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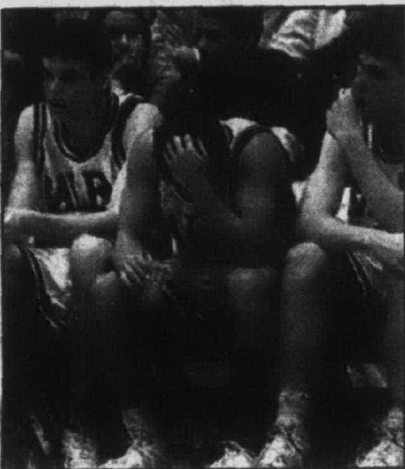
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SPORTS



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Agony of defeat: James McCaffrey, Jake Gray (with head down), and Andy Brandt show their disappointment during the Salem Rock's Tuesday loss to Pontiac Northern. For play-by-play coverage, turn to today's Sports section on page D1.

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Vorva ends suit against schools



After two years, Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva ended his court battle with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Vorva sued the district when 716 ballots were spoiled in the March 1997 bond election.

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"It's the right fight, the right battle. But to expend all my assets on this particular battle just isn't feasible. The Vorva family is through."

And with that, Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva said his court battle with the Plymouth-Canton school district

concerning the March 1997 high school bond election is history. Though he hasn't ruled out continuing his fight in another arena.

Vorva had until last Monday to file briefs with the U.S. Supreme Court, after losing his battle through the Michigan court system. Both he and his attorney, Stephen Boak of Plymouth, had prepared the necessary arguments. However, Vorva decided

over the weekend to end the fight.

"I would like to pursue this, but the sacrifices my family has already made are extreme," said Vorva. "Just like a general in battle, even when the men are willing to fight to the last, do you do that ... or withdraw and live to fight another day?"

It means the school district can now proceed with spending the \$79.6 million in bonds without further threat of court action.

"I'm not surprised at his decision," said Superintendent Chuck Little. "After seven rulings in our favor, why would you pursue it? I'm glad we'll be able to move ahead."

The district has already made plans to sell the bonds to build a new high school at Beck and Joy roads in Canton, a new elementary school at Beck and Cherry Hill in Canton, as well as money for school buses and computers.

However, the plans were sometimes shadowed with thoughts the case could be headed to federal court, delaying them even further.

"I'm delighted and anxious to get on with the business of building new schools," said Mike Maloney, school board president. "I hope we can just put this behind us and move forward."

Please see VORVA, A5

Game gawkers



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Sports at Sidestreet: Alix Morrison of Plymouth, (from left) Mark Brooks and his brother Mike Brooks of Livonia, and Marcus Collins of Westland enjoy watching a variety of sports action on the many screens at McMahon's Sidestreet Pub in Plymouth.

Final four

NCAA is a slam dunk for business

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With the NCAA Basketball Tournament in full swing, and Michigan State in the Final Four, local sports bars will undoubtedly see an influx of business this weekend.

For Steve McMahon, owner of McMahon's Side Street Pub in Plymouth, the Spartans' performance is an asset to business, despite his own allegiances.

"We're probably about 60 percent Michigan and 40 percent Michigan State," he said. "But since (MSU) is representing the whole state, we'll be rooting for them."

McMahon said that the tournament itself doesn't have a big impact on business, but he does expect a minor increase in customers on the weekend.

"I anticipate quite a few people this weekend and it

helps because it's on Saturday," he said. "We'll probably have draft beer specials and shots and things like that."

"Early in the tournament, there are so many upsets that it's not a real big deal for us. It starts to get interesting when it gets down to the final 16."

McMahon said that, although the appearance of a team from Michigan in front of a national audience is rare, big sporting events happen almost every weekend, keeping his business going from week to week. The hoopla surrounding the Spartans this weekend is special to most, but not to McMahon.

"You've always got the (Red) Wings and NASCAR and football in the fall," he said. "We've always got something going on but basketball is a tough one to (market for)."

Please see NCAA, A4

Young mother killed in car crash

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A 38-year-old woman was killed on the way to work early Monday morning after her car collided with an Absopure delivery truck on General Drive in Plymouth Township.

The victim, Kathleen A. Bellman, a Lincoln Park resident and mother of two, was pronounced dead at the scene by rescue officials.

■ According to police reports, Bellman was driving a 1998 Ford Escort southbound on General Drive en route to work at Federal Pipe and Steel Corporation.

According to police reports, Bellman was driving a 1998 Ford Escort southbound on General Drive en route to work at Federal Pipe and Steel Corporation, located at 41580 Joy

Road, around 8 a.m. Apparently her vehicle crossed the center line and crashed head first into the 1995 Ford Absopure truck which was traveling northbound, killing her instantly.

Traffic in the area has been a concern of several people working in the area, including Steve Penar, owner of Twenty-Two Reproductions, located at 9282 General Drive, near the scene of the accident.

"It sucks," he said of the amount of traffic in the area. "I don't even bother going out to Ann Arbor Road. I go the other way to Joy. They need to double the width of General Drive but that will never happen."

"There's always trucks trying to back into the businesses and people get impatient and try to go around them. There's just too much traffic out there."

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Bunny hops into action at egg hunt

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It's not unusual to see a bunny or two at Fox Hills Golf Course, but this Saturday hundreds of kids will see the real thing hopping around.

The Easter Bunny will visit 9 a.m. to noon at a buffet breakfast. Other activities planned for the morning include games, crafts, storytelling and the grand finale - an Easter Egg Hunt, 10-10:30 a.m.

A second "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" is set for 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at Fox Hills. "Lunch with the Bunny" also will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, April

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Schools sideline hockey teams

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Hockey as a varsity sport in the Plymouth-Canton school district is on hold, for at least three weeks.

School board members want some clarifications and changes in the contract with booster club members who will be working alongside Athletic Director Brian Wolcott in running the program.

And while there were some concerns

about costs, liability and equal opportunities for girls, the board appears poised to approve co-ed hockey teams at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools.

"I find the board's response very positive," said Kathy Lash of Plymouth, one of four people instrumental in developing the hockey plan. "We'll be soliciting help for booster members who can volunteer their time by being board members, helping with fund raising and working at the games."

Lash said her group will be soliciting

businesses and corporations for support, in order to defray the costs of the pay-to-play program.

"I think Plymouth-Canton is a strong community with a lot of history and support, and they're very willing to give back," added Lash.

"I believe that when the board passes this proposal, you'll see a large outpour of support for sponsorship," said organizer Mike Ward of Northville, past president of the Plymouth-Canton

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Hilltop's golf operators see green

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was credited to a better weather season last year, but the numbers don't lie.

Since American Golf was awarded the contract to operate the course in 1996, nearly every statistic is up.

Number of rounds played per year has gone from up from just over 45,000 in 1996 to more than 52,000 in 1998.

"One thing that I can say is that I don't see the number of rounds escalating to the level of 60,000 in the next four to five years," said Peak. "We did 52,400 last year but I'd have to say that 55,000 is right about the capacity for the course. That's probably more reasonable as a goal."

Peak also said that without some major changes to the design of the course, it will continue to play shorter as compared to other courses in the area.

"I think there could be a need for some redesign," she said. "It's a relatively short course but, nonetheless, it's challenging. You've got some change in topography and changes in scenery out there. You're in the woods on the back nine and, on the front, it's more open."

And in terms of lengthening the course, Peak saw options ... but not

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District expels teen with gun

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A 14-year-old Lowell Middle School student has been expelled for bringing a stolen gun to school.

"Upon receiving the facts of the case and holding due process hearings, it was decided to expel the student," said Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Chuck Little, who revealed the expulsion hearing was held Tuesday morning.

The hearing was more-or-less a formality, considering state law allows for automatic expulsion of students who bring weapons to school.

"State law stipulates that a student can be expelled for a year," said Little. "However, since we only permit students to start classes at the beginning of a semester, it will be Aug. 2000 before he will be able to return."

"I would have to see tremendously persuasive evidence to allow him back in the district," said Little.

Lowell principal Roche LaVictor said it took two days of questioning before the teen admitted

■ He was seen by another student on March 11 showing the 9 mm handgun to a classmate as school was letting out for the day.

hiding the gun in the snow near a Dumpster for three days earlier this month.

He was seen by another student on March 11 showing the 9 mm handgun to a classmate as school was letting out for the day. LaVictor said the only time the gun entered the building was when the teen was searched by school personnel looking for the weapon.

Canton Township police found the loaded gun in a mailbox at the boy's home. The gun has the same serial number as one reported stolen this month from a house in Canton, not far from where the boy lives.

Canton police Officer Leonard Schemanske said even if the boy didn't steal the weapon, he will probably be charged with possession of a stolen gun.

Detective tracks down dog's owner

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If you ever lose your dog, it might be wise to hope that a police detective finds it.

After all, who is more experienced at solving mysteries than a police detective?

For Redford resident Jeff King, and his dog Buddy, that luck came through on March 11, as Detective John Drake of the Plymouth Township Police Department reunited the two.

But it wasn't easy. Drake had stopped by his house in Redford to pick something up on the way back from court in downtown Detroit that day.

Upon his arrival, the lost black Labrador retriever was in the driveway, barking at Drake's dogs in the back yard.

As it turns out, the animal had a Plymouth Township dog tag, kicking off Drake's investigation into the matter.

First, he called the number listed on dog's tag.

No luck.

Next, he called the veterinarian listed on a separate tag, but they couldn't give him a valid phone number either.

Drake even went through all of the dog tag records from



Top dog: Plymouth Township Detective John Drake (standing) found Buddy and used his police investigative skills to track down its owner, Jeff King.

1998, a total he estimated at "at least a couple of hundred."

Buddy was then temporarily dropped off at the vet and King's address on Russell Street near Haggerty and Ann Arbor Trail (also from the tag) was the next stop.

"Sorry ... he moved" was all he got there.

Well, off to the neighbor's house.

One individual told him that "he thought he worked for Ford Motor Co. in Allen Park" and after "several calls" to the company, Drake had what might be a valid pager number in his hands.

Luckily for Buddy, it was.

"Honestly, I didn't even know he was gone," said King. "He got out while I was at work and I got this call from the police. They asked me 'Are you missing a dog?' and I said 'Well ... I don't know.'"

The reuniting of the pair was more than just a returned pet, though. For King, it was a lot of things.

"I'm heavy into waterfowl hunting and I belong to the Michigan Hunting Retriever Club in Howell," he said. "They do retriever competitions and things that are geared towards the types of things a dog would have to do during a hunt like retrieve ducks and geese."

"(Buddy) got an award last year for successful completion of a started class (the first level of training). I've got a lot of money and time into him. He's basically like my best friend."

Buddy is a 2-year-old purebred Labrador with American Kennel Club and United Kennel Club certifications.

It was certainly plenty of work for Drake in solving the "lost pooch caper," but the detective felt it was well worth it.

"I love dogs and I know how I'd feel if my dog boogied on me," he said.

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Kiwanis helps with smokebusters

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With the help of the local Kiwanis Club, the Plymouth Community Fire Department will be able to see through walls.

Actually, they'll be able to see fires through walls.

Through the work of the Kiwanis Club, a \$17,000 donation made Tuesday night will pay for the cost of the department's second Thermal Imaging Camera that allows firefighters to pick up infrared heat inside of walls and through thick smoke.

The unit "allows firefighters to see objects clearly through smoke and darkness," states a brochure about the camera. "By looking through the camera, firefighters can spot dangerous, unseen obstacles as well as detect the seat and spread of a fire—even when hidden inside walls."

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Fire Chief Larry Groth felt very strongly about the use of technology to provide a better level of service to the citizens of Plymouth.

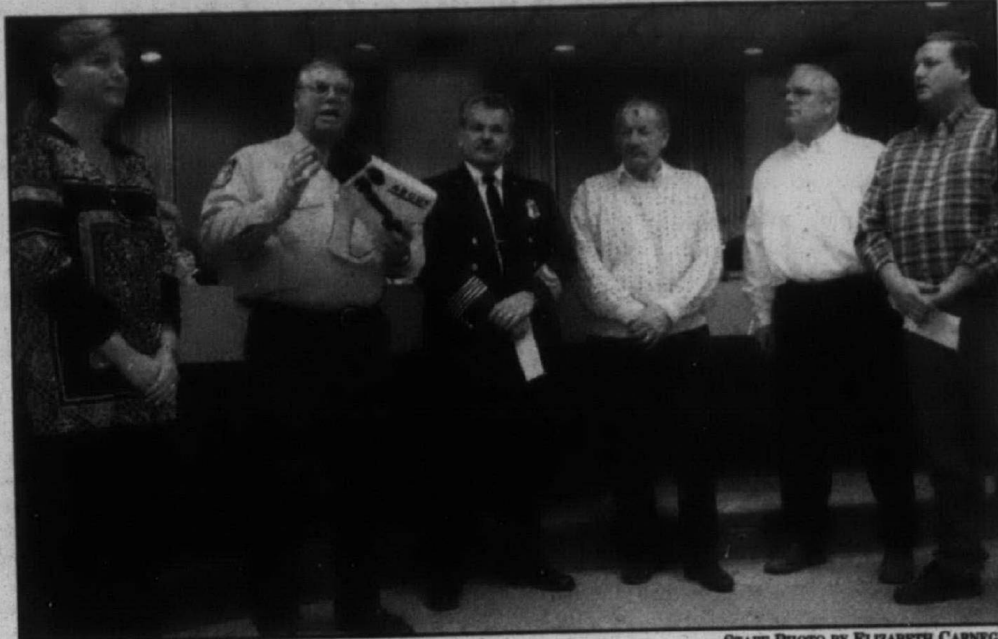
"We've been able to use that camera to follow

duct-work throughout buildings to make sure a fire hasn't spread," he said. "It's been very helpful."

"We were called to the Fantastic Sam's for a smoke and heat alarm and it turned out that birds had gotten in behind their sign. They made a big nest that caught fire to the sign. By finding that with the camera, we were able to make a hole, go in and put that out without tearing off that whole front to the building."

Jim Grutza, owner of the Papa Romano's on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township and co-chairman of the Kiwanis project that raised the money for the camera, knew it was a good idea when he first saw it.

"I was watching '20/20' or '48 Hours' one



Fire helpers: From left to right, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Firefighter Don Hahn, Fire Chief Larry Groth and Kiwanis Club members Jom Jabara, Greg Ash and Jim Grutza. Hahn is holding the thermal imaging camera.

night and saw a story about a group who had bought these things in memory for these two kids that were killed in a fire in Georgia," he recalled. "I saw that and thought 'Why should we wait and do it in honor of somebody? Why not do it now, before someone gets killed?'"

And Grutza knows firsthand what kind of trouble can occur when fires rip through buildings.

"My brother is the fire chief in Trenton so I've heard all the horror stories," he said. "I've never been on a fire truck myself but I've been bowling on a fire department league for 25 years. A lot can happen in a fire."

Grutza and Groth both agreed on the advantages of having the technology, especially for those who can't help themselves.

"Children tend to hide in a closet or something in a fire," said Groth. "This will give us a chance to find them before it's too late. And the elderly, who can't move as fast, can become victims in a fire."

The camera is so sensitive to infra-red heat that, if a person walks across a room without shoes on, their footsteps can be plainly seen for a number of moments.

Chief Groth gave a quick demonstration at Tuesday's meeting of the camera's capabilities holding his hand to his chest, then removing it. A hand print remained on his uniform for a number of seconds.

Grutza said that raising money for the camera wasn't a hard sell. By selling nuts and raffle tickets, and explaining to people what it was for, the money rolled in.

"We've had great support from the community," he said. "It's a pretty easy sell once people can put together the nuts and what they go for and how it helps the community. I mean, who's not going to help put a deal together that can help save a child's life or an elderly person's life?"

The fire department's goal is to have a total of three cameras, one for each station, and according to Grutza, Kiwanis is well on its way to funding the third one already.

"We actually raised \$20,000 this time so we've already got a \$3,000 head start on the third one," added Grutza.

The fire department was presented a check before Tuesday night's Board of Trustees meeting in Plymouth Township Hall.

Comcast unsure of cable rate hikes as merger finalized

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Comcast Corp. officials say it's too early to tell what kind of effect the buyout of MediaOne Group Inc. will have on local cable subscribers.

Comcast, the fourth-largest cable company in the country and the largest in metro Detroit, announced Monday it's buying MediaOne, the nation's third largest cable company, for \$44.3 billion in stock.

"There will be no effect on customers until the merger closes late this year or early next year," said Jason Thompson, a spokesman for Comcast. "Business will carry on as usual. I can't comment on rates at this point, whether they will go up or down."

MediaOne services 300,000 subscribers in Michigan, including customers in Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville, Northville Township, Van Buren Township and Westland.

"We believe consumers will benefit with an array of services we'll be able to offer as we envision the home as a network," said Thompson. "Consumers will be able to have services like telephone, Internet and entertainment with one connection to their homes."

Earlier this month Plymouth city commissioners were upset by a letter from MediaOne indicating the cable company was closing the Rhonda Drive office in Canton Township, which provided customers with local access studios and a place to pay bills.

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Jason Thompson
Comcast spokesman

At a recent meeting, commissioners were not very accepting of a promise by MediaOne to reopen another local office in the future. They instructed Assistant City Manager Paul Sincok to fire off a letter to MediaOne with their concerns.

"You should also be advised that the City Commission has reviewed your letter and they have expressed extreme displeasure with MediaOne's abandonment of the Plymouth, Canton, Northville communities. To suggest that offices located in Romulus, Wayne or Dearborn Heights is in any way convenient for residents of Plymouth is just not being a realist."

"It is unacceptable to the City of Plymouth for MediaOne to pull its offices and Public Access Studio out of this area. Public Access Studio means just that, a studio that is available to the public in the local area."

"This situation is an inconvenience to our community and we expect a speedy resolution to this matter."

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COP CALLS

Coins stolen

A Plymouth Township woman, living near Schoolcraft and Haggerty, reported a coin collection valued at \$5,000 missing from her apartment on March 12.

According to reports, the woman employed a moving company from Howell to move her from one apartment to another within the same complex. When unpacking, the woman discovered the collection to be missing.

Most of the coins were United States Mint Sets and were approximately 20 to 25 years old. The rest were silver and gold coins in loose bags.

Jewelry heist

More than \$26,000 in jewelry was reported stolen earlier this month from the apartment of an 80-year-old Plymouth Township woman near Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty.

Several items were taken, including a diamond engagement set (valued at \$2,500), several diamond rings, a 14-karat gold antique watch (\$1,200) and a 14-karat gold tri-color bracelet (\$2,000).

According to police reports, the woman kept the items in a box in her closet.

Police are investigating a possible suspect in connection with the theft.

Indecent exposure

Police are looking for a teenage boy who exposed himself to a woman at Township Park on March 11.

Police reports said that the boy approached the woman, who was sitting in her parked car at the time.

The woman reported the incident to a park employee, who in turn reported the incident to police. The woman left the scene after the incident and did not give a statement to police. The park employee said the boy had been seen in the park before.

Hotel Fire

A fire on March 21 at the Red Roof Inn, located at 39700 E. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township, caused \$5,000 in fire and smoke damage to one of the hotel's guest rooms.

According to police interviews, a 45-year-old man from Livonia rented the room around 4:25 p.m. on Sunday and appeared "quite intoxicated" at the time, said a hotel employee.

A few hours later, the fire was reported to hotel staff, who then

dialled 911.

Police and fire rescue responded to the scene and found the room's window blackened with smoke and a chair inside the room ablaze.

Plymouth Township Police officer Edward Gauthier extinguished the majority of the fire with a hand-held police extinguisher and fire department officials took over.

The fire is being investigated by police as a possible arson.

Apartment Fire

One apartment unit was destroyed by fire early March 20 at The Terrace Apartments near the intersection of Plymouth Road and Holbrook in the City of Plymouth.

Fire officials, who estimated damage to the building at \$80,000 with an additional \$15,000 in losses in contents of the property, blamed the fire on careless smoking by the occupant.

According to reports, the resident apparently fell asleep on the couch while smoking.

The man sustained burns on his hands and legs but refused hospital treatment at the time.

Staff Writer Duncan White

'Mr. Plymouth'

Staffer of the Year: Dick Rzepecki, retail sales for Plymouth, was named Staffer of the Year at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' Employee Appreciation Award ceremonies Monday. Known as "Mr. Plymouth" by his colleagues, Rzepecki is honored by Phil Power, chairman of Hometown Communications Network Inc., the parent company of the Observer. Rzepecki is a Plymouth Township resident.



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Deadline is April 12 to submit petitions for S'craft board

Anyone who wants to run for the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees has less than three weeks to pick up and turn in nominating petitions.

Petitions are available for two seats, each for six-year terms, on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees for the upcoming biennial election of trustees on June 14. Candidates must be registered voters and reside in the Schoolcraft College district, which includes the school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi.

Petitions can be picked up at the office of Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell in the Grote Administration Center at the college's main campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275, and must be returned to the secretary by 4 p.m. Monday, April 12. The office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

The signatures of not less

than 50 nor more than 200 qualified voters are required for nominations. Candidates are asked to circulate petitions so that those signing any one petition are residents of a single school district. There is no charge for filing petitions.

The seats are currently held by Patricia Watson, who is board president and a Northville resident, and Greg Stempien, also of Northville and a Livonia attorney, who was appointed in January 1998 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of John Walsh.

Watson and Stempien have not returned petitions yet, but Watson said she will run for re-election. Stempien was out of town early this week and unavailable for comment on whether he would run, but upon receiving the appointment last year he indicated he would run for his seat this year.

Trustees do not receive compensation.

Community policing State grants help local departments

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Gov. John Engler has authorized \$3.4 million in community policing grants to be awarded to local law enforcement agencies throughout Michigan.

Most of the Wayne County communities are using the funds for computers and software for patrol vehicles should they receive federal matching funds later this year. This latest round of grants will be used for mobile data computers and laptops, crime analysis hardware and software, mapping software or geographic information systems, computer-related software, personal computers, computer-aided dispatch systems and automated booking systems and automated fingerprint identification systems.

"This funding is an important step in our ongoing war against crime," Engler said. "These grants will allow the metro area police to fight crimes more effectively by purchasing the technol-

ogy needed to make the job of crime fighting easier."

Westland's Police Department will receive \$97,483 to use with federal grants for in-car computers and \$94,456 for radio system upgrade in a five-department consortium of Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Wayne and Westland.

"We'll be able to do in-car reports and access our mug file," said Emery Price, Westland's police chief, about the computer purchase.

Other police departments in Observer communities receiving state money are: Livonia, \$61,500; Plymouth Township, \$21,545 and Redford, \$32,567.

Robert Stevenson, police captain with the Livonia Police Department, hopes the grant can help upgrade its information management system including laptop computers for vehicles to help with writing reports and tickets.

"Our officers won't have to come in and do their reports here," Stevenson said. "All they'll have to do is press a button."

Livonia did not receive a federal grant, but money has been pooled from the city's general fund for the \$1 million computer upgrade, which is expected to take one year to complete.

"We have people that input data from written reports," Stevenson said. "We will be freeing up hours to send them into other projects, such as senior citizen programs and crime prevention."

Plymouth Township plans to use its funds toward an automated telephone message system and an automated fingerprinting system.

The fingerprinting system would be similar to one in Livonia, using \$17,000 toward the \$62,000 system while the remaining \$4,000 would go toward the phone system, similar to one in Canton, according to Police Chief Lawrence Carey.

"You can program in blocks of

phone numbers for a street or geographic area. When you see or respond to a gas leak, it will automatically phone these households." That will assist the township police in evacuations.

John Buck, deputy police chief in Redford Township, said the \$32,567 funds will be used to pay for software for field reporting to accompany the department's laptop computers in the patrol cars. "The state money would help us meet the match," Buck said.

Buck has not heard whether Redford will receive the 75 percent match from the federal government for the \$158,000 purchase.

The software will allow Redford police to complete reports in their vehicles and place them on a computer mainframe with the department, instead of transporting the written reports back to the station and assigning clerks to re-type them onto a computer.

"That will save us a lot of time," Buck said.

Police pursuit bill OK'd on partisan vote

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

A bill to regulate police pursuits turned into a partisan issue when it was passed 24-13 by the Michigan Senate March 18 and sent to the House.

Senate Democrats, led by Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, objected that it would cut chances for innocent victims to recover pain and suffering damages from police who were reckless and didn't follow departmental policy.

"Pursuits often have tragic consequences," said Peters. "Society should share in the compensation, the same way it benefits from a police pursuit."

Sponsor William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison and chair of

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the Senate Judiciary Committee, argued successfully for capping non-economic damages at \$280,000.

"If the model policy is adopted by a defendant city, if its police officers are trained, and if someone is injured, there are limits on pain-and-suffering, but not on actual damages," such as medical care and work loss time, said the Republican leader.

Here is how area senators voted on final passage:

YES - all 22 Republicans, including Loren Bennett of Canton, Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia.

NO - 13 Democrats.

VanRegenmorter's first bill,

ing a pursuit. On mostly party-line votes, senators rejected his amendments to:

• Let a judge decide as a matter of law whether a pursuit was conducted in accordance with department policy. Peters argued for letting a jury decide it as a matter of fact. "This is a radical departure from our traditions of civil procedure," he said, quoting James Madison and Winston Churchill.

"There are obvious things a judge can decide as a matter of law and others for a jury," replied VanRegenmorter.

■ Remove the \$280,000 cap on non-economic damages. Peters said there is "no supporting evi-

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County plans for next winter snow removal

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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The director of Wayne County's Department of Public Services may purchase 30 new vehicles and add 40 more employees to assist with snow removal efforts next winter.

Cameron Priebe expected to meet this week with an internal committee of county road officials for equipment recommendations, then present them to the Wayne County Commission

for approval.

The move will be accompanied by an orchestrated effort by the roads division to improve communications between county road crews, district yards and supervisors and local communities.

In February and March, county road officials and community leaders met in several snow removal districts to get feedback on how to improve snow removal operations after a Jan. 2 snowstorm and high winds hit the

Detroit area.

County road crews worked to clear areas and many main thoroughfares, but they were hampered by high winds which blew snow back onto plowed roads and later were reassigned to clear freeways. Wayne County also was criticized for its handling of Canton Township roads, which Priebe later said the county "didn't do as well as it should

WAYNE COUNTY

have."

"We're doing a lot of things to improve communications," Priebe said.

Here is what the county's road division has agreed to do:

■ Outgoing phone lines will be added at the yards. During the last snowstorm, supervisors had difficulties calling the trucks, because so many people were calling the yards, tying up the

lines.

"We could not make calls out of the yard, whether it was to have salt delivered or make business decisions," said John Roach, public information manager.

■ More trucks will be equipped with two-way radios to better coordinate snow removal activities. Nearly 30 percent of the vehicles were not radio-equipped, Priebe said.

Part of that upgrade will include cellular phones for area supervisors. "Previously, they

did not have cell phones for the road yards. That communication gap is gone," Roach said.

■ The roads division has updated a telephone contact list of upper and middle management officials for city mayors, township supervisors and police and fire departments. That list will include phone numbers of district and area supervisors and Priebe's home telephone number.

Priebe said he and county road

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Golf tourney to benefit SC foundation

Golfers can enjoy a day at the links and contribute to a Schoolcraft College scholarship fund on Monday, June 7.

That's the day of the 16th Annual Schoolcraft College Foundation Golf Tournament at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton Township.

In addition to the standard 18 holes, golfers can enter a "Putt for Dough" contest and win \$5,000 or drive away in a new car if they make a hole-in-one. They can enjoy use of the complete recreational and exercise facilities and amenities, including day care, at the Summit on the Park Conference Center, adjacent to the golf course.

Golfers can experience the course in the morning, with an 8 a.m. tee-off time, or in the afternoon, with a 1:30 p.m. start. The college will help arrange for morning golfers to play an additional nine holes at a nearby course in the afternoon, if they wish. Most packages include lunch and dinner, a clinic with a golf pro and a cart. Door prizes and a live auction round out the day.

Proceeds from this outing provide scholarships for students, many of whom could not attend college without this help. For information, call the Office of Marketing and Development at (734) 462-4417.

Schoolcraft offers toddler training, special events

Schoolcraft College Continuing Education Services offers the following classes, workshops beginning April 5.

■ **Adventures in Toilet Training** - Part of the Your Toddler series, the class offers insight into the toilet training process and provides helpful hints to make this adventure stress free. The one-day class is 7 p.m. Monday, April 5 for a \$26 fee.

■ **Water Garden Glory** - With the planting season just around the corner, learn practical tips about creating and maintaining water gardens, including facts on plant types, appropriate fish, site selection and types of water gardens. The two-week class begins 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, for a \$43 fee.

■ **Motorcycle Rider Course** - For those with minimal motorcycle driving experience, students will learn the basic riding skills and, upon successful completion, waive the riding skills test required for a cycle endorsement. The weekend course begins at 6 p.m. Friday, April 9, for a \$25 fee.

■ **Systematic Steps to Opening a Child Care Center** - This one-day class presents a step-by-step process for opening a day care center, including strategic planning, complying with state requirements, rules for hiring, and adult/child ratios. The class begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 10, for a \$39 fee.

For information on these or other CES classes, call 734-462-4448.

Other events scheduled at Schoolcraft include:

■ **International Dinner** - Enjoy a five-course meal of food from Italy prepared by second-year culinary students. Serving begins at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, April 8, in the American Harvest Restaurant. The cost is \$25.95 per person. Call (734) 462-4488 for reservations.

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Michael Mazza, owner of the Shark Club sports bar, at 42070 Ford Road in Canton, said he sees more of a change in atmosphere than a change in the level of business.

"There will be more sports fans here claiming to be Michigan State fans and it'll be a Saturday night crowd watching more sports than just hanging out," he said. "Saturday, people will be getting here an hour early and picking

out their seats.

"It's like when the Red Wings were in the Stanley Cup Finals last year. During the regular season, there will be about 10 people coming here just to watch the game but when it's the Stanley Cup, there's about 250 people here watching the game. On the other hand if it's Pittsburgh and Chicago in the final, no one's watching."

Mazza said that no bar could

survive by banking on home teams reaching the championship of any sport.

"You don't need a sporting event to be busy," he added. "Being a sports bar and having 7- and 10-foot big screens, it obviously helps to have a local team in it but if we relied on that, we'd never make it. No bar can rely on sporting events."

Some of the other bars in the area agreed with McMahon's

statement and aren't even trying to do anything extra to draw people in for the games this weekend.

"Actually, we don't get a lot (of business as a result, from the tournament) but we're new," said Dave Daugherty, manager of Boulder's Restaurant, located at 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. "We've got two big screens so we're somewhat of a sports bar but we probably don't do as much (advertising) as we should."

Hockey from page A1

Hockey Association. "I believe that from the start, they will be two of the strongest hockey teams in the state."

Similar program

The proposal presented to the school board was based on a similar program already in place in Northville, which organizers say has been very successful.

Each player would be required to pay \$750 to play, which is about half of what it costs to participate in many travel leagues. Organizers say there will be scholarships for those who can't afford to pay. And Wolcott said programs in Northville and Walled Lake eventually decreased the costs to players because the programs became financially successful.

Total program costs per sea-

son, as outlined in a five-year proposal, ranges from approximately \$25,000 to \$29,000. The biggest expenditure is for ice time, which can run as high as \$200 an hour at local ice rinks.

However, the same proposal shows a small profit each year, with revenues coming from players, gate receipts and fund raisers.

Equal opportunity?

The first year teams will be coed, with organizers planning two girls teams in the 2000-2001 school year.

However, that wasn't good enough for Canton resident Terry Chen.

"How many girls are going to be able to compete with the boys?" Chen asked the board. "I think it would be wrong of the

board to sanction or approve a program that treats female students as second class citizens. I suspect the word coed is in there to make it legal, but it circumvents the spirit of the law."

Chen was referring to Title IX guidelines for equal sports opportunities for women.

"Girls are free to try out, and if they make it, they're on the team," said Ward. "There are no allocations for a certain number of girls on the team."

"I hope we can set the example for a girls program in the near future," said Lash. "We'll study the girls team and break it off if there is enough involvement."

Carol Proodian of Canton has a daughter playing hockey, and she sees no problem with the coed proposal.

"I don't think the team has to be split evenly. I there are only two girls on a team of 20 that's fine," said Proodian. "If a girl is

a strong enough skater, she can keep up with the boys."

Of those at the meeting to hear the proposal, many were hockey players who were hoping to hear better news.

"I'm looking forward to having a high school team," said Brian Proodian, a freshman. "There are lots of opportunities for football and other sports, but if you play hockey there's no way you can get a letter from your school."

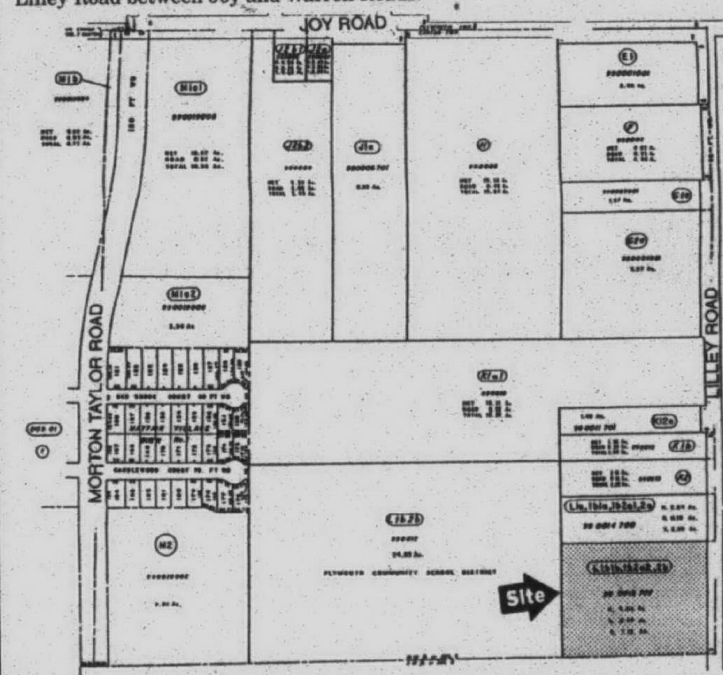
The school board could approve high school hockey at its April 13 meeting. Organizers say they must have approval soon in order to inform the Western Lakes Athletic Association of intentions to play in November, and to begin the fund raising.

The Booster Club is looking for volunteers. Anyone interested in donating time or money can contact Kathy Lash at (734) 453-6518.

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, April 5, 1999 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.

CRYSTAL CREEK ADULT FOSTER CARE SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 12.02B.2 FOR PARCEL NO. 006 99 0015 702. Property is located on the west side of Lilley Road between Joy and Warren Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, April 1, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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State OKs buses

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Despite the age of school buses in the Plymouth-Canton school district, the fleet is in good shape and maintained well.

That's according to Michigan State Police Officer Kevin Hogan of the bus inspection unit, who has spent several weeks inspecting Plymouth-Canton school buses.

"I haven't found any glaring problems," said Hogan. "These buses are old, but they're in pretty good shape. The mechanics in this district maintain the buses real well for what they have to work with."

Hogan had just finished inspecting all but four of the district's 94 buses, red-tagging only six.

"I found a couple of brake problems, a couple of leaf springs," said Hogan. "Only one bus I inspected had to be taken off the roads for brake line leaks, and that's only because they had a hard time finding parts."

"Otherwise, I never left here in the afternoon without a red tag being corrected," added Hogan. "All the problems are fixed before I walk out the door. Some even before I'm finished inspecting the vehicle."

Hogan said most of the problems with the Plymouth-Canton bus fleet are preventable, such as lights not working properly or broken mirrors.

In fact, because of the aging fleet, the biggest problem appears to be rust.

"Most of the dozen or so

older buses are starting to rust," added Hogan. "Some of the floor supports are starting to crack, although it hasn't become a major problem yet."

LuAnn Grech, director of transportation, said her department is putting a lot of money into old buses.

"I think the State Police inspection results speak for the mechanic staff," said Grech. "They're definitely top notch, and have definitely been challenged. If there's a challenge to face, this is the staff you want to have."

Grech, who will be leaving the district to become director of transportation for Huron Valley schools, knows there will be a challenge come next school year.

"The older the fleet will cost a lot of money to keep them going," said Grech. "I don't see many of these buses going another school year."

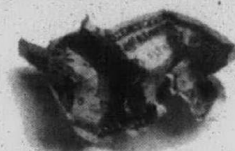
Since Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva has decided not to pursue his court battle against the March 1997 high school bond election, Superintendent Chuck Little said the district will begin the process of looking for new buses.

That bond issue had \$3 million earmarked for purchasing 50 new buses. However, because of increased costs, the purchasing power of the money has decreased.

Grech said the average bus costs the district \$65,000.

"After purchasing buses, we need to look at replacing 15 buses a year over a five year period," said Grech. "I would recommend replacing three buses a year from the general fund, and 12 from future bond issues. We definitely need a replacement plan."

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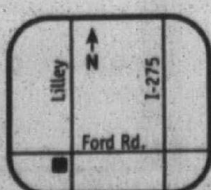
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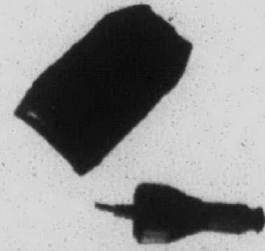
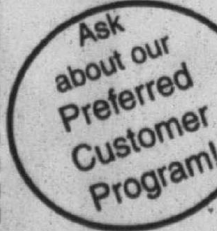
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3. Reservations are requested for both events.

"An airplane will come through and drop eggs on the driving range," said Maggie Sennett of Fox Hills.

The airplane will drop either plastic colored eggs with treats inside or marshmallows, which can be traded in for treats, said Sennett.

"It's a lot of fun. The kids are so cute and they do crafts with the kids," she said.

The cost is \$10.95 per person for breakfast and \$11.95 for lunch. Children under 2 are admitted free. For reservations, call Sennett at (734) 453-7272.

Fox Hills is located at 8768 N. Territorial, west of Godfredson in Salem Township.

This is the third year Fox Hills has held the event, which has grown in popularity. The lunch was added this year to accommodate all the youngsters. About 125 children attend each event.

Vorva from page A1

Vorva's lawsuit claimed that with 716 spoiled ballots on new touchscreen voting machines in the bond election, voters were "denied their fundamental right to vote." The bond proposal passed by only 96 votes.

"I may be wrong in dropping the lawsuit because I think this was the test case that could have changed the way things are done," said Vorva. "I believe the Supreme Court would say there is a fundamental voting issue, problems with the way the elections are held, and they would correct it."

"But it would cost me a lot of money to do it," added Vorva. "I still have the fire in my belly to fight it, but I can't ask my family to contribute the type of money it would take to fight it ... even though they've told me to do it."

Vorva said he's spent about \$15,000 to carry his case through the Michigan Supreme Court. He's also received about \$3,000 in support from donations, as well as about \$15,000 in pro bono work from Boak.

"It could cost me another \$15,000 to \$35,000 to continue," added Vorva. "But, the case could be reopened if another group of citizens wants to pursue it. I might assist them with information if they do."

"I think this lawsuit has shown the school district doesn't care about kids, or your right to vote," said Vorva. "They only care about the money."

Boak said he was hoping to present the case to the U.S. Supreme Court, but understands Vorva's point-of-view.

"I'm disappointed we didn't have a true resolution in this case," said Boak. "I'm also disappointed that elected officials (the school board), who had the power to do something about it,

'I still have the fire in my belly to fight it, but I can't ask my family to contribute the type of money it would take to fight it ... even though they've told me to do it.'

*Jerry Vorva
plaintiff*

never stood up to be counted."

Boak does feel the fight did produce some changes in the way the school district now conducts elections.

"There is currently more awareness concerning voter education on the district's part, as well as changes in software to conduct the elections," said Boak. "It's still an abominable system, but it's what we have."

Little said the district "spent nearly \$50,000 to fight this battle ... money that could have been spent elsewhere."

"The most notable short term effect of the lawsuit has been on our transportation system. Our buses are just wearing out," said Little. "The most important effect ... we still have a crowded high school, with conditions to exist for another three years."

While this lawsuit is history, it doesn't mean Vorva is through with the fight.

"I'm going to ask legislators to do something about this," said Vorva. "I'll seek legislation that changes the way school districts hold elections. Maybe we'll take elections away from the districts and turn them over to the local clerks."

"If I have to, I'll write the legislation myself."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept bids until 10:00 a.m., April 12, 1999, at the Office of the Clerk, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan for the following:

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TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

Hilltop from page A1

much.

"Even the less skilled golfers want to stretch it out and have a big challenge," she said. "The length of just over 6,000 yards (at Hilltop) is rather short. They're building (newer courses) at 68,000 69,000 and 70,000 yards now and obviously you've got the different tees for the different levels of golfer. We don't have a lot of tee space out there right now."

This year's rates for an 18-hole round of golf increased \$1. Rates will be \$27 on weekdays and \$29 on weekends. A cart will cost an additional \$25.

According to Peak, the township received \$300,000 in rent from American Golf last year and will receive \$325,000 in 1999. That amount was originally \$250,000 in 1996 and has gone up \$25,000 each year during the contract. The agreement between the township and American Golf stipulates a percentage amount to be given to the township based on revenue generated by the course or the flat rate per year, whichever is higher.

"There's a percentage opportunity (for the township in the contract), but we really haven't



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Tee time: Golf rates will increase \$1 for an 18-hole round. The fee is \$27 weekdays and \$29 weekends.

been in the percentages yet," said Peak. "The minimums have exceeded the percentage through the first three years. The township has a good deal."

Some changes to the course since American Golf took over in 1996 were the installation of

a new irrigation system and renovations to the cart path throughout.

"I think you're going to see some big improvements in terms of landscaping," said Peak. "We've added some beautiful flower beds around the

clubhouse. We believe that first impressions are very important so we put a lot of attention on the flowers and the color."

"We also think the definition of the fairways and roughs is much better. I remember when we took it over and it was just kind of this sea of green."

Peak thought that, other than the redesign of some of the holes, most of the major improvements that can be done by her company, are done.

"The capital improvements that interrupt the course of play, like the cart path and the irrigation system, have been taken care of," said Peak. "We're looking forward to having the major things done and being pretty much a maintenance property in 1999. We just want to concentrate on keeping the course in great shape, and keeping service levels up."

"Now, I think that more people are aware that Hilltop is there," added Peak. "It's a good value and you can go there and be treated with respect."

"It's no mystery, that's the secret to success."

Crash from page A1

People come racing along that street."

"I'm surprised there haven't been more accidents out there," said Diane Schipul of Plymouth Rubber and Transmission, located in the same complex. "The corner (where General Drive splits near Plaza Lanes) is a real concern too. People don't even bother stopping for that yield sign. They should make that a stop sign."

The accident occurred just past the intersection after the road straightened out.

David Donoghue of Parhelion

Inc. in the industrial park said that traffic speeds are usually higher than the posted 25 mph on General Drive.

"You get those big trucks going 35 or 40 mph along there all day," he said. "It's very dangerous."

Police have noticed high speeds in industrial parks and have had their own concerns about traffic safety.

"There's a lot of businesses and it's congested," said Sgt. Jim Jarvis of the Plymouth Township Police Department. "There are a lot of semi-trucks in there, which

are extremely heavy so you should be careful."

Jarvis said that police don't target industrial parks for speeders unless concerns are raised by people in the area.

"We do target them but it's kind of hard to blend in a patrol car on a straight-away," he said. "We usually wait for complaints before we target a certain area."

That (industrial park) has been pretty good. We haven't had a lot of complaints lately."

Representatives from Absopure and Federal Pipe and Steel would not comment on the accident.

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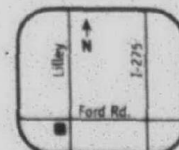
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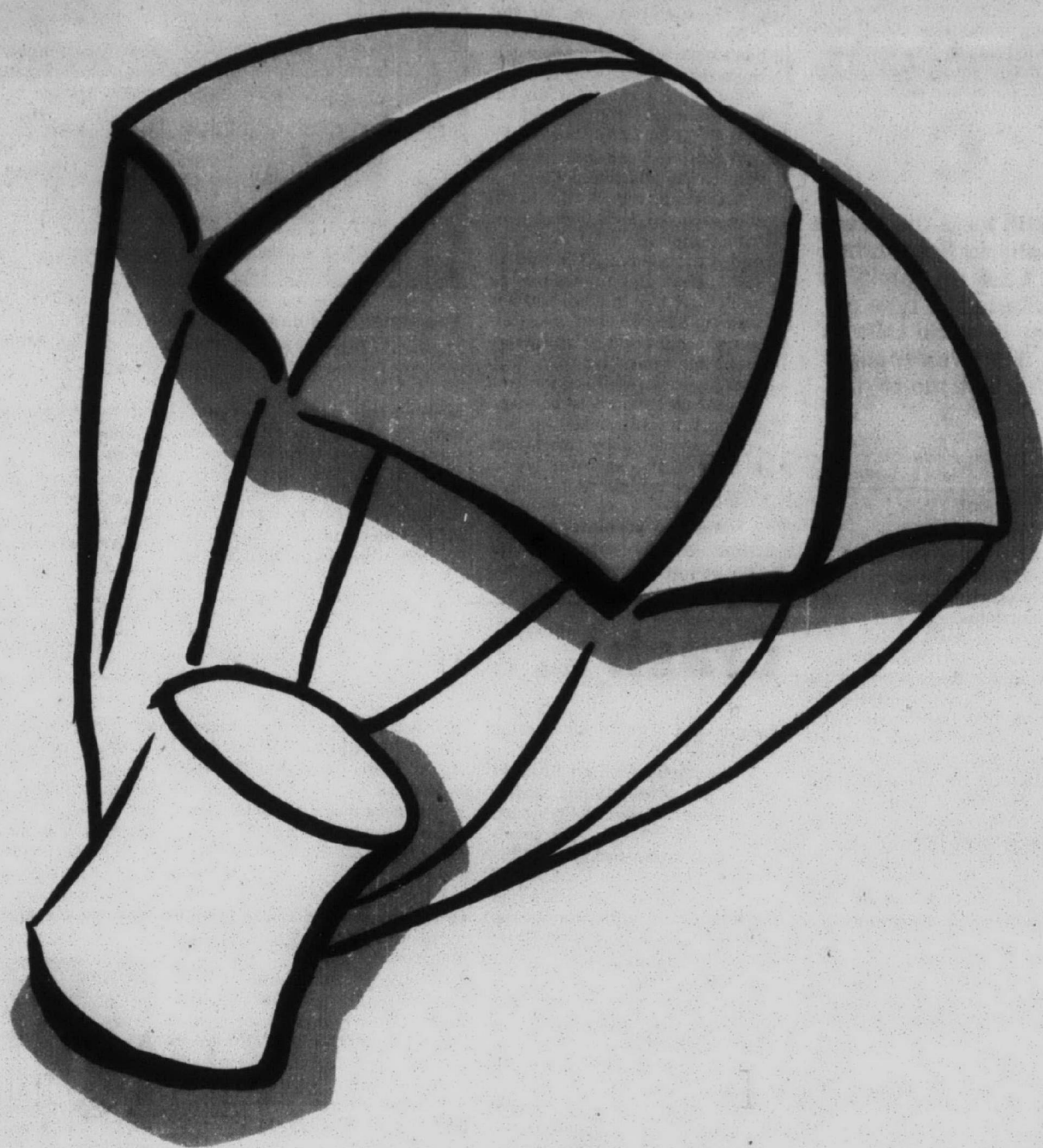
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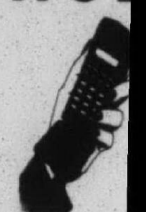
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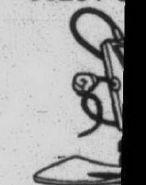
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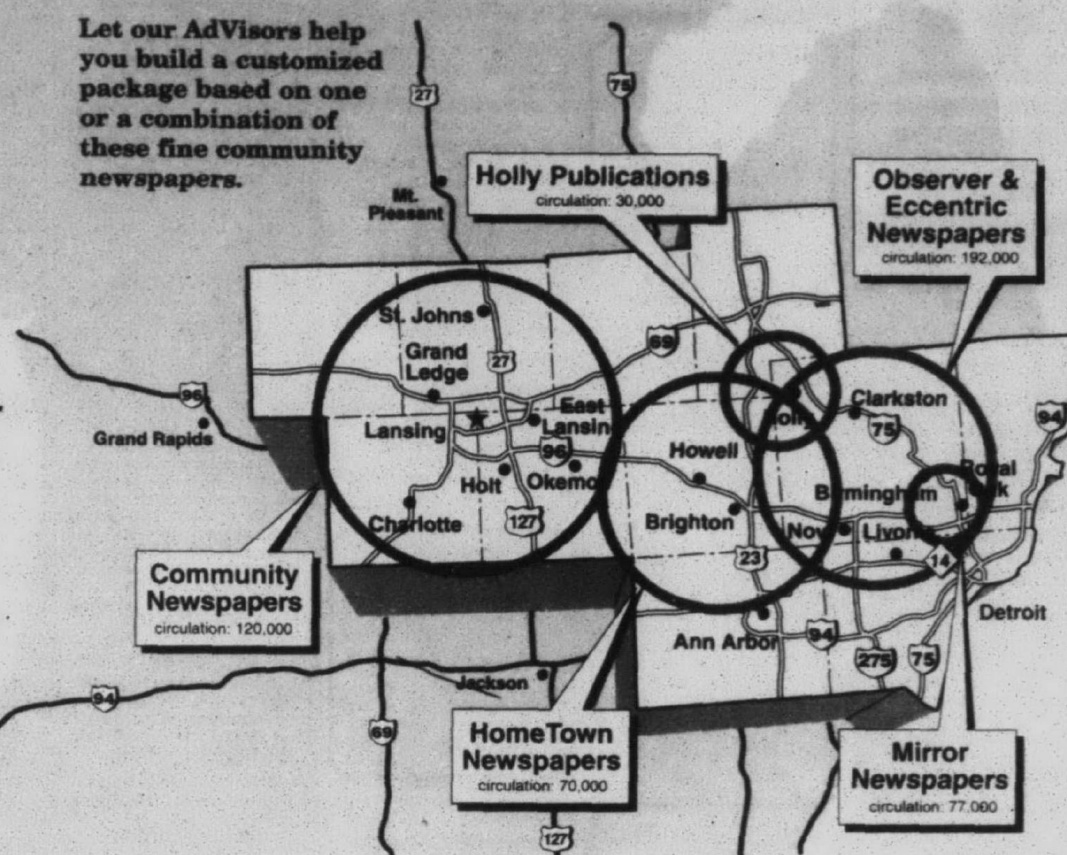
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Boost in state aid House bill gives Schoolcraft more money

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Schoolcraft Community College may receive a 3.24 percent increase in state funds for the 2000-01 budget after the state House of Representatives approved legislation for the community college's appropriation on March 18.

The bill, now headed to the Senate for consideration, will increase overall community college funding by \$10.9 million.

State Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, a member of the House Appropriations Committee and former vice president of the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees, said community col-

leges, especially Schoolcraft, can offer affordable quality education programs "right in our backyard."

"The increase will allow these quality programs to respond to the growing number of students attending community colleges. After all, the more they know, the further they'll go."

Schoolcraft also will receive \$148,320 for at-risk student success programs. The programs aid students who are placed in one or more developmental courses, as a result of standardized testing, diagnosed as learning disabled or require English as a second language assistance.

Wayne County Community College will receive a 1.25 per-

cent increase in state funding. If the community colleges keep tuition increases under the rate of inflation, they would be eligible for an additional 1.5 percent increase.

State Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, was pleased with the state funding increases.

"Community colleges play a vital role in training employees for today's workforce, providing new skills to displaced workers and working with area companies to retrain workers as technology on the job changes."

The tuition restraint incentive program is a new feature in this year's budget, according to Rep. Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne.

"If community colleges keep

their tuition increases in check, they will receive a financial reward in the form of more state funding."

Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell expected to discuss the figures with the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees last night. If the Senate were to approve the same House package, Schoolcraft's state appropriation will increase from \$10.9 million to \$11.3 million.

Schoolcraft's 3.24 percent increase is better than the state average of 2.5 percent. "We think that's pretty good," McDowell said. "Anytime the state funds are above the average, it's to our benefit."

Senate OKs health insurance package

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Health insurers would be required to cover treatment of diabetes under a package of four bills passed by the state Senate and sent to the House.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce, however, is "strongly opposed" to a government mandate of benefits.

"Health benefits should be negotiated between employers and employees, based upon the needs of the workforce and the economic condition of the employer," said Nancy McKague, the chamber's lobbyist.

The chamber asked the Senate instead to remove health care costs from the single business

tax base. SBT is a value-added tax on business and basically covers payroll and purchases.

The Senate passed the package by 36-0 votes with one Detroit Democrat absent.

"The argument that it's a mandate is without merit," said Senate majority leader Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron.

"I'm tired of hearing 'mandated benefits,'" said the sponsor, Sen. John J.H. Schwarz, R-Battle Creek. "Diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S. and third in some minority groups."

"Diabetes affects 391,000 people in Michigan — 4 percent of the population. There are at least three diabetics in this room, and I'm only counting one

side (Republican)."

"These bills make certain, if one has medical coverage, that diabetes equipment is paid for. It covers training. Individuals can get, for \$80, a glucose monitor."

"These bills are not rocket science."

"There was not one bit of eye contact made by opponents of these bills to members of the (Senate Health Policy) committee. I believe they were ashamed," said Schwarz, the Senate's only physician member.

Sen. John Cherry, D-Clio, brought the issue to a personal level. "One of our former colleagues, Sen. Jerry Hart (D-Saginaw), was a diabetic and suffered many of the consequences

that were previously talked about."

"I know that one of the reasons that Senator Hart stayed on in this body for some time was, in fact, the cost of treatment for this disease," said Cherry. "Ultimately he passed away from complications from this disease, so as we do this I know, at least for me, it's a vote for Jerry Hart."

The package has four bills:
■ SB 260-252, covering health maintenance organizations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and other insurers.

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McCotter will be available to meet with constituents to answer public policy questions and assist in handling problems. McCotter is seeking public input and encourages all residents to attend.

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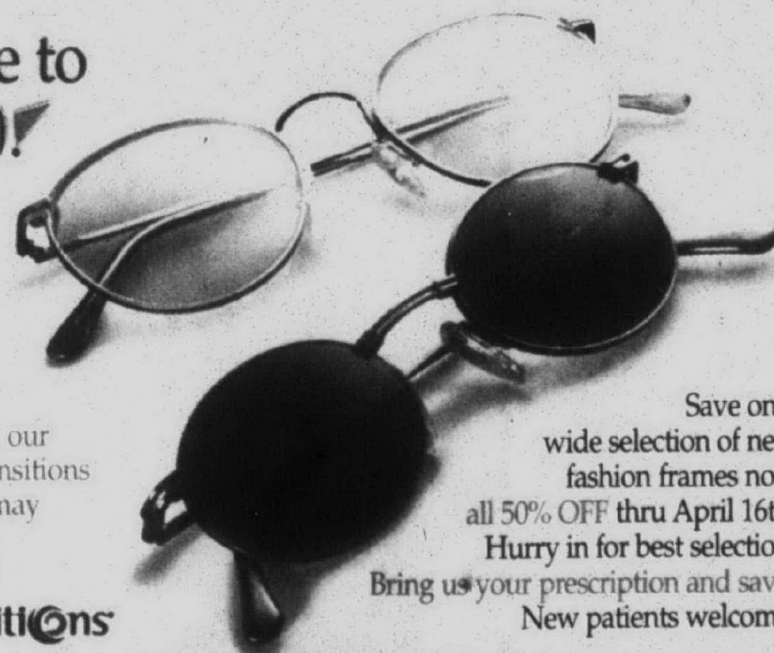
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The second-annual "A Joint Parade" — a walk to help the Arthritis Foundation prevent, control and cure arthritis — will be held Saturday, April 17, in Ann Arbor, Royal Oak and Rochester.

The walks begin at 9 a.m. at Burn's Park School, 1414 Wells Street, Rochester Community Schools Administrative Center, 501 West University in Rochester and the Boys & Girls Club of South Oakland County, 1545 E. Lincoln in Royal Oak. Participants must check in beginning at 8 a.m.

The 2-, 5- or 7-mile walks require no special skills and walkers don't compete for times. The only goals are to cross the finish line, have a good time, and raise money for the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter.

Individual walkers or teams can register for "A Joint Parade" or get more information by calling toll free (800) 968-3030.

Walkers will receive prizes based on the amount of money they collect in pledges. The grand prize is four nights in Las Vegas, including airfare, hotel, and transfers for two.

An estimated 43 million Americans 1.5 million of them in Michigan, have arthritis. Arthritis refers to more than 100 different diseases, which affect areas around joints but also can affect other parts of the body. It causes pain and loss of movement, and is the leading cause of disability in the United States.

The Arthritis Foundation, Michigan chapter, spend about 85 percent of its revenue on research and quality of life programs.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Rouge Rescue: The Holliday Nature Preserve Association participated in last year's river cleanup. Organizers are once again recruiting volunteers for the metro areawide effort to improve the watershed.

Nature preserve offers chance to get involved

The Holliday Nature Preserve Association offers participants a spring calendar of events ranging from nature hikes to river cleanup.

Scheduled activities include:

■ **Spring Fever Hike** — Get rid of those winter blues by getting out and looking at the world at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 10. Meet at the Koppernick Entrance to the Preserve. Koppernick Road is located off of Hix Road north of Warren, turn to the west, and follow Koppernick just barely past the second bend in the road. For information call (734) 522-8547. The event is free.

■ **General meeting in the Jenkins Room** at the Livonia Civic Center Library, located at Five Mile and Farmington, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 8. Please note the change in the usual day. All welcome. For more information call (734) 522-8547.

■ **Earth Day Cleanup** — Volunteers are asked to meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 24, to spruce up the preserve. Meet at the Hix Park Entrance to the Preserve, located just north of Warren on the west side of Hix. Hot dog lunch will be served afterwards. The event is free. For more information, call (734) 522-8547.

■ **Rouge Rescue meeting** at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, in the Livonia Civic Center Library, located at Five Mile and Farmington roads. All are welcome. For information, call (734) 522-8547.

■ **Mother's Day Hike** — Mom, let the kids cook today, and come enjoy this annual stroll through the woods at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 9. Held in conjunction with the Sierra Club, this tour will highlight the gorgeous spring flowers found here in Michigan. Non-moms are welcome. Meet at the Service Merchandise Parking lot at Cowan Road behind Westland Mall. The event is free. For information call (734) 522-8547.

■ **Pre-Rouge Rescue Tour** — Come join association members at noon Sunday, May 23, as they explain the River Day expansion of the annual Rouge Rescue. Learn where the Holliday Nature Preserve Association will be cleaning up, and where it will be progressing beyond cleanup to improving the environment. Meet at the Service Merchandise Parking lot at Cowan Road behind Westland Mall. Event is free. For information call (734) 522-8547.

■ **Rouge Rescue** — Come join us for River Day beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 5. This includes the annual Rouge Rescue cleanup, hikes, and activities designed to improve the health of the complete Rouge River Watershed ecosystem. Meet at the Service Merchandise Parking lot at Cowan Road behind Westland Mall. For information call (734) 522-8547.

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Children can turn in the marshmallows for prize-filled eggs at the drop at 11 a.m. at Nankin Mills in Westland. Children will collect the marshmallows in different age groups.

If the weather does not cooperate, the event will be rescheduled for Saturday, April 3.

"This is an exciting event for children of all ages," said Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara. "What a great way to start out the spring with a wonderful outdoor activity."

The Great Marshmallow Drop is co-sponsored by WNIC-FM and is the first of a record number of warm weather events planned by Wayne County Parks for 1999.

Nankin Mills is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. For additional information on this or any other Wayne County parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

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Prom fashions: The Plymouth Canton Educational Park held its 12th Annual Prom Fashion Show last Thursday in the Canton Cafeteria. Students presented the latest offerings in tuxedo and prom gown fashions. Modeling tux offerings this spring are Joe Wagner; from left, Dave Koontz, Terrence McDaniel, Brian Williams, Ken Szydlowski, Pat Holland, Antwan Webb, Eric Peterson and Matt Compton.

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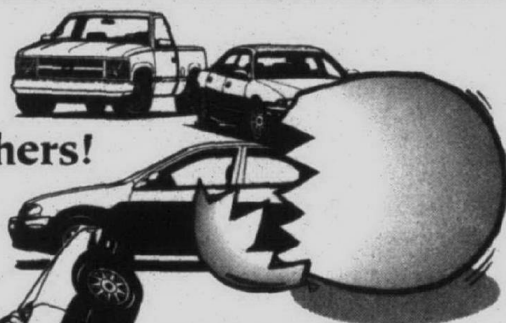
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Airport money

Sixteen public-use airports will get grants and loans totaling \$25 million, the Michigan Aeronautics Commission announced.

The lion's share, \$17.8 million, will go to Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport for support of a major multi-year improvement program.

Willow Run Airport, also a Wayne County operation, will get \$4 million for a fuel storage area, water main, stormwater system, runway resurfacing, new firefighting equipment storage building, and entrance signing.

Other funds will go to:

■ **Southeast Michigan Council of Governments** — \$55,556 for planning to determine the region's aircraft capacity needs.

Funds are a combination of federal and state grant and loans. Revenue sources are taxes on aviation fuel, passengers and aircraft registration fees.

Corporate board

April 5 is startup date for the new board of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., which will take over the functions of the old Jobs Commission under

Gov. John Engler's executive order.

"A wonderful cross-section of business leaders, local communities and educators," Engler said of his 15 appointments. Among area people are:

■ **David Brandon**, Plymouth Township, retired from Valassis Communications, now with Domino's Pizza and an elected regent of the University of Michigan.

■ **James Garravaglia**, Comerica, Detroit.

■ **DeWitt Henry**, Wayne County economic development.

■ **Paul Hillemonds**, Plymouth Township, former House speaker, president of Detroit Renaissance.

■ **Irvin Reid**, president of Wayne State University.

Dems praise

For once, House Democrats are praising Engler. The governor rescinded his executive order transferring the Transportation Economic Development Fund money to the Jobs Commission.

Engler transferred the funds back to the state Department of Transportation. "We have eliminated local governments' concerns that Transportation Eco-

nomics Development Funds would be diminished," said Doug Rothwell, CEO of the Jobs Commission.

The fund was created about 10 years ago to aid counties — particularly Oakland and Macomb — that had great road needs because of job growth.

Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, and two outstate Democrats had called on Engler to rescind the original order, saying it would harm local road efforts.

They welcomed Engler's change of mind. "Every last dime of this money belongs to Michigan's counties. It should not have been targeted for the Strategic Fund," Kelly said.

Juvenile board

Engler appointed 21 people to the Committee on Juvenile Justice, which reviews state plans for federally required juvenile justice and delinquency prevention.

Among area people are:

Y. Gladys Barsamian, Plymouth, retired Wayne County probate judge, representing the general public, and serving as committee chair.

Compiled from executive and legislative news releases by Tim Richard.

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officials will meet with community leaders twice a year — once before the snow season and once after — to discuss the snow removal operations.

Hospitals and fire stations will be higher priorities on the snow removal list, Priebe said.

Priebe hoped the new efforts would present a "kindlier, gentler" Wayne County. "We're reaching out and listening,"

Priebe said.

"There's money available to enhance the fleet and 40 additional people in the roads division, but we have to put these people to work 12 months a year," Priebe believes those employees could work in the summer on the maintenance of drains on gravel roads in Wayne County townships.

Canton Township Supervisor

Tom Yack said Canton officials did not meet with county road representatives at those meetings, but "that was our choice," Yack said.

"I told them, 'you guys know what went wrong, and you fixed it,'" Yack said.

Yack said he noticed an improvement in snow removal operations in subsequent snowfalls.

Learning center holds summer signup

The Learning Center at Madonna University in Livonia is accepting applications for summer term which begins in June. Enrollment is limited. Early application will allow sufficient time for an assessment of each student before classes begin.

The tutorial sessions are designed for students from the first through 12th grades who are experiencing difficulty in reading and related skills. Parents/guardians may choose one

session in Block I: 9-10:30 a.m. June 21-July 16; Block II: 9-10:15 a.m. or 10:30-11:45 a.m. June 21-July 2; Block III: 8:30-10:15 or 10:30-12:15 July 6-16; Block IV: 8:30-10:30 or 10:15-11:45 a.m. July 19-30. Individual or group (two students) is available.

Prior to admission, each student will be assessed and a remedial plan will be designed. Instruction is designed to enable the student to be a more successful and independent reader and

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OBITUARIES

GLADYS A. THOMSON

Private services for Gladys A. Thomson, 76, of Canton Township will be held at a later date. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born May 21, 1922, in Bishop Auckland, England. She died March 17 in Farmington Hills. She was a homemaker. She came to the Canton community 10 years ago from Northville. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Wyandotte. She enjoyed traveling. She loved being with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, in 1986. Survivors include her daughter, Janet (John) Correll of Canton; one grandson, William T. Correll of Canton; one granddaughter, Lesley Correll of Canton; one sister, Jean (Chris) Wallington of England; and one brother, Herbert Duffy of England.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the Michigan Humane Society.

ALBERT E. WHITE

Services for Albert E. White,

63, of Plymouth were March 23 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with burial at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

He was born July 22, 1935, in Vina, Ala. He died March 20 in Superior Township. He was a job setter at Hydromatic in Ypsilanti. He retired after 30 years of service. He came to the Plymouth community in 1950 from Alabama. He loved to play golf, fish, hunt, and play cards.

Survivors include his former wife, Donna White; four daughters, Marcia (Christopher) Drake of Canton, Phyllis Maycook of Plymouth, Cheryl Lynn Collins of Nashville, Tenn., Nancy Pollack of Inkster; 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

MARK ALBERT HERWIG

Services for Mark Albert Herwig, 25, of Canton were March 10 at the Uht Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 13, 1973, in Westland. He died March 7. He was a carpenter.

Survivors include his wife, Michelle Ann; two sons, James and Joseph; one daughter, Kasandra; father, Charles (Beverly

Kay) Herwig; mother, Brenda Mildred Jamsjager; and two sisters, Karen and Melissa.

Memorials may be made to the family.

CARL W. GARRETT

Services for Carl W. Garrett, 84, of Plymouth were March 22 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Northville, with the Rev. Neil Ellison officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born June 22, 1914, in Pope County, Ill. He died March 19 in Farmington Hills. He was a tool and die maker. He was self employed. He came to the Plymouth community five years ago from Dearborn Heights. He attended Henry Ford Trade School.

Survivors include his wife, Louise R. Garrett of Plymouth; two daughters, Lori (Michael) Gaiffe of Livonia, Carol (John) Dolan of Northville; three brothers, Harold (Joan) Garrett of Auburn, Calif., Milleg (Mary Ann) Garrett of Dearborn, Clarence (Helen) Garrett of Tallahassee, Fla.; and two sisters,

Jewell Dean of Dearborn, and Beatrice Garrett of Dearborn.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

LOUISE F. CARSON

Services for Louise F. Carson, 72, of Canton were March 22 in St. John Neumann Church. Local arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

She was born April 29, 1926, in Detroit. She died March 19 in Beaumont Hospital. She was a bank manager.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph; two daughters, Kathleen (Glenn) Schwartz, Carolyn (Eddie) Sarafian; one son, Joseph (Linda); one sister, Charlotte Keenan; and eight grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

BERYL SMITH

Services for Beryl Smith, 86, of Ann Arbor will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 27, in Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 423 S. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor with the Rev. Gary Smith officiating. Local arrangements were made by Muehlberg Funeral Chapel.

He was born May 25, 1912, in Plymouth. He died March 20 in

St. Joseph Hospital. He was a World War II Navy veteran. He was a member of the VFW. He was a partner with his brother Clyde in Smith Motor Sales and Hudson Dealership in Plymouth. He retired from A & L Parts in Ann Arbor. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed many sports.

Survivors include his wife, LeMay; one daughter, Donita (James) Ehnis; three grandchildren, Kyle, Scott, Laura; one sister-in-law, Fern (Jack) Patrick of Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

ROBERT C. HOCK

Services for Robert C. Hock, 74, of Plymouth were March 19 in Casterline Funeral Home, Northville, with the Rev. Douglas Vernon of First United Methodist Church, Northville officiating. Burial was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

He was born Jan. 2, 1925, in Detroit. He died March 15 in the Veterans Hospital, Ann Arbor. He was self employed with a maintenance company. He was a member of the VFW Post 4012, Northville, and the American Legion 147, Northville.

Survivors include his daughter,

Sherry Angott of Brooklyn, Mich.; two brothers, Jim Hock and George Hock; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

BARBARA JEAN CHRISTOPHER

Services for Barbara Jean Christopher, 59, of Plymouth were March 23 at Our Lady Of Good Counsel Catholic Church, with the Rev. J.J. Mech officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born Jan. 22, 1940, in Detroit. She died March 19 in Plymouth. She was an executive secretary. She retired in 1992 from Massey-Ferguson after 23 years of service. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Earl Burdo. Survivors include her husband, Walter E. Christopher of Plymouth; mother, Mary Moses of Detroit; and two sisters, Sandra Watson of Jensen Beach, Fla., and Sherry Lebar of Trenton.

Memorials may be made as Mass offerings.

BUSINESS NOTES

Business Notes

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Marc Vanderburg has joined the Genesys Group as director of sales and marketing.

Vanderburg will oversee Genesys' sales team and is

responsible for the development and administration of all of the marketing operations. Additionally, he will be instrumental in the recruitment of new clients.

Vanderburg was a regional manager for Apartment Search, responsible for the operations and marketing for the Detroit region. He has also been a district manager for Lexford, a property management company based in Columbus, Ohio. Vanderburg has a bachelor of busi-

ness administration degree in marketing from Eastern Michigan University. He lives in Plymouth.

Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, Metroparks, appointed Denise H. Mogos as its new public relations/information officer.

Mogos is a Plymouth Township resident. She brings more than 17 years of communications and public relations experience to HCMA.

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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 Tuesday, March 16, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: Burdick, McLaughlin
Staff Presents: Minghine, Santomaro, Abbott, Cacciola, Egerton, Kocinski, Thompson

ITEM 1 MIS RESOURCING

Director Minghine gave a history of Canton's Management Information Services (MIS). Recent network problems had caused the department to look at how business was run and how services were being provided.

Support and Service Levels

Director Minghine reviewed the Service Level Agreement, Response Commitments and Non Maintenance Support components created by MIS to better service the Township. Regarding Network Support, Mr. Minghine said that the network had grown from a single server to eight interconnected servers.

MIS will begin conducting an annual evaluation of printer usage versus printer capacity to justify existing and future printers. Removing printers from the system saves the overhead of maintenance and associated supplies cost.

Software

Director Minghine said that historically MIS had been a development shop. He noted that "canned" application software was purchased only for those situations where time and resources were not available to custom develop the application. Director Minghine said that given proper resourcing, MIS could be competitive with "canned" applications.

MIS has determined that switching from FoxPro to Microsoft's Visual Basic would be the best language to suit our programming needs. Consultants have been warning of the limitations of FoxPro. Two programmers have been sent for training in Visual Basic and object oriented design. Test projects have been successful confirming Visual Basic as the best language for Canton's database.

Staffing

Director Minghine said that to be successful in developing applications, MIS would require three programmers devoted to programming, one dedicated individual devoted to network support, a Help Desk/Trainer, and a full time PC Technician. Programmers could dedicate 70 to 80 percent of their time to actual programming. Response time would improve. More critically, the network would become more reliable.

Discussions and Questions

Discussion occurred regarding the possibilities of a charge back system, especially to non General Funds. It was noted that enterprising funds such as the Golf Course Fund should cover the cost of their MIS service. Fire and police funds would also need to cover their application development and network maintenance cost.

In response to a question by Supervisor Yack, Director Minghine said MIS would soon require all clerical staff to be trained in certain core applications such as WordPerfect, thereby reducing the number of help desk calls.

Director Minghine explained a list of hardware, needed for emergency fixes and improvement to the network infrastructure, had already been purchased from the 1999 MIS Budget. Director Minghine said that MIS would request the Board of Trustees to restore the 1999 MIS Budget for those purchases.

Discussion occurred regarding securing the room where the network server is stored. Supervisor Yack said that he would like to see the room secure from rain and limit the access into the room.

Director Minghine said that he would like to implement the staffing as soon as possible. The justification being the immediacy of stabilizing the network.

The Board of Trustees acknowledged that proper resourcing for MIS was a logical request in keeping pace with the changes in the information industry and with the service level users expect from the division.

Supervisor Yack recognized Boy Scout Troop #1539, sponsored by Fiegel Elementary School, for attending the night's meeting as part of a requirement in earning a community citizenship and community merit badge.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. All ayes present.

The above is a synopsis of discussions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on March 16, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on March 23, 1999.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor
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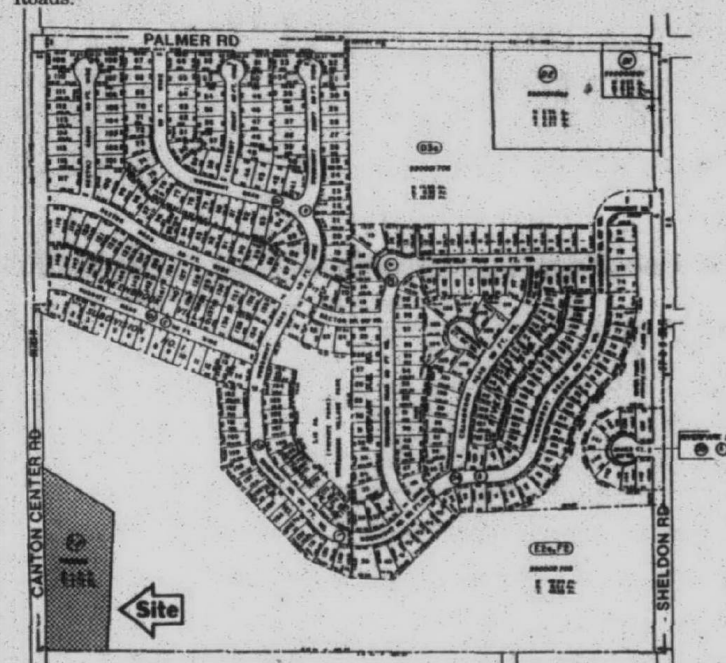
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 19, 1999, 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:

GREENBROOK VILLAGE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT-AMENDMENT #2 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT, DATED JANUARY 8, 1974, TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUMMIT CREEK APARTMENTS, PHASE 2 (FORMERLY HIDDEN WOODS OF CANTON APARTMENTS), 42 UNITS ON 5.1126 ACRES AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO. 106 99 0005 000. Property is located on the east side of Canton Center Road between Palmer and Geddes Roads.



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

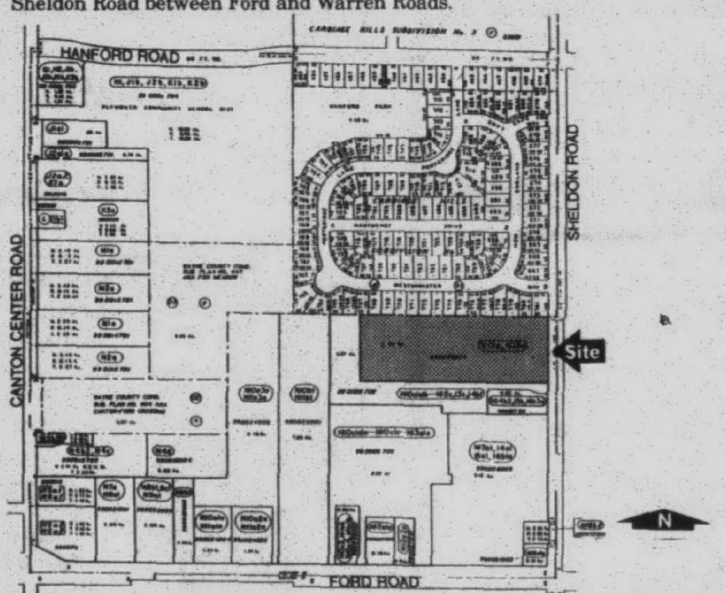
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CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, April 5, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 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.

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 20.02B.9 FOR PARCEL NO. 039 99 0033 001. Property is located on the west side of Sheldon Road between Ford and Warren Roads.



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
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ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT (99-1)

(a) Consider request from Ryan Fiorenzi, 47912 Stonecrest Ct., Plymouth, Michigan 48170 to amend:

Article 15, C-1, Village Shopping District, Section 15.02A, Permitted Uses and Structures - Principal Uses and Structures, by amending subparagraph 9 to read as follows: **Personal Fitness Centers, Martial Arts Studios, Dance Schools, Music and Voice Schools, and Art Studios**, and renumbering existing subparagraphs 9 and 10 to 10 and 11, respectively.

Article 16, C-2, Community Commercial District, Section 16.02A, Permitted Uses and Structures - Principal Uses and Structures, by amending subparagraph 10 to read as follows: **Personal Fitness Centers, Martial Arts Studios, Dance Schools, Music and Voice Schools, and Art Studios**.

(b) Consider Township-Initiated amendments to:

Article 1, Rules of Construction and Definitions
Section 1.03, Definitions, to amend the definition of "Kennel".

Article 6, Site Development Standards Applicable to Specific Uses:
Section 6.02, Site Development Standards for Non-Residential Uses, by amending subparagraph K, regulations for private and commercial kennels.

Section 6.03, Site Development Standards for Residential Uses, by amending subsection D.4, Cluster Development Criteria, Lot Coverage and Building Separation-Lot Area and Setbacks, regulations for lot width and setbacks.

Section 6.04, Site Development Standards for Mixed Uses, by amending subsection A.2, Landscaping and Screening, regulations for landscaping adjacent to a freeway in mid-rise and high-rise developments.

The proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment (99-1) is available for public inspection in the Canton Township Planning Services Division, 1150 South Canton Center Road, during regular business hours.

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

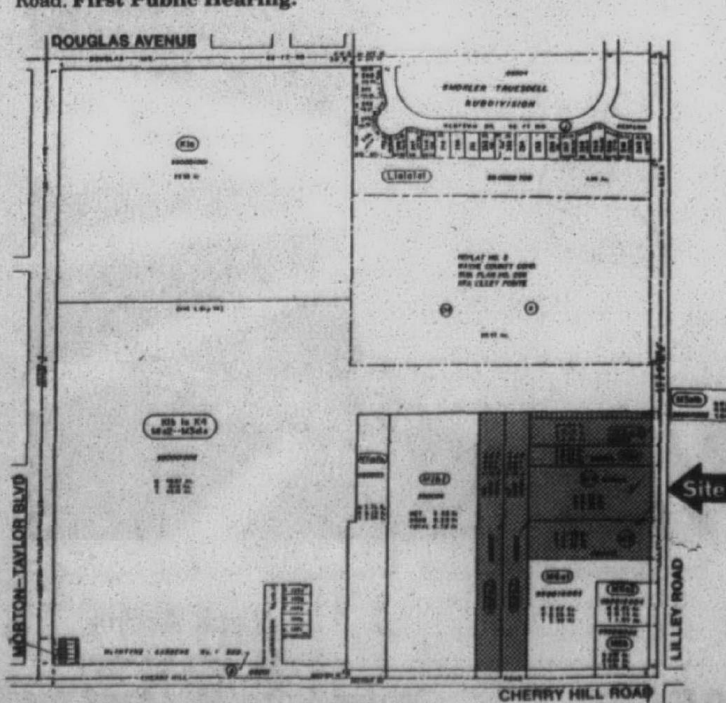
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WALTONWOOD AT CHERRY HILL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - PRELIMINARY PLAN - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 055 99 0008 000, 055 99 0010 000, 055 99 0011 002, 055 99 0012 000, 055 99 0013 000, 055 99 0014 000, AND 055 99 0015 000. Property is located north of Cherry Hill Road and west of Lilley Road. **First Public Hearing.**



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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BY TIM RICH
STAFF WRITER

Suppose you were asked: How would you feel about the death penalty?

"I admire the death penalty," said Barry K. Oldson, 22 years ago.

"I kept my years. I don't kill," said Sen. Judith A. Peters, 44, who studied the death penalty in Montana 25 years ago.

"Not in my tax dollars," said a girl's name, Jaeger, former student whose Susie was killed during a fight in Montana 25 years ago.

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Officials, residents speak out on death penalty

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Suppose your child was murdered. How would you feel about the death penalty for the killer?

"I admire people who can forgive, but I'm not one of them," said Barry King, whose 11-year-old son Tim was one of the Oakland County child killer's victims 22 years ago.

"I kept my mouth shut for 20 years. I don't know who he (the killer) is, but he'd better not walk in my lights," King told the Senate Judiciary Committee as it studied re-instituting the death penalty in Michigan after 152 years.

"Not in my name. Not with my tax dollars. And not in my little girl's name," replied Marietta Jaeger, former Farmington resident whose 7-year-old daughter Susie was kidnapped and killed during a family camping trip to Montana 25 years ago.

Jaeger, now of Detroit, didn't change her view when she found it was "a very, very sick young man who took many children's lives."

They were among the most affected witnesses during a two-hour public hearing Tuesday in Pontiac.

"We'll make no decision before fall," promised the panel chair, Sen. William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison. Both the Senate and House must muster two-thirds

majorities to put the proposal on the ballot for voters in November 2000.

"No law shall be enacted providing for the penalty of death," says Art. IV Sec. 46 of the state constitution. Michigan was the first English-speaking jurisdiction in the world to ban the death penalty.

Various proposals would add the phrase "... except for first-degree murder," and under conditions written into statute, including appeals, said Sen. Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford, sponsor of one pro-death resolution.

Other relatives of murder victims also split on the answer. Some said the seven to 12 years that it takes to execute a murderer after conviction are unbearable for the surviving family. And some expressed rage and tears, even years after the crime, that a young life was snuffed out.

"We already have the death penalty in Michigan," said Oakland Sheriff Mike Bouchard, who introduced the measure when he was a state senator last year. Federal law defines 41 crimes for which a convict can be executed - including the murder of a state or local law enforcement official when aiding a federal official.

"But if one of my deputies is killed in the line of duty, their life is not as important as a federal official," said Bouchard, cit-



Con: Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair argues life in prison without parole is sufficient

ing polls showing 71 percent of Michiganders favor the death penalty. "An offender who faces the death penalty has nothing to lose by killing the arresting officer," he concluded.

Two prosecutors strongly disagreed.

"Anybody who has visited Jackson or Marquette (sites of high-security prisons) knows it's a living hell," said Wayne Prosecutor John O'Hair, arguing life in prison without parole is sufficient.

O'Hair said the American



Pro: Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard supports the death penalty.

criminal justice system is "imperfect. It's negatively impacted by human failings. Witnesses' observations are imperfect. Sixty-nine people awaiting execution have been exonerated since 1971," said O'Hair, reminding senators of the wrongful execution in 1837 of Patrick Fitzgerald for rape.

Macomb Prosecutor Carl Marlinga called the death penalty "appropriate for Nazi war criminals after World War II," but he agreed with O'Hair that "the criminal justice system is falli-



Con: Macomb Prosecutor Carl Marlinga says the criminal justice system is fallible.

ble. We sometimes put a halo around juries."

Marlinga added, "In Michigan since 1910, we've seen 14 first-degree murder convictions overturned, not because of legal technicalities but because they were found factually innocent."

The audience appeared to be 3-1 opposed to the death penalty, cheering those who opposed it and loudly booing Sen. David Jaye, R-Macomb County.

But Jaye responded with the case of Dr. Deborah Iverson, whom McConnell Adams stran-

gled with his belt, "dumping her body two miles from my house. Dr. Iverson did what the liberals say to do - surrendered, gave them money from the bank and pleaded for her life."

"Adams has busted the wrist of a county corrections officer," said Jaye, noting that even in prison killers can claim the lives of guards.

"Capital punishment means those with capital escape the punishment," said Sen. George McManus, R-Traverse City. He drew sustained applause.

Douglas Edgar, representing the Oakland County Deputy Sheriffs' Association, supported Bouchard's and Jaye's view that law enforcement people are killers' targets. "O'Hair and Marlinga have only seen photos of victims," said Edgar. He said it's the police officer who must break the news of a murder to a victim's family.

Jeff Montgomery, executive director of the Triangle Foundation, said his group monitors violence against gays and lesbians. Montgomery said execution is no deterrent to violence against gays because both Alabama and Wyoming, which have seen recent killings, have the death penalty.

To express your view, write to your state senator, State Capitol, Lansing 48909-7536.

Health

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■ SB 414, covering third party administrators.

The Senate Fiscal Agency placed the costs at \$1,100 per year for Type I diabetics (requiring insulin to survive) and \$4,000 to \$5,000 per person for "new, non-invasive or semi-invasive blood glucose monitors" due soon on the market.

SFA said there are 37,500 Type I diabetics and 337,500 Type II diabetics.

SFA said the cost of treatment would be offset by delaying or eliminating costly consequences of poor treatment, but the savings might not show up for a number of years.

Refer to SB 260-262 and 414 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909-7514.

Pursuit

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dence" for that figure, and the original bill set a \$1 million cap.

VanRegenmorter scoffed at it as "the Geoffrey Fieger amendment," a reference to the flamboyant trial attorney who "seeks profitable deep pockets." He said \$280,000 is "the same cap as in the medical malpractice law. It's the same cap as in the product liability law. There's no cap on real damages - only on pain and suffering."

■ Allow each municipality in which a chase occurred to be sued for the maximum \$280,000. "You may have a caravan going through multiple communities," said Peters.

VanRegenmorter called a caravan of lawsuits "illogical." He had easier going with SB 320, though Peters objected that a representative of crime victims should have a place on the commission establishing a model pursuit policy.


"A victim has a perspective that is essential," said the Democratic debater.

"That's highly insulting to police," VanRegenmorter replied. "This bill establishes a commission of experts."

Peters' amendment to SB 320 also went down on a party-line vote, but the measure got unanimous Senate final approval.

Refer to SB 319-320 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909-7514.


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THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1999

It's about time Vorva puts end to legal fight

The saga of Jerry Vorva's battle with the Plymouth-Canton school district has come to an end with his decision not to bring his lawsuit to the U.S. Supreme Court. (There is no guarantee the high court would have agreed to hear the case.)

At last, Vorva has made the right decision. Various courts have denied Vorva's request seven times. Most people would have given up a long time ago, but the Plymouth resident has hung on with the tenacity of a pitbull. We can't criticize a person for attempting to champion an issue he firmly believes in, despite how his convictions may have disagreed with ours.

Vorva still believes the voting rights of 716 people were violated when a computer glitch failed to count their ballots. The \$79.6 million bond proposal won by a mere 96 votes. Voter error, not the district's negligence, has been the cause, according to multiple court rulings.

Vorva's decision to drop the case is based on personal reasons. He claims the two-year lawsuit has been a personal sacrifice for his family, despite their ongoing support. In addition, it would cost \$15,000 to \$30,000 to continue the legal battle, which has already cost Vorva and attorney Stephen Boak about \$50,000. Boak has been working pro bono.

In our opinion, it has cost the school district and the community much more.

Monetarily, it has racked up a similar \$50,000 in attorney bills for the school district and another \$6.2 million in lost buying power because of inflation and increased construction costs to build a third high school. It has also driven a wedge of distrust between the school district and some members of the community.

We have editorialized in the past with our firm belief that the blame does not lay on the school district for spoiled ballots, but rather voter apathy. Of course, the district can do a better job on educating voters and we think they have made great strides. We saw that in October when 60 percent of voters approved an \$18.8 million bond for a new middle school and buses. The district won every precinct, including absentee ballots. That says a lot.

It is our hope that when the district breaks ground on the third high school, the community will have mended its fences with the school district and put the March 1997 bond and the two-year legal drama farthest from its mind.

As for Vorva, he's not going to be the farthest from anyone's mind as the former state representative takes another run for political office as a Plymouth city commissioner.

Toughen up safety belt law

The opponents failed to listen well as state Sen. Bill Bullard Jr. made the case for toughening Michigan's safety belt law.

They talked about Big Brother government. They talked about the slippery slope to outlawing smoking, closing doughnut shops and requiring calisthenics. They said police should concentrate instead on catching killers and rapists rather than issuing tickets to those rugged souls who refuse to wear safety belts. They beat on the insurance companies.

For a dozen years, Michigan has required drivers and passengers to wear safety belts when a vehicle is in motion. But it's punishable only as a secondary offense. A cop must have stopped you for another reason — such as speeding or having a busted taillight — before he can ticket you for failure to wear a safety belt.

But Bullard, R-Milford, wasn't talking about the number of extra tickets that could be issued with primary enforcement. He was talking about getting people to obey the law — compliance, not punishment.

Michigan, he said, is "stuck" at 70 percent compliance. Try as they might, state officials and insurers can't get 30 percent of people to wear them voluntarily under "secondary" enforcement. California, he said, raised compliance 10 to 15 percent when it went to primary enforcement. More people began obeying the law.

Many laws are like that — designed for compliance rather than punishment. The Open Meetings Act, for example, is very weak on punishments for violators. It's designed to be complied with, to be easily understandable by sometimes amateur public officials. It assumes officials of goodwill are inclined to do the right thing.

Take the littering law, as another example. If you're evasive, a cop never will catch you littering. But if you've been taught that trash pollutes, makes the environment look crummy and can injure animals and fish, you as a good citizen obey the law and don't litter.

When more adults use safety belts, they set an example for kids. "When adults buckle up, 80 percent of children will. But when adults don't buckle up, only 50 percent of children will," Bullard said. It's too bad so many of his colleagues failed to get the message and mis-cast the issue in Big Brother terms.

There are other reasons for requiring drivers and passengers to buckle up. When unbelted occupants suffer closed-head injuries, they raise everyone's insurance rates. They cost a ton of money to treat and rehabilitate, sometimes for the rest of their lives.

It's a lesser consideration, but unbelted people injured in vehicle accidents take up six to eight hours of police investigation compared to a couple of hours for noninjury accidents.

Our highways became more dangerous when Michigan lifted its speed limit to 70 mph. It means that it's common to see drivers going 95 on I-96 without getting caught. There is the recently recognized phenomenon of "road rage." Crashes become more serious to the unbelted.

So far, there are no statistics, but we suspect that the increasing use of "cruise control" means more drivers blunder into pile-up accidents or fail to slow down when danger appears.

All of those are reasons to wear safety belts and to make nonuse a primary offense. We give a pat on the back to those senators who voted for SB 335: Bullard, Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, John Cherry, D-Clio, Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn.

In the Observer & Eccentric area, only Loren Bennett, R-Canton, was opposed.

The bill goes to the House, which has passed a version of the measure in past years. But we have 64 new House members this year. Write to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909-7514, and ask him or her to support SB 335, primary enforcement of the safety belt law.

Career Day



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Modeling goal: Diane Fouchia of the Barbizon Modeling School demonstrates modeling stance techniques to students at Central Middle School in Plymouth during Career Day last week.

LETTERS

Many thanks

Our fifth-grader is among the group of Isbister students who recently returned from Space Camp in Florida. We would like to express our gratitude to a number of people for their part in this wonderful experience for our son.

First, we would like to thank the benefactors and Wayne County RESA for providing the funding necessary to allow the program to occur. This educational opportunity extended beyond the academic and technical skills attained by our son. We feel, that in addition, he also gained a tremendous sense of camaraderie, cooperation, teamwork and independence.

Next we would like to express our thanks to Tony Bruscatto, the Observer reporter, for his informative articles and great pictures both in the newspaper and on the Web page available to us through Internet access. How wonderful it was to be able to see the happy expressions on the faces of those kids!

We would also like to thank the Space Camp staff for their leadership and commitment to our children and the knowledge that they shared with them.

Finally, and most importantly, we would like to thank the Isbister staff members, Lee Harrison, Linda Guenzel, Vail Csicsila, Tracy Racer and Jeff Quattro. In addition to their regular teaching duties, these staff members put in countless hours of preparation prior to camp including organizing materials and team groupings, speaking with the various media visiting the school, counseling parents, and preparing the children. Once at camp, these staff members continued their commitment to the children by learning with them, sharing meals with them, keeping tabs on them, helping with homesickness, and providing support when needed. A voice mail message box was established and updated once or twice a day to keep parents informed of daily events. This was a tremendous comfort to parents who were many miles away from their children. The thoroughness and professionalism exhibited by this staff is to be commended. We consider ourselves fortunate to have our children attend a school with such outstanding staff members.

Space Camp was a wonderful experience for

our son. Many, many thanks to all of you who helped to make it happen.

Bob and Joanne Kokoszka
Plymouth

Term limits needed

In response to Phil Power's article, "Term limits deserve to be dumped," I can't agree with that for two reasons. One, I've been involved in community affairs over the years and on a number of boards and a number of committees and I always found that fresh blood brings something to it that the old board just doesn't have in the way of ideas and creativity. And some view it as just running out of time. And the second thing of it is that I think the proof of the pudding really is in the kind of things that are happening at the state Legislature right now.

For instance, I-275 has been a shambles. Somebody was either designing the thing improperly or there's corruption or worse in the building of that road. It's cost us to have to build it three times. That's a lot of money. And yet the outgoing attorney general didn't see fit to look into it and the present governor can't give you a reason why it's that way and doesn't want to see fit to look into it to recover our money. I don't know, I think there's probably federal funds involved.

The other thing is that while the attorney general is called the "eternal general" there's been a lot of things that have happened in the few months that Jennifer Granholm's been in there. New strides have been taken. New activities have gone on. I think fresh blood is really important. I think the government in the state of Michigan has had a lot of things it could do and hasn't done, simply because people haven't been in there with the right ideas.

Jim Quigly
Salem Township

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How will Michigan State fare in the NCAA basketball playoffs?

We asked this question at the Plymouth post office.



"State. Definitely."
Linda Demmy
Garden City



"They're going to win. I'm a Spartan fan."
Dennis Piggott
Plymouth



"I hope they'll win, but I think they have a tough battle."
Jim Brining
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"They'll beat Duke and go on to win the national championship."
Tim O'Connor
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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Busy month of March provides some food for thought

Who says March is meant only for college basketball?

Monday evening, March 1, saw us at Plymouth Canton High School in Canton for a Town Hall meeting with U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, who represents Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton, Garden City, Westland, part of Livonia and other areas. The discussion didn't focus on impeachment and other troubles of President Bill Clinton.

People were concerned about pocketbook issues, questions of foreign policy such as military intervention in Kosovo, and other concerns. The forum was enlightening, and my husband and I plan to attend future sessions. I have mixed feelings on military intervention in Kosovo, although the audience that night, at least those

who spoke, was overwhelmingly opposed.

Those my age and older remember the nightmare of Vietnam and question the reasons to get involved in other countries' conflicts. At the same time, humanitarian concerns exist.

War came to mind later in the month, with a discussion of Keith Richburg's "Out of America" for Contemporary Books at the Plymouth District Library Wednesday, March 17. Richburg is a Washington Post staffer, Detroit native and University of Michigan graduate I knew in college.

He writes about his three years reporting in Africa and concludes that American blacks shouldn't look to Africa for their roots. Its wars, coups and famines make it no place to look



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for a higher meaning, he believes.

The book generated considerable discussion at our meeting, including comments from Jackie Troutman of Plymouth, who has traveled in Africa and elsewhere. We compared the economies of Africa and Asia, as Richburg does in his book.

He's now based in Hong Kong and would have more interesting things to say on that subject. We also discussed foreign aid to corrupt regimes, a concern of the group members.

Of course, the month hasn't been all heavy-duty thinking. We took time to go to the Ark in Ann Arbor to see the band Sonia Dada from Chicago. The March 4 concert was followed that Saturday (March 6) by ushering at the Plymouth branch, American

Association of University Women production of "Alice in Wonderland." The shows, involving the talents of many, were held at Garden City High School.

My role was small, but I was proud to help those who do so much more to bring live theater to children. I got to thinking that perhaps our world's problems would lessen if more children worldwide could have such opportunities. It may be naive to think wars will end that way, but I prefer to think of it as hopeful. After all, Alice saw a whole new world and learned from it.

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'Journalism' of MGTV and tribes leaves a lot to be desired

Like you, I often get sore at one news medium or another — sometimes a Detroit paper, other times the Washington Post, frequently the crime-ridden broadcast news.

But consider the alternative: socialized journalism. That's the worst of all. I cite two prime examples — state government and the Indian tribes.

MGTV stands for Michigan Government Television. It runs four or five hours a day of events in Lansing on cable. And it does so very badly.

Oh, there's a great-sounding boast: "... without commentary, analysis or editing for content ... a direct conduit to the audience without distorting their points of view."

For a reality check, consider the March 18 broadcast of the state Senate:

■ Majority Floor Leader Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, opens by moving to "pass items 1-3 for the day." They won't be taken up. What were items 1-3? Unless you have an agenda, you can't find out — MGTV doesn't show

the agenda.

■ Rogers moves the Senate go to item 4, Senate Bill 319, an amendment to the Judiciary Act. What's it about? MGTV doesn't tell.

■ Senate secretary Carol Morey Viventi announces that "amendment No. 1 is on the chamber automation system." But MGTV doesn't show you what's on the chamber automation system. Senators and the press corps can see it, but you can't.

■ After some debate, you gather the bill is about police pursuits. The amendment has to do with removing a cap on the noneconomic ("pain and suffering") damages a jury may award an innocent person hurt during a police pursuit. The Senate's roll call takes 60 seconds. MGTV's camera shows the wallpaper on the top half of the screen, but it cuts off the actual roll call. You have no idea how your senator voted.

(A TV colleague informs me that commercial TV cameramen are told by the Senate sergeants-at-arms not



TIM RICHARD

to photograph the roll call. So unless a real reporter takes notes or checks the official journal next day, you don't see the roll call.)

■ Four amendments are voted down by various margins, but MGTV never tells you how any one senator voted.

■ The sponsor offers an amendment, but no one demands a "record roll call." Secretary Viventi announces there are 21 aye votes, but not the nay votes or the absentees. MGTV doesn't show the roll call.

■ On final passage, the Senate

votes 24-13. MGTV doesn't show the roll call.

MGTV cheats TV viewers. Only the press reports the content of the bill, the breakdown by party and the local senators' votes.

Next, the Senate takes up the diabetes bills. But MGTV cuts off the Senate debate at noon, moving to the House for an hour of quorum call and introduction of school children in the gallery.

Last week, Women in Communications, the Society of Professional Journalists and the Michigan Freedom of Information Committee (I'm a member of the latter two) heard Chicago-based journalist Karen Lincoln Michel talk about "Repression on the Reservation."

Michel, a Ho-Chunk Indian, has worked for commercial newspapers and tribal reservation papers. Her key point: America's Bill of Rights doesn't apply on reservations because they are sovereign nations.

"The media are owned, operated

and financed by the tribe," Michel said. In some cases, the editor has a second function: public relations spokesman for the tribe.

Reservation newspapers are a branch of government, as in Cuba and Third World socialist countries. There are no Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act.

"You don't report on crimes or anything that reflects negatively on tribal government," she said. Michel related a series of stories where tribal chiefs shut down reservation papers, laid off staff, even censored stories.

Tribal leaders, she said, rarely have attended college and distrust college graduates as reporters.

Newspapers — particularly the competition — have bad days. But on our worst days, we're not as bad as the socialized journalism of MGTV and the tribes.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

Let airline competition take off

Given what air passengers have suffered in recent years, it's not at all surprising that the "Passenger Entitlement and Competition Enhancement Act" got a favorable hearing last week in Washington.

Sponsored, among others, by Michigan's Rep. John Dingell, D-Trenton, the bill has two parts.

One would, in effect, re-regulate the airline industry. It would require airlines to pay passengers' damages if they get stranded for more than two hours on a plane, increase airline liability for lost or misdirected baggage and discourage passenger bumping when flights are oversold.

Over the years, I've become more and more skeptical of attempts by government to resolve complex and subtle issues by passing yet more laws or imposing more and more complex regulations. Passing an "airline passengers' bill of rights" probably won't do much harm, but I seriously doubt that long-suffering air passengers will get instant relief through the actions of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

The airlines — Northwest among them — told the committee that re-regulation wouldn't work and would likely drive up costs. They argued that the industry, left to itself, would cure whatever problems might exist. They're right.

But my skepticism of government regulations is, if anything, overmatched by my distrust of an industry with magnificently developed instincts for profiting through monopoly rather than good service and competitive pricing.

Here's Dingell on the subject: "Since 1978, we have had unregulated monopoly rather than regulated monopoly or competition. It has resulted in increased consolidation, diminished choice, and higher prices in many markets. In Detroit, statistics indicate that new entrant Pro Air saved consumers \$180 million by introducing price competition."

"In fact, for Northwest Airlines — the dominant carrier in the Detroit market — the fare between Detroit and the Washington area appears to be directly influenced by whether a competitor is in the market. Pro Air operates from Detroit to Baltimore-Washington International airport for about \$100 and so does Northwest. However, Northwest also flies directly into National Airport where it faces no competition from Pro Air — for about \$400."

That's why the second part of the bill — to change the ground rules in air travel to promote market competition — has far more potential.

The legislation would give the secretary of transportation the power to create, withdraw or auction landing slots at airports so as to increase competition between airlines. (North-



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west Airlines, for example, controls nearly 60 percent of the flights and 80 percent of the air passenger traffic at Detroit Metro Airport by owning the majority of landing gates. Other airlines control monopolistic "fortress hubs" — Atlanta (American), Cincinnati (Delta), Salt Lake City (United) are examples — by similar means.

The legislation would also require the secretary to establish and publicize a statement enumerating the consumer rights of air passengers. And it would authorize reports ranking costs for various domestic routes among airlines and relate those costs to the degree of market concentration possessed by airlines at their hubs.

All this makes sense.

Up to now, airline passengers — at least those without a law degree and a good pair of glasses to assist reading the fine print on tickets — have no idea of their rights when being abused by airlines. And objective studies detailing how ticket prices go up when airlines monopolize hub airports will be a valuable first step.

First step to what? To an amendment to antitrust laws such that any airline holding a stranglehold on a given hub — say, 60 percent or more of flight departures or more than 70 percent of passenger traffic — would automatically be in violation of anti-monopoly statutes.

The remedy? Giving the secretary of transportation the power to compel monopolistic airlines to sell gates to competing carriers so as to allow competitive forces room to work in fortress hubs.

The result? Improved service and reduced ticket prices.

Carry on, Dingell!

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County faces \$7.75 million deficit

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Wayne County commissioners may cut county department spending next Thursday to address a \$7.75 million projected deficit in the county's \$480 million operational budget.

Commissioners were notified of the deficit on March 18 in a quarterly financial report. The commission's Committee of Ways and Means is expected to discuss the matter Wednesday and the full commission next Thursday.

Tom Naughton, chief financial officer of the Wayne County Department of Management and Budget, said the county expects to address the deficit through attrition and delay capital acquisitions, such as computers, but will not layoff employees at this time.

Naughton said the \$7.7 million is about 1.6 percent of the operational budget, but acknowledged that the amount "is a pretty big number." The \$7.7 million is the net sum of a \$4 million revenue shortage, a \$1.3 million expenditure deficit and \$2.3 million in budget transfers

for child care.

"It's a fine line," Naughton said. "We've raised the yellow flag and told them (the commission) to use caution."

"It's still a big enough problem that we have to pay attention, but it's not like we have to throw in the towel and take drastic action."

Naughton attributes some of the projected deficit to an arbitration ruling involving the Wayne County sheriffs deputies. "That didn't happen until after the budget was completed," Naughton said. "They received some retroactive pay, which will be a one-time expense."

As a result the public safety expenditures, which includes jail operations, was \$2 million over budget.

Revenue fell short because state reimbursements for court operations were \$2 million less due to the court reorganization, which was offset by \$2 million savings in court operations. "Reimbursements were down, because we're not spending the money," Naughton said. "That's a wash."

Another \$2 million were overhead costs not reimbursed as revenue, the result of another

change in cost allocations since the budget was completed. An operational transfer of \$2.3 million supported child care costs at the juvenile detention center, but Naughton believes the grants and other funds may be able to cut as much of that cost in half.

Legislative expenditures, which includes the county commission, showed a \$395,000 overage, which was adjusted by commissioners from the county's contingency funds. That recent adjustment was not included in this report, Naughton said.

Naughton also expected additional revenue from property taxes involving the Michigan Tax Tribunals and delinquent payments from residents.

Wayne County has dealt with deficits in first quarter reports in previous years. In 1996 and 1997, each of those quarters showed projected deficits of \$3.7 million and \$3.5 million for that year's end. Naughton expects to receive an audit shortly to show a \$46 million fund balance with the county's revenue exceeding expenses for the 11th consecutive year.

"I don't want to minimize the concern, but we're dealing with

(the deficit). We need to pay attention," Naughton said.

The commission's Committee on Ways and Means will discuss proposed cuts next Wednesday once a report is completed by the commission's fiscal director.

That committee will recommend action, which will then be acted on Thursday by the full commission.

Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, serves on Ways and Means, but that committee did not discuss the deficit this week.

"We have to balance the budget," Bankes said. "It will take a re-alignment of dollars." Bankes also wanted more time to study the issue, but noted that the full commission will only have one meeting — next Thursday's — to discuss the issue.

The commission will examine possible reductions in appropriations for the county's Election Commission, an international immunization program and a civic literacy program.

The Register of Deeds actually may receive additional funds for additional staff to address a backlog of work in recording deeds from property sales.

Schoolcraft to host bee school April 17

The buzz is that novice and experienced beekeepers will find interesting seminars and valuable information at the 61st Annual Bee School sponsored by the Southeastern Michigan Beekeepers Association. The school, presented in cooperation with the Schoolcraft College Beekeepers Club and the Cranbrook Beekeepers Club, is scheduled 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 17, in the Waterman Campus Center on Schoolcraft's campus.

Featured speakers are Zachary Huang from Michigan State University, speaking on "Social Organization of the Honey Bee Colony," and Roger Hoopingarner, a retired professor from Michigan State University.

Breakout sessions include a series of beginner workshops aimed at helping the new beekeeper get started. New beekeep-

ers will be able to enroll in a year-long, hands-on beekeeping course to be held in the new demonstration apiary.

Additional sessions will examine honey bee diseases, small hive control, wax working, swarm prevention and races of bees. Other attractions include a display of beekeeping equipment and crafts, a wax-weight guessing contest, a silent auction and a package bee hive raffle.

Nonmembers must pay a \$5 registration fee at the door, and attendees should bring a dish to pass and table service for the noon potluck lunch. For information, call Roger Sutherland at (734) 668-8568 or Jim Goodrich at (248) 628-0321.

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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

There's a lot to be said for good deed

This story took place in an ordinary neighborhood ... maybe a neighborhood similar to yours where people didn't necessarily know each other, nor did they take the time to get to know each other. The next door neighbor was the extent of name recognition.

One day, a gentleman in the neighborhood got this idea that maybe it would be fun to host a potluck barbecue for the neighbors.

"Think anyone will come?" his wife asked.

"Well, we'll find out," he said.

If-you-host-it-they-will-come clearly took place. The couple was overwhelmed by the response of their neighbors. From infants to seniors, they all came and got to know each other as they ate together.

Following the picnic, subtle changes began to take place. They began to wave to each other as they passed on the street. Men could be seen leaning on their rakes at the end of their driveway, kibitzing with each other. The air of the neighborhood was decidedly more neighborly.

As the holiday season arrived, a particular story started to make its way around the neighborhood. A couple in the neighborhood, with little children, was struggling because the husband had a degenerative eye disease that was getting progressively worse.

As December grew near, the husband started to go blind and the doctor decided it was time to do a delicate surgery. The family was in turmoil. The wife could barely cope with taking care of the children, as well as trying to get to the hospital and stay ahead of the bills.

It wasn't long before the neighbors picked up on the family's crisis. One after another figured out something they could do to help the family. From food, to cleaning to their house, to driving to the hospital, the neighborhood came together and rallied around the entire family. At one point, they even sent around a collection to help pay a mortgage payment.

Each time someone would arrive at the door with some act of kindness, the wife would tear up and say, "I just don't know how I could ever repay you for the nice things you have done for our family."

But the neighbors knew better. Their payment was the enjoyment of doing "good."

A young woman on television the other morning described to the talk show host all of the ins and outs of her bout with cancer, which she had been suffering from for several years.

When asked what has been the most significant thing that has happened because of her disease, she said, "It was when my dad suggested that I go talk to the children in our local hospital who were also suffering from cancer."

"I originally told him that it was the last thing in the world I wanted to do, but when I finally went there, and sat with them, and gave them hope, and laughed with them, I knew it was the most important thing in the world that I could have ever done, and I am so grateful to my father for pushing me to do it," she said.

Sometimes "jumping" from our complacent mode out into the discomfort zone seems like the most unpleasant thing we could think of ... but the rewards far outweigh the fears.

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Is your life on overload?



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Partners: As a personal coach, Marvin Yanke develops a partnership with his clients, helping them to get more out of life and to live their dreams instead of dreaming their dreams

Don't worry ... Get a coach

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Marvin Yanke just can't help himself when it comes to helping other people.

When a visitor to his office tells of an upcoming vacation and the load of work that must be done prior to that, he offers a bit of advice.

"Don't worry. There's only a few assignments left," he says without flinching as he flips through a file. Yanke, who works out of his Plymouth home, has made a career out of helping people. He spent 18 years working as a psychotherapist and the last two years as a personal coach.

"Coaching is a partnership where I work with my client to help them get more out of life; essentially to live their dreams instead of dreaming their dreams; to reach personal goals and professional goals," explained Yanke, the owner of Yanke Enrichment Services, or YES!

"I liken it to a personal trainer for your physical fitness. Not everybody needs or wants a personal trainer for their physical fitness. Some people can become fit and exercise regularly without a trainer. Other people want

a trainer or recognize the value of having a personal trainer to keep them focused, to keep them accountable, to help them with a specific action plan. As a personal coach, I do the same thing - not for your fitness. I do it for your life."

Taking own advice

Yanke's first client was himself.

A Southfield native, he graduated from Southfield High School in 1975. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1979 from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in clinical psychology from Eastern Kentucky University in 1981.

He has been licensed by the State of Michigan as a master's level psychologist since 1981. He still works in the health care field but in "corporate America." Yanke Enrichment Services is his side project.

Two years ago, Yanke found himself in the same situation as many of his clients. His personal life was and is "perfect," but professionally something was lacking.

"When I practiced, I was attracted to and felt I was more enthused about working with clients who took responsibility for changes in their

lives and were more active as a therapy client," Yanke said.

"When I got into 'corporate America' and got away from seeing clients, I realized that I missed being a part of helping people make a difference in their lives."

He searched for something that would bring him more fulfillment and stumbled across a story about personal coaching in a national magazine two years ago.

"It just seemed like a perfect fit. It was exactly what I was planning to do."

'Coach U'

He learned more about it through Coach University, a virtual "university" located at <http://www.coachu.com> that boasts 2,500 students. It costs \$3,000 to be a student at Coach University, where classes are taught via the telephone.

"If you enroll in a class on Monday nights, you call a phone number and you and 20 other students will be automatically linked. It's a very cool way to offer training. We use the Internet and e-mail with all of our students. We e-mail homework to them," said Don Edberg, a staff

member at Coach University.

The virtual university was founded in 1992 by Thomas Leonard, a CPA and former financial planner. He authored the book "The Portable Coach," which hit The New York Times best-seller list.

"He found that by working with his clients, many would say 'I have these other burning questions in my life. Do you have time for a cup of coffee and to talk?' They were searching for other things in their lives - guidance and support," Edberg said.

Although the government does not license personal coaches, Coach University does. The "Certified Coach Distinction" requires that personal coaches have 1,000 paid hours of coaching, have worked with a mentor coach for six months, have a board hearing, and demonstrate that they understand the ethics and principals of coaching, according to Edberg.

Stan Mann, a 34-year Livonia resident formerly of Southfield, is another personal coach that Coach University recommends. He has been motivating people for years as a therapist. Recently, he changed his title to

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Change is good for 'Big Dog'

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The "Big Dog" is taking a big step.

After four years of performing as a one-man blues machine, Livonia resident Pete "Big Dog" Fetters has thrown a few musicians into the mix on his new CD "Milkbone Underwear" (Two Sisters Records).

"I think anytime you use other people it makes the music a little more interesting," Fetters said. "I feel that I really kind have taken it as far as I can take it. To be able to reach more people with what I do and the songs that I write, I really need to be pursuing the band thing more."

The "other people" in Fetters' life - at least on disc - are bassist Darryl Lee, whom Fetters met four years ago during a jam session at the Attic Bar in

Hamtramck, and drummer Dave Watson of the Dawg Band.

Lee, he said, is a "real good player, fun guy to have around."

"I asked him if he would be interested in playing on the CD," he said. "As good as he is, he had not really had been able to spend much time in the studio, so he jumped right on it."

"Dave is a real good drummer and percussionist."

Fetters is in the midst of looking for a drummer and a bass player but expects to begin playing as a band this summer, including Saturday, June 5, and Saturday, Aug. 7, at Hazel Park Raceway.

This Friday, March 26, however, he will perform solo during the "Empty Bowls Reception" at the

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STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Singing the blues: Livonia bluesman Pete Fetters will perform during the "Empty Bowls Reception" Friday, March 26, at the Creative Arts Center in Pontiac.

PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH



MICHAEL IAVASILIE

mal and healthy to feel angry at times, and it's OK to let your children know that you're angry.

How you deliver your message, however, is critical.

Even the most loving, even-tempered parents sometimes lose their cool with their kids. At one time or another, you may catch yourself snapping at your children for leaving their toys out or yelling at your teenager for breaking a curfew.

It's important to know that you can better control your emotions, with a few simple techniques. But first, you need to understand that it's normal and healthy to feel angry at times, and it's OK to let your children know that you're angry.

Telling your children how their actions make you feel is a more effective method than blowing up when you lose control.

Second, when you do blow up (and we all do at times), repair the damage. Apologizing to your children and explaining where your anger came from will help them to understand and forgive.

With that said, here are some tips for helping you keep cool with your kids.

■ Change the physical situation.

When you're at the brink of losing your cool, creating a physical distance between yourself and your children - even for only a few minutes - can give you time to calm down, take a deep breath, and remind yourself that you are a good parent.

Infants and toddlers can be placed in their crib and younger children in their bedroom while you take a time-out in the kitchen or living room. Older children can be left with homework or chores while you walk

around the block.

If you're feeling the tension rising between yourself and your children, you may also want to change the family mood or scene. Go on a family outing, have dinner in a different room, or turn on some upbeat or soothing music.

■ Find support in yourself or others.

Create a support system of people you know with children of similar ages as yours. Turning to friends, neighbors or co-workers when you are feeling mounting tension can be a huge relief.

Many times another person can help you see that your child's behavior is not unusually bad or out-of-line with their developmental stage. Also, in the few minutes you take to "talk it out," you create a calmer state of mind to deal with the problem.

Be your own support, too. Use self-talk to analyze

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Louwaerts-Smith

Christopher M. Louwaerts and Holly A. Smith were married at Universalistic Unitarian Church of Farmington Hills by the Rev. Brenda Allen.

The bride is the daughter of Margaret Smith of Canton and the late Paul Smith. The groom is the son of Karen and Wayne Nichols of Reno, Nev., and Daniel Louwaerts of Farmington Hills.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and is attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn where she is majoring in history with a minor in psychology. She plans to teach high school history.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He is employed as a computer programmer by Ciber.

The bride asked Lisa Prevatte to serve as matron of honor with Katie Austin and Sarah Smith as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Aaron Tack-



ett to serve as best man with Jack Gershon and Eugene Bonk as the groomsmen.

The couple received guests at a reception at Joy Manor in Westland. Following a trip to Las Vegas, the couple is making their home in Westland.

Hoftey-Grodzicki

Charles and Karen Hoftey of Spring Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Chandra Ann, to Matthew Conrad Grodzicki, the son of Gregory and Virginia Grodzicki of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Central Michigan University. She is employed as a special education teacher at Muir Middle School in Milford.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of Central Michigan University. He is employed as a health/physical education teacher at Livonia Churchill High School.

An April wedding in Grand



Haven is being planned.

Engling-Condon

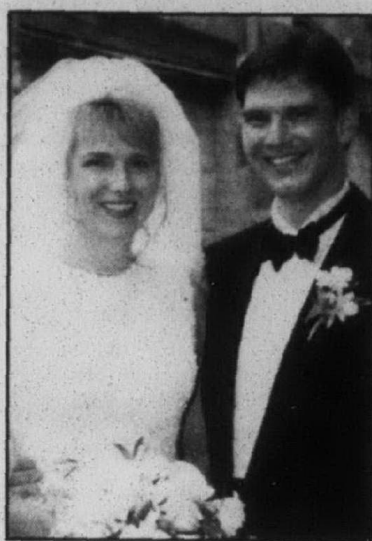
Clare Marie Condon and Timothy James Engling were married Sept. 6 at St. Athanasius Church in Evanston, Ill., by the Rev. James Heyd.

The bride is the daughter of Edward and Patricia Condon of Northbrook. The groom is the son of Herbert and Nancy Engling of Livonia.

The bride is a graduate of Glennbrook North High School and St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind. She has her master's degree in business administration from Loyola University of Chicago.

The groom is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He has his juris doctor degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law and his master of law degree from John Marshall Law School in Chicago. He is a partner at the intellectual property law firm of Lee, Mann, Smith, et al.

The bride asked Maureen Milota to serve as maid of honor, with bridesmaids Janet Hagen, Claudia Condon and Susan Tucker. Chloe, Esme, Bria and



Emily Condon and Samantha Engling were the flower girls.

The groom asked Thomas Condon to serve as best man, with groomsmen Keith Engling, Edward Condon IV and Jerome Condon and ushers Edward Condon V and Jason Engling. Lucas and Sean Condon were the ring bearers.

The couple honeymooned in the Hawaiian Islands. They are making their home in Evanston.

Napiewocki-Broderick

Leonard Napiewocki and Joanne Napiewocki of Oakland County announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Elise, to Brian Broderick, the son of Donald and Sheila Broderick of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1984 graduate of Bishop Foley High School, a 1988 graduate of the University of Michigan and a 1996 graduate of Marymount University in Arlington, Va., with a master of business administration degree. She is employed as a buyer for Visteon Automotive Systems.

Her fiancé is a 1984 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High, a 1988 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, a 1991 graduate of University of Detroit School of Law with a juris doctor degree and 1998 graduate of



Wayne State University with a master's degree in public administration. He is employed as an associate for public policy for the Michigan Catholic Conference and is a member of the Board of Trustees at Schoolcraft College.

An April wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth.

Daske-Wise

Shannon Leigh Wise and James Edward Daske were married at Laurel Chapel in Livonia by the Rev. Kurt Stutz.

The bride is the daughter of John and Linda Klotz and John and Annette Wise, all of Livonia. The groom is the son of Christine Daske of Redford.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is employed by Standard Federal Bank.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Franklin High School. He is employed by Action Floor Covering.

The bride asked Lindsay Wise to serve as maid of honor, with Deanna Doyle as the bridesmaid. Whitney Daske and Paulina Daske were the flower girls.

The groom asked Jerald Daske to serve as best man, with Don-



ald Dixon and Tony Cervantes as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at the Wayne-Ford Civic League in Westland. They are making their home in Garden City.

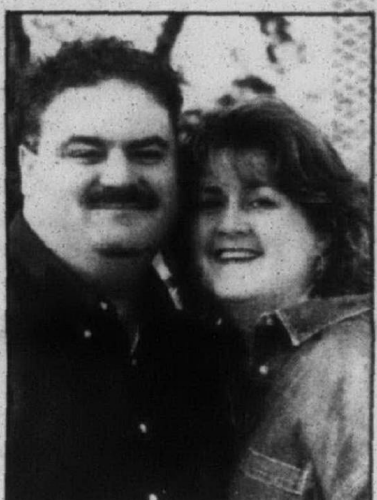
Mullinax-Carnes

Mr. and Mrs. William Mullinax of Georgetown, Texas, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Donna Lynne, to Kenneth Lynn Carnes, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Carnes of Livonia.

The bride-to-be attended Murray State University. She is employed in the research and development division of BMC Software.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Michigan State University. He is employed as a procurement professional by Dell Computer.

An April wedding is planned in Austin, Texas.



Hendrick-Tantzer

Gary Hendrick of North Branch and Russell and Marsha Bur of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer LeeAnne Hendrick, to Joel David Tantzer, the son of Gloria Tantzer of Temecula, Calif.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Central Michigan University with bachelor of science degrees in education and journalism. She is employed as a high school teacher of English and government.

Her fiancé, who attended GMI, is working on a degree in management at Kettering University.

DeCarlo-Husted

Jon and Pam DeCarlo of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather, to Gordie Husted, the son of George and Annette Husted of Dearborn Heights.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is employed as a sales consultant for HairCo Inc.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Divine Child High School. He is employed by Jon-Patrick Construction Co. as a finished carpenter.

An October wedding is planned.



ty. He is employed at the United Parcel Service corporate office in Baltimore, Md., as an industrial engineer.

An April wedding is planned in Laurel Chapel in Livonia.



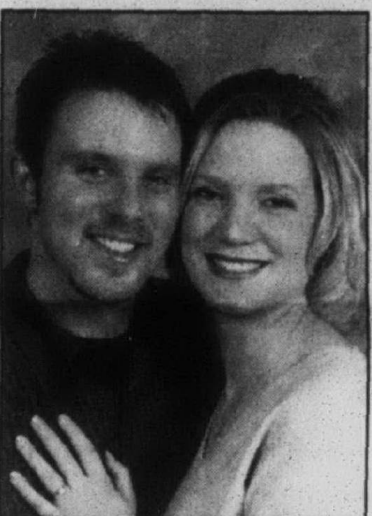
Farris-Tubbs

George and Jill Farris of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Jean, to Dani Douglas Tubbs of Livonia, the son of Lynn Tubbs of Redford and Dani Tubbs.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ladywood High School and is attending Wayne State University. She is employed by Foreman Bros. Inc. in Detroit.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He also is employed by Foreman Bros.

A November wedding is planned at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.



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FISH FRY

St. Edith Parish will have Lenten fish fries 4:30-7 p.m. Fridays, March 26 and April 2, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-1222.

GLORY OF EASTER

Temple Baptist Church's annual "The Glory of Easter" performance will be held at 7:30 p.m. Fridays, March 26 and April 2, 6 p.m. Saturdays March 27 and April 3, 1 p.m. Sunday, April 4, and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the church, 49555 N. Territorial, Plymouth. This year's play is "A Soldier's Choice." Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (734) 414-7777 or visit www.temple.net.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville will host a grief seminar 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 27, in the chapel of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Cathy Clough will speak about "The Process of Grief," and Ruth Sis-

som will speak about "How Do We Move Beyond Grief?" The cost is \$20, which includes continental breakfast, lunch and seminar materials. For information, call the church at (248) 374-5920.

LENTEN BREAKFAST

The First United Methodist Church of Garden City will have a Lenten breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 27, at the church, 6443 Merriman. The program will feature Joseph Jessup, tenor, soloist and guitarist. A program for women, there is no charge, but a donation will be accepted. Reservations can be made by calling (734) 421-8628.

SILENT-LIVE AUCTION

Meadowbrook Congregational Church will have a live and silent auction 7-10 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at the church, 21355 Meadowbrook, Novi. Doors open at 6 p.m. for sign-in and preview of all items. Admission will be \$5 for adults, anyone 12 and younger free. Admission includes, refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverages and a chance to win a variety of door prizes. For more information, call (248) 348-7757.

PALM SUNDAY

Mt. Hope Congregational Church will have a Flower Processional as part of its 10:30 a.m.

worship service Palm Sunday, March 28, at the church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The congregation will join the choir in placing cut flowers in the chancel. For more information, call the church at (734) 425-7280.

EASTER FAIR

An annual Easter fair and egg hunt for children age 3 through second-graders will be 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Parents will accompany children through different activity centers, such as egg coloring, cookie decorating, craft making and a photo session with "Happy Bunny." There is no charge for the event, however, donations will be accepted at the door. To register, call (734) 522-6830.

'THE CHOICE'

Calvary Baptist Church will present a dramatic musical, "The Choice," at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 28, and 8 p.m. Friday, April 2, at the church, 43065 Joy, Canton. "The Choice" is a love story at the time of Christ's years of ministry and final week. Admission is free. For more information, call the church at (734) 455-0022.

CONGREGATION SKATE

Hosanna Tabor Lutheran

Church will have an afternoon of roller or in-line skating Sunday, March 28, at the Skating Station II on Joy Road in Canton. Skate time will be 1:30-4:30 p.m., and will cost \$4.50 plus a \$2 skate rental. For more information, call (313) 937-2424.

EASTER CONCERT

Plymouth Baptist Church will present the dramatic Easter concert, "He's Alive!," at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 27-28, and Good Friday, April 2, at the church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. There is no admission charge. Children under age 5 will not be admitted in the auditorium, however, full nursery and preschool care will be provided. For more information, contact the church at (734) 453-5534.

LENTEN PROGRAMS

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will have a pot luck dinner and performance Sunday, March 28, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. The Lenten program - "Walking Where Jesus Walked," a slide presentation of the Rev. Chuck Sonquist's recent trip to the Holy Land - will be at 6 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038.

Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City, has a soup supper and Lenten services, beginning at 6 p.m., Wednesdays. There is no charge for the soup supper. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-3660.

EASTER SERVICES

The Detroit Laestadian Lutheran Congregation will have Easter Week services at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, March 30-31, at 290 Fairground at Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Pekka Nurmela, a visiting minister from Vantaa, Finland, will speak at the March 31 service. For more information, call (248) 683-0253.

'EGG' STRAVAGANZA

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will present an Easter "Egg" Stravaganza for all ages 6:30-8:30 p.m. March 31 in the Fellowship Hall of the church, 3 Town Square, Wayne. Participants should bring hard-boiled eggs. There will be crafts,



At Northville Christian: Rheanna Councell (from left) and Jared Detrich, both of Novi, Randy Jost of Plymouth, Bill Livingston and Mike Lane, both of Northville, are part of the cast of Northville Christian Assembly's presentation of "King of Kings" at 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, and 4 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the church, 41355 Six Mile. Saturday's performance will include a creative translation for the hearing impaired. The performances are free, but tickets are required and are available by calling (248) 348-9030.

stories and snacks. For more information, call (734) 721-4801.

'IN HIS FOOTSTEPS'

"In His Footsteps," a documentary of the passion of Jesus, His life, death and resurrection taken from Mark 15:16-20, will be performed by John Trujillo at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, in the social hall of St. Theodore Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 427-9125.

NEW BEGINNING

New Beginnings, a grief support group, will have its regular meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

EASTER EGG HUNTS

Good Shepherd Lutheran

Church will have an Easter egg hunt for children infants to age 12 at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at the church, 26212 W. Six Mile, at Kinloch, Redford. There will be face painting, blue grass band, clowns, pictures with the Easter Bunny, an egg hunt on the lawn of the church and drawing for prizes. There also will be a Bunny Breakfast at the Elks Club, sponsored by the church and the Six Mile Neighborhood Association. Cost will be \$3 for adults and \$1 for children for all you can eat. For more information, call (313) 537-3778.

Timothy Lutheran will have an Easter Egg Hunt 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. There also will be crafts, games and the Rev. Carla Thompson telling the true story of Easter. A release form must be signed for each child who will participate in the egg hunt. For more information or to obtain a release form, call the church at (734) 427-2290.



Special performance: The 4-5-year-old Praisemaker Choir of Memorial Church of Christ will present an Easter musical, "Two by Two," at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the church, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. The musical tells the story of Noah's Ark and features Alexandra Kournoian (seated, from left), Allison Gudeman, Lindsey Spaulding, Travis Vincent, Bethany Pilat, Ariel Rice, Jimmy Roach, Amber Prong, Laken Van Britson, Amanda Higgins, Calla Ziulkowski, Elena Voyles, Ashley Kurgan, Samantha Roach, Tabitha Hollars, Sydney Woll and Tyler Hendrickson. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-6722.

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Old medical journals can make you laugh or cringe

HOOKED ON HISTORY



VIRGINIA PARKER

I love antique books and the history of medicine. Knowing this, my sister, Regina, gave me several pamphlet-size medical college catalogs from the 1870s-80s and an 1897 journal of medicine, which she found at an old and rare bookstore. Some of their contents will make you either laugh or cringe.

If you don't mind the idea of being treated by a very young M.D., then you won't blink at the requirement that graduates generally had to be at least 21 years old. They had to have three years of study, two of them involving hospital experience; be of good moral character - that's always a plus; pass their exams, and - nothing has changed - have all their fees paid.

You will also be glad to know that in 1889 at Chicago Medical College, a part of Northwestern

University, graduating doctors had to have dissected at least three parts of the human body. Wow! I'd just hope that, if I were in trouble, they had worked on the right three parts.

Maybe things were better than they seem because elsewhere, the catalog says that students must dissect a right or left half of a body to graduate, which appeared to count for two of the parts. This was a remarkable improvement over previous decades, when students could only watch from a distance.

Regarding studies of anatomy, the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons advised students to pay their fees early to "profit by a favorable allotment of anatomical material, which is obtainable in abundance..."

Missouri law gave "all the bodies of paupers to Medical Colleges for scientific purposes."

The cutting edge?

In some ways, late 19th century science was at the cutting edge. Dedicated physicians surely were swept up by the challenges. Chicago Medical, for

example, awarded prizes to graduates, including one for the best paper on puerperal (childbed) fever.

Too many mothers were dying from infections contracted during childbirth from unsanitary practices. Doctors were beginning to understand - but still arguing about - the benefits of disinfecting hands and instruments. The prize, by the way, was \$25.

And the cure was worse than the illness. Some old-time medicines had dangerous ingredients, like lead and mercury. Doctors frequently prescribed laudanum, which, as you may know, contained opium.

The publications I have preserve ads for many of these questionable turn-of-the-century concoctions. Manufacturers claimed their products cured just about everything. Some had very strange applications, too.

Listerine was around then - the 1880s version of it, anyway. The company recommended its antiseptic use both externally and internally - doses, sprays and irrigations.

Another product was "Lambert's Lithiated Hydrangea." This snake-oil remedy claimed to cure various urinary and kidney problems, gout and rheumatism.

Parke, Davis & Co., which started in Detroit, advertised an anti-diphtheria serum. This vividly reminds us of that era's public health risks. In the same ad, Parke, Davis offered serums for tetanus, tuberculosis (TB) and streptococcus.

Colden's Liquid Beef Tonic claimed to cure nervous weakness, malarial fever, incipient consumption (TB) and "general debility."

Charles Marchand promoted his Hydrozone as something that would cure "all diseases caused by germs." Would that it were so! He bolstered his claim by saying that Hydrozone won "the highest award" at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893, although an award for what, he doesn't

say.

Addictions aren't new

The Arlington Chemical Company of Yonkers touted Liquid Peptoids with Creosote as being both a food and medicine that were effective in treating typhoid fever.

To treat bronchitis, TB and, again, general debility, another pharmacy offered a tonic made with soda, lime, iron, quinine, manganese and strychnine! They claimed that combining it with their Wine of Coca would "yield most happy results."

Coca, of course, comes from the coca leaves, which render cocaine. We shudder to recall that use of addictive drugs was fashionable among some Victorians. We understand, as well, that coca was an ingredient, very early on, in a popular soft drink until the dangers became known and the ingredient was removed.

Addictions created a need for treatment, so centers for alcoholism and morphinism, which also handled the mentally ill, were advertised.

Moreover, an 1897 issue of the Nashville Journal of Medicine and Surgery devoted attention to congenital health problems and infant mortality associated with morphine-addicted mothers giving birth. Some modern-day problems are not as new as we think.

Turn-of-the-century medical practices certainly left a lot to be desired. Even so, some of those doctors made critical breakthroughs. Without them, we would not have the cutting-edge treatments on which we pin our own hopes today.

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

'Big Dog' from page B1

Creative Arts Center, 47 Williams St., Pontiac. This is the second year Fettes has played the "Empty Bowls Reception." Tickets for the event, which runs from 5:30-9:30 p.m., are \$30.

The "Empty Bowls Reception" benefits the Baldwin Church and Center. For more information, call (248) 332-6101.

have to hustle a lot. I spend a lot of time being my own booking agent. I do have some other people in town who will get me some dates here and there. The majority of the work I get I get on my own."

He had a little help with "Milkbone Underwear," a strong collection of original blues songs as well as Janis Joplin's "Me and Bobby McGee," Elvis Presley's "Hound Dog" and Willie Dixon's "Hoochie Coochie Man."

Roseann Gabrys added percussion to "Long Way from L.A." Producer/engineer Ben Ridley at The Boneyard Studio - an obvious partnership - in Warren offered a hand.

Having a band will help increase his income. Many club owners won't hire him, he said, because he's a solo act.

"They want a band. If I can come in with a real strong rhythm section as far as bass and drums and have them compliment what I already do, that should be enough," he said. "I think the big thing is this whole idea of being able to reach more people and create more energy when you have a couple people you can play off, especially with the drummer because the drummer will give you the option of different feels to music."

"After a couple hours of listening to one person do what they do, it gets to be kind of like the same thing over and over again. That's my big responsibility during the night is to try to make the music as interesting as I can."

Pete "Big Dog" Fettes also will be performing:

■ 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, March 27, at The Sunrise

Sunset, 15222 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park. The show is free. For more information, call (313) 822-6080.

■ 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Thursday, April 1, at the Music Menu, 511 Monroe St. in Detroit's Greektown. There is a cover charge for the 21 years and older show. For more information, call (313) 964-6368.

■ 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at Shield's Pizzeria, 1476 W. Maple Road, Troy. The free show is for 11 ages. For more information, call (248) 637-3131.

■ 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, at The Alibi, on Grand River Avenue in Farmington Hills. There is no charge for the 21 years and older show. For more information, call (248) 478-2010.

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Handicapped kids important to ex-Jane's drummer

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Former Jane's Addiction and Porno for Pyros drummer Stephen Perkins has found a new purpose in life.

After meeting a neighbor named Scott who has cerebral palsy, Perkins invented percussion bags called Go-Jo Bags that handicapped folks, unable to hold instruments, can strap to their hands.

"I invented these cool percussion bags. These bags are like shaker bags that have Velcro straps so they can strap them on for kids who can't hang on to (shaker) eggs or maracas can get a hold of that stuff. The vibe of it is just so beautiful to be involved with these people who really appreciate it," Perkins explained.

Perkins is selling Go-Jo Bags through his Web site, <http://www.perkana.com>, for \$19.95 for a three pack. Each of the three has a different tone.

"Drumming for these people is a whole new world. It's really changed my life, to be honest with you. It was heaven. It was really something I needed to do. It showed me how important drums are."

Drums are key to Perkins' other project, Banyan, a loose collective of rock and jazz musicians that play a funkified amalgamation of the two genres. Perkins recently released Banyan's second CD, "Anytime at All" (CyberOctave).

The touring version of Banyan

features Perkins on drums, bassist Rob Wasserman, guitarist Clint Wagner, keyboardist Ross Rice, trumpeter Willie Waldman and clarinetist Dave Aron, all of whom appeared on the record. The band comes to the Majestic in Detroit on Saturday, March 27.

"It's gonna be real exciting. Not only am I playing with these new players that kind of entice my appetite for playing, they get me real hungry, but it's a challenge to go out and play music. We're improvising most of everything we do live. There's a theme here or two but basically we're just kind of doing it live and going for it. That gets to be very physically and mentally exhausting but it's also very healthy," Perkins said.

Banyan is a significant style change for Perkins, a veteran of the alt rock groups Jane's Addiction and Porno for Pyros. While those two bands were heavy on guitars, Banyan works around horns.

"I'm learning a lot because it's not guitar-driven. It's mostly surrounded by trumpet and horns. That to me is a fresh sound and good for me to work off. They play a lot less than guitar players and they also have a different sense of phrasing."

"Playing without a singer gives all the instruments a lot more room — good and bad. As long as you don't over play and step on each other's toes, it's good. I'm excited. It's a mostly instrumental record and the live show is basically all instrumental unless



Debuting new album: Banyan, featuring drummer Stephen Perkins and bassist Rob Wasserman, plays for the first time in Detroit in support of its new album, "Anytime at All," Saturday, March 27.

someone wants to come up and do something."

Perkins' first love was jazz and swing "but all my friends were buying guitars. As a drummer that was my thing but no one wanted to buy a sax or a trumpet. They all wanted to buy a guitar and be Jimmy Page. That

left me in that situation too."

"When I started playing drums I was only 8 years old. The original drummers I was kind of educated with were jazzers. The jazz drummers are really the players that brought drums to the forefront of music. As far as the commercial world, drums are always

in the background. The jazz players, they always give the drummer a solo."

"Anytime at All" was recorded literally in Perkins' backyard which provided the free atmosphere for which he was looking.

"Everybody just had the chance to come over and not

have any pressure at all. Everyone was real loose. It was real fun that way because everyone had a chance to be themselves. A lot of personalities came out. You can hear (Red Hot Chili Peppers' bassist) Flea, you can hear (singer) Buckethead, you can hear Mike Watt. Everybody's personality had something to say. I didn't stifle anybody. As a producer, it's my duty to get everybody to speak up musically."

In his free time, Perkins also does session work, most notably with Alice in Chains singer Layne Staley and Rage Against the Machine guitarist Tom Morello as "Class of '99" for the Pink Floyd cover "Another Brick in the Wall" for "The Faculty" soundtrack. Perkins, who was born and raised Jewish, also plays in a Klezmer band, traditional fast Jewish music. For now he's concentrating on Banyan and his work with handicapped kids.

"After a concert, some dude who's all pierced and tattooed says he loves you and that's cool. But when some kid who's in a wheelchair is so honestly happy to see you, it's like, 'Oh man. I'm so happy to be there.' I walk away really happy as they do as well. It's a give and take."

Banyan performs Saturday, March 27, at the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 18 and older show. Tickets are \$20 in advance. For information, call (313) 833-9700 or (248) 645-6666 or <http://www.99music.com>.

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stressful situations, asking questions like, "is this really worth getting worked up about," or "am I mad because my child spilled her milk or because the phone bill is overdue, I had a fight with my mother, and I missed the mail pickup."

Some parents keep a journal to write in when they're feeling stressed. Venting in your journal can be a healthy, insightful way to deal with your anger, but always try to end your entries with a positive note about your kids.

If you don't want to keep a journal, scribble down a "good thoughts" list when you're feel-

ing stressed and when you're feeling happy. As time goes on, add to the list. After a while you won't need to look at the list — the positive thoughts will occur to you during good times and tough times.

Take time for yourself.

Many times, parents lose their cool because they haven't allowed enough time to take care of themselves. If you never have a chance to exercise, read a novel, take a long bath or do something that is strictly for yourself, resentment against your family can build up, making you more prone to losing it.

Schedule a baby sitter or your

spouse to watch the children while you enjoy some personal time. Or use nap time or school time. Forget what has to be done and instead, relieve some stress.

A healthy, loving parent has a better chance of raising good children. Take care of yourself by eating regular meals, making time for sleep and taking breaks when you need them — not when it's too late.

Call for help.

When you feel yourself bending to a breaking point, call for help. Ask your spouse, parents

or neighbors to watch the children while you cool down to a point where you are not at risk of hurting your children or yourself.

If your supports are limited, call a crisis line, a parent support number or a community respite center, like Safe Stay in Westland. Safe Stay Crisis Nursery and Family Respite Care Center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and provides a time-out for parents while children are cared for in a warm, homelike setting.

Practice keeping your cool.

If you practice some of the above-mentioned techniques, keeping cool will come more naturally. Remember, you are not only practicing for a healthy you, but for a healthy child. Your children will learn productive ways of dealing with anger from you.

As time goes on you will be able to better anticipate and

plan for stressful situations and increase the number of times you keep your cool with your children.

Michael Iavasile is the program manager of Starfish Family Services' Safe Stay Crisis Nursery and Family Respite Care Center in Westland. Safe Stay provides a safe environment for children whose parents are in crisis. For more information, call (734) 595-0411.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth, MI 48170 (734) 453-3869

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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Dated: March 17, 1999
By: Plymouth Township Police Department
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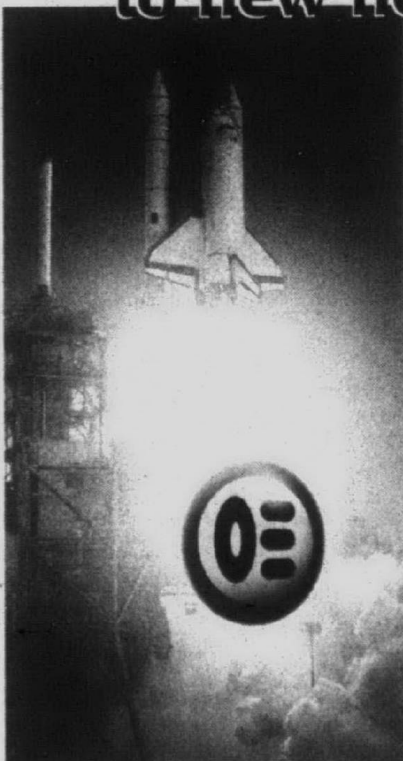
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If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk at (734) 453-1234 ext. 234.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AEE
City Clerk

Publish: March 14 and 25, April 11 and 22, 1999

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, April 1, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

Z-99-01	1158 S. Main	Non-Use Variance Requested
		Front Yard Parking
		Zoned: B-3, General Business
		Applicant: Greg L. Ash

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Power Sharks prevail

A third-place finish in the Little Caesars Mite B Division didn't keep the Plymouth-Canton Power Sharks from capturing the league championship with a 5-2 victory over the Plymouth-Canton Shark Attack in the final March 16 at Joe Louis Arena.

Anthony Bonnett opened the scoring in the title game for the Power Sharks, with Joshua Walters then taking control by scoring the next two Power Shark goals to make it 3-0 after one period. Ryan Renault scored in the second period to make it 4-0, before the Shark Attack got a score from Patrick Theisen to pull to within 4-1 after two. However, Walters completed his hat-trick with a third-period goal, offsetting a marker by the Attack's Kyle Powell.

Walters was named most valuable player in the game.

A 5-1-0 run through the divisional playoffs got the Power Sharks to the league semifinals, opposite the Plymouth-Canton Mighty Sharks, a game they won 4-1 on two goals by Zachary Osborne and single scores by Philip Mitchell and Anthony Bonnett.

Other team members are Joshua McGuire, Kyle Zink, Michael Skudlarek, Steven Knoerl, Zaenger Doyle, Patrick Lytle, Nicholas Pizzo, Billy Hanley, Benjamin Symanow, Jeremy Lindbauer and Alec Gilo. The team is coached by John Mitchell, Don Skudlarek, Dan Symanow, Joe Renault, Matt Zink and Vince Doyle. The team manager is Marie Symanow.

3x3 champs

A sixth-grade team from Canton, consisting of Jason Houdek, Andrew Robey, Chris Rusin and Ryan Shaw emerged with its division championship last weekend at the 10th annual Milford PAL 3x3 Tournament.

The Canton team was unbeaten in the 20-team field, beating opponents from Plymouth, Milford, South Lyon and Hartland. The Canton team defeated Hartland again in the championship game.

Cougars collect crown

The Canton Cougars under-11 boys select soccer team were winners of the A division in the 11-vs.-11 winter session at Total Soccer in Wixom, posting a 7-0 record.

Team members are Sean Cavanaugh, Alex Duca, Blake Foster, Brett Giacomino, Joe Halewicz, Jared Johnson, Jon Pomorski, Jon Powers, Curtis Rose, Drew Ross, Dan Russell, Justin Sheridan, A.J. Stodulski, Eric Wilt and Brad Zonca. The team is coached by Rick Pomorski and Ray Giacomino, and trained by George Demergis.

Squirt AA tryouts

The Canton Crush Squirt AA team will have tryouts from 7-8 p.m. tonight at University of Michigan's Yost Arena, and from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday at University of Michigan-Dearborn. All positions are open.

The team will play in the Metro Shoot-out League. For more information, call Jeff Lajoie at (734) 981-0864.

Baseball clinic

The Plymouth Salem baseball team and coaching staff will sponsor their annual instructional clinics the next two Saturdays in the Salem gym. Cost is \$20 for each session, with hot dog lunch included.

The 11-15 year-old session will be from 9 a.m.-noon; the 7-10 year-old session will be from 1-4 p.m. Lunch will be from noon-1 p.m.

Checks should be made payable to and mailed to the Plymouth Salem Dugout Club, 10782 Red Maple Drive, Plymouth, 48170. For more information, call Bill Styles at (734) 453-1679.

Volunteers needed

Madonna University is seeking a few good volunteers to work the men's baseball games. (No strenuous work is involved, just someone to greet the opponents and manage parking.)

Those interested should call Madonna assistant athletic director Bryan Rizzo at (734) 432-5604.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may fax them to (734) 591-7279.

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In its four previous state tournament games, Plymouth Salem had managed to assert itself well enough to take control of the game by halftime. Against Pontiac Northern Tuesday, that didn't happen.

Which resulted in a 70-64 loss to the Huskies in a Class A quarterfinal played at University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall. The Rocks finish at 20-5; Northern, now 18-7, advances to Friday's Class A semifinals in East Lansing against the Saginaw Arthur Hill-Muskegon winner.

"We had told them about (Northern's) quickness and shot-blocking, but early in the game they didn't react too well," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "And I don't think we shot the ball particularly well."

Both were key factors in the first-half hole the Rocks dug for themselves, one they kept trying to claw themselves out of. They almost made it in the second half, but fell short.

After trailing by as many as 13, Salem was within eight in the closing seconds of the opening half and had the ball. But an errant pass resulted in a breakaway layup by Northern's Nucleus Smith and a foul against Salem's Tony Jancevski — his third of the game. Smith converted the free throw, and the Rocks trailed 40-29 at the break.

After a third-quarter standstill, with neither team able to sustain a scoring run, the Rocks broke through in the fourth as the Huskies backed off.

"I told our kids we still wanted to be aggressive," said Northern coach Robert Rogers. "But some kids are hard-headed. We needed to be more obedient and stick to the game plan."

"We got a little careless. But we were glad to have that cushion."

Most of their 12-point cushion melted away as Salem mounted an 11-2 surge in the first 4 1/2 minutes of the period. Mike Korduba, who came off the bench and spent a lot of time filling in for Jancevski at center, had seven of the 11 points.

But that was as close as Salem could come. Smith responded with a lightning charge down the court, resulting in a layup; the Huskies added another

six consecutive points, their 8-0 run making it 62-51 with two minutes left.

Three-straight three-pointers by Adam Wilson — his first, and only, points of the game — helped the Rocks get to within four (68-64) in the closing seconds, but the deficit proved too big, their shooting too erratic, and ultimately the opposition too good.

Rob Jones was the offensive star for a Salem team that struggled against the shot-swatting Huskies. Jones, who had three of his four first-quarter shots blocked, hung in there to score 20 points; Korduba finished with 15 and Aaron Rypkowski had 11. Wilson scored nine and Jancevski had seven.

Smith, a 6-foot-3 senior guard who's being recruited by Toledo, Dayton, Villanova and Canisius, led all scorers with 22 points — 16 coming in the first half. Willie Jones added 13, Ricky Morgan had 12, Lester Abrams scored 10 and Norbert Mosley totaled nine.

"It was a combination of a lot of little things," said Brodie. "We gave up too many offensive rebounds and too many fast-break baskets."

Both enabled the Huskies to establish themselves in the first half. The Rocks led just once in the game — at 4-2. And that didn't last long; Northern outscored them 17-3 over the next six minutes and never again trailed.

The Huskies were a blistering 8-of-10 from the floor in the first quarter (80 percent) and 13-of-19 for the half (68.4 percent). Salem managed to make just 5-of-16 first-quarter floor shots (31 percent) and 13-of-31 for the half (42 percent).

For the game, the Rocks were 24-of-63 (38 percent); Northern was 22-of-39 (56.4 percent).

Retrospect:

Looking back at what went wrong doesn't aid Salem players digest their quarterfinal loss to Northern.



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In possession: Salem's Rob Jones (21) grabs this rebound away from a Northern player. Jones led the Rocks with 20 points.

Northern was also near-perfect from the stripe in the first half, making 12-of-13 (92 percent); the Huskies were 24-of-30 for the game (80 percent). The Rocks were 1-of-4 in the first half (25 percent) and 11-of-17 for the game (65 percent).

Northern's fast start allowed them to lead 21-11 after one quarter, with Smith accounting for 11 first-quarter points.

"They were getting good shots," said Brodie. "Their doggone penetration, they were getting by us."

Said Rogers: "Our offense feeds off of our defense. When we get turnovers, we're looking to run and score."

"We've been shooting around 62 to 64 percent lately. We've shot the ball pretty well all year. That's because of good

ball movement and because we have guys who can attack."

Jones helped Salem make it a single-digit deficit with 10 second-quarter points, but the late turnover led to Smith's quick basket and an 11-point halftime lead for the Huskies.

The Rocks best chance at a turnaround came in the opening moments of the second half, when Northern missed its first seven shots (three of them dunk attempts). But Salem managed just two baskets in the first three minutes of the half, suffering two turnovers.

"The kids never gave up," concluded Brodie. "We had a good season."

A few breaks, a few makes, and it might have been even better, it's true. But it was still a darn good one.

Whalers rout Spits again



Nothing wasted. The Plymouth Whalers have begun their trek toward an Ontario Hockey League championship with a pair of routs over first-round opponent Windsor in games that exhibited Plymouth's superior offensive and defensive abilities.

The latest was a 6-0 shutout Tuesday at Windsor Arena. The Whalers led 2-0 after one period and 5-0 after two, with five different players accounting for their goals. Indeed, Plymouth had nearly as many goals as Windsor had shots in that span (eight).

Robert Holsinger got his second-straight win, but had to make just 13 saves. In the Whalers' two wins, Holsinger has allowed one goal and made a total of 31 saves.

Defenseman Nikos Tselios finished with two goals and an assist to pace the Whalers. David Legwand, Shaun Fisher and Adam Colagiaco added a goal and an assist apiece, and Troy

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*If necessary	

Smith scored a goal. Damian Surma and Jason Ward each contributed two assists.

The Whalers opened their OHL playoff series against the Spitfires with an 9-1 trouncing Sunday at Compuware Arena. Windsor was playing its third game in three days, with a playoff victory over Kitchener Saturday clinching a playoff berth for the Spits.

But they could not recover quickly enough for the rested and ready Whalers, a team that had lost a week earlier at home to Windsor by a 6-1

count. There would be no repeat; Plymouth scored three times before the Spits could retaliate, and that proved to be only a minor blip in the Whalers scoring surge.

Harold Druken was the key for Plymouth, scoring three goals and assisting on three others. He spread them out, too — he had a goal and an assist in every period.

Adam Colagiaco contributed two goals and two assists for the Whalers, and Jamie Lalonde chipped in with three assists. Other goal-scorers were Nikos Tselios, Damian Surma, Jared Newman and Eric Goody; Surma added an assist. Paul Mara and Randy Fitzgerald each had two assists.

Robert Holsinger was in goal for the Whalers, making 18 saves. Mike Leighton faced an incredible 63 shots in the net for Windsor, making 54 stops.

NOTES: The Whalers concluded their regular season ranked No. 1 in the Canadian Hockey League, posting a 51-13-4 record. In sec-

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Time to end the fighting



C.J. RISAK

For hockey fans in Plymouth and Canton, this week could be — should be — the beginning of something beautiful. Long-awaited, impatiently anticipated. But there's something sour in the mix. And face it, folks: If you don't get rid of it, if you continue to accept and ignore, the whole game could collapse.

The positives

■ The hometown team, the Plymouth Whalers, accomplish something none of its predecessors has done. The Whalers complete the

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Tourney run puts Journeyman in Series

Too early to get out the balls and bats?

Not for one of the area's premier men's slow-pitch softball teams.

Formerly Jimmie's, the Journeyman/Varsity/ Ques/ Easton Class A team earned a berth in the U.S. Slo-Pitch Softball Association World Series Labor Day weekend in Sterling Heights after going 4-2 in the Far West Budweiser Men's USSSA Class AA-A National Invitational Tournament last weekend in Las Vegas, Nev.

Jason Riggs, who batted .818 with 18 hits in 22 trips, seven home runs and 23 runs batted in, made the All-Tournament team.

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Teammate Scott Janack, who hit .714 with 15 hits in 21 at-bats with four homers and 10 RBI, also made All-Tournament.

Coach Larry Quartuccio, former Wayne resident now based in Florence, Ky., has added two new additions to the starting lineup — Jamie Gordon, who played last year for rival Oakland Plumbing, and Dave Dohanos, a member of last year's Journeyman team.

"I really feel good about the team this year and I'm looking forward to the rest

of the season," Quartuccio said. "I wasn't sure how we would play so early in the year, but I must say I'm very happy with the way we did."

Adding Gordon and Dohanos have added great punch to our team." Scott Hille was the team's second leading hitter in Vegas, batting .730 with six homers and 16 RBI. Dohanos hit .600 and Gordon batted .560.

Rounding out the Vegas cast was Tom Lengyel (.640), Mark Matchulat (.583), Scott Nastally (.631), Ron Noel, John Sampson (.529), Chris Scheffer (.600), John Simpson (.666), Steve Swope and Randy Windham. (Brian Donehue did not make the trip.)

Overall, the Journeyman hit .625 as a team with 35 homers and 118 total runs.

Journeyman defeated Aftershock of Fairfield, Calif. in the opener, 30, behind Gordon's 3-run homer and solid defense from Windham at short.

Scheffer's 2-run pinch-hit single in the fifth gave Journeyman a 14-8 second-round win over Pov's of Brooklyn Center, Minn.

Nastally's fine pitching performance gave Journeyman an 18-8 win over Class A Wantenabe of Cincinnati, Ohio in the third round.

Class AA winner Long Haul/Hendus of Seattle, Wash., sponsored by former Major Leaguer Dave Henderson, handed Journeyman its first loss in Game No. 4, 28-22, behind Rick Wagner's 3-run homer.

Game No. 5 was a forfeit victory over Marnell of Las Vegas.

Sunnyvale, Calif. ended Journeyman's tourney run, 29-22, despite a seven-run seventh and seven RBI by Hille.

Journeyman return to action Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25 at the Sterling Heights Round Robin Tournament.

Change of allegiance: 49er vet joins Browns

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He's no ordinary Joe when it comes to football.

Joe Collins is literally changing on the fly in preparation for next month's National Football League draft.

But he is glad to be back near his roots where he is entering his third week as Director of Player Personnel for the new Cleveland Browns.

The 52-year-old Collins, who has a long resume coaching in the collegiate ranks and scouting in the NFL, spent the past four years with the San Francisco 49ers organization.

His father Rip, the public address announcer for the Livonia Stevenson High Spartans, worked for the Detroit Lions as an equipment manager and served for many years as the visiting clubhouse man for the Detroit Tigers.

"This is a great opportunity both in terms of professionally and personally," Joe Collins said.

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New Browns president Carmen Policy and general manager Dwight Clark, who migrated to Cleveland from San Francisco, wanted Collins to be a part of the new expansion team and play a pivotal role.

"The 49ers were a tremendous working experience and we hope to bring that philosophy here," said Collins, who attended Detroit Benedictine High School. "Professionally, there's no better working atmosphere than the 49ers."

"I had a great relationship with Dwight and Carmen and you always feel comfortable with somebody you're familiar with."

The Browns will bring 90 players to camp and have already signed some big names including quarterback Ty Detmer, offensive linemen Lomas Brown and Orlando Brown, punter Chris Gardocki, running back Terry Kirby, centers Jim Pyne and

Dave Wohlabaugh, along with cornerback Corey Fuller.

They also signed former Lions and Bills linebacker Chris Spielman.

"Chris is just a great producer and a great hitter," Collins said. "You will not find many football players like him. He's the ultimate warrior."

Collins must also keep track of the collegiate talent, deal with unrestricted and restricted free agent players, and work with player agents.

He also spends his time tracking players who did not attend the Indianapolis combine workouts. He is constantly breaking down film, doing background checks and gathering information.

The Browns have the No. 1 pick overall. They have 13 picks total.

Kentucky quarterback Tim Couch, who has already worked out for the Browns, leads a group of talented quarterbacks.

Cleveland could also go for Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams, a running back out of

Texas, or several other inviting choices including Ohio State receiver David Boston and cornerback Champ Bailey of Georgia.

"It takes at least couple of years to develop an adequate NFL quarterback," Collins said. "We feel we have a pretty good one already in Ty Detmer. And we feel we already have a pretty good offensive line."

"But you have to have someone to throw to. Boston is 6-3 and 215 pounds with phenomenal stats. And he's right down the road."

Trade offers also loom when talking about the top overall pick. The Browns could relinquish their No. 1, trade down and accept a package deal from another willing NFL team.

"We're probably going to keep it, but you have to listen if you can get two outstanding players to help us immediately," Collins said.

Four of the top six picks could be underclassmen.

"A small percentage make it and few juniors come in and contribute right away," Collins said.

After graduating from Benedictine where he played football, baseball and ran track, Collins went to the University of South Dakota where he set the school's career interceptions record (1965-68).

Collins then played semi-pro in Pennsylvania, had a tryout with the Lions and played for Calgary of the Canadian Football League.

Collins followed up his playing days by going on a five-year collegiate coaching odyssey.

His first stop was Eastern Michigan as an assistant under Dan Boisture in 1972. He also served stints at Xavier (Ohio), Central State (Ohio) and North Carolina A&T.

His break in pro ball came with the scouting organization BLESTO.

Then he went with New York Jets where he spent 15 years as a talent scout. Four years ago he moved to the 49ers where he was responsible for research of player movement within the NFC.

During the past 20 years, Collins has witnessed some dramatic changes in the area of

player procurement and scouting.

"Players are bigger, faster, stronger and smarter, but the way they're handled is different," he said. "Many players are unproven. Things are more closed-door now and there's not an open door policy anymore."

"There used to be a time when a scout could walk on a college campus and time 100 guys at once in the 40."

"But things changed in the mid-80s. Now because of agents, it's more of a business and it's a less congenial situation. It used to be fun and enjoyable. The money is phenomenal and it's changed things."

Despite numerous career changes and stops, family remains important to Collins. Joe and his wife Sue have four children and two grandchildren (living in France).

"So far it's been great for me and I'm happy to be back in the midwest and being closer to home," Joe said. "About a year ago I got into Livonia to visit dad. Now I'll have even more of an opportunity."

Public Notice Required by MCL 324.20120d(3) and Rule 299.5605, Part 201 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, as amended
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Environmental Response Division
S.E. Michigan District Office
38980 Seven Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48152
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF A REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has received a proposed remedial action plan for the **Unisys Property**, located at the intersection of Plymouth and Haggerty Roads in Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan. This site is the location of environmental contamination, which is the result of releases of solvents from past land disposal activities and from releases into local underground utilities.

The notice is provided according to the requirements of Part 201 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), 1994 PA 451, as amended, MCL 324.20101 et seq., or the Part 201 Rules, 1990 AACRS 299.5101 et seq., to notify interested persons that the MDEQ has received the proposed remedial action plan. This notice is provided to allow for public comment prior to final action on the proposed plan.

Written public comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on May 6, 1999. The MDEQ will carefully consider and address significant public comments before a final decision is made regarding the proposed plan. Following is a description of the site contamination and remediation activities. Chlorinated solvents have been detected in groundwater beneath the Unisys site at two locations.

Trichloroethylene (TCE), cis-1,2-dichloroethylene (cis-1,2-DCE) and vinyl chloride were detected in groundwater on the west side of Haggerty as a result of past land disposal activities. A combination groundwater/soil vapor extraction system has been operating in this area for several years, but is no longer effective. That system is being shut down. Impacted groundwater continues to exist at this location, but is captured on-site by a storm sewer. A second area of groundwater contamination is located on the east edge of the plant. The source of this groundwater contamination was found to be a sump located on the Plant. Contaminated sediments were removed from the sump. A groundwater plume containing TCE remains, but this groundwater is also captured on-site by the storm sewer.

The contaminants are entering the middle branch of the Rouge River from the storm sewer, but at levels within acceptable limits. The Remedial Action Plan also includes land use restrictions and continued monitoring of groundwater.



A copy of the complete remedial action proposal, including site investigation data, is available for review at the Southeast Michigan District Office in Livonia, during normal business hours. This review period extends for 30 calendar days from the date of this publication. Comments should be addressed to:

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Golf league forming Hockey signup

A 20-week spring Men's Golf League is being planned for Wednesday evenings by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services, starting April 21 at Fellows Creek GC. The league will be limited to 36 golfers (Canton residents only, unless the league is not filled by March 26).

Cost is \$420, which covers all league greens fees, prize money, league outing and awards. Tee times are 5-6 p.m. Register in person at the Canton Parks and Recreation Services office, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

There will be a league meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 at Fellows Creek to discuss rules and regulations.

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

Registrations are now being taken for men's recreational adult hockey leagues. Play will be at the Plymouth Cultural Center and the STC Arena in Farmington.

The Plymouth Masters (over 40) will play 12 games, from April 7-May 19. The Rockets (over 21) and the Golden Eagles (over 45) leagues will play a game a week from May 26-July 29.

To register, call or FAX name and address to John Wilson at (248) 471-0658, or E-mail information to rspl@provide.net.

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regular season with not just the best record in the Ontario Hockey League, but with the top ranking in the entire Canadian Junior Hockey League (which includes the Western Hockey League and the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, as well as the OHL).

Home-ice advantage is guaranteed throughout the playoffs, which got under way last Sunday.

■ On Tuesday, the Plymouth-Canton school board considered whether or not to make hockey a varsity sport at Canton and Salem high schools. It took two years to put together a proper proposal; although it was tabled by the board, the general feeling is, with school superintendent Charles Little's endorsement, the proposal will pass and hockey will become a varsity sport.

The negatives

While hockey continues to grow in support throughout the area — Northville/Novi, Farmington, Walled Lake and Redford school systems have all initiated prep programs in the last few years; in Plymouth, two new skating arenas have opened in the same time span, and Canton is considering another — there is something wrong, some cancer that is spreading with it.

And even the most adamant of hockey supporters, those who joyfully pack their youngsters into vans for Saturday morning pee wee games, are finding it increasingly difficult to dismiss the role it plays in their sport.

Violence. Depending on your viewpoint, the timing was merely unfortunate. Or purposeful.

The story that appeared last week in *Sports Illustrated*, written by Jeff MacGregor, detailed perhaps the worst incident in the Whalers' franchise annals. In the last game of the 1998 season, Jesse Boulerice — with a baseball-bat swing of his stick — knocked Guelph opponent Andrew Long unconscious. Long suffered a broken nose,

several facial fractures, a concussion, two black eyes and a gash that stretched across his upper lip.

Here the Whalers are, a year later, closing in on a high-point in their history — and they are forced to deal with one of the worst.

Certainly some see it as unfair, a franchise still being held accountable for the actions of one of its former players. Many of those fans continually insist that this is just an isolated incident, that it has been blown so far out of proportion that objective focus is impossible.

But in final analysis, those opinions must be secondary to the main problem.

It all stems from fighting, and the hockey hierarchy's endorsement of it. Is fighting a necessary ingredient in the sport?

Most fans say yes. They love to see players drop their gloves and haul the jersey of an opponent over his head, all the time pummeling him until one, or both, drop to the ice.

How many times have you heard this condoning explanation: *It's all part of the game.*

Nonsense. Fighting is an integral part in the fans' definition of hockey; it's something they enjoy. It has nothing to do with the game itself. Hockey can be played without fights.

Do you think the Boulerice stick-swinging incident, which resulted in an assault charge to do great bodily harm filed in district court (his trial could begin this summer), is isolated? Think again.

On Feb. 5 at St. Clair Shores Civic Arena, two guys — John Fields, 38, and James Barr, 31 — playing in an adult hockey league game tangled twice. The first time both got penalties for fighting. The second, Fields allegedly attacked Barr from behind and sliced him across the face with his hook-shaped artificial hand, causing a cut that needed 200 stitches to close and required plastic surgery.

Last month in a prep district

semifinal hockey game between Redford Catholic Central and Livonia Stevenson, two of the top-ranked teams in the state, fights in the final minutes marred what should have been a classic confrontation.

In any other "contact" team sport, fighting isn't tolerated. Punch an opponent in soccer and you'll be red-carded, meaning you miss the remainder of that game and the next one, too.

Other sports have similar penalties. But in hockey, you can drop your gloves and start punching, then skate slowly to the penalty box to spend a few minutes while fans cheer you fanatically.

Which, of course, is the reason it is tolerated. And while it may seem like *Sports Illustrated*, a magazine of immense international stature, would only print such a story to articulate its stand against fighting, the truth is its motives are murky. Three months earlier, the same magazine ran a story on hockey's self-described "code of ethics" in which it described in detail the need for players to continuously prove their toughness and manhood.

Tough guy — a description of players who can't quite skate well enough, who can't quite shoot well enough. For them, the only way to make it to the big time is by using their fists — or sticks. Fight your way up the ladder, prove you're the toughest goon on the block.

That kind of player isn't needed. They're nothing but thugs, playing a game outside the game. They're a sideshow — a brutal diversion for those who would argue that Big Time Wrestling is real sport.

Stop the fighting now. End it before there's another tragedy. The fans you lose, the goons in the crowd, aren't worth the price.

End it before someone gets killed. End it before we lose sight of what hockey is supposed to be, before we start idolizing the guy who does the maiming over the guy who scores the goals.

THE WEEK AHEAD

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

Thursday, March 25
Ply. Whalers at Windsor, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 26
Ply. Whalers vs. Windsor
at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 27
(If necessary)
Ply. Whalers vs. Windsor
at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS TRACK
Thursday, March 25

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

Saturday, March 27
Huron Relays at EMU, 10 a.m.

GIRLS TRACK

Thursday, March 25
A.A. Huron at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 27
Huron Relays at EMU, 10 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Friday, March 25
Woodhaven at Ladywood, 4 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

Thursday, March 25
Tiffin (Ohio) at Madonna (2), 1 p.m.

Saturday, March 27
Albion at Madonna (2), 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 28
Madonna at St. Mary's (2), 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Sunday, March 28
Madonna vs. Saginaw Valley
at Ladywood H.S. (2), 1 p.m.

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and was the Quebec Remparts of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, with a 51-13-6 record. Two other Ontario Hockey League teams, the Barrie Colts and the Ottawa 67's, were fourth and fifth in the CHL poll, respectively; the Guelph Storm was ninth.

Plymouth completed its regular season with an 8-1 romp over the Brampton Battalion Friday at Brampton. Druken again ignited the offense, scoring three goals to bring his season total to 58, best in the OHL. He totaled 103 points. Colagiacomo collected two assists against the Battalion to bring his season point-total to 108 (40 goals, 68 assists), fourth-best in the OHL.

Other goals were scored by Julian Smith, Eric Goody, Justin Williams, Tomek Valtonen and David Legwand. Smith and Legwand also had assists; Kevin Holdridge (Catholic Central) had two assists.

Robert Holsinger made 17 saves without giving up a goal over the first two periods to get the win; Rob Zepp gave up one goal, with 14 stops, in the third period. Scott Della Vedova had 31 saves in goal for Brampton.

Compuware finishes 1st

The Compuware Ambassadors

finished the season atop the North American Hockey League with a 37-11-6 overall record with a 5-0 triumph over the Soo Kewadin Casino Indians Sunday at Compuware Arena. The Indians finish second with a 36-17-1 mark.

The win gives Compuware a berth in the Gold Cup National Championship Tournament, which begins April 30 in Lincoln, Neb. The NAHL's playoff champion will also advance to the tournament, or its runner-up if Compuware wins the league playoff.

Sunday's win was the second-straight win over the Indians for the Ambassadors; on Saturday, they posted a 4-2 victory at Compuware.

For their efforts, Compuware forward Steve Jackson and goalie Craig Kowalski were named the NAHL's player and goalie of the week. Jackson scored three goals and assisted on four others in four straight Ambassador wins; he scored twice and assisted on the other two in Saturday's 4-2 win.

Kowalski was in goal for three of the wins, stopping 57 of 60 shots with one shutout (his third of the season) for a .957 save percentage. Kowalski leads the NAHL with 34 victories and 2.10 goals-against average.

Goal-scorers in Sunday's win were Jackson, John Shounieya, Jack Redwood, Luke Wright and Andre Robichaud. Pat Brush scored the Ambassadors' other two goals Saturday.

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FUND-RAISERS

WILD TURKEY FESTIVAL

The Pere Marquette Chapter of the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association will hold its annual Wild Turkey Festival on Saturday, March 27, at Baldwin High School. The festival features seminars on calling, gear, the use of decoys and other hunting techniques. There will also be door prizes, raffles and giveaways. Proceeds from the event will be used exclusively for MWT's winter feeding program. For more information, call Jim Maturen at (616) 832-2575.

DRAYTON NATURE CENTER

The Drayton Plains Nature Center is holding a bowl-a-thon fund-raiser, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Century Bowl in Waterford. Proceeds from the event will be used at the nature center, which features 137 acres and is open to the public. Call (248) 674-2119 for more information.

WHITETAILS UNLIMITED

The Clarkston Chapter of White-tails Unlimited will hold a fund-

raising banquet beginning at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, at the Deer Lake Athletic Club in Clarkston. The event will feature a buffet dinner, an auction, door prizes, sporting equipment, limited edition wildlife and outdoor art, Whitetails Unlimited collectibles and much more. Proceeds from the event will be used for conservation and youth related projects. Tickets are \$55 each, \$95 for couples and \$35 for juniors 15 and under. Deadline to purchase tickets is March 29. To order tickets or for more information, call Tom Bushong at (616) 781-8430.

TURKEY HUNTER'S WORKSHOP

The Traverse Bay Chapter of the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association will hold its annual spring workshop on Saturday, April 10, at the Northland Sportsman's Club in Gaylord. The workshop will feature presentations by the DNR's new upland gamebird specialist, Al Stewart, local wildlife biologists and veteran turkey hunters. There will also be door prizes, raffles, a kids calling contest and more. Proceeds from the event will be used exclusively for MWT's winter feeding program. For tickets and more information, call Rick Riley at (616) 549-2179.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

SALMON STAKES

The 21st annual River Crab Salmon Stakes charity fishing tournament and raffle will be held Saturday April 24. Money raised through the sale of \$10 raffle/entry tickets will benefit the Blue Water mental Health Clinic and other programs that help troubled children, adults and their families statewide. Raffle prizes include a trip for two adults and two children to Mackinac Island, use of a private suite for a Detroit Tigers baseball game, a weekend for two in Chicago, \$500 in gift certificates to Chuck Muer restaurants, and a limousine ride and dinner for two at a Chuck Muer restaurant. Ticket stubs are also good for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at participating Chuck Muer restaurants. There are also cash prizes for the anglers, boats and clubs who catch the biggest salmon and trout on tournament day. Tickets are available at Charley's Crab in Troy, Meriwethers in Southfield, Muer's Sea Food Tavern in West Bloomfield, Big Fish in Dearborn, Big Fish Too in Madison Heights, Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor, or by calling the River Crab at 1-800-468-3727.

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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STEELHEAD FISHING

Metro-West Steelheaders will present a free seminar on steelhead fishing beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at Garden City High School. The seminar will include discussion on river and lake fishing, trolling, drift boats, planer boards and other offshore tactics. The seminar is held as part of the regular monthly meeting of the Metro-West Steelheaders fishing club and the public is welcome to attend. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

YOUTH FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will host its annual Youth Fly Fishing School from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center. Cost is \$25 per person and class size is limited. To register and for more information call Dale Ross at (734) 420-2233.

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Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

ACTIVITIES

PAINT CREEK HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a six-mile hike along the Paint Creek Trail on Sunday, March 28. Participants are asked to meet at noon behind the Michigan National Bank on 14 Mile

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SHOWS

WILDLIFE ART

The 16th annual Michigan Wildlife Art Festival, Michigan's largest wildlife art exhibit and sale, will be held March 26-28 at the Southfield Pavilion. Sponsored by the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation, the festival annually raises money for wildlife habitat improvement projects statewide. Admission is \$7 adult and children under age 12 will be admitted free.

SEASON/DATES

FISHING LICENSES

Anglers must possess a 1999 Michigan Fishing license beginning April 1.

CROW

The late crow season runs through March 31 in the Lower Peninsula.

COYOTE

Coyote season runs through April 15 statewide.

FREE FISHING

Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend will be held June 12-13.

RABBIT/HARE

Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.

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SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a nonprofit 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.

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.

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.

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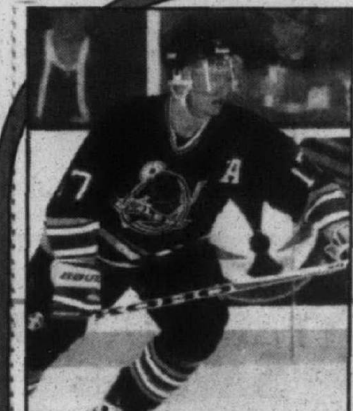
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

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SWF, 57, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys music, traveling, movies, long walks and more, is looking for a sincere, compassionate SWM, 52-62. Ad#.7141

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She's an outgoing and friendly DWCM, 42, 5'3", who's looking to share life and great times with a SWCM, 37-48. Her interests include the outdoors, traveling, Bible study and hopes that yours do too. Ad#.1122

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Self-employed SWF, 33, who enjoys walking her dog, the outdoors and more, is looking for an educated, hardworking SWM. Ad#.4734

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Gentleman, call this humorous, Catholic DWPF, 63, 5'6", N/S. She's seeking a Catholic SWM, 55-66, a good conversationalist, who enjoys travel, fine dining, shopping and more. Ad#.5454

START AS FRIENDS

Catholic SW mom, 40, 5'8", a brunette, who enjoys hockey, reading, bowling, baseball, long walks, dining out and romantic evenings, is looking for a Catholic SWM, 30-50. Ad#.2828

SIMPLY YOURS

SWF, 50, 5'5", who enjoys music, the arts and more, is seeking a warm-hearted SWM, 40-60. Ad#.9114

SIMPLY MARVELOUS

Down-to-earth, Born-Again DWCF, 44, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, N/S, enjoys bicycling, Bible study, dancing, movies, music and more. She's seeking a compatible, Born-Again DWCM, 35-50. Ad#.4240

CONSIDER ME

Personable, brown-eyed blonde DWCF, 50, 5'4", slender, is seeking an educated SWPM, 45-60, without children. Ad#.2323

IT HAS TO BE YOU

Catholic DWF, 60, 5'6", who enjoys traveling, movies, the theater, walking, dancing and gardening, seeks a loving SWM, 59-64. Ad#.3138

AVAILABLE

Childless, Catholic SWPF, 30, 5'5", is interested in meeting a Catholic SWPM, 27-35, for quality time together. Ad#.1126

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BE SURE TO SMILE

Spice up your life, be sure to call this friendly, sincere SWPF, 39, 5'5", who is hoping to hear from a considerate, honest SWM, age unimportant. She enjoys movies and music, dancing and spending time with friends. Ad#.7733

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SWF, 35, enjoys gardening, animals and spectator sports. She would like to meet a SWM, N/S, who likes meaningful conversations. Hopefully, a serious relationship will develop. Ad#.3693

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Here's a laid-back, but fun DB mom, 34, 5', who's waiting to hear from you, a SBM, 32-42, who loves children and going to church. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, long conversations and dining. Ad#.1234

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Outgoing, friendly DWF, 50, 5'6", medium-built, with blonde hair, who likes jazz and R&B music, concerts, dining out and quiet nights, is seeking an honest SCM, 50-64, for a long-term relationship. Ad#.4224

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Sincere SWF, 49, 5'4", with green eyes, is looking to share interests and friendship with a caring, considerate SWM, 50-54. Ad#.3161

QUIET EVENINGS

Never-married SWCF, 33, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, loves the outdoors, concerts, movies and line dancing. She seeks a never-married SWCM, 28-36. Ad#.2933

THE MARRYING KIND

SWCF, 35, 5'9", who enjoys dining out, movies, concerts, traveling and church activities, is seeking a SWCM, 30-45, for friendship first, possible long-term relationship. Ad#.2436

FAMILY-ORIENTED

Catholic DWF, 49, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys sports, concerts, movies, dining out and the outdoors, seeks an honest, sincere, Catholic D/WWMM, 45-55, N/S. Ad#.5689

IS THAT YOU?

Secure Catholic DWF, 48, 5'1", who enjoys long walks and weekend getaways, is seeking a warm, compassionate SWM, 46-54, who enjoys life. Ad#.2223

DO YOU QUALIFY?

Caring, petite SWF, 70, who enjoys playing cards, dancing, bowling, traveling and dining out, wants to meet a happy SWM, 68-72, N/S, to spend time with. Ad#.7127

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SHARE HER DREAMS

DWF, 27, 5'8", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys bicycling, working out, swimming and horseback riding, seeks a SWCM. Ad#.3919

GIVE ME A CALL!

WWWCF, 55, 5'8", blonde with dark brown eyes, a great sense of humor and nice smile. I'm ISO of a SWPM, 50-62, who has eyes that sparkle and the same qualities. I love dancing, music, and people. Ad#.5577

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

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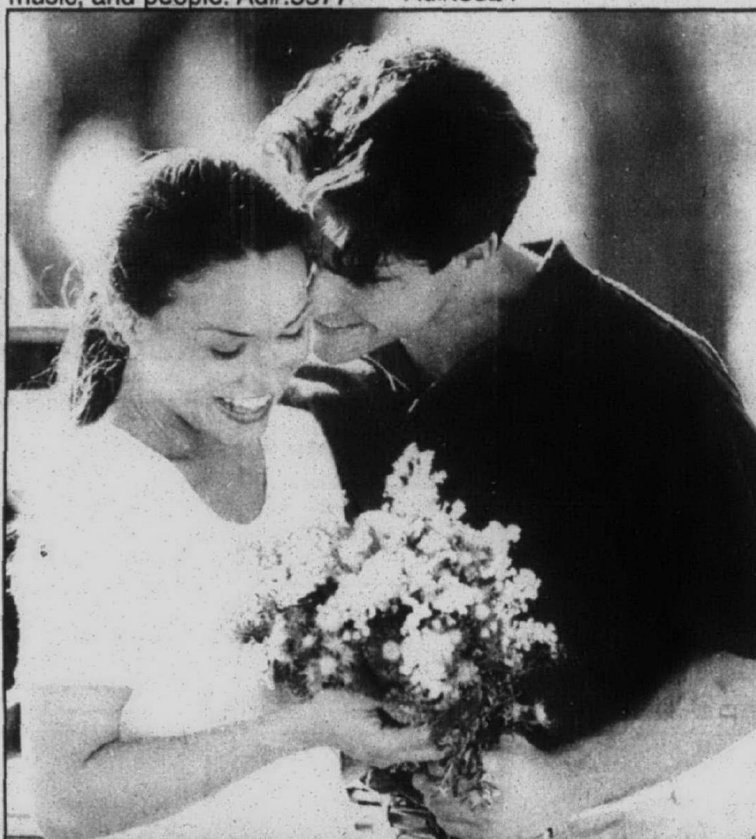
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REACHING OUT

Catholic DWM, 46, who enjoys dancing, quiet times at home, bowling, skating and NASCAR, is looking for a compatible SWCF, 25-50, without children at home. Ad#.1994

HEART TO HEART

Born-Again SWCM, 22, 6'4", with black hair and brown eyes, self-employed, N/S, from the Redford area, who enjoys Bible study, movies, swimming and children, is ISO a SWF, 18-25, with similar interests. Ad#.4653

MAKE THAT CHOICE

Handsome, slim SWCM, 40, 5'9", who enjoys children, the outdoors and biking, is seeking a kind, loving SWF, under 42. Ad#.4545

PUTS GOD FIRST

This wonderful DWCM, 42, 5'9", is seeking a SWCF, 28-44, who enjoys the outdoors and puts God first in her life. Ad#.6667

DELIGHTFUL

Never-married Catholic SWM, 50, 5'11", 180lbs., who is active in his church choir, enjoys children, dancing, walking, movies, music and good conversation. He wants to meet a SWCF, under 50, for a long-term relationship. Ad#.3580

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Want to meet a great guy, then call this friendly DWCM dad, 29, 6'2", 125lbs., with brown hair and green eyes. He's seeking an outgoing SWF, under 40, who enjoys riding horses, outdoor sports and living life to the fullest. Ad#.3841

JUST FOR YOU

Good-natured, 40-year-old SW dad, 5'9", with brown hair and hazel eyes, enjoys outdoor activities, romantic dinners, dancing, long walks and more. He wants to share a long-term relationship with a sincere, caring SWF, 30-40. Ad#.5858

NEVER-MARRIED

Catholic SWM, 37, 6'1", with brown hair and hazel eyes, is looking for a SWF, 30-38, without children at home, who likes sports, plays and the theatre. Ad#.1970

HONESTY TOPS MY LIST

Reserved SWM, 39, 6', with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys bike riding, dancing, dining out and the outdoors, seeks a SWCF, 32-44, for an honest relationship. Ad#.4275

THE MARRYING KIND

Shy DWM, 26, 5'10", 175lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, bowling, fishing and traveling, seeks a faithful DWF, under 26. Ad#.2328

HONESTY COUNTS

Handsome DWPCM, 44, 6'1", who enjoys youth ministry, outdoor activities, movies and more, is seeking a slender, romantic SWCF, 30-44, without children. Ad#.2843

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Good-hearted, affectionate SWM, 50, seeks a SF, 45-65, who would love attention. Ad#.1233

A GOOD GUY TO KNOW

Hoping to meet you soon is this friendly DWCM, 47, 5'11", who enjoys movies, sports, good conversation and dining out. Leave him a message if you're a DWCF, with similar interests. Ad#.8709

ARE YOU COMPATIBLE?

Outgoing DBCM, 45, 6'2", would like to meet a kind SWF, 25-40, without children at home. He enjoys amusement parks, Bible studies, cooking, quiet dinners for two and conversation. Ad#.5550

SO AMAZING

A shy and reserved SWM, 38, 6'1", wants to break out of his shell. If you're a SWF, 19-39 and are athletic, value family life and want to meet a good man, you could be the one. Ad#.2580

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Born-Again DWCM, 48, 5'8", 165lbs., enjoys sports, music and is looking for a SWCF, 25-54, for a long-term, compatible relationship. Ad#.7878

CAN YOU RELATE?

He's a Catholic SWM, 42, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, who's educated, employed and outgoing. He enjoys music, the arts and being around family and friends. He seeks a passionate and caring SWF, 27-42, who enjoys similar interests. Ad#.4242

ENHANCE MY LIFE

Tall, dark, handsome SWM, 40, 5'10", who enjoys sports and physical activities, is looking to share interests and a meaningful friendship with an outgoing, sincere, attractive SWF, age unimportant. Ad#.3931

SAYING MY PRAYERS

Outgoing, family-oriented, Catholic SWM, 24, 5'3", never-married, who enjoys the outdoors and sports, wants to meet a compatible, Catholic SWF, 21-28. Ad#.4322

JUST LIKE YOU

Professional SBCM, 36, 5'5", 155lbs., is seeking a humorous, outgoing, never-married SCF, 27-38, N/S, childless, who loves the Lord. Ad#.7474

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Professional, Catholic DWM, 42, 5'9", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dining out, movies, the outdoors and more, seeks a down-to-earth, Catholic SWF, 33-48. Ad#.2753

FRESH START

Humorous SWM, 38, 6', with dark hair and blue eyes, who enjoys reading, dining out, golf and more, is looking for an attractive SWF, 25-40, who has good values, for a possible relationship. Ad#.8860

DEDICATION OF LOVE

Never-married SWM, 41, 6', who enjoys dining out, movies, sports, working out and outdoor activities, is seeking a slender D/SWF, 25-40, with similar interests. Ad#.2799

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Down-to-earth, attractive, family-oriented DWM, 45, 6', 185lbs., is in search of a SF, age unimportant, who enjoys the outdoors, exercise, the arts and more. Ad#.1050

JUST YOU AND I

Catholic SWM, 40, 6'1", 195lbs., with brown hair/eyes, is searching for a SWF, 29-39, to share laughter, photography, music, movies and more. Ad#.1907

IT COULD BE YOU!

SBCM, 28, 5', who enjoys dining out, sporting events and good conversation, is seeking a SBCF, 18-30, who enjoys life. Ad#.7453

LET'S MINGLE

SWM, 30, 5'9", 180lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, going to church and concerts, is seeking a SWF, 26-34. Ad#.9614

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Professional, handsome SWM, 38, 6', in search of a slender, outgoing and sincere SWF, 28-44, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad#.6789

TAKE A LOOK

Self-employed, professional SWM, 30, 6'1", is looking to share life with a slender, romantic SWF, who enjoys swimming, sunsets and spending time with friends. Ad#.3336

GO OUT WITH ME

Caring, affectionate and educated DWCM, 38, 6', is looking to meet a SWCF, under 38, who likes dining out, watching movies and going to plays. Ad#.1991

CALL SOON

Professional, upbeat SWM, 48, 5'11", N/S, enjoys keeping fit, traveling, fine dining and the theatre. He hopes to meet an attractive SWF, 38-52, with a good sense of humor. Ad#.7612

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Professional SWM, 28, 5'8", 155lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, N/S, who enjoys biking, weight training, target shooting and music, seeks a Catholic SWF, 22-31, N/S, without children at home, for a possible relationship. Ad#.4475

ALL IN TIME

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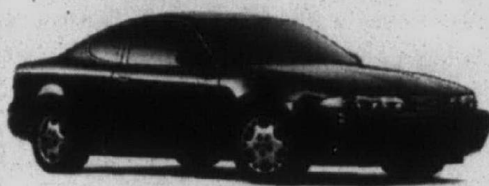
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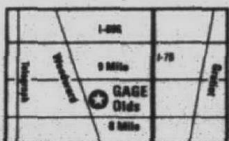
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THE WEEKEND

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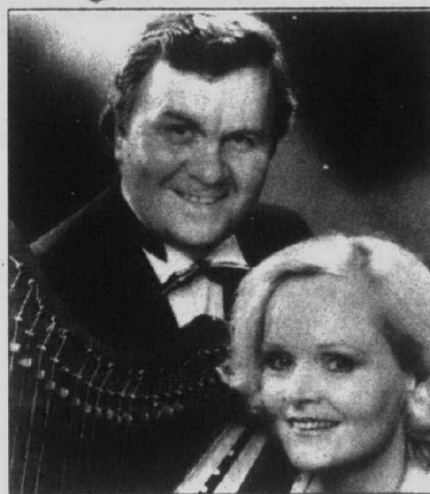
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SATURDAY



The Bloomfield Players present "The Wizard of Oz," 8 p.m. at Andover High School on Andover Road (at the corner of Andover and Long Lake Roads, west of Telegraph) in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$10 adults and \$8, children under 12, call (248) 433-0885.

SUNDAY



Frank Patterson, "Ireland's Golden Tenor" presents a benefit concert with Eily O'Grady, 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets \$25, \$30, \$50 and \$60, call (313) 562-5610, (248) 649-1140, or (313) 576-5111.

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TEEN STARS rule the weekend

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Riding in a limo to the next in a long line of personal appearances, Tatyana Ali feels like she's in a whirlwind.

Since her single "Daydreamin'" pushed her debut album "Kiss the Sky" to gold status, Ali has been running from television shows to radio stations to concert halls. And to think, the former "Fresh Prince of Bel Air" TV star recorded the album just because she wanted to do it.

"I thought that I would be going to school (right now). I didn't even know anyone would listen to it or pay attention to it because of the show. It's something I've always wanted to do, and I didn't want to have any regrets. I thought that the show would prevent anything from happening," Ali explained.

Ali, 20, mistakenly believed that she wouldn't be able to crossover from television to sultry R&B star successfully.

"I was very happily surprised," she said.

Another surprise came by way of 'N Sync, who asked her to join its tour after appearing in a Disney special together. The show comes to The Palace of Auburn Hills on Thursday, March 25.

"It literally fell out of the sky because I wasn't looking for a tour because I was going to school. I did a Christmas special with 'N Sync for Disney but they invited me to go on their tour with them. It was like, 'Oh my

Please see TEEN, E2



Visiting Detroit: Tatyana Ali, former star of the television show "Fresh Prince of Bel Air," is one of a handful of teen idols coming to town this weekend. She will open for 'N Sync at The Palace of Auburn Hills on Thursday, March 25.

Teen dream weekend - and beyond

Teenagers will be lining up outside The Palace of Auburn Hills and La Boom in Walled Lake to see their favorite stars this weekend.

'N Sync performs along with Tatyana Ali and Divine at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. The show is sold out but tickets may be released the day of the show. Call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>.

Those unable to get tickets to the Thursday show have a second chance when the Florida quintet returns to play the Pontiac Silverdome at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, with ex-New Kid on the Block Jordan Knight and Brit boy band Five. Tickets are \$32.50. For more information, call (248) 645-6666 or visit <http://www.ticketmaster.com>.

Voices of Theory performs during "Never Been Kissed" Prom '99 night promoting the new Drew Barrymore flick at 9 p.m. Friday, March 26, at La Boom teen nightclub, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. The party, hosted by Jimi Love of WDRQ-FM (93.1), will also feature giveaways of tuxedo rentals, hair and makeup appointments, discounted limo service, flowers, and passes to the movie's premiere. Tickets are \$10 in advance at Ticketmaster. For more information, call (248) 926-9960 or (248) 645-6666.

Next month, 98 Degrees, B*Witched and Jessica Simpson will perform at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, on Saturday, April 17. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$25 for reserved theater seating. For more information, call (313) 961-5451, (248) 645-6666 or visit <http://www.961melt.com>.

It's about time for Voices to Theory

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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When former General Hospital star Ricky Martin wiggled his hips across the stage at the Grammy Awards last month, for many viewers it was the first exposure they had to Latino music and heritage.

The quintet Voices of Theory, all of whom are of Latino descent, said it's about time.

"We're trying to do the same thing," Hector Ramos said of Martin. "When people first hear us, and actually don't see us, people are judgmental. They think otherwise. When they see us, they drop their jaws."

Save for Spanish versions of their songs "Say It" ("Dimelo") and "Wherever You Go" ("Si Acaso Te Vas"), Voices of Theory doesn't necessarily sound Latino. The group's self-titled album features the latest single "Wherever You Go," written by Voices of Theory's new manager, Mike "Bass" McCary of Boyz II Men.

"Mike is actually the best, man. He's a really big brother to us. We've known him for a long time, actually for about seven years. He's been behind us 100 percent," explained Erik Serrano, 20.

"When 'Wherever You Go' came out, in about a week it was the No. 4 video in the country. The Box (video channel) has given us a lot of love. So have the fans who have been ordering it," Serrano added.

Voices to Theory, he added, is benefiting from having a manager who is also an artist.

"The advice he can give us is overwhelming. Plus, Michael is Michael from Boyz II Men. It's real fun. We're such Boyz II Men fans. We grew up listening to Boyz II Men and now being around them and actually having Michael work for us is, like, crazy," Serrano said.

Voices of Theory - which also includes James Cartagena, Meechi Cebollero and David Cordova - acknowledge Boyz II Men with their soulful ballads and Temptations-like harmonies.

Boyz II Men aren't the only superstars behind him. Mariah Carey gave them their start, taking them on tour with her. Producer Jellybean Benitez, who has collaborated with Madonna and Whitney Houston, worked on the album and signed them to his H.O.L.A. (Home of Latin Artists) label.

"Jellybean is like the best. We just want to give much love to him for actually giving us a chance," Serrano explained.

Voices to Theory is just wrapping up a promotional tour with Cordova, who, thanks to dialysis machines, is able to tour despite awaiting a kidney transplant. He is expected to perform with Voices to Theory Friday, March 26, at La Boom teen nightclub in Walled Lake.

"The last time we were in Detroit, you guys showed us a lot of love, a lot of love, actually both times we were there," Serrano said of the Boyz II Men show and the "DRQ Freeze For All" with 98 Degrees and Ace of Base last year.

'The last time we were in Detroit, you guys showed us a lot of love'

Erik Serrano

Company brings world-class ballet to Opera House

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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There's no tilting at windmills for the American Ballet Theatre.

A year after announcing that the Detroit Opera House would be their Midwest home, the legendary New York City-based ballet company continues to bring world-class performances to the area.

Indeed, with "Don Quixote," performed tonight through Sunday at the Detroit Opera House, American Ballet Theatre may succeed in dance where the dreamy-eyed idealist Don Quixote failed in Cervantes' 17th-century tale.

American Ballet Theatre returns to

WHAT: "Don Quixote" presented by the American Ballet Theatre

WHEN: Thursday, March 25-Sunday, March 28

WHERE: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit (one block east of Woodward Ave. and Madison)

TICKETS: \$15-\$62, call (313) 237-SING or (248) 645-6666

the opera house after gaining critical and popular acclaim for last year's performance of "Giselle."

Among the most inspiring stories of western literature, Cervantes' "Don Quixote de la Mancha" has been the source for Massenet's opera, Strauss' orchestral music, and a popular main-

stream musical. (Robert Goulet's indelible interpretation of "Impossible Dream" in the title role of "Man of La Mancha" should come to mind.)

The three-act ballet is typically in the repertoire of major dance theaters throughout the world.

"Don Quixote" was first performed by the Bolshoi Ballet in the mid-19th century, and premiered at the Metropolitan Opera House in 1966.

The story is about the travails of Don Quixote, whose overexcited imagination and idealism blinds him to reality. He becomes crazed from reading romances of chivalry, and sets out to redress the wrongs of the world.

Don Quixote becomes not only frus-

trated by the unbendable ways of the world, but his plight reveals a world whereby idealists are considered expendable.

While the task might be futile, the story of Don Quixote is considered a morality tale of the struggles of those with a humanitarian vision in a world of practical necessities.

The practical effect having American Ballet Theatre calling the opera house their home has been to strengthen the local dance scene.

In addition to their performances, American Ballet Theatre also conducts master classes through Wayne State University.

MOVIES

5 readers close to perfect on Oscar picks

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Roberto Benigni was the surprise winner for Best Actor at this year's Academy Awards ceremony on Sunday.

In our Academy Awards Contest no one correctly answered all seven categories - Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Director, Best Supporting Actor, Best Supporting Actress, and Best Original Song.

Five readers correctly answered six of the seven categories. Our finalists were - Russell Beutner of Livonia; Joseph Butler of Orion; Elio Della Mora of Farmington

Hills; Nancy Pietraszkiewicz of Rochester Hills, and Marvin Weingarden of Southfield.

In a random drawing, Weingarden was declared the winner of an annual movie pass good for two people to any area AMC Theatres.

Entry forms arrived at the Observer & Eccentric Newspaper office in Livonia by mail and fax. We received 386 entries. Of the entries submitted, 63 percent picked "Saving Private Ryan" for Best Picture of the Year. "Shakespeare in Love," received 93 votes, followed by "Life is Beautiful," 25 votes, "Elizabeth," 20 votes, and the "Thin Red Line" three votes.

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Oscar winner: Roberto Benigni and Giorgio Cantarini in Roberto Benigni's "Life is Beautiful."

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gosh. OK. I had to rethink everything like whether or not I was going to take time off from school."

To head out on tour, Ali took time off from studying Afro-American studies and government at Harvard. She is planning on returning in the fall.

She also deferred a year of school to finish her well-received R&B CD "Kiss the Sky" (MJJ Music/Will Smith Enterprises). She tapped into several producers' talents for "Kiss the Sky" including Rodney Jenkins and Shawn Stockman of Boyz II Men.

"Working with Rodney, Rodney lives and breathes music. I worked with him in like three different studios and each one he had a bed so he could sleep there literally. That's his life. He's also really young so he likes to party, have fun, play and laugh," Ali explained.

"Working with Shawn Stockman, he's really cool, laid back and relaxed, very peaceful and very patient."

Ali, who appears in the movie "Jawbreaker," hopes to continue

to balance school, music and acting.

"(Music and acting) they both kind of fulfill different things. Acting is totally different because it creates a person. You create an image and a being and a whole history for somebody. You make stuff up. There's something that's really exciting about that," she said.

"With music, it's kind of being as true to yourself as you possibly can. Because it's scarier it does make it more exciting and it does make it more rewarding. This is the most exciting thing I've ever done — ever, ever, ever."

The 'N Sync, Tatyana Ali and Divine show is one of two teen-oriented concerts that hits the Detroit area this weekend. Voices of Theory performs at the teen club La Boom in Walled Lake on Friday, March 26.

How Divine

Never mind the music, Kia Thornton, one third of the group Divine, has one thing to say.

"I love Jay-Z," she said of the Grammy Award-winning rap artist. "Put that I love Jay-Z and

we gonna get married."

Back to the music. Blending R&B, soul and gospel, the members of Divine were put together three years ago by managers Nathan Garvin and Gillian Manigat. Thornton, 17, along with Nikki Bratcher, 17, and Tonia Tash, 18, were pursuing solo careers until Garvin and Manigat came along.

None of them have regrets about joining a group instead.

"We were really anxious to be in the business. Now we can't see it no other way. Before we came out we got the name Divine to hear people on the radio say our name, and to see our name in magazines. It's all about Divine now," Tash explained.

"It was more like fate because usually when girl groups come together, there's attitudes and people say they can't get along and all that stuff. As soon as we got together, we just clicked. Our voices blended. It was just like magic," Bratcher added.

The trio's debut "Divine" (Pendulum/Red Ant Entertainment) has already spawned the hit "Latently," brought to the girls by

executive producer Ruben Rodriguez. The album also includes a cover of George Michael's "One More Try," "I Never Thought," featuring Lady Mecca, formerly of Digable Planets, and the funky "Fairy Tales."

The three began singing as children at their respective churches, places that proved to be suitable training grounds.

"It's a really good training ground. Everybody's willing to help you. They don't discard you because maybe you can't sing or you can't sing as good as someone else. They always make you feel good and they help you in areas you need help in," Bratcher said.

The last couple years, boy bands like Backstreet Boys, Hanson and 'N Sync have ruled the charts. Now with Britney Spears recently topping the charts, girls are making ground in the market. Singers like Ali and Divine are paving the way.

"Time for girls to rule!" Thornton said. "There were girl bands like Xscape but they're older. It's time for young girls to come out and rule."

Concert



Jazz Master: Teddy Harris Jr. plays keyboards for a Count Basie tribute 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, (south of Eight Mile), Livonia. Concert features Johnny Trudell's Big Band and guest artists trombonist Al Grey, and vocalist Harvey Thompson. Tickets \$15 and available by calling (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454.

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Readers favored Tom Hanks to win for Best Actor, Gwyneth Paltrow for Best Actress and Steven Spielberg for Best Director.

In case you missed the Academy Awards on TV, here are the highlights:

- Best Picture — "Shakespeare in Love"
- Best Actor — Roberto Benigni, "Life Is Beautiful"
- Best Actress — Gwyneth Paltrow, "Shakespeare in Love"
- Best Director — Steven Spielberg, "Saving Private Ryan"
- Best Supporting Actor — James Coburn, "Affliction"
- Best Supporting Actress — Judi Dench, "Shakespeare in Love"
- Best Original Song — "When You Believe," from "The Prince of Egypt"
- Best Foreign Film — "Life Is Beautiful"

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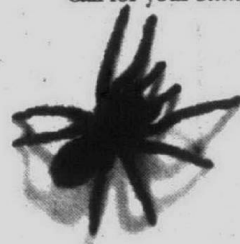
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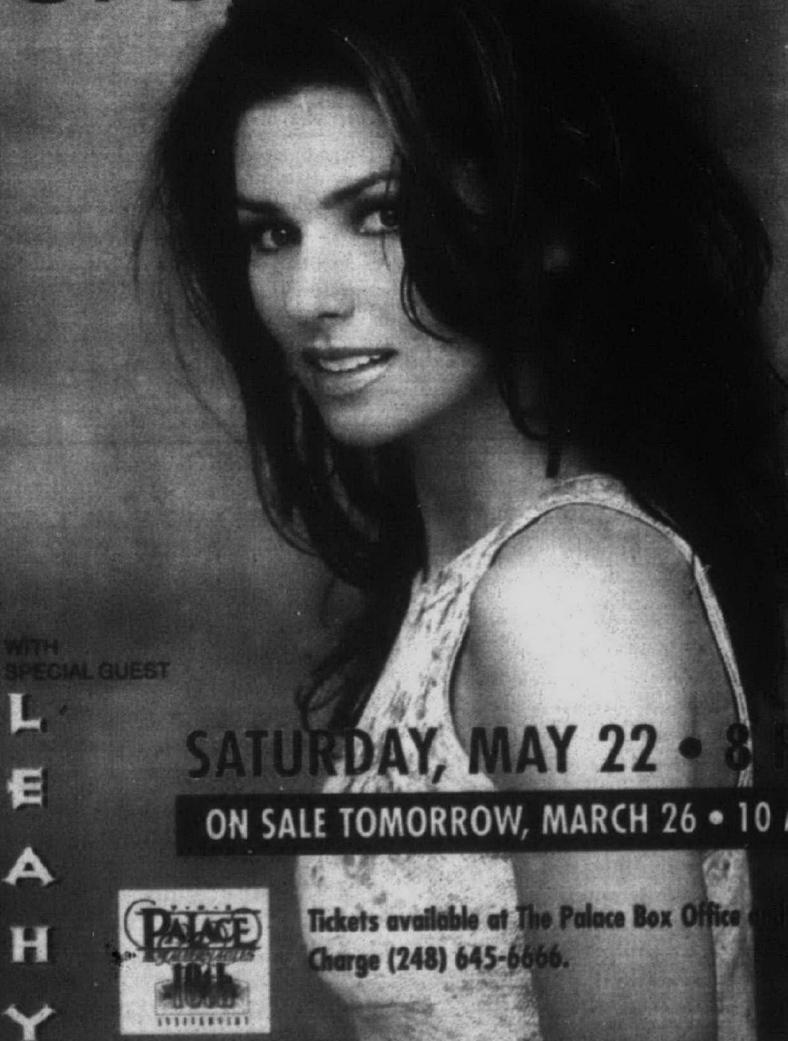
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THEATER

'Rumors' are true: This show's a laugh-a-minute

The Schoolcraft College Theatre Department presents Neil Simon's "Rumors" in dinner theater format Friday-Saturday, March 26-27. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Waterman Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, followed by the show at 8 p.m. Tickets \$19 per person. "Rumors" will also be presented (show only) 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 2. Show only tickets are \$8 per person. Call (734) 462-4596 to order dinner theater or show tickets.

By ROBERT WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

Deflating the pompous, the powerful, the privileged is at the comic core of Neil Simon's hilarious farce, "Rumors."

Under the direction of professor, James Hartman, the Schoolcraft College cast has great fun with this laugh-a-minute comedy as they prick the hidden foibles of New York's upwardly mobile rich.

Simon gives a new twist to the line, "What if you gave a party, and nobody came." In "Rumors" the guests arrive, but the hosts are missing.

Fred Florkowski (who is about to receive his masters in scene design from Wayne State University) creates an elegant setting in beige and black for the show. It is the home of New York City's deputy mayor (Charlie Bock) and his wife (Myra). They are celebrating their tenth anniversary with a formal dinner party.

Guests arrive in lovely evening gowns and tuxes — but we soon learn they are no better

than the common folks when it comes to handling unlikely situations, especially if their public image is threatened. Chris and Ken Gorman (played nicely by Linda Pelliccioni and Jason Birkby) are the first couple to arrive. They hear a gun shot as the come up the driveway. Ken finds Charlie bleeding profusely (thank God it's only from his earlobe). Myra is nowhere to be found.

Fearing the worst, and not wanting to be mixed up in a scandal, Ken, (who is Charlie's attorney), concocts a cover story with his frenzied wife as a somewhat bewildered accomplice.

That's when the fun begins, as they attempt to keep other guests from guessing that something is amiss. It's a hopeless cause. Myra is missing.

The servants are missing. The food is out but not prepared and the cook is missing. And the top? Nobody is allowed upstairs to see Charlie.

With each telling of the cover-up, misconceptions snowball and the situation

becomes more ridiculous, much like the "telephone" game that most of us have played. Eventually, the guests learn the truth — and we learn a truth of sorts about how far some of us will go to avoid public scrutiny.

When the problem is about to resolve itself, the police arrive. More intrigue ensues. The guests impersonate the host, hoping the cops will leave. They do, but only after an improbable shaggy dog story. There is one

last surprise, which we won't reveal in deference to those yet to see the show.

Jerri Doll and Brian Taylor are terrific as Lenny Ganz (Charlie's accountant) and his wife Claire. They bring the energy, comic timing and outlandish expressions so necessary for good farce. Both know how to deliver a putdown or throwaway line.

Doll is perfect as a sarcastic, self-centered socialite, trading rumors of affairs at the tennis club.

Taylor milks his whip-lash for all its worth (His new BMW was broadsided on the way to the party). And his explanation to the police of what's going on at the end of the show is priceless.

Lisa Brawley and Ray Van Hoeck have their moments as Cookie and Ernie Cusack. She has a cooking show on TV (and periodic back spasms). He is a psychiatrist who muses, "If I had you people for group therapy, I'd never need another group."

Beth Wojcik and Larry Pelliccioni play Cassie and Glenn

Cooper. She has a chip on her shoulder (rumors of his affairs have been heard around the club). He is reserved politician, willing to do anything to avoid

to preserve his reputation.

Adam Conger (Officer Welch) and Jessica Wells (Officer Pudney) round out the cast. They scare the bejebbers out of the

guests that their zany story will come unraveled at any moment. Thankfully, the web of deceit and laughter continue to the bizarre ending.

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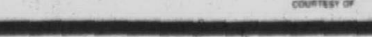
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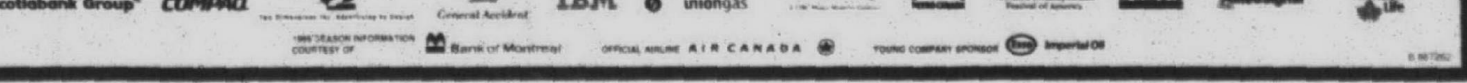
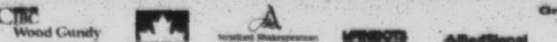
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FOX THEATRE

"The Wizard of Oz" starring Mickey Rooney and Royal Oak native Jessica Grove, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, noon, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 4, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, April 7-9, noon, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, and 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$45.50, \$32.50 and \$17.50. (248) 433-1515/(313) 983-6611

GEM THEATRE

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," runs through June 27 at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 or (248) 645-6666.

JET

"Anne Frank and Me" continues to March 26 at 10:30 a.m. for students (\$5), general public 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21 (\$10, \$5 students), at the Millennium Theatre Center, Southfield. (248) 788-2900 or http://comnet.org/jet

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"A Gift of Glory: Edsel Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts," Karim Alrawi's play about the relationship between Edsel Ford and the politically controversial artist as the Detroit industry mural were being created at the Detroit Institute of Arts, runs to April 4, at the theater, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

OPERA

JOSE CARRERAS

8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$75 and \$125. All ages. (248) 433-1515

VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF MICHIGAN

Presents a concert of solo arias and duets from "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacci," 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, Dearborn. (734) 455-8895

COLLEGE

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Neil Simon's hysterical farce "Rumors" 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27 (\$19 includes dinner and 8 p.m. show), and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 2-3 (\$8), at the college, 18600 Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (734) 462-4596

U-M THEATRE

Workshop production of "Orphan Train," a classic American melodrama about poverty, community, family and hope by Michigan playwright Dennis North, directed by Guy Sanville of Purple Rose Theatre Company, April 1-11, at the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$14, \$7. (734) 764-0450

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE

Moss Hart's comedy "Light Up the Sky" continues in rotating repertory to April 1, and "The Playboy of the Western World," a literary classic from Ireland about a playboy who cons his way into becoming the romantic hero of a small peasant village, runs through May 8 in rotating repertory, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE PLAYERS

"Just the Two of Us" 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers. (248) 477-1410

BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS

The musical "Fiddler on the Roof," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$14. (248) 644-2075

BLOOMFIELD PLAYERS

"Wizard of Oz," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Andover High School theater, Andover and Long Lake roads, west of Telegraph. \$10, \$8 under age 12. (248) 433-0885

JACK-IN-THE-BOX PRODUCTIONS

"Cahoots," a comedy thriller about a group of friends who get together for a quiet dinner that ends in murder, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's recreation and organizations center, Evergreen Road between Ford and Michigan, Dearborn. \$8, \$5 seniors/students. (734) 797-JACK PARK PLAYERS

"Quilters," a musical celebrating life in pioneer America in the late 1800s, March 26-27, at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit. \$10-20. (313) 531-0431

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

"I Remember Mama," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the theater, 21730 Madison, southeast of Monroe



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and Outer Drive, Dearborn. \$11. (313) 561-TKTS/(313) 277-5164

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY

"The Trial of One Short-sighted Black Woman vs. Mammy Louise and Safreeta Mae," a comedy about an African-American female Hollywood executive who sues two movie stereotypes for the negative impact they had on her life, continues to March 28, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 25-26, and 6 p.m. Sunday evenings, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren at Brush, Detroit. \$18 Friday-Saturday with \$2 surcharge for ticket purchased through the museum, two for one all other Thursday evenings, \$15 Saturday-Sunday afternoon (with \$2 surcharge), senior/student discounts. (313) 872-0279

PLYMOUTH PARK PLAYERS

"Crazy for You," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, Salem Theatre, Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton Township. \$7. (734) 416-7723

PONTIAC THEATRE IV

"Educating Rita," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, at Pontiac Northern High School, 1051 Arlene. \$7, \$6 seniors/children. (248) 624-3187/(248) 682-1165

SRO PRODUCTIONS

"Eat Your Heart Out," Nick Hall's comedy about an out-of-work actor paying the bills as a waiter, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at The Burgh, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. \$8, \$7 senior/child. (248) 827-0707

STAGEACTORS

"Light Up the Sky," a theatrical comedy about an idealistic young author runs Friday-Sunday, through March 28, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$10-12. (248) 541-6430; Special dinner/theater package available from Illustrious Bar and Grill in Royal Oak. (248) 586-1313

ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK

"Dearly Departed" a comedy by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 25-27, at the playhouse, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Ticket \$12, \$10 seniors and students. Call (248) 644-0527.

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

"Grace and Gloria," a drama about two women from different backgrounds who find friendship as they struggle with matters of death and life, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile, (west of I-275), Livonia. \$10, \$8 for groups of 10 or more. (734) 464-6302

TROY PLAYERS

"Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling opens 8 p.m. Friday, April 9 and continues 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, April 10, April 16-17 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18 at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, Troy. Call (248) 879-1285 for ticket information.

WEST END PRODUCTIONS

"Saucy Bossy and Burlesque," a hysteri-

cal comedy capturing the robust spirit of the jokes of the vanished era, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday through April 3, March 27 sold-out benefit performance, at the Wunderground Theatre, 110 S. Main St., south of 11 Mile above ACE Hardware, Royal Oak. \$12. (248) 541-1763

DINNER THEATRE

BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE

"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wedding songs, has an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

YOUTH

ANN ARBOR YOUNG ACTORS GUILD

"Ali Baba and the Magic Cave," 1 p.m. Saturday, March 27, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$8, \$6 children ages 12 and younger. All ages. (734) 449-9120/(734) 930-1614 or (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Velveteen Rabbit," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through April 25, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 5-9, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$7. (248) 349-8110

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

"Jack and the Beanstalk," runs Saturdays-Sundays to May 23, 1 p.m. Saturdays (lunch at noon) and 2 p.m. Sundays (lunch at 1 p.m.), at the Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougall across from Harbortown, Detroit. \$7.50, includes lunch and show. (810) 662-8118

RIGIDALE PLAYERS

The Junior Actors present "The Emperor's New Clothes" and meals with the Easter Bunny, 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27 and 1 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. \$6.50, includes meal, play and visit with and gift from the Easter Bunny. (248) 988-7049

YOUTHATRE

"Curious George" romps through this musical comedy from New York's Theatreworks/USA, 2 P.M. Saturday-Sunday, March 27-28 and 11 a.m. Saturday, March 27, at Music Hall Center, Detroit. \$8, \$7 advance. (313) 963-2366

SPECIAL EVENTS

EAST LANSING FILM FESTIVAL

Features four documentaries by Gary Glaser of Troy, 7 p.m. Friday, March 26, Wells Hall, Michigan State University campus, East Lansing. Admission \$5, students \$3.

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MOTOR CITY COMICS SHOW

Comic books, non-sport cards, action figures, toys and Beanie Babies, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$15, \$25 and \$35. Groups of 15 or more receive \$3 off \$25 and \$15 tickets. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

BENEFITS

"CREATIVES FOR A CURE"

Benefit for the Karmanos Cancer Institute featuring a performance by Stewart Francke, his first since undergoing a stem cell transplant for treatment of leukemia five months ago, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$35 mezzanine, \$100 open bar on the ground level and table seating. (800) KARMANOS or http://www.concnetric.net/~francke

"EMPTY BOWLS RECEPTION"

A benefit for the Baldwin Church and Center that features a meal of bread and soup, and a performance by Livonia blues singer Pete Fettes, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, Creative Arts Center, 47 Williams St., Pontiac. \$30. (248) 332-6101

GORDIE HOWE

And wife Colleen host a book signing noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the Henry Ford OptiEyes Super Vision Center, 35184 Central City Parkway, near Wayne Road, Westland. Proceeds from sale of book benefit the American Diabetes Association. (734) 427-5200

"ONCE IN A BLUE MOON"

Art Happening Benefit Concert featuring Lonesome Rose & Kym B. Right, David Lee, Larry Fratangelo and special guest Sista Otis and the Wholly Specials, live art auction, 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, at Swann Gallery, 1250 Library Street, Detroit. Donations sponsor the gallery's educational programs. (313) 965-4826

"WALK FOR WOMEN"

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 30 to raise funds for Henry Ford Community College's Focus on Women Program, lobby of Athletic Memorial Building on campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 845-9629

FAMILY EVENTS

SUPERFAIR

Carnival rides and midway attractions, Friday-Sunday, March 26-28, 4-11 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon to 11 p.m. Saturdays and until 10 p.m. Sundays, at the Pontiac Silverdome. \$8 Monday-Thursday, \$12 Friday-Sunday. (248) 456-1600

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Buffet brunch 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy. \$18, \$8 children. Reservations by March 27. (248) 689-3636

"THE CHOICE"

The dramatic musical is an intriguing love story set at the time of Christ's years of ministry and final week, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 28 and 8 p.m. Friday, April 2, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Free. (734) 455-0022

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11 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at Domino's Farms Petting and Events Center, Earhart Road, Ann Arbor. \$3, proceeds benefit the Easter Seals. (734) 930-5032

CLASSICAL

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"Beethoven the Contemporary," 4 p.m. Sunday, March 28, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$18, \$24, \$28, \$30. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org

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With Jarvi and pianist Garrick Ohlsson, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, March 26, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48, and a limited number of box seats for \$40-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroit.symphony.com

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Good Friday concert features soprano Lynda Weston, baritone Lance Ashmore, pianist Anna Sorokhtei, and the St. Genevieve Interdenominational Festival Choir, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, at St. Genevieve Church, on Jamison Street, south of Five Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. \$15, \$8 children ages 12 and under. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741

LOUIS NAGEL

Performs Beethoven and provides commentary on the composer's life and works, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or [kch.org](http://www.kch.org)

ELEANA SHISHKO

Professor of piano at St. Petersburg Conservatory in Russia, performs at noon Wednesday, March 31, Forum Building recital hall, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Free; Conducts one-day piano teachers' workshop, Monday, March 29, at the college. \$40 advance registration, \$45 for on-site registration; Conducts a master class, 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, Schoolcraft College's Forum Recital Hall. Free. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218

TRIO FONTENAY

Featuring pianist Wolf Harden, violinist Michael Mucke and cellist Jens-Peter Maintz, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$18, \$22, \$24. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org

ORGAN

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Winter Movie Series continues with a Three Stooges Festival starring Moe Howard, Larry Fine and Jerome "Curly" Howard, 8 p.m. Friday, March 26 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27 (organ overtures start 30 minutes earlier, guest organists evening Jim Boutell, matinee Gus Borman), at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

POPS/SWING

COUNT BASIE TRIBUTE

Johnny Trudell's Big Band featuring Teddy Harris Jr. is joined by trombonist Al Grey, 3-5 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Clarenceville High School auditorium, Middlebelt south of Eight Mile, Livonia. \$15, proceeds to benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival and the Clarenceville Foundation. (248) 474-2720/(734) 459-2454

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, during the Detroit Rockers game, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 645-6666 (western swing)

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9-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Soup Kitchen, 1585 Franklin, Detroit. (313) 259-1374; 7-9:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Heidelberg, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 663-7758

AUDITIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE

Auditions for boys and girls ages 8-16 for the musical "Rapunzel," 5 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the theater, 135 E. Main Street, Northville. For weekend

performances May 7 to June 5. (248) 349-8110

RADIO CITY ENTERTAINMENT

The organization auditions girls between the ages of 12-18 for the role of Dorothy of "The Wizard of Oz," 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, The Second City-Detroit, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Girls must be able to sing 16 bars of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." (313) 596-3288/(888) 7-4-DOROTHY or <http://www.ozontour.com>

THE SECOND CITY

The Second City is looking for new, talented actors by hosting limited auditions by appointment only, Monday-Wednesday, April 5-7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call backs April 9th. Candidates (non-equity and equity) must have stage and performance experience, strong writing skills and be able to sing. Walk-ins will not be accepted. To register, (313) 964-5821 by April 1.

CHORAL

SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK

8 p.m. Friday, March 26, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$18, \$24, \$28. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

JAZZ

BANYAN

Featuring former Jane's Addiction and Porno for Pyros drummer Stephen Perkins, and Rob Wasserman, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com>

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9 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (gypsy jazz)

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8 p.m. Tuesdays in March, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Reservations recommended. (313) 831-3838

HARVEY THOMPSON TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturdays, March 27 and April 3, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass trio)

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Koltan, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

GOSPEL

BILLY SOEER
7 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, at Marimont Community Church, 424 W. Walton Blvd., Pontiac. (248) 332-7239

WORLD MUSIC

BLACKTHORN
6 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at First Baptist Church, Birmingham. Free. (248) 644-0550 or <http://www.blackthorn1.com> (Irish)

BOYS OF THE LOUGH
7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (Scottish)

"GYPSY CARAVAN"
"Gypsy Culture from India to Eastern Europe and Iberia" with Taraf de Haidouks of Romania, Kolpakov Trio of Russia, Kalyi Jag of Hungary, Yuri Yanakov Ensemble of Bulgaria/Macedonia, Antonio Pipa's Flamenco Dance Company of Spain, and Musafir of Rajasthan, India, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$22, \$26, \$32, \$34. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

IMMIGRANT SONS
With C-3, 9 p.m. Friday, March 26, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://golddollar.com> (world)

IMMUNITY
8:30 p.m. to midnight Friday, March 26, The Alley, 215 Main St., Rochester. \$3. 21 and older. (248) 652-6620

JIM PERKINS
9 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (Celtic folk)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

RICHARD LAWRENCE
8:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, with Celtic music by Sean Henne, at the Angel Caravan Coffeehouse in the Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor. Free, suggested donation \$5. (734) 327-2041

HARVEY REID
8:10-10 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at the Off-the-Wall Acoustic Coffee House in St. William Parish Hall in Walled Lake. \$10 adult, \$20 family, \$7.50 student. (248) 624-1421 or <http://www.off-the-wall.org>

KAREN SAVOCA
7 p.m. Saturday, March 27, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

MARTIN SEXTON
9 p.m. Saturday, March 27, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. \$12.50 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com>

ROSALIE SORRELS
8 p.m. Thursday, March 25, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12. \$11, members, students and seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

POETRY

POETRY IN MOTION
Features performance poet Sonya Pouncy, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 28, doors open at 6 p.m. with open mic, at the Grand Cafe 33316 Grand River, near Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. (248) 615-9181

DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE
Minimal walk throughs, many dances will not be taught or walked through at all, to music by the Contrapreneurs, 8 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8863

TANGO CLASSES
8 p.m. Fridays (beginning), at the Troy Dance Studio, 4963 Rochester Road, at Long Lake Road (\$5-\$10). (248) 689-3393; 8 p.m. Saturdays at Dance Avenue, 1860 N. Telegraph, southeast of Ford Road, Dearborn (\$5-\$7). (313) 565-3329; also advanced Tango

Sundays in Troy.

OAKLAND DANCE THEATRE AND QU REP

Present "Dance Explosion" a high energy concert of new dances by faculty, student and guest choreographer, Colin Connor, 8 p.m. Friday, March 26; 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Yarnal Recital Hall, Oakland University, campus, Rochester. Tickets \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. Call (248) 370-3013.

COUNTRY CLASS
Country/Western dance 7:45 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. \$7 per person. (734) 425-2207.

COMEDY

"COMEDY EXPLOSION"
Featuring Coco, Tony Roney, Frank G., Bam Bam and Mary Ann DeMoss, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Tickets at Ticketmaster, partial proceeds benefit Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
John Bizarre and J.R. Remick, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 25 (\$5), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27 (\$12); Keith Ruff, Preacher Moss and Sheila Lovely, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 1 (\$5), Friday-Saturday, April 2-3 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
John Hope, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25 (\$8, \$20.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), 7 p.m. Sunday, March 28 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package); Alturo Shelton, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1 (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 2-3 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package Friday, and \$12 and \$24.95 dinner show package Saturday), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

TOMMY DAVIDSON AND FRIENDS
With Joe Torry, Montana Taylor and Joe Clair, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50, \$35 and \$50. (248) 433-1515

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Kivi Rogers, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 26 (\$12), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, March 27 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Mike Bonner and Keith Ruff, Sunday, March 28; Richard Jeni and Hal Spear, Thursday, March 25 (\$20), Friday, March 26 (\$22.50), and Saturday, March 27 (\$25); Mark Britten and Randy O'Brien, Wednesday-Sunday, March 31-April 4, 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 subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

SECOND CITY
"Impeachment and Cream," through May, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
"Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science," through April 3, at the museum, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Museum hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays, until 9 p.m. Thursdays. \$5, \$3 students/children/seniors. (248) 645-3323 or <http://www.cranbrook.edu/museum>

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
"Breaking Through: The Creative Engineer," continues to April 30 in the Exhibit Hall; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, and multiple showings of "Everest" and "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" seven days a week at the center (extended hours April 2-10), 5020 John R. (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

HENRY FORD ESTATE-FAIR LANE
Visit the estate of the automotive pioneer hours are 14:30 p.m. Sundays, 1:30 p.m. week-day tours through April, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE
Songs of the Great Lakes combining

Celtic and Scandinavian traditions with Michigan history, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 27-28, March Family Fun Month "Swings Into Spring" with musical performances, swing dancing, yo yo demonstrations, puppet shows and more, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Watch and learn "free tapestry" weaving techniques of Senegalese artist/weaver Abdoulaye Kasse 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday through March 31, in conjunction with exhibit "Senegalese Threads of Beauty: The Free Tapestry of Abdoulaye Kasse," which features 11 of the artist's original works (on display to April 11), "When We Were Queens" discusses the Queens whose achievements serve as an inspiration to women during the Women's Empowerment Caucus 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 31 (\$5), Women's Health Expo noon to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit. Free with museum admission of \$5, \$3 children. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

ADADA
8 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

ASIAN DUB FOUNDATION
8 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (techno/drum and bass)

JEFF BECK
8 p.m. Friday, March 26, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$32.50 and \$40. All ages. (248) 645-6666 (rock)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"
With Dose, Hump, Big Hipbone and Electric Sunhouse, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

BLISS
With Centrifuge, 9 p.m. Friday, March 26, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

BLUE ROSE
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, Nancy Whiskey's, 2644 Harrison, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 962-4247; 9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (R&B)

BRANDED
10 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road, one block north of Five Mile Road, Redford. Free. 21 and older. (313) 533-4477 (rock)

BUCK, D'MAN, HUNTER
9 p.m. Saturday, March 27, CK Digs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (rock/R&B)

CALLIN MARVIN
9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rock)

SUSAN CALLOWAY
With Michelle Penn and Troll for Trout, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (pop)

CHAMBER STRINGS
With Dean Fertita, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://golddollar.com> ('60s-inspired rock)

CHIEF CHRIS BLUES BAND
9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Karl's, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450; 9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)

DANNY COX
7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, inside Starry Night Lounge in Van Gogh's, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (acoustic rock)

THORNETTA DAVIS AND BLACK BEAUTY
9 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)

TIM DIAZ AND GARY RASMUSSEN
9:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, 5 Hole inside Second City, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 471-3300 (acoustic rock)

THE DISCO BISCUITS
With The Element, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$7 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.99music.com> (jam rock)

DISGUST
With Feisty Cadavers, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

DYLAN GROUP
Featuring two drummers and a vibra-

phone, with special guest Visitor, 9 p.m. Monday, March 29, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://golddollar.com> (eclectic)

ECONOLINE CRUSH
9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.99music.com> (rock)

EL TOPO
With Taproot and Trauma Coil, 9 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

ELIZA
7 p.m. Thursday, April 1, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (pop)

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY
9 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101 (blues)

FEAR FACTORY
With Spineshank, System of a Down, Hed (pe), 8 p.m. Friday, March 26, Harpo's, 14238 Harper, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 824-1700 (rock)

PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS
Performs during the "Empty Bowls Reception," 5:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, Creative Arts Center, 47 Williams St., Pontiac. \$30, benefits the Baldwin Church and Center. (248) 332-6101; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, March 27, The Sunrise Sunset, 15222 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park. Free. 21 and older. (313) 822-6080; 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Thursday, April 1, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., in Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 or <http://www.961melt.com> (alternative rock)

FIVE HORSE JOHNSON
Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guests The Soledad Brothers and DJ The Blackman, 10 p.m. Saturday, March 13, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5 at the door. 18 and older. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

FREE BEER BAND
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, March 27, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (rock)

GORDON BENNETT
9 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675; 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-6620 (rock)

GRR
10:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rock)

LISA HUNTER
8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Coffee Beanery, 307 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 560-3344 or <http://www.lb.com/onemanclopping/li> sa.htm (acoustic rock)

THE INCURABLES
9 p.m. Saturday, March 27, TC Gators, 42559 Ford Road, Canton Township. Free. 21 and older. (734) 981-0906/(734) 721-1622 (rock)

FREDDY JOHNSTON
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1800 (singer/songwriter)

BILL KAHLER
7 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 25, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (rock)

AL KOOPER
Founding member of Blood, Sweat and Tears, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$7 in advance. \$10 at the door. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

GLADYS KNIGHT
With The Temptations, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 25, and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 28, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$47.50 and \$40. (248) 433-1515 (R&B/Motown)

MERGIN
With Keith Parmentier, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, Angel Caravan Coffeehouse in Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Suggested donation, \$7. \$5 students ages 13 and older, \$3 kids. All ages. (734) 327-2041 (rock)

MICKEY STRANGE
9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or <http://www.lilis21.com> (rock)

MIDLIFE CRISIS
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, March 26, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (blues)

MOKE
8 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

BEN MOORE AND THE BLUES EXPRESS
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, March 26, Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 223-1700 (blues)

MUDPUDDY
9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900; 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rock)

(734) 451-1213; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (blues)

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY
9 p.m. Friday, March 26, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (blues)

NOBODY'S BUSINESS
9 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (rockability)

OLIVIA TREMOR CONTROL
With Elf Power, 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, Magic Stick in the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com> (alternative rock)

ROBERT PENN
9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

PLACEBO
With Caelum Bliss, 6 p.m. Friday, April 2, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8.90 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (alternative rock)

ROOSTER
9 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-6620 (rock)

ROXANNE
10 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Atwater Block Brewery, 237 Jos. Campau, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 393-2337 (rock)

LEON RUSSELL
8 p.m. Friday, March 26, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$20. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

PETER "MADCAT" RUTH
Celebrates his 50th birthday, 8 p.m. Friday, April 2, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (blues)

SAX APPEAL
8 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (R&B)

KRISTIN SAYER
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THEATER

'I Remember Mama' is a heartwarming comedy

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents John van Druten's "I Remember Mama" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28 at the theater, 21730 Madison (near the southeast corner of Monroe and Outer Drive) Dearborn. Tickets \$11, call (313) 561-TKTS, or (313) 277-5164 for directions or information.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

Director Harold Jurkiewicz, distinguished Guild alumnus and Broadway veteran, has assembled a talented cast for the Guild's heartwarming production of "I Remember Mama."

Set in turn-of-the-century San

Francisco, "I Remember mama" is a touching and amusing look at an immigrant Norwegian family's life and times as seen by a young girl as she approaches adulthood. Steeped in family warmth and the American dream, the play is a tribute to the many founding families who sought a new life on American soil.

Jurkiewicz has created a strong, cohesive cast with distinctive, standout personalities, even among the children. Patricia La Framboise is warmly believable as the steadfast and determined matriarch of her clan. Richard Bulleri is the proud patriarch and loving

father, exuding an accented version of "Father Knows Best."

The children are delightful and distinct: Lauracindy Plague's optimistic and energetic Dagmar, Alaina Ronewicz's sullen, yet perceptive, Christine, Jeff Ostrowski's steadfast Nels, and Alicia Ryan in the role as both the adult and child Katrin, the dramatic daughter who longs to be a writer, whose memories narrate the play. Their cousin Arne was played with enthusiasm by Derrick Marshall.

Bill Rumley is a delightful curmudgeon as Uncle Chris, the gruff and bellowing uncle who enjoys frightening annoying relatives while cementing friendly

alliances with the children on the sly. Rumley captured the character's impatience, subtleties, accent and limp with finesse.

Ron Deihl's cowering and nervous Mr. Thorkelson generated appreciative laughter, as did the double-talk and antics of the three judgmental aunts, humorously portrayed by Betty Barryman, Saundra Sanburn and Elna Johnson.

The onstage appearance of master carpenter Gordon

Mosley's vintage automobile replica, with superb sound effects, nearly stole the show. A labor of love, the auto tooled across the upstage area to the delight of the audience. Set designer Dave Reynold senior's unique scrim upstage of the family's main room facilitated an interesting perspective of arriving and departing guests.

Most of the costumes looked good and were well-suited to the era, with a few notable exceptions such as Christine's black

bodied 1970s vintage granny dress in the opening scene. Katrin's classmates' ill-fitting outfits, and the walk-ons' overdone hodge-podge attire.

The stage crew was noisy and slow, and dropped a bed, wrestled with a table, and could be heard tersely talking in the wings. The lighting crew brought the stage lights up prematurely several times opening night, catching crew members still on stage. Hopefully, they will cede the comedy to the actors.

'Dearly Departed' funny

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook presents "Dearly Departed," a comedy by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 25-27 at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$12, senior citizens and students, \$10, call (248) 644-0527.

BY MARY JANE DOERR
SPECIAL WRITER

After the opening lines of the first scene of St. Dunstan's comedy "Dearly Departed," it is perfectly clear. The dearly departed was not dearly beloved. At the funeral of this family patriarch, there are tears — tears of laughter. Surly and mean is the way Raynelle describes her dead husband. The deadpan manner Sally Garrison delivered her lines as Raynelle makes the show funny.

What makes it even funnier is the way each person in the Turpin family acts when their father, Bud, drops dead after his wife, Raynelle, reads him a condemning letter from his zealous religious sister, Marguerite.

Definitely these people don't represent the upper echelon of Southern society or Southern hospitality. What they do represent is the uncannily natural sentiments of everyday people. In their truthfulness and absence of malice is an appeal that directors Sally Garrison and Marlene Loucks have captured with simplicity.

Ed Guest is both Bud, and son Ray-Bud. While playing Bud is not too difficult since he dies within a few moments of the opening curtain, playing Ray-Bud takes the finesse of simplicity to portray this utterly uncomplicated, would-be macho, and good-seeking blue collar worker. Cheryl Schonerr is outstanding as his kindly wife Lucille. Co-director Sally Garrison is Mother Raynelle, matronly and compassionate, yet with evenly timed and punctuated lines that always bring in the laughs.

Kimberly Parlove and Jeffrey Reseigh are perfectly matched as Suzanne and Junior, consumed with their marital discord and disobedient children. Parlove is annoying as the nit picky wife,

and Reseigh is so totally distracted by this economic and domestic discord, it is hard to realize he is acting.

Then there is the self-righteous, irritating Marguerite, played to perfection by Betsie Robinson. As Marguerite who is always ready with a satirical and degrading remark for everyone, Robinson's performance adds to the success of the show.

Ned Schneider does a masterful job of playing the triple roles of Norval, and Clyde and Reverend Hooker whose wisdom will hardly hook anyone into believing. Elizabeth A. Robinson is delightful in the role as Delightful simply because she is so undelighted. She blows bubble gum bubbles well, too. Linda Parker Watson does a memorable performance as both Veda and the floozy Juanita. Kimberly Parlove, Elizabeth Robinson, and Cheryl Schonerr also do well as the trio "Joy of Life Singers."

Carl Parlove has the fun of being Royce, the son of the irritating Marguerite, and does it with charm.

Show spotlights DIA program

BACKSTAGE PASS



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interesting local arts and music offerings around town.

In the 1970s, with disillusionment over Vietnam and Watergate at its peak, Steve donned one of those arrow-through-the-head novelties and strummed a banjo in a comedy act that some critics attacked as silly. Maybe that was why it went over so well. Steve maintained that it was impossible to be sad while playing a banjo.

Although his contention remains unconfirmed by the psychiatric community, it was a memorable spoof of the entertainment industry at a time when everybody seemed to need

a laugh. If the arrow didn't grab 'em, maybe the banjo would.

That philosophy is certainly evident this week as Backstage Pass presents some innovative approaches in the performing and visual arts. Let's start with the Detroit Institute of Arts. Not content with using the drawing power of such high profile exhibits as the current Gordon Parks retrospective to boost attendance, the DIA is attracting families with Hudson's First Fridays. When you add a hands-on workshop, a world music series and other activities to the impressive galleries and exhibits, it becomes a fascinating and affordable entertainment package.

"It's snowballing. Since we started in November, we're getting more folks each month. Many are repeat visitors, but the diversity of the music and activities is attracting a whole new audience with every event," says Elaine Adams, coordinator of the DIA's First Fridays.

In an industry where critics laud the innovative and scorn the derivative, it's little surprise

that the New Orleans Klezmer All Stars are receiving praise from both musicians and the media. John Popper of Blues Traveler calls it the most brilliant music since P-Funk, while the Chicago Sun Times hailed the soaring melodies and funky backbeats for helping to create new musical traditions. Now, let me get this straight. It's traditional Jewish music of celebration, mixed with funk and blues, performed in venerable folk houses like the Ark in Ann Arbor. But wait, there's more: I'll throw in the bamboo steamer and the pocket fisherman. You can get an earful of the New Orleans Klezmer All Stars during a Channel 56 studio performance, along with visits to the DIA and Chris Turner's studio, in a BACKSTAGE PASS edition airing Sunday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. and repeated Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and Friday at midnight on Detroit Public Television.

Whether it's the arts, business or relationships, few things in life thrive without innovation. In other words, if Steve's banjo approach worked for him, maybe we all should try it.

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DINING

New owners welcome customers to Leather Bottle Inn

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER
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"Homemade mashed potatoes," that's just one of the changes you'll notice at the Leather Bottle Inn in Livonia.

The restaurant looks the same, inside and out, but not for long.

"We'll be painting, and freshening it up," said Tom Mihailovich who owns the restaurant with his sister, Maria and parents John and Rosa. Tom's wife, Beti also works at the restaurant.

The family has owned other businesses, including a bakery, and always wanted to own a restaurant. Since taking over in October, they've installed new equipment in the kitchen, and changed the menu.

"Everything is made to order," said Tom after a busy lunch. "We offer a larger seafood portion, and extended the sandwich menu. Everything we make is homemade. We really want to be known for having everything fresh."

Although it was a sad occasion, a wake, the family in the sunlit Green Room was happy with the food and service, thanking Tom and Maria on their way out.

Starting with sandwiches, Tom recommends the Smothered Burger or Chicken Sandwich with sautéed onions, mushrooms,

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Open: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.
Reservations: Accepted
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and choice of Swiss or Mozzarella cheese.

"Our club sandwich is really good," he said. Sandwiches are served with coleslaw and fries, with the exception of tuna or croissant sandwiches which are served with a fruit cup.

Breaded chicken is a popular menu item, and pizza's a specialty.

In addition to the usual fish and chips, the seafood menu includes quite a few broiled dishes including broiled salmon with white clam sauce, orange roughly, walleye filet, char grilled swordfish and tuna steak. Sautéed shrimp & scallops over rice is an often ordered entree.

"We're known for our prime rib," said Tom. The Leather Bot-

tle Inn also offers steaks and stir-frys. You can order barbecue chicken or ribs, or one of the combos — shrimp & chicken, prime rib & shrimp, or ribs & chicken.

Veal Parmigiana and Veal Piccata are new menu items. If you like Italian you'll enjoy the homemade spaghetti, fettuccine, or mostaccioli with meat or tomato sauce. There's also a baked mostaccioli and Fettuccine Alfredo. Add chicken or shrimp for a little extra.

Kids 12 and under will like the Kiddie Menu. All the entrees are \$3.50 and include pop and ice cream cone.

Cakes and cheesecake are available for dessert. Try the cannolis, they're homemade.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

At your service: Tom and Maria Mihailovich present two of the Leather Bottle Inn's popular dishes — Smothered Burger and Sautéed Shrimp & Scallops over Rice.

the service and the food. We want to be consistently good."

Casual and easy-going, the Leather Bottle Inn is a comfortable, family-oriented place.

If you want to watch the game on TV, check out the bar area.

There are five TVs and comfortable booths to sit in.

Asked to describe the Leather Bottle Inn, Tom simply said, "it's family owned, a nice place to go for food and drink."

EASTER BRUNCH

Reservations are strongly advised at the following area restaurants for brunch and/or dinner on Easter Sunday, April 4.

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Mackinnon's — 126 E. Main, Northville, (248) 348-1991. Dinner 1-6 p.m. from special holiday menu \$18-26 average.

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Dinner 4-9 p.m. from regular menu with Easter specials \$20-30 average.

Duet — 3663 Woodward Avenue (at Mack), Detroit (313) 831-DUET. Dinner noon-8 p.m. from regular menu with Easter specials \$16-34.

Big Rock Chop & Brew House — 245 S. Eton Street, Birmingham (248) 647-7774. Brunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Adults \$24.95; children \$11.95, under 5 free. Dinner 3-9 p.m. from regular menu averaging \$15-30.

Cafe Cortina — 30715 West 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 474-3033. Seatings at 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m. Adult average menu price \$24; no kid's menu, but kitchen staff will accommodate.

Charley's Crab — 5498 Crooks Road, Troy, next to Northfield Hilton, (248) 879-2060, 11:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. regular menu with specials. Adult average price \$18; children \$5.

Excalibur — 28875 Franklin Road, Southfield (southwest corner of 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway), (248) 358-3355. Brunch buffet 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults \$22.50; children ages 7-12 \$13.95, under age 7 free. Dinner 3-8 p.m. with Easter specials, \$26 average full menu price.

Fox & Hounds — 1560 North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills (248) 644-4800. Brunch 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Adults \$16.95; children \$7.95, under 5 free. Dinner 3-8

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Northern Lakes Seafood Company — 1475 N. Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 646-7900. Brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults \$24.95; children under 12 \$9.95, under 3 free. Dinner 4-9 p.m. from regular

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