center co-sponsor the Kids Fun Run.

For more information and to register call West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation at (248) 738-2500.

Whalers from page C1

"That's our go-to line," admitted DeBoer. "We've relied on those guys all year. We have other guys who can score, but that's our key line, our key guys. We'll only go as far as those guys can take us."

Unfortunately, the Storm's close-checking defense kept Legwand, Druken and Taylor from getting many chances. But the Whalers did have some, particularly in the first period. Problem was, they didn't cash in on them.

The best went to Julian Smith, when a rebound from a hard shot from the point came right to him on the right side, with nothing between him and an open net. But Smith swung and missed at the bouncing puck.

Less than a minute later, Legwand had possession of the puck to the left of Guelph goalie Chris Madden, with Druken breaking down the right wing. However, Legwand held the puck, passing on the pass.

Against a goalie like Madden (a playoff-leading 1.40 goals-against average, with a .956 save percentage and a 5-0 record), missed opportunities often are haunting. Esche could not continue to repel the Storm, and the Whalers could not gain any momentum, particularly in such a penalty-

filled affair (20 called against Plymouth, 11 against Guelph).

The Storm struck again with 8:19 left in the second period, when Matt Lahey popped in a rebound off a shot from the right point by Darryl McArthur. The power-play goal made it 2-0.

With 3:49 remaining in the period, Manny Malhotra intercepted a pass deep in the Whaler end and fired a shot at Esche, who made the initial save but couldn't stop Eric Beaudoin from knocking in the rebound, making it 3-0 — capping a second period that saw Guelph outshoot the Whalers 16-6.

It appeared the Whalers might get something going in the third period when Smith, stationed directly in front of Madden, took a pass from Kris Purdy and flipped it in, making it 3-1 with 18:32 still to play in the final period. Kevin Holdridge also assisted.

But the rally was short-lived. Nine Whaler penalties in the period ruined it; Kent McDonnell and Chris Hajt added goals for Guelph to make the victory an easy one.

"They won all the battles for the puck," summarized DeBoer. "A good team like that will make you look bad."

Now the Whalers have to figure a way to look good.

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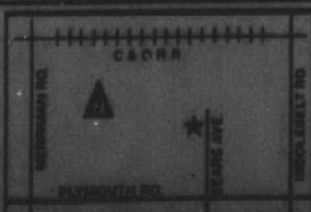
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ARCHERY

LEAGUES FORMING

Several archery leagues are forming at the Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston. There will be a MAA target league on Monday mornings (beginning May 4), 3D leagues on Tuesday mornings and Tuesday nights (beginning May 5), and Wednesday nights (beginning May 6) and field & hunter leagues Thursday mornings and evenings (starting April 30). All leagues are 12 weeks long. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

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auctions with prizes including a fly fishing vacation in the Bahamas, mountain bikes, golf outings, season tickets for U-M football, wildlife art and much more. Tickets are \$40 each or \$75 for a couple and available by calling (248) 353-4565.

BIG GAME HUNTERS

The Michigan Big Game Hunter's Association will hold its 10th annual banquet and fund raiser beginning at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Laurel Manor Banquet Center in Livonia. Tickets are \$40 each in advance and \$350 for a table of 10. Tickets will be \$50 at the door. To order tickets and for more information call (313) 513-7471.

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West Bloomfield Community Education will offer a class in duck and goose calling beginning at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 27. Taught by noted waterfowl guide Lyman Burgess, the class will meet for one hour each week for four consecutive weeks at the Orchard Lake Middle School. Registration fee is \$35. Call (248) 539-2290 for more information.

TWILIGHT TRAVELS

Learn about creatures that become active after dark during this evening walk, which will be held Saturday, April 25 at the University of Michigan Dearborn. Call (313) 593-5338 for more information.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Oakland County Sportsman's Club will hold a hunter education class beginning Thursday, April 30, at its clubhouse in

Clarkston. The class will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m. on April 30, May 4, 5, 6 and 7 as well as 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9. Registration fee is \$6 and participants must be 12 years old by Dec. 31, 1998. Class size is limited. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will present Fly Fishing For the Beginner on Saturday and Sunday, May 23, 24. Both day-long sessions run 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will be held at the Drayton Plains Nature Center. Cost is \$80 per student. Call Rick Sak at (743) 464-3271 for more information and to register.

MORE HUNTER EDUCATION

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

CLUBS

SOLAR

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

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call

Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

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

FOUR SEASONS

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

FISHING BUDDIES

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

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

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

BASS ASSOCIATION

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

MEETINGS

MRC

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, May 13-14, in Lansing. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 a week in advance.

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The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

Division of Accreditation Operations
Organization Liaison
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
One Renaissance Boulevard
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60281

The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone and will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

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DWCM, 44, 6', 182lbs., outgoing,
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BEST THERE IS

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SHARE MY LIFE

Never-married SWM, 50, 6'3", N/S,
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seeking an attractive, kind, nice
SWF, for friendship, possible rela-
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A COMMON BOND

Catholic SWM, 49, 5'11", 180lbs.,
black hair, blue eyes, enjoys dancing,
reading and music, seeking SWCF,
30-45, with good morals. Ad# 1899

NEVER-MARRIED

SWCM, 21, 6'2", N/S, caring, honest,
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SWF, 18-26, with similar qualities.
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ROMANTIC AT HEART

Articulate, athletic swm, 42, 6'2",
190lbs., brown hair, green eyes,
enjoys traveling, romantic times, out-
door activities, seeks slim, attractive,
professional SWF, to spend quality
time with, age unimportant.
Ad# 2525

HEALTHY & HAPPY

SWM, 41, 6'1", athletic, outgoing,
enjoys having fun seeking trim, mar-
riage-minded SWF, age unimportant,
who enjoys athletic activities as well
as quiet times. Ad# 2626

AWAITING YOUR CALL

Catholic SWM, 38, 6', 200lbs., brown
hair/eyes, professional, loves swim-
ming, tennis, the theater, biking,
movies and dining out, seeking SWF,
23-36, with same religious ideals, for
friendship first. Ad# 6789

THOUGHTFUL

Handsome SWM, 43, 6'2", enjoys all
athletic activities, is seeking a
romantic, slim-build, SF, with similar
interests, who is looking for a long-
term relationship, with marriage in
mind. Ad# 4123

SIMPLY THE BEST

DWCM, 48, 5'9", 195lbs., brown
hair/eyes, outgoing, employed,
enjoys outdoors, family activities,
cards, dancing, seeks height and
weight proportionate, SWF, under 50,
who leads and active life with similar
interests. Ad# 8732

A REAL GENTLEMAN

DWCM, 39, 5'9", blond hair, blue eyes,
smoker, non-drinker, outgoing,
enjoys outdoors, family, seeks SWF,
35-40, for serious relationship.
Ad# 7728

HEAVEN IF YOU HEAR ME...

Catholic, never-married SWM, 41,
6'1", seeks sincere, athletic, thought-
ful, positive, romantic SWF, any age,
for a relationship that will lead to
marriage, children welcome.
Ad# 1944

ONLY HERE.....

Talkative, definitive SWM, 38, 6',
with multiple interests, seeks slim,
trim, fun-loving SWF, 29-44, to share
activities and friendship. Ad# 1027

LET'S HAVE FUN

Catholic, professional SWM, 30, 6'1",
outgoing, friendly, enjoys shooting
pool, darts, hockey, golf, movies, the
outdoors and spending time with
friends, seeking a spiritual SWF, 24-
34. Ad# 3146

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Professional, open-minded SWCM,
36, 6'3", 185lbs., brown hair/eyes, a
homeowner, enjoys NASCAR,
movies and music, traveling, cars
and new experiences, seeking a
compatible SWCF, 27-38. Ad# 3968

GOOD TIMES

Upbeat, employed, Catholic DW dad,
53, 5'6", blond hair, enjoys, dancing,
bowling and traveling, working
around the house, dining out and the
outdoors, looking for a compatible,
Catholic SWF, 40-50. Ad# 7683

SOUND LIKE YOU?

Educated, employed SWCM, 26,
5'10", 160lbs., enjoys socializing,
movies, working out, running, camp-
ing and sports, seeks an intelligent,
compassionate, honest SWF, 21-
26, without children and never-mar-
ried. Ad# 7437

ATHLETICALLY INCLINED

Professional SWM, 40, enjoys dining
out and dancing, music and movies,
enjoying life and outdoor sports,
seeks a romantic, articulate, sincere,
fit SAF, age unimportant, children
okay. Ad# 7972

HEY, CALL ME!

Romantic SWM, 32, 6', brown hair/
eyes, enjoys a variety of summer
outdoor activities and dining out,
seeks a SWCF, under 38, with simi-
lar interests. Ad# 3997

ACTIVE IN CHURCH

Baptist, one-woman SWM, 49, 6',
200lbs., brown hair, blue eyes,
enjoys biking, seeks a SWF, 18-45,
for a traveling companion, to search
for Christ. Ad# 4806

FAMILY-ORIENTED?

Athletic, sincere, professional, fun-
loving SWM, 43, 6'1", seeks a spon-
taneous, romantic SWF, race and age
unimportant. Ad# 2613

ONE OF THE FINEST

SBM, 45, 6'2", enjoys concerts,
movies and romantic dinner, would
like to meet a loving, gentle SF, 25-
45, who cares about herself.
Ad# 8889

BUILD A FOUNDATION

Catholic SWM, 41, 6'1", 187lbs.,
independent, employed, never mar-
ried, in search of outgoing, vibrant,
professional SWF, 21-42, who enjoys
the great outdoors. Ad# 4444

PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE

Catholic DW dad, 42, 5'11", 185lbs.,
blue-eyed blond, professional, inter-
ests include movies, comedy clubs,
jogging and sports, looking forward
to meeting a SWCF, under 38.
Ad# 3411

GOOD COMMUNICATOR

Positive, professional SWCM, 40,
5'11", 195lbs., brown hair, blue eyes,
likes traveling, good conversation,
concerts, golfing, the outdoors and
dining out, seeks a SWCF, 30-45, for
possible relationship. Ad# 5555

FROM THE HEART

Catholic SWM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs.,
N/S, honest, sincere and devoted,
enjoys romantic dinners, dancing,
sports and movies, seeking a SF,
under 45, with similar interests.
Ad# 5619

ODYSSEY OF LOVE

Protestant WWM, 48, 6', 195lbs.,
brown hair, blue eyes, affectionate,
honest, likes traveling, good conver-
sation, time with family and dining
out, seeks an attractive, educated
SCF, 35-52, N/S. Ad# 4747

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Sincere, professional SWM, 41,
enjoys exercise, sports and the arts,
in search of an attractive, slender
SWF, who has never been married.
Ad# 2500

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

Catholic DWM, 60, 5'11", 170lbs.,
grey hair, laid-back, friendly, self-
employed, N/S, non-drinker, enjoys
quiet evenings at home, golfing, din-
ing out, seeks Catholic DWF, without
children at home. Ad# 2552

ENTIRELY YOURS

SWM, 44, 6'1", shy, enjoys outdoor
activities, seeks slender, SWF, age
unimportant, for romantic times.
Ad# 7404

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AD OF THE WEEK

TICK TOCK
SWFF, 35, strawberry-blond/green, slender, enjoys golfing, traveling, and quiet romantic evenings. Seeking SM, 30-50, with similar interests, for possible long-term relationship. #24277

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GENTLEMEN ONLY PLEASE

Little lady, 45, likes dancing, blues, hockey, classic cars, weekend trips, to nights, seeks patient golf partner, 40-50, under 6', N/S, moderate drinker, easy to laugh and fun. #27532

WESTLAND LADY

Attractive, employed, educated BFF, 5'7", 147lbs, HW proportionate, N/S, social drinker, no dependents, variety of interests. Seeking SM, 35-47, for one-on-one, honest, monogamous relationship. #27532

LOOKING FOR SMART MAN

SWFF, 35, very hip-looking, open-minded, caring, rugged-looking SWM, 45-50, 5'7"-5'11", in shape, slender, friendly, no dependents under 18, financially/mentally stable, who willing to work on a relationship. No blonde. #27597

GLAMOROUS BABE

SWFF, 32, 5'7", blonde, no dependents, slender, well-dressed, great cook, educated, well-read, likes fine dining, cultural events, travel, stimulating conversation. Seeking SM, 35-47, handsome, fit, professional, similar qualities/interests. #27402

DAMEL IN DISTRESS

Attractive SWFF, 36, 5'11", blonde/green, seeks tall, heroic SWM, 30-42, to rescue me from having too much time on my hands. #27429

34 ATTRACTIVE, CLASSY PRO

Independent, slim, 34, long brown hair, chiseled, enjoys sports, dining, dancing, traveling and the theater, to name a few. Seeking a thoughtful SWM, 30+, N/S. #29551

BEAUTIFUL SUCCESSFUL DOCTOR

30s, 5'5", white, slim, elegant, charming, accomplished, well-traveled, honest, sincere, loves sports, golf, theater, and traveling. Seeking educated, successful, mature gentleman, 33-43, for relationship, to start family. #29554

ALLURING & INTELLIGENT

Tall SWFF, 36, who is a laboratory blonde hair, seeks LTR with an intelligent man committed to personal growth. #29594

HAWAIIAN HEART

Attractive, sincere, kind-hearted, humorous SWFF, 36, 5'0", dark/brown, Hawaiian, part-time college student, mom, enjoys bowling, billiards, dancing, sunbathing. Seeking honest, sincere, fun-loving SWM, #29220

WE'VE BEEN HIDING...

now seek me. Brown-again, middle eastern-looking, Godly SWFF, 30, 5'3", seeks Godly, attractive, brown-again SWM, 35-40, 5'5", for lasting relationship. #29451

SEEKING LIFE PARTNER

Honest, caring, college-educated, down-to-earth SWFF, 27, brown/brown, N/S, enjoys movies, concerts, theater, golf. Seeking honest, easygoing, fun, sincere SWM, 26-32, N/S. #29495

LAST CHANCE

Pretty SWFF, long brown hair, eyes, enjoys hockey, baseball. Seeking nice, physically fit SM, for monogamous LTR, leading to marriage. No games. No players. #29188

LOOKING FOR JOHN MALKOVICH

Fat, easygoing, educated, single mom SWM, 35-45, for friendship. LTR kids are great. #29091

INDEPENDENT MOM

DWFF, 32, 5'4", 100lbs, mom of two, homebody, enjoys movies, dining, travel, body, seeks PM for dating, sports, travel, etc. Plymouth area. #29039

IS CHIVALRY DEAD?

SWFF, 34, seeks never married, LTR. Let's go to dinner or a game. Let's share fun and love. Looking and more. #29302

STILL LOOKING

SWFF, 28, 5'3", brown/hazel, enjoys dining, dancing, Red Wings, seeks commitment-minded SWM, 25-35, for possible relationship. #29451

LIMITLESS RELATIONSHIP

Romantic, intelligent lady, 26, 5'7", 150lbs, seeks mature SWM, 30-45, who's not afraid to play. Let's see if you have a heart you wouldn't mind losing. #29593

ROMANTIC AND BEAUTIFUL

Intelligent, kind-hearted SWFF, 34, enjoys working out, movies, concerts. Seeking attractive SWM, 28-39, who is looking to share his life. #29559

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

Attractive, affectionate, athletic, educated, warm, romantic, adventurous DWFF, 35, 5'0", blonde/blue, 150lbs, seeks gentleman, 30-45, who's honest, N/S, who likes the arts, outdoors, travel, for possible LTR. #29118

LIVONIA LADY

Educated DWFF, 50, 5'7", long blonde/blue, enjoys simple things in life: movies, gardening, seeking caring, honest, down-to-earth, large guy, 48-55, N/S, for friendship, maybe more. #29487

PREFERRED STOCK

Attractive, slender, intelligent, affectionate, outgoing, energetic SWFF, 47, 5'7", independent, seeks tall, fit, attractive, honest, humorous SWM, 42-50, 6'5", N/S, degreed, for friendship first. #29217

A ROMANTIC AT HEART

Very attractive SWFF, 38, blonde/green, 5'7", 120lbs, blonde/hazel, enjoys travel, horseback riding, etc. Seeking attractive, caring PM, who likes children, for possible LTR. #29118

GENTLEMAN

I'm tall, slender, pretty, very intelligent, refined, humorous, fun, affectionate, smoker, 51, and interested in being romantically wired and dated by gent. 50-65, tall, intelligent, classy, confident, marriage-minded. #29633

TAKE THE BAIT

Outgoing, energetic, caring SWFF, 20, 5'4", 110lbs, blonde/hazel, enjoys travel, outdoors. Seeking college student, or one with college, honest SM, race person. #29198

A BREAK FROM WORK

SWFF, 37, 5'2", 100lbs, attractive, no dependents, happily career-minded and romantic. Enjoys sun, water sports, tennis, wine, chocolate, world travel. Seeking fit, slender, attractive, successful SWM, 35-45, financially secure, same interests. #29307

SOMEONE TO ADORE YOU

Attractive, educated DWFF, 41, 5'7", slender, enjoys outdoor activities, dining out, theater. Seeking affectionate, trustworthy SWM, 37-48, N/S, HW proportionate, likes children, for possible LTR. Southside. #29438

LOOKING FOR LOVE

Vivacious, lovely SWFF, 48, N/S, enjoys movies, play, music, dining out, sports, quiet times. Seeking loving SWM, 44-58, with sense of humor, with similar interests, for LTR. #27531

IN THE ONE

SWFF, good cook, seeks DWPM, 30-50, 5'10" plus, large build, N/S, enjoys movies, play, music, dining out, sports, quiet times. Seeking loving SWM, 44-58, with sense of humor, with similar interests, for LTR. #27531

FUN-LOVING DWFF

Fun-loving DWFF, 48, great figure, warm heart, seeks fit, energetic, witty SWM, 35-45, who enjoys life, for possible LTR. #27451

PERKY BROWN-EYED GIRL

DWFF, 38, 5'1", brown/brown, romantic, caring, seeks SWM, 35-45, for friendship, friendly, easygoing, a little good conversation. #27582

REAL LOVE

Attractive SWFF, 40, 5'2", full-figured, no children at home, enjoys music, movies, travel, plays golf, seeks SWM, 35-50, with children at home, for relationship. Race unimportant. #27500

BELIEVE IN MAGIC?

CUTE, CARING, CHARACTER SWFF, 36, 5'7", blonde, 110lbs, SWFF, 41, professional, N/S, with a balanced personality. Looking for educated, professional, 40-50, to share life's treasures and active lifestyle. #24225

LIGHT BY FIRE

Passionate, pretty DWFF, 40, with medium build. Seeking SWM, 35-50, N/S, ND, for dating, mating, and relating. Will you be my interest? #27425

CUTE, CARING, CHARACTER

Full-figured, sensitive SWFF, 40, 5'7", no dependents, N/S, enjoys writing, long-love movies, music, adventure, and romance. Seeking SWM, 25-35, to share life, love, and dreams with. #29479

WALLED LAKEVIEW

I'd love to perfect. Young, thin, fit, I'm not. Can you appreciate a DWFF, 58, blonde, who is faithful, loving, gentle? Perfect people get lonely too. #29424

ATTRACTIVE AND OUTGOING

DWFF, 51 years young, N/S, enjoys dining, movies, antiquing, long walks, travel. Seeking honest, sincere SM, good LTR, for friendship, possible LTR. #29187

LOG CABIN DREAMING

SUV owner. Seeking: Spontaneous, colorful, independent, SWM, 38-50, 5'10", N/S, no dependents, with old-fashioned values, town/country style, who enjoys nature, outdoors, up north, log cabins, dogs, blue jeans. Serious about settling down. #29131

SINCERE

Protestant, easygoing, full-figured DWFF, 42, 5'10", N/S, from South Lyon, enjoys swimming, walking, bowling, cars, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, single SWM, 35-45, N/S, with similar qualities, interests, for LTR. #29134

BIRMINGHAM AREA RN

Attractive DWFF, 48 years young, caring and honest, seeks SWM, 40-50, who is willing to offer, seeks caring, educated man with a sense of humor for friendship leading to LTR. #29139

ARE YOU LOVELY TONIGHT?

SWFF, 44, 5'7", blonde, N/S, enjoys sports, jazz, C&W, quiet times at home. Seeking romantic, honest, family-oriented SWM, 35-54, 5'7", N/S. All calls will be answered. #29130

CLASSY LADY

Attractive DWFF, 41, 5'3", medium-build, classy and vivacious personality, business owner/home owner. Seeking professional man to date. #29033

KIND-HEARTED

DWFF, 40, suburban, 5'5", 120lbs, N/S, no dependents, attractive, caring, enjoys movies, old cars, nature, art, enjoys traveling. Seeking SWM, 36-43, N/S, ND/NR, #29041

PRETTY NATURE LOVER

SWFF, 40, 5'7", 127lbs, spiritual, but not religious, into self growth, woods walking, singing, natural healthy, laughing, speaking truth. I'm spunky, unique, loving, seeking N/S, soul companion. #29058

DO YOU QUALIFY?

Are you a sweet, confident SWM, 68-73, N/S, who would enjoy golfing, bowling, people, cards, watching a little dancing, football, travel. #29027

AN EXCELLENT CHOICE!

Attractive SWFF, 42, advanced degreed, very fit, romantic, fun, looking for educated, attractive man who loves animals, children, travel up north, and life. #29057

FRIENDS FIRST

SWFF, 36, employed, seeks self-sufficient SWM, HW proportionate, employed, sense of humor, enjoy a variety of activities. #27455

ARABIC PRINCESS

Spicy, confident, independent mom, 29, with two small kids. Seeking sincere, classy guy, 30-45, who enjoys the finer things in life. #29502

31 YEAR-OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty, successful, giving, loving, looking for her knight in shining armor. Fun, smiling, charismatic. Any sincere, successful white gentleman, 45-70, please reply. #29404

A SOUL FILLED WITH PASSION

DWFF, 36, seeks gentleman with passion in his soul, high energy a must. Let's find each other. #29307

SEXY BUT WHOLE SOME

Pretty, Italian DWFF, very young 47, N/S, ND, great sense of humor, enjoys eating, dining, comedy clubs, the beach, seeks attractive DWFF, with similar interests, for possible LTR. #29296

ATTRACTIVE AND FUNNY

Friendly DWFF, 42, 5'5", average proportion, N/S, in shape, seeks SWM, 40-50, N/S, good-looking, easygoing and caring, to share some fun times with. #29500

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL

Young, professional DWFF, 50s, good-looking, intelligent, partner who appreciates NPR, DFT, the Seven Habits, Del Mar, the 15 minute mile. #29510

SPARKLING, EXPRESSIVE

Pretty DWFF, 55, enjoys dining out, dancing, casinos. Seeking serious, neat SM, 55+, sense of humor, similar interests, no baggage, friendship first. Must have own transportation. #29312

HEY, GUYS!

Anybody there looking for SWFF, 53, attractive, open-minded, intelligent, humorous, who enjoys weekend getaways, travel, and a good video, and much more. #29500

BACK INTO THE WORLD

Professional, petite redhead, 40s (date you to guess), 5'1", 100lbs, trim and reasonably fit. Seeking companion, friendship, possibly romance. 40+, age not important, attitude is, enjoys books, music, movies, theater, etc. #29455

SENSUAL AND ATTRACTIVE

DWFF, 37, 130lbs, black/red hair, looking for her Mr. Right, 45+, to share romance and adventure. Serious replies only. #29536

FUN-LOVING

Attractive, sincere SWFF, 44, 5'4", 115lbs, N/S, black/brown, seeks good-looking SWM, 40-50, HW proportionate, to share fun, romance, monogamous relationship, and compatible partner for the future. #29515

I'M READY, ARE YOU?

Attractive SWFF, seeks an open, honest, physically fit, intelligent SWM, 45-55, loves life and challenges. If this fits, let's start with friendship, explore the possibilities. #29515

PRETTY, SLENDER, SENSUAL

Sophisticated, smart, sincere "sweetheart" seeks best friend/lover for life. "nice guy", good-looking, in-shape, refined, cultured, romantic, young 50s gentleman. Let's enjoy adventure, world travel, life's finer things. Golf a plus. #29552

LOOKING FOR LOVE NOT GAMES

Attractive DWFF, young 49, 5'4", brown hair, 120lbs, seeks SWM, 40-50, who appreciates a sophisticated, independent, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel, and romance. Seeking attractive, honest, caring, successful SWM, 40-55, financially secure, for friendship, leading to LTR. #29553

ROCHESTER AREA LADY

Very attractive, independent, educated, sensitive, sensible, romantic DWFF, 52, 5'7", 120lbs, college-educated, enjoys golf, reading, boating, camping, traveling. Seeking similar in a gentleman. #29559

TIMID BUT PASSIONATE

Attractive, independent, honest, sensitive lady, 42, petite, enjoys dancing, music, dining, card playing, and outdoor activities. Seeking a successful, gentleman, 40-50, N/S, with similar interests. #29562

TRY THE BEST!

Humorous SWFF, 52, 125lbs, brown/hazel, never married, with no children, enjoys comedy clubs, quiet evenings at home, family-oriented man who enjoys N/S, 37-47, nice gentleman, must love animals. No games. Typist Township area. #29562

SPARKLING, SPUNKY, STYLISH

Sensual, gorgeous, fit, 40, 5'7", 130lbs, MA degreed, into biking, reading, movies, art, enjoys traveling, camping, traveling. Seeking similar in a gentleman. #29564

ATTRACTIVE WIDOWED WIFE

Attractive widow, 55, with blue eyes, would like to meet SWM, 55-65, for relationship. I enjoy the outdoors, fishing, walks, quiet times, and more. #29562

LADY IN WAITING

Foxy, professional DWFF, 45, 5'5", 145 lbs, hopeless romantic, enjoys traveling, cooking, theater, and quiet evenings at home. Seeking SWM, 40-55, N/S, with similar interests, for friendship, possibly more. #29563

STILL BELIEVE

SWFF, young 46, petite to medium, brown/brown, N/S, seeks caring, honest, family-oriented man who enjoys walks, talks, golf, hockey, music, movies, bowling and much more, for LTR. #29563

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ARABIC PRINCESS

Spicy, confident, independent mom, 29, with two small kids. Seeking sincere, classy guy, 30-45, who enjoys the finer things in life. #29502

LET'S ENJOY SPRING

Attractive, affectionate DWFF, 36, 5'7", 120lbs, blonde/green, down-to-earth, one child, N/S, enjoys running, warm weather, concerts, dancing. Seeking SWM, 35-48, who's nice, fun, secure, N/S, to enjoy life together. #29442

BE MY VALENTINE

DWFF, 42, 5'5", blonde/hazel, full-figured, mom of two, N/S, enjoys dancing, playing cards, movies, enjoys listening to music. Seeking romantic, caring, honest SWM, 40-48, for LTR. #29443

LOVES PINK FLAMINGOS

Romantic, artistic, imaginative, spontaneous DWFF, Rubenque, enjoys life, camping, fishing, ocean, travel, art, blue, motorcycles, sunshine, good times. Seeking established, caring SWM, 30-50, long hair, beard, and of course quiet times. #27501

GET IN TOUCH

SM seeks fun-loving, adventurous, cute, adorable woman who likes living on the edge. Age doesn't matter. #29492

LOOKING FOR SOMEBODY

Sincere, honest SWM, 57, divorced, enjoys movies, golf, dining out, traveling. Seeking B/DWFF, 40-54, for friendship, possible relationship. #27440

DOWN-TO-EARTH & OUTGOING

SWM, 40, 6'2", 220lbs, brown/brown, broad-shouldered, loves animals, sports, long walks. Seeking down-to-earth, outgoing SWFF, with similar interests. #27541

WAITING TO MEET YOU

DWFF, 48, 6'1", medium build, with great smile, and soft touch, seeks high energy, educated, physically fit SWFF, 35-45, to share dinners, movies, travel, and of course quiet times. #27542

ROY ROGERS TYPE

Honest, humorous, easygoing SWM, 41, N/S, enjoys riding, canoeing, nature, animals. Seeking SWFF, who enjoys horseback riding, #29492

TANZAN SEEMS JANE

Let's DWFF, 47, 5'11", bring out the world's sweetest woman, age open, who wants to have fun and a life-long partner. #27439

OPTIMISTIC ABOUT LIFE

Handsome WPM, 46, seeks beautiful, intelligent, adventurous, unhibited woman, passionate, spiritual, romantic, and loving who belongs to the Earth, but yearns for the stars. #24242

LOOKING FOR LOVE

TRY THIS, 220lbs, brown/blue, many interests, seeks attractive, curvy SWFF, 30-40, for possible LTR. #24278

IS ANYBODY OUT THERE?

Attractive, affectionate, sincere SWM, 26, 5'11", 175lbs, enjoys outdoors, sports, dating, good-looking, seeks SWFF, 18-25, with similar interests, for possible LTR. #24124

ALL POINTS BULLETIN...

for a queen-sized beauty, who enjoys laughing, of any race. Sought by romantic, affectionate, intelligent SWM, 5'10", brown/hazel, 140lbs, long hair, a definite plus. #24189

HANDSOME SLEAZEBAG

DWFF, 51, interested in a pretty, petite, 5'3" tall, lean, honest, kind, good-looking, and uncommitted female, 35-45, N/S, ND, professional, intelligent, movies, dinner, and dancing. #24128

YOUNG AND ALIVE

SM, 51, 160lbs, blonde, seeks SWFF, 18-25, in college/degreed, who enjoys sunbathing, boating. Tired of not being appreciated? Call me. #24181

LAST CHANCE

About to begin looking out of country for attractive 35-45, SWFF proportionate, who is down-to-earth, honest. No self-obsessed pseudo-egoistic domes. Call for details. #29531

FUN, FIT, FRIENDLY

Sincere, honest, good-looking DWFF, 30s, blonde, N/S, enjoys working out, rollerblading, golf, boating, movies and in LTR. Looking for pretty, fit, sincere SWFF, with similar interests, for friendship and possible LTR. #29412

OPEN-MINDED WIDOW

SWM, middle-aged, 5'7", 170lbs, brown, short hair, with a sense of humor, intelligent, man, for serious relationship, not interested in marriage. #24126

TANZAN SEEMS JANE

OBITUARIES

MELVIN F. BROEMER

Services for Melvin F. Broemer, 62, of Plymouth were April 16 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating.

He was born May 22, 1935, in Ontonagon, Mich. He died April 12 in Ann Arbor. He was a labor relations manager at Unisys. He retired three or four years ago after 30 years of service. He was currently working out of his home as a MESC advocate.

He came to Plymouth 30 years ago. He was a member of the Plymouth Elks B.P.O.E. No. 1780. He graduated from Michi-

gan State University in 1960. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict. He served in the U.S. Army. He loved golfing, bowling and gardening.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilfred and Esther (Soder) Broemer, and three brothers, James, Morton, and Thomas.

Survivors include his wife, Suzanne of Plymouth; one daughter, Eilyn (Craig) Damiani of Plymouth; one son, Steven Broemer of Grand Haven, Mich.; two brothers, Alvin (Jennie) of Ontonagon, Mich., Donald of Phoenix, Ariz.; one sister, Agnes

Sparanic of Ontonagon, Mich.; mother-in-law, Gladys VanNorden of Ludington, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth.

ROBERT L. DANIEL

Services for Robert L. Daniel, 74, of Athens, Ohio, were April 2 at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio.

He died March 24 at Rock-springs Rehabilitation Center in Pomeroy, Ohio. He joined the Ohio University history department in 1957 after earning teaching degrees from Miami

University, Oxford, Ohio, and a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin.

He was senior class president of his Plymouth High School Class of 1941.

He was emeritus professor of history at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, and author of the recently-published book "Athens, Ohio: The Village Years." In addition to the history of Athens, he wrote "American Philanthropy in the Near East" (1970), "American Women in the Twentieth Century" (1987) and numerous articles. As a Fulbright lecturer at the University

of Utrecht, the Netherlands, in 1967-68, he assisted the institution in enhancing its American Studies Program and performing a similar service in 1985 as an exchange professor at DeLaSalle University in Manila.

Dr. Daniel was president of the Athens Historical Society and Museum during a major fundraising for museum enlargement, and served the Church of the

Good Shepherd as senior warden. During World War II, he served as an Air Corps officer in the Pacific theater.

Survivors include his former wife, Barbara Jean; one brother, Richard Daniel Rogers, Ark.; two sisters, Barbara Birmingham and Sue Daniel of Livonia; sons Robert, Joseph; and daughter, Martha Hansen; grandchildren, Noelle, Jesse, Will and Kai.

Walk America comes to Plymouth

The nation's largest walking event comes to Plymouth at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, April 25 at Haggerty Field in Hines Park. March of Dimes WalkAmerica is an eight-mile walk that raises money in support of the voluntary health agency's efforts to reduce infant mortality and birth defect.

The route includes swings through downtown Plymouth and Kellogg Park. Among the day's highlights: an appearance by Kruse of the Planet 96.3 FM, the national anthem performed by Tani Ann Mough and the hijinks of the Redford Unicycle Club and Clowns Around Redford.

This year's WalkAmerica theme is "Help Fund Break-throughs for Babies." The theme recognizes that every baby born in America has been touched by the March of Dimes through dramatic medical advances includ-

ing:

■ The PKU Test now given to every baby born in the U.S. PKU results in mental retardation unless detected at birth and treated promptly.

■ Neonatal Intensive Care Units, which treat babies born with serious illnesses. These units provide babies in need with technological advancements and specialized care.

■ Surfactant therapy makes it possible for premature babies to breathe. It is credited with significantly reducing infant deaths caused by respiratory distress syndrome.

In addition, March of Dimes' advocacy led to FDA approval of a plan to fortify the nation's grain supply with the B vitamin folic acid. Further, the March of Dimes partners with the Florida Department of Citrus to promote the use of folic acid among women of childbearing age.

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For further information, please call March of Dimes at (248) 423-3200 or 1-800-BIG-WALK.

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Please Note: In accordance with the rules and regulations of the program, you may submit one application with each agency that will accept it. Therefore, even if you have applied with other housing commissions, you are encouraged to apply with Plymouth/Dearborn Heights as well.

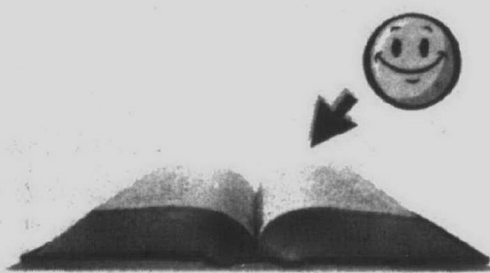
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Musica Viva International Concerts presents Theodossi Spassov and other outstanding artists in an evening of music and dance from around the globe, 8 p.m. at Smith Theatre, Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$18 at the door, \$16 in advance, (248) 471-7667.

SATURDAY



Laurie Kuhlman (right, Fern), Kathleen Coleman-Lozelle (Charlotte) and Chris Kirouac (Wilbur) in the Marquis Theatre production of "Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m., 135 E. Main, Northville. Tickets \$6.50, (248) 349-8110.

SUNDAY



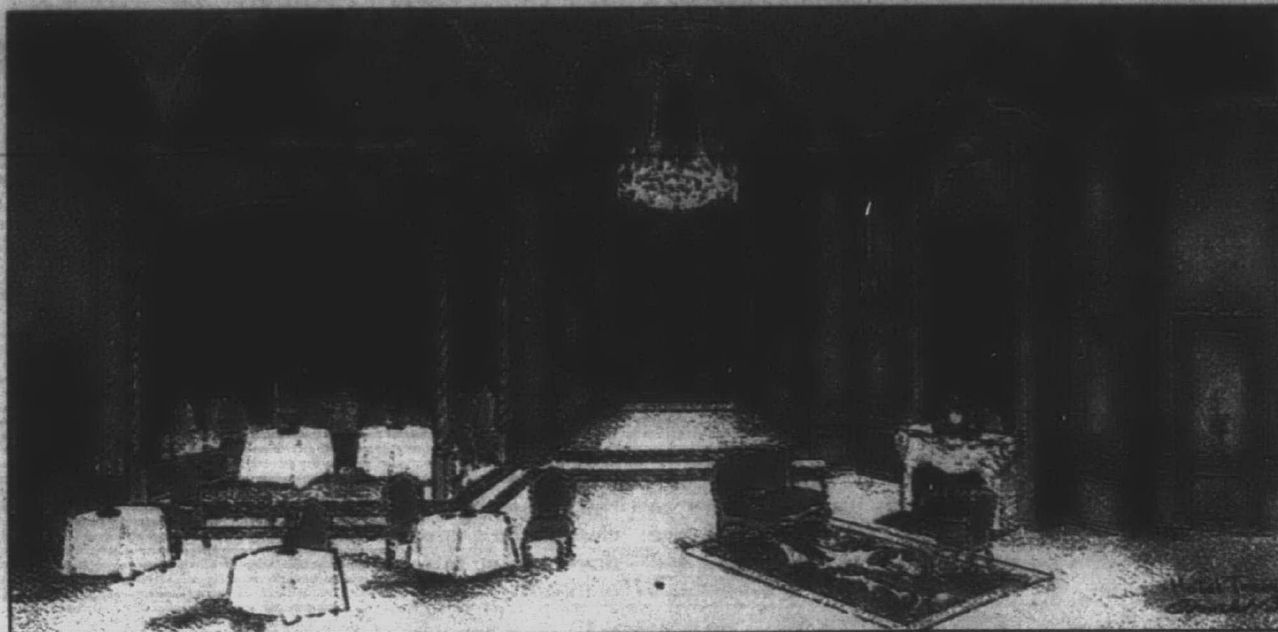
Pianist Leif Ove Andsnes performs with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$17-\$60, call (313) 576-5111.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: Eartha Kitt stars as the Wicked Witch of the West in "The Wizard of Oz," with Mickey Rooney as The Wizard, through Sunday, April 26, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$45.50 (main floor and mezzanine), \$32.50 and \$17.50, with school and group discounts available. Call (248) 433-1515 or (313) 596-3211.

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE



Set design: This is an artist's rendering of one of the scenes in Michigan Opera Theatre's first-ever production of Jules Massenet's classic French opera, "Manon." The sets were designed by Michael Beaulac.

In full bloom

'MANON' OPENS THIS SPRING SEASON

A moment before Marcello Giordani answers the phone, the high-pitch cry of an infant resounds with ear-splitting precision.

"I'm on the road 11 months of the year," said Giordani, over the cries of his young child. "If I didn't take my family with me, I'd never see them."

For international opera singers, the world is indeed a stage — and a living room.

Even at nine-months, it seems as if the offspring of the Italian tenor recognizes that timing is everything.

His father's timing hasn't been so bad either.

Giordani makes his third appearance at the Detroit Opera House in the role of Des Grieux, opposite soprano Ruth Ann Swenson, who performs the title role of "Manon."

Two years ago, Giordani was part of a star-studded lineup for the Opera House's gala opening, which featured Luciano Pavarotti and Joan Sutherland.

"Then, the city was like a ghost town," he said. "But now, it looks like the city has

woken up." While the Detroit Opera House may not be the Met, and Detroit couldn't be mistaken for Paris, there is a cosmopolitan ambience surrounding the Michigan Opera Theatre's first-ever production of Jules Massenet's classic French opera,



Marcello Giordani

which opens Saturday and runs through next weekend.

The production of "Manon" is a collaboration with the Montreal Opera Theatre. It is directed by Montreal Opera's Bernard Uzan, who has worked with Swenson on several other successful operas.

The chorus features local singers Judith Szefti and Patricia Pierobon of Troy and Anthony Lynch of Rochester Hills.

"Manon" opens MOT's spring season, which also features "The Elixir of Love" and "Porgy and Bess."

World repertoire

"Manon" is one of the most beautiful written operas in the French repertoire," said David DiChiera, managing director of MOT.

"This production is another step for (MOT) in developing a world repertoire."

Next season, MOT will produce its first-ever Russian along with another famous French opera, "Samson and Delilah."

While audiences will likely be pleasantly surprised at the familiarity of Massenet's music, the opera world is taking notice of the pairing of two of the most vocally agile and up-and-coming stars, said DiChiera.

There have been only a few other times in MOT's history when operatic stars with the stature of Swenson and Giordani performed lead roles.

Because "Manon" is a demanding role in terms of singing as well as acting, DiChiera waited for the ideal soprano to showcase the role.

Prior to rehearsals for "Manon," Swenson sang at the Met opposite Pavarotti in "The Elixir of Love."

Apparently, Swenson is using her Detroit performances to sharpen her portrayal before traveling to France in June where she'll play Massenet's heroine at the Opera Bastille.

Last fall, Giordani, who critics have called "a matinee idol" for his passionate interpretative singing, was also at the Met, where he performed the lead tenor role in "Manon."

"Manon" also features the American debut of soprano Stefani Bonfadelli, a popular singer who has performed throughout Europe.

Human nature

The operatic tale takes place on an ethereal plane where a young girl, Manon, must choose among love, pleasure and greed.

The role is considered highly complex because Manon grows from innocence to the embodiment of feminine grace and manipulation to degradation and remorse.

"This is a story about human nature," said DiChiera. "People spend their lives, worry about what's important, and realizing things, sometimes, when it's too late."

In opera, life's lessons are seldom easy. By the time Manon learns that love is the most important thing in life, it's too late.

Tragic stories, however, make for great operas, where melodrama is elevated into an art of visual and auditory opulence.

While Detroit might not be the Met or Paris, it certainly looks more and more cosmopolitan.



PETER LOVINO/DREAMWORKS PICTURES

Family adventure: A little girl named Marie (Hallie Kate Eisenberg) makes a special friend in Paulie, a remarkable parrot who can not only speak but comprehend human language.

DreamWorks Pictures 1998-99 Movie Slate

- **"Paulie"** - Family adventure, opens Friday, April 17
- **"Small Soldiers"** - Live-action with state-of-the-art animation, scheduled to open Friday, July 10
- **"Saving Private Ryan"** - World War II action drama, scheduled to open Friday, July 24
- **"In Dreams"** (Tentative Title) - Psychological thriller, scheduled to open Fall 1998
- **"The Prince of Egypt"** - Animated feature, scheduled to open Friday, December 18
- **"Antz"** - Computer-generated animation comedy, scheduled to open Spring 1999.

DreamWorks launches 'Paulie' and new film slate

Their films didn't make billions like "Titanic," but they did make money, and that's a dream come true for DreamWorks Pictures, a studio founded in 1994 by dreamers.

Director Steven Spielberg, former Disney executive Jeffrey Katzenberg and music mogul David Geffen founded the studio, which recently announced its 1998 film releases.

It's a diverse group of films, truly something for everyone. "This is a slate of movies you can pay attention to," said Teresa Press at a recent media preview.

A highlight is DreamWorks' first full-length animation feature "The Prince of Egypt," scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 18. It's the first animation film to feature a female director — Brenda Chapman, and that, many women would say, is miraculous.

Val Kilmer and Ralph Fiennes star as Moses and Rameses, two brothers, one born a slave, the other a prince. This beautifully crafted film, based on the biblical story of Moses, also brings together the vocal talents of Sandra Bullock, Danny Glover, Jeff Goldblum, Steve Martin, Helen Mirren, Michelle Pfeiffer, Martin Short and Patrick Stewart.

Six new songs written by Academy Award-winning lyricist Stephen Schwartz ("Pocahontas") and a score composed by Academy Award-winning composer Hans Zimmer ("The Lion King") help tell the story of "The Prince of Egypt."

Woody Allen stars as "Z" a neurotic ant in "Antz" an animated feature

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THEATER

'Lost' family members struggle in 'Yonkers'

It's 1942, and Grandma Kurnitz and her family are "Lost in Yonkers," New York. She's mean, definitely not huggable, but she's doing the best she can to survive and keep her family together. Grandma lives above a candy store with her grown daughter, Bella, who's not all there. Grandma bosses Bella, her sister, Gert, and older brothers, Eddie and Louie.

Eddie's down on his luck, and his wife just died. He wants his mother to take care of Arty and Jay for awhile so he can take a job on the road.

Louie doesn't like his mother, but he loves and respects her.

Sounds a little bit like your family, or someone you know, doesn't it?

"Lost in Yonkers," Neil Simon's Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning play, which opens Saturday at Meadow Brook Theatre, is normally

On Stage

What: "Lost in Yonkers" by Neil Simon
Where: Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills.
When: Continues through Sunday, May 10. Opening night 8 p.m. Saturday, April 18; previews 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 16-17. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 2 p.m. Wednesday; 8 p.m. Friday; 2 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday.
Tickets: \$22-\$32; preview tickets \$18, call (248) 377-3300. Student, senior and group discounts available.

described as a bittersweet comedy.

"It's a play about families, and the trials and tribulations we go through to keep family together," said Debra L. Wicks of Rochester Hills, who is directing Meadow Brook's production. "This play

can be real disturbing to many people. It should trip an emotional trigger to help you find out something new about yourself and the world around you."

"Lost in Yonkers," begins with laughs in the first act and ends with laughter. In between "we have life," said Wicks.

Besides emotional baggage, "Lost in Yonkers," carries the weight of telling a story to audiences who can say — "been there, seen that."

Jewish Ensemble Theatre presented "Lost in Yonkers" four years ago, and the movie version starring Richard Dreyfuss and Mercedes Ruehl is available on video.

Henrietta Hermelin of West Bloomfield stars as Grandma Kurnitz, a role she played four years ago

Please see YONKERS, E2



Comedy: Adam Rockkind (left to right), Terry Heck and Parker Plague in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "Lost in Yonkers."

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scheduled to open next spring. "Handling dirt was never my idea of a rewarding career," Z tells his analyst. Being an ant isn't a profession that encourages individuality and personal expression. Is it any wonder Z is unhappy?

Z lives in Central Park, and longs to be an individual. He has a thing for the beautiful Princess Bala (Sharon Stone), the spoiled daughter of the queen. But she has no use for an ordinary drone, and Z is out of his league.

Preview clips show Z attempting to rescue Princess Bala who is attached to chewing gum stuck to the bottom of a running shoe. Animation makes you see the world from an ant's perspective, and you'll never smash an ant again.

Discover America through the eyes of 'Paulie' as he travels across the country to find Marie. Told by 'Paulie,' this film reveals the wonders of the bird world, and our world, through a series of funny adventures.

"Paulie," the first of DreamWorks' 1998 film releases, flies into metro Detroit movie theaters Friday, April 17.

Paulie is a parrot who doesn't mimic, he talks to people. His first owner, and love, is Marie, a little girl (Hallie Kate Eisenberg) who raises him from a baby. Helping Marie overcome a stutter gives Paulie the gift of gab but doesn't prevent her parents from sending him away when they feel she is becoming too attached to him.

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On July 10 look for "Small Soldiers," a film which asks the question - "what if toys had military intelligence, and were so smart they play back?"

Unlike "Toy Story," a battle of toys against a bully, this film blends live action with state-of-the-art computer animation to tell the story of a war between the Gorgonites, and the Comandos Elite. Suburbia is the battlefield, and the action figures take their job seriously. Parents get caught in the crossfire of this explosive not-for-little kids film.

Believing that any time is a good time to release a really great film, DreamWorks is releasing "Saving Private Ryan," starring Tom Hanks and Matt Damon on July 24.

As armies storm the beaches on D-Day, a unit of troops is ordered to find and retrieve one soldier - Private James Ryan. The quest is set off by the delivery of some very bad news to Ryan's mother - her other three sons were killed in action.

"It's the strongest anti-war film I've ever seen," said Press. "It's about human emotion more than anything. There are people today who have no concept of World War II. This will be an eye opener for them."

"Saving Private Ryan," directed by Spielberg, asks the question, "Why is one man worth risking eight... why is the life of this private worth more than their own?"

Claire Cooper (Annette Bening) is haunted by the twisted visions of a killer (Robert Downey, Jr.) in "In Dreams," a psychological thriller due to be released this fall.

Coming to her in her dreams, the killer gradually begins to close in on Claire's waking life, drawing her into a dark vortex of insanity.



Drama: Captain John Miller (Tom Hanks, right) and the Sarge (Tom Sizemore) lead a squad of soldiers behind enemy lines to find and retrieve one man, Private James Ryan, in "Saving Private Ryan."

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at JET. Adam Rochkind of West Bloomfield has done "Lost in Yonkers" before too. He starred as Arty at JET's, and now plays Jay, the older brother, opposite Parker Plague of Canton who is Arty.

"It's not the same. The actors are different. I have to relate to each actor like a family member," said Hermelin, who, unlike the cold, unfeeling character she plays, loves her family and isn't afraid to show them.

During the interview she excused herself several times to answer a grandchild's question and took a call from her brother, David, the ambassador to Norway, who is visiting from Oslo. "He called on his car phone and started singing this song, he wanted to know if I knew what it

was," she said laughing.

"I've done the ground work, but I don't remember how a line was played before. My lines are a response to the moment I am experiencing on stage. It's new. In rehearsal we began to create this wonderful world in Yonkers."

Hermelin takes a positive approach to her character, even though people don't like her. "My sin is surviving my children," she said. "If you don't love, you can't feel loss. Life is hard, and you have to be hard like steel. If she's hard, she thinks her children and grandchildren will be able to face the hardness of life."

As the play unfolds, we learn a lot about grandma from the other characters. When she was

12 she went to a demonstration with her father in Germany. The soldiers came, and he was killed. A horse ran over her foot and broke it. Instead of getting her foot fixed, grandma used the money to bring her family - a husband and five children with one on the way - to America. After the child, Bella, is born, her husband dies. She starts a business, and distances herself from her children after two - Rose and Aaron, die. There's bitersweet humor when Louie says - "she never took an aspirin for the pain." Grandma's tough as nails in more ways than one.

"It's sad just to see all this," said Hermelin. "I understand it. As you grow older in life you lose people - my parents, friends, and you see other people who've lost children. Thank god I have not."

How did my mother and father survive the loss of a child? You think, 'Oh my god, I couldn't go on, but you I would have to. My character did what she had to do to survive and raise her children. She had these losses and developed this response - 'I had to hold people away from me, because it's hard to lose them. I became this woman.' Her grandchildren are important to her, but she never lets on."

For Wicks the challenges included working with set designer Peter Hicks to build doors that could be slammed in anger, finding the right dinnerware and period costumes, especially shoes, and working with Plague and Rochkind on their volume. "This is their first time at Meadow Brook," said Wicks. "It's a big stage."

TV, she says, is smaller than life; films are bigger than life, but theater is life-size, the actors are relating with the audience.

"People go to see plays over and over," said Wicks. "When I was acting I did 'South Pacific' six times and each time it was a different production."

For "Lost in Yonkers," she says "I couldn't have asked for a better cast. They look like a cohesive family. People should come in and allow the information and emotions to wash over them. I think American plays about families will always endure."

On stage, there is only joy for Hermelin, despite the character she plays. "You don't know what's going to happen out there. It's exciting."

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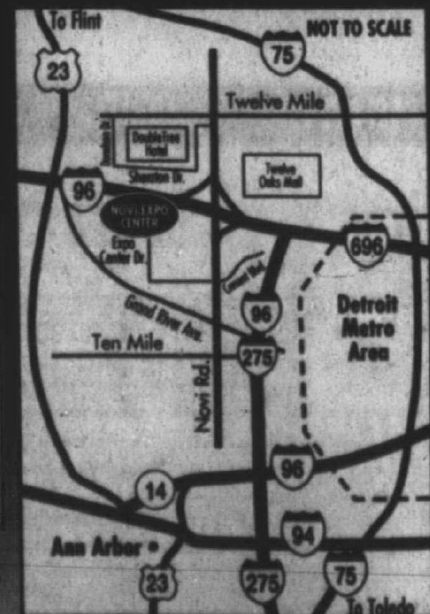
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BY HUGH G. STAFF WRITER

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Wonderful 'Wizard of Oz' on stage doesn't disappoint

"The Wizard of Oz," continues through April 26 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$45.50 (main floor and mezzanine), \$32.50 and \$17.50, with school and group discounts available. Call (248) 433-151, or (313) 596-3211 for information and show times.

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Birmingham native Jessica Grove is taking the first steps on the yellow brick road to stardom in a dazzling staging of the MGM version of L. Frank Baum's "The Wizard of Oz."

The 1939 movie classic is one of the most beloved entertainments ever. An unusual convergence of all the right elements resulted in a family movie that has yet to be equaled. It made a star of Judy Garland and gave Ray Bolger, Bert Lahr, Jack Haley, Margaret Hamilton and Frank Morgan their most enduring roles.

Director Robert Johanson took on the daunting task of bringing this magic to life on a theater stage.

The magic survives in a production that will delight little children with its special effects and adults with its wonderful music and nostalgic ties to the original film. This is not a cheap, traveling show ripoff of a known product. It is a first-class entertainment from sets to music to outstanding perfor-

REVIEW

mances. The Harold Arlen-E.Y. Harburg score is the best book musical ever written directly for a movie. (The Gershwins and Cole Porter wrote songs for the movies but never an integrated musical score.) It has life, wit, charm. It has the bounce of childhood but an irreverence that appeals to adults. For the stage production, Johanson has revived "The Jitterbug," a number rightly dropped from the movie because it was too contemporary but here an interesting tie to the '30s. The singers and the orchestra give full value to the music.

The performances are generally excellent, beginning with Grove's warm, sweet and caring Dorothy. She doesn't have Garland's nervous tremor, but she brings a quality to the part that is all her own. Lara Teeter as Scarecrow, Dirk Lumbard as the Tin Man and Ken Page as the Cowardly Lion each bring their own styles to their parts. Lumbard is probably closest to the film model but it is Page who gets the "lion's" share of laughs and sympathy. Judith McCauley as Glinda is a fine singer who creates the same magical serenity that Billie Burke did in the film.

But the real star turn here is

the indefatigable Eartha Kitt who is obviously enjoying herself immensely as the Wicked Witch. She hisses, cackles and does acrobatics as she sails through the air on her broomstick. How does she get that kind of energy?

Two other familiar faces round out the cast, AMC movie host Bob Dorian as Uncle Henry and the Winkie General and the legendary Mickey Rooney as the Wizard.

And a word, too, for Plenty, the dog who plays Toto with such patience and style.

The sets by Michael Anania provide a neat parallel to the film, beginning with a shades of gray Kansas that turns into a blaze of color Munchkinland. The Art Deco Emerald City and the German Expressionist Witch's lair are faithfully and fully recreated. And the Yellow Brick Road is brought right up front for the audience to get up-close and personal with the dancing foursome.

Special effects are handled flawlessly from a rowdy, twisty tornado to flying monkeys to disappearing slippers to fire shooting brooms. The kids will love it.

This is a stage production that works on its own terms and does tribute to its enduring sources.

This is a great introduction to live theater for children.



Courage: Mickey Rooney as the Wizard in "The Wizard of Oz" gives the Cowardly Lion (Ken Page) his courage.

'Three Sisters' well performed at Hilberry

Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre presents "Three Sisters," the dramatic classic by Anton Chekhov in rotating repertory through May 16 at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave. on campus, Detroit. For ticket information, call (313) 577-2972.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

The Hilberry's production of Chekhov's brooding masterpiece, "Three Sisters" is a masterfully performed 3-hour drama for the serious playgoer.

At the turn of the century, three well-bred and educated sisters, along with their ineffectual brother, are stranded in a small Russian town when their father, an army Commander, unexpectedly dies. They dream of returning to Moscow, their cultural and intellectual mecca. However, their genteel upbringing has left them unable to assert themselves in the real world. The siblings become pawns to fate, never confronting their dreams. Despite the occasional optimistic shadows their lessers cast, the sisters and their brother sink deeper into their own abyss.

This show will be the farewell performance for many third-year members of the Hilberry company. The actresses portraying the three sisters, Olga, Masha and Irina, are among those taking their final curtain call.

Mary Vignette captured the quiet desperation of Olga, the oldest sister, a spinster headmistress, who achingly confessed she would marry any man who asked. Vignette, often cast in older roles, proved she can portray the romantic longing and raw emotions of a younger, vulnerable character.

The talented Peggy Johns, whose past performances include a kaleidoscope of characters, cap-

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tured both the heavy melancholy of Masha's loveless marriage and the passion of a desperate woman pursuing an ill-fated affair.

Antoinette Doherty turned in her strongest performance of the season as Irina, the youngest sister, who quixotic quest for true love is doomed. Doherty's moving performance exposed the pain of unrequited love, and the heart-breaking acceptance of fate's cruel hand.

Other stand-outs in the cast include the brooding brother Andrey, played by Bret Tuomi, and Natasha, the crude but street smart sister-in-law, whose rise to power was skillfully crafted and cleverly timed by Judith Annozine. David Engelman captured the charismatic and seductive nature of Lt. Col. Alexander Vershinin, the object of Masha's desire.

The set was awkward at best; the different levels and entrances did not lend themselves to the play's blocking. The set was also overwhelmed with chairs, which were clumsily shoved together during one scene to form two beds; the cast would have done better without the ridiculous contrivance.

Sound engineer Mark DeLorenzo's music intensified the play's deliberate contrasts. The upbeat sounds of a march floated gaily in the air while the sisters mourn the exodus of the army garrison, whose officers were their only link to their past life. In a like manner, Brian Boyer's lighting captured emotional turning points with dramatically intense spots.



Drama: Mary Vignette (left to right), Peggy Johns and Antoinette Doherty in "Three Sisters," at Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre.

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DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Scott Joplin," a musical play about the king of ragtime, through Sunday, May 24, at the theater 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347 or DetRepTh@aol.com

FISHER THEATRE

"Rent" continues through June 13 at the Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. \$26-\$60. Seats in the front two rows of the orchestra will be made available for every performance for \$20, available at Fisher Theatre box office on the day of performance only, two hours before 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 no line jumping or space saving. Enter the Fisher Building at the south entrance on West Grand Boulevard. (248) 645-6666

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

"The Cemetery Club," a story about three widows in their early 50s who meet monthly to remember their husbands. Wednesday-Sunday, April 22-May 24, Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. \$13-\$23, with seniors, students and group discounts available. (248) 788-2900

MEADOW BOOK THEATRE

"Lost in Yonkers," through Sunday, May 10, at the theater at Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. \$18-\$32. (248) 377-3300

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY

"Book of Days," by Lanford Wilson, through Sunday, May 24, at the theater, 137 Park St., Chelsea. \$20-\$25. (734) 475-7902

WALK AND SQUAWK PERFORMANCE PROJECT

"How Can You Stoop SoLo?" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 23-25, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Performance Network, 408 W. Washington, Ann Arbor; "How Can You Stoop SoLo," 8 p.m. Thursdays April 30 and May 7, 9 p.m. Fridays, May 1 and 8, 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, May 2 and 9, and 7 p.m. Sundays May 3 and 10, 1515 Broadway Theatre, 1515 Broadway, Detroit. \$15, \$12 students and seniors, "pay what you can" Thursdays. (734) 668-3023

OPERA

WINDSOR LIGHT OPERA

"Fiddler on the Roof," featuring Nancy, Jody and Jenny Florkowski of Redford, and Rachel Cantor and Fred Wassermann, both of West Bloomfield, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Chrysler Theatre in the Cleary International Centre, Windsor. \$20, \$18 seniors, students or groups of 20 or more (Canadian). (517) 974-6593

COLLEGE

OU VARNER LAB THEATRE

"Children of a Lesser God," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18, Varner Lab Theatre, Varner Hall, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. 8 p.m. April 17 performance interpreted for the hearing impaired. (248) 370-3013

U-M SCHOOL OF MUSIC

"Mina and Colossus," a workshop production of a new musical based on the life of poet/artist Mina Loy, 8 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday, April 19-21, The Video Studio, room 1356, inside the Media Union Building, 2281 Bonisteel Boulevard, on the north campus of University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 764-0450

WSU BONISTEEL THEATRE

"Cabaret," by Joe Masteroff, John Kander and Fred Ebb, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, April 17-18 and 24-25, and 2 p.m. Sundays, April 19 and 26, at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave., on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

WSU HILBERT THEATRE

"Three Sisters," by Anton Chekhov, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 16, and Saturday, April 18; "A Woman of No Importance," by Oscar Wilde, 8 p.m. Friday, April 17, 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, and 8 p.m. Thursday, April 23; "Of Mice and Men," by John Steinbeck, 10 a.m. student matinee Tuesday, April 21; "Two Gentlemen of Verona," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Friday, April 24, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE

"The Merchant of Venice," by William Shakespeare, Thursday-Sunday, April 16-26, at the playhouse, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. 8 p.m., 2 p.m. Sundays. \$16, \$14 students and seniors. (734) 971-2228

AVON PLAYERS

"Blood Brothers," a musical about twin brothers separated at birth and the dramatic events that reunite them, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, April 24-25, May 1-2, 8-9, 15-16 and Thursday, May 14, and 2 p.m. Sundays, April 26, May 3, 10, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$13, student/senior and group rates available for Thursday and Sunday performances. (248) 608-9077

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Neil Simon's "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," 8 p.m. except Sundays, April 24-25, May 1-2, 7-9, 14-16, and 2 p.m. Sundays, April 26, May 3 and 10, at 32332 West 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$8. (248) 553-2955

HARTLAND PLAYERS

"The Foreigner," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, April 17-18 and 24-25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon Road, Hartland. \$8, \$7 students and seniors. (810) 220-3521



GERRY GOODSTEIN

On the road to Oz: Jessica Grove as Dorothy, and Lara Teeter as Scarecrow, in "The Wizard of Oz," continuing through April 26 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$45.50 (main floor and mezzanine), \$32.50 and \$17.50, with school and group discounts available. Call (248) 433-151, or (313) 596-3211 for information and show times.

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY THEATRE

"The Odd Couple," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, April 17-18 and 24-25, and May 1-2, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River Ave. (1/2 block east of Lahser Road), Detroit. \$10, with discounts for groups, seniors and students. (313) 532-4010

STAGECRAFTERS 2ND STAGE

"Extremities," a play which explores the impact of an attempted rape and its emotional aftermath for the intended victim, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, April 17-18 and 24-25, 7 p.m. Sunday, April 19, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette St., Royal Oak. \$7, with discounts for groups of 25 or more. (248) 541-6430

TROY PLAYERS

"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturday, April 17-18, 24-25 and May 1-2, 2 p.m. Sundays April 19 and 26, and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at the playhouse, 3179 Livernois (the old Troy High School, north of Big Beaver Road), Troy. \$10, \$9 seniors/children under age 12, group rates available. (248) 879-1285

DINNER THEATRE

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL

"Trial By Error," live interactive comedy dinner theater, through June at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$39.95 includes seven-course dinner of soup, bread, pasta, antipasto salad, baked chicken, Italian sausage, Italian steak, vegetables and dessert, the show, tax and tip; "Beanie Baby Capers," a children's theater program about folks who form a group to swap Beanie Babies after becoming frustrated with standing in line waiting for new Beanie Babies, Saturday, April 18, \$9.65 for children, \$11.65 for adults, includes the show, and mini-luncheon of soup, bread, salad, mostaccioli, chicken legs, dessert, tax and tip. (248) 349-0522

JACKSON PRODUCTIONS

"Murder Italian Style Part 3," an audience participation murder-mystery comedy, 6:30 p.m. Saturdays through May 16, at Fiorelli's Restaurant, 26125 E. Huron River Dr., Flat Rock. \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door, includes dinner, show, tax and tip. Non-smoking dinner theater. (313) 782-1431

DEBBIE REYNOLDS SHOW

Dinner of roast turkey breast, pork loin, baked cod and dessert, 5:15-6:45 p.m. Sunday, April 19, K Building, Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, preceded by 3 p.m. and followed by 7 p.m. performances of Debbie Reynolds Show, at the adjacent Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. \$15 dinner tickets. \$32, \$29 students and seniors for show. (810) 286-2141

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, April 18 and 25, and Sundays, April 19 and 26, and Thursday-Friday, April 16-17, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. Children ages 3 and younger will not be admitted. (248) 349-8110

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," Saturdays and Sundays April 18-May 24, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Noon lunch and 1 p.m. show Saturdays, and 1 p.m. lunch and 2 p.m. show Sundays. \$7.50 includes lunch. (810) 662-8118

PONTIAC THEATRE IV

"Oliver" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, May 1-2; 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2, Pontiac Northern High School, \$8, students/seniors, \$8, (248) 623-9389 or (248) 673-8003.

SPECIAL EVENTS

"BOOMERS PLUS LIFESTYLE EXPO" 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 18, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 19, Southfield Civic Center Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road. \$7. (248) 647-1660

CAPITOL THEATRE "FAUX FEST" With Garth Brooks impersonator Garrick Sissons, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at the

Capitol Theatre's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave. W., Windsor, Ontario. \$12. All ages. (519) 253-8065 or <http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol> or capitol@mnsi.net

"CIVIL WAR MUSTER"

Featuring a "Sham Battle," military encampment demonstrations, musket firing competition, drills, Dodworth Saxhorn Band and bake sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 18, Depot Town, Ypsilanti. (734) 483-4444 or <http://www.ypsilanti.org>

DETROIT MUSIC AWARDS

With performances by Ted Nugent, Jazzhead, Dietrich Haddon, The Rev. Wright Time and the First Cousins of Funk, Mr. B. Jill Jack and the Wild Bunch, 7 p.m. Friday, April 24, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$25 reserved cabaret tickets, \$7 in advance and \$10 day of show for general admission balcony. After-show party with Imperial Swing Orchestra and Robb Roy starts at 9:30 p.m. \$10. (313) 961-5451

GUN AND KNIFE SHOW

With guns, rifles, hunting supplies, and ammo, noon to 9 p.m. Friday, April 17, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 18, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 19, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road, Taylor. (734) 287-2000

MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at the State Fairgrounds, Woodward Avenue and Eight Mile, Detroit. \$6, \$1 ages 6-12.

RECORD AND CD MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPO

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 19, Knights of Columbus, 870 N. Main St. (1/2 mile north of 14 Mile Road), Clawson. \$3. (248) 546-4527

"SO YOU WANNA BE A STAR?"

Music seminar and showcase co-sponsored by the Detroit Musicians Alliance and the Motor City Music Foundation, featuring 1-6 p.m. Saturday, April 18, seminar with guest speakers Gary Graff, Jim Clevo, Jason McCauley Berry, Stewart Francke, Howard Abrams, Howard Hertz, Bryon Nolan and Ben Edmonds, 6-7 p.m. demo listening forum, and 7:30 to 1 a.m. band showcase with DMA bands at J.D.'s Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$10 seminar and showcase, \$5 showcase only; \$5 for those 18 and younger. (313) 730-SONG or dmaprec@hotmail.com

SPORTS CARD SHOW

With sports memorabilia, trading cards, racing collectibles, and sports wear, noon to 9 p.m. Friday, April 24, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road, Taylor. (734) 287-2000

SWIECONKA

Traditional Polish Easter dinner, 1 p.m. Sunday, April 19, American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Road, Troy. \$15, \$8 children. (248) 689-3636

BENEFITS

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

New York Comedian Jeff Stilson performs as part of a benefit for JET, 5-9 p.m. Sunday, April 19, Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$45 includes show, dinner and desserts. (248) 350-2728

FRANK PATTERSON

"Ireland's Golden Tenor" performs as part of a benefit for Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, 6:30 p.m. cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, 8 p.m. show Tuesday, April 21, Hyatt Regency, Dearborn. \$65. (248) 559-9209

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS "ODD" AUCTION

6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18, includes catered dinner, silent and live auctions, entertainment, at the playhouse, 205 West Long Lake, Troy. \$15. (248) 988-7049

"UNDER THE BIG TOP" AUCTION

The Parents Club of Our Lady of Refuge School in Orchard Lake present an auction fundraiser of more than 500 items, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Dombrowski Field House, Orchard Lake. \$35 per person, to fund a science lab for the school. (248) 932-3237

FAMILY FUN

gamba, Paul O'Dette, vihuela, Andrew Lawrence-King, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Lydia Mendisohn Theatre, Michigan League, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$15 and \$25. (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

POPS/SWING

ONE BEAT BACK

Hosts sixth annual dinner dance with 7:30 p.m. dinner, and dancing from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, April 17, Royalty House, 8201 Old 13 Mile Road (one block east of Van Dyke Avenue), Warren. \$30. All ages. (swing) (810) 977-BEAT

ONE FLIGHT UP

7 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, in the dining room at the Southfield Senior Adult Center, 24350 Civic Center Drive. \$5 advance, \$6 at door. (248) 354-9362

BRASS MUSIC

CHICAGO STAFF BAND

7 p.m. Saturday, April 18, First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville. \$4, \$2 students. (248) 477-1153

ORGAN MUSIC

RUSSELL HOLMES

7 p.m. Saturday, April 18, Senate Theater, 6424 Michigan Ave. (at Livernois Road), Detroit. \$10. (313) 894-4100/(313) 894-0850

AUDITIONS

CAPITOL THEATRE

Audition for "Pump Boys and Dinettes," 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at the theater, 121 University Ave. W., Windsor, Ontario. (519) 253-8065

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

Auditions for a male dancer to perform with the company March to May and Aug. 26 to May 1999, must be highly skilled in modern dance technique and improvisation and have training in ballet. Auditions take place during company classes 9:30-11 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, at Central United Methodist Church, corner of Woodward and Adams, Detroit. (313) 965-3544

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Open auditions now through August for dancers ages 16 and older, by appointment only 2 p.m. Saturdays. The performing arts company regularly appears year round. (248) 552-5001

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Seeks a chorus director for its new season beginning in September. Candidates must be available for Tuesday evening rehearsals from 7:30-9:30 p.m., two formal concerts in May and December, and various other local community engagements. Candidates should send their resume and salary requirements to the chorus, P.O. Box 165, Troy, MI 48069. (248) 879-0138

CHORAL

"INDUSTRY SINGS"

8 p.m. Saturday, April 25, featuring choirs from Detroit Edison, Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Masco, and the Gentlemen Songsters, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, M-59 (Hall Road) and Garfield, Clinton Township. \$7, \$6 seniors/students, group discounts available. (313) 532-8808

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University's music department hosts a spring choral concert, 7 p.m. Sunday, April 19, in the Motherhouse Chapel, Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia. Admission is free but donations to the music scholarship fund accepted. (734) 432-5709

OU COMMUNITY CHORUS

"Grand Choruses from the World of Opera" concert 8 p.m. Friday, April 17, Varner Recital Hall, Varner Hall, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. (248) 370-3013

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

"Broadway Magic" concert featuring showtunes, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Plymouth-Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. \$8. (734) 455-4080

JAZZ

SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD

10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. ("gypsy jazz") (313) 861-8101

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 24, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

CARNEGIE HALL JAZZ BAND

8 p.m. Friday, April 17, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave. (between Mack and Warren avenues), Detroit. \$13-\$60. (313) 576-5111

FREDDY COLE QUARTET

The brother of the late Nat "King" Cole performs 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$18. (734) 662-8310

JACK DRYDEN TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 17, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (guitar/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

TEDDY EDWARDS

9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25 (\$25), and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 26, as part of his 74th birthday party (\$35), Serehget Ballroom, 2957 Woodward Ave. (at Charlotte), Detroit. (313) 832-3010

CHARLES GREENE

7:30-11:30 p.m. Fridays, April 17 and 24, and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22; O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (jazz pianist) (248) 399-6750

JOHNNY GRIFFIN QUARTET

8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday, April 16, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO

8:30-10:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Java Master, 33214 W. 14 Mile Road (east of Farmington Road), West Bloomfield; 7-10 p.m. Fridays, at Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 626-7393/(248) 474-3033/(248) 305-7333

INTRIQUE

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (jazz/top 40) (248) 852-0550

SHEILA LANDIS

With her trio, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 18, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older; 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, Colangelo's, 2 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages; With Rick Matle, 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150/(248) 334-2275/(313) 861-8101

KID BROTHER

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 16, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

MARSALIS/STRAVINSKY WORLD PREMIERE

Featuring Wynton Marsalis performing his latest composition based on Igor Stravinsky's "L'Histoire du Soldat," with David Shifrin, clarinet, Milan Turkovic, bassoon, David Taylor, trombone, Ida Kavafian, violin, Edgar Meyer, bass, and Jason Marsalis, percussion, as part of a joint project of The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and Jazz at Lincoln Center, 8 p.m. Friday, April 24, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$25-\$40. (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, and with guest saxophone player Gener Parker, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Botsford Inn,

8 days a week

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DEE CARSTENSEN
7:30 p.m. Friday, April 17, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS
Host open jam for string band musicians. 4-6 p.m. Saturday, April 18, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 662-3371

"DANCING LIGHTS FOLK FESTIVAL"
Showcases eight folk music acts including Jane Stormer, Vint & Mathilda, Jennifer Jean Smith, Richard Lawrence, Michael Wagner, and Liz Mombiano of Farmington. 7 p.m. Saturday, April 18, U-Club in the Michigan Union, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$7 with ID students/seniors, available at the door. (734) 763-3202/327-2041

JULIE FOUNTAIN
9-11 p.m. Friday April 17, at the Coffee Studio, 600 West Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Free. The Coffee Studio is looking for musicians and poets to read their works and perform during Open Mic nights every Wednesday. Sign up time is 7:30 p.m. (734) 416-9288

RAY WYLIE HUBBARD
8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12 \$11 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

RON MOORE
7:45-9:30 p.m. Sunday, April 19, Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. \$3.50 suggested donation. All ages. (Christian-oriented folk) (734) 416-9288

THE OSBORNE BROTHERS
8 p.m. Friday, April 24, Oakland Community College, Lila Jones Johnson Theatre, 739 S. Washington, Royal Oak. \$12. All ages. (bluegrass) (248) 544-4903

RFD BOYS
8 p.m. Friday, April 24, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$9, \$8 members, students, seniors. All ages. (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

JO SERRAPERRE
8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 544-1141

DANCE

FOURTH FRIDAY FLING ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE

With caller Peter Baker and music by the Contrapreneurs, 8 p.m. Friday, April 24, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-8863

GENDER-FREE CONTRA DANCE
With the Ann Arbor Rainbow Dancers and caller Joseph Pimentel, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, April 19, Fellowship Room, Ann Arbor Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill St. (west of Washtenaw Avenue), Ann Arbor. \$6, \$5 students. (734) 764-6958 or yusuf@umich.edu

ROCKY ROAD ADVANCED CONTRA-ENGLISH DANCE

With callers Eric Arnold and Peter Baker, and music by David West and Donna Baird, 7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

THIRD SATURDAY CONTRA DANCE

With the Cobblestone Farm Dancers, callers Peter Baker and Robin Warner, and music by Joyous Noise, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 18, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$6. (734) 665-8863/(734) 426-0241

COMEDY

BIG RED'S COMEDY CLUB

Keith Ruff and Chris Spyer, Friday-Saturday, April 17-18; Seth Buckwald, Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, at the club in Mr. B's Roadhouse - Oxford, 595 N. Lapeer Road (M-24), Oxford. 9248) 628-6500

GALLAGHER II: THE LIVING SEQUEL

7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, April 18, and 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Sunday, April 19, Farmington Civic Theatre, 33332 Grand River Ave. (at Farmington Road), Farmington. \$25 and \$20. (248) 477-5556

JOE'S MACOMB THEATRE

Open mic night with Mary Ann DeMoss. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at the club, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 465-5154

JOE'S COMEDY CLUB

Leo Dufour, Tim Rowlands and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, April 16 (free), and Friday-Saturday, April 17-18 (\$12); Steve McGrew and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, April 23 (free), Friday, April 24 (\$15), and Saturday, April 25 (\$16), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays; and 8 p.m. Sundays for new talent/Third Level improv. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Joe Piscopo, Friday-Sunday, April 17-19, cancelled; Bob Golub, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16 (\$8, \$18.95 dinner show package), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18, (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package); Billy Ray Bauer, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23 (\$8, \$18.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner show package), 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Chris Titus, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16 (\$9), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18 (\$12); Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22 (\$6); Jackie Flynn, who appeared in the movie "Killing", 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23 (\$7), and 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-

Saturday, April 24-25 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

HOWIE MANDEL

Concert in the round, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 24 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$22.50 reserved, \$12.50 general admission. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Jeff Stillson and Tim Costello, Thursday-Sunday, April 16-19; Kathleen Madigan, 1996 Best Female Club Comic, Wednesday-Sunday, April 22-26 (\$8 Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, \$15 Friday and Saturday), at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices same unless otherwise noted. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

SECOND CITY

"Down Riverdance," 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$10), Thursdays (\$10) and Sundays (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays (\$17.50) and Saturdays (\$19.50), through spring; "Seven Knives for Seven Lovers," a performance by The Second City's Training Center graduates, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19, and 8 p.m. Monday, April 20 (\$4), at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

"Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," experience the adrenalin rush of roller coasters in this film, 5020 John R (at Warren Road), Detroit. \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation. Hours are: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or <http://www.sciencedetroit.org>

GREENFIELD VILLAGE

American Girls Museum Program based on the character of Samantha Parkington, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 16-17, at the village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. \$40 includes light refreshments and the 2 hour and 45 minute-hour program. (313) 982-6180; "Spring Farm Days" focuses on wool, Thursday-Sunday, April 23-26. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors 62 and older, \$7.50 kids 5-12, free for children younger than 5 and for members. (313) 271-1620

POPULAR MUSIC

ALLIGATORS

9 p.m. Saturday, April 18, Carriage House Blues Band, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS

9 p.m. Friday, April 24, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

BUGS BEDDOW BAND

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18. Bachelor's, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Friday, April 24, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Orleans, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (trombone-driven party blues) (248) 682-2295/(313) 259-2643 or <http://www.bugsbeddow.com>

BEDHEAD

9 p.m. Saturday, April 18, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 833-POOL or <http://www.961melt.com>

NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL STARS

9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 27, Bacci Abracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (variety) (248) 253-1300

BENNY AND THE JETS

9 p.m. Sundays in April, Buck's Place, 23845 W. Warren Road (one block east of Telegraph Road), Dearborn Heights. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 274-6005

BETTER DAYS

10 p.m. Saturday, April 18, Mount Chalet, 4715 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, April 24, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 549-2929/(810) 731-1750

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASOUNDS

9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (jump blues) (734) 445-8450

THE BIZER BROTHERS

8 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays in April, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (pop) (313) 567-4400

BLUES CAT

With Ken Murphy, 8 p.m. Friday, April 17, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BLUE HAWAIIANS

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BLUE ROSE

9 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BLUE SUIT BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday, April 17, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older; With Alberta Adams, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643/(248) 644-4800

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE

With Leonard Moon, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (R&B) (248) 652-1600

BRAIN VAN 3000

7 p.m. Thursday, April 16, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8.50 in advance, \$10 at the door. All ages. (hip-hop/pop) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

BRIAN JONESTOWN MASSACRE

With Swoon 23, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7 in advance. 18 and older. (rock) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

BRIDGE

9 p.m. Thursday, April 16-Saturday, April 18, and Thursday, April 23, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3.21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

BUSTERS BLUES BAND

9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 455-8450

CALOBO

With Rubber Soul, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 19, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. ("acoustic and electric intertwined into one groove") (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

CD3

With Almighty Groove, 9 p.m. Friday, April 17, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

SHAWN COLVIN

Does an acoustic solo performance, with special guest Loudon Wainwright III, 8 p.m. Friday, April 24, Michigan Theatre, 603 Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$35 gold circle. All ages. (pop) (734) 668-8397

HARRY CONNICK JR. AND HIS ORCHESTRA

"An Evening of Romance," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (734) 764-8350

C-TEC

With Rorschach Test, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 16, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (techno) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

DEEP SPACE SIX

9 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (Deadhead) (734) 485-5050

DEFAMATION OF CHARACTER (DOC)

9 p.m. Friday, April 24, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

DR. JOHN

7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$20 in advance, \$23 day of show. All ages. (blues) (734) 761-1451

DUKE TUMATO

8 p.m. Thursday, April 16, Carriage House Blues Alley, 24300 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440

EARTH CRISIS

7 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$9 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

GLEN EDDIE

9 p.m. Saturday, April 18, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

KOOKSTIK HOOKAH

With Gustar, 8 p.m. Friday, April 17, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$12.50 in advance. 19 and older. (Deadhead) (734) 996-8555

EL-KABONG

With The Crossing, 9 p.m. Friday, April 17, JD's Entertainment Center, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Ladies free before midnight. 18 and older. ('70s hard-core covers) (810) 465-5154

FACE

With Blue Eyed Soul, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. Free. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 875-1115

PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS

10 p.m. Friday, April 24, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 683-5458

THE FIGGS

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

5 TON CREEK

10 p.m. Thursday, April 16, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, April 24, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (rock/funk) (248) 349-9110/(734) 421-2250

4 DEGREES

10 p.m. Friday, April 17, Scalici's Underground Lounge, 6650 Allen Road, Allen Park. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 438-0029

JULIE FOUNTAIN

8 p.m. Friday, April 17, Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Free. All ages. (acoustic) (734) 416-9288

4TH FUNKTION

With Gail, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 18, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

GANGSTER FUN

9 p.m. Saturday, April 18, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (ska) (734) 485-5050

ROBERT GILLESPIE AND STEPHEN GRANT WOOD

8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 544-1141

GOVERNMENT MONEY

9 p.m. Sundays in April, and Friday, April 24-Saturday, April 25, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3.21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

GRR

10 p.m. Thursday, April 16, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (734) 421-2250

GYPSEY TRIBE

10 p.m. Friday, April 17, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 332-HOWL

DAN HICKS AND THE ACOUSTIC WARRIORS

8 p.m. Friday, April 17, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$12 in advance. 18 and older. Postponed until 8 p.m. Saturday, June 13. Tickets for April 17 will be honored June 13. (rock) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

HOWLING DIABLOS

With Blue Eyed Soul, 9 p.m. Friday, April 17, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (funk/rock) (313) 832-2355

HUM

9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (734) 996-8555

JILL JACK

9 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (roots rock) (248) 543-4300

JAM PACT

9 p.m. Friday, April 24, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 581-3650

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 360-7450

JUST INSIDE

With Blindsided, Concrete Import and Blindfold, 9 p.m. Friday, April 24, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154

PETER KEANE

MOVIES

Burns' 'No Looking Back' 1 step up, 2 steps back

TICKETS PLEASE



JOHN MONAGHAN

When "The Brothers McMullen" came out of Sundance in 1995, it was a breath of fresh air. Where other young directors scrambled to become the next Tarantino, Ed Burns wrote, directed and starred in an old-fashioned tale of Irish-American brotherly love set in the working-class neighborhoods of New Jersey.

"No Looking Back" is better than his sophomore effort, "She's the One," but it's barely a step forward. Set in an unnamed New York coastal town, this grainy, low-budget story's only innovation is surrounding Burns with a more recognizable cast.

His Charlie left town three years ago and has now come

back to reclaim his old girlfriend, Claudia (Lauren Holly), a waitress at the local diner. The only problem: she lives with Charlie's best friend Michael (Jon Bon Jovi), a genuinely nice working stiff who can't convince her to tie the knot.

The message behind "No Looking Back" is essentially the same as Burns' other movies: "Guys are jerks, and sometimes they have to wander, but we love them just the same." Claudia is first put off, but then starts to come around, driving her Camaro past the gas station where Charlie works and buying into his plans of traveling anywhere as long as it's far away.

As a writer, Burns is still better with guys. It was hard to tell in his first two movies because he cast his real-life girlfriend, who could barely act. With Holly, who really can when given the chance, it's obvious that she longs for a script as insightful as

it is earnest. This one supplies only the latter.

As her patient boyfriend, rocker Bon Jovi continues to surprise everyone with his low-key, likable screen persona. He's far better than Burns, who has this quality—at once charming and irritating—where he can never answer a question without a wry look or an affected stammer.

In one of the movie's better moments, a friendly poker game turns nasty as Charlie keeps upping the ante. When the others protest ("You know we don't play for those kinds of stakes"), he goads Michael into borrowing money from another player just to see the cards. The game ends with anger flaring and Michael demanding he stay away from Claudia.

Invariably, when the conversation turns to her, the tension is almost palpable as the guys try to maintain their precarious friendship. Charlie vows not to

see her, but keeps reminding Michael that, with no ring on her finger, she's legally fair game.

While the tiny moments sometimes save the movie, it all adds up to very little. I like the bit where Claudia files her nails in a slow moment at the diner and looks over to see an older colleague doing the same. But I never believe that Holly is an actual waitress the way I did in

say, "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore," the kind of movie Burns tries to emulate.

Bruce Springsteen has been featured on countless soundtracks, but this is the first since John Sayles' "Baby, It's You" to use his work—all older material—in such quantity. His working-class anthems fit the movie well—maybe too well.

As Springsteen croons "One

Step Up and Two Steps Back," you realize that he's not just singing about Burns' character Charlie. It's about the path Burns the filmmaker continues to take with movies like "No Looking Back."

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, April 17

"BUTCHER BOY"

Exclusively at the Main Art Theatre, an ironic look back at the time and place in recent Irish history, as well as a funny, startling and compassionate explanation of the forces, both social and emotional, that send a child spinning extravagantly out of control.

"NIGHTWATCH"

Suspense thriller about a law student who takes a part time job as a night watchman in a hospital morgue just as a serial killer has begun to terrorize the city, and the clues left make him the prime suspect. Stars Nick Nolte, Patricia Arquette.

"MAJOR LEAGUE: BACK TO THE MINORS"

The baseball comedy series continues when a former minor-league pitcher accepts an offer to manage a misfit Triple-A team. Stars Scott Bakula.

"THE OBJECT OF MY AFFECTION"

Romantic comedy about a woman who leases a room in her apartment to a gay man and then finds herself falling in love with him. Stars Jennifer Aniston, Paul Rudd, Alan Alda.

"PAULIE"

Family drama told through the eyes of a parrot who can speak and understand English. Stars Gena Rowlands.

"SUICIDE KINGS"

Dark comedic thriller centers around five Long Island prep students who kidnap a former Mafia capo to exchange for the kidnapped sister of one of the boys. Stars Christopher Walken, Denis Leary.

"I LOVE YOU DON'T TOUCH ME"

Exclusively at United Artists—Oakland. Romantic comedy centers around a 25-year-old virgin's journey through the L.A. dating scene looking for the perfect guy. Stars Marla Schaffel.

Scheduled to open Friday, April 24

"THE BIG ONE"

Exclusively at the Main Art Theatre, Michael Moore has returned to America's Heartland to try to figure out why our corporations post ever higher profits, yet continue to downsize. Stars Michael Moore, who also directed, Garrison Keillor, Studs Terkel.

"THE BIG HIT"

Action thriller about a quartet of freelance guns-for-hire who may have gotten involved in one job too many and find that a hit is now out on them. Stars Mark Wahlberg.

"SLIDING DOORS"

What if one split second had the potential of sending your life in two different directions? "Sliding Doors" is a contemporary love story that follows one woman's life beyond that deciding moment—down two different paths. Stars Gwyneth Paltrow.

"THE SPANISH PRISONER"

Exclusively at the Main Art Theatre. The story of a young business executive who develops a dangerous relationship with a mysterious tycoon. Stars Steve Martin.

"TARZAN AND THE LOST CITY"

Based on the original character created by Edgar Rice Burroughs. Tarzan returns to Africa from Greystoke in order to save his homeland from fortune-hunting European mercenaries searching for the wealthy lost city of Opur.

"TWO GIRLS AND A GUY"

Exclusively at the AMC Maple Theatre. An examination of the love triangle from a revealing new angle. Shot almost entirely in real time, the film captures the intensity, complexity and ambiguity of modern relationships in an era when fidelity and sexuality and honesty aren't always a happy trio.

Scheduled to open Friday, May 1

"ALMOST HEROES"

Rolling comedy about two explorers who lead a band of hopeless and clueless misadventurers in a race to beat Lewis & Clark across the uncharted American West. Stars Chris Farley and Matthew Guest.

"DANGER, TEXAS POP. 81"

Four guys, best friends, who have grown up together in a tiny west Texas town, make a vow to leave town together when they graduate. Now the time has come to "put up" or "shut up." Stars Ethan Embry.

"DEJA VU"

Exclusively at the AMC Maple Theatre. A film about the powerful pull strangers can feel toward one another and how plans can be disrupted by mysterious feelings of connection and belonging that seem to defy logic. Stars Vanessa Redgrave.

"LES MISERABLES"

Victor Hugo's epic tale of love, honor and obsession. Stars Liam Neeson, Geoffrey Rush, Uma Thurman, Claire Danes.

Scheduled to open Friday, May 15

"THE QUEST FOR CAMELOT"

Thrilling adventure set in a magical world. Timeless legends and contemporary humor are intertwined with images created by some of the world's most distinguished animation artists.

Scheduled to open Friday, May 29

"HOPE FLOATS"

When a woman's picture perfect life comes crashing down around her, she returns home to start over. There her life becomes even more complicated, but she finds the strength to reclaim her life and rediscovers something she had almost given up on, hope. Stars Sandra Bullock, Harry Connick Jr.

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

Detroit Film Theatre—Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors).

"Nights of Cabiria" (Italy-1957). Friday-Sunday, April 17-19 (call for showtimes). Giulietta Masina plays a prostitute whose grasp on the value of life is tested to the breaking point in this early classic by director (and Masina's husband) Federico Fellini. The story was later used for the Bob Fosse musical "Sweet Charity."

"Capitaine Conan" (France-1996). 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 20. At the end of World War I, a band of fierce French soldiers refuse to stop fighting. Another bizarre history piece from Bertrand Tavernier, director of "Round Midnight."

"Magic Bag"—22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information. (\$2).

"L.A. Confidential" (USA-1997). 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22. A complex thriller, set in the 1950s, about the rough and ready days of the LAPD, where a trio of police detectives

all have their own way of getting the job done. Kevin Spacey shines as the "celebrity cop" who consults for a "Dragnet"-type TV show and also works hand-in-hand with the tabloids.

Main Art Theatre—118 N. Main (at 11 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students/seniors and matinees; \$3 twilight).

"The Real Blonde" (USA-1998). From Tom DiCillo, director of "Living in Oblivion," comes this romantic comedy set in New York City about a group of characters whose lives intertwine in the superficial world of fashion and entertainment. Matthew Modine and Daryl Hannah star.

"Niagara Niagara" (USA-1998). Two misfits meet while shoplifting in this contemporary melodrama set in upstate New York.

"The Apostle" (USA-1997). Robert Duvall's tour de force as a preacher who has a crisis of faith and thus tries to get his life back in order. Farrah Fawcett co-stars. Redford Theatre—17360 Lahser (at Grand River), Detroit. Call (313) 537-2560 for information. (\$2.50).

"Singin' in the Rain" (USA-1952). 8 p.m. Friday, April 17; 2

and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 18 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime). See one of the reasons why director Stanley Donen copped that Lifetime Achievement Award at the Oscars this year. The sublime musical was co-directed by Gene Kelly, who also stars as a movie actor, a matinee idol, coming to grips with the talking picture. Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds co-star.

Windsor Film Theatre—2135 Wyandotte Street, Windsor, Canada. Call (519) 254-FILM for information. (\$5.25 Canadian; \$4 U.S.).

"Deceiver" (USA-1997). 9:15 p.m. through Sunday, April 19. Set mostly in the interrogation room of a police station, the movie follows a wealthy alcoholic accused of murdering a prostitute. Starring Tim Roth, Chris Penn, and Michael Rooker.

"The Knowledge of Healing" (Switzerland-1997). 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 18-19. A study of Tibetan medicine, this film focuses on Dr. Tenzin Choedrak, personal physician to the Dalai Lama. He joins with the great exiled spiritual leader in a discussion of the full meaning of health.

Magic Bag presents animation shorts

Don't miss The Magic Bag's premiere of "General Chaos: Uncensored Animation," a collection of animated shorts premiering at The Magic Bag in Ferndale Friday-Saturday, May 1-2. There are two shows each evening 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Doors open a half hour before showtime. Running time is approximately 90 minutes including intermission. Tickets \$6 in advance; 21 and older only admitted to late show. For tickets and information, call (248) 544-3030, or visit the website at www.themagicbag.com.

Advance tickets are available at The Magic Bag Box Office 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, or Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6666 online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>.

"General Chaos: Uncensored Animation" presents 20 shorts running the creative gamut of cel art, clay animation, puppetry,

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Timing right for Gandharvas

Timing is everything, according to singer Paul Jago of The Gandharvas. And now was the time for his London, Ontario-based band to get a worldwide record deal.

"With the first album, we had an indie deal with a label out of Chicago that went nowhere. Then the second album didn't have very much notoriety. It was hard to sell. This one just seemed to work," Jago explained via telephone from his London home.

The "one" Jago is speaking of is "Sold for a Smile." The Gandharvas' debut effort for MCA Records. Released in the fall 1997 in Canada, "Sold for a Smile" has sold more than 25,000 copies, halfway to a gold record in that country.

Fans in the United States will get the chance to hear it for themselves when "Sold for a Smile" is released here Tuesday, April 28. Those who are really anxious can see The Gandharvas play a free, all-ages show with fellow Canucks Pure on Friday, April 17, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit.

As with most border cities, Detroiters have had a jump start with the music of The Gandharvas, named after the Hindu term for "celestial musicians to the gods." Radio station CIMX (88.7) has played the band's first single "Downtime" from "Sold for a Smile" for months.

The moody, ethereal song "The First Day of Spring," off an earlier album, has inundated the radio station's airwaves for weeks. Fans of that song will be



Gandharvas:
Time is right for a major label deal. The band plays St. Andrew's Hall on Friday.

surprised when they pick up "Sold for a Smile." Shortly after Jago's quiet vocal introduction in "The First Day of Spring," The Gandharvas injected a metal/hip-hop guitar feel leading up to the second verse.

"We had originally recorded this album without 'The First Day of Spring.' We were doing it live that way; the heavy version. When we signed on with MCA in the States, they came to see our show a few times and they heard the heavy version. We decided we might as well put it on the U.S. album and re-release it in Canada as well," Jago said.

He added that he likes both versions for different reasons.

"I like the subtly of the first one. It's a little more dramatic. The first one is not very exciting to me live. It takes too long to develop. The second one is much more fun all around. It has bite."

But like the first one, Jago's vocals resemble Jane's Addiction's frontman Perry Farrell. When CIMX plays the original version of the song, it fields several calls from Jane's fans asking on what album that song can be found.

All the material on "Sold for a Smile" has a "bite" to it. "Downtime," the first single and opening track, along with "Watching The Girl" and "Hammer in a Shell" are out-and-out rockers. "Waiting for Something to Happen/Reprise" whips through in record time compared to The Gandharvas' previous work. "Sold for a Smile" hits a melancholy note with "Shells."

Literally, the underlying theme of "Sold for a Smile" is the "write-record-tour cycle" in which musicians work. Money ("Downtime"), greed and commercialism ("Sarsaparilla"), and

alienation ("Waiting for Something to Happen") are addressed on the record.

"Every album we do is different," explained the soft-spoken Jago who sounds as if it's almost painful to answer questions about the album.

"We decided that for this record we would do a straight-up rock 'n' roll record, which is more like our live shows. We were just really concentrating on doing an album that was true to form to what you see when you see the band. There used to be a bit of a discrepancy between what we do on the live shows and what you get on the CD."

Not with "Sold for a Smile," he added. Finally after releasing earlier albums "A Soap Bubble and Inertia," and "Kicking in the Water" on indie labels, The Gandharvas can show U.S. fans what it's all about.

"It makes it much easier when we do come to towns like Detroit or Buffalo or whatever. It's always hard telling people, when they ask, that they have to go over the bridge to get our CDs. It's kind of a nuisance."

"It's all timing. You know you have to keep making an effort to get a deal anywhere to extend your audience. It took us a little while."

The Gandharvas along with Pure and Plain perform a free show Friday, April 17, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Doors open at 6 p.m. for the all-ages show. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com>.

Eric Clapton fans come from all ages

The audience for last week's Eric Clapton concert at the Palace of Auburn Hills included boomers who probably started listening to the guitar legend as teenagers, their kids and at least one lady who appeared to be in her 80s.

Being around as long as Clapton has in his various incarnations, it's probably natural that his audience covers a lot of different age groups. It also doesn't hurt that several Clapton songs have become mainstays of light rock radio, in addition to oldies stations.

There's nothing wrong with appealing to a wider audience, but the most recent Clapton concert at times had an unsatisfying and almost watered-down quality. It wasn't that Clapton wasn't musically strong - he was in fine voice and his guitar work was as strong as ever. The problem was more the crowd on the stage with him and a lack of emotional depth in some of his more recent songs.

A 20-piece orchestra backed Clapton and his band which included three back-up singers. With the exception of "Tears in Heaven," the strings were mostly an annoyance that muddled the overall sound. At worst it was like having a slight buzz in your stereo speakers, at best superfluous. Also, in fairness, it might have been the sound at the Palace also sounded a little fuzzy at times.

To his credit, Clapton has been known for performing new arrangements of his songs over the years. That was one of



Eric Clapton

the fine aspects of his "Unplugged" performances that featured a shuffling version of "Layla," which was performed last week.

Clapton was at his strongest when he sat down and performed with an acoustic guitar or powered through harder driving blues numbers like "Old Love" and "Have You Ever Loved a Woman." Seemed like old times again.

The capacity crowd seemed to enjoy the two-hour concert but there wasn't the enthusiasm shown at, for instance, a concert in support of "From the Cradle." That strongly blues based set had an energy and emotion that are lacking from some other Clapton work including songs from his current release "Pilgrim" which opened the show.

Stratford director makes pitch for the arts

BACKSTAGE PASS



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this entity, "the arts," equal parts soap bubble and tank.

On Backstage Pass, we try to promote and nurture the arts, and happily we're not alone. Recently, Wayne State Theatre Department faculty member and Backstage host Blair Anderson was able to sit down with Richard Monette, the artistic director of the Stratford Festival, a cherished annual summer theater event that has championed Shakespeare and other great work for years.

Mr. Monette was in town to address the Economic Club of Detroit with a speech he called, "Lunatics, Lovers and People of Business: Why We Need Artists." Blair commented to me on the uniqueness of the address, "Often when artistic leaders make appeals to the business community, it's for corporate sponsorship, donations, and phi-

lanthropic hand-outs. Monette's appeal was much more essential in describing the need of a society to actively interact with the arts.

"Monette gained immediate credibility when he was introduced as an artistic executive who had taken his company from a deficit only a few years ago to a company 'in the black' even while making extensive outlays for improved facilities." Smart man. In addressing business people, he spoke the language of the bottom line.

Blair said he built other bridges, too. "Monette pointed out essential qualities in an artist: you need to generate ideas, bring something new to the table. You need to turn the ideas into viable realities, so you need the skills, motivation, and energy to follow through. You need to micro- and macro-manage, giving attention to details while keeping the big picture in mind. Theatre artists need to work independently and as part of a team, and need analytical and critical skills to assess your own performance and work. The audience chuckled in growing awareness of the similarities between good artists and successful business people. His point was that art doesn't happen in one's sleep or on the spur of the moment. It demands hard work."

"Monette stressed that art was

'good for you,' but shouldn't be seen as some sort of cultural medicine but rather as a fine wine: 'complex, rich and intoxicating; it inspires conversation; it aids in love; and we consume it for pleasure.'

What an eloquent voice for the arts! Blair also asked Richard about the upcoming season. "It's an exciting one: 'Man of La Mancha,' and 'Miracle Worker' for popular fare; Tennessee Williams' 'The Night of the Iguana' and Beckett's 'Waiting for Godot' are piquing my interest. Richard is directing two shows: Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing' and Moliere's 'The Miser,' which will move to the City Center in New York for Broadway runs in the fall." All that just a beautiful 2 1/2 hour drive away.

Also on the Big Show, we'll visit the studio of Detroit artist Robert Martin. I had a chance to ask Robert to describe what he does. "I'm an interactive artist - when most people work with art, it's more pacified; you're not involved with the work. I make installations that people can walk into, and they're actually creating images, projected or on monitors, as they walk in. It's

like by walking into a theatre, you're creating the graphics that you see and the music you hear as you're walking around. In a regular movie, you're sitting and watching, and it's the same every time. This is more like jazz: it can be different every time. And your entire body is part of the interface, you're not limited by having to use a mouse."

"About two summers ago I had an installation at the DIA called 'The Virtual Palladium,' a reference to a club in New York well-known for showing music videos made by musicians and artists. People could walk into the room and create the interaction between the music and the graphics. Not surprisingly, kids knew how to have fun with it. A lot of adults were a little intimidated by it. But the adults who never grew up, they knew how to have fun with it, too."

Also on the show, Mammoth Records recording artists Pure will rock the studio, and 83-year-old Russell Green will show why he's called Detroit's Dean of the Trumpet. That's all on Backstage Pass, tonight at midnight on Detroit Public Television, repeated tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

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DINING

Retired firefighters open their own 'Academy'

Mike Reddy and George Riley jumped from fires to frying pans, when they opened Fire Academy Brewery & Grill in Westland.

"Both of us had numerous small companies in the community," said Riley who owns the recently opened restaurant with Reddy. "We were firefighters who rose up through the ranks. We were at the end of our career and wondered 'what are we going to do in our afterlife?' Neither of us had any restaurant business background, but we like people, and being involved in the community."

George, who retired as assistant fire chief after 26 years of service, is a homebrewer, and liked the idea of opening a brewpub. He and Mike, who have known each other for many years, sensed a need for a family restaurant in the area, and did their homework.

In 1995 they began laying the groundwork for what would become Fire Academy Brewery & Grill after retiring from the Westland Fire Department. They bought the building that houses their restaurant in May of 1997 and began renovating it.

"I have a great love for fire service and the community," said Reddy who is a retired Westland Fire Chief. "It's a nice way to be involved, you meet people, it's fun. We have a great atmosphere, something for everyone."

Fire Academy is like being at the station. You can even have dinner inside a former City of Birmingham fire truck. "The kids just love it," said Riley. "Their eyes light up."

Fire helmets and other memorabilia fill the walls, there's a colorful fire rescue mural painted by Scott Staples of Westland, and you can watch fire-related videos on TVs scattered throughout. "There's even one of my graduation from the fire academy," said Riley.

With an emphasis on quality, the menu offers everything from prime rib, New York Strip Steaks, barbecue shrimp, pasta dishes, and salads.

Wally Green of Canton, formerly chef at the Mackinaw Brewing Co. in Traverse City, put the menu together. A lot of the side dishes are prepared with beer brewed on the premises such as hand sliced onion

Fire Academy Brewery & Grill

Where: 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland, (734) 595-1988.

Hours: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 11 a.m. to midnight, Thursday-Saturday; noon to 11 p.m. Sunday.

Menu: Something for everyone including hand-crafted beers and root beer, sandwiches, soup, salads, steaks, baby back ribs, chicken, shrimp, whitefish, and pasta. Children's menu available.

Cost: Ranges from \$4.75 to \$5.95 for sandwiches, entrees \$7.95 to \$15.50.

Credit Cards: All majors accepted.

Reservations: Not accepted after 5 p.m. Very busy 5-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, expect to wait.

Banquets: Able to serve up to 50 buffet style, or 45 sit down, inside a vintage fire truck. Reservations recommended well in advance. Parties are not scheduled on Friday and Saturday evenings.

rings dipped in homemade Amber Ale beer batter and deep fried. Mushrooms and onions served with steaks are also ale grilled.

Homemade soups are offered daily, a cheddar ale, and of course, Fire Academy Chili. If you can't make up your mind try the soup sampler.

Salads are served with Euro-grain bread, the Dispatcher's Salad - mixed greens, mandarin oranges, pecans, raspberry chicken, tossed in house raspberry vinaigrette dressing is popular with customers.

There are lots of burger combinations to choose from, all served with chips and a pickle spear. Entrees such as prime rib, baby back ribs and chicken are served with soup or salad, Euro-grain bread basket, and choice of baked potatoes, fries or seasoned rice. Pasta dishes are served with choice of soup or salad and bread basket.

"Rookies" can pick from chicken fingers, kid's ribs, kids fish and grilled cheese. They can even order a beer - Rookie Root



Beer, a hand-crafted root beer shoulders above them. He brews vice.

First Class: George Riley (left) and Chef Wally Green are dedicated to providing the "finest handcrafted beer, highest quality food, and the friendliest service in the world, with a really neat atmosphere," at the Fire Academy Brewery and Grill.

brewed at the Fire Academy.

Save room for a Root Beer Float or one of the other scrumptious desserts.

Tye Owsley brews the six hand-crafted beers that are made and served at Fire Academy. They include Axe Ale - a blonde, light, smooth ale, Smoke-Eater Ale - a mild-bodied beer with a hint of clove & citrus, Maltese Cross Beer - a mild brown beer, Chief's Amber Ale - a medium-bodied beer, Indian Tank Ale - an intensely hopped ale, fruity Wildfire Berry Beer, and Sergeant's Stout, a rich dark beer. For \$5 you can try a beer sampler of all six. Fire Academy serves six beers, and always has a seasonal specialty beer brewing, too. They have the capacity to brew 10 different beers.

Before joining Fire Academy, Owsley worked at the Stoney Creek Brewery in Frankenmuth. "We interviewed 35 people from around the world for the job," said Riley. "He was heads and



Super shrimp: Barbecued jumbo shrimp char-broiled with Amber Ale BBQ sauce is a specialty at Fire Academy Brewery & Grill.

a quality product."

They'd like to host a microbrew contest at the Fire Academy in the future, and an antique fire equipment show.

Reddy and Riley are still actively involved in public ser-

Riley is a police/fire commissioner for the City of Westland, and a Civil Service Commissioner.

Mike serves on the YMCA Board, and Mayor's Drug Task Force.

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Just in case you missed it, or lost the paper. Here are some of the restaurants we've recently visited:

■ Arriba - Where: 314 St. Fourth St., Ann Arbor. Menu: Mexican restaurant emphasizing authentic regional Mexican dishes. **Open:** 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday; 4-9 p.m. Sunday. **Credit:** All major credit cards. **Cost:** Entrees, \$6.95-\$13.95; appetizers, \$4.95-\$5.75; salads, \$2.95-\$8.75. **Reservations:** For parties of six or more, call (734) 662-8485.

After 21 years, Ann Arbor's Maude's had run its cycle and the partners in Mainstreet Ventures had to decide what to do with the downtown Ann Arbor restaurant that had once been "the place for ribs." In March Maude's became Arriba, a Mexican restaurant with an emphasis on "authentic."

■ Plymouth Landing - Where: 340 N. Main St., Plymouth, (734) 455-3700. **Open:** 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday (bar stays open until 1 a.m., limited Casual Fare menu after 10:30 p.m.); 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, brunch served until 2 p.m. **Menu:** Creative cooking with Greek, Italian and French flare, American fare also. **Cost:** Lunch ranges from \$6.50 to \$12.95, dinner \$7.95 to \$21.95; brunch \$10.95 adults, \$5.95 children ages 5-10; no charge children age 4 and under. **Reservations:** Recommended. **Credit cards:** All majors accepted. **Banquet Room:** For up to 50 people.

■ Flying Fish Tavern - Where: 6480 Orchard Lake Road, (corner of Maple Road) West Bloomfield (248) 865-8888. **Hours:** 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday; 3 p.m. to midnight Sunday. **Menu:** Casual neighborhood family eatery serves comfort foods with special focus on fresh catches of the day. **Cost:** Appetizers and dinner salads \$4-8; sandwiches and burgers \$5.50-7; pastas \$7-9; big plates, specials and catch of the day \$9-15; desserts \$2-4. **Reservations:** For parties of six or more only. **Credit cards:** All majors accepted.

Flying Fish is about food; good food at modest prices. But it's more than that. It's a place families will enjoy. A game room in back makes children of all ages happy. Sports fans won't miss a down, face-off, slam dunk or homerun. TV monitors carry Fox Sports programming. Flying Fish is also a gathering spot, a place to kick back with friends.

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Restaurant Specials features restaurant openings and renovations, menu specials, and anniversaries. Send announcements to: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (734) 591-7279. Y

ON THE MENU

■ Chuck Muer Restaurants - Are offering their guests the world's largest crab legs through April 25. The King Crab legs being offered at Chuck Muer Restaurants come from Bristol Bay where harvesting of the King Crab is only allowed for two months out of the year in

order to ensure their great size. This Alaskan delicacy is featured in a number of entrees during lunch and dinner. Chuck Muer Restaurants include Big Fish in Dearborn (313) 336-6350, Big Fish Too, Clawson (248) 585-9533, Gandy Dancer, Ann Arbor (734) 769-0592, Meriwether's, Southfield (248) 358-1310, Seafood Tavern, West Bloomfield (248) 851-2251 and Charley's Crab, Troy (248) 879-2060. Prices for King Crab Legs range from \$28.95 for 16 ounces at Big Fish to \$33.95 at Charley's Crab in Troy.

■ Too Chez - 27155 Sheraton Drive (northwest corner of Novi

Road and I-96), Novi. Executive Chef Greg Upshur presents a special dinner 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, a multi-course feast,

featuring vegetarian dishes that make a macrobiotic diet delicious and healthy. Cost is \$32 per person (tax and gratuity not

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AUCTION

Travel & Leisure headline this year's Auction!

Detroit Public TV Auction
April 28-May 3

What's so special about a television event which lasts 30 years? Well, in the case of the Auction, what began with a live Tel-Twelve Mall broadcast in 1969 is now raising funds to take Detroit Public TV into the digital age with quality programming that over a million area families enjoy watching each week. Please join us in celebrating not just a broadcasting milestone, but the community spirit and commitment to public television that has fueled this fundraiser since 1969. There are many ways for you to get involved. Call 313-876-8350 to donate new items valued at \$100 or more, or

313-876-8368 to volunteer.

This official guide to the Detroit Public TV Auction lists some of the items available at press times that you'll have a chance to bid on beginning April 28. We're making it easier than ever for you to find items of interest. Don't miss the travel and leisure items we'll offer every half-hour. Celebrate with local merchants on our special days for Ann Arbor, Birmingham and Plymouth. Get yourself an express bid number to make your bidding even easier by mailing in the coupon in this guide. The Auction remains an important fundraiser which is as unique as the programming service it supports.

Be a part of it.

Auction sets the stage for TRAVEL AND LEISURE

B-X-C-A-Travel and Leisure? Does it make you want to buy a vowel? We hope it makes you want to bid. When you tune in the 30th Annual Detroit Public TV Auction beginning April 28, B-X-C-A-Travel and Leisure is the order of Auction boards with items to be shown and sold to high bidders. The Travel and Leisure board is a new feature, helping you find something special to plan your recreation time.

INSIDE

- Make the most of your free time with new Auction travel and leisure item displays
- Two special nights of fine wines help the Auction improve with age
- Shop the Auction for donations from your local merchants
- Browse for rare treasures on the new Antiques and Collectibles Day

Exotic Travel

Aruba - Amsterdam Manor Beach - 4 nights in a studio room
Bahamas/Harbour Islands - Romora Bay Club - 3 nights in a junior suite with breakfast & lunch
Brazil/Sao Paulo - Inter-Continental Hotel, 3 nights with United Airlines tickets
Costa Rica/Papagayo - Blue Bay Village all inclusive resort w/air from Travel Charter
European Vacations donated by Lufthansa
Grand Cayman Island - Treasure Island Resort - 3 nights
Hawaii/Kauai - 1 week condo vacation
Hawaii/Waikiki - Hilton Hawaiian Village - 1 week in the Rainbow Tower
Hawaii - Hyatt Regency Waikiki - 5 nights in ocean room
Jamaica/Negril - Negril Tree House - 6 nights
Mexico/Cancun - Grand Caribe Real, garden view room, from Travel Charter with air
Virgin Islands/St. Thomas -

Point Pleasant Resort - 3 nights in a superior suite with balcony

Across America

Bryant, Indiana - Bearcreek Farms
Cathedral City, California - Days Inn Suites
Chicago - Whitehall Hotel - 2 nights with brunch & dinner
Disney World - Hotel Royal Plaza - 3 nights
Disney World - Swan & Dolphin Resorts
Disney World - 1 week condo donated by McKinley properties
Houseboat Vacation - rom Forever Resorts
Kissimmee, Florida - 1 week condo vacation
Las Vegas - air charter tix from Hamilton, Miller, Hudson & Payne
Las Vegas - Caesar's Palace - 2 nights in a king room with limo

Las Vegas - Circus Circus Hotel
Las Vegas - 1 week condo
Las Vegas - Peppermill Hotel Casino
Marco Island, Florida - 1 week condo vacation
Marina Del Rey Hotel - 3 nights
Marina Del Rey I - International Hotel & Bungalows
Miami - Biscayne Bay Marriott
Miami Beach - Casa Brunello - 6 night stay
New York City - The Algonquin - 2 nights stay
Orlando - air charter tix from Hamilton, Miller, Hudson & Payne
Scottsdale, AZ - Scottsdale Plaza Resort - 2 night stay
South Lake Tahoe - Inn by the Lake
St. Pete Beach - 4 diamond Trade Winds Resort - 4 night beach holiday
Washington, D.C. - Washington Court Hotel - weekend night for 2
Williamsburg - The Historic Travelodge - 2 night stay

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Across Canada

Alberta - The Lodge at Kananaskis - 2 night getaway
Chatham, Ontario - Best Western Wheels Inn
Georgian Bay, Ontario - Manitowaning Lodge & Tennis Resort
Greyhound Lines of Canada Ltd. - 15 day domestic passes for 2
Halifax, N.S. - Hotel Halifax - 2 night stay
Montreal - Chateau Royal Hotel
Montreal - Crown Plaza
Ottawa River - Wilderness Tours whitewater trip
Port Hope, Ontario - Hillcrest Bed & Breakfast
Rockies - Black Cat Guest Ranch
Toronto - Days Inn
Windsor - Windsor Hilton International - 1 night getaway

Mackinac Island

Grand Hotel fabulous getaway
Great Turtle Lodge
Iroquois Hotel - 2 nights

Mid-Michigan

Bath - Practical Sportsman Perch Fishing with Fred Trost
Bay City - Bay Valley Hotel & Resort - 1 night stay for 2 with golf
Brooklyn - Brooklyn Hotel
Gaylord - Marsh Ridge golf getaway
Marshall - National House Inn
Muskegon - Double JJ Ranch, north of Muskegon
Pentwater - Nickerson Inn
Bed & Breakfast on Lake Michigan

Local

Ann Arbor - Webers Inn
Birmingham - Holiday Inn Express
Birmingham - The Townsend - 2 night romance package
Dearborn - The Dearborn Inn - 1 night stay
Detroit - The Atheneum - 2 night get away
Detroit - The Atheneum - penthouse suite
Holly - Camp Wathana
Howell - Ramada Inn - overnight stay
Irish Hills - Family Campgrounds, 5 nights of camping
Livonia Marriott - movie madness getaway
Livonia - Marriott Courtyard
Mt. Pleasant - Comfort Inn
Mt. Pleasant - Fairfield Inn
Southfield - Holiday Inn
Troy - Doubletree Guest Suites - Presidential Suite

Honeymoon package
Troy - Holiday Inn
Troy - Northfield Hilton - bounce back weekend

GOLF

Bay Valley in Bay City - golf for 4 w/carts
Chestnut Valley Golf Club in Harbor Springs - golf for 4 w/carts
Dunmaglas Golf Club in Charlevoix - golf for 4 w/carts
Hawk Hollow in Bath - 18 holes for 12 people w/carts, pro lessons & meal

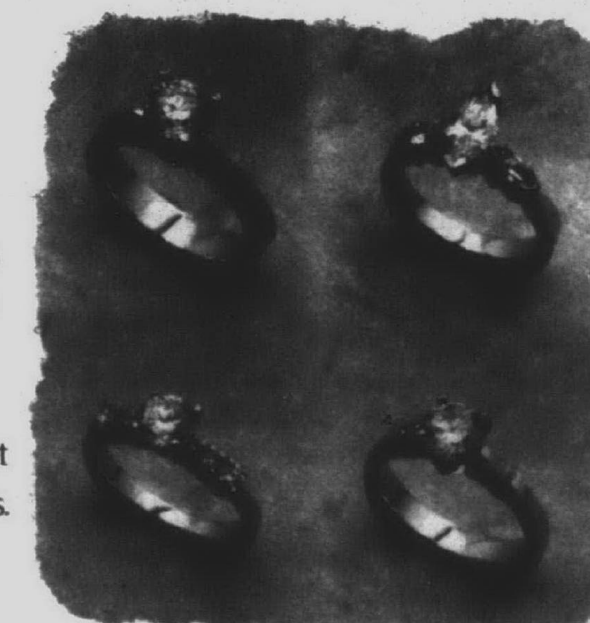
Hessel Ridge Golf Course in Hessel - 18 holes for 4 w/carts
Lake Walden - golf outing
Lakeland Hills Golf Course in Jackson - golf for 4 w/carts
Majestic in Hartland - 8 holes for 8 w/carts, pro lesson & meal
Marsh Ridge in Gaylord - golf for 4
Oak Pointe Country Club - golf & meal package for 4
Pine Trace Golf Club in Rochester Hills - 18 holes for 2 w/carts
Sycamore Hills Golf Club

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Celebrating 30 Years

ANN ARBOR DAY at the Auction
Friday, May 1 6pm - midnight

SPECIAL BOARD ITEMS

Dixboro General Store - Princess Diana
Beanie Baby

ART

Overmyer's Gallery - Mighty Mac
bridge print

GIFT CERTIFICATES

Alexandra's Ladies Boutique -
shopping spree
Ann Arbor Summer Festival - tickets
Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra - tickets
Dream on Futon - spree
Footprints-Birkenstock - footwear
Graphic Art Wholesalers - custom framing
Great Harvest Bread Co. - bread
baking party
Michigan Friends Center - retreat rental
Michigan Theater - fun passes
Patrick Adams Photography -
portrait package
Patrick Adams Photography -
photo package
The Ark - Frog Island music festival tick-
ets

Whole Foods Market - spree

FOOD

Afternoon Delight - brunch for 4
BD's Mongolian Barbeque - gift basket
Blimpie Subs and Salads - 6 ft party sub
Domino's Pizza - pizza
Great Harvest Bread Co. -
bread of the month
Mainstreet Ventures - fine dining
Occasional Gift Baskets - gourmet
food basket
Parthenon Gyros Restaurant
SEVA Restaurant
Zingerman's Bakehouse - bread for
a year & tour of bakehouse

MERCHANDISE

Afterwords - pop up library
Au Courant Optical Fashions - sunglasses
B 1 - gift basket & cooking classes
Chris Triola - knit jacket
Collected Works - cotton dress
Falling Water Books/Collectibles - pendant
Fantasy Attic Costumes - feather
boa costume
Fashions n Things - jacket
Four Directions - fossilized bowl
Generations - children's video library
Graphic Art Wholesalers -

Rose Bowl picture
Hollander's - handcrafted desk set
Jules Furniture - Swedish crystal bowl
Jules Furniture - photo screen
Kaleidoscope - collector package
Michigan Book and Supply - U of M items
Michigan Book and Supply - U of M shirts
Mir's Oriental Rugs - Winnie the Pooh rug
Moe Sport Shop - U of M jacket
School Kids Records - CD packages
The M Den - picture
Wazoo Records - CD set
Wilderness Outfitters - hip pack
Wilkinson Luggage Shop - club bag

JEWELERS

Schlanderer and Sons - men's watch
Seyfried Jewelers - men's watch

BIRMINGHAM DAY at the Auction
Saturday, May 2, 10am-1pm

SPECIAL BOARD ITEMS

Astrein's Jewelry - 14k ring
Astrein's Jewelry - pearl & gold
earrings and ring
Azar's Oriental Rugs - shopping spree
Hagopian World of Rugs - Hereke silk rug
Michigan Directory Co. - half page ad
Watch Hill Antiques - Princess Diana
beanie baby

BELL RINGER SPECIALS

Astrien's Jewelry - bracelet & earrings
Astrein's Jewelry - silver & gold
earrings and pin
David Wachler & Sons - pendant

STEAL OF THE NIGHT

Sweet Lorraine's Cafe

ART

Arkitektura - etched glass panel
Artspace - Hein Van Schuppen
drawing on paper
Bloomfield Fine Arts - paintings
B. Bourgeois-Richards - "Sisters"
print and figurine
Donna Jacobs Gallery - Holy land oil lamp
Gallery Birmingham - "Maui Morning"
by Richard Laney
Gallery Shannti - brass sand castings
La Roche Artifact
Pierre Bittar Gallery - Signed lithograph
Tutto Bene: Good Things Italian -
mosaic bowl

GIFT CERTIFICATES

Ackroyd's Scottish Bakehouse
Amaryllis Catering - catered lunch
Antonino's Salon - Make-over package

Beaton Colors - highlights and color
Birmingham Tanning Club - tanning
and lotion samples
Bitonti - haircuts and manicure
Breadsmith - bread for a year
Ceresnie and Offen - fur cleaning & stor-
age
Electrolysis Clinic of Birmingham
Emile Salon and Spa - haircut, manicure
& massage
Enhance by Debra - permanent makeup
& skincare
Executive Custom Shirtmaker
Figaro Salon
Great Harvest Bread Co. - bread for a year
Great Harvest Bread Co. -
bread baking party
Hanan - makeover
Hansel & Gretel
Illusions by Sherri - European facial
and makeover magic
La Belle Provence - shopping spree
Larry Barkhouse Clothier -
custom made shirts
Laura Kats of Illusions by Sherri - mas-
sage
Merrillwood Barbers - men's haircut
& manicure
Moran's Flora, Inc. - flower spree
New Sherman Shoes - men's shoes
Nino's Custom Shirts
Photofast One Hour Photo -
developing services
Portraits by Sayles - portrait and sitting
Red Salon - haircut, manicure & pedicure
Salon Kennice Bashar - total
indulgence package
Seeger People - photographic sculpture
Silverman Designs - interior decorating
Sophia Lalli, Inc. - D'Arphin products
& Janet Sartin makeover
Toccalino Studio - make-up instruction
Village Players - season tickets
Wilson Fine Violins - string instrument
appraisals

RESTAURANTS

220 - dinner for 4
Bad Frog Tavern
Dick O'Dow's
Greek Islands Coney Restaurant -
coney lovers delight
Max & Erma's
Ocean Grille - dinner for 4
Papa Pomano's - carry-out
Peabody's
Salvatore Scallopini
Townsend Hotel - dinner for 6

MERCHANDISE

Adventure in Toys - children's stove set
Bavarian Village - golf clubs
Blossoms - black urn
Blossoms - concrete planters
Blossoms - silk plant & candlestick
Blossoms - concrete fruit garland

Blossoms - handblown glass pedestal bowl
Coffee Beanery - french press coffee sets
Crimson Rose Antiques - linen table cloth
Festivities: Entertaining Ideas &
Gifts - handpainted plates
Frank's Shoe Service - leather case
Gail's Office Supply Co. - organizer
Greenstone's - Waterford crystal bowl
Lina's Bridal Couture - black evening dress
Lina's Bridal Couture - bridal gown & veil
Linda Dresner - Japanese porter bag
Magnolia's - Canister set
M. T. Hunter - Dept. 56 "Harley Shop"
and "Ice Palace"
Purple Bear - varsity jacket
Yachtsman - Patagonia vest
Yachtsman - Synchilla jacket
Watch Hill Antiques - embroidered pillow

JEWELERS

Barabara's Paper Bag - earrings
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Assoc. -
silver necklace
Matt J. Till Jewelers - Amethyst
heart shaped ring

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES DAY
at the Auction
Sunday, May 3 noon-3pm
Sponsored by Knightsbridge Antiques

"Abraham" bust from Susan Clayton
"Maling" vase from Marge Stefanski
"Silverstone" crank phonograph c. 1918
from Linda and Jay Yopek
14k Victorian 1.5 carat garnet ring
from Century Antiques
1898 Litho: Sailing Crew from
Eagle's Eyrie Antiques
1898 litho: Sailor & Helmsman from
Eagle's Eyrie Antiques
1940's sterling Hobe pin from
Debra Steinberg Antiques
1952 & 1959 Illinois license plates
(8) from Scott R. Olson
2 glass vases & 1 bowl from
Judith Sklar-Fried
2 "Dinky" vehicles (Sunbeam & ambulance)
from Scott R. Olson
2-1920's wood shaft golf putters and
golf bag from Eileen Roman
Black walnut Victorian dresser from
A Backwards Glance Antiques
Cast iron foot stool from Susan Clayton
Deli-style scale 1920's from
MacKinnon's Connections
German beaker No. 1109 "Musicians"
from Armand & Bobbie's Antiques
German beaker No. 1092 "Cavalier"
from Armand & Bobbie's Antiques
Oil painting of cardinal from
Bloomfield Fine Arts
Oil painting of ocean, 1949 from
Bloomfield Fine Arts
Pair peach crest vases from Claire Morkin
Poletown's St. John's Catholic Church

Stained glass window from
Beverly Whitson
Pop art, C. Moore "Bye," 1960's from
David J. Kaplan
Ruby Bohemian cut crystal stemware (6)
from The Brown Antique
Satinwood settee (1860-1880) from
A Backwards Glance
Steuben Cake Plate from
Edward Bydlowski
Tan Rookwood Pottery vase #6865 from
J & M Antiques
Tan Rookwood Pottery vase #6865 from
J & M Antiques

Special Board Items

Grandfather's Clock from
Knightsbridge Antiques
Victorian Bedroom set from
Knightsbridge Antiques

FIND IT AT THE AUCTION

Part of the fun of watching the Detroit
Public TV Auction is not knowing what you
might see up for bid. Here are some of the
thousands of items donated by press time
which range from the practical to the
unique.

SPECIAL BOARD

Pioneer Furniture - leather sectional
Princess Diana Beanie Baby from
Robert Kieftuk

BELL RINGERS

A Shady Business - Tiffany style floor
lamp
Fox Portrait Studios - wedding album
Red Wings signed Osgood jersey from
the 97 Stanley Cup parade

GIFT CERTIFICATES & SHOPPING SPREES

Ace Computer Essentials - office supplies
Aiello Group Warrior - karate
All Season's Mechanical - a.c. inspection
Alpha Psychological Services -
resume service
American Therapeutic Massage -
relaxation at its finest!
Arthur Murray Studios - dance lessons
Bambi's Flowers
Brides Bridal Salon - headpiece
Capital Carpet - cleaning service
Classic Touch Auto Wash
Copy Copy Center - resumes packages
Courtyard Flowers - bridal bouquet pack-
age
Cow Moonications - web site design &
internet
Detroit Historical Society - memberships
custom picture framing

Focal Point Studio - portrait sitting
Fox Portrait Studios - portrait sitting
and reproduction
Foxy Lady - haircut, pedicure & nails
G and D Accounting - new business
workshop
Garfield, Dr. Henry - contacts and exam
Grosse Pointe Alarm - security system
Grosse Pointe News - classified ad
Guardian Alarm - home alarm system
Jax Car Wash - wash, wax & buff
Joseph Xavier Salon - style, manicure
& pedicure
Kaplan Education Center - prep course
Lawrence Grey Coin Consultant
Leon's Hair Salon - cut & color
Lesnick Optical - shopping spree
Little Professor on the Park - book spree
Madonna University - college tuition
waiver
Mary Jane Flowers
Nancy's Notions - spree
Shrine of the Black Madonna
Book Store - books
The Men's Warehouse - clothing spree
The Outpost - shopping spree
Trenza Salon - day of beauty
Webasto Sun Roofs - sunroof
Weight Watchers - active life membership
Wholesale Pest Control - rodent
extermination
Witch Works - herbal oils

JEWELRY

Irland Jewelers - ladies watch

MERCHANDISE

A. Rimanelli Custom Tailors - men's
sweater
Ace Hardware of Dearborn - train sets
Alexander Zonjic - CD set
Ariana Gallery - teapot and gift certificate
Baby & Me - baby crib set
Big Ralph's Schwinn - bike
Carl Sterr Co. - men's lambswool sweater
Cleopatra's Inc. - rosary, necklace
& earrings
Danielle Peleg Gallery - lithograph
Deborah Roberts Design Room - necklace
Del Giudice Fine Arts & Antiques -
china dinnerware
Detroit Audubon Society - membership
& t-shirt
Detroit Institute of Arts - tickets & book
Detroit Symphony Orchestra -
autographed CD
Floating Cross, Inc.
Gails Office Supply - organizer
Games by Grube - Grube game board
Gayle's Chocolates - truffles &
gift certificate
Henry Ford Museum & Village -
print & passes
Henry Ford Museum & Village -
plush collection & passes

Henry Ford Museum & Village -
centennial platter
Horn of Plenty - gift basket
ImaginKnit - sweater jackets
Kitchenaid - toaster/mixer package
La Stampa Calligrafica - print &
handwriting sets
M and M Enterprises - cat brush
Maxmillian Shaye - serigraphs
Merchant's Fine Wine Warehouse -
a natural gourmet extravaganza
Metrokane - OJ Mighty Juicer
Monique's Shoetique - tunics
Mosaic Youth Theatre - tix & t-shirts
MPI, The Teacher's Store - young artist
supplies & talking globe
National Geographic Socirty - atlas
Old Navy Clothing Store - spree
Pangborn Design, Ltd. - designer neckties
Patti Smith Collectibles - vintage
collectibles
Rachel's Needlepoint - beanie baby
Radio Flyer - little red wagons
Randy's Eli of Troy Menswear - sportcoats
Riemer Floors - braided oval rug
Ross Roy Communications - dress & shoes
Slades Gift Shop - soup tureen
Strictly Varsity - varsity jackets
Sundance Shoes - purse
The Bobette Lingerie Shop - suits
and robe set
The Grate Fireplace - fireplace tools
The Outpost - native American items
The Yachtsman - Patagonia vest & jacket
Third Eye Photo Work Collection - photo
Traditional Treasures - Christmas packages
Traurig's Quilt & Pillow Shop -
down quilts
Tree of Life Bookstore - electronic Bible
Venture Industries - toboggans
Warren Pipe and Supply - driver drill
Wayne State University Press -
readers package
Weingartz - mulching mower
WEMU - sweatshirt & video

LOTS OF STUFF

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Collector sports cards
Madame Alexander dolls

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in Mt. Clemens - 18 holes for 4 w/carts
The Legacy in Ottawa, MI - 18 holes for 2 w/cart
The Rock Golf Club on Drummond Isle - golf and carts for 4
Timber Ridge in E. Lansing - 18 holes for 8 w/carts, balls and meal
Warren Valley Golf Club in Dearborn Hts - golf & carts for 4

GREAT FOOD

Atwater Block Brewery
Beau Jack's
Bubble & Squeak Restaurant
Capital Grille in Somerset North
Chevy Cola Bar & Grill
Deli Unique - deli tray
Fran O'Brien's
Maryland Crabhouse
Grosse Pointe Fish & Seafood Market - crab dinner for 4
Grosse Pointe Fish & Seafood Market - lobster dinner for 6
Joe Muer's Grill
Knead & Nibble - massage and dinner for 2
Leamington Dock Restaurant - brunches
Morels
Nifty's Restaurant
Northern Lakes Seafood Co.
Number 6 Chophouse & Lobster Bar
Olga's Kitchen
Pantry Restaurant
Relish
Roma Cafe
The Lark

WOW's

Balloon ride donated by Pontiac - GMC Division
Check out all of the great travel packages...WOW!!!
Denny's Harlem Globetrotters Basketball Camp for 6-16 year old
Roostertail - V.I.P. day at the

hydroplane races for 2
Trip to New York City with hotel, air and tix to Rosie O'Donnell
Weekend at the races donated by Ford Quality Care Service

LEISURE

Baron Aviation - flying lessons
Bonstelle Theatre - tickets
Classic Trolley Company - trolley ride
CMI Health & Tennis Club
Detroit Historical Society - membership
Detroit Repertory Theatre - matinee package & bargain book
Family Fitness Factory
Frank H. Boos Gallery - tour for 10
Geauga Lake - tickets
Great Lakes Cruiser, Ltd. - magazine subscription
Great Skate - skating party for 15
Harbortown Marina - boatwell
Herrold, John D. - plane ride
Hilberry Theatre - tickets
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Laser Tag @ Beamerz - party
Lyric Chamber Ensemble of Southfield - season tickets
Marine City Skydiving Center - lessons and tandem skydive
Michigan Renaissance Festival - tickets
Oakland Athletic Club
Park Place Athletic Club
Pointe Fitness & Training
Skate World of Troy - party
Southern Great Lakes Symphony - patron tickets
Southern Michigan Bridge Association - tour tickets
Spirit of Detroit Thunderfest - tickets
Stagecrafters - theatre tickets
The Jet Theatre - season tickets
The Rec Room - party room rental
The Workout Company
TV Guide
Univarsity Liggett School - antique show tickets
Youtheatre - tickets

PLYMOUTH SPREE at the Auction Tues., April 28 6pm-midnight

Plymouth presents a warm and charming atmosphere to shop and dine. The businesses of Plymouth wish to share their secret with the Detroit Public Television audience. You can experience this unique community, located between Detroit and Ann Arbor, during the first Plymouth Spree on the Auction.

ART

Creative Framing & Gallery - print
Frameworks - framed prints
Native West - hand carved coyotes
Native West - metal sculptures
Native West - Indian Mandella
Native West - Indian Medicine Bow
Penniman Gallery - copper candlesticks
Penniman Gallery - handmade doll
Penniman Gallery - Raku vessel
Plymouth House Galleries - African art pieces
Plymouth House Galleries - wood sculpture
Wild Wings Gallery - print

GIFT CERTIFICATES & SHOPPING SPREES

Accent Bin
Backyard Birds
Bohemia Designs - business card design
Coffee Studio - coffee bean spree
Country Merchant
Jill Andra Young Photo - pet portrait
Paper Parade - shopping sprees
Plaza Lanes - 20 bowling passes
Plymouth Coffee Bean Co. - gift basket
Sideways - coffee for a year
The Music Man - gift certificate
Unique Dreams Studio -

photography package
Village Shopkeeper - shopping sprees

FOOD

Cafe Bon Homme - dinner for 2
Crepes & Coffee
Grunwald's House of Fudge - fudge for a year
Sweet Afton Tea Room - tea party
Uncle Frank's Chicago's Coney - self-serve coney party

MERCHANDISE

Animal Odyssey - plush dinosaur set
Bloomsbury Lane - wreath
Bohemia Designs - dolls
Christine's Hallmark - bookends
First of America Bank - clock
Hands on Leather - purse
Jack's Corner Bookstore - Currier & Ives book & vase
Maggie & Me - ladies outfit
Memory Lane Antiques - antique chair
Michigan Made - gift baskets
Milano Fine Apparel - men's shirt
Muriel's Doll House - doll
Naturally - gift basket
Pied Piper - young explorer gift package
Plymouth Antique Mall - Ivory items
Plymouth Beading - amulet bag
Plymouth Guitar - guitar
Plymouth Train Shop - train set
Quiltworks - wall hangings
Ribar Floral Co. - silk flower arrangement
RSVP - doll
Saxton's Garden Center - bird house
Shades of Light - custom lamp
Specialty Pet Supplies - auto litter box
Sunny J's Lingerie - Dr. Seuss robe
Trader Jack's Sports - lithograph
Unique Accessories -

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ladies pantsuit
Walker and Buzenberg Furniture - mirror

JEWELERS

Crystal Diamond Setters
Delta Diamond Setters - string of pearls
Delta Diamond Setters - heart pin
O and D Bush Jewelers - ring
R. Haig - pendant

WINE NIGHTS at the Auction Wednesday & Thursday April 29-30, 6pm-12am

The Ye Olde Wine Shoppe in Rochester Hills is once again sponsoring the two wine nights. Dennis Walsh, Shoppe owner and Wine Committee Chairman, has been collecting an outstanding assortment of international and domestic offerings. You are invited to donate wine from your cellar by calling the wine committee at 248.852.5533.

SPECIAL BOARD ITEMS

1993 - 2 Jeroboams of Dom Perignon

WINES FROM FRANCE

1981 Ch Lafite Rothschild, Pauillac
1966 Ch Mouton Rothschild, Pauillac
1975 Ch Mouton Rothschild, Pauillac
1978 Ch Mouton Rothschild, Pauillac
1988 Ch Haut Brion Blanc, Graves
1970 Ch Petrus, Pomerol
1975 Ch Lafite Rothschild, Pauillac
1976 Ch Lafite Rothschild, Pauillac
1970 Ch La Mission Haut Brion, Graves
1975 Ch Palmer Margaux
1978 Ch Palmer Margaux

1981 Ch Palmer Margaux
1975 Ch Leoville Las Cases, St. Julien
1975 Ch Cheval Blanc, St. Emilion
1982 Ch Gruaud La Rose, St. Julien
1978 Ch Haut Brion, Graves
1978 Ch Clinet, Pomerol
1970 Ch Trimoulet, St. Emilion
1985 Ch Lynch Bages, Pauillac

CHAMPAGNE

1964 Dom Perignon
1970 Dom Perignon
1976 Dom Perignon
1969 Dom Perignon
1989 Krug Champagne
1990 Perrier Jouet 'floral'

WINES FROM GERMANY

1949 Johannisberger Hansenberg Beeren-Auslese
1971 Schloss Vollrads T.B.A.
1971 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Auslese 'Gold Cap' J.J. Prum
1971 Schloss Johannisberger B.A.
1971 Bernkastler Doctor Auslese, Deinhart
1976 Scharzhofberger T.B.A., Hohe Domkirche
1976 Ockfener Bockstein B.A., Dr. Fischer
1975 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Auslese Eiswein, J.J. Prum
1975 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Auslese 'Gold Cap' J.J. Prum
1975 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Auslese Long 'Gold Cap' J.J. Prum
1976 Rauenthaler Baiken Auslese, Schloss Eltz
1976 Erbacher Marcobrunn Auslese, State

WINES OF CALIFORNIA

1969 Beaulieu Cabernet 'Private Reserve'
1970 Beaulieu Cabernet 'Private Reserve'
1971 Beaulieu Cabernet 'Private Reserve'
1973 Beaulieu Cabernet 'Private Reserve'
1974 Beaulieu Cabernet

'Private Reserve'
1990 Stag's Leap Merlot 1.5 L
1993 St. Francis Cabernet 'Reserve' 1.5 L
1996 Cakebread Chardonnay 1.5 L
1993 Stoney Hill Chardonnay 1.5 L
1991 Montevina Zinfandel 1.5 L
1990 Robert Mondavi Cabernet 'Reserve'
1986 Diamond Creek Cabernet
1995 Meridian Merlot
1995 Shafer Merlot
1996 Beringer Chardonnay
1995 Stag's Leap Chardonnay
1995 Geyser Peak Cabernet Reserve

LARGE FORMAT BOTTLES

Jacquesson Champagne Perfection Brut 3 L

1990 Ch de Beaucastle, Chateaufort du Pape 3 L
1991 Warrens Vintage Port 1.5 L
1994 Cafaro Merlot 1.5 L
1995 Perrin Reserve Red 3L
1996 Beaujolais Villages, Duboeuf 3 L
1996 Pinot Grigio, Terzetto 5 L
1995 Merlot, Terzetto 5 L
1996 Deloach Zinfandel 1.5 L
1997 Lindeman Bin 6 Chardonnay 5 L

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PLYMOUTH SPREE

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WINE NIGHT

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