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Be sure to include your name, your mother's name, your address and telephone number. You may send a photo, however, judging will be based on your message.

We will print as many entries as possible on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10. The contest is open to readers of all ages.

IN THE PAPER TODAY

Rouge River: Representatives from various agencies say that few conditions in the river – except aesthetics (water clarity, color and odor and the amount of debris and pollution) – have changed significantly over 10 years. /A9

COMMUNITY LIFE

Worth watching: This week, area schools are celebrating Earth Day and Arbor Day. But for students at Tonda and Field elementary schools in Canton Township, the environment should be honored daily. /B1

AT HOME

Special look: Today's At Home section has a special look as it presents topics about indoors, outdoors, all around the house.

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Four tax increases proposed

■ A group has recommended that four tax issues be on the August ballot for Plymouth Township voters.

Four proposed tax increases should go before Plymouth Township voters in August, a citizens group has recommended to the township supervisor.

The township's board of trustees reviewed the recommendations at a Tuesday study session.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy told trustees she's directed the township attorney to come up with ballot language for the four tax issues.

The language is to be reviewed by the board in early May for possible revision. The ballot language must be approved by the Wayne County elections office by May 26 to make the August election ballot.

Residents will be asked to approve or reject:

■ 2.5 to 3 mills for the police and fire departments, mainly for staff increases.

Please see TAX, A4

Take a walk on the wild side



Natural: Wildflowers, such as the trout lily, will abound on the annual Wildflower Walks in Miller Woods 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 25, in the woods off Powell Road, between Beck and Ridge. Now's the time to see the wildflowers as they are here only a short time to drink in sunlight before the beech and maple trees fill out with their canopies and block out light on the forest floor. The walk is sponsored by the Friends of Miller Woods. Everyone is invited.

NEW CHAPTER



Finishing: Chris Lamphear and Shaun Walker work on brick pavers outside the main entrance of the new library.

Plymouth library stacks up for grand opening

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

When you walk into the new Plymouth District Library at 223 S. Main, you will be greeted by the smell of fresh paint, new carpet and comfortable surroundings.

And there's plenty of people who are working diligently up to the final moment when the doors open at 1 p.m. Sunday to invite you in for the grand opening celebration.

At 1 p.m. will be the official ribbon cutting ceremony accompanied with cookies and punch and music from the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps.

At 1:15-4 p.m., youths will have their day learning origami with Don Shall, the "origami guy." At 2-2:45 p.m. Marc Thomas and his puppet, Max the Moose, will cut the ribbon for the new puppet stage and will sing songs and interact with all the guests.

The grand opening will also feature storytellers – Debra Christian, Ron Lowe and Jean Gordon, as well as a forensics student – on the half-hour beginning at 3 p.m.

The day wouldn't be complete without the planned treasure hunt for all ages, which includes a self-guided tour of the new library. A prize will be given to each participant when a completed

treasure hunt form is presented at the Reference Desk.

Also on tap is a special evening, adults only, at 7:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday at the new library, hosted by the Friends of the Library. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased at Little Professor on the Park.

Keeping busy

And until then, the library staff is on the move.

"We still have a lot in boxes," said Pam Rawlinson, deputy library director, who with other staff members was busy this week placing books in freshly-painted shelves in the lower level.

As with anyone moving into a new building, there was a plan of action – but not too much overplanning – and the buzz of excitement, not to mention the pressure of time.

"The movers required everything to be labeled," Rawlinson said, adding that as with any move, it's still hard to remember exactly what was put where for the move that began on the lower level.

"It's going to be fun," said Nancy Karmann, who with fellow page Jennifer Casper were organizing the materials for which they are responsible.

Please see LIBRARY, A8

Lowell Middle School staff tries to keep positive outlook

While there are still two full school years left for students and teachers at Lowell Middle School, anxiety is starting to build.

Livonia school officials say the 1999-2000 lease will be the last, and Plymouth-Canton school administrators are quickly planning a bond proposal to construct a fifth middle school in the district. Without the new school, overcrowding, split shifts or an extended school year could become a reality.

Meanwhile, at Lowell, principal Roche LaVictor is trying to keep things in perspective.

"There's concern, and we've talked about it," said LaVictor. "We will carry on business as if we're going to be here forever. If we start being down, the students will feed off that, then we'll have some real bad problems."

And if anyone knows, it's LaVictor. "Unfortunately, I lived where a building closed on me because the district consolidated," said LaVictor, who experienced that situation in Bay City. "So, I've lived this already."

LaVictor said many of the Lowell students are asking questions about what they read and hear concerning changes at Lowell. However, a lot of that worry ends when they find out the current pupil population won't be affected by any changes.

"We will see more concerns in the next couple of years, as we address the questions of students who will be affected by the move," said LaVictor. "But then, we'll just have to be honest with them. Kids do respond to that. They know when you're being upfront with them."

Almost a fourth of the nearly 45 teachers at Lowell have been teaching there since the Plymouth-Canton district began leasing the building in the 1980-81 school year.

Staff concerns

"I'm a bit concerned about where we'll all be," said Rosemary Verville, a science and social studies teacher who has been at Lowell for 17 years. "There is

Please see LOWELL, A6



Maintaining: Teachers George Przygodski and Rosemary Verville and principal Rock LaVictor maintain their optimism.

Small plane crash raises concern about air traffic

Little is known about why a Cessna 150 sputtered out of control and crash landed in a Canton neighborhood early Saturday evening.

According to a pilot at Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Airport, flight instructor Philip Kahler, 26, and his student pilot Malcom Stinson, 41, were practicing takeoffs and landings for about 30 minutes prior to the crash about one mile south of the airport.

"Eyewitnesses said it was going north to south, but I don't know why it would be," said one Mettetal pilot, who declined to be named. "I assume it was headed back to Willow Run, then had engine trouble and decided to come back here."

Kahler, of Belleville, is listed in fair condition at the University of Michigan Hospital after being trapped in the passenger seat of the Cessna's cockpit. He suffered from various burns, a severe leg injury and head injury.

The student pilot, Stinson, is in critical condition after suffering from burns and internal injuries. It is believed Stinson did have prior flying experience as a helicopter pilot in the military, said Steve Wilson of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

A spokesman at A Different Approach Flight School at Willow Run Airport said Stinson was a private helicopter pilot. Kahler has been a flight training instructor for three years.

Investigators from the FAA sifted through the wreckage this week to determine a cause for the crash. The findings will be turned over to the NTSB, which is expected to release a preliminary report in one week. It could take more than six months before a final report is made public, said Wilson.

Too populated?

Some residents and local officials have questioned whether Canton has become too populated.

ed to house the state-owned Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Airport. The issue first became controversial in 1992 when the state bought it, rescuing the airport from financial trouble.

At the time, residents were concerned about a future expansion at Mettetal with state and federal money backing it. A citizens advisory committee was formed to oversee the airport operations and has met monthly ever since. Chairman Mark Merlanti declined comment regarding the crash.

"When the state bought it, I always said there was something else there. Still to this day I don't know what that is... Obviously, this is a sore subject for me," said Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

A week before Saturday's airplane crash, Yack fired off a letter to Gov. John Engler, several state legislators and the state aeronautics board with a news clipping regarding a small Troy airport being sold to a private developer for an industrial site.

Yack said the state claimed it bought Mettetal, and planned to buy others like it, because small recreational airports were becoming extinct. Why hadn't it

■ 'There's no legal basis for any municipal-ity to have any binding regulation over (noise and flight patterns). If the city of Plymouth is being avoided, it shouldn't be receiving anything different than any other area.'

Bryan Amann
—Former 'Noise Czar'

saved the Troy airport? he asked in the letter.

Randy Collier of the state Bureau of Aeronautics, a division under the Michigan Department of Transportation, did not return phone calls from the Observer. Collier is also liaison to Mettetal Airport.

Canton attorney Bryan Amann, a former Wayne County commissioner, sat on a committee in 1990 to redesign airspace for Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports. The FAA Technical Working Group looked at airspace around Mettetal, but only to ensure flight patterns

didn't interfere with Metro's, he said.

Since Mettetal doesn't have a control tower, its flight patterns aren't regulated by the FAA. However, the airport suggests traffic patterns to pilots.

Ground radio operator

Pilots radio to Mettetal's Unicom desk for landing instructions. The ground radio operator gives information on the runway opening and weather conditions, said a pilot at Mettetal.

According to Mettetal pilots, there are suggested flight patterns that run north and south along I-275 and to the west of Morton Taylor. To the east and west the traffic runs along an area south of Warren Road and the other side of the city of Plymouth due to a "noise abatement."

"There's no legal basis for any municipality to have any binding regulation over (noise and flight patterns). If the city of Plymouth is being avoided, it shouldn't be receiving anything different than any other area," said Amann.

In 1997, Mettetal recorded 72,000 flight operations, according to the 1998 Michigan Airport Directory. Metro Airport had

496,000 operations and Willow Run had 153,590. More comparable to Mettetal, Grosse Ile Municipal Airport had 63,000 operations in 1997.

"There's always been safety issues with residents living around Mettetal. You can watch the planes coming in over Joy Road ... It's almost in a kamikaze-type fashion. If a truck comes through, it looks questionable as to whether its going to clear it," said Amann.

Ironically, Larry and Ronnie Sebuck looked at buying a new home east of Lilley Road, near Mettetal Airport, about 24 years ago.

"We walked out of the first model and saw a plane bunk to the left. Then, we walked out of the second model and saw the same thing. We decided we didn't want to live there," said Larry.

They decided to buy about one mile down the road on Avon Street where there was less air traffic.

On Saturday, the Sebucks' worst fear became reality when a Cessna 150 dropped from the sky on their front lawn. The propeller was 25 feet from their front door.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID SALE OF VEHICLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., May 7, 1998 for the sale of the following vehicle.

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TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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Sealed bids for the construction to the proposed Canton Independence Park Baseball Complex shall be received by the Charter Township of Canton until 10:00 a.m., May 14, 1998 at the office of the Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188-1699. Sealed bids shall be opened and read aloud at 10:00 a.m.

Contract documents may be obtained at Beckett and Raeder Inc., 535 W. William, Suite 101, Ann Arbor, MI, (313) 663-2622 on or after April 23, 1998. A nonrefundable plan deposit of \$30.00 shall be required, checks payable to the Charter Township of Canton.

Late bids will not be accepted. Canton Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Canton Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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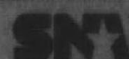
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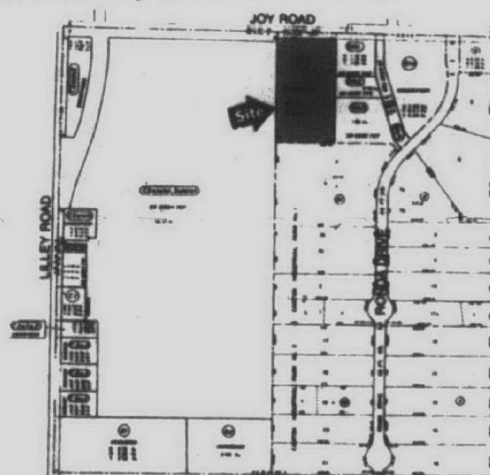
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CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, May 4, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road to consider a request for the following special land use as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance.

SHURGARD OF PLYMOUTH (JOY ROAD) SPECIAL LAND USE
CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR MIN. WAREHOUSES AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22.02B.10 FOR PARCEL NO. 005 99 0002 005. Property is located on the south side of Joy Road between Ronda Drive and Lilley Road.

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



VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Hanging out: Scott Lurain and Paulette Wisnom, proprietors of the Coffee Studio on Ann Arbor Trail, have a problem with youths hanging out on their deck.

Loitering

Kids hang out downtown

Last week during Easter break, it was like Woodstock on the deck of the Coffee Studio on Ann Arbor Trail, said owner Scott Lurain.

But the numbers of teens swarming his deck area at night has diminished he said Tuesday, thanks in part to help from the Plymouth Police Department.

"We get great kids that come in here," Lurain said.

But when some use profane language, "It's very offensive to mixed company," he said. "We want this place for everyone."

Beyond language, Lurain said one employee approaching the Ann Arbor Trail business at night April 14 "had to step over bodies on the sidewalk to get in. It's bad."

"We've become a day care center. They're loud, they're profane and they're scaring my adult customers away," Lurain said.

Matt Ronayne, who works the counter some nights, said he's watched parents drive up in minivans and drop off as many as four teens.

"I'll have four or five parents a night say, 'Would you see if my kid is there, if I should pick them up.' Parents should do their job."

Matt Ronayne
—Coffee Studio employee

Lurain said he's tired of parents dumping teens, carrying bottles of pop and bags of chips, at his business.

"I'll have four or five parents a night say, 'Would you see if my kid is there, if I should pick them up,'" Ronayne said. "Parents should do their job."

Lurain has posted "no loitering" signs to warn off those who just come to hang out and not to buy products.

He said some underage teens can also be found smoking on the deck. When a police visit causes some to move, they go to the Saxton's Garden Center parking lot or they congregate on Jack Wilcox's property, Lurain said.

Police Chief Bob Scoggins said businesses concerned about such activity should post rules, and the business owner or representative must ask people loitering in violation of posted rules to leave.

"The business people have to be an active participant for managing their own property," Scoggins said. Officers, he said, can ticket underage teens for smoking.

Police in recent years have coped with what's known as cruising, the gathering of teens at various locations downtown.

"We've had it start at Kellogg Park, at Wing and Main, Penniman Avenue at the other coffee shop (Coffee Bean)," Scoggins said. "It seems to be a sequence of events that start out the summer."

Scoggins said that once school lets out, police cruising details, which include walking and bike patrols, will become active.

Lurain said the occasional evening walk through by patrol officers in recent days has eased the problem.

Volunteer sees destruction of springtime tornadoes

Editor's note: Dick Merrill of Plymouth is a busy guy, especially this time of the year, not to mention the effects of El Nino, as tornadoes and other natural disasters strike across the country. He is a volunteer with the Red Cross and is writing to us from the road.

Well out of the frying pan, into a fire! I am in Birmingham, Ala., actually Homewood, Ala., because of the central location of the damage.

I left St. Peter, Minn. on Thursday at 8:30 a.m. for home. While enroute to the airport, I found out National Red Cross in Virginia was looking for me to ask me if I could accept reassign-

'Makes you wonder, maybe we should all keep an eye on the sky, and not depend solely on sirens.'

Dick Merrill
—Plymouth resident

ment. I thought it might be a short assignment, so I said yes.

I never knew what was waiting for me when I arrived at 1:45 p.m., 29 dead and more missing. Fourteen thousand homes were destroyed and 12,000 of them in Jefferson County.

The Red Cross expects to spend \$2.5 million in disaster aid. We have not had this many deaths since the 1956 tornadoes in Huntington Ala. It's no wonder President Clinton planned to come here April 15 to see for himself.

There is a small town like Plymouth that had a siren for tornado alerts. It malfunctioned early this year. It had a defective part. It was repaired and tested. It worked the night of the tornado. The same part malfunctioned, no tornado sirens. Makes you wonder, maybe we should all keep an eye on the sky, and not depend solely on sirens.



Helping: Plymouth resident Dick Merrill sets up communication in Minnesota, which was hit by tornadoes. He has been traveling from one troubled area to another for the past few weeks as a Red Cross volunteer.

Police investigate cable pirate

A man suspected of being a 16-year cable TV pirate is being investigated by Plymouth Township police.

Police said they were called April 8 to the street the man lives on — police are withholding the street pending the investigation — by a Media One cable

company technician. The technician said a legitimate customer was having reception problems, partly because the pirate had tapped into his neighbor's cable line.

According to the incident report filed by police, the "splitter" was disconnected, yet the

technician returned a week later to find it hooked up again.

Police said they will seek charges against the cable pirate. Police said illegally tapping into a cable TV system is a felony punishable by up to four years in jail.

COP CALLS

Playing chicken

A 22-year-old Plymouth man was arraigned in 35th District Court Tuesday in connection with an accident involving a bicyclist.

He was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol in connection with the March 20 incident on Ann Arbor Road, east of Evergreen.

Police said the man had just pulled his car from a ditch and started driving when he hit the bicyclist, who reportedly was riding in the wrong lane and had also been drinking.

The bike rider, also of Plymouth, is recovering from his injuries. He is the same bicyclist who was almost hit by a Plymouth police car last September. The police report said the bicyclist was riding intoxicated in the wrong lane, and appeared to "be playing chicken" with the patrol car.

Break-in reported

Plymouth police are investigating the break-in of an apartment in the 1400 block of West Ann Arbor Road.

Police say nearly \$2,200 in electronic sound and video equipment was stolen.

No suspects have been identified in the theft.

Plymouth Township police encourage car and truck owners

to put CD players, cell phones and other valuables in the trunk following a wave of car break-ins and thefts.

Police Sgt. Jim Jarvis said there were six such thefts late Friday or early Saturday April

18 in the township, bringing the number to 32 this year.

Police have no witnesses or suspects. Thieves smash car windows to get to valuables inside.

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■ 0.5 mills for recreation.
■ 0.3-0.6 mills for a new township hall.
■ 0.8-1.56 mills to convert Western Townships Utilities Authority debt from a fee, as currently charged, to a tax.

The recommendations of the citizens group convened Monday differ slightly from those of trustees discussing ballot issues earlier this year.

In January, trustees talked about asking voters to approve a 2.5-3 mill general tax issue to pay for police and fire department staff increases. But McCarthy said members of the citizens group suggested voters would be more likely to vote for a tax targeted specifically for police and fire, rather than general tax.

"There's too much distrust of government," McCarthy explained.

The citizens group also suggested that the board ask voters for as much as a half-mill for a new township office com-

A special meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday to continue discussing ballot issues.

plex, to pay for land as well as buildings.

McCarthy said that trustees in January considered asking voters for WTUA debt conversion, then decided against it.

But the citizens group liked the idea of giving voters the option. Township Treasurer Ron Edwards suggested Tuesday the WTUA tax issue should be reduced to 0.8 mills.

"I think it's a hard sell," Edwards said, of the 1.56-mill WTUA tax issue proposed by the citizens' group.

Trustee Charles Curmi said passage of a WTUA debt conversion tax would encourage WTUA growth. "I don't support expansion of WTUA. It's a government Hydra that's mis-

managed," he said.

Before the ballot issues are presented to the public, McCarthy said the citizens' committee will detail what will happen if the tax issues are passed.

Township trustees have called a special meeting for 7 p.m. Monday to continue discussing the ballot issues, along with the citizens committee at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

McCarthy said details will include how many police and firefighters are to be added. A citizens committee tax campaign, organized by community activist Bill Joyner, will also publicize reasons for seeking a new township government office complex.

The committee was to be incorporated Wednesday, Joyner said. He projects raising \$30,000 from private contributors to publicize the tax campaign.

New noise rules delayed

The adoption of a new city noise ordinance has been put off until May 4.

Plymouth city commissioners were scheduled to vote to accept the ordinance at their Monday meeting.

But after more than an hour of questions and debate among residents and commissioners, they agreed to delay a vote.

Before the ordinance returns to the commission, some commissioners said they wanted it specified that sound measurements should be taken at the property line of the complaining party.

Commissioner Stella Greene suggested ordinance language changes to allow for temporary, and not long-term variances. Greene said she'd like ordinance language to more clearly define how excessive noise will be measured, so violation tickets have a better chance of standing up in court.

After tickets based on an earlier city ordinance pertaining to excessive noise were thrown out last fall at 35th District Court, city officials began developing a new noise ordinance.

Tickets had been written last summer against the Lower Town Grill for too-loud bands.

After the courts threw out the

'We've done quite a bit of testing.'

Kim Guenther
—Lower Town Grill owner

tickets saying the city ordinance was too vague, officials began researching ordinances in other cities that successfully establish limits on noise.

But as city commissioners reviewed the new ordinance at a proposed second and final reading Monday, residents criticized commissioners for not being more strict with noise ordinance provisions.

Dean Kariniemi of Starkweather, near the Lower Town Grill on Liberty, said the 55 decibel night time limit chosen by ordinance writers is "on the high end" of the comparative city scale.

He favored a 45 decibel night level, in operation in Plymouth Township and Canton and recommended by the World Health Organization. John Ronayne of Penniman said he supported 45, adding he's annoyed by loud night music on the porch of the nearby Plymouth Coffee Bean.

Some residents told commissioners they were annoyed by loudspeaker announcements at

Dick Scott Dodge on Ann Arbor Road.

Jim Bouton of Harvey Street said he'd been in the sound business for 10 years, adding the annoyance factor of sound isn't necessarily measured by a decibel meter.

He suggested the commission consider a spectrum analyzer, which measures high and low frequencies that can be the real source of annoyance.

Commissioner Colleen Pobur said those working on the new ordinance looked into this. "But the city can't afford an acoustician to do measurements," she said.

To those challenging the relative strictness of the proposed ordinance, Pobur stressed the ordinance should be "broad enough to be usable and specific enough to be enforceable."

"We've done quite a bit of testing," said Lower Town Grill owner Kim Guenther, adding staying below 55 decibels at night could be difficult for him to meet.

Guenther said he planned to spend more money on sound containment. He suggested raising the allowable decibel level to 61. Commissioner Joe Koch made a motion backing the idea, but it died from lack of support of other commissioners.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF CDBG PROGRAM AMENDMENT

The Board of Trustees, at the April 14, 1998, regular meeting, approved the following amendment to the FY 1997 CDBG program: Authorization of \$60,000 from Harrison Drain Improvements to be used for Canton Place enclosed walkway. The reprogramming neither creates a new project nor cancels an existing project. Questions may be directed to Resource Development Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 397-5392.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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Sign up for annual run

The Plymouth YMCA's 19th Annual Run will be on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21.

At 7:30 a.m., a junior jog for 4-6 year olds; 7:45 a.m., a Tot Trot for 2-3 year olds; 8 a.m., a One Mile Run/Walk; 8:15 a.m., a 5K Run/Walk; 8:45 a.m., a 10K Run. Don't forget the triple race! Run in all three races (1 mile, 5K & 10K). And back by popular demand a diaper dash for ages 2 and under.

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Utility forum

Consumers urged to study options on deregulation

A community forum Monday night on Michigan's proposed electric utility deregulation drew far fewer people than expected, but one of the organizers said she understood why.

The topic and the confusion surrounding it were key factors in holding down attendance to 150, half the anticipated crowd, said program moderator Faith Offman. She is pastoral associate at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Redford Township, where the forum was held.

"I'm a little disappointed" in the turnout, "but maybe (it's) okay," she said philosophically.

The nearly three-hour program featured speakers from state government, a union, a ratepayers' coalition and Detroit Edison. The program dealt with aspects of a subject of that many in Michigan are only vaguely aware of: Lansing's likely move to deregulate the state's electric-power industry, thus letting residents and businesses choose their electricity supplier.

The forum was sponsored by the West Detroit and Northwest Wayne Vicariates in conjunction with The Catholic Caucus of Southeast Michigan.

History

The move to deregulate electric power began in 1995, when the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued an order mandating open access to power transmission networks. In response, the Michigan Public Service Commission approved a controversial program of phased-in retail competition among electric utilities in the state.

Legislative action is required to implement the competition and Offman said it could come as early as this November, because term limits will end the service of more than 200 in the state House who have knowledge of the issues.

Deregulation, panelists said, is similar to what is happening in the telephone and gas industries and could possibly result in such things as "slamming" (consumers being switched between

Pros, cons outlined

Here are a few of the pros and cons of electric-power deregulation:

Proponents of such deregulation, which includes the staff of the Michigan Public Service Commission, say that increased customer choice will reduce average rates for electricity to the state's residential, commercial and industrial customers.

Opponents, however, say competition will pit commercial and industrial users against residential customers and ultimately cause a 30 percent increase in residential utility costs.

While academic research, although inconclusive, has claimed that competition will cause firms to operate more efficiently, other experts, including those at Michigan State University's Institute for Public Utilities, say it won't, at least not under competition as pro-

posed by the MPSC and the federal government.

While large power-buyers, including manufacturers and big institutions may see a savings by being able to accept bids from energy suppliers, there are costs associated with retail competition that still will have to be paid.

Deregulation opponents say residential customers, particularly the poor, will be left to pay these costs because large customers will buy cheap power, leaving smaller consumers, in effect, to buy more expensive electricity.

It also notes small investors in utility stocks and bonds - seen as a safe investment for retirees and others under a regulated market - may not be under deregulation, if some utilities are bought out or don't operate efficiently.

companies without their approval).

It could lead to loss of jobs through downsizing after mergers of power suppliers, they said. At its worst, some said, it has the potential to leave the poor, the sick and the elderly without electricity.

Speaking out

"The local utilities may have no obligation to serve poor people," said Lansing attorney David Shultz, who represents the Residential Rate Payers Consortium. "And those people may have to pay higher rates" to get electricity.

The consortium represents such groups as the American

Association of Retired Persons and the Michigan League for Human Services.

However, on the positive side, deregulation would let the marketplace set the rates, rather than the Michigan Public Service Commission, and could result in lower rates for consumers.

Detroit Edison spokesman and panelist James F. Connelly said that while some companies want to pick their customers, "Detroit Edison is willing to live with the customers we have," including senior citizens and poor people.

But he also said legislation was needed to guarantee social

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State high school proficiency test to get new rating names

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Those hated labels on statewide student tests are due to get new names today.

The State Board of Education is studying Superintendent Art Ellis' suggestions to drop the "proficient," "novice" and "not yet novice" ratings given students on the Michigan Educational Proficiency high school tests.

The ratings caused many parents to let their 11th-graders "opt out" of taking the exams, making it difficult for state officials to evaluate a school's performance.

"Two options are provided for the board's consideration. Both have advantages and disadvantages," said Ellis in remarks prepared for delivery today.

Option A provides four levels of ratings:

1. Distinguished.
2. Exceeds Michigan standards.
3. Meets Michigan standards.

4. Does not meet Michigan standards.

Ellis called it "straightforward" but said it will be difficult to establish "cut" scores between categories. That is, "there may be only a one or two raw score point difference between each level, particularly in writing where there are only 12 points in total."

Option B also provides four levels:

1. Does not meet Michigan expectations.
2. Meets Michigan expectations.
3. Exceeds Michigan expectations.
4. Indicates distinguished performance.

Variations on Option B call for reversing the order of numbers and slightly different descriptions.

School chief's view

Ellis commented that "Option B may provide an opportunity for more students to earn

endorsements while assuring the State Board of Education maintains rigorous standards ...

"Establishing two reporting categories that meet or exceed the Michigan standards will be an easier task with the elimination of an additional reporting category that describes distinguished performance."

Ellis said he found either option acceptable, leaving the decision solely to the eight-member board.

The Legislature mandated changing the scoring labels after public hearings last year showed much student and parental dissatisfaction.

But the concept of statewide testing is here to stay, lawmakers said, because of local variations in standards in granting high school diplomas.

Eleventh-graders in public schools will find their standard state tests have a new name this year - "MEAP High School Tests

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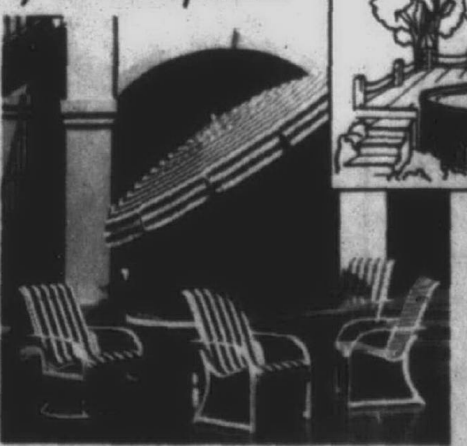
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some anxiety for the teachers, but as adults we can learn to adjust. Middle school students are trying to learn who they are, make new friends, meet new teachers. It's a lot of stress on them."

Verville believes if a new middle school isn't ready and alternatives need to be put in place, the inconveniences should be felt at all the middle schools.

"The more lives that are touched and impacted, the more things get accomplished," said Verville. "There's no easy way, except to get people to agree we need another middle school."

George Przygodski, a sixth-grade math and science teacher who has also been at Lowell since 1980, is taking the closing in stride.

"Everyone is apprehensive about the future, but we knew that it was going to happen eventually," said Przygodski. "We've gone further than expected."

Przygodski believes life is full of changes, and you just have to be ready for it.

"You either get bulldozed by change, or you embrace it," he said.

"How did I get to Lowell in the first place? Because of change."

While Verville questions "why the district waited so long" in making plans for a new middle school, Przygodski doesn't blame the administration, saying "it's easy to take shots at people who have to make tough decisions."

LaVictor said there has been talk of trying to keep the staff together when it's time to leave Lowell.

"This staff does want to stay intact," said LaVictor. "When we found out the lease was up, one of the very first things mentioned was the hope we would remain together."

Change in store

Przygodski said, for sentimental reasons, he would like to keep the staff together, but noted change would let everyone "explore new avenues."

Verville definitely wants to remain with her fellow teachers and friends.

"We know how each other operates, and we cooperate well together," she said. "When you move to a different school, it's like being the new kid on the block."

Throughout it all, LaVictor believes the changes can go smoothly if there is communication among everyone involved.

"Right now we're OK, we've still got two years to go," said LaVictor. "I certainly don't have a crystal ball to see what's going to happen in a year from now. I'm sure there will be more anxiety as the time gets closer, especially if we don't get answers."

Man hurt in accident

A mishap Tuesday outside a Plymouth firm sent a 29-year-old Southfield man to the hospital for treatment of possible head, face and neck injuries, the township fire department reported.

A spokeswoman for St. Mary Hospital in Livonia said the man was released from the hospital at 11 p.m. Tuesday.

Emergency response crews

were called at 5:59 p.m. to E & E Manufacturing, 400 Industrial Drive. While installing a new press in a new building addition, an employee on top of the press that was being hoisted 40 feet above ground during installation was struck by a bar, according to the report.

The bar was part of the machine that was lifting the press, according to the Plymouth Community Fire Department report. Accidentally released, the bar struck the worker in the head, but he remained conscious.

Fire Department Chief Larry Groth said the department used a bucket suspended by a 100-foot high tower truck to remove the man and transport him to the hospital.

Local kids in 'Wizard of Oz'

Plymouth resident Lauren Norris, 9, and Canton resident Ashleigh Rotondo, 10, were among more than 300 youngsters and little people who auditioned for the opportunity to be a Munchkin in Madison Square Garden's stage production of "The Wizard of Oz" at the Fox Theatre.

From the hundreds who participated, only 14 were scheduled for a walk-on role as a Munchkin in the production playing at the Fox Theatre through April 26.

The winners will appear in one

evening performance on stage with The Wizard of Oz stars Mickey Rooney (The Wizard), Eartha Kitt (The Wicked Witch on the West) and local cast members Jessica Grove (Dorothy) and Marty Klebba (Nikko, commander of the flying apes). Local Munchkins will appear in the final scene where Mickey Rooney, "The Wizard," flies away from the Emerald City in a magical balloon.

Tickets are on sale now for The Wizard of Oz at the Fox Theatre and are priced at \$45.50 for the main floor and Mezza-

nine, \$32.50 and \$17.50 with school and group discounts available. Tickets can be purchased at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations including Hudson's, Harmony House and Repeat the Beat. To charge by phone, please call (248) 433-1515 in Detroit and (519) 792-2222 in Windsor. For group tickets (20 or more), please call (313) 365-3099. For more information, please contact Olympia entertainment guest services at (313) 983-6611.

Plymouth Lions conduct solicitations

By official proclamation of Governor John Engler, the week of April 26-May 3 has been designated as Lions White Cane Week.

This year marks the 50th year the Plymouth Lions Club has participated in this cause. Friday and Saturday, April 24 and

25 have been set aside by the Plymouth Lions Club to conduct their annual street solicitations in the Plymouth Community.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed proposals will be received by Charter Township of Canton Parks & Recreation Department, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188 until 5:00 PM, May 7, 1998 for **HERITAGE PARK PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES**. Proposal documents are available to pick up in the Parks & Recreation Department at the above address.

Canton Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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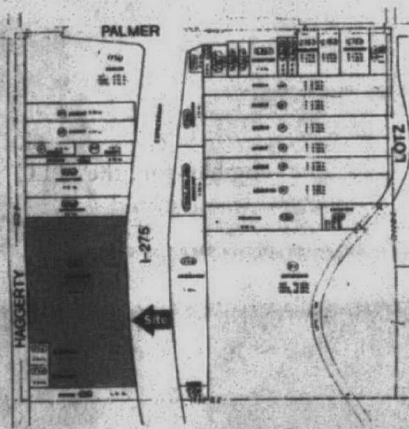
CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 4, 1998 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

GRIFFIN/CANTON TOWNSHIP REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 098 99 0028 001 FROM O-1, OFFICE, TO RP, RESEARCH PARK. Property is located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Palmer Road and Michigan Avenue. (Rescheduled from April 6, 1998)

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



VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

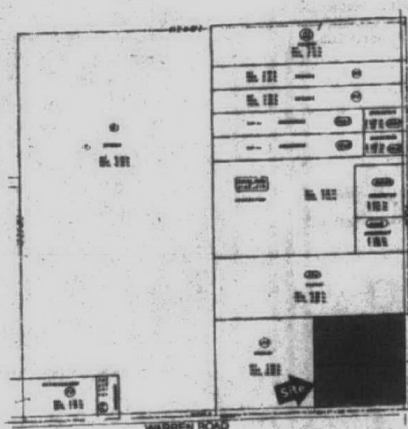
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CANTON INVESTMENT/TAWEL REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 024 99 0008 000 AND 024 99 0009 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the northwest corner of Ridge and Warren Roads.

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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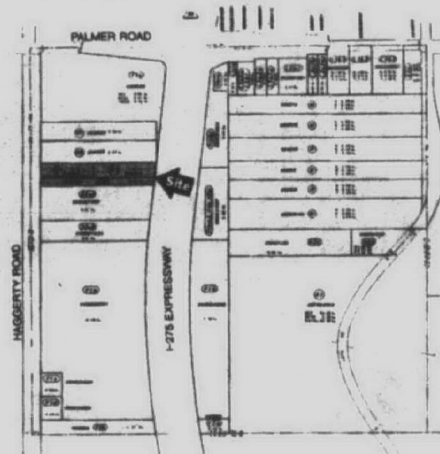
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VERIKAMIN REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 098 99 0024 000, 098 99 0025 000 AND 098 99 0026 000 FROM O-1, OFFICE, TO RP, RESEARCH PARK. Property is located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Palmer Road and Michigan Avenue.

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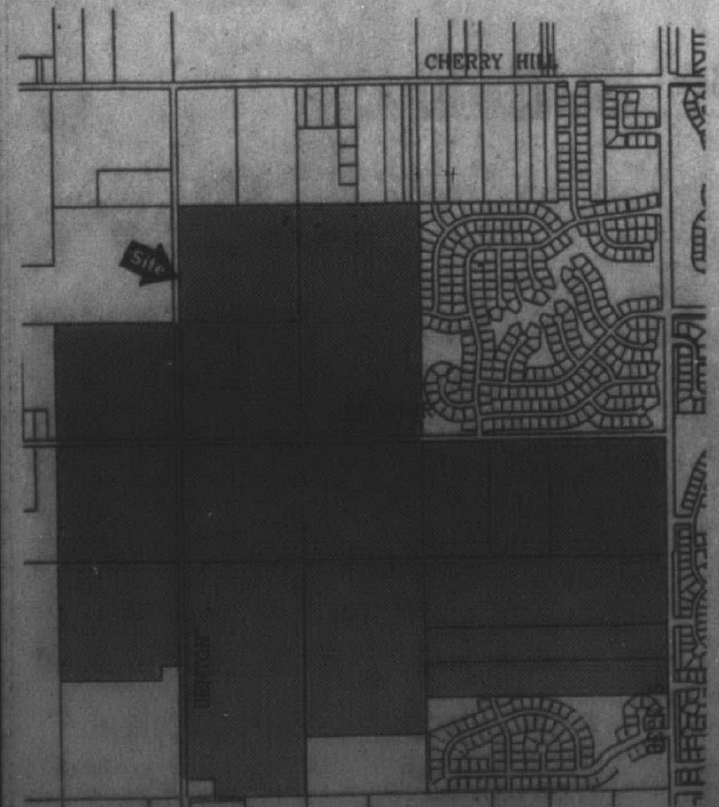
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 18, 1998 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

CONSIDER A REQUEST TO AMEND CENTRAL PARK PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AGREEMENT AND EXHIBITS AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.041.3 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE Parcel nos. 076 99 0008 000, 076 99 0009 000, 078 99 0011 000, 079 99 0001 000, 079 99 0002 000, 079 99 0003 000, 080 99 0002 000, 080 99 0003 000, 080 99 0004 000, 113 99 0001 000, 113 99 0002 000, 113 99 0003 000, 114 99 0001 000, 114 99 0003 000 and 117 99 0001 000. Properties are located south of Cherry Hill between Beck and Denton Roads and also west of Denton Road.

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

SEE ATTACHED MAP



VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON 1998-99 ACTION PLAN 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FY 1998 CDBG PROGRAM

On April 23, 1998 and for 30 days thereafter, public comment will be accepted on the 1998-99 Canton Center Township Action Plan. The Action Plan is part of the Consolidated Plan (mandated in 24 CFR Parts 91, 92, 570, 574 and 968 (August 5, 1994/Proposed Rules), which replaces the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS). The document plus the Action Plan will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Resource Development Division office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Comments received during the review period will be answered in writing and appended to the Plan. The Consolidated Plan must be submitted to the Department of HUD no later than May 15, 1998. Comments received after that date but before May 23, 1998, will also be appended to the Plan. The 1998-99 Action Plan does not deviate from the 1996-97 Consolidated Plan. The Plan maintains the housing rehabilitation program as the only direct intervention housing program for Canton Township, and funds the program adequately to rehabilitate three owner-occupied single family detached homes during 1998-99. Canton Township, when appropriate and after diligent review, will support applications by outside agencies to the Department of HUD for non public housing funds to alleviate the housing/support needs of low and moderate income residents and others who meet relevant federal criteria for housing need. Canton Township will not support the loss of subsidized housing units in Canton. There are no homeless in Canton Township supported by census data and the problem will not develop during the Plan period. Canton Township certifies that it will affirmatively further fair housing and that it is in compliance with a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan as required and provided under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

On April 16, 1998 The Canton CDBG Advisory Council adopted the following projects and funding levels for the FY 1998 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for recommendation to the Canton Board of Trustees for approval at the regularly scheduled Board meeting of April 28, 1998. The FY 1998 allocation is \$423,000 as determined by Congress. FY 1998 CDBG project recommendations: Program Administration, \$29,110; First Step, \$26,850; Child and Family Service Adult Day Care, \$4,000; Growth Works, \$10,500; Salvation Army summer day camp, \$13,000; Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, \$2,500; Housing rehabilitation, \$44,540; Harrison Drain improvements (multi-year project), \$260,000; ADA Doors Retrofit, Community Center Building, 46000 Summit Parkway, \$6,000; Construction contingency, \$20,000; Total: \$423,000.

Questions or comments may be directed to the Resource Development Division at the above address of (313) 397-5392.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

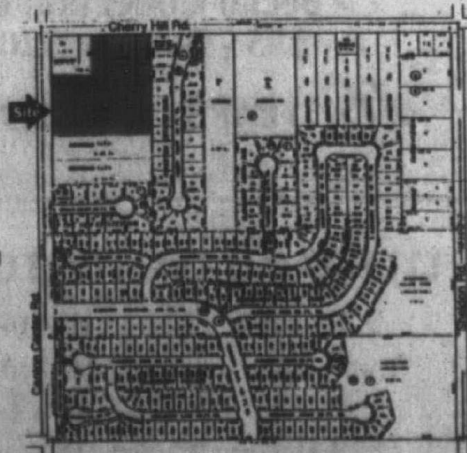
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CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, May 18, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road to consider a request for the following Special Land Use as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance.

ATMF-V SHOPPING CENTER SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A PLANNED SHOPPING CENTER GREATER THAN 40,000 SQ. FT. BUT LESS THAN 200,000 SQ. FT. AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 16.02B.9 FOR PARCEL NOS. 086 99 0003 000, 086 99 0005 000, 086 99 0006 000 AND PART OF PARCEL NO. 086 99 0004 702; AND TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO AMEND THE SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL GRANTED FOR PARCEL NOS. 086 99 0004 701 AND 086 99 0004 702 (AMOCO SERVICE STATION) FOR AN AUTOMOBILE SERVICE STATION AND AUTOMOBILE WASH FACILITY, BY REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE A 1.5 ACRE L-SHAPED GREENSPACE ON THESE PARCELS ADJACENT TO RESIDENTIALLY-ZONED PROPERTY CURRENTLY ZONED COMMERCIAL. Property is located east of Canton Center Road and south of Cherry Hill Road. (Rescheduled and amended from February 16, 1998)

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



VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Court to hear motion on open primary lawsuit

A hearing on a motion in a lawsuit challenging the way Wayne County election officials count primary-election ballots is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29 before Circuit Court Chief Judge Michael Sapala.

The 9 a.m. Wednesday hearing on the request for a summary disposition in the plaintiffs' favor will be held in Room 701 of the City/County Building in Detroit.

The lawsuit challenges, according to Dearborn attorney John R. Hand, who filed it, "the way County election officials misuse state law to invalidate ballots" cast in the county's home-rule primary elections.

Wayne County commissioners last December rejected a request by Hand's group to put a proposal on open, or non-partisan, primaries before the public.

Ben Washburn, the commission's legal counsel, said at the time state law requires partisan elections.

Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, who also represents Plymouth, noted that both state law and party rules supersede the county charter.

The Hand request was described as an "exercise in futility" by County Vice Chairwoman Kay Beard, D-Westland, who also represents Garden City.

Hand, who filed his suit last month, said he hopes for a decision on his motion from Sapala before the Michigan state and county home-rule partisan pri-

maries are held simultaneously Aug. 4.

Hand's suit claims that Wayne County election officials are "misusing a provision of state law" to invalidate ballots cast for more than one party - even though such ballots "are perfectly valid" under the state law.

Hand said it is not unusual for separate primaries of two different units of government to be held the same day to save on administrative costs, as will happen Aug. 4.

"But the mere fact that modern voting machines allows voters to record all their choices on the same punch-card cannot, legally speaking, turn the two primaries into one," he said.

The law provides that "any ballot on which more than one party is voted is void" - which Hand says is a reference to splitting votes on the same partisan-election ballot, not voting for opposing parties on what are, in effect, different ballots.

"For example," he said, "imagine a voter this coming August who votes for all Republicans in the state primary and all Democrats in the county primary."

"Both of these ballots should be counted" because neither actually contains split votes, he said. "But election officials will apply state law as if it said 'all ballots of any voter who votes for more than one party are void' and wrongfully nullify both bal-

lots."

His suit seeks three things: recognition of the primaries' separateness and application of the state ballot-voiding rule to each ballot separately; second, that the rule be applied only to the state primary and third, that county voters be allowed to decide whether the primary remains partisan.

Hand said Wayne is the only home rule county in the state which was denied a choice on that issue and he wants an order placing it on the ballot as soon as possible.

"I'm sure that Judge Sapala will appreciate, in making his decision, that time is of the essence," Hand said, adding that his lawsuit is picking up bi-partisan support.

He said two county newspapers, the Grosse Pointe News and Heritage newspapers, already have endorsed changes like he's seeking in the suit.

And support also has come from township supervisors Tom Yack, R-Canton, and Curt Boller, D-Brownstown.

Said Yack: "When voters converted Wayne County to home rule government, they should have acquired the right to determine the method by which county officers are selected."

Said Boller: "It makes sense that we in Wayne County have an open primary, but now the court must decide."

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in Math, Science, Reading, Writing and Social Studies."

Testing time will be two hours less.

"That will place all assessment tests under the name of Michigan Educational Assessment Program," said Dr. Christine Schram of the Department of Education.

Previously, "MEAP" was the term used for tests given to grades three-eight. The 11th-grade tests had been called "HSPT," for High School Proficiency Tests.

Although tests will consume less class time, as the public and Legislature demanded, the state can't force students to take them.

"Our expectation was that everyone would be eager to take the high school tests," said Dorothy Beardmore, vice president of the State Board of Education.

'Badge of honor'

"An endorsement (proficiency grade in a subject) would be a badge of honor. But if the parents don't want their children to take that test, I don't know how you can force them to do it."

Beardmore said that the idea of allowing exemptions was to allow the disabled and those with limited English language proficiency to

skip them. Instead, many upper middle class parents - notably in Birmingham, Troy and Monroe - exempted their offspring.

In today's special meeting, the State Board was scheduled to spend most of the day discussing special education with an advisory committee.

The state is wrestling with special ed enrollments that are rising faster than the school-age population, wrenching costs skyward. Local districts are threatening another lawsuit if the state doesn't compensate them fully for their special ed costs.

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programs for the disadvantaged and against slamming and other such practices.

After deregulation, Detroit Edison will be the local power distributor for re-sellers and will be the one maintaining equipment and power lines, Connelly said.

Asked why deregulation should be allowed, panelist George Manogian, national representative for special projects for the Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO, said that "all customers should see a benefit" from deregulation "if it's done fairly for all classes of customers."

Unions are supporting it cautiously from a worker/ jobs standpoint, he said.

Government action

However, Shane Muchmore, representative of State Rep. Dennis Oshove of the 29th District, said his office believes the PSC has not done enough for residential customers.

"The legislature needs to be doing more and the PSC less," said Muchmore.

Another question needing to be resolved is who will build new power plants to cover future needs - a hot topic already

because some industry people say new plants already are too expensive to build.

Contributing to the move to deregulate was said to be pressure from big business - resulting from a state Jobs Commission survey which purported to find Michigan more expensive in terms of electricity than some other states.

"The reality in Michigan," said Offman, is that electric utility deregulation could come "maybe as early as November," although other panelists saw it as two or three years down the road.

If anything, Monday's forum served to encourage citizens to urge their legislators to institute protections in any deregulation.

Seniors and the ill "need protection from shutoffs in winter," said Beverley McDonald of the Catholic Caucus. She cautioned that residential consumers "need to be in the same kind of purchasing group if we're going to compete" on rates with big businesses.

'A done deal'

But even that left Paula Bowman of Livonia, who is president of the Livonia League of Women Voters, a bit cold.

Looking over the welter of

issues involved, she said "It's a pretty sad state of affairs for the little ol' consumer, who can't understand any of this."

And, she added, "It (deregulation) sounds like a 'done deal' to me."

Noting the authority that the three-member PSC, appointed by Gov. John Engler, has "sure sounds like three people have an awful lot of power," she said.

She agreed with panelists that people need to become aware of the issues involved, but the bigger problem is voter apathy, she said.

"Voters feel their vote doesn't count" and the fact is, she said, "they didn't even vote on this (deregulation)" other than to have elected Engler, who appointed PSC members.

Russell Mayotte of Livonia, retired after 40 years as a cost of service analyst for Edison, said a key question raised for him is, "Who has the responsibility for meeting customer needs if an out-of-state electric supplier fails?"

And retired general contractor John Shubby of Redford said the answer was "no deregulation. Keep the PSC as it is."

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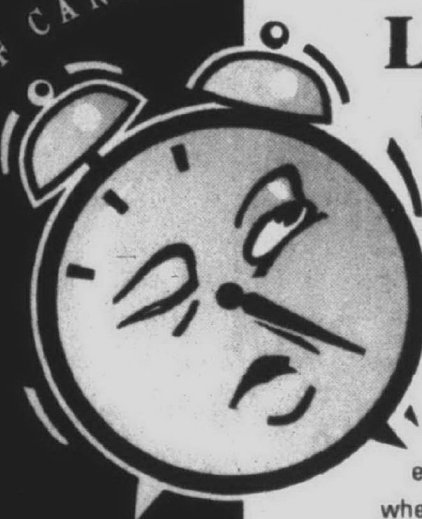
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Opening: Above, painter Tom Clayfield puts the finishing touches on trim near the ceiling of the new library. At left is the exterior of the library, which faces Main Street. The new library is in the same site that the former library sat. In the photo below, community leader Jim Jabara and Pat Thomas, library director, check out the new circulation desk, which has a view outside through French doors and which sits near stairs leading to the library's lower level.

Library from page A1

"We do computer check-ins of periodicals. We do the processing of materials in the library," Casper said. They're busy putting magazines for 300 subscriptions over three years so the public can easily pick what they want to read.

And both are certain the new facility will greatly change their jobs and how they do their jobs. Which is fine with them. "We have more space to do our jobs and our materials will be on two levels," Casper said.

The warmly-painted walls - different colors for different areas of the library - add a comfortable feeling to the facility that has been planned for the needs of its patrons of all ages with all types of information needs.

Source of help

While each member of the library staff is doing his or her job, there is help with the move. First, the library had a moving company that knows about libraries. And while the staff is organizing and setting up materials for public use, Diversified Metro Maintenance is cleaning up the building on the heels of painters and other contractors who are in for the finishing touches.

The library is a culmination of efforts ranging as far back as 1986.

The new two-level library boasts 41,000 square feet, compared to 13,000 square feet in the former Dunning-Hough Library.

On the main floor will be videos, CDs, music, best sellers, rental books, current magazines, fiction, and an adult quiet reading area complete with a cozy fireplace.

Also on the main level is a kids' area with picture books, puppets, toys and a storybook house. The main level also boasts a programming room and meeting room.

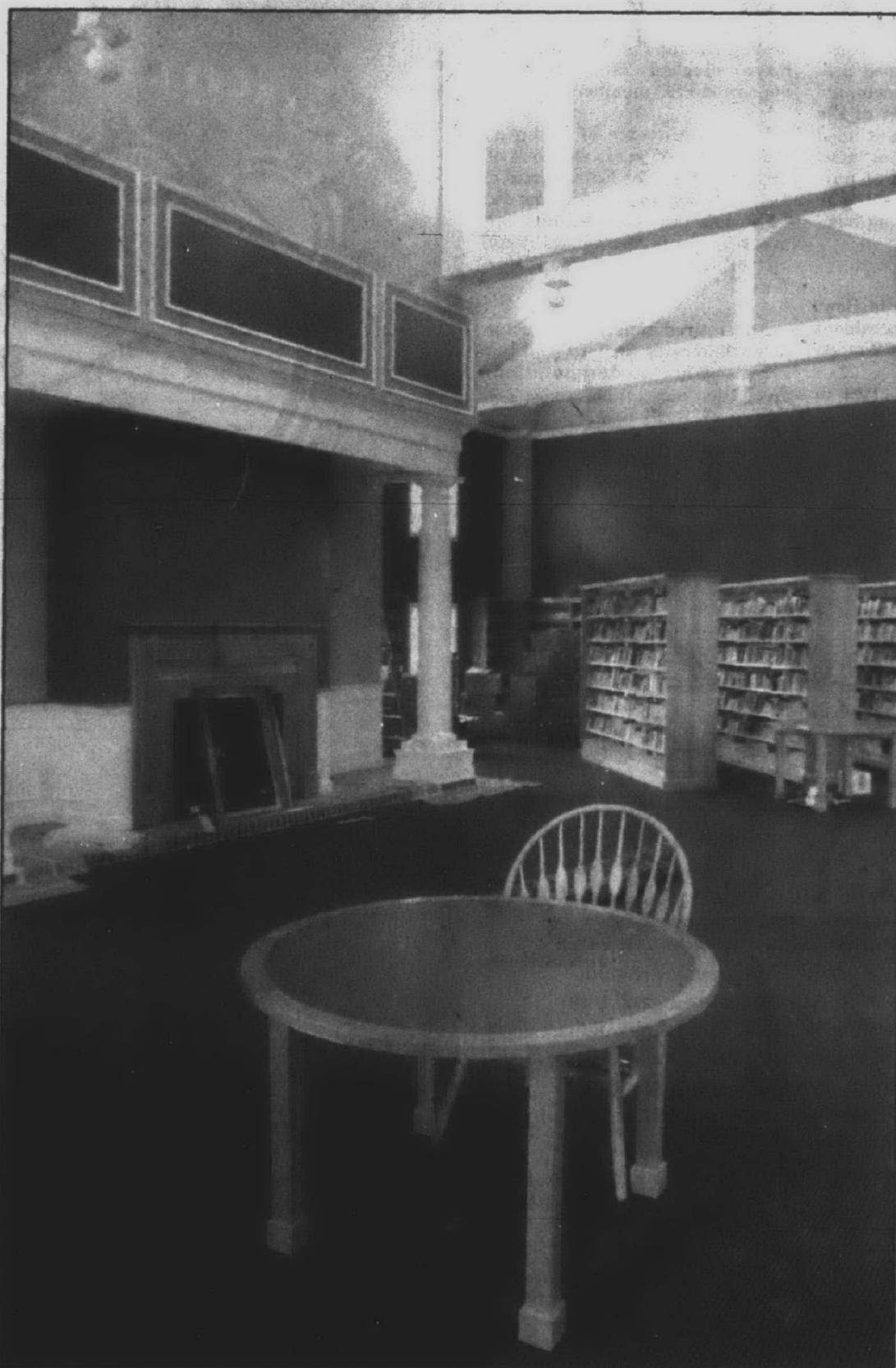
An inviting half-moon-shaped circulation desk is also on the main level near French doors and not far from stairs leading to the lower level. The lower level features all the non-fiction and reference materials, as well as a conference room, study room and computer training lab.

The library is a culmination of efforts ranging as far back as 1986. "I told the board then that we had a nice library, but no place to put the books," Thomas said.

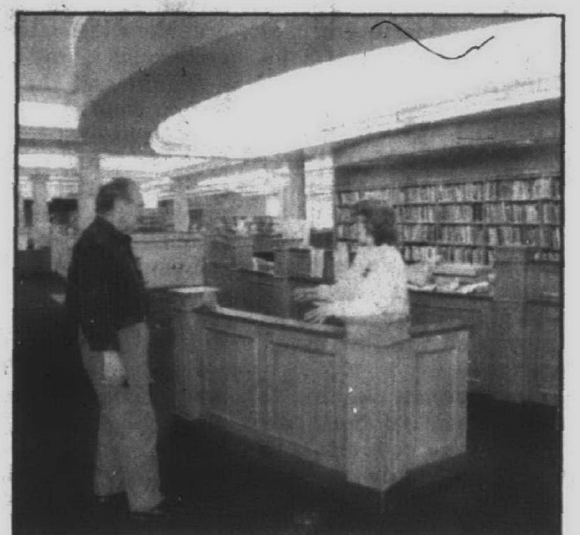
In 1991, the library board hired an architect. "That poor man has come to just about every meeting we have had in the past seven years," Thomas said.

In 1994, voters in the city and township approved nearly one mill to build and stock the library.

"Patience has been the key. Flexibility. You have to be careful not to box yourself into a corner. You try to keep your eye on the goal," Thomas said.



Cozy: What could be better than a little peace and quiet, a good book and cozy surroundings that include a large fireplace? It could be just as good as home.



Unpacking: Donna Boudreau, youth librarian, shelves easy-to-read books in the youth area.

ROUGE RIVER: Alive, but not quite well

If a picture is worth a thousand words, the charts and graphs displayed at Rouge Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council meeting last week spoke volumes.

The Rouge River, although alive, is not quite well.

The meeting reviewed several years of water-quality data collected by the Rouge Program Office, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). Representatives said that few conditions — except aesthetics (water clarity, color and odor and the amount of debris and pollution) — have changed significantly over 10 years.

"Over the next two years, we're looking at having a new RAP (Rouge River Remedial Action Plan)," said Cathy Bean of the MDEQ about the meeting's focus. Bean is the RAP facilitator.

Topics discussed at Wednesday's meeting included toxins, bacteria, fisheries and aesthetics.

The message about swimming: Don't, even in dry weather, the optimum condition. E. coli levels at all stations and times sampled were well over those allowed more than half the time. Also, according to reports distributed at the meeting, construction work at Newburgh Lake in 1997 increased bacteria counts.

Ed Kluitenberg of the Rouge Program Office displayed several graphs illustrating the Rouge River's public use conditions. He said the bacteria problems are being corrected by the various Combined Sewer Overflow projects. However, he added that the graphs' general message is "very valid."

"We have good news in some

areas, but a long way to go in other areas in controlling color and debris," said Lou Regenmorter of the Rouge Program Office. (See chart.)

Regenmorter said the good news includes the ongoing efforts of The Friends of the Rouge School Program, which has grown from 16 schools and 400 students in 1987 to 100 schools and 9,000 students in 1998. He also said three fishing derbies and 600 canoeing trips took place in 1996.

Although Newburgh Lake is being dredged and restored, Joe Rathbun of the Rouge Program Office said all stations tested had toxic sediments. "I don't want to say there is a giant problem, but it is widespread."

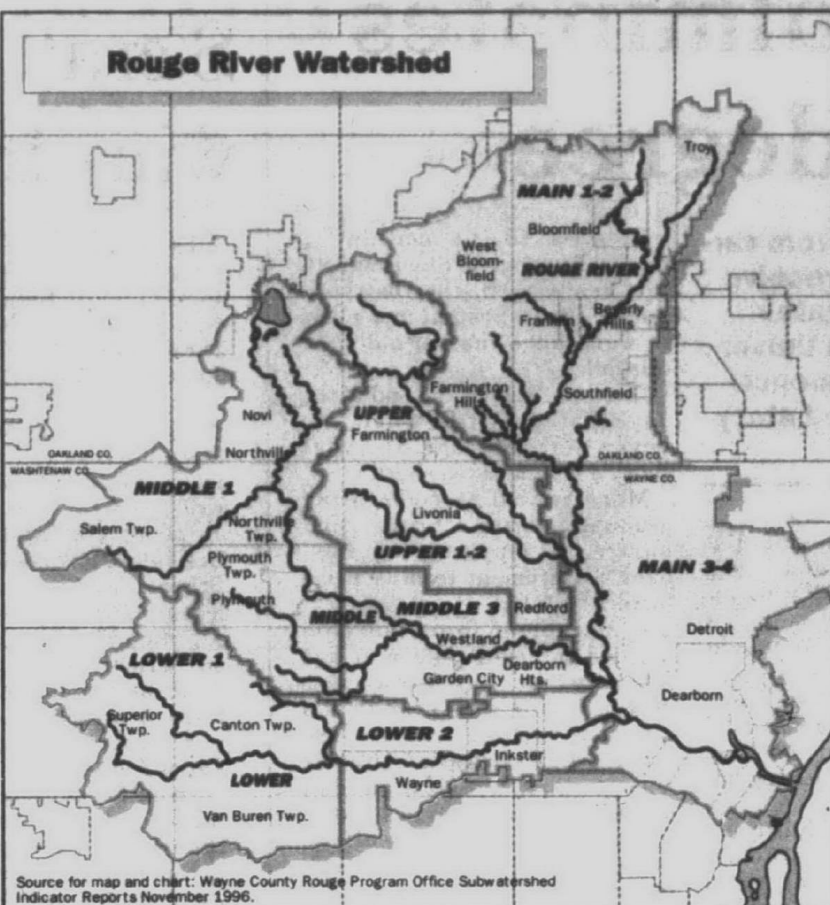
Most of the toxic contaminants — PCBs, PAHs, metals, oils — exist in the Lower Branch. Rathbun did not cite a single contaminant source, but said gasoline from the 2,000 road crossings is a contributor.

Rathbun also spoke of abandoned dumps, some municipal, as contaminant sources. Sixty-eight have been identified to date, and many are close to stream channels.

"Some seem to be decades old. They're buried beneath the topsoil. A lot are just household stuff, bottles and cans. Some are so old the contaminants that would leave have done so."

Rathbun and other presenters emphasized that abandoned dumps do not mean abandoned property. Many sites have been built upon.

Jeff Braunsheid of the DNR said the Rouge River fish population has remained fairly static over the last 10 years. Game fish exists



Summary of impaired uses for the Rouge River

Based on information prior to Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Controls

SUBBASIN		WATER CONTACT		WARM WATER FISHERY		CANOEING/NAVIGATION		AESTHETIC	
		1987	1996	1987	1996	1987	1996	1987	1996
Main 1 & 2a	Southeast Oakland/Southfield	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○
Main 2b & 3	Detroit/Dearborn	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Main 4	Detroit/River Mouth	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	●
Upper 1	Farmington Hills/Farmington	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○
Upper 2	Livonia/Bell Branch	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Middle 1	Novi/Northville	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	○
Middle 2	Plymouth/Westland	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○
Middle 3	Garden City/Dearborn Heights	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○
Lower 1	Superior Twp./Canton Twp.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○
Lower 2	Wayne/Inkster	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

KEY: ○ Full use ● Limited use ● Restricted use ● Insufficient data

only in the impoundments.

Braunsheid said factors contributing to the low fish population include removal of overhead cover; excessive flow variations; low dissolved oxygen levels; sedimentation from development; and lack of erosion control.

Roy Schramek of the DEQ stressed that the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan must be cohesive. "If we attack just one problem at a time, we're not going to get results," he added. "We need to look at the Rouge River as something that can be fixed."

Local input needed on action plan

Cathy Bean, facilitator of the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council, said a new RAP is necessary within two years, this time with more input from the 48 local governments in the watershed.

It's the local folks who will determine the river's profile.

"Do you want it to be a fish stream or a more passive thing, less active," said Bean.

The advisory council has made recommendations for intensive community-based education that includes local government; universities; the Environmental Protection Agency; SEMCOG; Wayne, Washtenaw and Oakland Counties; and the Michigan Department of Environmental Control.

Presently, local governments can sign up for a voluntary storm water permit. The permit's qualifications include monitoring and correcting illicit sewer system connections and conducting public education programs.

Bean cited as a past problem a Canton Township farm discharging the waste from 2,000 head of cattle directly into the river's lower stream. The problem was corrected and the farmer has since sold off the cattle.

However, industry is not the lone offender. The average resident must take responsibility for the river's pollution. "If you over-fertilize your lawn and it rains, it goes into a storm sewer to the Rouge River."

Leaking oil from cars and improperly disposed household cleaners also contribute to the pollution. Bean said communities could establish "household waste days" and make special collections of hazardous materials.

The advisory council drafted "Timeline 2000," an agenda for creating the new RAP through the year 2000, which includes conducting community "road shows" beginning in 1999. Participants meet again in June to prioritize issues and set a target end date for a revised RAP.

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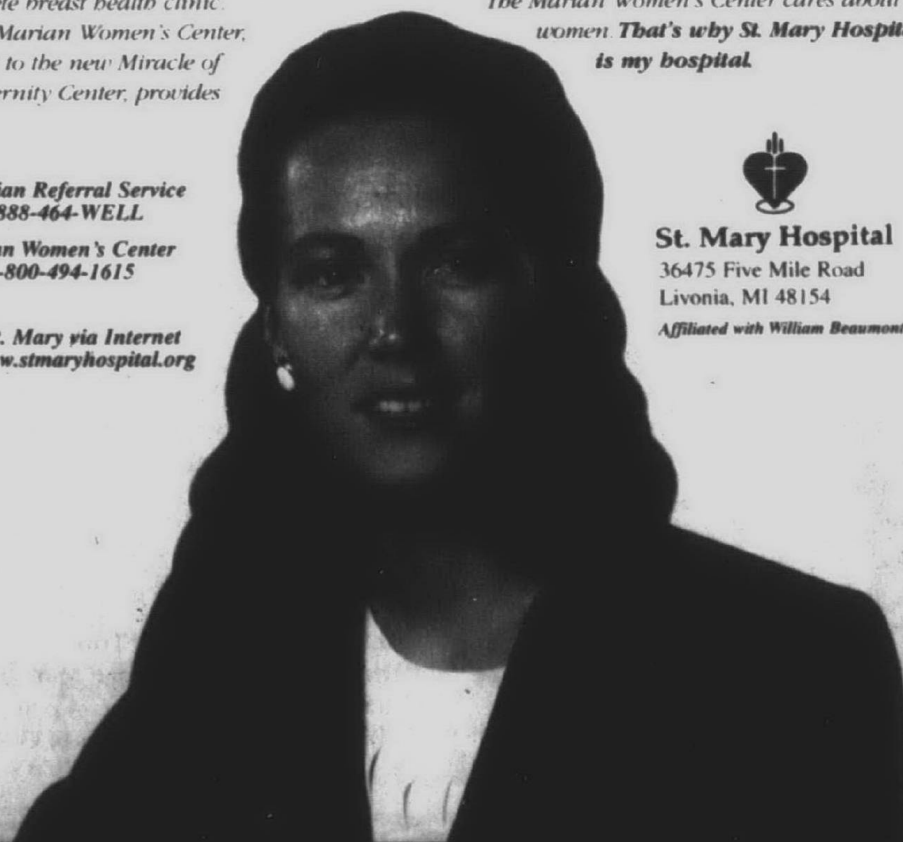
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Hard work culminates in Madonna degree

Two women who began studies at Madonna University in mid-life and a former high school and college basketball player who hopes to coach collegiately will be among those receiving their degrees at the Livonia-based university's commencement May 2.

Livonia residents Mary Acosta, now a substitute teacher, and Mary Jane Marchio, a hospice volunteer, will join Brandon Slone of Canton Township and more than 760 others in graduation ceremonies.

Acosta said an automobile accident that left her temporarily disabled caused her to re-evaluate her life and career.

She had moved to Livonia to be closer to St. Mary Hospital, where she was undergoing physical therapy. It was there she learned about Madonna and where, having lost her job after the accident, she decided to follow a friend's suggestion and embark on studies to become a teacher.

"At that point, I was 38 years old and didn't think I could go

Five leaders from various fields will receive honorary doctorates during Madonna University's 51st commencement. See related story on Page A11.

back for teaching," she said. But she chose Madonna and began studies as a disabled student, bound to a wheelchair.

"The ordeal definitely taught me a lesson in patience and tenacity," she said. Also, Madonna "helped me feel comfortable" as a disabled student, meeting her special needs and letting her focus on learning.

While at Madonna full-time, she received various scholarships, including the Michigan Colleges Foundation Chrysler Minority Scholarship and was nominated to Kappa Gamma Pi, a national Catholic honor society.

Now, four years later, Acosta

will walk to the podium to receive her degree. She is substitute teaching in the Dearborn Public School System and plans to work for a master's degree this fall.

"I tell my kids at the end of the day, 'You only fail when you never try.' My car accident showed me life is too short."

Marchio will be celebrating graduation with a transitional party also marking her husband's retirement from General Motors in July.

A mother of four, Marchio decided to begin college at age 52, after her children were grown. Taking a few courses at a community college, she "was hesitant" and "always sat by the door," telling herself if she felt out of place, she could just leave.

She decided to try college because she didn't have enough experience to get the type of job she'd like, despite having done a lot of church charity work.

Her strong interest and past involvement with St. Colette

Please see DEGREE, A11

S'craft student newspaper wins top prize in state contest

The Schoolcraft Connection won 13 awards, including Best Overall Newspaper at the Michigan Community Press Association Conference April 18 in Grand Rapids.

"It was nice to know we're ranked number one in the state because other journalists say so," said Jared Friebe of Livonia, editor-in-chief of the student run Schoolcraft Connection at Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia. "All those late nights and hard work paid off." Friebe is a full-time student and works 30 to 35 hours a week at the newspaper, which publishes 13 issues a year.

This is the sixth year Schoolcraft has competed in the contest held each spring in conjunction with the Michigan Community College Association conference. They competed against student run community college newspapers from as close as Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn to as far north as Bay de Noc Community College in Escanaba. Contest entries were judged by newspaper editors and reporters from all over the state.

In 1995 the Schoolcraft

Connection tied for first place in Best Overall Newspaper. They've placed second or third in previous years.

The Schoolcraft Connection is run by a staff of nine editors, including editor-in-chief, who receive a full scholarship for working on the newspaper. The editor-in-chief and layout/design editor also receive a stipend. Staff writers and photographers are paid for their contributions.

This year's staff consists of 20 to 25 students. Sherry Springer, director of Student Activities, has been the adviser for the past eight years.

"It gives the students a sense of accomplishment," said Springer about the newspaper competition. "It's nice to know your work is recognized by professionals in the industry who also offer feedback."

In addition to best overall newspaper, this year's award winners are:

Melissa Zawacki of Livonia, honorable mention news story.

David Metcalfe of Livonia, honorable mention feature story.

The Schoolcraft Connection staff, second and third place

best editorial.

Craig Racho of Northville, third place, news/feature photo.

Theresa Falasco of Novi, second place, photo essay; first place informational graphics; first place student ad; first place ad placement; first place front page design; second place overall design.

Nancy Walls-Smith, honorable mention, cartoon/cartoon strip.

Friebe was appointed editor-in-chief in May. He was news editor last year. After he graduates in May, he'll transfer to the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and major in English and political science.

Working on the newspaper has "helped me develop my writing style and skills, leadership and time management skills," said Friebe. "It helped me meet a lot of new people on campus, and in the community, and helped direct my career. I came into the newspaper thinking I wanted to be a journalist, but left wanting to be an English professor at a Big 10 university. I enjoyed teaching and helping people find their own writing style."

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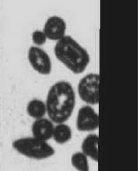
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Madonna ceremony to honor special leaders

The former chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities and the top Cadillac dealer in the world will be among five leaders from various fields receiving honorary doctorates during Madonna University's 51st commencement.

The ceremony, in which degrees will be presented to more than 760 graduating students, will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 2, in Calihan Hall at the University of Detroit Mercy in Detroit.

Dr. Sheldon Hackney, University of Pennsylvania history professor who was national humanities chairman from 1993-97, and Don Massey of Plymouth-based Don Massey Cadillac will receive honorary doctorates in the humanities and business administration, respectively.

Honorary doctorates also will be presented U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur of Toledo for public administration and Monsignor James Robinson, SSE, rector of the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church in Detroit, for education.

A distinguished alumna award will be presented to Madonna University supporter Dorothy Ozog Carson of Dearborn, a longtime university donor and supporter.

A baccalaureate Mass for graduates and their families will be 7 p.m. Thursday, April 30, in the presentation chapel of the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse. A reception hosted by Madonna President Sister Mary Francilene will be in the residence hall dining room following Mass.

Hackney, whose four years as National Endowment for the Humanities chairman resulted in a burgeoning interest in humanities education, is an eminent scholar who has received 10 honorary doctorates from around the world.



Don Massey



Dr. Sheldon Hackney



U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur



Monsignor James Robinson



Dorothy Ozog Carson

He has served on diverse boards, including the American Council on Education, The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum and the Philadelphia Orchestra Association.

He completed his military service at the U.S. Naval Academy and holds a bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University and a master's and doctorate from Yale University.

Massey, a self-made man who has assisted more than 30 Madonna students through the Joyce and Don Massey Endowed Scholarship Fund, has also, since 1990, annually donated a new Cadillac for the Madonna "Around the World" scholarship dinner auction.

In tribute to his late wife Joyce, Massey established The Joyce Massey Memorial Gardens, dedicated in 1994 at Madonna.

A native of Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Massey started in auto-

mobile retailing at age 14, working for a Jacksonville, Fla., dealership during summer vacation.

In 1955, he began selling used cars in Michigan and later bought the dealership which became Don Massey Cadillac. He is today the number one Cadillac mega-dealer in the world.

Rep. Kaptur, D-Ohio, the senior Democratic woman on the House appropriations committee, is in her eighth term in Washington and is one of only 62 women among the 535 members of the 105th Congress.

On the appropriations committee, she works with subcommittees on agriculture - Ohio's leading industry; housing and urban development; environmental protection; veterans; the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Science Foundation.

Among her accomplishments in creating jobs and helping working families are her founding of the Jobs and Fair Trade Caucus and the Auto Parts Task Force.

A lifelong Toledo resident, she helped rebuild her district's economy through the restoration of the Central Union Terminal plus road, bridge, rail and port facilities.

She is a graduate of St. Ursula Academy and holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin and a master's from the University of Michigan.

Nationally recognized for his unyielding determination to provide opportunities for people of all social and economic backgrounds, Monsignor Robinson, who served as a trustee for two six-year terms, is the only religious in the St. Edmund's Order to hold the title of monsignor in the United States.

A consultant to the Archdiocese of Detroit, the Alabama native also is an Episcopal vicar for the Westside Inner City Vicariate of the Archdiocese.

His broad range of service to the Catholic church and his support of, and contributions to, higher education, equality and diversity are evidenced by his

broad community involvement.

A founding member of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus as a young priest, he also served on Alabama and national economic opportunity groups. He is a director of the Detroit Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Monsignor Robinson earned undergraduate and master's degrees from Saint Michael's College in Vermont, graduating magna cum laude. He was ordained a priest in 1957 after completing studies at St. Edmund's Seminary in Burlington, Vt.

Carson, a 1970 Madonna alumna, has given freely of her

time in support of the university.

Holder of a master's in education and English as a Second Language from Wayne State University, she has taught in elementary schools and at St. Cyril and St. Methodius Seminary and served as an extension volunteer in Kiln, Miss.

Her other memberships include the Pope John Paul II Society and Friends of the Vatican Library and she has served as secretary of the Polish American Congress of Michigan scholarship committee; the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America and as national treasurer of the Orchard Lake Ladies Auxiliary.

Degree from page A10

Church led her, as a 1994 transfer student at Madonna, to take classes in pastoral ministry.

One of the classes was in hospice care and "I knew as soon as I attended a few of the sessions that I needed to be in hospice." She appreciated how the new knowledge, at her age, would be an asset and she also appreciated the fact Madonna is the only school offering such a program.

She now volunteers at Angela Hospice in Livonia and plans on continuing in the work, counseling and educating people on hospice care. However, she plans to work only part-time so she and her husband can travel and

enjoy his retirement.

Her education, she said, has made her "confident, self-directed, self-sufficient and more assertive, in a healthy way."

"My husband says he doesn't even recognize me because I have changed so much, and he means that as a compliment."

Slone, who came to Madonna in 1993 as a freshman basketball recruit, saw the small liberal arts university as mainly giving him a good chance to be a starter on the men's team.

"I didn't know if I would like that it was small, but everything happens for a reason and it worked out for the best because I

had a blast while I was there," he said.

In addition, this focused student graduated with a double major in history and English/speech and feels Madonna's reputation for teaching "gave me an edge" in his plans to become a teacher.

Completing his degree in four years as a full-time, year-round student, he also served as Madonna's basketball team captain all four years and won the Academic All-American honor

from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics as a senior.

He completed student-teaching in Northville last fall and became a full-time teacher and girls' freshman basketball coach at Grosse Pointe South High School in January.

He plans to get a master's and coach varsity ball and possibly college in the future. "But my main goal is to every year concentrate on being the best teacher I can be."

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Students find that charitable cause is more fun than taking an exam

Some students will do anything to get out of taking a high school final exam.

And two Canton High School freshmen are finding out that raising money for the new Plymouth District Library may be a bit harder and more time-consuming than an hour test.

However, both say they are doing it for a worthy cause and figure the time is well-spent.

"Anything is better than taking a test," said Marty Kane, 15, of Plymouth. "It will not only benefit us, but will help the community as well."

"We're finding out it takes a

The money they raise will go toward projects at the new Plymouth library, slated to open this weekend.

long time, but we're willing to do something that will benefit the city," said Oliver Wolcott, also of Plymouth.

The pair decided on the bottle drive.

"Last week, we passed out fliers to about 500 homes in our neighborhood," said Marty.

"This Saturday we will be going door-to-door to collect any bottles or donations that people can give."

The pair will work their Hough Park neighborhood 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The money they raise will go toward projects at the new Plymouth library, slated to open this weekend.

"The library gave us some ideas, and we decided to raise money for computer equipment and a puppet theater," Oliver said. "And, we've been told the Crossroads Foundation is willing to match whatever

amount of money we collect."

Gerry Barlage, the Plymouth library volunteer coordinator, said the Crossroads Foundation is a private family foundation that is offering challenge grants, matching donations raised in efforts like the bottle drive.

"Anyone who wants to help raise money for our enhancement programs can contact us and we'll help them get started," said Barlage.

The teens say if you don't have any bottles to give, they certainly will take a monetary donation for the library.

Anyone interested in helping

with a donation can contact Marty Kane at 453-1253 or Oliver Wolcott at 453-7667. Groups or individuals who want to start a fund drive can contact Barlage at the Plymouth library, 453-0750, Ext. 213.

CANTON TOWNSHIP ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, April 14, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to moved from an open session to a closed session at 6:00 P.M. to discuss employee negotiations and pending litigation. Motion carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL - CLOSED SESSION

Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: Burdziak

Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Santomaro

Motion by LaJoy, supported by Bennett, to return to an open session at 7:15 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL - OPEN SESSION

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Zevallink

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Recognition of Field Elementary School was added to the agenda. Item G-2, CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR BAD FROG RESTAURANT AND TAVERN and Item G-5, APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A POWER HAWK RESCUE SYSTEM, were deleted from the agenda. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of March 24, 1998 as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S NON AGENDA ITEM COMMENTS

E Wayne Byrum addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Bad Frog Tavern.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Treasurer Kirchgatter stated that check number 124176 would be withdrawn pending further information. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to pay the bills as amended. Motion carried.

EXPENDITURE RECAP

General Fund	101	\$355,872.33
Fire Fund	206	45,759.29
Police Fund	207	81,107.06
Community Center Fund	208	39,180.89
Golf Course Fund	211	32,381.53
Street Lighting Fund	219	16,361.38
Cable TV Fund	230	3,867.94
Community Impr. Fund	246	26,174.50
E-911 Emergency Fund	261	732.51
Special Investigative Fund	267	300.00
Federal Grants Funds	274	10,724.33
State Projects Fund	289	293.27
Downtown Devel. Auth.	294	4,935.03
Retire Benefits	296	6,819.00
Bldg. Auth. Construct.	469	13,313.00
Water & Sewer Fund	592	423,378.28
Trust & Agency (Trailer Fees)	701	6,648.00
Construction Escrow	702	3,202.42
Tonquish Creek Storm Drain	804	2,885.00
Total - All Funds		\$1,074,835.76

RECOGNITION OF FIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution recognizing Field Elementary School. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF FILED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF

WHEREAS, Field Elementary School students plan to reclaim the Truesdell drain site as a wetland by picking up litter and planting native plants, thereby helping to clean up the Rouge River; and

WHEREAS, students will visit local neighborhoods distributing unique fish shaped door hangers to reminded neighbors that the catch basins drain into the Rouge and to avoid dumping toxic materials in them; and

WHEREAS, students will spray paint the curbs by catch basins of the neighboring communities with an environmental message as a visual reminder that catch basins into the Rouge River; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these efforts to improve the water quality of the Rouge River and because they have made a difference in their community, Field School will tape a Nickelodeon program on Earth Day, April 22nd.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby recognize the Field Elementary School Students and Staff for their community awareness efforts and applauds them for their recognition by Nickelodeon, the #1 television network for kids.

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open at 7:20 P.M. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to close the public hearing at 7:24 P.M. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution approving the application of Swiss American Screw Products Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF SWISS AMERICAN SCREW PRODUCTS INC.

INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after duly noticed public hearing held on March 12, 1996, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Swiss American Screw Products Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owner; and

WHEREAS, Swiss American Screw Products, Inc. Has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility to be acquired and installed within the Swiss American Screw Products Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on April 14, 1998 at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at 7 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and

WHEREAS, construction of the facility and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before March 10, 1998, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption certificate; and

WHEREAS, completion of the new facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that:

1. The Canton Board of Trustees find and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of taxing until which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township.

2. The application of Swiss American Screw Products, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility to be acquired and installed on the following parcel of real property situated within the Swiss American Screw Products Industrial Development District, to wit:

A parcel of land being that part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 2 South, Range 8 East, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, described as the southern 258 feet of the east 429.0 feet of the south 759.0 feet, 2.55 acres.

be and the same hereby approved.

3. The Industrial Facilities exemption Certificate when issued shall be in force and effect for a period of 4 years after completion December

20, 2002.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve the following budget amendments for the transfer of \$106,000 from the General Fund to the Tonquish Creek Special Assessment Fund:

General Increase Revenues:

Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$106,000

Increase Appropriations:

Contr. To SAD Drain Fund #101-969-965-8040 \$106,000

This budget amendment increases the General Fund budget from \$13,291,868 to \$13,397,878.

TONQUISH CREEK SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUND:

Increase revenues:

Contribution from General Fund #804-000-676-1010 \$106,000

Increase Appropriations:

Contr. to General Fund #804-969-965-1010 \$106,000

This budget amendment increases the Tonquish Creek Special Assessment Fund budget from \$106,000 to \$212,000.

Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve the following amendment to re-budget funds for the Ford Road and I-275 interchange landscaping project:

Increase Revenues:

State Grants-Highways & Streets #101-000-546-0000 \$239,371

Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 60,622

Total \$300,000

Increase Appropriations:

Ford Road Enhancement #101-850-880-0000 \$300,000

This budget amendment increases the Grants Division budget from \$15,000 to \$315,000, and the General Fund budget from \$13,291,878 to \$13,591,878.

Motion carried.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the rezoning of certain property identified by property tax EDP nos. 054-01-0045-300, 054-01-0048-300, and 054-01-0165-002 from R-5, Single-Family residential to J-1, Office District. Motion carried.

Item 2: Consider Site Plan for Bad Frog Tavern was deleted from the agenda.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the special use for the proposed Shurgard of Canton Mini-Warehouse facility on property tax EDP #053-99-0001-006. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve execution of the five year equipment lease-purchase contract with Associates Commercial Corporation for 100 Club Car golf carts. I further mover to approve the following budget amendment in the Golf Course Fund for this contract's expense for 1998:

Increase Revenues:

Reimbursements-Fellows Creek Golf Club #211-000-680-0000 \$15,672

Appropriation from Fund Balance #211-000-699-0000 14,328

Total \$1,344

Increase Appropriations:

Golf Car Lease Payments #211-697-983-0000 \$1,344

This budget amendment increases the Golf Course Fund budget from \$1,578,932 to \$1,580,276.

Motion carried.

Item 5: Approval to Purchase a Power Hawk Rescue System was deleted from the agenda.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to introduce the Amendment to the Subdivision Control Ordinance 126C. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to table the Subdivision Ordinance 126C, as presented (amended), for publication of the first reading in the Canton Observer on April 23, 1998. Motion carried.

FIRST READING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AMENDMENT

SUBDIVISION CONTROL ORDINANCE NO. 126C SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 126, SUBDIVISION CONTROL, PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGN STANDARDS FOR THE DESIGN STANDARDS FOR STREET TREES; PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGN STANDARDS FOR BUFFER LANDSCAPING; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

Section 1. AMENDMENT

Ordinance No. 126 entitled "Subdivision Control"; Article 4, Design Standards for Subdivision Planning and Require Improvements; Section 4.1, Design Standards; Subsection F, Street Trees, and Subsection G, Buffer Landscaping, are hereby amended:

23.041 Section 4.1 DESIGN STANDARDS.

Subsection 4.1F.5 provides for increasing the minimum street trees to three (3) inches in diameter.

Subsection 4.1F.6 provides for the Township Planning Official as the review official.

Subsection 4.1G1 provides for changing the buffer (road frontage) landscaping requirements for a minimum of one shade and one evergreen tree every forty (40) lineal feet, minimum of one ornamental tree every eighty (80) lineal feet; minimum of one (1) shrub for every ten (10) feet.

Subsection 4.1G.3 provides for changing the buffer (road frontage) landscaping requirement to increase the minimum shade tree to three (3) inches in caliper.

Subsection 4.1G.4 provides for changing the buffer (road frontage) landscaping requirement to increase the minimum ornamental tree size to two (2) inches in caliper.

Subsection 4.1G.5 provides for changing the buffer (road frontage) landscaping requirement for evergreens to have a spread of at least five (5) feet and to specify that arborvitae and cedars are not considered evergreen trees.

Subsection 4.1G.6 provides for the buffer (road frontage) landscaping requirement for shrubs to increase the minimum spread of low growing shrubs to twenty-four (24) inches; and to add a notation that dwarf shrubs species may be used to achieve a specific design and goal and shall be a minimum of eighteen (18) inches in height or spread utilized at a rate one and one-half (1 1/2) times the base shrub requirements.

Subsection 4.1G.7 provides for the Township Planning Official as the review official.

Section 2. INTERPRETATION, CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, REPEAL

PENALTIES.

This section provides for the interpretation, conflict with public and private requirements, savings provision, adoption and repeal, amendment, severability, penalties and enforcement.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides for the effective date.

* NOTE: The above is a summary of Ordinance 126C. Ordinance 126, as proposed amended, is available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI during regular business hours.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to introduce the Amendment to the Condominium Ordinance No. 138A. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to table the Condominium Ordinance 138A as presented (amended), for publication of the first reading in the Canton Observer on April 23, 1998. Motion carried.

FIRST READING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AMENDMENT

CONDOMINIUM ORDINANCE NO. 138A SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 138, CONDOMINIUM ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGN STANDARDS FOR STREET TREES; PROVIDING FOR BUFFER LANDSCAPING; PROVIDING FOR INTERPRETATION, CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, REPEAL, AND PENALTIES; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

Section 1. AMENDMENT

Ordinance No. 138 entitled "Condominium"; Article 4, Design Standards; Section 4.4, Design Standards; Subsection E, Street Trees, and Subsection F, Buffer Landscaping, are hereby amended:

23.041 Section 4.1 DESIGN STANDARDS.

Subsection 4.1E.5 provides for increasing the minimum street tree size to three (3) inches in diameter.

Subsection 4.1E.6 provides for the Township Planning Official as the review official.

Subsection 4.1F1 provides for changing the buffer (road frontage)

landscaping requirements to a minimum of one shade and one evergreen tree every forty (40) lineal feet; minimum of one ornamental tree every eighty (80) lineal feet; minimum of one (1) shrub for every ten (10) feet.

Subsection 4.1F.3 provides for changing the buffer (road frontage) landscaping requirement to increase the minimum shade tree size to three (3) inches in caliper.

Subsection 4.1F.4 provides for changing the buffer (road frontage) landscaping requirement to increase the minimum ornamental tree size to two (2) inches in caliper.

Subsection 4.1F.5 provides for changing the buffer (road frontage) landscaping requirement for evergreens to have a spread of at least five feet and to specify that arborvitae and cedars are not considered evergreen trees.

Subsection 4.1F.6 provides for changing the buffer (road frontage) landscaping requirement to provide for substitution of dwarf shrub species to achieve a specific design goal at a minimum of eighteen (18) inches in height or spread utilized at a rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times the base shrub requirements for buffer (road frontage) landscaping.

Subsection 4.1F.7 provides for the Township Planning Official as the review official.

Section 2. INTERPRETATION, CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, REPEAL, PENALTIES

This section provides for the interpretation, conflict with public and private requirements, savings provision, adoption and repeal, amendment, severability, penalties and enforcement.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides for the effective date.

*NOTE: The above is a summary of Ordinance 138A. Ordinance 138, as proposed amended, is available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI during regular business hours.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to award the Spring 1998 Resident Sponsored Cost Share Tree Planting Program to Michigan Turf, Inc., of Taylor, Michigan for a total cost of \$19,702.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to accept the Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment proposal for the design of paving and drainage improvements for Beck Road, between Cherry Hill and Ford Roads for an amount not to exceed \$70,973.70, plus a 10 percent contingency for a total of \$78,071.07. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to award the engineering design and construction follow-up for the Maintenance Building Improvement to Beckler-Screamstad, Inc. for \$14,000.00 plus a 10 percent contingency for a total of \$15,400.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to award the design and construction follow-up for the Gorman Street Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment Districts 1998-1 and 1998-2 to Beckler-Screamstad, Inc. for \$18,500.00 plus a 10 percent contingency for a total of \$20,350.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by , to transfer additional funds to purchase order 2635 made out to Michael L. Priest and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$5,805.00 for additional engineering and survey work for the Hanford Road Improvement Project. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to accept the bid submitted by Cheryl Solo, M.S.T. & L, Inc. in the amount of \$33.50 per lot and \$57.50 per acre for the 1998 Weed Cutting Program. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to purchase two full size, two-wheel drive pickup trucks and one extended cab Sonoma four-wheel drive pickup truck at a cost of \$53,262.00. The funds for this purchase coming from Public Works account 592-000-142-0000. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid for rental of portable toilets for the 1998 season to John's Sanitation, Inc., in the amount of \$13,019.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to (1) authorize the reprogramming of \$60,000.00 from Harrison Drain Improvements to Canto Place Enclosed Walkway; (2) to award the contract to P.R.S. Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$96,154.00 plus a 10 percent contingency for a total purchase order amount of \$105,770.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to create and fill a Laborer position in the Grounds Maintenance Division. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to create and fill a Crew Leader position in the Grounds Maintenance Division. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to award the bid for the installation of two picnic shelters at Heritage Park to the low bidder Richmar Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$83,740.00 with a contingency fund of \$8,000. Further to approve the following budget amendment in the Community Improvement Fund for this bid:

Increase Revenues Appropriation from Fund Balance #246-000-699-0000 \$91,740

Increase Appropriation Capital Improvements - Parks & Recreation #246-000-970-0000 \$91,740

This budget amendment increases the Community Improvement Fund budget from \$6,374,395 to \$6,466,135.

Graduation is special for these local residents

A Livonia mother and her son, as well as a "Mr. Mom" from Westland, will be among the 1,070 graduates in the 33rd annual Schoolcraft College commencement ceremonies at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 2, in the Physical Education Building.

The mother-and-son duo is Joyce and Brian Galindo of Livonia, while Matthew Byle of Westland is the stay-at-home dad who turned a job-related back injury into a college degree and a new career.

The graduation likely will be a once-in-a-lifetime ceremony for the Galindos: Brian plans to earn bachelor and law degrees while his mother will take college courses in the future just for fun. Both parent and son made the dean's list.

In graduating, Joyce Galindo, a Schoolcraft employee for 11 years, will be finishing a 30-year trek that began in the late 1960s, when she took classes while working as a Wayne State University secretary.

Since then, she's earned professional secretarial certification, reared a family and been active in Livonia and Michigan Parent Teacher Association work. Her new associate degree is in office information systems.

On the other hand, Brian, who's earning an associate in liberal arts, changed from just wanting to finish college to enjoying learning, particularly political science and history.

A 1995 Livonia Churchill High School graduate, he spent three unhappy semesters at Michigan State University before returning home, where his mother persuaded him to try Schoolcraft.

There he found smaller classes but also saw older students working two jobs and studying, thus learning "the consequences of putting off getting an education," said Mrs. Galindo.

He became "a very determined, focused young man" who also helped calm his mother when she'd get "a little hyper" preparing for tests. She admits, too, "it took everything in my power not to mother" students who talked of how they'd stayed up all night writing papers.

Westland's Byle, a truck driver, learned to cook, do laundry and care for the couple's three young children after becoming unemployed due to a ruptured disc in his back from delivering furniture for a local chain-store.

But after choosing college instead of a cash settlement for his injury and becoming a student again, he found himself "foundering in the sea."

His vocation, biomedical engineering technology, which involves repairing hospital medical equipment such as suction units and ventilators, is a three-year Schoolcraft program that includes electronics, anatomy and physiology plus two internships.

"It seemed every class involved math," said Byle, who struggled with it. But a tutor, a study group and encouragement from instructors and his wife helped him finish the program in December.

He now works for Providence Hospital while his wife, a former waitress, is now office manager and accountant for a Plymouth firm making auto-industry components.

"It was a total lifestyle change for us," he said of the transition. "We took a negative situation and made it into something positive."

S'craft commencement Weight Watchers CEO to address grads

Florine Mark, founder of Farmington Hills-based The Weight Watchers Group, Inc., and recently appointed chairwoman of the Detroit branch of the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank, will deliver the keynote address and receive an honorary degree at the 33rd annual Schoolcraft College commencement.

The ceremonies will be 6 p.m. Saturday, May 2, in the physical education building.

Mark, who joined Weight Watchers in New York after trying various fad diets and diet pills, brought the concept to Detroit and now is president and chief executive officer of the largest Weight Watchers International franchise, with 2,500 employees and franchises in eight states plus Canada and Mexico.

Special honors

Other honorary-degree recipients will be Thomas F. McCordle, president and CEO of the Kolene Corporation of Detroit, and Arthur and Diane Rockall, active Schoolcraft volunteers and supporters and student-scholarship fundraisers for the college.

The large graduating class of 1,070 students - almost 150 students larger than 1997's - will limit attendance to ticket-holders only. Tickets have been issued to participating graduates.

More than 40 percent of this year's graduates earned associate of applied sciences degrees, with another 24 percent earn-



Florine Mark

ing associate of arts degrees.

"There are opportunities in almost anything in technology if you have good skills," said Donna Nordman, coordinator of the college's Career Planning and Placement Center. "There are lots of openings in business for people who can use the various computer programs."

Commencement speaker Mark has received numerous business awards, including the Trade Advantage Lifetime Achievement Award from The Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce and the Distinguished Entrepreneur Award from the U.S. Small Business Administration and is an active communal volunteer.

She also was named Michigan Entrepreneur of the Year by Merrill Lynch.

McCordle, a Bloomfield Hills

resident, is a recognized authority on manufacturing involving precious metals, titanium, stainless steel and cast iron. A Fellow of the American Society of Metals, he joined Kolene in 1968 and became its president in 1988.

Kolene, the world's largest maker of fused salts and equipment for cleaning, finishing and treating ferrous-metal surfaces, has taken an active part in Schoolcraft metallurgy and materials science department for 30 years.

Company officials serve as departmental advisors and Kolene sponsors ongoing student research.

Husband, wife team

The Rockalls are former Northville residents now living in Stockbridge, east of Lansing.

Art Rockall, who spent 35 years at Ford Motor Co. - much of it working on the line - retired as design supervisor in clay modeling for small-car interiors, then became a scholar-artist, earning an associate degree from Schoolcraft and bachelor's and master's degrees in fine arts.

He graduated with honors at each level and served as a mentor to younger students.

As a Schoolcraft alumnus and enthusiastic supporter, Rockall is a frequent volunteer and has established two scholarships. He is a past recipient of Schoolcraft's distinguished alumni award.

Rockall's extensive record of community service includes

having held leadership positions with the Northville Arts Commission and its historical society, plus memberships in other organizations.

His wife, Diane, also an avid Schoolcraft supporter, is an author and former librarian and columnist.

Retired as head of the reference department at The Detroit News, where she worked 23 years, she is author of "A Powerful Voice for Seventy-Five Years", a history of the League of Women Voters of Michigan.

She has authored two other books and wrote a weekly column for The Northville Record from 1991-97.

She has held leadership positions in numerous library organizations, including the Michigan Chapter of the Special Libraries Association and the Friends of the Northville Public Library. She also has been active in business and historical groups and the Northville-Plymouth-Canton League of Women Voters.

She has received several awards, including co-recipient of the Spirit of Detroit Award from the Detroit branch of the National Organization of Women.

She and her husband are planning a reunion for their Schoolcraft scholarship recipients.

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Skatescape

Kids have no place of their own

The Plymouth City Commission's direction to conduct a survey of youths before any money is spent on a proposed skatescape is late in coming.

A survey to determine what kids want and whether they are willing to use a supervised facility for skateboarding and in-line skating should have been a priority task for the Streetscape Committee, chaired by City Commissioner Joe Koch.

If he's frustrated with this newest directive, he should be. The Skatescape Committee is not new. It was born of a task force, comprised also of youths, to resolve problems — namely skateboarding and in-line skating downtown — with kids and businesses.

A skatescape was recommended by the task force when it also recommended tougher ordinances against skating and skateboarding downtown, equitable enforcement of the ordinance and education.

The ordinance has been toughened. We all see fewer skaters and skateboarders downtown. That doesn't mean both sports are less popular among youth. It means there's nowhere for kids to go.

If the request for a survey at this late date is a way to fudge a final negative decision on construction of a streetscape proposed on school property at the Plymouth Cultural Center, it's a waste of time.

So if in fact there will not be a skatescape, where should kids go? Remember this is the same group in our community whom adults berate for their behavior, such as loitering and cruising. Basically, the message youths receive from adults in the community is that they are not wanted. With every new year and every new ordinance or every toughened ordi-

■ Basically, the message youths receive from adults in the community is that they are not wanted. With every new year and every new ordinance or every toughened ordinance, youths have fewer and fewer options.

nance, youths have fewer and fewer options.

In other words, business owners got what they wanted: tougher ordinances to keep kids away from downtown. And still there is no place for kids to do what kids do.

So if there's a chance there won't be a place for kids to skateboard and in-line skate, perhaps it's time to let the kids back downtown. Or lessen the penalties under the tougher ordinance.

Skateboarding and in-line skating are just something kids do. It gives them some freedom. It certainly pumps up the adrenalin. Kids are organized by adults all day in school. Let's all try to remember what being a kid is like.

Why not compromise and let kids have skating times downtown, such as on Sundays or other times when potential customers for downtown businesses may not be affected?

After all, what makes a community rich is the mix of people and their activities. Yet it appears that every attempt in the community goes only further to make youths a disenfranchised group.

Let's not forget that one day these youths will be the community's adults, the community's leaders — if today's adults don't run them off.

Library is a dream come true

Dreams do come true. Just ask anyone involved with the long term planning and eventual building of the new Plymouth District Library.

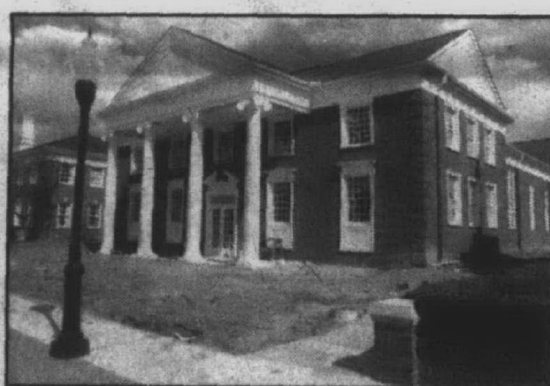
In the last couple of weeks the library staff, led by director Pat Thomas, has worked and worked and worked to move out of the temporary quarters in the former Farmer Jack building and into the new library, just south of Plymouth City Hall. And they're still working.

The new library opens with a celebration beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday. The public is urged to attend the opening and to take a peek at what has dominated the hearts and minds of the library staff and library board for the past few years.

The grand opening of the new library caps the end of National Library Week, April 19-25. And while you are touring the new library, take a trip around the world. The only passport you'll need is a library card. That's the theme for the national recognition of libraries. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the annual event.

So this year the Plymouths will recognize the importance of libraries with the opening of its very own new facility.

The community has need to be proud. The new library was planned to address the changing needs of its patrons. The tried and true of any library — books and magazines — still fill the shelves, but computers and the wave of technology are throughout the facility, not to mention CDs and videos.



Proud: The new Plymouth District Library will open Sunday, April 26.

■ The public is urged to attend the opening and to take a peek at what has dominated the hearts and minds of the library staff and library board for the past few years.

And there's something for everyone: quiet areas, study areas, program areas, areas for adults and areas for kids and for kids programs. And there's room to expand, if necessary.

The library board, library staff and Pat Thomas are to be commended for their foresight, their patience and their tenacity, as are voters who saw a need and met the challenge to build a new library for the community. Congratulations!

- Use hand signals.
 - Be aware of traffic around you.
 - Ride as close to the edge of the road as possible.
 - Ride in single file.
 - Never ride into the street from a driveway or side street without stopping first and checking traffic in both directions.
 - Keep both hands on the handlebars.
 - Don't ride two people on a bike.
 - Check the brakes and the air in the tires regularly.
 - Always use a bike lock if you leave your bike parked in a public place.
 - Register your bicycle with the proper local authorities.
- Most of these tips are nothing more than common sense, but they can help keep you or your child from becoming another one of those AAA statistics.

Bicycle safety is sign of spring

It looks like spring has finally arrived. The buds are out, the birds are back and so are the bicycles. Which means it's time to say a few words about bicycle safety.

AAA Michigan reports that most bicyclist deaths are the result of collisions with motor vehicles. On a national level, more than 500,000 children are treated annually as a result of such accidents.

With that in mind, we offer the following safety tips for bicyclists, young and old alike:

- Always wear a bicycle helmet. Most serious bike injuries are head injuries.
- Wear light-colored or fluorescent clothing.
- Don't ride at night, even if your bicycle is equipped with a light.
- Ride with the flow of traffic.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals.



LETTERS

He's got a solution

Just about every letter to the editor regarding the Plymouth-Canton school bond issue has attacked Jerry Vorva from every angle. They make Vorva a new swear word in the English language. Well, it does prove something. He must be doing something right.

Now let me ask the citizens of the Plymouth-Canton school district what would have happened if the school bond issue failed by 96 votes? Why we all know the answer to that. The school establishment would have scheduled new elections over and over, probably even on Christmas Eve at midnight until they wrangled a vote in their favor. Of course I'm exaggerating. They would never inconvenience themselves by interrupting one of their many vacations. They suggest a new high school would correct mediocre MEAP test scores, but I say "balderdash."

On Nov. 11, 1997, The Detroit News published a "Students Hero Count" for every school district in Wayne County. During the 1996-97 school year the Plymouth-Canton head count was 15,413 and in 1997-98 it was 15,424 an 11-student increase. What's the urgency?

I've watched Livonia, Wayne-Westland and Garden City school districts build more and more schools. Take the time to check their schools today and you will find empty buildings in every district. The overexpansion decisions were obviously made by inexperienced school boards pressured by an equally incompetent school establishment.

My oversimplified solution: take a deep breath, add a wing or two on the present buildings, sit tight and I'll guarantee that in a few years the district will be closing down some of the existing school buildings.

Now if they still insist on spending your money I suggest it's time they be required to pay for their own "wish lists."

Do you know that our schoolteachers are now costing us around \$85,000-\$90,000 in wages and fringe benefits annually? Incidentally they are all "part time." I don't suggest that we cut their wages but simply freeze their wage rate for a set number of years. Our teachers seem to enjoy union protection so as unionized employees they should be required to punch a time card at the beginning and end of each day. Each day should consist of eight full hours spent on the job within their place of work, the school building. This will give them time to correct papers and do all the other work they claim they are doing at home. They should work the year-round. They can use the summer months to counsel students, plan ahead for the coming year. Perhaps cut the grass and clean and maintain their buildings. Now you know they will say this is impossible and unreasonable, but think about it. Isn't this what we the taxpayers do on our jobs every day of our lives?

Harold Monet

Plymouth

Maybe divine right

I would like to propose that the Plymouth-Canton community consider a return to an age-old decision-making system that worked for many centuries, the Divine Right of Kings. Historically, the Divine Right of Kings was the basis of absolute power. Though criticized by such writers as Dante, Machiavelli, and John Locke, my response is, ha! What did they know?

Government by social contract is overrated, expensive, tedious, and worst of all, time-consuming. If the originators knew how much trouble the democratic process was going to be, they would have dismissed it the same day they thought of it. Actually, "DRK" is not a bad method of making decisions and inducing progress. True, there are some disadvantages, but in the long run, it's really quite efficient.

It seems that DRK is well on the way to being established locally. With DRK, the school board could avoid the trouble and expense of having a bond election. Jerry Vorva could save himself valuable time and effort for he would not have to challenge elections that would never be held. The press could afford to miss important lengthy school board meetings (March 10) and avoid reporting about such lackluster issues as the design and location of the imaginary new high school, since the public wouldn't need to know about the new high school committee and its desires or objections to the divine plan.

The tax-paying public could escape from learning about how their money would be spent and how their children's education would be "delivered." High school staff would not need to receive their own presentation about the committee's funding, nor would they need to ask questions nor would they be feared, viewed as "argumentative" or need to be "controlled" by their superiors.

The truth is that with DRK, the need for a school board, a public school system or even the press would be simply unnecessary. As you can see, we'd get more done in less time, and we'd all be better off.

The concept of "DRK" insists that subjects obey, not resist their rules, nor need they consent to the rules that govern them. I fear it might be a little difficult to bring this method back into current use, but it has indeed been practiced in this century by Wilhelm II of Prussia and Nicholas II of Russia. There is only one downside I see to DRK; it was known to lead to the executions of its practitioners, Louis XVI and Charles I. Because enlightened DRK can be imposed in moderation with good intentions, we all know, thankfully, that won't happen here!

Kathryn L. Thompson

Plymouth Salem High School

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POINTS OF VIEW

Gilda's Club reaches out to those who have cancer

Metro Detroit often gets a bad rap for its quality of life, but I'll put it up against any community for its quality of caring.

The recent opening of Gilda's Club, a free cancer support community for men, women and children with all kinds of cancer, is the latest example.

The dove gray, red-doored former farmhouse on Rochester Road north of 13 Mile in Royal Oak was purchased, lovingly restored and operates completely on private and corporate donations of money, materials and time.

Jeanne Deneweth can walk to Gilda's Club - for a wellness support group, a yoga class or for one of the monthly potluck suppers. The Royal Oak resident, who is being treated for breast cancer, lives just three blocks away. "This is my neighborhood. It was like it was preordained," she says gratefully.

But others in her two-hour Friday

morning wellness group also make a beeline for Gilda's Club though they come from Sylvan Lake, Milford, Livonia, Madison Heights, Roseville and Shelby Township.

Each bravely recites her cancer diagnosis. They are among 230 people who have signed up as "members" over the three months it's been open.

Membership, which is free, entails a meeting with program director Kathleen Hardy, CSW. That's when she finds out what your needs are and creates a program to fit. Groups for parents with cancer and their teenagers, for partners of those who have died, for parents of children with cancer, for men with cancer, all stemmed from member requests. So did special interest groups.

"We knew there was the need, but people literally couldn't get through our red door fast enough," reports executive director Joyce Bichler,



JUDITH DONER BERNE

ACSW. Bichler, who had cancer when she was 18, says her motivation and skills perfectly match the dream of comedian and native Detroit Gilda Radner, who died from ovarian cancer in 1989.

That was to create gathering places away from a hospital setting where people living with cancer, their families and friends, could build social and emotional support as a supplement to

medical care. Metro Detroit's is just the third Gilda's Club to open. More are in the works.

Mort Kroenick of Southfield is one of 300 trained volunteers, most of whom have had cancer touch their lives. Kroenick lost his wife to cancer.

This day, he is helping move a new sofa into a small, corner room designed for reflection which one day will overlook planned gardens.

Tomorrow, he'll meet for the first time with a small boy who lost his father to cancer for some "male one on one."

They'll probably get together in "Noogieland," the basement that has been transformed into a special place to play for children with cancer or who have a family member with cancer by artist Kate Paul of Redford Township.

Paul kept Radner in mind in creating a wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling mural that wraps you in fantasy. You

see her dog, Sparkle; a horse she loved to ride; and a wolverine, representing Radner's student days at the University of Michigan.

But Paul says, "You can't pander to a kid. A kid with cancer has gotten plenty smart." So no healthy children are depicted, running and playing without a care. The one child on horseback is wearing a hat, so you can't tell whether or not she has hair.

Taming the fear and opening up the possibilities for anyone who lives with cancer is what Gilda's Club seems to be about.

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is former managing editor of the Eccentric Newspapers. You can observe the program at Gilda's Club between 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 1. A Community Open House is planned from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 2. For further information, call (248) 577-0800.

Kudos make journalist feel uncomfortable

The writer on April 18 was inducted into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame in East Lansing, largely for his work on behalf of the "sunshine laws" - the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings acts. Here are excerpts from his acceptance speech:

After reading my biography in the program and listening to LeeAnne Johnson (the Wayne State University student who nominated me), now I know how Tom Sawyer, Jo Harper and Huck Finn felt when they crept into the church loft and looked down at their own funeral service.

Thank you - I think.

We newpeople aren't used to honors, I think of St. Paul, the patron saint of editorial writers and the man who made Christianity a going concern. The Romans honored him with a quick execution.

Early in my career, I received a

handout from a little school district called Chickaming saying the board had hired a new superintendent. But when was the meeting held?

I checked the legal ads in the weeklies and found the board minutes: The board had met 10 days earlier but held back its action; it had met in closed session for four hours, emerging after midnight for a quick vote; and it was a 5-2 split vote.

So I wrote a big scoop that the competition missed. Big hero, eh?

For my trouble, the board's supporters tried to give me the St. Paul treatment. They started a campaign to cancel subscriptions to the paper.

I've been part of the "sunshine" movement in Michigan for 22 years, since testifying in favor of the Open Meetings bill in 1976. Much of that time, I have been in the Society of Professional Journalists and Freedom of Information Committee Inc., testifying before legislative committees,

some very hostile; giving seminars; and writing for newsletters.

The biggest reward comes when other people internalize the sunshine laws, realize they're easy to read and begin challenging public officials.

The committee's newsletter, The Informant, isn't copyrighted, so anyone is free to use any material in it. A great compliment came when an out-state daily picked up one of my articles, rewrote it a little and published it. The point was that they had made themselves part of the sunshine movement.

A reporter whom I coached told me her city council now considers her "a royal pain in the ass." Ah, that was music to my ears!

Being elected to the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame is like winning football's Heisman Trophy. One person gets the honor, but others all are part of the team. In my case, there were:

■ Dozens of HomeTown Newspapers staffers who provide me war stories for legislative testimony and newsletter articles.

■ Many PTA members and city council watchers who asked us whether their public officials were behaving properly.

■ Leaders of SPJ and the FOI Committee who gave me encouragement and space.

■ Ben Burns (Wayne State faculty member) and Michael Shpiece (Oakland County attorney), my successors as chair, and LeeAnne Johnson, our office administrator who engineered this nomination without my knowledge.

■ Phil Power and the company management who gave me enormous latitude; many University of Michigan regents wouldn't have.

■ Rep. Lyn Bankes, who has used her office to provide us literally thousands of pamphlets with the "sun-



TIM RICHARD

shine laws."

And then there is my wife, Nancy, who struggled to remind me that there are other things in the world besides newspapers and politics.

We newpeople have some of Garrison Keillor's Minnesotans in us that makes us recoil from adulation, fearing a fall.

We haven't built a monument, but we have awakened people to a movement - to insist that public records and documents belong to the public.

Tim Richard, who reports on local implications of state and regional events, can be reached at (734) 953-2104, Ext. 1881.

Fieger enlivens Dems' race

At the very least, the entry of Geoffrey Fieger, Dr. Jack Kevorkian's flamboyant lawyer, will bring some theater to the so far relatively moribund Democratic race for governor.

Doug Ross and Larry Owen, the two other Democratic contestants, are both skillful and experienced political pros, circumspect in what they say and careful in the ways they say it.

Fieger, by contrast, is an absolute loose cannon, as likely to blow in your ear as he is to slit your throat. His speech to Kalamazoo County Democrats a couple months ago, which offered enough profanity-laced attacks on fellow Democrats, left some angry locals wondering whether Fieger had been drinking.

Up to now, the race for governor has been about as interesting as watching paint dry on a coal day. Both Ross and Owen have been busily raising money (about the same amount), harvesting endorsements (Owen getting most of organized labor, Ross getting much of what's left) and trying to convince the news media that they have any chance of defeating incumbent Gov. John Engler.

With Fieger in the race, Michigan's political reporting corps might just get interested in the Democratic primary and start writing about the race instead of how big Engler's lead is lately. "I know Owen and Ross would make John Engler look good," said Fieger in his announcement speech last week, "That's why I'm in this race. I can win."

Most hurt by Fieger's entry is Ross, whose campaign strategy has been to narrow the race for the nomination down to himself and Owen. At that point, Ross planned to argue he was Engler's most dangerous opponent - a point, interestingly, agreed to by most Republicans I talk with.

Owen, the analysis held, was vulnerable to charges of being under the control of organized labor, which in turn was no longer able to turn out the votes the way it did in the 1950s and 1960s. Ross, on the other hand, was well-equipped as a "middle-class Democrat" to appeal to moderate voters in the middle and forge new coalitions including many pro-choice Republicans who feel increasingly alienated from the GOP.

Both Republicans and Democrats agree that early polling numbers indicate Engler has something like 45 percent of the likely vote, with something like 15 percent of the electorate in the middle, not exactly in love with Engler but waiting for another candidate to turn them on. Because this 15 percent is mostly middle class, Ross' determinedly New Democratic message has some chance to playing well - a fact that underlies the Engler camp's concern about



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■ Of course, the big question is whether Fieger's candidacy will turn out to be a short-lived, self-destructive flash in the pan.

Ross' candidacy.

But with Fieger in a three-person primary race, Owen's main liability turns into an asset. Even though organized labor can't turn out the masses the way it used to, it still has enough of a grip - especially on older union families - to get something like 40 percent of the Democratic votes in a three-way primary race. That's enough to win, assuming Fieger takes a chunk of Ross' vote.

Of course, the big question is whether Fieger's candidacy will turn out to be a short-lived, self-destructive flash in the pan. He's leading in some polls now, but most experts think that has entirely to do with the notoriety gained by being Dr. Kevorkian's lawyer.

He's not likely to raise a lot of money from the big givers. But Fieger says he's prepared personally to lend the campaign \$1 million, more than enough to mount a serious primary.

A greater risk is Fieger's passionate intensity coupled with his tendency to shoot from the hip. He seemed under reasonable control at his announcement last week in Lansing. But a couple more speeches like he gave in Kalamazoo would really get people laughing. And I'd bet anything that Geoffrey Fieger likes nothing less than having a lot of people laughing at him.

So here's the morning line: If you want thrill-a-minute entertainment politics, Fieger's your guy. If you want the old, predictable Democratic Party, solidly under the control of established leadership, vote for Larry Owen. If you want a new kind of Democratic Party, try Doug Ross.

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Exchange programs need local host families

A Plymouth Township couple is again seeking families in the area with which to place foreign exchange students for the coming academic year.

Although the placement deadline is Aug. 1, a target date of June 15 has been set to smooth the transition for all parties.

Three students — David, a 17-year-old boy from Spain; Jana, a 16-year-old girl from Russia and Nara, also 16, from Brazil — are scheduled to come to the metro-Detroit area, according to Gideon and Lynne Levenbach.

"Ninety percent of these youngsters go either to farms or small towns, so (a chance to come to) Detroit would be prime for these kids, I would think," said Gideon Levenbach.

Since the 1989-90 school year, the Levenbachs, who work with three exchange organizations, have placed almost 170 teens in families in western Wayne and southern Oakland Counties.

Host families have been from Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Garden City, Redford, Farmington, Northville and Novi.

The foreign teens arrive in mid-August and stay until mid-June. Each has health insurance and personal spending money. Host families provide meals, a place to sleep and study and "a supportive environment," said Lynne Levenbach.

The students attend the host-family's local public high school. "The earlier we place the kids,

the better the transition for both them and their host families," said Gideon Levenbach. Families and their students get acquainted by exchanging letters and "the kids don't have to sit there and worry 'Why haven't I been chosen?'"

The Levenbachs said there is no typical host family. Some have teenage children, but many don't, including empty-nesters and couples who've never had children.

Empty-nesters "make great host families because they are experienced families with time to enjoy having a child in their home again," said Lynne Levenbach, but childless couples "also can enjoy the experience of being parents."

Additionally, she said, families with small children "usually find exchange students to be good role models for their children and good company for the parents."

The trio of teens were personally selected by the Levenbachs, who work in behalf of three organizations: the Program for Academic Exchange (PAX), The International Education Form (IEF) and the Council on International Education Exchange.

David, from Madrid, is athletic, having played tennis since age 5. He also enjoys playing soccer. He is active in his Catholic church and went to Paris with his youth group to see the Pope.

An excellent student, he con-

siders himself "very lucky" to have been chosen to come to America and wrote in his application that he hopes to be "great friends" with his American host family.

Jana, from Estonia, is described as sociable and a good friend who enjoys playing tennis and volleyball and also likes to skate and draw. She likes to play with small children, values neatness and organization and promises her room will "always be tidy."

Nara, from Recife in Brazil, plans on becoming a doctor, as are both her parents and her two older brothers. Her favorite school subjects are chemistry and world history.

Described as "calm, responsi-

ble and trustworthy," she is a member of her school's soccer team and also participates in drama and folk-dancing clubs. On Friday afternoons, she works with a youth club that helps poor people.

The Levenbachs got involved in placing foreign students after their son, Stuart, said he wanted to become one.

It was recommended they host a student first, which they did — a Spanish teen in 1988-89. Stuart then spent a year in Israel and now is with the Peace Corps in Ghana, where he recently met President Bill Clinton.

For more information, call the Levenbachs at 734-453-8562 or 734-453-6851.

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Take the plunge and prepare for a summer job as a lifeguard. Schoolcraft College is offering an intensive, 30-hour American Red Cross Lifeguard Training class May 8-17.

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Classes are scheduled 6-10 p.m. Friday, May 8; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 9; 6-10 p.m. Friday, May 15; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 16; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 17.

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Thousand words: As a way of keeping the young cancer patients occupied, the hospital gave them cameras and a week to take photographs like this one of Jamie Cartwright that were mounted and hung in the corridors.

Benefits show support for Cartwrights

The congregation of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is putting out the placemats in hopes of a large crowd for dinner Friday night.

The entree for the 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 24, benefit is spaghetti and dessert, so to speak, is an auction at 7:30 p.m. and a talent show at 8 p.m., all for a mere \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

The evening is a benefit for Jamie Cartwright and his family, who are members of the Westland church. The 12-year-old is undergoing cancer treatment at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

"He's a fighter," said his grandmother, Mary Rose Cartwright, also a member of Prince of Peace. "He doesn't look like he's sick other than he doesn't have any hair."

The son of Michael and Sherry Cartwright, Jamie has been battling cancer since age 2 1/2 when he was with neuroblastoma. A malignant hemorrhagic tumor, the childhood cancer is normally found in the chest of abdomen, but turned up on Jamie's neck.

Surgery, chemotherapy and radiation treatment affected his shoulder, but put the cancer in remission until last September, when he began complaining of pain in his arm.

"When he had radiation at 3, the family was told the shoulder would be affected, and it looked a little weird," Cartwright said. "But it looked even more weird."

The oncologist decided it was time to correct the problem and sent Jamie to see an orthopedic surgeon who ordered X-rays. That's when the osteosarcoma was discovered in his shoulder.

Because bone cancer is "notorious" for traveling to other areas of the body, more X-rays were ordered, turning up suspected cancer in his thyroid gland. In order to treat the bone cancer, Jamie underwent emergency thyroid surgery.

Cancer found

"The doctor found that one lobe was completely involved and that the other looked like it was involved and had radiation damage, so he removed that one, too," his grandmother said. "The pathology came back with two different types of cancer, one in each lobe."

Four days after the surgery, Jamie started the first of 40 chemotherapy sessions. On March 12, after 10 sessions, he underwent surgery to remove his shoulder blade.

The illness has taken its toll on the family which includes his 8-year-old sister, Melissa, who wants her brother to be healthy and her family to be normal again, Cartwright said.

Michael works as a custodian in the South Redford School District, and his medical insurance is covering the cost of the treatment. The fund-raising is to offset costs over and above the treatment, such things as transportation, meals and telephone calls incurred during the many trips to the

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Lights, camera action!



Getting involved: The cameras were rolling when Racin-Jason of Nickelodeon's "The Big Helpmobile" stopped by a Field Elementary School Wednesday to help cut brush with students Jessica McFadden and Marion O'Neil.

Education takes students outdoors

Students at Filed and Tonda Elementary schools are learning to care about the environment by turning areas around their schools into outdoor environmental classrooms.

Field Elementary School students celebrated Earth Day by getting down and dirty with the cable television channel Nickelodeon.

The kids trudged through the wetlands of Truesdell Drain, which runs adjacent to the school, to clean it of debris and to plant grasses and vegetation to help Nickelodeon observe The Big Help Week celebration.

Along the fence that surrounds the drain, children painted caution messages on signs to be placed near catch basins on residential streets to warn that they empty into the river. Students also hung tags on doors alerting the school's neighbors of how to dispose of pollutants.

The children's work was documented at 6:55 p.m. last night on Nickelodeon and on the channel's web site <http://www.nick.com>.

The Big Help was created five years ago as a way to provide opportunities, motivation and information to make volunteering easier for kids, said Maria Sinopoli, spokeswoman for Nickelodeon.

"This year we've expanded the campaign two ways. We created The Big Helpmobile, which is a traveling volunteer lab. And The Big Help Day turned into a week-long event."

Aside from Canton, The Big Helpmobile, a vibrantly colored 34-foot Airstream trailer, also visited Flagstaff, Ariz., where a fourth-grade class assisted in preserving Sunset



Busy, busy: Chester Marvin of Friends of the Rouge works with students to determine the velocity of the stream, while Molly Howard, Ana Nash and Christopher Emmert dig a hole to plant a tree on the bank of the stream.

Crater National Monument, Amarillo, Texas, St. Louis, Mo., Rockville, Ind., Butler, Pa., and Everett, Mass.

The locations of the visit were chosen from the 17,000 recommendations made by organizations that Nickelodeon has helped in the past, said Candace Riegelhaupt, director of The Big Help. From there, it was narrowed to 1,000.

"We tagged the ones that were

good and interesting, plus we were happy to work with our affiliate Media One, which organized the event," she said.

At The Big Help event, students toured The Big Helpmobile where a Nickelodeon representative gave the kids an overview on volunteering and taught them how to work the interactive machines. Township Supervisor Tom Yack stopped by to

proclaim April 18-24 The Big Help week in Canton.

5-year project

The cleanup at Truesdell Drain is part of a five-year project at Field, paid for with a \$23,000 grant from Media One. Teachers Richard Plecha, Pattee Rupert and Sue Seelye are hoping to make the area an outdoor lab to study wetlands habitat.

"We're going to build a walkway, a 40-foot deck and observation platform where students can be outside and make plant and animal observations," Plecha said. "It's going to be set up right over the place that has the maximum amount of wetlands water life."

"We're going to take out all the invasive plants like predatory vines wrapped around trees and replace them with native species. We have a \$500 budget from Media One to buy plants."

The students will cut down Russian Olive trees, which are not indigenous to the area, and build butterfly houses, Rupert said. During the five years, the school will also "introduce amphibians into the creek that were there all along but aren't there now," he added.

Plecha is encouraging the board of health to help the school discover where the pollution is coming from and then clean it up. Afterward, he hopes the department will help monitor the water.

The idea of the project is to show the students "what they can do to become proper stewards of the earth," he said.

At a recent cleanup, students removed 32 bags of trash, which included bicycles, winter coats and

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RALY teens prepare to 'Speak No Evil'



Rehearsing: Dawn Low, 16, plays the middle daughter, Carol, in "Speak No Evil."

8, when the RALY Theatre Troupe presents the three-act play, "Speak No Evil."

"Theater is a powerful tool that impacts on the performer," said Gumina, an accomplished actress and director of Trinity House Theatre's summer youth

Laura Gumina was looking for something to do when she answered an ad in the local newspaper. Redford Assistant Local Youth was looking for people to mentor at-risk youths.

Tom O'Connor, who had just finished an improvisational class at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle that he thought would be good for RALY kids, took one look at Gumina's resume and decided her theater skills were just what was needed.

The end result of their collaboration will be showcased Friday, May

drama program. "It takes the kids at-risk and gives them a platform, and if it has an impact on the community, that's a secondary point."

Set in the 1970s, "Speak No Evil" takes place in the living room and kitchen of the Smith family home where the adult children have gathered after the death of their alcoholic father.

The play was written by former Livonia resident Mary (Lewis) Koerchner, who used the alias of Susan Brown "because she didn't want people to know it was her family," Gumina said.

"It shows the roles the kids take on and how it impacts them as adults," Gumina said. "The kids fight all the time, and the father is verbally abusive. One of the cast members said, 'It's just like my house.'"

Gumina had hoped to fill all of the roles with at-risk youths, but the auditions ended up with a mix of youths from RALY and the community in general. The crew is made up of at-risk youth and those completing the work service component of RALY, but help is still needed for lighting and sound.

Playing the children are Shaun Libby as the oldest son Michael, Sahlana Tate as the oldest daughter Janet, Dawn Low as Carol and David Ross as Danny. My-Isha Brown is the mother, Sharon.

The hardest role to fill was that of the father, John.

That role is played by Michael Walterich of Trenton. Several cast members opted not to play the part because "he's an awful person," so Gumina turned to her former student who works at the Trinity House.

The troupe has been rehearsing four days a week at the Redford Community Center where the play will be presented at 7:30 p.m. May 8, 16, 23 and 30.

The center is at 12121 Hemmingway, west of Beech Daly. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. They're available by calling (313) 387-2775.

The money raised will help defray expenses, estimated at \$1,000, and go toward prevention efforts such as information and the purchase of videos.

The RALY program, which provides crisis intervention, tutoring, recreation and a 10-week juvenile transformation and development program for Redford teens, has done skits before but the three-act play is a first.

A large room will be turned into a theater with seating for 150. Since this is a "big event for the kids," opening night will have the atmosphere of a gala with sparkling cider being served.

And while O'Connor is the play's producer, he credits Gumina as being "the one to make it happen."

"She's done it 100 percent," he said. "I'm really excited about this. Theater is a way to communicate with people."

Jamie from page B1

hospital.

"When Jamie goes to the hospital, one or the other of them go with him," Cartwright said. "But it's mostly Sherry who stays with him at the hospital. It's been rough on them, but they're really positive."

"They're wonderful parents. They go and try to keep it as normal as possible for Jamie and Melissa."

The money raised at the dinner will be matched by the Aid Associations for Lutherans Chapter 1733, according to church member Linda Bier-

baum.

"We're hoping for about 200 people," she said. "There's been a tremendous support for the Cartwrights in the congregation."

Tickets are available in advance by calling the church at (734) 722-1735. They also will be available at the door. Prince of Peace Lutheran is at 37775 Palmer Road, Westland.

Bierbaum said that in spite of test after test, Jamie still has his spirit. He's in the Confirmation class at the church and is an acolyte. He also has volunteered

at Gleaners Community Food Bank as part of the church's outreach.

He has been befriended by hockey great Gordie Howe and his wife, Colleen. He wears a baseball cap signed by Howe and his two sons, Mark and Martie, and has an autographed shirt that the family hung on his hospital room wall to see when he awoke from the most recent surgery.

On the circuit

His cause also is being championed by race car driver Harold

Fair Jr. of Redford who has put the telephone number of 1-888-90-JAMIE (905-2643) on his car. People who call the number hear a recorded message about Jamie and where to send a tax-deductible donation.

Jamie's father is on the team and has been on the crew for a couple of years," said the car's co-owner Ginger Stewart. "Jamie, when he can, works at the race shop and helps us out. He chases around with a video camera, catching us offguard. He's such a tease."

Fair is a driver on the Ameri-

can Speed Association circuit and the races can be seen, taped, on cable TV's TNN at 4 p.m. Saturdays. According to Stewart, the telephone number really stands out on the car.

The team also has set out a canister at the tracks to collect money when fans come by to get autographs. The response has been overwhelming.

"I was asking for change and they were coming out with bills," said Stewart, who hopes Jamie will be well enough to be at the track in Grand Rapids when Fair races on June 13.

For the auction, she's come up with shirts signed by the ASA drivers, a book autographed by Kirk Gibson and splatball tickets from the Battleground in Saline.

But what she is hoping most is that the team finds a corporate sponsor to keep Fair's hopes of being Rookie of the Year and fund-raising for Jamie alive.

And such a show of support has meant a lot to the family.

"They know and it's uplifting," Cartwright said. "I think they see that they're not alone and not forgotten, that other people are thinking about this."

Earth Day from page B1

liquor bottles.

Every-day event

Like Field Elementary School, every day is Earth Day to students at Tonda Elementary School in Canton.

"We decided probably two years ago that having our children learn about the environment and nature was important," said George Belvitch, principal at Tonda Elementary School. "A stream - a tributary of the Rouge - runs behind the school, and we thought it was wise of us to take advantage of that."

Belvitch and teacher Marjane Baker helped create a program

that turned the stream into an outside laboratory for Tonda students.

Residents of the Sunflower Subdivision along the opposite side of the stream were fertilizing and mowing up to the edge of the stream.

"It looked nice, but it didn't do much for the natural habitat," Belvitch said. "They agreed to discontinue mowing and fertilizing the area."

The residents allowed the plants around the stream to grow naturally. As a result, Tonda teachers are using the area as classrooms to teach about plants, birds and the environment.

'They're learning how to be a scientist as opposed to the kids sitting in a stagnant classroom where they sit and listen to the teacher.'

George Belvitch

Tonda Elementary School principal

"They're learning how to be a scientist as opposed to the kids sitting in a stagnant classroom where they sit and listen to the teacher," Belvitch said.

Last May, students planted 900 kinds of small trees on both sides of the stream. Lou LaRiche donated 10 large trees, which were split between the sides.

"We invited people from the

(Michigan) Department of Natural Resources to come and teach the kids how to plant trees," Belvitch said. "Then we had a big planting week where every classroom and every kid planted a tree."

The next phase of the program is to plant trees, shrubbery and turn the area into a natural habitat.

"This year, one of our main things is to watch it develop, see things grow and take care of it. It's kind of fun to meander through it."

In May, parent volunteers are going to build an observation deck along the stream to be used as a classroom. Grants from the Michigan Wildlife Association and Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. helped pay for the project.

"We're developing an outside classroom along the stream where classes can go out with teachers, and they would be right there within the habitat itself," Belvitch said. "It's been a marvelous, positive experience for not only the students, the fac-

ulty and the parents but for the community as well. They've been very supportive of the program and can see the value of it."

He said he hopes the wildlife in the area see the value of it as well.

"We're hoping as the area grows, the word will get out in the natural world that it's a good place to go," he said. "Environmental science is an unbelievable thing to watch."

"It's easy to have one big event, but we're more persistent, and we're going to stay with it. We're into the earth and the natural environment all the time."

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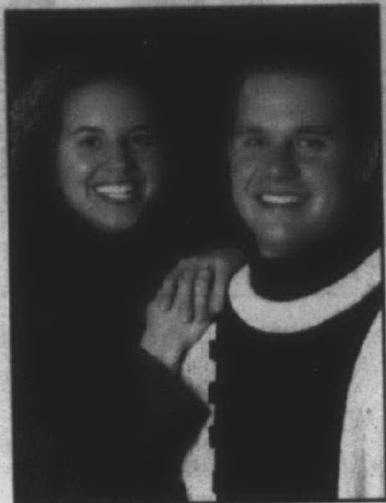
WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Grupa-Bozyk

Mr. and Mrs. James Grupa of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany Louise, to Keith T. Bozyk, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bozyk of Brighton.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She attended Washtenaw Community College where she studied dental assisting. She is employed as a certified dental assistant at Willow Creek Dental Care in Canton.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School, Adrian College with a degree in exercise science and Clarion University with a master's degree in rehabilitative science. He is employed at Gary Gray Physical Therapy in Adrian.



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

Harrison-Bungard

Landon and Bobbie Harrison of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Heidi Leigh, to Jamie Mathew Bungard, the son of Robert and Ann Bungard of Grosse Pointe and Thomas and Patricia Stillings of Elk Rapids.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is attending Schoolcraft College. She is employed at Sunny J's in Plymouth.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy. He is serving in the U.S. Army and is stationed in Vilseck, Germany.

An August wedding is planned at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.



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Gephart-Schwartz

Brent and Sarah Gephart of Ann Arbor and Sharon and Sherwood Farron of Lake Orion announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle J., to Robert C. Schwartz, the son of George and Judi Schwartz of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be attended Father Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor. She will graduate from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in May.

Her fiancé also attended Father Gabriel Richard High School. He will graduate from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in May. He is employed at NBD Bank.

A July wedding is planned at



St. Francis of Assisi Church in Ann Arbor.

Snow-Schuster

Jack and Sylvia Snow of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin, to Jon Schuster, the son of Michael and Susan Schuster of Pinckney.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School. He is employed by Northwest Airlines in Romulus.

A May wedding is planned at the Chapel by the Sea on the island of Kauai, Hawaii.



Wallet-Chalambaga

Joseph and Dorothy Wallet of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kim, to Michael Chalambaga, the son of Delis and Gloria Chalambaga of Odessa, Texas.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Kansas State University. She is employed as an assistant

professor at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas.

Her fiancé is a 1986 graduate of the University of Texas-Permian Basin. He is employed as director of informatics at Lamar University.

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



Derda-Bobak

Thomas and Sharon Derda of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle R., to Jeffrey J. Bobak, the son of John and Joan Bobak of Grosse Pointe Shores.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. She is employed by Ford Motor Co.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Detroit with a bachelor of mechanical engineering degree. He also is employed by Ford Motor Co.

An October wedding is planned at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.



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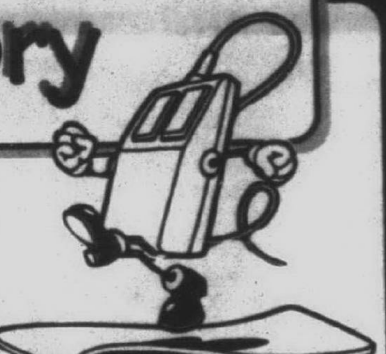
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WEEKEND

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.

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.

BOOK SALE

The Livonia League of Women Voters will hold its annual Used Book Sale Thursday through Sunday, April 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) 421-4420 or (313) 427-0222.

WHITE CANE WEEK

Gov. John Engler proclaimed the week of April 24-May 3 Lions White Cane Week in Michigan in recognition of the work and activities of Michigan Lions in helping the less fortunate. This is the 50th year the Plymouth Lions Club has participated. On Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25, Plymouth Lions will be conducting their annual street solicitations.

OPENING PARTY

The Friends of the Plymouth Library will host an 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.

ARTS FESTIVAL

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will present a Festival of India April 29-May 3. The basis of the celebration will be an exhibit of the works of Toofan Rafai, a native Indian batik and collage artist. The festival also will include programs of dance, music, film, architecture and food. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Call the arts council for more information, 416-4ART.

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.

STEAKOUT

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 SpiralDance will be performing, and a silent auction of items donated by local businesses and organizations will be featured. Radio personality Joe Giorano 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, Berkeley 48072.

ROAD RALLY

The Wayne County Chapter Mothers Against Drunk Driving will hold a road rally fundraiser Saturday, April 25, in western Wayne County. The rally will begin at Kirk of Our savior Church in Westland and will end at an undisclosed location. Registration begins at 6 p.m. with instructions, followed by the beginning of the rally at 6:30 p.m. Participants are given a series of clues which lead them on a path of fun, antics and frustration. This all leads to a dinner and celebration at the final destination. The cost is \$40 per couple and tickets can be purchased through the MADD office. The MADD office telephone number is (734) 8181. Further instructions will be provided to all participants. For more information on the rally, call Paul Fulton at (248) 356-2966 or Janet Trost at (734) 728-3400.

WILDFLOWER WALK

There will be a wildflower walk in Miller Woods 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 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, at the Sunflower Clubhouse. Tickets are on sale 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 buy tickets, call Maureen at 997-3924 or Laura at 453-1533.

Dog jog



Sign up: It's time for the annual Plymouth Dog Jog '98 Saturday, May 9, in Kellogg Park. Proceeds benefit the Michigan Humane Society, Huron Valley Humane Society and Plymouth Kiwanis Club. Registration begins at noon, the jog begins at 1:30 p.m. and the "Dogmatics," a canine precision drill team, will perform at 2:30 p.m. For more information or to obtain registration forms, call Eric or Denise, 459-7000.

GARAGE SALE

The Plymouth-Canton Civitans will hold their annual garage sale 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 book drop at the Farmer Jack library location on Main Street remains open.

SHOE RECYCLING

Allen Elementary School students will hold a shoe recycling project with 2nd Chance Shoes through April 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.

GARAGE SALE

Risen Christ Lutheran Church will hold its "2nd Annual Garage-Rummage-Craft Sale," from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., May 7-8 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m., May 9 at 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, one mile west of Sheldon. Table space is available or your items sold on commis-

sion. Donation of items accepted. Proceeds go to benefit the Building Expansion Fund. For more information or details, call the church office at (734) 453-5252.

COFFEE BEAN COMPANY

The Plymouth Coffee Bean Company in association with the Plymouth Poets and The Poet and The Power will present "Patt's Poetry Party" in celebration of National Poetry Month at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 23 at The Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, Plymouth.

FISHING DERBY

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its annual "Kids Fishing Derby" 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, May 2 at Heritage Park Ponds. Boys and girls ages 15 and under may participate. The Heritage Park Ponds will be stocked with rainbow trout. Fee is \$1 per child to be paid on day of the event. Advanced registration is required in person or by phone at the: Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, or (734) 397-5110. Open registration the day of the event, space permitting. You may pre-register for one-hour time period only. Registration is through Thursday, April 30. Prizes will be raffled off each hour. Each participant is responsible for his/her own equipment and bait. Check-in ends 10 minutes after each scheduled hour.

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.

ART EXHIBIT

The Girl Scouts of Plymouth, Northville, Canton & South Lyon present an art exhibition, "Hot Fun In The Summertime." Summer images and three dimensional artworks by girls age 6-16. The artwork will be on view through April 26 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, JWH Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9 a.m.-noon; 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Wednesdays.

LOYALTY DAY

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post No. 6695 is sponsoring its "21st Annual Loyalty Day" at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 30 at the VFW Post No. 6695 Hall, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. The following will be presented: Community Service Awards, Bowlathon Check to Northwest Association For the Mentally Retarded Citizens, Patriotic Art, and Poster Contest Winners. The event is open to the public. For more information, call Alice Fisher at 728-7619.

VARIETY SHOW

The Plymouth Salem Rockettes Pom Pon squad will hold its annual "Variety Show" featuring the "Rockette Review Disco Divas" at 7 p.m., Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2 at Plymouth Salem High School. Tickets are \$3 at the door.

HANDBELL RINGERS

Organizers of the 1998 Plymouth July Fourth Parade are seeking handbell ringers and/or directors for the parade. All ages are invited. For 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.

LIVING TRUST SEMINAR

There will be an advanced living trust seminar from 10 a.m.-noon, Wednesday, May 13 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. The discussion will be presented by Paul Leduc, financial consultant. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (248) 594-1020.

WSDP AUCTION

WSDP will hold an auction 9 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday, May 9. During this time WSDP will broadcast the auction on 88.1 FM and simulcast on MediaOne. All donations to WSDP are tax deductible. Businesses interested in donating should contact the station at 416-7731.

APPRAISAL CLINIC

The Plymouth Historical Museum will hold "DuMouchelle Antique Appraisal Clinic," 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday, April 28. Find out what your treasures are worth. Oral Appraisals, \$6 and written appraisals, \$10. For more information, or to make an appointment, call the museum at 455-8940.

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 Tonquish, Camp Jelly-beanz and much more. Call the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904 to register or for more information.

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 runs 18 weeks. For more information, call Kathy Santos at (734) 453-5929.

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. Pre-registration 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 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 pick ups, call the museum, 455-8940.

SCHOOL OPENINGS

TUTOR TIME

n Tutor Time, 951 N. Canton Center, Canton is now enrolling children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. School hours are 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Also you can enroll now for the summer camp program for ages 6-10 years. For more information, contact Donna Pomeroy at (313) 981-8463.

SUPPORT GROUPS

ANGELA HOSPICE

For people throughout southeastern Lower Michigan who may have experienced the loss of a loved one, Angela Hospice offers monthly grief support groups at no cost to the public. All groups are open to the community and are held at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia. For meeting dates and times, call Ruth Favar at (734) 464-7810.

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 29-May 1. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

PSI

Professional Secretaries International, Office Professionals, monthly meeting of the Huron Valley Chapter will meet at the Sheraton Inn, Ann Arbor, this year. This month's meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 7. If you would like to attend the meeting, obtain more information about PSI or join the chapter, call Marti Ruedger at 996-7519.

WEST SUBURBAN STAMP CLUB

The West Suburban Stamp Club holds its meetings at 8 p.m., the first and third Fridays at "The Summit on the Park," 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. On Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26, the "Annual Plymouth Show" will be held.

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 Ka's 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.

CALENDAR FORM

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

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Charity show will present 'Hair with French Feeling'

Pascal Bensimon, one of the world's foremost talents in the French method of hair cutting and coloring, will be the featured designer during the charity hair show, "Hair with French Feeling," at 1 p.m. Monday, April 27, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Presented by Gerald's Salon in Franklin and Northville, the event benefits the Women's Survival Center of Oakland County and My Sister's Place - Wayne County Women's Justice Center, both of which empower women and families attain economic autonomy. They provide counseling services, community education services and children's services.

Tickets to the event are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. There is a student rate of \$20. For more information, call Gerald's Salon at (734) 420-0111.

According to Gerald's Salon, the French technique is the look and feel of the future, especially for the woman on the move with little time to spend on herself. It's a wash-and-wear haircut with a total of four different looks.

"Bensimon's French technique is transforming the way women look and feel," said Gerald Haynes, owner of Gerald's Salon. "It gives them multiple looks for the new millennium. We are very excited about being the first

salon in Michigan to train our stylists in this method and offer it to our clients."

Bensimon started his career in Paris at age 16. Bruno Pitini was his mentor, and under his guidance, he perfected the technique he has taught in Paris, New York, Atlanta and at Gerald's Salon in Northville.

Bensimon's simple, fool-proof method takes less time to cut than the British method, which has been the usual technique used in American salons. Women like the softness, the versatility and the time it saves them in the salon and at home, Haynes said.

While the British method is like that of an architect, Bensimon's French cut is shaped from the top down, falling like shingles on a roof. It's more feminine and flattering to a client's features, he said.

Coloring techniques accentuate the soft and blended look. Under Bensimon's guidance and influence, Gerald's has introduced "Le Couleur Melange," a free-hand method of blending two to four colors to achieve a striking variation in color that enhances the French cut.

Bensimon and six of Gerald's staff will demonstrate the French technique with 12 live models on stage in a professionally choreographed show with

music.

For added French esprit, Lynn Portnoy, a leading Detroit-area women's clothier, will stage an informal fashion show of the latest French apparel for spring.

"Today's woman wants diversity and will no longer be dictated to," Portnoy said. "I'm speaking of every fashion aspect - hair as well as clothes."

The Southfield-based Portnoy specializes in helping clients select and coordinate professional and casual ensembles, complete with accessories, that are appropriate to their lifestyles, figures and pocketbooks.

Bensimon, Haynes and Portnoy all agree that spring 1998 is the triumph of the understated in hairstyles, clothes and makeup. Lines are simple and neat to fit the busy lifestyles of most women.

Women appreciate the elegance and ease with which the French hairstyles, fashions and accessories can be freely adapted to their needs, moods and time available, according to the trio.

Haynes is an internationally acclaimed hair designer and a former 18-year board member of Intercoiffure America/Canada, the elite organization of hairstyling professionals worldwide. He also is a former 10-year member of the Helene Curtis Advisory Board.

Eagle Run offers challenge

It's been a good run for the Eagle Run.

Now in its 14th year, the special event returns to Maybury State Park in Northville Saturday, May 9.

The run is sponsored by Ward Presbyterian Church's Single Point Ministries and offers something for everyone from serious runners to families interested in a walk through the park, while helping further the work of the Detroit Rescue Mission.

"We do it at Maybury, so it has a picnic atmosphere," said the Rev. Paul Clough, minister to single adults at Ward Church. "So we end up with as many families out there for the fun run as for the 5K and 10K."

For the serious runners, there is the 5K run/walk race at 10 a.m. and 10K, also a walk/run, at 11 a.m. For the not so serious and families, the 1-mile fun run/walk kicks off at 12:15 p.m.

There are 10 age groups for walkers, runners and the physically challenged - up to 15 years, 16-24 years, 25-29 years, 30-34

years, 35-39 years, 40-44 years, 45-49 years, 50-54 years, 55-59 years and 60-plus.

The race, always held in early May, attracts several hundred serious runners "who want to compete against serious runners" and to recognize those that run in and complete all three races, there will be given special T-shirts.

"We don't get the number of runners you would see at events like in Plymouth," Clough said. "We get a couple of hundred serious runners for the 5K and 10K."

"It's a nice course ... no traffic and a paved pathway. The bad thing is that is hills, so it's a fairly rugged course."

Sign up now

The early registration fee for the 5K and 10K races is \$7 each, while the fun run/walk is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under age 12. The fee jumps \$2 after May 3. Lunch is available for \$2 and race a T-shirt (in medium, large and extra-large sizes) costs \$8.

Entry fees can sent to Single Point Ministries, 40000 Six Mile, Northville 48167. Checks should be made payable to Single Point Ministries, Eagle Run. For more information, call Single Point Ministries at (734) 422-1854.


Because the race is held at a state park, participants also must pay the \$4 state park daily fee.

In addition to the races, there will be music and special entertainment throughout the day. Guitarist Dale Hicks, a former Single Pointer, will perform music of the 1950s and 1960s, and there also will be activities for children, including a clown.


Participants also are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch or take advantage for lunches that will be for sale during the event.

The idea for the run surfaced among a group of Single Pointers who were runners. They wanted to have a run that would be fun and raise money to help fight world hunger. By the third year,


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WIND AND FIRE

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

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 (734) 421-6130.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other Friday through Sunday, April 24-26 and May 29-31, at St. John's Family Life Center in Plymouth. For more information or to register, call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512. Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit <http://www.rc.net/detroit/www>.

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 Road, Livonia. For more information or to rent table space, call Susan at (313) 427-6214.

PERENNIAL EXCHANGE

The Board of Women's Ministry at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is sponsoring a Perennial Exchange 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 25, in the parking lot of the Canton church, 46001 Warren Road, west of Canton Center Road.

Diplomat Quartet performs at Kirk

Kirk of Our Savior Church in Westland will present a special evening of music to the community when Florida's Diplomat Quartet performs at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 3.

The group, a full-time national quartet based in Brookville, Fla., performs a rich collection of Southern gospel favorites, old and new. Founded in 1987, it has performed throughout the United States on radio and television and in churches and auditoriums.

The group is made up of bari-

tone and group manager David O'Nan. A Michigan native, he grew up in a minister's home with a rich musical heritage and took advantage of singing praises to the Lord at an early age.

Tracy Crouch of Louisiana sings a smooth bass, providing a solid foundation for the group. Crouch comes from a long line of God-serving people. His grandfather pastored a church for almost 50 years, and he has an aunt who has served as a missionary in Africa and New Guinea.

Evelyn O'Nan, better known as Mom or Grandma to quartet members, gives her personal testimony, providing a Holy Ghost atmosphere before the closing of each quartet service. At 83, her spirit and fire for the Lord excite and revive audience members.

Naomi O'Nan, David's sister, is the mother of four and sings tenor for the quartet. Her smiling face reflects her love for the Lord as well as her singing.

Singing baritone, Michael Cotton is the group's newest member. A talented

musician/arranger, he performs well on a wide range of musical instruments. He attended Stamps-Baxter School of Music in Nashville and received a bachelor of science degree in music business from Southern Nazarene University.

The concert is free of charge, however, a love offering will be collected. Kirk of Our Savior Church is at 36600 Cherry Hill Road, west of Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call the church at (734) 728-1088.

charge, but donations will be accepted during the concert. Child care will be provided. For more information, call the church at (248) 349-7600.

SISTERHOOD

The Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. A slate for election of officers will be presented as well as nominations from the floor. Following the election, there will be bingo playing and refreshments.

GUEST SPEAKER

Gary Theis, who has visited mission fields in 60 countries and has shared his experiences with more than 400 congregations in the United States, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverage, Redford. Theis will provide examples of the Holy Spirit at work in everyday people at the free program. For more information, call the church at (313) 937-2424.

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 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.

BANQUET

A Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 8, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville Township. Tickets cost \$8 for children 3-6 years old and \$10 for those 7 years and older. Tickets will be sold on Sunday mornings at the ticket booth between services. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-1826.

available in the Fellowship Hall. Special women's garments will be sold in the boutique. Proceeds will be used for church and missionary projects.

St. Colette's Ladies Guild will have its spring rummage sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the church activity center, Newburgh Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. There will be a special Grandma's Attic Treasures and bag sale at 1 p.m.

Newburg United Methodist Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 1, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 2, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. There will be tools, clothing, used household items, toys, a boutique and bake sale.

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.

Immanuel Lutheran Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, May 7-8, at the church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail east of Inkster Road. For more information call (313) 278-4594 or (313) 278-5755.

St. Damian Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 3

p.m. Saturday, June 6, at the church, 29891 Joy Road, Westland. Table rentals are available by calling (734) 421-6130.

SINGLE POINT

Members of Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will be biking on Hines Drive to Plymouth on Saturday, April 25. Meet at 11 a.m. at Hagerty Field. For more information, call the Single Point office at (734) 422-1854.

SUNDAY LESSONS

Church of Today West-Unity will the second lesson, "Community Building" 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 26 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>.

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 free will 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 d' Paul Society and the churches' youth groups. For more information, call St. John Neumann at (734) 455-5910.

IN CONCERT

Popular Christian music artists First Call will be in concert at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 26, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Hagerty Road, Northville.

The nationally known contemporary vocal duo has produced such classics as "Undivided," "The Reason We Sing" and "Lord of All." Their latest release, named "First Call," by Bonnie Keen and Marty McCall, focuses on the bedrock principles of forgiveness, healing and restoration.

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Church's decision on deacons in line with teachings

Vatican officials recently reaffirmed the Catholic Church's position of not allowing women to be ordained who are allowed to preach at Mass and help celebrate liturgical services.

Deacons, who may be married, also work with the poor and assist priests in administering the sacraments to shut-ins.

Limiting the diaconate to the ordination of men "would be in line with the teachings of the Church because Jesus only chose men," explained the Rev. Thomas Belczak, pastor of St. Valentine Catholic Church in Redford.

Indeed, tradition indicates the diaconate was initiated when seven men were selected and ordained by the apostles to wait on tables, freeing the apostles for more priestly work. (Acts 6:1-7)

"Who knows what the future will bring," added Belczak. "God works in strange ways. Perhaps sometime in the future that may change."

Belczak added, however, that

a female diaconate is highly unlikely in the near future.

"There's been no indication the Holy See was going to change its position on the issue," said the Rev. Joseph Malia, pastor of St. Kenneth Parish in Plymouth Township. "For most people, expecting there to be a radical change under this particular pontificate is really an unrealistic hope."

Early Church history indicates there were female deacons, according to Scripture and historical documents, women deacons were primarily responsible for ministering to women and children and there was no real proof that they were actually ordained, the Rev. Malia said.

Because of the increase in the number of priests in the ensuing years of the Catholic Church history, the female diaconate faded.

Even now with the marked decrease in the number of priests in the United States, Malia doesn't expect a resurgence of the need for women deacons because "most of the work that was done by the women deacons of the Church is now being done by laity."

Malia added that most of the church staffs are women.

"At the local level the Church is really influenced heavily by women," he said.

Women's significant role

Belczak agreed, pointing out that "women play a very significant role in faith formation." About 95 percent of the religious education teachers in the Church are Catholic.

The problem, according to Malia, is that "most people are arguing this as an issue of equality and Rome doesn't see it that way."

"Rome argues ordination from the Scripture and tradition of the Church, not from a Western concept of equality," he said. "The equality in the Christian life comes from our baptism in Christ, not from our particular function and role within the Church."

Church."

Malia added that women were feeling offended by the Church's position or in any way like second-class citizens in the Church should read the Pope's letter, "On the Dignity and Vocation of Women."

While Kathy Scott, a parishioner at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton, believes women should not be ordained as priests, she said she doesn't entirely agree with the Church's position on women deacons.

"Women are allowed to do all the background behind-the-scenes work," said Scott. "If we are such an integral part of the Church, I don't understand why they wouldn't allow us to become deacons. We're capable. Obviously, that's been demonstrated."

"I think they're not using the resources at hand when they disallow women that opportunity."

Liz Horka, a parishioner at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland, isn't convinced that if Jesus lived today, He would not have chosen women.

"I think where I feel differently is I feel that Christ had all men because that's all that was acceptable in the time that Christ was on earth," she said. "I would favor women deacons because I feel they would do the same job as men."

Change does happen within the Church to meet different requirements at certain times, according to Sister Nancy Jamrose, vice president for student life at Madonna University, Livonia.

"The Church is a living Body of

Christ, and at different times in history there are different needs," she said.

While the decision at this time is to not allow women deacons, Jamrose added: "There is no telling what will happen when the Holy Spirit moves the Body of Christ once again. I am hopeful that we will see the value and the importance of having all people able to serve in different rolls in the Church."

While Belczak doesn't anticipate a change in the ordination of women to the Catholic diaconate in the foreseeable future, he has no doubt about God's providence.

"God has always taken care of His people from the dawn of creation," he said, "and He always will."

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the group decided to give the net proceeds to the Detroit Rescue Mission.

"When all was said and done, the first year we didn't make anything, but we gave \$500 from the treasury," Clough said. "It's been increasing each year since, and last year we were able to raise \$1,000."

A group of 200 volunteers works on the race, handling everything from advertising to donations and lining up the medical crews.

Because the race is held at the state park, volunteers have to wait until the morning of the race to get into the park and do the setup, which translates in to later starting times for the races. Most races have an 8 a.m. start as opposed to the Eagle Run's 10 a.m. start, Clough said.

The wait also brings one group of volunteers to the park at 7 a.m. race day to cook breakfast for the crew that's marking the course.

"It's still run largely with the

energies of a few individuals," Clough said. "Some of the leaders aren't even runners; they do it because they want to have a successful program."

With Ward Church recently moving to its new home at Six Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville Township, Clough

hopes some day to move the races from the park to the church property to boost attendance.

"One of my dreams is to run it off this property, to have the start and finish here," Clough said. "I'd like to see the kind of attendance see elsewhere."

Modern Woman hosts plus-size trunk show

Modern Woman is celebrating the plus-size woman with a trunk show, featuring dresses and pantsuits in sizes 14 to 28, Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, at Westland Shopping Center.

Besides the fashions, Modern Woman will be showcasing Westland Center's commitment to quality and service. Two fit specialists who understand the needs of the plus-size woman will be assisting throughout the two-

day event.

In addition, attendees who try on a dress will receive a gift and may register to win a \$500 Modern Woman shopping spree. Refreshments will be served while guests preview the season's best looks and silhouettes.

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Zdrodowski signs

Rob Zdrodowski, a key member of Plymouth Salem's soccer state finalist team, has signed a national letter of intent to attend and play soccer for Western Michigan University.

A 6-foot-3 stopper, Zdrodowski was a key element in a Salem defense that surrendered just 13 goals in 23 games in its drive to the state championship match. Zdrodowski earned all-Western Lakes Activities Association and all-Observer honors, and was a third-team Class A all-state selection.

"He was the best defender in the WLAA," Salem coach Ed McCarthy said of Zdrodowski.

"Rob reads the game well and is a heads-up player," said Chris Karwoski, WMU's coach. "He is a very skilled stopper and will probably be used as a defensive midfielder."

The Broncos, who lost four seniors to graduation, were 5-8-4 overall last season and went 1-5-1 in the Mid-American Conference.

Whaler all-stars

The Plymouth Whalers' season officially ended last Friday, when the Guelph Storm eliminated them in the Ontario Hockey League semifinals with a 5-2 win at Compuware Arena. But two of their stars still gained some notice.

David Legwand, the team's rookie forward, was named as an OHL first-team all-star after a season that saw him collect 54 goals and 51 assists for 105 points. He ranked first in scoring among rookies and third overall in the OHL.

Robert Esche, the Whalers' goalie, was a second-team OHL all-star selection. Esche had a 2.88 goals-against average, posting a 29-13-4 won-loss-tied record with three shutouts.

The Whalers finished the regular season in second in the OHL's West Division.

Officially honored

It doesn't happen too often — in fact, it's a rare occurrence when an official is lauded for a job well done. But come Saturday, 193 officials will all be honored at the 19th annual Officials' Awards and Alumni Banquet at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel.

Those officials being singled out will receive plaques for 20 years or 30 years of service. Among those to be presented service awards are Charles Hempel and Dan Riggs, both from Plymouth. They will each be given plaques for 20 years of officiating service.

The banquet will also feature the announcement of the Vern L. Norris Award-winner, presented to an official with 20 or more years of service who has been active in their local officials' association, has mentored other officials and has been involved in official's education.

Guest speaker for this year's banquet is William Carollo, an NFL referee for the past nine years. Tickets are available to the public — cost is \$15. No tickets will be sold at the door. Call Dolores Lake at (517) 332-5046 for further information.

Ambassadors in finals

While the Whalers' season has come to a close, the Compuware Ambassadors are still going strong.

The Ambassadors, who also play out of Plymouth's Compuware Arena, have advanced to the North American Hockey League's finals against Team USA. The best-of-three-games series begins Thursday, with games also scheduled for Friday and Saturday (if necessary).

WSDP-FM (88.1) will broadcast all the Ambassadors' playoff games, beginning each night at 7:15 p.m. Salem sophomore Nick Gismondi will provide the play-by-play, with Canton senior Sam Plymale as color commentator.

Sports physicals

Once again, sports physicals will be given to prospective athletes in the Plymouth-Canton school district on Tuesday in the second floor concourse at Plymouth Salem HS.

Junior high student-athletes will be given their physicals at 6:30 p.m.; high school student-athletes will be given their physicals at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person, and the physical is good from April 15 through the end of the 1998-99 school year.

Stevenson takes Salem apart

Think talking about a state championship before the regular season's half over is premature?

In most cases, yes. In this instance, no.

The way Livonia Stevenson has decimated its soccer foes through its first seven games has left few questions as to who has the state's best team. The defending Class A champions, the team that hasn't lost since the last game of its '96 season, proved its invincibility once again Wednesday at Plymouth Salem by routing the Rocks, 5-1, in what was supposed to be a key Western Lakes Activities Association game.

Now figure this: The teams that won state titles previous to the '97 Spartans were Salem (1995) and Plymouth Canton (1996). Both are strong again this season, with two losses and a tie between them; both are rated among the state's top 10 teams.

But both Salem and Canton have now lost to the same team — Stevenson. By a combined score of 8-1.

Dominating? You bet. Thing is, in both games the Spartans let up after building a big lead, leading one to wonder what they could do going full-tilt for a full match.

No, there's no sense even discussing a second-straight state championship, simply because there's nothing to discuss. Barring a rash of serious injuries, this one can be mailed in.

The true question is: Is this the start of another Stevenson dynasty, similar to the Spartan teams of the '70s and '80s?

No way Stevenson coach Jim Kimble will be sucked into a question like that. He still has a major challenge ahead: *How do I keep this team focused on the season?*

However, after some careful consideration, Kimble did address another query: Could his team challenge for the state championship without Allison Campbell?

The same Allison Campbell who has to be considered the leading candidate as the state's player of the year? The same Allison Campbell who didn't just hurt Salem Wednesday, but single-handedly destroyed them, scoring all five Spartan goals — in the



No contest: On this play at least, Salem's Missy Simons (right) fends off Stevenson's Lanette Moss. Unfortunately, the Spartans got the better of Salem everywhere else in their 5-1 victory.

first 15 minutes of the match?

"Obviously, Campbell is a huge part of this team," Kimble answered. "I think we could hang with anybody. Could we go all the way without her? I don't know, but we could hang with anyone."

A dynasty is a team that could win despite the loss of any single player. Trust me: Stevenson's got all the dynastic ingredients.

Certainly, Campbell — and Andrea Sied, Jennifer Barker and Lindsay

Gusick — make the current Spartans one of the best teams in state history. Of course, the season's not over; they still have to prove it.

They did against Salem. Campbell's first goal came in the first minute of the match, Gusick assisting. Moments later, a free kick seemingly befuddled the Rocks' defenders, who never even made a move toward it; Campbell's kick from the left went into the far corner, making it 2-0 with just 5:35 gone.

On each of the next three Stevenson scores, Rock defenders had chances to clear the ball from in front of the net, but failed. Now, leaving the ball bouncing free in front of your own goal with Campbell roaming free is like losing \$10 in a room full of lawyers: There'll be a scramble, and someone could get hurt, but one thing is certain — you'll never get your money back.

Campbell put each into the back of the net with no problem. Three of her goals came against Salem starting keeper Jenny Fitchett; Jillian Dombrowski replaced her and surrendered the next two. All were scored in the first 14:17 of the match.

"They're so good up top, I really didn't know what to do," said Salem coach Doug Landefeld. "I thought at the beginning of the match, if we could get by the first 10 minutes, we'd be all right. Then they put one in in the first 60 seconds."

"We had enough people back (on defense), they just didn't get to the ball. They stood and watched."

Late in the second half, the Rocks managed to avert a shutout when Kristina Seniuch looped a shot over Barker and into the net. It was only the second goal scored against Stevenson this season.

The loss was Salem's first, after eight wins. The Rocks are 3-1 in the WLAA's Lakes Division. Stevenson is 7-0, 2-0 in the Lakes.

Start the title countdown now. Just 18 games left to a state crown.

Canton 6, John Glenn 0: Plymouth Canton got two goals apiece from Melissa Marzolf and Anne Morrell in beating Westland John Glenn Monday.

The Chiefs improved to 5-1-1. Lisa Reissenweber and Amanda Lentz added goals for the Chiefs.

Salem 9, W.L. Western 0: Mia Sarkesian scored three goals, and Kristina Seniuch and Missy Simons got two each in the Rocks' rout of Walled Lake Western Monday.

On Saturday, Suzy Towne's two goals led to a 3-0 Salem win over Novi. Sarkesian also scored a goal.

Demsick bows out with a gold

WRESTLING

One last chance.

That's how John Demsick viewed his trip to the AAU Folkstyle Wrestling National Championships April 10-11. Unlike previous years, when Demsick traveled to Tulsa, Okla. (in 1996) and St. Louis, Mo. (last year) to compete in the Masters Division, this year he only had to go as far as the Pontiac Silverdome to recapture what has been his.

And that is a gold medal.

Demsick, from Canton, placed first in the 150-pound division in the 40-45 age group. He also wrestled at the same weight in the 30-and-over division, finishing second.

"That was the biggest thrill, just being able to do it," said Demsick, who had to battle through injuries the past two years to claim championships. "Two years ago I won, but I injured my

shoulder and I thought that might be my last year."

In '96, Demsick wrestled at 126 — the same weight he wrestled at for University of Michigan. The following year, to help his ligament-injured shoulder, he started training more diligently with weights and, in so doing, increased both his weight and strength.

So he moved up and wrestled at 142, capturing the 40-45 age group championship once again and placing fourth in the 30-and-over bracket. Prior to the tournament, Demsick had undergone surgery to reattach ligaments in his thumb, which hampered his prepara-

tion and, quite likely, led to another hand injury suffered during the competition.

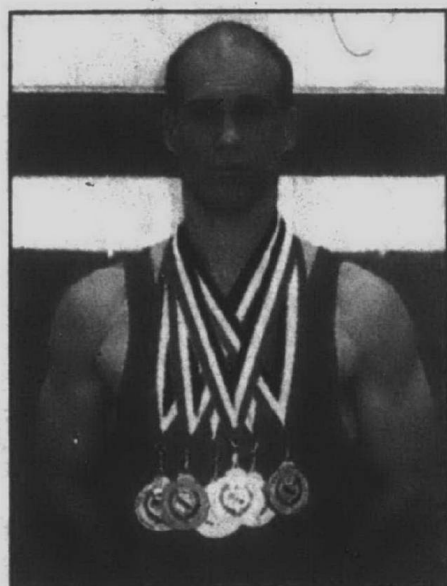
All of which convinced Demsick to make his family a pledge. "I promised my wife I wouldn't (compete) beyond 45," he said.

Which is Demsick's current age. With four sons all interested in the sport — Demsick served as the assistant coach for Plymouth Canton's team last season, on which two of his boys (John-Peter and Robert) competed — his promise could never be forgotten.

"Everyone in my family kept reminding me," he recalled with a smile. "This is your last year, right Dad?"

Although he had enjoyed nothing but success, Demsick still felt he had some-

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Medal-winner: In three years, John Demsick has won three gold medals.

Getting a boost With Hudson back, Canton rolls

Talk about quickly regaining form.

Plymouth Canton softball pitching ace Gretchen Hudson has done just that, coming back from an elbow injury suffered during pre-season workouts to win five-straight games, taking the Chiefs from a 3-4 overall record to an 8-4 mark.

Their latest triumph: Monday at home by a 5-1 margin over Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division rival Livonia Franklin. The win pushed Canton's WLAA record to 3-1; the Chiefs are 2-1 in the division.

Hudson started and pitched six innings, giving up an unearned run in the fourth. She did not allow a hit until Kristin Kmet's sixth-inning double, and she walked just two while striking out seven. Jenny Fisher pitched a scoreless seventh for the Chiefs, striking out two.

Lori Jendrusik took the loss for Franklin, allowing two earned runs on six hits and two walks, with five strikeouts. The Patriots (4-5 overall, 2-3 in the WLAA, 1-2 in the division) committed five errors.

Elizabeth Elsner led Canton's attack with two hits, including a double, and one run batted in.

At the Taylor Kennedy Invitational Saturday, the Chiefs rolled to four-straight wins — with Hudson pitching each game — and the tournament championship, with a 5-4 triumph over Garden City in a nine-inning title game.

Other tourney wins came by a 7-6 margin over St. Thomas (of Villanova, Ont.) in the first game; 11-1 over host Kennedy in the second; and 15-2 over Wyandotte Roosevelt in the semifinals.

"The whole thing was, the entire team played together," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "If they made a mistake, they forgot about it and just kept playing. And we were really hitting the ball."

Hudson, making her first appearances of the season, pitched 26 innings Saturday and struck out 21 as she picked up four wins. She is now 5-0 for the season.

Paula McKernan was one of several key contributors with the bat for Canton. The sophomore shortstop had seven hits in 14 trips in the four games, including the game-winning RBI single in the ninth against Garden City.

Melissa Brown added eight hits in 15 at-bats on the day, with Sara Freels going 6-for-10.

The Chiefs made all the right moves during the tournament. They struck out just five times all day, four of those coming against Garden City. And they made the defensive plays when necessary, too, one of those coming in the top of the ninth in the final, when second baseman Carrie Kovachevich stabbed a line drive with the bases loaded and one out, throwing to third to secure the inning-ending double play.

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Ace return: Since Gretchen Hudson's return, Canton has five-straight wins.

Tucker's gem boosts Canton; Rocks slide

It couldn't have come at a better time. Plymouth Canton's baseball team was coming off a poor performance in a double-header loss last Saturday at West Bloomfield, two losses in which the Chiefs committed 15 errors — after making just two in their first four games of the season.

Their defense wasn't a heckuva lot better Monday at Livonia Franklin (Canton had four more errors), but the results were certainly more palatable: a 5-0 victory, thanks to Ben Tucker's five-hit pitching.

The win pushed Canton's overall record to 3-4-1 and its Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division mark to 1-2. Franklin is 2-6 overall, 0-3 in the division.

Tucker (now 2-1) walked two and struck out 10. Brian Waldo took the loss for the Patriots.

Pat Van Hull paced Canton's offense with two hits and three runs batted in, including a two-run single in the sixth and a run-scoring double in the third. Dave Kwiatkowski added two hits and two RBI, driving in Oliver Wolcott twice — with a double in the first and a single in the fourth. Steve Lueck also had two hits, scoring two runs, and Wolcott finished with a hit, two walks and three runs scored.

On Saturday at West Bloomfield, Canton lost 7-1 and 8-2. The Chiefs had eight errors in the first game, with Mike Rourke (0-1 for the season) taking the pitching loss. He allowed four runs (one

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earned) on three hits and four walks, with two strikeouts, in 3 2/3 innings. Van Hull had two of Canton's four hits, driving in the Chiefs only run with a single in the sixth. He also had a double.

In the second game, Canton had seven more errors — allowing the Lakers (who improved to 7-1) to post eight runs on just four hits and three walks.

Jeff Page (0-2) absorbed the defeat for the Chiefs, giving up all eight runs (none earned) on three hits and two walks, with four strikeouts, in four innings.

"He threw well," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "Our pitching was fine, we just couldn't pick it that day."

The Chiefs missed several opportunities throughout the day. In the second inning, they loaded the bases on three walks with no one out. Kyle Richardson's sacrifice fly scored Kevin Tomasaitis with the game's first run, but two more pop flies ended the inning without further damage.

In the bottom of the second, West Bloomfield scored six runs thanks to five Canton errors. The Lakers added single runs in the third and fourth. The Chiefs only other run came in the seventh on a single by Brian Kay, a double by Tucker and Lueck's sacrifice fly, the inning's first out. The inning ended with two more pop outs.

Harrison 9, Salem 5: Farmington Harrison's Matt Derocher set a new school record for career victories by beating Plymouth Salem Tuesday.

The win was Derocher's 17th, breaking the mark held since the late 1970s by Brett Homocov. Derocher worked the first four innings, allowing no runs to improve to 3-0 on the season.

Jason Lukasik (1-2) started and took the loss for Salem, giving up six runs on six hits and a walk in two innings. He struck out three.

Harrison (now 5-1 overall, 4-1 in the WAAA) got five runs in the opening inning on five hits and a walk. When Derocher left after four innings, the Hawks led 9-0.

Salem (7-4 overall, 2-3 in the WAAA) did score five times in the last three innings, but the Rocks' rally fell far short. "We're a better team than we've shown the last two days," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger, including Monday's 9-2 loss to Westland John Glenn.

Against Harrison, Chris Longpre doubled in two runs in the fifth, and Mike Hoben smacked a two-run home run in the sixth. The final Salem run came on a Ben Szczepanski ground out in the seventh.

Joe Rizzi and Mark Runchey each had two singles for the Rocks. For Harrison, Dave Pesci had a double and two singles with three RBI, and Mike Fisher had three singles.

John Glenn 9, Salem 2: The game started out promisingly for the Rocks, who scored

twice in the opening inning. But they never got another run, as Westland John Glenn pitcher Josh Utley closed the door on Salem.

Kurt Berlin (now 3-2) was the losing pitcher for the Rocks, giving up six runs (three earned) on five hits and two walks, with five strikeouts in six innings. Utley went the distance for the Rockets, allowing one earned run on three hits and five walks, hitting two batters and striking out one.

Tony Bernhardt started the game for Salem with a double. He eventually scored on a Szczepanski double, and a second run came in on an error on a Hoben grounder. Glenn scored once in the first and took the lead for good with three in the third.

Salem 9-15, Fordson 7-3: The Rocks swept a pair from visiting Dearborn Fordson Saturday behind a rejuvenated hitting attack.

In the opener, Salem trailed 7-4 going into the fifth. Hoben and Brad Burelson slammed back-to-back solo homers in the fifth to narrow the gap to 7-6, and in the sixth the Rocks scored three more on Szczepanski's two-run single and Hoben's RBI single. Each finished with three hits and three RBI.

Scott Hay got the pitching victory with 3 2/3 innings of scoreless, hitless relief.

The second game was ended after five innings by the 10-run mercy rule. Salem pushed across seven runs in the first inning and never looked back, with five players getting two hits apiece: Nick Eicher, Rizzi, Berlin (with three RBI), Hoben (with four

RBI), and Runchey (with two RBI).

Steve Gordon (1-0) was the winning pitcher, going all five innings and giving up three earned runs on four hits and three walks, with three strikeouts.

Roeper 18, PCA 1: It wasn't pretty Tuesday as Bloomfield Hills Roeper made quick work of Plymouth Christian Academy in a five-inning mercy.

The Eagles committed four errors and four PCA pitchers walked 12 batters in the loss.

Starter Andy Powers lasted only 1 1/3 innings. He surrendered eight runs on only two hits but six walks. Dave Shumaker relieved and lasted only 2/3 inning, giving up five runs on four hits and five walks.

Zack Parton relieved and also had his troubles.

PCA's Bill Kiessel, seeing his first pitching action of the season, retired all four batters he faced.

PCA, which slipped to 4-5-1 overall and 0-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, scored its only run in the first inning. Travis Yonkman singled, stole second and third, and then scored on a fielder's choice by Dave Shumaker.

The Eagles collected only four hits — two by Powers and one each by Yonkman and Chris Brandon.

Other than Kiessel's pitching, PCA coach Sam Gaines said the other positive was seeing third baseman Randy Dahlman walking without crutches. Dahlman has been out since last Monday after injuring his knee. His playing status is probable for next week.

Warriors, Shamrocks divide twinbill in a pair of 1-run games

The professional scouts came to watch Birmingham Brother Rice senior pitcher Tom Marx on Saturday and Redford Catholic Central hitters gave them every opportunity to judge his delivery.

The Shamrocks showed patience, drawing 10 walks against the Warriors' 6-foot-7 left-handed ace in the first game of a double-header at Rice.

CC's Bob Malek, a junior centerfielder and leadoff hitter, walked four times and scored two runs, but the Warriors prevailed in eight innings, 5-4. The Shamrocks came back to win the second game, 4-3, using a 10-hit attack to support the three-hit pitching of senior Tony Nozowski.

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The split left CC with a 4-2 overall record, 3-2 in the Catholic League Central Division. Rice is 1-5 in the Central Division and already in jeopardy of missing the playoffs with a majority of the regular season still to play.

Rice's Brian Levasseur was 3-for-4 with an RBI and scored the winning run on a CC error after leading off with a single in the bottom of the eighth inning of Game 1. It was the Shamrocks' sixth error of the game. A double

and a walk followed Levasseur's single to load the bases.

Mark Cole, the third of three CC pitchers, suffered the loss in 1 1/3 innings. Cole entered with two outs and the bases loaded in the sixth, ending the threat with a fielder's choice out.

Mike Haller was the Shamrocks starting pitcher, lasting 5 2/3 innings before Anthony Tomey relieved.

Marx, who has reportedly thrown his fastball in the mid 90s, scattered three hits and struck out 10 CC batters to match his walk total.

Dave Lusky was 1-for-3 with an RBI and Chris Woodruff had

a two-run single in the third.

"They had all the (radar) guns lined up behind the screen," CC coach John Salter said. "He hit 88 I'm told and I told our guys I thought we could get a couple runs off him if we're patient. Problem was we couldn't pick the ball up. We hadn't played in 12 days and it didn't help that a couple plays we normally make we misplayed."

Malek, who also threw out a runner at home plate in the first game, was impossible to get out in the second game as well. He went 3-for-3 and walked, recording a pair of doubles, and scored two runs.

He doubled to lead off the

game and came in on Lusky's sacrifice fly. In the third he doubled and came home on Lusky's double to put the Shamrocks up 2-0.

He has now reached base safely in 20 of 23 official at-bats. He also has six stolen bases without being thrown out.

"He has a great eye, knows the strike zone, and if you throw him a strike he can hit it," Salter said. "He's the ideal leadoff man with above average speed, and a very smart player."

Rice tied the score with two runs in the bottom of the fourth but the Shamrocks broke the tie with two in their half of the fifth.

Lusky was hit by a pitch and Casey Rogowski walked, bringing relief pitcher Jon Poyer in to replace starter John Craddock.

Cole, the designated hitter, delivered a single to score Lusky with the go-ahead run and a balk brought home Rogowski with the eventual winning run.

Nozowski struck out six and walked four in a complete-game effort, picking up his third win without a loss.


Rogowski is hitting .333 with a team-high eight RBI. Lusky, the Shamrocks' third batter, has six RBI but only a .167 average.

"He's hit the ball hard but it's been caught," Salter said. "He'll come around."

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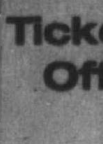
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SHOT PUT

Kevin Kell (Canton) 52-2
Kirk Moundros (N. Farmington) 47-11
Matt Lawson (Franklin) 47-8 1/2
Dave Hester (Salem) 46-5 1/4
Nick Brzezinski (Redford CC) 46-1 1/2
Mark Popejoy (Canton) 45-5 3/4
Lou Willoughby (Redford CC) 45-1 1/2
Steve Barber (Wayne) 43-7 1/2
Brad Arseneault (Stevenson) 42-7 1/2
Thomas Foor (Salem) 42-6

DISCUS

Kevin Kell (Canton) 154-0
Matt Lawson (Franklin) 143-2
Kirk Moundros (N. Farmington) 138-2
Dustin Willim (Stevenson) 135-7
Kurt Plankuch (Stevenson) 134-9 1/2
Kurt Boardman (John Glenn) 134-8
Wes Morland (Harrison) 131-5
Dave Hester (Salem) 130-3
Sean Clark (N. Farmington) 128-7
Lou Willoughby (Redford CC) 125-11

HIGH JUMP

John Lowry (Farmington) 6-3

Tim Moore (John Glenn) 6-3
David Popiel (Redford CC) 6-3
Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 6-0
Dan Colip (Franklin) 6-0
Joel Fodor (Harrison) 5-10
Eric Larsen (Canton) 5-10
Chris Kalls (Canton) 5-9
Clay Jenovai (Farmington) 5-9

LONG JUMP

Ryan Ollinger (Lutheran Westland) 20-5
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 20-4 1/2
Tim Moore (John Glenn) 20-4
Cameron Blanchard (Salem) 19-11 1/2
Eric Larsen (Canton) 19-11 1/2
Andrew Wilder (N. Farmington) 19-6
Gabe Coble (Salem) 19-5 1/4
Pat Johnson (Salem) 18-10 1/2
Jon Desir (Redford Union) 18-10 1/2
Will Bozer (John Glenn) 18-3 1/2

POLE VAULT

Ryan Shiplett (Franklin) 12-0
Jeff Lazar (Harrison) 11-6
Matt Weber (Churchill) 11-0
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 10-6
Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 10-6
Dan Clouser (Redford Union) 10-6
Ryan Noel (Lutheran Westland) 10-0
Joe Frendo (Garden City) 10-0
Mitch Forester (Farmington) 9-6

Jordan Chapman (Canton) 9-0
Jason Davis (Lutheran Westland) 9-0
Steve Haradon (Canton) 9-0
Mario Long (Wayne) 9-0

110-METER HURDLES

Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 14.5
Jason Sharp (Harrison) 15.2
Jason Woehike (Redford CC) 15.4
Ryan Thomas (Salem) 15.6
Josh Callahan (N. Farmington) 15.7
Ben Lukas (Farmington) 15.9
Pat Hayes (Franklin) 15.9
Dave Hester (Salem) 16.3
Dave Clemons (Salem) 16.3
Tim Moore (John Glenn) 16.4
Chris Kalls (Canton) 16.4

300-METER HURDLES

Josh Callahan (N. Farmington) 41.3
Don Blankster (Redford CC) 41.9
Ryan Thomas (Salem) 42.6
Chris Kalls (Canton) 43.1
Wes Morland (Harrison) 43.5
Josh Keyes (John Glenn) 43.9
Dan Terse (Harrison) 43.9
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 44.4
Wally Stang (Canton) 44.9

100-METER DASH

Jerrard Johnson (Harrison) 11.2
Mike Shull (Salem) 11.3

Rob Fant (John Glenn) 11.3
Terrance Thomas (Wayne) 11.4
Joe Frendo (Garden City) 11.4
Harden James (John Glenn) 11.5
Rob DeRoven (N. Farmington) 11.6
Tom Glennon (Stevenson) 11.6
Nate Howe (Canton) 11.7
Scott Kingslien (Salem) 11.7

200-METER DASH

Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 22.2
Keith Battle (Harrison) 23.3
Eric Larsen (Canton) 23.5
Joe Frendo (Garden City) 23.6
Mark Sheehan (Salem) 23.8
Corey Davis (Franklin) 24.0
Nate Howe (Canton) 24.1
Dan Smitherman (John Glenn) 24.2
Tom Glennon (Stevenson) 24.3
Larry Anderson (Canton) 24.5
Kevin Conte (Salem) 24.5

400-METER DASH

Keith Battle (Harrison) 52.3
Larry Anderson (Canton) 53.3
Joe Jinnett (Wayne) 53.6
Matt Freeborn (Stevenson) 53.6
Andy Briggs (Salem) 53.9
Gabe Coble (Salem) 55.0
Nick Houstakies (Franklin) 55.9
Nick Colson (Farmington) 56.2

Justin Cessante (Redford CC) 56.9

800-METER RUN

Ian Searcy (Salem) 1:55.4
Andy Briggs (Salem) 1:59.6
Joe Hubert (Redford CC) 2:04.1
Shaun Moore (Canton) 2:04.5
Marty Kane (Canton) 2:06.9
Rob Block (Stevenson) 2:08.0
Wayne Briggs (Redford CC) 2:08.0
Gabe Coble (Salem) 2:08.0
Justin Keyes (John Glenn) 2:08.9
Bobby Cushman (Salem) 2:10.0

1,600-METER RUN

Rob Block (Stevenson) 4:36.8
Jon Little (Salem) 4:41.0
Joe Hubert (Redford CC) 4:41.2
Shaun Moore (Canton) 4:41.9
Matt Shannon (Redford CC) 4:43.2
Andy Briggs (Salem) 4:43.8
Bobby Cushman (Salem) 4:44.0
Nick Allen (Salem) 4:45.0
Josh Burt (Franklin) 4:47.0
J.P. Wolocko (John Glenn) 4:51.0

3,200-METER RUN

Dan Jess (Redford CC) 10:05.0
Matt Shannon (Redford CC) 10:12.0
Rob Block (Stevenson) 10:13.8
Joe Verellen (Stevenson) 10:24.1
Josh Burt (Franklin) 10:24.2

Jason Richmond (Churchill) 10:27.0
Bryan Boyd (Canton) 10:35.2
Jon Little (Salem) 10:38.0
Jon Berman (N. Farmington) 10:46.0
Andy Prieskom (Wayne) 10:41.0

400-METER RELAY

Plymouth Salem 45.3
Farmington Harrison 46.1
North Farmington 46.3
Westland John Glenn 46.3
Livonia Stevenson 46.6

800-METER RELAY

Farmington Harrison 1:32.0
Plymouth Salem 1:33.4
Livonia Stevenson 1:34.3
Wayne Memorial 1:37.0
Plymouth Canton 1:37.3

1,600-METER RELAY

Westland John Glenn 3:38.5
Plymouth Salem 3:39.1
Plymouth Canton 3:39.3
Livonia Churchill 3:40.0
Farmington Harrison 3:43.0

3,200-METER RELAY

Plymouth Salem 8:14.0
Redford Catholic Central 8:28.9
Livonia Stevenson 8:36.0
Plymouth Canton 8:45.5
Livonia Churchill 8:46.1

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SHOT PUT

Melissa Gratz (N. Farmington) 35-9 1/2
Danielle Wensing (Franklin) 34-9 1/2
Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 33-3
Bethany Molitor (Wayne) 32-4
Kerstin Andrzejewski (Harrison) 31-11 1/2
CeCe Johnson (Mercy) 31-4
Emily Yambasky (Stevenson) 31-3
Judy Telford (Mercy) 29-10 1/2
Javonna Akins (John Glenn) 29-7 1/2
Jenny Sciberras (Canton) 29-7

DISCUS

Melissa Gratz (N. Farmington) 133-6
Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 118-11
Emily Yambasky (Stevenson) 106-7
Erin Allen (Farmington) 94-9
Martha Obringer (Mercy) 94-6
Kerstin Andrzejewski (Harrison) 93-2
Jaclyn Bernard (Canton) 91-2 1/2
Kristen Stone (John Glenn) 90-10
Rachel Kieft (Redford Union) 87-7
Angie Purroll (Garden City) 84-4

HIGH JUMP

LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 5-4
Natalie Grondin (Mercy) 5-2
Erin Stabb (Canton) 4-10
Autumn Hicks (Salem) 4-10
Laurel Bolhouse (Mercy) 4-10
Jordyn Godfroid (Stevenson) 4-9
Erin Hayden (Ladywood) 4-9
Andrea Polasky (Stevenson) 4-8
Katie Vittellic (N. Farmington) 4-8
Jamie Snow (Mercy) 4-8

LONG JUMP

Nkechi Okwumabua (Canton) 17-2
Nicolette Jarrett (John Glenn) 16-3
Mahogany Fletcher (Harrison) 15-5
Jenny Duncan (Churchill) 15-1 1/4
Nicole Dettloff (Stevenson) 14-11
Erin Stawara (Stevenson) 14-11
Karinne Chatman (Farmington) 14-11
Anna Rolf (Lutheran Westland) 14-11

Erin Hayden (Ladywood) 14-5 1/2
Shiloh Wint (Franklin) 14-5

POLE VAULT

Shiloh Wint (Franklin) 7-0
Kim Wise (Garden City) 7-0
Bekah Hoffmeier (Lutheran Westland) 6-6
Katie Mitchell (Stevenson) 6-6
Nicole Dettloff (Stevenson) 6-6
Renee Fashawlic (Churchill) 6-0
Denise Walsh (Franklin) 6-0
Kelly Clark (Lutheran Westland) 5-6

100-METER HURDLES

Nicole Herring (John Glenn) 15.2
Emily Mayberry (Harrison) 16.3
Lisa Rosemary (Harrison) 16.6
Christie Tzilos (Stevenson) 16.7
Erin Stabb (Canton) 16.9
Jamie Snow (Mercy) 17.3
Katie Callahan (N. Farmington) 17.4
Valerie Brown (Salem) 17.4
Katie Gaffey (N. Farmington) 17.4
Monique Bush (Farmington) 17.6

300-METER HURDLES

Christie Tzilos (Stevenson) 48.9
Nicole Herring (John Glenn) 50.4
Suzanne Peplinski (Ladywood) 50.7
Katie Sherron (Stevenson) 50.9
Jamie Snow (Mercy) 51.5
Katie Callahan (N. Farmington) 52.9
Hannah Watts (Salem) 53.2
Natalie Grondin (Mercy) 53.2
Doris Igwe (Canton) 54.1
Kelley Phelps (Mercy) 55.3

100-METER DASH

Kania Adams (John Glenn) 12.7
Brianna Watson (Ladywood) 12.7
Temica Clayton (Harrison) 12.8
Danielle Wensing (Franklin) 13.0
Rachel Jones (Salem) 13.0
Alina Boyden (Canton) 13.0
Mahogany Fletcher (Harrison) 13.1
Nicole Carter (Mercy) 13.1
Sharia Feiton (Redford Union) 13.1
Nkechi Okwumabua (Canton) 13.4
Kelly Moryc (Stevenson) 13.4

Nicolette Jarrett (John Glenn) 26.3
Rachel Jones (Salem) 27.0
Mahogany Fletcher (Harrison) 27.2
Brianna Watson (Ladywood) 27.6
Nicole Dettloff (Stevenson) 27.6
Danielle Wensing (Franklin) 27.7
Kelly Barenie (Farmington) 27.9
Alina Boyden (Canton) 28.1
LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 28.1
April Trask (Garden City) 29.0

400-METER DASH

Nicolette Jarrett (John Glenn) 1:02.0
Kelly McNeillance (Stevenson) 1:02.4
Danielle Wensing (Franklin) 1:02.8
Nicole Carter (Mercy) 1:04.1
Ashley Williams (Canton) 1:04.8
Kate Adams (Farmington) 1:04.9
Page Ahrens (Ladywood) 1:05.0
Carrie Hillis (Redford Union) 1:05.1
Valerie Brown (Salem) 1:06.1
Marina DeMeyer (Harrison) 1:06.4

800-METER RUN

Kelly McNeillance (Stevenson) 2:29.5
Kelly Travis (Stevenson) 2:29.8
Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 2:30.4
Ann Figurski (Ladywood) 2:32.5
Katie Bonner (Salem) 2:34.0
Kristin Hetra (Churchill) 2:35.1
Kate Adams (Farmington) 2:36.6
Kerilyn Knutsen (Harrison) 2:40.1
Holly Stockton (N. Farmington) 2:41.4

Kelly Fradette (John Glenn) 2:46.0

1,600-METER RUN

Kelly Travis (Stevenson) 5:26.6
Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 5:33.9
Alyson Flohr (Salem) 5:34.7
Ashley Fillion (Churchill) 5:36.2
Jessica Hayden (Ladywood) 5:51.9
Erin Thomas (Mercy) 5:53.4
Danielle Wroblewski (Mercy) 5:58.2
Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 6:01.6
Sharon Ryan (John Glenn) 6:03.0
Maria Karadimos (Redford Union) 6:05.0

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Kelly Travis (Stevenson) 11:49.8
Danielle Harris (Stevenson) 12:22.1
Ashley Fillion (Churchill) 12:24.4
Kelly McNeillance (Stevenson) 12:28.0
Rachael Moraitis (Salem) 12:45.6
Erin Thomas (Mercy) 12:47.4
Natalie Dawson (Farmington) 12:52.8
Jessica Hayden (Ladywood) 12:56.6
Sarah Polletta (Mercy) 13:01.0
Ellen Adams (Farmington) 13:04.3

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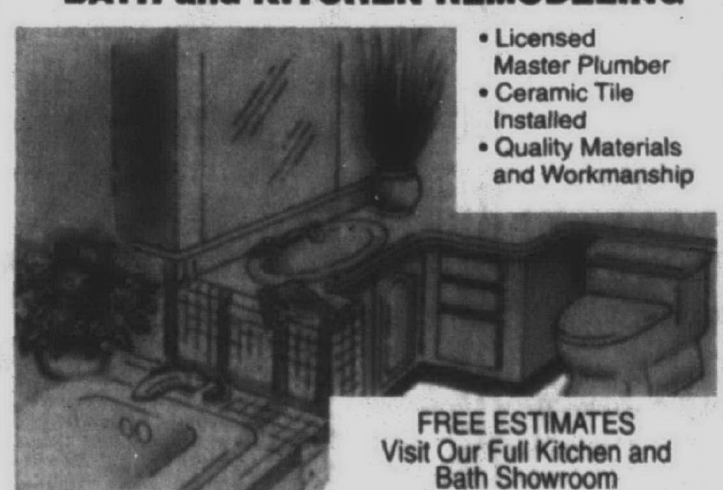
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Salem ties for Relays crown

Sometimes a tie is as good as a win.

That was the case Saturday as the Plymouth Salem girls track team shared the Lady Chief Relays championship with Dearborn and Livonia Stevenson.

Being a tri-winner didn't bother Salem coach Mark Gregor.

"This was a well-earned trophy for the team," he said. "Being it was the end of Easter break, and after six good practices, we put together a good lineup and performed very well."

The three winning teams finished with 62 points. Westland John Glenn was the next closest squad with 42 points. Plymouth Canton, the host for the annual event, finished eighth out of the 12 teams with 26 points.

The Rocks scored in all but two of the 14 events. Salem's only first place finish was in the sprint medley relay as Autumn Hicks, Brynne DeNeen, Rachel Jones and Jenny Frederick finished in 3:02.

The individual highlight for the Rocks was the performance of Alyson Flohr in the 8-mile cross country relay. She finished first overall and helped the Rocks take third place. Joining Flohr were Melanie Mester, Rachel Moraitis and Erin Kelly.

Salem took second in the distance medley relay (13:38.5) behind Flohr, Mester, Shan-

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non Will and Becky Phelan. The Rocks also took second in the 800 relay behind DeNeen, Hicks, Jones and Wendi Leanhardt (1:49.5).

The foursome of Michelle Bonior, Katie Gerst, Jennifer Foess and Maranda White placed second in the throwers relay. Salem tied for second in the distance medley relay with Isha Chappell, Rachel Brown, Sarah Jensen and Lara Savitski (1:15.7).

Chappell, Jensen, Danielle Guerin and Kelly Van Putten teamed to take third in the 800 hurdle relay (3:43.5).

The Rocks also performed well in the field events, highlighted by two third-place finishes.

In the long jump relay, DeNeen, Leanhardt and Van Putten' total of 41-1 1/4 was good for third, as was the performance of White, Gerst and Sara Rosenberg in the discus relay (238-4).

The Rocks kept the low times going Tuesday as they competed in the seven-team April Showers meet at Ypsilanti. Salem's 86 points took third behind Ypsilanti (103) and Brighton (97).

"I was especially pleased that we were able

to score in every event," Gregor said. "This was a very competitive meet and it was a good day for us."

Gregor liked what he saw from Salem's thrower Tiffany Grubaugh, who led the Rocks to their two first place finishes.

Grubaugh teamed with Bonior in the shot put (65-11) and with White in the discus (206-5) for the two wins. Grubaugh's distances were an impressive 116-1 in the discus and 36-4 in the shot put.

The teams of Phelan, Ellen Stemmer, Evelyn Rahhal and Flohr finished second in the distance medley relay (13:31.2) and in the 4 x 800 relay (10:06.3).

Grubaugh came back to team with White, Bonior and Jessica Bobee in a second-place finish in the 4 x 200 relay (1:58.9).

DeNeen, Leanhardt, Jones and Hicks recorded a second in the sprint medley (1:57.9), as did Guerin, Will, Mester and AnnMarie Vercruysse in the medley relay (10:30).

In the 4 x 200 relay, Hicks, Leanhardt, DeNeen and Jones finished third (1:50.9). The other third place finish came in the mixed medley as Frederick, Will, Kristy Boies, Lisa Jasnowski and Angela Dunnigan crossed the line in 4:41.03.

Crusaders up, down

What's short, long and over?

Madonna University's trip to Joliet, Ill., to play in the University of St. Francis softball tournament. The Lady Crusaders played seven games in two games, ending with a 4-3 record.

Two of the defeats were to St. Xavier University, 7-1 in the tournament opener Saturday and 9-1 in the finale Sunday. The other loss came Saturday to the University of St. Francis, 10-1.

Madonna defeated Indiana-Purdue, 1-0, in between Saturday's losses and Sunday rang up a 9-4 victory over Indiana Tech, a 2-0 win over St. Francis College and a 1-0 edging of Indiana-Purdue (IUPUI).

Jenny Kruzel's single in the bottom of the seventh provided the only run of the second IUPUI game and rewarded Shanna Price for pitching a one-hitter.

Through the weekend tournament, Stacey Piontkowski led the Crusaders with a .391 batting average in 23 games. Shawna Green has played 38 games, batting .353 with 16 stolen bases in 19 tries.

Vicki Malkowski led Madonna's team with two home runs, followed by Christy Riopelle with one. Malkowski had a team-best 25 RBI, two more than Stephanie Dick and five more than Riopelle.

In Saturday's tournament opener against St. Xavier, Madonna took a 1-0 lead into the fifth but gave up six to lose. The Crusaders made three errors to make five of the runs unearned.

Madonna scored in the first inning of the first IUPUI game and made it stand up as Price pitched a four-hit shutout, walking four and fanning five. Kristy McDonald (from Redford Thurston) drove home the lone run of the game.

VanDoorn was roughed up for 10 hits and 10 runs, only five of which were earned, in the loss to the host school. Sunday started out better in the long, two-day tournament.

VanDoorn pitched a three-

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hitter, fanning six and walking six, while McDonald drove in three runs and Riopelle two in the 9-4 whipping of Indiana Tech.

Price's four-hit shutout of St. Francis was a one-walk, five-strikeout affair. Riopelle had the only RBI of the 2-0 win as Madonna scored single runs in the third and seventh innings.

VanDoorn gave up only two earned runs in 5 2/3 innings but was touched for 11 hits while her teammates were getting only three.

Madonna 4-3, Siena Heights 1-4: Madonna's seventh-inning rally in the second game fell short, forcing the Lady Crusaders to settle for a split with host Siena Heights in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference double-header Tuesday.

Madonna is 24-18-1 overall, 11-9 in the WHAC. Siena Heights is 12-25 overall, 9-11 in the WHAC.

The Crusaders won the opener behind the five-hit, no-walk pitching of VanDoorn (she's 11-11). She struck out five, and the run she gave up was unearned. Mariann Bauman (4-11) was the losing pitcher.

Madonna scored three times in the second inning, with Dick and Jamie Heins each singling in runs. Riopelle added a solo home run in the fifth. Courtney Senger went 3-for-3 and Dick had two hits.

In the second game, Saints' pitcher Kristin Heinze was cruising along with a 4-0 lead through five innings, but Madonna scored once in the sixth when Senger singled in Malkowski, who had doubled. The Crusaders added two more in the seventh, with Greene doubling in one run then scoring herself on Riopelle's groundout. But they could come no closer.

Price took the loss (she's 6-6), allowing two earned runs on four hits and a walk, with one strikeout.

'Divided' Rocks look solid; Chiefs field 6th

Plymouth Salem divided its boys track team for two relay events last weekend, and came away with two pretty good showings.

Seven Rocks made the trip to the Mansfield Relays in Ohio Friday, and two of them — Ian Searcy and Andy Briggs — remained to run in the 800 meters Saturday. Approximately 105 schools and 750 athletes from throughout the midwest competed.

Detroit Mumford emerged with the team title, scoring 42 points. Salem placed 14th with 16 points.

Ian Searcy was the big winner. The senior co-captain finished first in the 800 in 1:55.4, with

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Briggs placing just out of the scoring, taking seventh in 1:59.6.

"We had a good showing," said Salem coach Geoff Baker. "I'm happy with it."

The Rocks other points were scored by its 3,200 relay team of Searcy, Matt Anderson, Bobby Cushman and Briggs, which placed third (8:14.2). In the medley relay, the team of Matt Fair, Mike Shull, Mark Sheehan and Searcy was seventh (8:08.6).

On Saturday, the remainder of the Salem squad competed at the Dearborn Elks Relays, placing fifth with 26 1/3 points.

The Rocks won one event: the

4x200-meter relay, with Shull, Chris Mason, Sheehan and Scott Kingslein (1:33.0).

They also got seconds from Fair, Sheehan, Anderson and Cushman in the distance medley relay (11:16.0) and from Gabe Coble, Cameron Blanchard and Pat Johnson in the long jump relay (55-feet). The 4x100 relay of Shull, Mason, Kevin Conte and Kingslein placed third (45.3), the 4-mile relay of Dave Rowe, Adam Barbara, Donnie Warner and Pat O'Conner placed fifth (20:27.0), and Dan Eizans scored 1/3 of a point in the pole vault relay by clearing 8-feet.

Dearborn finished first at the Elks with 53 points, followed by Redford Catholic Central with 40 1/3. Adrian and Temperance

Bedford tied for third with 29. Plymouth Canton was sixth with 23.

All the Chiefs' points were scored in field-event relays. The team of Kevin Keil, Jared Chapman and Pat Holland won the discus with a total of 377-2, and Keil had the best individual effort of 144-5. Canton's Holland, Chapman, Keil and Eric Larsen also placed first in the shot putters' 400-meter relay (50.3).

Chris Kalis, Larsen and Udoka Nnolim combined for a third in the high jump relay (16-6), and Steve Haradon, Jordan Chapman and Brian Page teamed for a third in the pole vault relay (17-0).

Keil, Jared Chapman, Holland and Larsen were fourth in the shot put relay (163-8), with Keil's throw of 51-5 1/2 ranking first individually; and Larsen, Jordan Chapman and Kevin Palmer were fifth in the long jump relay (52-1 1/2).

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Crusaders split with league leaders

Two of the top baseball teams in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference visited Madonna University this weekend, but the Fighting Crusaders could not close any ground, managing just one win, with two losses and a tie.

On Sunday, neither starting pitcher Mark Serra nor reliever Paul Barkai were very effective in the first game, a 10-6 Madonna loss to Aquinas College. The second game with the Saints was called because of rain in the middle of the eighth inning with the score tied, 1-1.

The loss and a tie left Madonna with a 19-20-1 overall record, 11-8-1 in the WHAC. Aquinas improved to 26-9-1 overall.

In the opener, the Crusaders got two hits and four runs batted in from Aaron Shrewsbury, but it wasn't enough to stop Aquinas' long-range assault. The Saints scored eight times on seven hits and four walks in four innings against Serra, then added two more runs on four hits and a

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walk in three innings by Barkai. B.J. Barnard, Brian O'Toole and Mike Mumper each slugged home runs for Aquinas, with O'Toole driving in four runs on three hits and Mumper getting three RBI on two hits.

Eric Marcotte (from Plymouth Canton) had two hits and an RBI for Madonna, with Todd Miller (Farmington Hills/Brother Rice HS) and Kevin Foley adding two hits apiece.

Scott DeKock went all seven innings for Aquinas, allowing six runs on 10 hits and two walks. Serra took the loss for Madonna, falling to 2-5.

The second game was a pitcher's duel between Madonna ace Mitch Jabczynski and Aquinas' Tony Conaty. Jabczynski surrendered one run on five hits and two walks, with two strikeouts in seven innings. Conaty was equally effective, allowing one

run on two hits and four walks, with six strikeouts, in seven innings.

Daryl Rocho singled in Pete Quinn (Redford Thurston) with Madonna's only run in the bottom of the fourth inning, tying the score at 1-1. A Mumper base hit delivered Jason Bialochowski with Aquinas' only run in the top of the fourth.

Madonna 1-6, Spring Arbor 5-4: Pete Quinn's two-run home run with one out in the bottom of the seventh of the second game enabled the Crusaders to split their double-header with WHAC rival Spring Arbor Saturday at Madonna.

The Cougars (15-11 overall, 11-5 in the WHAC) scored a run in the top of the seventh to forge a 4-4 tie, but Quinn's blast, his eighth this season, gave the Crusaders the victory.

Brandon Jaskolski had two hits, including a solo home run (his second) and a double, for Madonna. Marcotte also had two

hits and two runs scored, and J.R. Taylor added a two-run single in the Crusaders' three-run sixth that enabled them to overcome Spring Arbor's 3-1 lead.

James O'Connor (Redford Catholic Central) started for Madonna, allowing four runs on eight hits and three walks, with two strikeouts, in six innings. He was relieved first by Jason Carter and then by Matt Snyder in the seventh, with Snyder getting credit for all three outs in the inning to earn the victory, his first. Rich Reid (2-4) took the loss for Spring Arbor.

In the first game, the Cougars' Ryan Tripp stopped Madonna with a four-hit, no-walk performance. He struck out five, allowing one earned run, in seven innings to improve to 4-3. Bob Mason fell to 3-5 for the Crusaders, giving up five runs (four earned) on six hits and four walks, with six strikeouts in seven innings.

Rocho's sacrifice fly drove in Quinn with Madonna's only run.

Softball from page C1

Salem 14, John Glenn 12: It wasn't pretty, but Plymouth Salem did earn its first WLAA victory Monday against winless Westland John Glenn, at Glenn.

The victory gave the Rocks a 2-4-1 overall record, 1-3 in the WLAA and 1-2 in the Lakes Division. Glenn is 0-5 overall, 0-3 in the Lakes.

The two starting pitchers combined for 27 walks in a total of 9 1/3 innings. Salem's Shannon Coultas got the victory, working 5 1/3 innings and allowing 12 runs on eight hits and 11 walks. Amanda Sutton picked up the save for the Rocks, allowing no runs, one hit and no walks in 1 2/3 innings.

Katie Foran absorbed the loss for Glenn; she gave up 13 runs on five hits and 16 walks in four innings.

Karen Prosyk had a hit and three RBI for Salem. Coultas and Heather Sonntag had two RBI apiece, while Stefanie Volpe was walked five times, getting one RBI.

Last Saturday, the Rocks got a bit of everything at the Kennedy Invitational: a win, a loss and a tie.

Salem opened with a 17-3 three-inning mercy win over Melvindale, the Rocks first win of the season. Coultas tossed three hitless innings, walking four and striking three, to earn the win. Maureen Buchanan led the attack with three hits,

including a two-run triple, and four RBI, while Jill Schmalhurst and Katie Gagleard each had two-run doubles.

In their second game of the tournament, the Rocks were beaten by Garden City 7-1. Sutton took the loss; she went all seven innings, allowing 10 hits and one walk. Bea Ferguson's sacrifice bunt in the fifth scored Volpe with Salem's only run; Volpe doubled to reach base, the Rocks first hit of the game. Volpe finished with two doubles in the game.

In its final game, Salem battled Taylor Truman to a 9-9 tie in a game called after eight innings by the time limit. Coultas, Sutton and Buchanan all pitched for the Rocks.

It wasn't until the sixth inning that Salem got into the game, scoring all nine of its runs in the frame. Volpe, who had two hits in the game, had a two-run double in the rally and Dawn Allen slugged a three-run triple that tied it at 9-9. Buchanan and Becky Esper each had two singles in the game, Buchanan getting one RBI.

Salem hosts its first-ever Salem Invitational Saturday. Livonia Ladywood, Detroit Country Day and Dearborn provide the remainder of the tournament field. The Rocks play Ladywood at 10 a.m., Country Day at noon and Dearborn at 2 p.m.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL

Thursday, April 23
Redford CC at Bishop Foley, 4 p.m.

Friday, April 24

Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m.
W.L. Western at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Farmington, 4 p.m.
Ply. Christian at A.P. Inter-City, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 25

(all double-headers unless noted)
Stevenson at Taylor Kennedy, 11 a.m.
Garden City at John Glenn, 11 a.m.
U-D Jesuit at Redford CC, 11 a.m.
Ply. Christian at Flat Rock, 10 a.m.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Friday, April 24

Canton at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m.
Farmington at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Marian at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 25

(all double-headers unless noted)
Salem Tournament, 10 a.m.
Canton at Chelsea Tournament, 9 a.m.

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Thursday, April 23

W.L. Western at Canton, 5:30 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Central, 3:30 p.m.
Northville at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
Harrison at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 25

Salem at W. Bloomfield Invit., 9:30 a.m.

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Thursday, April 23

Canton at W.L. Western, 3:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at Salem, 3:30 p.m.
Churchill at Northville, 3:30 p.m.
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Saturday, April 25

Canton at Cougar Invit. (Grand Rapids)
Salem at W. Bloomfield Invit., 9:30 a.m.

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Thursday, April 23

Bishop Foley at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.
Roch. Adams at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 24

Ladywood at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 25

Troy Athens at Canton, 1 p.m.
Salem at Birm. Seaholm, 1 p.m.
Stevenson at A.A. Huron, 1 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

(all double-headers)

Friday, April 24

Madonna at Siena Heights, 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 25

St. Francis (Ill.) at Madonna, 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 26

St. Francis (Ill.) at Madonna, 11 a.m.

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thing to prove this year.

"Wrestling is not a matter of weight-losing, but strength-building," he said, adding that this approach was "a sign of the times" in the sport.

"I wanted to prove that to myself, if no one else."

With three national championships in three years in the 40-45 division, all in different weight divisions, Demsick has little left to prove on the mat. But he's not about to give up the sport.

Canton wrestling coach Ernie Krumm has resigned, and Demsick is one of the leading candidates for the position.

Perhaps it won't be the same as actual competition, but Demsick won't mind much. "This," he summarized, "was a great finish for me."

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ACTIVITIES

SWAP MEET

The Oakland County Sportsman's Club will hold its annual Sportsman's Swap Meet, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, at its clubhouse and grounds in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

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.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

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

BANQUETS

TROUT UNLIMITED

The Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold its annual Spring Banquet on Thursday, April 23, at the Royalty House in Warren. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. The event features door prizes, raffles and 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.

DUCKS UNLIMITED

The Birmingham-Bloomfield-Troy Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will hold its 21st Annual Sportsman's Dinner on Wednesday, May 13, at the San Marino Club in Troy.

CLASSES

DUCK & GOOSE CALLING

West Bloomfield Community Education will offer a class in duck and goose calling beginning at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 27. Taught by noted waterfowl guide Lyman Burgess, the class will meet for one hour each week for four consecutive weeks at the Orchard Lake Middle School. Registration fee is \$35. Call (248) 539-2290 for more information.

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 2 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

NRC

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 per-

sons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 a week in advance.

SEASON/DATES

EXTENDED TROUT

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

FISHING

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

CATCH AND RELEASE

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

SPEARS/BOWS

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

PIKE

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

SMELT

Smelt netting season on non-trout streams runs through May 31 south of M-72 and May 1-31 north of M-72. Bow and spear fishing on non-trout inland waters is open for gar, carp and bowfin May 1-Aug. 15. Check the 1998 Michigan Fishing Guide for exceptions and closures.

STURGEON

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

TURKEY

The spring turkey season runs through May 31 by special permit in designated areas only.

TROUT

Trout season opens Saturday, April 25.

WALLEYE

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

MUSKIE

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

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to dusk on Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. In addition, the sporting clays course, trap & skeet shooting and archery ranges are open noon-dusk on Mondays and Tuesdays. Beginning in mid-April the rifle range will also be open noon-dusk on Mondays and Tuesdays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 699-6767 for more information.

TOURNAMENTS

SALMON STAKES

The 20th annual River Crab Salmon Stakes benefit fishing tournament will be held Saturday, May 2, in St. Clair. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to support the Blue Water Mental Health Clinic and other programs across the state that serve troubled children, adults and their families. Raffle/entry tickets are \$10 each and enters the holder into a raffle and the fishing tournament. Raffle prizes include a four night cruise for two adults and two children in Cape Canaveral, Florida; use of a private suite at a Tiger baseball game; a weekend for two in Chicago; gift certificates; and a charter fishing trip. Tickets are also redeemable for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at any Chuck Muer restaurant. Anglers can win \$250 cash for the heaviest total catch in one boat as well as \$250 for the largest fish in each of four categories - king salmon, steelhead, brown trout and coho salmon. Tickets are available at Charlie's Crab in Troy, Muer's Seafood Tavern in West Bloomfield, Meriwethers in Southfield, Big Fish in Dearborn, Big Fish Too in Madison Heights, and Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor or by calling the River Crab at 1-800-468-3727.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

PARK CLEANUP

Celebrate Earth Day by volunteering to enhance the beauty of Orion Oaks on Saturday, April 25. From 9 a.m.-4 p.m. volunteers will plant seedlings and saplings, clear debris from inside the park, construct docks and make trail improvements. Volunteers should meet at the Baldwin Road entrance. Lunch will be provided. Call (248) 391-0110.

FREE WOOD CHIPS

Free wood chips from the Oakland County Parks Christmas tree recycling program, will be available on Saturday, April 25, at Orion Oaks at the Clarkston Road entrance. Individuals are asked to provide their own shov-

els and to load the chips by hand. No motorized equipment is allowed and no commercial haulers. Additional wood chip dates are scheduled for May 23, June 27, July 25, August 29, Sept. 26 and Oct. 31.

CARING FOR THE LAND

Learn how ordinary citizens can make a difference in saving the environment and celebrate Wildlife Week at this family event featuring the work of conservationist Aldo Leopold, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain, call (810) 693-6767.

For programs at Proud Lake and Highland, call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake, call (810) 229-7067.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

The ninth annual spring event features many earth-related activities and displays and will be held 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Maybury.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

1998 PERMITS

The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

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Monday	Sept	28	TAMPA BAY	8:20	Thursday	Nov	26	PITTSBURGH	12:35
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Mark Flanders (left to right), Elizabeth Bradford and Elizabeth Ladd Lee star in "Love All" by Dorothy Sayers, 8 p.m. at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Tickets \$8, call (734) 464-6302.

SATURDAY



The Detroit Tamburitz Orchestra presents their annual spring concert 6:30 p.m. at Troy High School, 4777 Northfield Parkway, Troy. Tickets \$10, call (810) 739-3359, (810) 776-8496 or (810) 775-4899.

SUNDAY



Plan to do some wool-gathering at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, just west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Ave., during Spring Farm Days. Learn

how wool is processed from sheep to shirt, help clear a cornfield of rocks, and do some spring cleaning. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., call (313) 271-1620 for information.

HOT TICKET



Enjoy a Day of Puppetry workshops and performances, featuring The Amazing Clark, and other puppeteers, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. Call Nancy Henk, (810) 463-0480 or Rick Morse, (810) 230-0105 for more information.

THE Music goes on FOR 'AGING ROCKER'



Peter, Paul & Mary: From left, Noel Paul Stookey, Peter Yarrow and Mary Travers will salute Israel's 50th anniversary at the Detroit Opera House.

BIRMINGHAM HIGH GRAD REMEMBERS

Well I remember I was seventeen
I was a Birmingham High School
rock and roll king
The paper talked about how I'd strut
my stuff
I'd like to read it, but my arms aren't
long enough

Noel Paul Stookey
Old Enough (Ode to an Aging
Rocker)

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Noel Paul Stookey's wife, Betty, is the chaplain at Northfield Mount Herman Prep School in northwest Massachusetts.

And when Stookey, 60, isn't traveling around the country with his friends Peter Yarrow and Mary Travers as Peter, Paul & Mary, he and his wife live on campus.

"My exposure to their circumstances has been reminding me of my high school years," Stookey said in a telephone interview.

Stookey, Birmingham High School class of '55, credits his parents for his optimistic outlook on life but he credits Birmingham High School (now Seaholm) for the unusual directions his life has taken.

"We moved

into a new facility in 1952 and there was a teacher, Monzelle Clark, who created this radio workshop, and when we moved to the new high school he was the instructor for the theater group, anything to do with theater, production, multi-media. It was mind-boggling and it led me into everything from computers to singing in a folk trio. It was an amazing school," Stookey said.

Stookey and his internationally famous folk trio will be coming to Detroit Sunday, May 3, to perform with Israeli folk singer Chava Alberstein in a salute to Israel on its 50th anniversary.

The trio made its debut at the Bitter End in 1961. Stookey had attended Michigan State University briefly before moving with his parents to Pennsylvania. That eventually led him to Greenwich Village where he met Peter Yarrow and Mary Travers.

The trio became the most successful of the many folk groups launched in that period with such chart-topping hits as "If I Had A Hammer," "Puff the Magic Dragon" and "Blowing in the Wind," which introduced Bob Dylan's music to the wider world.

Shortly after reaching No. 1 on the Billboard Top 40 with "Leaving on a Jet Plane," in 1970 the group disbanded for what Stookey calls "time off for good behavior." They reunited in 1978 agreeing they would limit their engagements to only about 40 a year.

Since then they have continued to be outspoken advocates for social and political causes and, through exposure on several PBS specials, have won new audiences.

Stookey is often singled out as the funny one in the group.

"I think it's a mistake to call me a stand-up comic," he said. "I'm more a laidback master of ceremonies. The amazing thing about Peter, Mary and myself is that we're each articulate spokesmen in our own right. Mary is no shrinking violet and Peter is politically outspoken."

Stookey said his humorous approach to life is a vehicle for "managing fears and discovering how you connect with the audience. Laughter happens at that point."

Stookey is also outspoken about his strong Christian beliefs.

"It wasn't always a focus," Stookey said. "I really reached a turning point in 1969. I rediscovered a dialogue with our Creator was possible and you didn't have to be crazy. It was a real demonstrative return to some worthwhile values for me."

The religious renewal came about the same time the group decided to break up because they didn't feel they were giving enough to the music.

"I was able to reclaim my relationship with my children and become a gentleman farmer in Maine," Stookey said.

Stookey and his wife have three daughters.

The oldest daughter, Liz, is directing the Public Domain Foundation which administers charitable money made from royalties on Stookey's most famous song, "The Wedding Song." Kate is a partner in a Maine ad agency. They are both married. The other twin, Anna, is, according to her father, on the West Coast at the "learning to be an actress university." But he adds proudly that she is quite talented.

Stookey said the secret to Peter,

Please see **STOOKEY, E2**



Diverse season: Country star Bryan White is among the variety of acts coming to Pine Knob Music Theatre and Meadow Brook Music Festival this summer.

Take your pick of concerts at Pine Knob, Meadow Brook

This summer Pine Knob Music Theatre and Meadow Brook Music Festival are going a la carte.

Palace Sports and Entertainment - owner of Pine Knob and The Palace and managers and operators of Oakland University's Meadow Brook Music Festival - is allowing summer concert fans the chance to create their own series.

In past years the organization created series from which ticket buyers could choose. Inevitably, of the three or four groups offered, there was one act that the purchaser didn't care to see.

Beginning at 9 a.m. Friday, April 24, fans can pick from more than 50 shows which range from Ani DiFranco to OzzFest to Loverboy to The Temptations to create a series. The Page and Plant concert with special guest Lili Haydn Friday-Saturday, June 26-27, at The Palace is also included. When Pine Knob patrons purchase tickets for three concerts, they will receive free lawn tickets to selected shows.

"Purchasing tickets in series packages has been a Pine Knob tradition,

Please see **CONCERTS, E2**

Meadow Brook Music Festival
is located on the campus of Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>.

- Teen Idols featuring Davy Jones, Bobby Sherman and Peter Noone, Friday, June 19. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.
- Phil Collins Big Band, Monday, June 22. \$40 pavilion, \$20 lawn.
- Wynton Marsalis and The Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, Thursday, June 25. \$32.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn.
- Ani DiFranco, Monday, June 29. \$26 pavilion, \$22 lawn.
- Chumbawamba, Saturday, July 4. \$15 pavilion, \$7.50 lawn.

Please see **MEADOW BROOK, E2**

Pine Knob schedule

Pine Knob Music Theatre is located at I-75 and Sashabaw Road in Independence Township. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>.

- Eddie Money, Friday, May 22. \$12.50 pavilion, \$7.50 lawn.
- Stevie Nicks and Boz Scaggs, Friday, May 29. \$45.25 and \$35.25 pavilion, \$22.75 lawn.
- Clint Black, Trace Atkins and The Kinleys, Saturday, May 30. \$22.50 pavilion, \$15.50 lawn.
- Beck, Ben Folds Five and Sean Lennon, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 2. \$20 pavilion, \$15 lawn.

Please see **PINE KNOB, E2**

MUSIC AWARDS

Honoring the Detroit Sound - past, present and future

The lineup of honorees for distinguished achievement in this year's 16th annual Detroit Music Awards on Friday sounds like an inevitable trivia question:

Name the acoustic master of the smooth jazz groove, a cat-scratchin' mad man and a building where the walls still resound from the contagious music made within its sanctum 30 years ago?

The answers - Earl Klugh, Ted Nugent and the Motown Historical Museum - are as diverse as the music being made for the last four decades.

Only in the eclectic 1990s could all be honored for building what is arguably undefinable - the Detroit Sound.

Since the Metro Times and the Motor City Music Foundation merged their respective award programs last year into the Detroit Music Awards, the annual showcase has broadened its appeal.

In tone and purpose, the combined show

Who: Ted Nugent, Jazzhead, Dietrick Haddon, The Rev. Right Time and the First Cousins of Funk, Mr. B, Jill Jack and the Wild Bunch

What: Perform
When: 7 p.m. Friday, April 24
Where: State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Why: As part of the Detroit Music Awards ceremony
How: Tickets are \$25 for reserved cabaret tickets, and \$7 in advance and \$10 day of show for general admission balcony. Imperial Swing Orchestra and Robb Roy perform during the after-show party, 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 24, at the State. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (313) 961-5451.

Related events:
The 1998 Detroit Music Awards will be featured in a WDIV-TV special airing at 1 a.m. Sunday, May 17. Comcast Cable will also rebroadcast the awards. Check your local listings for dates and times.

achieves what the two separate shows set out to do.

The Detroit Music Awards recognizes up-and-coming club bands and recording excellence in an assortment of musical styles.

And it also wears the crown as the ultimate networking party.

"It's the biggest 'schmooze in' around," said Mike Watts, spokesman for the awards ceremony.

With the participation of 25 local radio stations and involvement of nearly every other type of media, the awards show "throws down the gauntlet for anyone who wants to do something great for Detroit," said Watts.

But ultimately, the music stands on its own.

The diverse lineup features music artists performing rock, jazz, gospel, funk, alternative and

Please see **MUSIC AWARDS, E2**



Making appearances: The Rev. Right Time and the 1st Cousins of Funk and will perform during the Detroit Music Awards ceremony Friday, April 24, while Ted Nugent will be honored.

Stookey from page E1

Paul & Mary's success is the music.

"A lot of people applaud the messengers and overlook the message," he said. "The music we contribute to and are rejuvenated by, it was around a long time before we started singing and a long time after we've gone, people will be singing around the campfire.... It didn't hurt that PBS had four of our specials on over the last 10 years. Given the vicissitudes of popular radio, we didn't have an audience when we came back. Our audience had all moved to NPR and public television."

The trio's new album for Warner Brothers will be called "Around the Campfire" and feature songs culled from their previous albums that lend them-

selves to singing along. They also recently recorded four folk chestnuts for inclusion - "Kumbaya," "Michael Row the Boat Ashore," "Goodnight, Irene," and "Down by the Riverside."

Warner Brothers is working with the American Camping Association to release the album to camp directors and campers first and is planning a contest which will include a trip to New York for the trio's holiday show and a visit by the trio to a winning camp.

Stookey is also pursuing a dream of creating a "virtual safe-house" for adolescents on the World Wide Web.

He said he first got turned on to computers when he hit the wrong key at a Radio Shack and the com-

puter responded with a prompt.

"That's when I realized there was an intelligence behind it. I wrote an accounting program for my wife's flower shop, working long into the night," he said.

Stookey is the sysop (system operator) for Celestat, an on-line bulletin board "intended to be a comfortable spot for adolescents."

"They're just as lost on line as they are in real life. It's my tendency to be tolerant but with a loving structure," he said. "I felt, and still am creating, a safe house for adolescents, safe in the sense that it just puts another spin on the adventure of life rather than the acerbic, suspicious spin on life. There is another point of view."

The May 3 concert is an out-

growth of the trio's political concerns. Peter Yarrow's "Light One Candle" has been adapted by many in Israel and the United States as an anthem in support of the Middle East peace process.

Stookey had praise for the young Israeli singer Chava Alberstein.

"Chava came as complete surprise to me," he said. "I had never heard her before. I got a tape in the mail and haven't been so excited by a singer since the first time I looked into Judy Collins' blue eyes at Gerde's Folk City in the Village."

He said they will perform some songs together.

The Detroit concert will be the group's last until the begin their annual summer dates in July.

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going back to its earlier days," said Tom Wilson, president of Palace Sports and Entertainment.

"We have continued the series ticket program since we have been involved with the venue, but we have always been looking for a better way to organize the shows for multiple ticket purchasers. We feel this new system provides much greater flexibility and value for our series ticket buyers."

Tickets can be purchased at The Palace box office, or by using a Discover, American Express, Visa or Mastercard by calling (248) 377-0100. There are no extra fees added to these tickets.

The series schedule plus an

additional 20 to 25 individual shows is expected to more than double the average amount of events offered by other outdoor venues across the country. Unconfirmed shows include Shania Twain at Pine Knob on Tuesday, July 21, the Gipsy Kings at Pine Knob on Sunday, Aug. 30, and Carrot Top at Meadow Brook in August.

Last summer, Pine Knob posted its highest season attendance in seven years of Palace Sports and Entertainment's ownership and was named the nation's busiest, most attended and top-grossing amphitheater in Amusement Business trade publication's year-end charts.

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music that sounds like combinations of each.

Featured artists include Nugent, the gospel music of Deitrick Haddon and the Voices of Unity, the rhythm and blues of Reverend Right Time and the First Cousins of Funk, the funky jazz of Jazzhead, the roots rock of Jill Jack, and the Wild Bunch.

"Motown was so successful that when they moved to L.A. people thought that was the end of the local music scene," said

Watts.

Look around, said Watts. The end? Uh uh.

Within months, reminded Watts, the evidence of a highly diverse scene will present itself: Downtown Hoedown, Motor City Praise Fest and the Montreux-Detroit Jazz Festival.

Ironically, in recent years, the most identifiable sound associated with Detroit has been techno music, a thumping, mesmerizing

beat that emerged from rave clubs.

But largely because radio formats are determined by what brings in ratings, techno music has hardly ever been heard on local airwaves.

That doesn't mean, however, that techno musicians haven't been recognized.

"Part of our mission is to help local acts get attention and help them on their way," said Watts.

In past years, the awards program has recognized some familiar acts, including Sponge, Skeleton Crew, Straight Ahead, The Forbes Brothers and Anita Cochran of South Lyon, whose single recently topped the country charts.

There might not be divas on stage, but this year's Detroit Music Awards certainly moves to a familiar rhythm. Cue Aretha. The beat sounds a lot like R-E-S-P-E-C-T.

Meadow Brook from page E1

ion, \$10 lawn.

The British Rock Symphony and Choir with Roger Daltrey playing the music of The Beatles, Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin, The Who and The Rolling Stones, Wednesday, July 8. \$30 pavilion, \$15 lawn.

Pat Metheny Group, Monday, July 13. \$29.50 pavilion, \$20 lawn.

Air Supply, Thursday, July 16. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

Kansas with Symphony Orchestra, Saturday, July 18.

\$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

Alison Krauss and Union Station with Bela Fleck and the Flecktones, Sunday, July 19. \$26.50 pavilion, \$15.50 lawn.

Art Garfunkel, Wednesday, July 23. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

The Mavericks with BR5-49, Friday, July 24. \$30 pavilion, \$15 lawn.

Comedian Richard Jeni, Saturday, Aug. 15. \$20 pavilion, \$10 lawn.

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lawn.

Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Freddy Jones Band and .38 Special, Thursday, June 11. \$25 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

Doobie Brothers, Friday, June 12. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

"Bugs Bunny on Broadway," Saturday, June 13. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

John Fogerty, Thursday, June 18. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

Moody Blues, Friday, June 19. \$29.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

Vince Gill and Restless Heart, Saturday, June 20. \$25.50 pavilion, \$15.50 lawn.

Boyz-II Men, Dru Hill, Destiny's Child and Uncle Sam, Sunday, June 21. \$45 pavilion, \$25 lawn.

Heart featuring Ann Wilson, Wednesday, June 24. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

An Evening with Michael Crawford, Friday, June 26. \$45 pavilion, \$20 lawn.

Chicago and Daryl Hall and John Oates, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 27. \$36.25 pavilion, \$16.25 lawn.

Peter Frampton, Sunday, June 28. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

Patti LaBelle with The Whispers, Tuesday, June 30. \$35 pavilion, \$18.50 lawn.

Pat Benatar, Thursday, July 2. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

Leann Rimes and Bryan White, Friday, July 3. \$25.50 pavilion, \$15.50 lawn.

Grand Funk Railroad, Satur-

day, July 4. \$27.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn.

Yes and Alan Parsons, Sunday, July 5. \$28.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

Lilith Fair with Sarah McLachlan, Natalie Merchant, Indigo Girls, Sinead O'Connor and Me'Shell Ndegeocello, Monday, July 6; With McLachlan, Merchant, Indigo Girls, O'Connor and Bonnie Raitt, Tuesday, July 7; and with McLachlan, Merchant, Tracy Bonham, Ndegeocello and Bonnie Raitt, Wednesday, July 8. \$39 pavilion, \$26.50 lawn.

Kenny Loggins, Thursday, July 9. \$25 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

Metallica, Jerry Cantrell and Days of the New, Friday-Satur-

day, July 10-11. Sold out.

Budweiser Superfest with Maze featuring Frankie Beverly, LSG, K-Ci and JoJo, Sunday, July 12. \$47.50 pavilion, \$25 lawn.

Further Festival with The Other Ones, Rusty Root and Hot Tuna, Monday, July 13. \$30.50 pavilion and lawn.

Michael Bolton and Wynonna, Tuesday, July 14. \$38.50 pavilion, \$20 lawn.

Foreigner, Wednesday, July 15. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

B-52's and the Pretenders, Thursday, July 16. \$28.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn.

The H.O.R.D.E. Festival with Blues Traveler, Ben Harper, Alana Davis, and the Barenaked Ladies, Saturday-Sunday, July 18-19. \$29.50 pavilion and lawn.

Huey Lewis and the News, Monday, July 20. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

OzzFest with Ozzy Osbourne, Tool, Megadeth, Limp Bizkit, Soulfly, Coal Chamber and Sevendust on the main stage; Motorhead, The Melvins, Incubus, Snot, Ultraspank, Kilgore, System of a Down, Monster Voodoo Machine and Life of Agony on the second stage, Thursday, July

23. \$45 pavilion and lawn.

The Pointer Sisters, Friday, July 24. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

The Temptations and The Four Tops, Saturday, July 25. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

Loverboy and Night Ranger, Tuesday, July 28. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

House of Blues Smokin' Grooves Tour with Public Enemy, Wyclef Jean, Gang Starr, Cypress Hill and Busta Rhymes, Wednesday, July 29. \$30 pavilion, \$24.50 lawn.

Steve Miller with Little Feat, Thursday, July 30. \$37.50 pavilion, \$21.50 lawn.

REO Speedwagon, Tuesday, Aug. 4. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

Cheap Trick and Candlebox, Wednesday, Aug. 5. \$20 pavilion, \$10 lawn.

The Allman Brothers Band, Sunday, Aug. 9. \$32.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn.

Culture Club, Howard Jones and the Human League, Wednesday, Aug. 12. \$25 pavilion, \$15 lawn.

Deep Purple, Emerson, Lake and Palmer, and Dream Theatre,

Saturday, Aug. 15. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

Smoke Robinson, Sunday, Aug. 16. \$25 pavilion, \$15 lawn.

"Rock Never Stops" with Quiet Riot, Firehouse, Slaughter, L.A. Guns and Warrant, Monday, Aug. 17. \$25 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

Matchbox 20, Tuesday, Aug. 18. \$29.50 pavilion, \$20 lawn.

Joan Rivers and Don Rickles, Friday, Aug. 21. \$25 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

Newport Folk Festival with Nanci Griffith, John Hiatt, Joan Baez, Marc Cohn, The Staples Singers and more, Saturday, Aug. 22. \$35 pavilion, \$18 lawn.

Kenny Rogers, Sunday, Aug. 23. \$29.50 pavilion, \$15.50 lawn.


Richard Marx, Tuesday, Aug. 25. \$25 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

Ted Nugent, Saturday, Aug. 29. \$27.50 pavilion, \$18.50 lawn.

Blues Music Festival with B.B. King, The Neville Brothers, Dr. John and Storyville, Wednesday, Sept. 2. \$28.50 pavilion, \$15.50 lawn.

Wayne Newton, Friday, Sept. 4. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

Clay Walker and Dixie Chicks, Thursday, Sept. 10. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.


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Whistle Stop Players present spring musical

The Whistle Stop Players, a children's theater troupe at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, performs a spring musical, "Character Counts," Friday-Sunday, April 24-26 at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth.

Certain times are 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25 and 2

p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 25-26. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call (734) 416-4ART.

"Character Counts," an original work by cast members, focuses on the six pillars of character embraced by the Character Counts Coalition.

Also of note: The Plymouth Community Chorus presents "Broadway Magic," a spring con-

cert featuring songs from "West Side Story," "Les Miserables," "Guys and Dolls," selections from Andrew Lloyd Webber and "Man of La Mancha," "Beauty and the Beast," "Fiddler on the Roof," and "Cabaret," 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Plymouth-Salem High School, 46181 Joy, Canton.

Tickets are \$8. For information, call (734) 455-4080.

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Meet the family: The cast of Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "Lost in Yonkers" - John Seibert (top row, left to right), John Michael Manfredi, Julie Yolles. (Bottom row, left to right) Terry Heck, Adam Rockkind, Henrietta Hermelin and Parker Plague.

'Lost in Yonkers' emotional and funny

"Lost in Yonkers" continues through Sunday, May 10, at Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Tickets \$18 to \$32, call (248) 377-3300. Group, student and senior citizen discounts available. Performances Tuesday-Sunday, curtain time varies. Call for information.

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Here's a little secret about Neil Simon's "Lost in Yonkers." You won't read it anywhere else. You won't see it in the ads. Maybe Simon himself wouldn't tell you.

Here it is: Despite all the shouting about the play winning the 1991 Pulitzer Prize, and how it's Simon's "deepest," "darkest," most "intense" work-despite all that "theater" stuff - "Lost in Yonkers" is plenty funny!

Not Borscht-Belt funny like "The Sunshine Boys," not farce-funny like "Rumors." Go back to "Chapter Two," or way back to Simon's very first Broadway show - "Come Blow Your Horn" - and you'll find the same kind of funny: The funny that comes from pain, the funny that heals. And boy, is there plenty of healing here in this stunning Meadow Brook Theatre production.

"Here" is the apartment above Kurnitz's Kandy Store in Yonkers, New York. It's the summer of 1942. Eddie (John Seibert), a recent widower, is deep in debt and when he goes south to make money to pay off loan sharks he leaves his teenage sons Jay (Adam Rockkind) and Artie (Parker Plague) with his mother (Henrietta Hermelin).

Grandma Kurnitz strikes fear into the hearts of men, women and teenage boys. She carries a cane, and knows how to use it. As she says, "You don't survive in this world without being like steel." Or, as she puts it, "like shteel."

And with a will of "shteel," she reigns supreme over her four surviving children: Weaking Eddie, small-time mobster Louie (John Michael Manfredi), dimwitted Bella (Terry Heck) and breathless Gert (Julie Yolles).

Henrietta Hermelin astounds as Grandma, a role she also played at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre. She's every ounce the tyrannical immigrant, and makes one pity the poor horse that made the mistake of challenging her years before. Terry Heck's Bella is a fish in a row-boat, arms flailing and flapping in a futile effort to escape a world left to her from a childhood illness.

Like Eugene Jerome in Simon's autobiographical trilogy, it's the boys who observe and comment. Adam Rockkind and Parker Plague make a great matched pair, and each one scores impressively with individual bits, especially Artie's "soup scene" with Grandma.

John Seibert is perfect as put-upon pop; we can almost feel the suit sticking to him in the summer heat. When Uncle Louie moves back in to lay low from the mob, Artie says "it's like having a James Cagney movie in your own house." John Michael Manfredi is sure intimidating, but his interpretation is more Fonzie than Cagney. Julie Yolles is in there for one brief running gag, and makes it work right until the last gasp.

Director Debra L. Wicks has put it all together, on-stage and off, with a wonderful set, excellent lighting and impeccable costumes. Extra credit goes to the sound effects under the voice-over narration. One quibble: Several accents tend to drift from New York to New England, with the youngest boy being called "AT-tee." "Lost in Boston" it's not.

Widows take comfort in 'Cemetery Club'

Doris, Lucille and Ida meet regularly to play canasta, go to movies, have lunch and visit their husbands at the cemetery.

They're not ordinary widows in their 50s, and "The Cemetery Club," to which they belong is more about life than death. You can see for yourself through Sunday, May 24, at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre.

"I'm having a very good time playing," Lucille said JET Artistic Director Evelyn Orbach who stars in "The Cemetery Club" by Ivan Menchell with Mary F. Bremer (Doris), Arthur Beer (Sam), Lois Bender (Mildred) and Carolyn Younger (Ida).

Lucille's the crazy one, who says "can I help it if men find me attractive?" she says.

Her husband cheated on her, and Lucille's looking for a new one. Doris can't get over hers, and Ida isn't sure if she wants a man in her life.

"It's very basic to Judaism to

"The Cemetery Club"

When: Preview performances 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24; and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26; opens 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26 and continues through Sunday, May 24. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sundays; 8 p.m. Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays. Additional matinee 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 13.

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choose life," said Orbach. "This is a play about people finding a way to life, it's a good, positive play about life, it's about surviving, and I think audiences will

enjoy it."

Men cause these women heartache, and it's a man who threatens their closeness. Sam lost his wife, and meets the women at the cemetery. Lucille's smitten.

"She's the most needy of the three women," said Orbach. "She's got to make a statement. We never hear about children. She's got a lot of unanswered questions."

"The Cemetery Club," is also very funny. Danny Aiello and Olympia Dukakis starred in the 1992 film version now available on video.

Sam is a catalyst for change. Submerged feelings bubble to the surface, and a crises ensues when Lucille announces - "As of today I officially resign from this...this... cemetery club!.. I refuse to be in a club in which half the members are dead!"

It's the first of many disagreements the women have. "We

fight a lot like sisters," said Orbach. "But the bottom line is, we're there for each other. I have three sisters and I feel that way about them."

Sam is taken with Ida, not Lucille, but it doesn't destroy their friendship. The relationship with Sam and Ida on stage is different from the movie on screen.

Unlike the movie version, you don't see Sam and Ida going out, or in bed together, but there is that scene when Lucille and Doris go to Sam's apartment to break them up.

For Carolyn Younger who plays Ida, "The Cemetery Club" is about coming to terms with what you have on your plate in life.

"You'll have tears in your eyes because it's poignant, but you'll be holding your sides from laughing because it's funny," said Younger. "Don't be put off by the title."

Come to the 'Cabaret' at Bonstelle Theatre

The Bonstelle Theatre closes their season with "Cabaret." The Wayne State undergraduate theater company will perform the musical 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26. The Bonstelle Theatre is on Woodward Ave. at Eliot in Detroit on the Wayne State University campus. Tickets \$8 to \$13 with discounts available for students, senior citizens, WSU faculty, staff and alumni. Call (313) 577-2960, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Parental discretion advised.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

The Bonstelle Theatre has chosen a fitting party with which to close their season - the decadent and colorful celebration known as "Cabaret."

Set in Berlin in 1929, the play chronicles loves found and lost in an innocent age about to be engulfed by the horrors of the Third Reich.

Clifford Bradshaw is a young aspiring American novelist wandering Europe in search of inspiration. He finds it in the unexpected form of Sally Bowles, a risqué but endearing English nightclub singer. Together they become caught up in a whirlwind party of personal pleasure until the simmering political hatred of prewar Berlin awakens Cliff to its ugly implications.

Bonstelle's "Cabaret" is technically strong with well-cast leads, but is weak musically - it lacks a vocally strong chorus and supporting cast. And despite the erotic energy and sexually charged choreography of the nightclub scenes, the weak singing prevented the company numbers from becoming showstoppers.

The strong leads, however, captured and conveyed much of "Cabaret's" magic to an appreciative house. The master of ceremonies was impeccably performed by Thom Mathis in a style mirroring the Oscar-win-

ning genius of Joel Grey. Mari-beth Monroe delivered a sympathetic Sally Bowles, revealing the vulnerable, naive side often overshadowed by the character's amoral and selfish nature.

Both the master of ceremonies and Sally knew how to deliver a song, and capture an audience - and did so with the master of ceremony's bawdy "Two Ladies" and Sally's stirring rendition of "Maybe This Time."

Clifford Bradshaw portrayed by Andrew Glaszek combined youthful impulsiveness and political idealism to endear himself to the audience. Glaszek became the boy next door one wanted to protect whether he was being physically beaten by Nazis or emotionally trampled by Sally's effervescent, but casual approach to intimacy.

The show's sexy costumes enhanced the charged atmosphere. The sets lent themselves to rapid changes while still providing scenes rich in detail. From the smoky, dimly lit tables of the cabaret to the noisy confines of a train compartment, the technical crew provided the authentic ambience of prewar Berlin.

"Cabaret" also features performances by Randy Barrett Topper and Jennifer Paige Hoemke of Farmington Hills, Kelly Komlen of Livonia, Kavita Kapadia of Plymouth, Kristi Sorkin of Bloomfield, Rusty Mehwa of Walled Lake, and David Chittick of Clarkston.



Drama: "Cabaret" features Tom Mathis (top to bottom) as the Master of Ceremonies, and Kit Kat Girls, Jennifer Paige Hoemke and Pasha Demetria Stanford.

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FISHER THEATRE

"Rent" continues through June 13 at the Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. \$28-\$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

FOX THEATRE

"The Wizard of Oz," with Mickey Rooney as The Wizard, American Music Classics host Bob Dorian as Uncle Henry and the understudy to The Wizard, Eartha Kitt as the Wicked Witch of the West, and Jessica Grove as Dorothy, through Sunday, April 26, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$45.50 (main floor and mezzanine), \$32.50 and \$17.50, with school and group discounts available. (248) 433-1515/(313) 596-3211

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

"The Cemetery Club," through Sunday, May 24, Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. \$13-\$23, with seniors, students and group discounts available. "Ah Yes, I Remember It Well," the debut of Paul Winter's one-man show, 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 27, Aaron DeRoy Theatre. \$20, \$75 patron seats. (248) 788-2900

MEADOW BOOK THEATRE

"Lost in Yonkers," through Sunday, May 10, at the theater at Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. \$22-\$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, 406 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 theater, 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 Fiorikowski of Redford, and Rachel Cantor and Fred Wasserman, 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

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN THEATRE AND DRAMA DEPARTMENT

"The Bridge Party," rehearsed reading of a new drama written by Central Michigan University playwright/professor Sandra Seaton, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Panel discussion of the play noon to 2 p.m., April 30 in the Women's Studies Lounge, West Hall, Room 232-D, on central campus. (734) 936-3301/(517) 774-3197

WSU BONSTELLE THEATRE

"Cabaret," by Joe Masteroff, John Kander and Fred Ebb, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave., on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

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"A Woman of No Importance," by Oscar Wilde, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 23; "Two Gentlemen of Verona," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Friday, April 24; "Three Sisters," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 30-May 1; "Of Mice and Men," by John Steinbeck, 10 a.m. student matinee Tuesday, April 28, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

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"The Merchant of Venice," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 23-25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 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. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, May 1-2, 6:30, 15:16 and Thursday, May 14, and 2 p.m. Sundays, April 26, May 3, 10, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. \$13, student/senior and group rates available for Thursday and Sunday performances. (248) 608-9077

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Neil Simon's "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25 and May 1-2, Thursday-Saturdays, May 7-9 and 14-16, and 2 p.m. Sundays, April 26, May 3 and 10, at 32332 W. 12 Mile Road (west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington Hills. \$8. (248) 553-2955

HARTLAND PLAYERS

"The Foreigner," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Hartland Music Hall, 3618 Avon Road,



Workshop presenter: Ventriloquist Richard Paul will present a workshop "Easy Ventriloquism" during A Day of Puppetry.

Oceans of puppets in day-long workshop

Nancy Henk fell in love with puppets more than 50 years ago. By now, you'd think her interest would start to wane. But not so.

She's looking forward to taking a workshop in building giant puppets during "A Day of Puppetry" at the Livonia Civic Center Library Saturday, April 25.

Presented by the Detroit Puppeteers Guild, the sessions include puppet making, script writing, ventriloquism, storytelling with puppets and building positive self esteem with puppets.

A performance of "When You Wish Upon A Fish" by the Madcap Puppets of Ohio concludes the sessions.

If you're a puppet enthusiast, librarian, teacher, group leader, religious educator, parent, teen (13-18 years), or simply someone who wants to know more about the art of puppetry, these workshops are for you.

Children (ages 7-12) will be able to make their own puppet beginning at 1 p.m. and then attend the Madcap Puppets' performance.

Henk is interested in the workshop on building giant puppets because as member of the Detroit Puppeteers Guild, she takes part in the children's

A Day of Puppetry

What: A day of workshops offering topics from puppet making to script writing, storytelling with puppets, and building positive self esteem with puppets.

When: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25. A performance of "When You Wish Upon A Fish" by the Madcap Puppets of Ohio will take place at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$3 at the door. For more information, call Nancy Henk at (810) 463-0480 or Rick Morse at (810) 230-0105.

Where: Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington, Livonia. (734) 421-7238.

Cost: Workshop fee for adults is \$30, teens (13-18 years) \$20, Detroit Puppeteers Guild members \$25. A special children's package for a 1 p.m. workshop and 2 p.m. performance is \$5, pre-registration required. Call numbers listed above for registration information.

parade during the Detroit Festival of the Arts. Most puppeteers prefer to make their own puppets rather than custom order them. Henk plans to create several of the giant puppets for this year's parade.

"I've always been interested in music and art, so puppetry is a way to combine all my 'interests in one art,'" said Henk. "And then there's the theatrical side, I love."

For many years, Henk, as cultural arts director for the Detroit Recreation Department, trained children in the art of making puppets and then bringing them to life.

"The reason why an audience likes puppets, depends on

the age group," said Henk. "The kids love puppets because these are real characters to them, not dolls or puppets. Adults like them because it's a miniature world and I think puppets can tell you a lot about life because puppets can get away with a lot that an adult actor couldn't. Jim Henson got his start when he was just a teenager. Teenagers like the performing part."

From Punch and Judy to The Muppets, puppets capture our imagination.

"The down side of puppeteering is carrying all the stuff around," said Henk "The rest is creative and imaginative."

DINNER THEATER

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL

"Trial By Error," live interactive comedy dinner theater, through June 1, at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$39.95 includes seven-course Italian dinner, "Beanie Baby Capers," a children's theater program, Saturday, April 25. \$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.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

"Arsenic and Old Lace," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, May 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, and 6 p.m. Sundays, May 3 and 10, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 West Seven Mile, Northville. \$8 advance, \$9 at door. (248) 349-7110

P.T.D. PRODUCTIONS

"Bent," 8 p.m. Friday-Sundays, April 30-May 3, and May 7-9, Riverside Arts Center, Ypsilanti. \$12, \$9 seniors and students. (734) 483-7345

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS

Female version of Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, May 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14 and 3 p.m. Sundays, May 3, 10, 17, at the theater, 205 West Long Lake, Troy. \$11 includes sandwich and coffee afterglow, \$10 on Thursday for everyone and on Sundays for seniors/students. The public is asked to bring donations for Haven House, a shelter for abused women and their children. (248) 988-7049

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY THEATRE

"The Odd Couple," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, April 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," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, 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

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

"Love All," a wise and witty comedy of manners by Dorothy L. Sayers, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, April 24 to May 16, 4 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 38840 West Six Mile road, Livonia. \$8. (734) 464-6302

TROY PLAYERS

"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," 8 p.m. Friday-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

YOUTH THEATRE

"Little Red Riding Hood," 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Michigan Theatre, 603 Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$10; 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3, Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave. (at Brush), Detroit. \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. (734) 763-TKTS/(313) 963-2366

SPECIAL EVENTS

"ALL BREED DOG SHOW"

The Progressive Dog Club of Wayne County's spring show and obedience trial, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Michigan State Fairgrounds, Coliseum and Dairy Cattle Buildings, Eight Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, Detroit. \$4, \$1 seniors and children under age 12, free for children under age 5. (248) 477-8477/(734) 425-0857

CAPITOL THEATRE "FAUX FEST"

"Lady Superstars of Country" with impersonators of Reba McEntire, Terri Clark and Shania Twain, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25, 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

DETROIT MUSIC AWARDS

With performances by Ted Nugent, Jazzeed, Dietrich Haddon, The Rev. Right 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

FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Sunday-Sunday, April 26 to May 3, hosted by the Farmington Community Arts Council, at the William Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile Road (between Middlebelt and Inkster roads), Farmington Hills. Free. (248) 473-9583

"DEARER FOR LIFE"

"Fuel - Official Gear Pre-Party" with DJ Keith Ware, 9 p.m. Friday, May 1, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$10 in advance. 18 and older; "Breakdown Tea Dance" with DJ Keith Ware, 2 p.m.

Sunday, May 3, Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362/(248) 334-1999

GUITAR SHOW

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Michigan State Fairgrounds, Seven Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, Detroit. \$8, free for children ages 12 and younger. \$4 parking. (248) 546-7447/(248) 546-SHIP

INDOOR CLASSIC CAR AND TRUCK SHOW AND SWAP MEET

Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, May 1; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 2, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 3, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road, Taylor. (734) 287-2000

"JOURNEY THROUGH ISRAEL"

Learn about Israel in conjunction with the state's upcoming 50th birthday, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park. Free. (248) 967-4030

MICHIGAN CLASSIC GUITAR SUMMIT

With Blasiewicz/Cocagne, and soloists Brad DeRoche, Matt Parmelee and Victor Antonio Sakalauskas performing music ranging from Bach to the Beatles, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, Kresge Hall, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. \$12.50 in advance, \$14 at the door. (248) 975-8797

NOTEWORTHY CONCERT SERIES

Harpist Christa Grix performs classical, jazz and popular music with bassist Bruce Dondero, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, Plymouth. \$6, \$5 students/seniors. (734) 453-5280

"PUTTIN' ON THE GLITZ"

8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, 7 p.m. dinner seating, live vocal impersonators of Roy Orbison, Barbra Streisand and Elvis Presley, at the Polo Fields Golf and Country, Ann Arbor. \$75 per person. (734) 995-8888

SEW ELEGANT FASHION SHOW

Featuring lunch and a fashion show of spring designs sewn by American Sewing Guild members, noon Saturday, May 9, in the Kings Court Castle, Olde World Canterbury Village, 2325 Joslyn Road, Orion Township. \$30, reservations by April 30. (248) 288-3173/(248) 391-3703

SPORTS CARD SHOW

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

VERY SPECIAL ARTS REGIONAL FESTIVAL

The Southeast Region Committee of Very Special Arts Michigan showcases the talents of children and adults with mental and physical challenges in "Celebrate Arts-Ability," a visual and performing arts festival; special needs solo acts, school and community groups display dance, vocal and instrumental achievements, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 1 and noon to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at Wonderland Mall, Middlebelt and Plymouth roads, Livonia. Free. (248) 646-3347

BENEFITS

BARBARA ANN KARMANOS CENTER DINNER

8 p.m. Saturday, May 9 (doors open at 6:30 p.m.), with performance by the Beach Boys following dinner, to raise \$650,000 for the drive against cancer, at the Chrysler Corporation's Conner Assembly Plant (home of the Dodge Viper and Plymouth Prowler), Detroit. \$250 per person, \$750 patrons, \$500 friends. Patrons are also invited to attend a May 1 pre-gala celebration in a private Bloomfield Hills home. (800) KAR-MANOS (527-6266)

"DISCOVERY BALL '98"

Tom Clark, vice chairman of the advertising agency BBDO Worldwide, receives The Leukemia Society of America's annual Glen W. Fortinberry Memorial Award, during the dinner dance, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, Ross Roy Communications, Inc., 100 Bloomfield Hills Parkway (at Woodward Avenue), Bloomfield Hills. (810) 778-6800

METROPOLITAN DETROIT MUSICIANS LEAGUE

Youth Benefit Concert, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26 in Varner Hall, at Oakland University, Rochester. \$6. (810) 739-5707

SCARAB CLUB ART AUCTION

Noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 3, auction of art and other collectibles by DuMouchelle, at the club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$5, proceeds go to the restoration of the club's historic building and for ongoing art projects. (313) 831-1250

FAMILY EVENTS

BEANIE BABY SHOW

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. \$4, \$2 children ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

MAGICIAN FRANZ HARARY

8 p.m. Friday, April 24, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road, Mount Clemens. \$28, \$26 students and seniors. (810) 288-2141

MAYBURY STATE PARK

Hosts annual Earth Day celebration, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and Earth Day Race at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 25, at the park, 20145 Back Road, Northville. Free with State Park motor vehicle permit. (248) 349-8390

CLASSICAL

AEBSOLD AND NEEHEM

4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$12 rows 1-5, \$8 general admission, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or <http://www.peus.com/kch>

ARIANA STRINGS QUARTET

Performs works by Mozart, Stravinsky and Schubert, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the Henry Ford Estate, Dearborn.

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio perform Beethoven, Dvorak and Schubert, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$5-\$39 plus \$1 mandatory hall restoration fee. (313) 576-5111

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With conductor Neeme Järvi, violinist Pamela Frank, performing Barber's "Overture to The School for Scandal," Bruch's "Violin Concerto in G Minor," and Shostakovich's "Symphony No. 10," 8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, 10:45 a.m. Friday, April 24, 8 p.m. Friday, April 24, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave. (between Mack and Warren avenues), Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5111

HAGEN QUARTET

8 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$14-\$28. (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With guest saxophone player Gene Parker, 8:11:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23, and guest saxophone player George Benson and trumpeter Johnny Trudell, 8:11:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner (served until 8 p.m.) plus a \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

"LUZ Y NORTE - THE HARP CONCERT"

With Rodrigo del Pozo, voice guitar, Steve Player, guitarist/dancer, Pedro Estevan, percussion, Hille Perl, viola da gamba, Paul O'Dette, vihuela, Andrew Lawrence-King, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Michigan League, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$15 and \$25. (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

OWAIN PHYFE

9 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 23, and as part of "Garb Night," 9 p.m. Thursday, April 30, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Spring Concert featuring Broadway hits, 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

TERESA SANTIAGO

Lyric soprano sings art songs and lieder by Samuel Barber, Richard Strauss and Henri Duparc, 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 24, in the Detroit Institute of Arts Recital Hall, 5200 Woodward Ave. \$25 includes light buffet following concert. (313) 886-3207

VERDI OPERA THEATRE

Winners of the fourth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School students reaches its final stage 4 p.m. Sunday, May 3, when 10 singers compete in a live concert, at the Italian American Cultural Community Center in Warren. \$7. \$5 seniors/high school students. (734) 455-8895/(810) 751-2855

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8 days a week

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April 25, quartet preliminary competition begins 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 24 with finals scheduled 8 p.m. Saturday, at the Waverly High School Auditorium in Lansing.
SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR
"A Spring Bouquet" concert with a variety of compositions celebrating flowers and spring. 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt roads. Donations accepted at the door. (248) 349-8175/(734) 462-4435

JAZZ

TIM BERNE'S PARAPHRASE
8 p.m. Saturday, April 25, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25 rows 1-2, \$15 3-5, \$10 general admission. (734) 769-2999 or <http://www.peus.com/kch>

SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 1-2, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (gypsy jazz) (248) 652-1600

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

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), SereNgeti Ballroom, 2957 Woodward Ave. (at Charlotte), Detroit. (313) 832-3010

CHARLES GREENE
7-11 p.m. Friday, April 24, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and 6-9 p.m. Sunday, April 26, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (jazz pianist) (248) 399-6750

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; 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

ISABELLA
7 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, Colangelo's, 2 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 334-2275

SHEILA LANDIS
With Rick Matle, 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 861-8101

MARSALIS/STRAVINSKY WORLD PREMIERE
Featuring Wynton Marsalis performing his latest composition based 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>

MARK MOUTRUP TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 23, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

ANGELO PRIMO
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600

SCOOLO JAZZ AND SCOOLO JAZZ PRIME
6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, as part of the third annual Festival of the Arts (Sunday-Saturday, April 26 to May 3) hosted by the Farmington Community Arts Council, at the William Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile Road (between Middlebelt and Inkster roads), Farmington Hills. Free. (248) 473-9583

DONALD WALDEN TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 30, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

JOHN WOJECIOWSKI TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 25, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

STEVE WOOD TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 25, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave. (at Center Street), Royal Oak. (248) 546-1400

BRASS

RIVER CITY BRASS BAND
7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road, Mount Clemens. \$23. \$21 for students and seniors. (810) 286-2141

ORGAN

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY
Movies and concerts series begins with "The Long Love Trailer" starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, Friday, 7:30 p.m. May 1 and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2, organ overture pre-cedes film, at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

WORLD MUSIC

BLACK MARKET
9 p.m. Thursday, April 30, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 543-4300

BURNING SPEAR
9 p.m. Friday, May 1, The Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (reggae) (313) 833-9700

or <http://www.99music.com>
DETROIT TAMBURITZA ORCHESTRA
Performing on traditional Croatian instruments. 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Troy High School, 4777 Northfield Parkway (off Long Lake Road, between Coolidge and Crooks), Troy. (810) 739-3359/(810) 776-8496 or (810) 775-4899

IMMUNITY
10 p.m. Friday, May 1, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 349-9110

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

ERIC BOGLE
8 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

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>

LISA HUNTER
9 p.m. to midnight Friday, April 24, Lonestar Coffee, 207 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 25, Gargoyle's 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages; Hosts open mic night 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Gargoyle's. (acoustic folk pop) (248) 642-2233/(248) 745-9790

GORDON LIGHTFOOT
8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, April 29-30, Chrysler Theatre in Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr. W., Windsor. \$40 Canadian, includes GST. All ages. (800) 387-9181

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

KAREN PERNICK
7:30 p.m. Friday, May 1, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

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>

CHERYL WHEELER
7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

"LAKE EFFECT READING"
With short story writer Catherine Seto, originally from Troy, and poet Thomas Lynch, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 769-2999 or <http://www.peus.com/kch>

POETRY ART NIGHT GALA
7 p.m. Saturday, April 25, Milford Youth String Ensemble, Neil Woodward and friends Matt Wotroba and Gary Weisenburg, New York poet Jill Bialosky, part of an exhibit/competition by the Village Fine Arts Association continuing through May 1, at Milford Presbyterian Church, 238 North Main, Milford. \$8 donation. (248) 685-8823

DANCE

COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE
"Country Class," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Plymouth Elks, 41700 East Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. \$6.50. (734) 425-2207

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

PLYMOUTH CANTAL BALLE COMPANY
Scores up "Dracula," an original ballet choreographed by Mark Nash, a former member of the Cincinnati Ballet. 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at South Lyon High School Auditorium, 1000 North Lafayette, South Lyon. \$10, \$8 children ages 12 and under. (734) 455-4330/(734) 397-8828

COMEDY

BIG RED'S COMEDY CLUB
Seth Buckwald, Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, at the club in Mr. B's Roadhouse—Oxford, 595 N. Lapeer Road (M-24), Oxford. (248) 628-6500

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
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
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
Jackie Flynn, who appeared in the movie "Kipkin," 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23 (\$7), and 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25 (\$10); Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 830 p.m. Wednesday, April 29 (\$6); 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, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$22.50 reserved, \$12.50 general admission. All ages. (248) 377-0100

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Kathleen Madigan, 1996 Best Female

Club Comic, with Gary George, Thursday-Sunday, April 23-26 (\$8 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 River Dance," 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$10), Thursdays (\$10) and Sundays (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays (\$17.50) and Saturdays (\$19.50), through spring, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-2222

JOHN "DR. DIRTY" VALBY
7:30 p.m. Friday, May 1, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451

POPULAR MUSIC

TORI AMOS
With David Poe, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Sold out. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

ANTI-HEROES
With Blanks 77, 7 p.m. Monday, April 27, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (punk) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

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

B.B. QUEEN
Friday-Saturday, April 24-26, Center Stage, 39940 Ford Road (1/4 mile east of I-275), Canton. \$10. (blues) (734) 464-8447/(734) 981-8122

BUGS BEDDOW BAND
9:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Friday, April 24, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Orleans, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, May 1-2, Beale Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643/(248) 334-7900 or <http://www.bugsbeddow.com>

NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL STARS
9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 27, Bacci Abbracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (variety) (248) 253-1300

BENNY AND THE JETS
9 p.m. Sundays in April, Buck's Place, 23845 W. Warren Road (one block east of Telegraph Road), Dearborn Heights. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 274-6005 or <http://members.tripod.com/~BennyJet/>

PIERRE BENSUSAN
8 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (singer/songwriter/acoustic guitarist) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

BETTER DAYS
10 p.m. Friday, April 24, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (810) 731-1750

THE BIZER BROTHERS
8 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays in April, and May 1-2, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (pop) (313) 567-4400

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 SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS
9 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BLUE CAT
10 p.m. Friday, May 1, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 683-5458

BLUES LIFE
9 p.m. Thursday, April 30, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE
9 p.m. Thursdays, April 29, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

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 23, and Thursday, April 30, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

BRILLIANT
9 p.m. Thursday, April 23, The Sapphire Room, 4328 Oakwood, Melvindale. Cover charge. 21 and older. (pop) (313) 388-0083

BROADZILLA
9 p.m. Friday, May 1, Lil's, 2930 Jacob Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 875-6555

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

SHAWN COLVIN
With Loudon Wainwright III, 8 p.m. Friday, April 24, Michigan Theater, 603 Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$35 gold circle. All ages. (pop) (734) 668-8397

DANNY COX
9 p.m. Friday, May 1, Matt Brady's, 1820 E. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. Cover charge. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 584-4242

MARK CURRY
8 p.m. Thursday, April 30, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 in advance. All ages. (acoustic rock) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

TOMMY D BAND
8 p.m. Saturday, April 25, Bistro 313, 313 Walton Boulevard, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (blues/soul/rock) (248) 332-9100

DEADLIGHT
With Twist of Fate, 9 p.m. Friday, May 1, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154

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

DISCIPLINE
With Twist, 10 p.m. Saturday, April 25, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (prog rock/Russian-fusion rock) (248) 334-9292 or <http://members.aol.com/strngout>

THE DOWN BOYS
8 p.m. Sunday, April 26, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. Cover charge. All ages. (rock) (810) 778-6404

DUB SYNDICATE
9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

EARTHMOVER
With Dogs of War, 5 p.m. Sunday, April 26, 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>

GLEN EDDY BAND
9 p.m. Thursday, April 30, Carriage House Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY
10 p.m. Friday, May 1, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 421-2250

PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS
10 p.m. Friday, April 24, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, Captain Tony's, 30919 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (acoustic blues) (248) 683-5458/(248) 288-6388

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10 p.m. Friday, April 24, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (funk/rock) (734) 421-2250

FRANKLIN STREET BLUES BAND
10 p.m. Saturday, April 25, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 421-2250

"FUNK MUSIC FESTIVAL '98"
With Maceo Parker, Fishbone and Five Fingers of Funk, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 30, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$22 in advance. 18 and older. (funk) (313) 833-9700

GRR
9 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 543-4300

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 HONEY
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

JOHN WESLEY HARDING AND STEVE WYNN QUARTET
7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance. All ages. (734) 99-MUSIC

TODD HAROLD BAND
9 p.m. Saturday, April 25, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS
9 p.m. Saturday, April 25, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213

JILL JACK
9 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 25, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older. (roots rock) (248) 543-4300/(810) 731-1750

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 24-25, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 360-7450

JAZODITY
With Bambou, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

ELTON JOHN
8 p.m. Saturday, April 25, Crisler Arena, 333 E. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (pop) (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666/(734) 763-4636

JUSTIN SANE
With Blindsight, Boondoggle, Flinch and Factory 81, 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

KILLER FLAMINGOS
9 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

KING WING TIP

STREET SCENE

Ska bands join together to fight racism with music

When ska music was created, it was meant to attract a cross-section of races. Unfortunately, the ska/pop band Less Than Jake has seen the opposite. So when the Florida-based group was asked to headline the Ska Against Racism Tour, they were ready.

"The whole cause is to raise awareness of unity, of racial harmony. Being from a ska-oriented music genre, the music itself is based on unity between black and white. The last couple years we've had problems with skinheads at our shows," said Deron, Less Than Jake's one-named bari sax player.

"We've been talking about these problems at these shows. They needed to put a whole tour together, along with the Anti-Racist Action group, to help support awareness. Things are screwed up out there."

On Thursday, April 30, Less Than Jake will join The Toasters, Mustard Plug, Five Iron Frenzy, MU330 and Kemuri to combat racism when the tour comes to the Palladium in Roseville at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance for the all-ages show. For more information, call (810) 778-6404



Fighting racism: The Grand Rapids-based band Mustard Plug performs as part of the Ska Against Racism Tour which comes to the Palladium in Roseville on Thursday, April 30. Less Than Jake, who recently released a "Grease" cover album called "Greased," headlines the event.

or (248) 645-6666.

The tour is the brainchild of Mike Park, former lead singer of Skankin' Pickle, and founder of Asian Man Records.

"Racism is a definite problem in our society. Hopefully we can make a difference with the support of this tour," Park said.

At the show, ARA, Artists for a

Hate-Free America and Museum of Tolerance will offer information on combating racism. Proceeds from the tour will go toward anti-racism organiza-

tions.

The lineup is as diverse as the crowd it's hoping to attract. The United Kingdom-based Toasters is considered the godfather of modern ska having released seven full-length albums. Five Iron Frenzy is a Christian ska act from Denver whose sophomore release "Our Newest Album Ever" hit No. 8 on Billboard's Heatseekers chart and No. 2 on the Christian Alternative chart. MU330 will perform songs from its 10-year career and will back up Mike Park. Kemuri is a popular ska band from Japan.

The Grand Rapids-based band Mustard Plug, who recently scored a radio hit with its ska/punk rendition of The Verve Pipe's "The Freshmen," rounds out the lineup.

"We got involved because, for one thing we're obviously against racism and any attempt to thwart it is good. Plus we're friends with all the bands. That's obviously going to be really fun. Playing every night with them in big places and having a good time for a good cause, there was no reason not to do it," said Mus-

tard Plug's trombonist Jim Hofer, a former Royal Oak resident.

"All ska bands are basically against racism just by the nature of the music and the history of the music. This is the first time that I've seen a whole tour built around the fight against racism. I think that's pretty cool."

■ CBGB's, the legendary club that hosted groundbreaking acts like Talking Heads, Television, Blondie, the Ramones, and Patti Smith, has launched CBGB's Records, Ltd. Celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, the club that's been in the forefront of live music decided to establish its own label to give a wider audience to some of the exciting new talent performing on the club's stage.

CBGB's founder Hilly Kristal and pioneer artist and producer Genya Ravan (the Dead Boys) have teamed to form the new independent label. The three-woman rock band The Wives, the punk act Ricanstruction, and jazzy singer/songwriter Nicholas Strouse are the first three performers to be signed to the label.

OPERA

Lush music, superb singing drive romantic 'Manon'

Jules Massenet's "Manon" continues 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. For tickets at \$18-\$75, call (313)874-SING (7464) or Ticketmaster at (248)645-6666. BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

The story of Manon Lescaut from a novel by Abbe Prevost was the inspiration for several operas. In addition to Massenet's crowning work, it also inspired a noted work by Puccini.

It is easy to see why this story lends itself so well to opera. It is a rush of pure, heedless emotion with a central character who embodies several quickly sketched emotional triggers that define a certain idea of "woman."

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production, with the L'Opera de Montreal, captures all the lush, overwhelming romance of Massenet's beautiful, richly nuanced score and matches it with production values that carry a slim, and to modern sensibilities somewhat absurd, story to its tragic and emotionally over-the-top conclusion.

The time and place is 18th century France, a time of excess that eventually led to a revolution. Manon is a young school girl on her way to a convent to keep her from the lure of a wicked world. Unfortunately, Manon is easily lured. At first she is a girl wonderstruck by the glitter of the world of nobles and courtesans. She is courted by

older men but runs away with a smitten chevalier.

But Manon's love for glitter leads her to betrayal with tragic results. She becomes a self-centered, greedy and manipulative courtesan.

Director Bernard Uzan recreates the period with all its splendor. The set designs by Uzan and Michel Beaulac are stunning, from a rural inn to a Paris apartment to a serenely realized St. Sulpice. And it is all in service to singing that superbly carries each emotion and musical idea.

Ruth Ann Swenson's full, beautiful voice glides lightly with the merriment of a young girl away from home for the first time, the sensuality of a woman in the throes of her first love and the haughtiness of a woman in love with her own beauty and sexual power. The famous, piv-

otal scene at St. Sulpice places eroticism in a church ("N'est-ce plus ma main"), a curious emotional juxtaposition that Swenson makes us believe.

Swenson is matched by Marcello Giordani's soaring, rich tenor as the easily smitten Des Grieux. The part seems a bit ludicrous in modern terms, but Giordani gives the chevalier such inherent strength and drama that we almost suspend our disbelief. The love duets between Giordani and Swenson and the closing death scene are superb.

Other standouts are baritone John Robert Autry as Lescaut, Manon's carefree but proud cousin, and bass James Patterson, filling in beautifully as Des Grieux's level-headed father.

The choral work is lively and the acting believable. The stop

action tableaux are fun and emphasize the period setting.

John Mauceri's orchestra extracts all the grand sweep of Massenet's music and its playful moments as well, though some-

times overpowering some of the singing.

On Friday and Sunday, the roles of Manon and Des Grieux will be sung by Stefania Bonfadelli and David Miller.

Eastern Market blossoms as art center

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

butter on my chocolate!" Then they'd take a bite and - viola! - they had a fabulous new taste combination! Problem solved! They liked each other again! Help, I'm on a sugar high!

They never showed the ensuing insulin crash or the acne that cropped up a few days later, but what do you expect out of a commercial? The point is that sometimes situations evolve out of a totally unplanned series of events - and the result is better than anybody could have ever planned it.

Take Eastern Market. Backstage Pass art guru Gerry Craig turned us on to the quirky evolution of Detroit's newest burgeoning art locale. Artists are always on the hunt for vast, open loft spaces to use as studios. And they're often broke, so these large, airy units have to be inexpensive, too. Well, artists found such space in abundance in the warehouses around Detroit's Eastern Market. Of course, each weekend people pour into the area for fruits, vegetables, spices, dry goods, and all the other stuff that you can only find at Eastern Market. So the artists opened their doors, creating ad hoc galleries that are attracting a hip young audience to their art. Gerry will take a camera crew ahead to explore the area.

We'll also welcome Billy Mann to the Detroit Public Television studio to play from his CD, "Earthbound." Billy reunited his

band from junior high for the sessions. "After recording, we were so wired nobody could sleep. What was mind boggling was that it got to tape so naturally. Knowing each other so well, I think, made it all come together."

Carole King has become a close friend to Billy. She co-wrote a track, plays piano and sings backup vocals on the release. "Having Carole as a mentor has taught me many lessons, but mostly to rely more on a song's emotional impact and less on the production. I used to go back and listen to what I'd just recorded and think, 'Wow, that was a hair sharp or flat,' and not first look for how the performance moved me. Now I'm feeling as a better place in my song writing and I can record an album where I can openly show my downfalls, make fun of myself, be serious, be funny, romantic, intense, pathetic - and be at ease with it enough to admit that I am all of these things, too."

It's a cathartic CD Billy, who suffered through the tragic loss of his wife of less than a year; a widower in his 20s. "Earthbound" came from the up-and-down life juggling that I've been through. But mostly I wanted to make sure that the songs genuinely reflect who I am and where I've been; a journal entry that I can feel at peace with as my life moves on. When people respond warmly to any emotionally authentic expression, no matter how work-in-progress it might be, at least it ensures that the connection is real. There are so many things in life that are bigger than the record that you make for the moment."

Also on the show, Gary Graff will talk with Mike Watts, the executive director of Detroit Music Awards about the 16-year-old event, which takes place Friday, April 24, at the State Theatre. Among the performers will

be Backstage alumni Jill Jack, Mr. B. Tonight, we'll get an in-studio performance from past winners, Detroit's VuDu Hippies.

Finally, Elliot Wilhelm, the Detroit Institute of Arts' Film Curator and our Backstage movie expert, will preview the Michigan Student Film and Video Festival. "We present a lot of films at the DIA during any given year, but those shown in the Student Festival are probably the most heartening and energizing. Much of the work is startlingly inventive and polished, but the real excitement is

generated by the passion these kids show for the medium. There's real power and imagination behind the best of these films, and seeing them unspool one after the other makes you renew your enthusiasm for the possibilities - and future - of movies." We'll talk to Rich Ferrando, one of this year's Award-winners, and see a clip from his entry.

That's all on Backstage Pass, tonight at midnight on Detroit Public Television, repeated at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

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DINING

Satisfy your hunger for fun at Champps Americana

Newly opened Champps Americana in Livonia will satisfy your appetite and hunger for something new.

They present only the "highest quality food, and plenty of it," in a casual, fun atmosphere.

"There's a different feel depending on where you sit," said general manager Mark L. Moylan.

If it's privacy, and a quiet laid-back evening you crave, sit on the patio near the fireplace. "It reminds me of Maine," said Moylan looking toward the vaulted painted ceiling.

"If you're feeling upbeat, sit near the bar," recommends manager Brad Weis. Families like the upper level. An open kitchen offers the opportunity to watch the chefs at work preparing your meal.

Finding one word to describe Champps Americana is difficult. "It's a bunch of ordinary people trying to have a good time," said Weis. "It's a great place to dine. I like the fact that our restaurant appeals to people age eight to 80."

The background music's an eclectic mix of soft listening favorites, and sports nuts will love the wall of videos.

Champps Americana offers the latest technology in large screen TVs, and there are lots of them including a video wall. During lunch the screens are tuned to the Bloomberg channel for businessmen, the rest of the time its sports.

With 129 menu items deciding what to order can be a delightful chore.

Moylan recommends the Chicken Piccata Angel Hair Pasta - breast of chicken lightly sautéed with mushrooms and artichoke hearts in a lemon-caper broth, tossed with angel hair pasta, \$9.95, or Ravioli Florentine, spinach and ricotta

Champps Americana
Where: 19470 Haggerty Road, (between Seven and Eight Mile Roads) Livonia, (734) 591-3334.

Hours: 11 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday; 10 a.m. to midnight Sunday. Sunday brunch menu 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Menu: Classic American dining including salads, sandwiches, pasta, chicken, steaks, seafood, pizza and hamburgers. Children's and late night menus available.

Cost: Entrees \$9.95 to \$14.50; sandwiches \$4.75 to \$10.50; pizza \$6.50 to \$8.25. Sunday brunch items range from \$6.95 to \$8.95.

Reservations: Not accepted. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Seating: 300 people. Expansion plans: Scheduled to open a Troy location in July.

Highlights:
■ Magician performs 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays during brunch.

■ Bloody Mary Bar 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, noon to 3 p.m. Sundays.

■ Specialty martini menu.

cheese filled ravioli tossed in a pepper cream sauce, \$9.95. All pastas are served with your choice of cup of soup or dinner salad, and a French roll.

Most often requested Main Courses include Champps Cajun Pork Chops - twin 10 ounce pork chops served with spicy apple sauce and garlic mashed potatoes and a vegetable medley; Spice Crusted Salmon - eight ounce fresh salmon fillet dusted with Moroccan seasonings, grilled and set on garlic mashed potatoes with roasted peppers; and Champps Fish & Chips - large tender whitefish fillet, bat-



tered and fried golden brown, served with fries and cole slaw. Main Courses are served with your choice of cup of soup or dinner salad.

The pizzas, prepared with a honey wheat crust, are cooked in a wood-fired oven. There are six to choose from - Margherita, Barbecue Chicken, Grilled Garden Vegetable, Greek, Nawlins' Cajun Pizza Salad, and New Jersey Calzone. You can even build your own New York Style Cheese Pizza.

For lunch or light dinners choose from one of the many salads - Alex's Greek Salad, Oriental Chicken, Grilled Cob, Fajita or Italian Bruschetta. Sandwich fans will like the smorgasbord of innovative options everything from bacon, lettuce and tomato, Hawaiian Chicken, and burgers to Grilled Portabella Melt, Greek Chicken, Veggie and Southwest

French Dip Wrap.

For dessert save room for Champps Messy Sundae - a long stemmed glass smothered with hot fudge and chopped nuts, filled with vanilla ice cream and caramel, topped with whipped cream or Enough to Die For - flourless chocolate mousse cake served with chocolate ice cream and topped with hot fudge.

The 65 seat full service bar offers eight beers on tap, a variety of bottled beers, premium wines and liquors, and specialty martini menu. On Saturdays and Sundays you can build your own Bloody Mary.

"It's wonderful," said Weis. "There are like 50 different hot sauces, and vegetables on skewers."

There's something to celebrate nearly every night after 9 p.m. Monday is Full Court Bingo. Relax with dinner and drinks,

then play Full Court Bingo and shoot hoops to win prizes. Ask your server for details.

Tuesday is Night at the Races. Wednesday's Super Karaoke, why sing in the shower when you can win \$300 in karaoke cash prizes at Champps 9 p.m. to midnight.

Thursday is the Big Bike Giveaway. "We give away a mountain bike every week," said Moylan. One lucky dinner will win a key to ride away with the bike.

Sunday's brunch menu includes pancakes, waffles, eggs benedict, omelets and a special menu for children under 12.

"We have balloons for the kids too," said Weis.

Champps Americana is a division of Unique Casual Restaurants, Inc., which also operates Fuddrucker's restaurants.

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:

■ **Fire Academy Brewery & Grill** - 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland, (734) 595-1988. Open: 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.

■ **Arriba** - 314 St. Fourth St., Ann Arbor. 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. Menu: Mexican restaurant emphasizing authentic regional Mexican dishes. 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. Credit: All major credit cards.

■ **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 fare, American fare also. Cost: Lunch \$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.

■ **Mountain King Chinese Restaurant** - 469 Old Woodward, Birmingham (248) 644-2913. Open: 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; until 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. Menu: Mandarin, Szechuan and Cantonese specialties served at lunch and dinner. Cost: Lunch specials \$5-\$6. Dinner \$5.50-\$11. Multi-course family dinners for 2-6 people \$21-\$60. Reservations: Accepted. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Star Southfield enters partnership with Ark Restaurants

Star Theatre Southfield will soon be able to offer its patrons dinner - and a movie.

Star Theatres in partnership with Ark Restaurants of New York will open four restaurants at the theater this year. Construction is scheduled to begin August with a tentative December opening.

Krys Bylund, vice president advertising and promotions for Star Theatres said restaurant concepts under consideration include a Mexican theme, brew pub, Italian, and appetizer eatery.

"It's been a struggle for Star Theatres to get a restaurant at

the building," said Bylund. "There's been a lot of talk, but nothing's come to actuality until now. We've gotten very close many times, but wanted to make sure it was the right partnership and restaurant blend. We're really excited."

Ark Restaurants owns and manages "chic" restaurants in Florida, Massachusetts, Nevada, New York and Washington, D.C.

including Lutece in New York, Marketplace Brewskeller in Boston's Faneuil Hall, and the restaurants in the New York New York Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

"The restaurants will be very upscale and offer fine, sit down dining with a wide range of pricing," said Bylund.

"We've anticipated having

restaurants since we opened on June 20, 1997," said Phil Urrutia, vice president Star Southfield Theatre. "Our theater staff is excited. We're waiting for the right people to bring the right restaurants. Star Theatres was careful in choosing the right person to come in with the right concepts for our guests. They were careful to add something

new and fresh to the area."

To compensate for the lack of restaurants, Star Southfield has an extensive concession menu, which includes popcorn, hot dogs, ice cream, stuffed jalapeno peppers, nachos, and chicken strips. "We've just added popcorn shrimp and buffalo wings," said Urrutia. Star Southfield Theatre is at 25333 W. 12 Mile Road in Southfield, (248) 372-2222.

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